

## 2021 Rebuy Club Poker Awards

**Unluckiest Player** – This person has almost lost 3 times the amount of money to the next unluckiest person. For awhile I thought this player may not show up again as week after week something horrific would happen. At times his luck was so bad you had to laugh. Well, the winner of the award persevered and continues to play to this day. It should be no surprise to any of the regular players that it is Jeff. Jeff, may you have better luck in 2022.

**Luckiest Player** – At the other end of the luck spectrum, this player has won twice as much money as the next closest player by catching the miracle card. 45 times, let me repeat that 45 times, on the river, when he had 8 outs or less, he caught the card he needed. I can remember more than one person needing to walk away from the game after they made a great call and then this player hit the miracle card. Again, it should be no surprise, it is Mike. Congrats Mike, please share your luck with other players next year. I felt a shift from the poker force on Thursday's game. Very late into the game when the betting was crazy, the luckiest and unluckiest players faced off for a huge pot. The unluckiest player, Jeff, had 9 outs and hit his full house on the river to beat the luckiest player, Mike, who had a flush.

**Nothing will stop me from playing** – This player is usually there for the first and last hands played. He has played over 32 thousand hands, 5 thousand more hands more than the next closest player. He plays when he is taking a shower, cooking dinner, taking the dog out for a walk, taking care of bodily functions and who knows what else. You guessed it, it's Greg. Congrats Greg, you will be receiving some gambling addiction literature in the mail.

**Most Unreliable Internet Connection** – This next award was a close one! Early in the year, it looked like John had this rapped up tight but got some help from Orbi. In the middle of the year, the award was going to be presented to the Southern Illinois family (David & Aidan Anthony), but in the last few months, Dennis has walked away with this award. Dennis will be sharing this award with Verizon who made his facial expressions frozen in time.

**People's Nemesis** – This person has annoyed more people at the poker table than anyone else. He is 7 people's nemesis for the year. Yup, it is Mike.

**People's Hero** – This person is another dedicated player. He wakes up very early in the morning to play with us from the UK. Not only is he the hero to his adorable 2 boys that we get to see when they wake up, but he is also the hero to 9 of his co-players.

**Most Improved Player** – This player had the longest weekly winning streak (10), the highest percentage of winning weeks in 2021, 69 percent, and won >\$1,600 more than 2020 (10x improvement). Congrats Rob.

**Action Jackson (in the most hands)** – This person is the most active preflop. When he is not calling, he is raising. He leads in the [PFR and VPIP](#) categories. Yup, that would be Dennis.

**Postflop Action** – If you make it past Dennis preflop, the next person who will be trying to push you around is our friend from the UK, Bjoern.

**Perfect Attendance** – These two players probably never won the best attendance awards in school, but you throw money on the table, and they smell blood in the water like a shark. Yes, Jim and Rob may not show up for your funeral unless there's a poker game after the burial.

**High Maintenance** - This award is presented to the player who is most difficult for the hosts of the game. He is most likely to come in late, watch until he finds a seat opens up at the table he wants and is always trying to bend the rules. A typical conversation is the following: Player: "I want another \$200 dealer", Dealer: "You can only get \$100", Player: "How can I be competitive with only \$100?". We all love him, Chris 'Honest' Moy is the winner.

**Most Saintly** – I have armed Greg with the data, percentage people show their uncalled wins, and so he can make a saint and sinners each week. This is the one statistic I regret doing. Since we have it, we need to call out the saintliest of all the players. No, it is not Greg or Jeff. The saintliest award goes to Will.

**Luck Master Flash** – I created this statistic to gauge how well someone is running. You get points for each hand won based on the following: the final hand (i.e, full-house), the rank (second best possible hand on the board), won a wretched hand, and the rank after the flop. LMF is your best score for 70 consecutive hands which is about an hour of play. This is the award for the highest LMF score. The record is 112 LMF points which is a ridiculous high number. A good number is usually in the 60's. This record may stand for a very long time. The person who had by far the hottest one hour of play all year on May 21<sup>st</sup> is none other than Jim O. Congrats.

