

POKERSTARS REWARDS PLAYERS BY GIVING AWAY \$1 MILLION AS SITE DEALS 100-BILLIONTH HAND OF ONLINE POKER

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – June 13, 2013 – PokerStars made poker history today by dealing the site’s 100-billionth hand, and rewarded players by giving away \$1 million to nearly 10,000 players in just ten minutes. It brings the total prize money awarded to players so far in the [100 Billion Hands Celebration](#) to just over \$2 million, with a further \$3 million to come in other game promotions (see below) throughout June.

The 100-billionth hand took place at 15:35 ET on Thursday, June 13 on a \$0.02/\$0.05 No Limit Hold’em 6-Max table, with more than 400,000 players on PokerStars at the time. The winner of the hand was ‘microulis69’ from Greece who received \$103,800, which is the largest amount ever awarded to one player in a milestone hand promotion. A further \$65,460 was shared among the players at the table, while 9,471 more players split another \$830,790.34 in cash rewards for playing at the same type of game and stakes when the 100-billionth hand was dealt.

To read how the action went down, including the final hand and individual player payouts, check out the [PokerStars Blog live report](#).

100 Billion – it’s a very big number

To put the number 100 billion in context, here are a few real world comparisons:

- 100 billion cards laid end to end would wrap around the circumference of the earth 220 times
- It’s enough hands for every living person on earth to play 14 hands each
- It would take a person more than 5,000 years to count to 100 billion

For some more facts about the number ‘100 billion’, check out this PokerStars animated infographic: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXIRBwqevYQ>

World Record Tournament

The 100 Billion Hands Celebration, however, is far from over, with two more weeks of promotions, including a \$1 buy-in World Record Tournament on June 16 at 13:00 ET that features a \$300,000 guaranteed prize pool and at least \$25,000 for first place. There is no late registration for the tournament, so players should register early to avoid missing out on being part of a world record attempt.

The celebrations on PokerStars continue throughout the rest of the month, with the following events and more than \$2.5 million to be given away:

- [Golden Sit & Go's](#) (June 17-23)
- [Zoom 100](#) (June 23)
- [Zoom and BOOM!](#) (June 24-30)
- [Ultimate Freeroll](#) (June 30)

Go to <http://www.pokerstars.com/poker/promotions/100-billion-celebration/> for full details of the 100 Billion Hands Celebration.

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