

# Press Release

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## **ANNUAL POKERPRO TOURNAMENT AT 2009 AUSSIE MILLIONS POKER CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AUD\$25,000 TO WINNER**

*AUD \$1,050 PokerPro No-Limit Hold'em Tournament at Crown Casino*

**Matthews, NC – January 15, 2009:** PokerTek, Inc., the industry pioneer and worldwide leader in automated poker tables and related software, is pleased to announce that Crown Casino in Melbourne Australia has again added a PokerPro tournament to its prestigious 2009 Aussie Millions Poker Championship.

On Sunday, January 11, 83 players entered the PokerPro tournament, event #2 in the series, with an AUD\$1,050 buy-in. Queensland player Mitchell Carle secured the championship ring along with the AUD\$25,000 payout. The increased speed of play on PokerPro allowed the entire tournament to be completed in fewer than eight hours from start to finish. PokerPro tables significantly increased the number of hands per hour that could be played, compared to manual poker tables. PokerPro has been included in the Aussie Millions lineup of championship events each year since the ten tables were installed in Crown's poker room in December 2006.

"This is the second year I've played in the PokerPro event at Aussie Millions," said Mitchell Carle, this year's tournament winner. "I came in third place last year, so I'm excited to have won the event this year. The speed and accuracy of this game is great, and we always have a good time at the tables."

For over 10 years, the Aussie Millions has been Australia's undisputed poker championship, drawing record crowds, generating unprecedented prize pools and making legends one hand at a time. This year the expected prize pool will reach over AUD\$18 Million and the action at the 18-tournament series is spanning over three weeks. The Aussie Millions Main Event begins January 18 and requires an AUD\$10,500 buy-in, with a guaranteed first place prize of AUD\$2 million.

"Aussie Millions is well-organized and respected tournament," commented PokerTek's Chief Executive Officer, Chris Halligan. "We're pleased that Crown Casino offers such a significant event on PokerPro during Aussie Millions each year."

**About PokerTek:**

PokerTek, Inc. (NASDAQ: PTEK), headquartered in Matthews, NC, develops and markets products for the casino and amusement industries. PokerTek developed PokerPro automated poker tables and related software applications to increase casino revenue, reduce expenses and attract new players into poker rooms by offering interactive poker that is fast, fun and mistake-free. Heads-Up Challenge is a two-player table that allows bars and restaurant patrons to compete head-to-head in various games for amusement purposes, increases earnings for game operators and provides patrons unique and challenging on-site entertainment. Both products are installed worldwide. For more information, please visit the company's website at [www.PokerTek.com](http://www.PokerTek.com) or contact Tracy Egan at 704.849.0860 x106.

**About Crown Entertainment Complex:**

Covering 510,000 square metres (the equivalent of two city blocks), it is one of the largest and most diverse entertainment complex's of its kind in the world, housing two hotel properties - the five-star Crown Towers and the four-star-plus Crown Promenade Hotel. Both are within easy access to in excess of 40 restaurants and bars, emporium of over 30 retail boutiques, several night clubs, cinema complex, interactive entertainment arcade, a live cabaret-style venue, plus the 24-hour Crown Casino, the biggest gaming facility in the Southern Hemisphere featuring 2500 gaming machines and 350 gaming tables including the largest poker room outside Northern America with 50 poker tables.

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