**The yo-yo award** – This is for the player with the highest volatility for the year. He is usually in the biggest hands and can swing from huge losses to huge wins session to session. I think we all know who this is, congrats Mike.

**Most number of quads or better** – This person got quads or better 23 times, 2 straight flushes and a royal flush. It seems a bit weird for this person to be the winner of this award as he was also the unluckiest player this year. Jeff perhaps you weren't as unlucky as we thought...

**Boredom** – This is for the most consecutive losses in a night at one table. The obvious winner would be Greg who has is at the bottom for putting money in preflop voluntarily (VPIP). Sometimes he maybe at your table and you may not even realize it. He has worked hard for this award, however he has been beaten by a player who is on the other end of the spectrum for being in hands preflop. What is even more amazing, the winner, gets bored easily. How he stayed sane during this streak is beyond me. On Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Rob sat for 73 hands without winning one. Congrats Rob, well earned.

**Should'a** – This is the most hands in a night you should have played. The name of this type of hand has become known as a 'Dave' as it is frequently him, who in disgust, will have the winning hole cards that we expect people in the hand to have. It is usually for a monster pot. Without disappointment Dave has had the most # of Dave's for a night, 25 of them. To be fair, to get a Dave is dependent on the winner showing their hole cards. Regardless, Dave is confident he can win this award each year.

**Hot for a night** – This person was sizzling on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> where he won a record 547 dollars. If you were in a hand with him, you most likely lost your stack. On this particular night, this player was ready to go to bed and was being encouraged to do so by his wife, but he decided to continue massacring the

table. Yes, this is none other than our joke encyclopedia, John Pautler (what is the phonetic spelling of your name?).

**Most money won** – This was a race for the second half of the year. Dave was leading, but Mike caught up and took over first and eventually the player who is the master of getting the focus on everyone but him won. For the second straight year it is Greg. Congrats.

*Before we get to the player of the year (POY) a bit of history. The first year we played Chris Moy barely knew the hands, any type of betting strategy or poker etiquette. Despite this he ran over the tables. One night he won every chip at the table. He was POY in 2018. The next year the playing field was a bit closer and Dave A won based on most winning nights. For the third year, due to Covid, we started playing online. Jeff invited his friend, Greg, who proceeded to obliterate the competition and therefore was POY in 2020. Before we started playing on-line Dave was an occasional note taker who would post some amusing anecdotes about the night and kept track of the big winner. With our poker informatics we can be more data driven on how choose the POY this year. It does not simply need to be based on number of winning poker nights or most money won.*

**Player of the year (POY)** – This person changed how the game is played. If you are at his table, the betting dynamics change. You have to pause for a second and say how big is this pot going to get. Now this style of poker is meaningless if you don't win. This player was the big winner 12 times, the next closest person is 7. At one point he held almost every positive record you would want. He still has the record for biggest hand won at 481 dollars. He is in second place for money won, and as already mentioned is the most people's nemesis. To some people the most valuable attribute is how quickly you play. Mike is consistently #1 or #2 each session. With all these things we need to give the 2021 POY award to Mike. Thursday night, Mike reinforced why he was chosen for player of the year. He was getting decimated and had lost \$260 when he bought in for another \$100. He proceeded to have \$410 swing giving him a nice profit for the night.

***We are on to 2022, all statistics are erased. Forget about all the wretched hands and bad plays that happened. It is a new beginning; you are no one's hero or nemesis. You are neither lucky nor unlucky. We have new aggressive players in Aidan, Dave M and Dennis to counteract our current POY. May the poker gods be kind and giving to all of you in 2022.***

***Best from the Board of Directors at the Rebuy Club.***

Notes:

You need to have played in a minimum of 10 sessions to win an award.

Due to being quarantined, Thursday night statistics are not published. The statistics quoted in the awards above do not include them. Nothing that happened Thursday would change any of the awards.