



# Winning Hands

## Best new games competition highlights Raving's Cutting Edge Table Games Conference

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*Above:* The winners of Casino Journal's Best New Table Games: (left to right) High Card Flush by Galaxy Gaming, which received top honors; Player's Choice 21 by Renegade Table Games, which won second place; and Racing Card Derby by Racing Card Derby, which finished in third place. As part of its first place prize, High Card Flush will be allowed to trial its game at eight casinos, pending local regulatory approval and licensing.

High Card Flush by Galaxy Gaming was named Casino Journal's Best New Table Game of 2012, winning an attendee vote at the fourth annual **Raving's Cutting Edge Table Games Conference**, which was held December 2-4 in Las Vegas at The Mirage. Player's Choice 21 by Renegade Table Games and Racing Card Derby by Racing Card Derby finished in second and third place respectively.

There were 18 entrants in the contest, whose games were showcased at dedicated "play times" during the opening night reception and all networking breaks between sessions. The voters were full conference attendees, namely table game operators and other casino executives from across the casino industry, and they were asked to choose the game with the best combination of player appeal, ease of understanding, and potential commercial success.

An especially compelling feature of the Best New Table Game Competition is the chance for game trial at leadership properties across multiple markets. As the winning game, High Card Flush will, upon meeting

the necessary licensing and regulatory requirements, receive floor space at Agua Caliente Spa Resort Casino, Apache Casino Hotel, Black Oak Casino, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Biloxi, Lucky Star Casino Clinton, Lucky Star Casino Concho and Muckleshoot Indian Casino and Bingo.

"With over 275 total attendees and unprecedented levels of vendor participation, this was the most successful Raving's Cutting Edge Table Games Conference ever," said Dennis Conrad, president and chief strategist, Raving Consulting Company, which co-produces the event with BNP Media Gaming Group. "Congratulations are in order for each of our winners, and to all of our exhibitors, sponsors and industry presenters, who made this an event that will help move the table games category forward in the coming year."

Additional information about Raving's Cutting Edge Table Games Conference, including next year's event, which will be held November 18-20 at Paris Las Vegas, can be found at [www.tablegamesconf.com](http://www.tablegamesconf.com).



*Top, left to right:* Cutting Edge Table Game Conference attendees gather for lunch; one of the many panel presentations that provided insight on the latest table game topics and trends; Vic Taucer, owner of Casino Creations, emphasizes a point during his presentation. *Bottom:* Dennis Conrad, president and chief strategist for Raving Consulting, the event's co-sponsor, facilitates discussion at a session.