

Little Known Gambling Facts

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? Depend is a brand of undergarments for those with incontinence, but in 2014 they began targeting the casino crowd. The “Player’s Advantage” line comes in a package prominently showing a royal flush.

? Although dice games preceded the Romans, the Romans were the first people to bet on dice. The Romans called double ‘ones’ – ‘snake's eyes’ today - a ‘dog throw.’

? Blackjack is the most widely played casino game in the world. The game is derived from a French game called Vingt-Et-Un. It became known as blackjack in the US in 1899.

? “Two-up” is a traditional Australian gambling game that involves throwing two coins in the air and guessing heads or tails. It’s traditionally played on ANZAC Day (April 25).

? Parimutuel refers to betting whereby all bets are put in a pool, and after the house takes its cut, the payoffs are calculated among the share of the total pool. Horse racing, dog racing, and jai alai are generally parimutuel bets.

? In the US, each state government determines the legality and scope of gambling within its borders. Only Hawaii and Utah ban all gambling.

? In the US, the term sportsbook refers to a place where bets can be placed on sports competitions. “Book” refers to the paper sheets gamblers often use to fill out their bets.

? Jai alai is a popular Latin American sport with Basque origins, where betting is quite common. Florida has six frontons (jai alai venues) where you can place bets.

? The tactic of “card counting” is not illegal in the US or UK, but if a casino knows or suspects someone is doing it, they’ll be escorted from the property and usually blacklisted.

? A 2008 study revealed that American households earning less than

\$13,000 a year spend 9% of their income on lottery tickets.

? The royal flush (all one suit, ten through ace) is the best hand you can get in poker, but the odds of getting one are 649,739 to 1.

? A Canadian gambler named Brian Zembic won a \$100,000 bet in 1996 that he'd get breast implants and keep them for a year. As of 2022, he still has the boobs!

? Nevada still holds the top spot as the US state with the most casinos, at 334. Oklahoma is number two with 134 casinos.

? Hawaii is listed on some websites as having two casinos. These two casinos are on cruise ships and although they leave Hawaii, gambling is only allowed in international waters.

? The Maya of Central America often made their prisoners play the deadly "ballgame." While the participants were playing for their lives, the nobles watching often placed bets.

? Gambling is illegal in most of China. The government does run two lotteries - the welfare lottery and the sports lottery - and casinos are still open in the once Western ruled cities of Hong Kong and Macau.

? The French card game baccarat was the favorite of the fictional character James Bond in the novels and early films. Baccarat was replaced by Texas hold'em as Bond's game in the 2006 film, Casino Royal.