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**COMMERCE CASINO'S CALIFORNIA STATE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
OPENS WITH \$500,000 GUARANTEE & ROLLS ON WITH LOW-BUY-IN,
HIGH-PAYOUT EVENTS**

**Eight Game Mix, Knock-Out Bounty, Turbo No-Limit, Heads-Up Single Elimination and
Double-Starting-Stack Events Make Annual Tournament a California Player's Favorite**

More Than \$1 Million in Prize Guarantees Over Three Weeks from May 5-May 23

COMMERCE, CA (April 7, 2010) – Commerce Casino's annual California State Poker Championship returns on May 5 for three weeks of affordable buy-ins, high payouts and unique tournaments that will keep players on their toes. More than \$1,000,000 in prize money is guaranteed, beginning with a \$500,000 guaranteed prize pool, \$220-buy-in, four-day-start No Limit Hold'em event. The series opener, which allows people to buy-back in each day if they bust out, is the largest guarantee in poker for a low-stakes tournament.

Tournament Director Matt Savage has once again packed the schedule with challenging and creative events, making the World's Largest Poker Casino a leader in competitive, fun and distinct player-friendly tournaments. Many of the new offerings are in response to player requests for more diverse low-buy-in events.

After the \$500,000 guaranteed opening event, poker players will also encounter:

- Two Eight Game Mix events (\$335 buy-in on May 11 and \$1,065 on May 17). This six-handed game features all of the same styles of poker found in H.O.R.S.E. (**H**old'em, **O**maha, **R**azz, **S**even-card Stud, Seven-Card Stud **E**ight or Better or Hi-Low), *plus* No Limit Hold'em, Pot-Limit Omaha and Deuce-to-7-Tripledraw. Each game is played for six hands before the next round begins.
- Two Knockout Bounty events (\$335 buy-in on May 14 and \$1,575 on May 19). In this highly popular and unique event, you don't have to be *in the money* to go home with cash. For the \$335 event, you'll earn \$100 for every person you knock out; for the \$1,575 event you'll get \$500 for every player you eliminate. Three players and you've made back your buy-in. The \$335 event features a \$100,000 guarantee.
- Two Double-Starting-Stack events (\$335 on May 10 and \$545 on May 17). Instead of \$3,000 in chips, you'll find \$6,000 at your seat for the first tournament, and for the \$545 event you'll get going with \$8,000 instead of \$4,000.
- A Single-Elimination Heads-Up Event on May 18 with a \$345 buy-in that will be capped at 256 players, far more than a traditional double-elimination format would accommodate. The winner of this also gets a \$3,085 seat in the Main Event.

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- Two One-Day Turbo No Limit Hold'em events with 20 minute levels and \$50,000 guarantees (\$220 buy-in on May 13 and May 18). This is the perfect event for a part-time poker player playing hooky from work—no risk that the tournament will go a second day!
- A \$200,000 guaranteed No Limit Hold'em with Rebuys and a \$220 buy-in on May 15. Low up-front investment with a very appealing potential paycheck.
- \$1,150,000 in prize money parceled out over one \$500,000 guarantee, one \$200,000 guarantee, two \$100,000 guarantees and five \$50,000 guarantees.
- Four events featuring one \$3,085-seat added for Main Event. One seat added to each Mega Satellite, and one seat guaranteed for each of the evening Supersatellites from May 5 through May 14.
- The \$3,085-buy-in Main Event on May 21, which also serves as a great warm-up for players headed to the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

In addition to these featured events, there will be a full slate of poker tournaments with buy-ins ranging from \$120 to \$335 that players have come to expect at the Cal State Championship: Limit Hold'em, H.O.R.S.E, 6-Handed No Limit Hold'em, Omaha 8 or Better, Pot Limit Omaha, Seven Card Stud and No Limit Hold'em Shootout. Commerce Casino has also planned several Mega Satellite events--including three on Thursday, May 20--so players can spend as little as \$335 to win their way into the Main Event.

“In the Cal State Poker Classic, Commerce Casino has created a haven for the player who can spread out his bankroll wisely and yet still get a shot at numerous big paydays,” said Savage, who guided the 2010 LA Poker Classic at Commerce in February to record turnouts and payouts. “With so many unique events, the Cal State enables poker players with different specialties and aptitudes to come to the foreground by selecting the events that suit their talents. We’re looking forward to an exciting May.”

To view the full event schedule and starting times, go to www.CommerceCasino.com or call (323) 721-2100. Sign on to Commerce Casino’s Facebook and Twitter pages to get the latest news, plus promotional opportunities and prizes. To follow Commerce Casino posts at Twitter, go to Twitter.com and enter **CommerceCasino** (all one word, no spaces).

About Commerce Casino

Commerce Casino, the largest poker casino in the world, has more than 200 tables featuring about every form of poker: Texas Hold'em, 7-Card Stud, Omaha, Lowball, Pot Limit, Mexican Poker, Pineapple, Draw, Low-Ball and many others. Also offered are EZ Baccarat, Pan and California games. Commerce Casino is also recognized for its innovative “Bring Your Home Game to Commerce” program enabling poker fans to invite friends/family for a casual home game, bachelor party or birthday celebration with a professional dealer in a casino setting. Horseracing fans can also find the Commerce Casino Racebook a great setting for off track betting. Commerce Casino is located at 6131 East Telegraph Rd., Commerce, CA 90040, just off the Santa Ana (5) Freeway at the Washington Blvd. exit. For more information, go to CommerceCasino.com or call 323.721.2100

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