

ReversalSports Poker Tour

2008 Poker Challenge IV Champion

Bill “BZer” Zielinski

Dear Players,

We couldn't have scripted the final table action any better than how the Poker Challenge IV finished up. A “father-son” showdown for the ages! Congratulations to Bill “BZer” Zielinski on taking down his first RPT Championship as well as \$1,200 for his efforts. BZer went wire-to-wire, building his stack early in the tournament and then playing “big stack” poker to perfection, bullying his way to the title! When it got down to “heads up”, the only players left standing were the two Zielinski's. The father-son combo shook hands and then went to work. BZer had about a 5:1 chip lead on Zip and it turned out to be too much of a deficit for Zip to overcome. In the final hand, Zip pushed “all in” from the small blind with A-9 off-suit and BZer called with 10-5 of diamonds. BZer caught a 10 on the flop and Zip did not improve. It was Zip Zalapski's first cash on the tour and in his post-tourney interview he was quoted as saying, “if I can't win the tourney, then BZer is my first choice to take it down. Hey, I'm just glad to be out of the cellar on the career money list!”

2008 Poker Challenge IV		
Champ	Bill “BZer” Zielinski	\$1,200
2 nd	Dave “Zip” Zielinski	\$700
3 rd	Bob “Bubba” Barbarini	\$350
4 th	TJ “JT” Taylor	\$250
5 th	Andre “Esta” Carrier	\$100

The final table had some exciting action, as all the players weren't afraid to push their chips around. Exiting in 5th place was Andre “Esta” Carrier, a former RPT Champion and 2nd on the all-time money list. Esta has put up some impressive numbers on the RPT, posting his 4th cash in 8 career tournaments. In 4th place was TJ “JT” Taylor, who picked up his 2nd cash in just 4 career tournaments. A special thanks to TJ for sticking around and dealing out the final three players. In 3rd place, was Bob “Bubba” Barbarini, who like the other players who cashed also has an impressive RPT resume, picking up his 3rd cash in 8 career tourneys.

With many of the “big game” players going deep in the tourney and few of the late game specialists absent from the event, the post-tournament game was held in check – officially getting underway after midnight. Stakes escalated quickly as usual, going from 5-10-15 to 30-60-90 in the course of the first hour. We reached 1-2-3 (that is hundos, not dollars) but there weren't many takers, and the majority of the action settled in at our standard 30-60-90. We still were able to put together a few G-sized pots, which made for some big swings. The game finished up at 6am and we had our standard stogies, red bulls and the addition of a few new nicknames (Tree-Bark, Smizz-oooohhned!).

Recapping the 2008 RPT season, it was another solid year for the RPT even as the poker boom has cooled off a bit. In our two Championship events, we paid out a total of \$4,900 in prizes, attracting 23 and 26 players in the Spring and Fall tournaments, respectively. Since the Tour inception in 2005, we have paid out a grand total of \$18,400 in cash earnings across eight RPT tournaments. We also added 11 new players in 2008 bringing our total Tour membership to 71.

Enjoy the holiday season, stay warm and we look forward to seeing you back in the Spring as we kick off our 5 Year Anniversary Season with the Poker Showdown VI! We expect to hit some large Tour milestones in 2009!

Sincerely,
Zip Zalapski
ReversalSports Poker Tour (RPT) Chairman

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**RPT Poker Challenge IV Champ
Bill "BZer" Zielinski**



The Father-Son Showdown



**"Heads Up"
BZer Zielinski vs Zip Zalapski**



Final Hand



Final Table Action



"In the Money"



