Poker in the UK

Poker in UK Poker in the UK has become a thriving industry where thousands of people are taking up the game each day, playing live poker or from the comfort of their homes via the internet. The fact of live poker is that you can see and interact with your opponents making it all the more interesting and fun to play. Poker has started dominating the UK casinos in a huge way. Dedicated poker clubs have been springing up around the UK for years now. All local casinos run poker tournaments certainly. Some good casinos worth mentioning are Aspers in Newcastle, and the Vic in London, both of which have flourishing poker casinos. Some of the dedicated poker clubs are the Gutshot in London and the newly opened Dusk ‘til Dawn in Nottingham where one can find some of the best run tournaments in the UK. United Kingdom is probably one of the countries where casino poker gambling is most popular with an average spending on casino poker exceeding billions of pounds per year. According to some surveys, around 42 billion pounds were spent in poker based casinos in 2006 by the UK customers and is expected to exceed 60 billion pounds by 2008. Unlike the United States, UK has many advocates legalizing the reputation of poker casinos. Over 1.5 billion of this goes to the government in taxes. While the UK government’s new gambling commission is looking into ways to ensure that gambling is conducted in a child friendly, crime free manner, the recent proposals and changes make it easier to join the casinos. The government proposals are also said to allow the construction of Las Vegas style Poker gambling resorts in the UK. The truly remarkable fact about the game of poker in the UK is the various settings in which it is played. There are online poker rooms, pub poker, casino poker, home poker and card rooms. In UK there is even the version of Stud Poker known as the English Stud. This makes it even more demonstrative in this way the game has become a vital part of entertainment in the country. In Stud Poker or English Stud each player is dealt with one or two cards face down, with one card facing up. A round of betting follows and more cards are dealt face up. As each card is dealt more betting is followed. English Stud is similar to Seven Card Stud, but in this case only six cards are dealt. One can even swap a card before the sixth card is dealt. However, card swapping is not compulsory. UK has many famous professional poker players, winning millions of dollars each year in tournaments like the World Poker Tour and the World Series of Poker, building a reputation of their own. Some of the famous players to reckon are Dave Colclough, Dave ‘Devilfish’ Ulliot, Julian Garderner, Roland de Wolfe and John Gale. These are a few of the famous poker players with others having excellent tournament finishes. Poker in Britain is certainly a force to be reckoned with and it is bound to get stronger in the years to come.