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Plan Ahead For Live Streaming of The 2018 Texas Hold 'Em Final Table! The 9th Annual Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is Almost Here!

Soon 850 Moose members will meet at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, Nevada, to compete in the 9th Annual International Moose Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament. This is, by far, the strongest participation we have seen in the history of this popular tournament, with second highest being 825 players back in 2012. We believe this jump in participation is, in part, due to many lodges offering a seat in the tournament for their own tournament winners. What a great way for lodges to engage and recognize members who are poker enthusiasts!

As in the past, we have plans in place to **live stream the final table on Wednesday January 17th**. Although the exact time cannot yet be determined, as the field narrows we will send out another Official Communication with specific details so you can arrange a viewing at your lodge for your members. This year, we're excited to announce that the final table will be aired on Dutch Boyd's own internet channel, <https://www.twitch.tv/DutchBoyd>. Dutch Boyd is a famous professional poker player who will be announcing the final table play, along with radio personality and poker expert Mark Hoke, so you won't want to miss it!

2018 Moose Convention Registration and Housing Open

The Moose are headed for the Big Easy! The 2018 International Moose Convention will take place from July 11-15 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Convention has not been in New Orleans since 1991, so a strong turnout of members is expected in 2018. Registration and housing are now open at www.moose2018neworleans.org.

New Orleans is known for its food, culture and nightlife, but this year it will also be known for its cutting-edge programming, lively general sessions and an overall festive atmosphere. Moose International has made adjustments to its meetings and programming, offering more interactive workshops, and shorter, keenly-focused general sessions to keep interest at its peak throughout the weekend.

Please note that Moose Convention meetings will be held in three locations: the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, the Sheraton New Orleans (LOOM), and the New Orleans Marriott (WOTM). The other change this year is that meetings will run from Thursday through Sunday, allowing members the opportunity to return to work on Monday, if necessary.

Don't wait to register! Advanced registration and meal function rates are less expensive than on-site rates. Early registration also allows you to plan your trip to take advantage of the sights and sounds of the French Quarter, the historical significance of the National World War II Museum, or even a compelling history and haunts tour. We look forward to seeing you there.

2017-2018 Moose Journalism Awards Open!

Entries are now being accepted for the 56th Annual Moose Journalism Awards! Participants can download entry/informational forms online through the Moose International website under the Communication Resources section, the Heard of Moose? Facebook page, and Official Communications.

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications towards the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

The deadline for website submissions is 4:30pm CST, Friday, February 23rd, 2018. The deadline for publication submissions is 4:30 pm CST, Friday, March 2nd, 2018.

Winners of this year's competition will be recognized during the International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA July 11th-15th, 2018.

Questions about the contest can be directed to Brenda Buschbacher, Executive Editor, in the Moose International Department of Communications at (630) 966-2229.

Good luck to all the participants!

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