Player	Player Rating	Career Earnings	2005 Poker Showdown I	2005 Poker Challenge I	2006 Poker Showdown II	2006 Poker Challenge II	2007 Poker Showdown III	2007 Poker Challenge III	2008 Poker Showdown IV	2008 Poker Challenge IV
Scott Yarmowicz	Platinum**	\$1,600	\$800	(\$100)	\$1,200	(\$100)	(\$100)		(\$100)	
Andre Carrier	Platinum*	\$1,250	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$150	(\$100)	\$1,400	\$100	(\$100)	\$0
John Wysocki	Gold*	\$800		\$0				(\$100)	\$1,000	(\$100)
Chuck Cwirka	Gold*	\$800		\$900			(\$100)			
DJ Whalley	Silver*	\$800				\$900	(\$100)			
Rob Kelly	Platinum	\$700			(\$100)		\$400	(\$100)	\$500	
Jonathan Bannish	Gold	\$700	(\$100)	\$400	(\$100)	\$500				
Bill Zielinski	Platinum*	\$600		(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)		(\$100)	\$1,100
Bruce Taylor	Gold*	\$600					(\$100)	\$900	(\$100)	(\$100)
Bob Luiso	Silver	\$600					\$700			(\$100)
Tom DeCoursey	Copper	\$450		(\$100)	\$650		(\$100)			
Dan Rodrigues	Copper	\$250			\$250					
TJ Taylor	Gold	\$250					\$300	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$150
Casey Ryan	Copper	\$200						\$200		
Mark Lisavitch	Copper	\$200				\$200				
James Gauthier	Copper	\$50			\$50					
Andy Nawrocki	Silver	\$0							\$100	(\$100)
Mike Cataudella	Platinum	\$0			(\$100)		(\$100)		\$200	
Bob Barbarini	Platinum	(\$50)	(\$100)	\$100	(\$100)	\$100	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$250
Dave Zielinski	Platinum	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$600
Andy Nannery	Silver	(\$100)							\$0	(\$100)
Gary Janik	Copper	(\$100)		(\$100)		(\$100)	\$100			
Jim Klocek	Copper	(\$100)	(\$100)							
Steve Byrnes	Copper	(\$100)		(\$100)						
Paul Morris	Copper	(\$100)		(\$100)						
Tom Briggs	Copper	(\$200)		(\$100)						(\$100)
Brian Hitchcock	Copper	(\$100)		(\$100)						
Dave Chartier	Copper	(\$100)			(\$100)					
Christian Galligher	Copper	(\$100)			(\$100)					
Adam Newcomb	Copper	(\$100)			(\$100)					
Brian Marino	Copper	(\$100)			(\$100)					
John Whalley 4	Copper	(\$100)				(\$100)				
JM Giral	Copper	(\$100)				(\$100)				
Vin Cardaropoli	Copper	(\$100)				(\$100)				
Rich Thurber	Copper	(\$100)				(\$100)				
Aram Hampoian	Copper	(\$100)				(\$100)				
Andre Ameer	Copper	(\$100)					(\$100)			
Brian Davidson	Copper	(\$100)					(\$100)			
John Dailey	Copper	(\$100)					(\$100)			
Aaron Economu	Copper	(\$100)					(\$100)			
Matt Washek	Copper	(\$100)					(\$100)			
Sean Keough	Copper	(\$100)						(\$100)		
Andrew Bell	Copper	(\$100)						(\$100)		
Jack Mulvaney	Copper	(\$100)								(\$100)
Rob Tencati	Copper	(\$100)								(\$100)
Dan Lahersier	Copper	(\$100)								(\$100)
Nick Varnavlias	Copper	(\$100)								(\$100)
Mark Lacroix	Copper	(\$100)								(\$100)
Mike Ligenza	Platinum	(\$200)	(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$400	(\$100)	(\$100)
Brian Barille	Silver	(\$200)							(\$100)	(\$100)
Chris Barille	Silver	(\$200)							(\$100)	(\$100)
Mike Grendal	Silver	(\$200)							(\$100)	(\$100)
Andy Vigeant	Silver	(\$200)							(\$100)	(\$100)
Jim Dollard	Copper	(\$200)					(\$100)	(\$100)		
Jeff Gibbons	Copper	(\$200)			(\$100)		(\$100)			
Ted Gibbons	Copper	(\$200)			(\$100)		(\$100)			
Sean Lopresti	Copper	(\$200)			(\$100)		(\$100)			
Chris Roeder	Gold	(\$200)			(\$100)		(\$100)			
Doug Bell	Copper	(\$200)	(\$100)					(\$100)		
Mike Montessi	Platinum	(\$250)	\$150	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)		(\$100)		
Chris DiMartino	Silver	(\$300)				(\$100)	(\$100)			(\$100)
Mike Roeder	Platinum	(\$300)			(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)		
Jay Rocca	Platinum	(\$350)	\$50		(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)		
Tim Furbush	Gold	(\$400)	(\$100)				(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)
Lee Copson	Platinum	(\$400)					(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Rob Woods	Gold	(\$400)			(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)		(\$100)
Dave Longo	Silver	(\$400)		(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)			(\$100)
Adam Toczylowski	Silver	(\$400)			(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)		(\$100)	
Bill Bannish	Platinum	(\$400)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)				(\$100)	
Michael Fatzinger	Silver	(\$400)			(\$100)		(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	
Casey Paton	Platinum	(\$600)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	\$0	(\$100)	(\$100)	
Players	* = # of Championships	71	13	18	28	21	35	20	23	26