

# American Legion Riders Poker Run for Howie's Field of Dreams 2011

**Poker Run Rules.** (Rules are subject to change up until the beginning of the event)

## General Description

This will be a poker run style ride, with Participants going to several destinations to collect their poker hand. At the beginning of the run, Participants will be given a "scorecard" to carry with them throughout the event. At each stop, a card will be drawn from a deck of cards by an event volunteer. The drawn card will be recorded on the Participant's scorecard by the volunteer and given back to the Participant for the next pit stop. Cards will be drawn at the starting point and four pit stops.

## Terms Used

"Poker" - use of the term Poker to describe this charitable event should not be misconstrued as being a form of gambling. This event is effectively a raffle type event to raise funds for *Howie's Field of Dreams*. The act of drawing cards is merely a colorful variation of a traditional raffle, to create a custom raffle ticket number. The odds of winning a prize are no different for this event than for a traditional raffle based upon the number of entries.

"Participant" - The term Participant describes a driver and passenger of a motorized vehicle that has completed, in full, a registration form and release of liability. Any person operating a vehicle near, or around Participants, without completing the necessary forms, is merely another person driving on public roads.

"Walk-In" - The term Walk-In describes a driver or passenger of a vehicle that arrives at the final destination, regardless of the type of vehicle or their starting point, to partake in the festivities at that location.

## Fees

Entry fee to participate in the event is \$20.00 per motorcycle, \$10.00 per passenger. Included in the entry fee and passenger fee is one poker hand score card, entry to the pig-roast, and, while supplies last, one event T-shirt. To increase the odds of winning, additional scorecards may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

## Registration

Registration will begin at 9:00 AM at the Rochester American Legion (Post 7) at 94 Eastern Ave., Rochester, NH. Registration ends and the ride will begin at 10:00 AM.

Scorecards will not be given to motorcyclists without the registration form and release of liability form completed in full. Poker hands must be tallied on the official score card – no substitutions. Persons who choose to travel to the final destination and purchase score cards at that location are not considered Participants of the charity ride, they will be considered a "walk-in" attendee.

## Pit Stops

Each pit stop will have event volunteers available to assist participants in filling out their poker hand(s). Because we are allowing "walk-in" poker hands, it is not absolutely required to make each pit stop. Walk in persons will have their full "hand" drawn at the final stop, the American Legion Post 7.

It is not our intent to create unsafe situations, or cause a Participant to do something they might not normally do. At the Participant's discretion, all pit stops may be skipped to go straight to the final destination. The only absolute requirement is the registration point and final destination.

Participants carrying more than one card will draw once for each scorecard. An event volunteer will record the draw, then a second draw will be drawn for the second scorecard. Combining scorecards will not be allowed. Duplicate cards within a hand are not allowed. In the event a duplicate card is drawn, the draw will be invalid and the participant will re-draw. In an effort to artificially create a high scoring card, choosing which card the draw is assigned to will not be allowed. The score card being drawn on must be handed to the event volunteer prior to the draw. Only one card per draw will be in the volunteer's possession. Once the draw is recorded, the score card will be handed back to the Participant, and then the second (or third, etc.) score card can be handed to the volunteer for recording the successive draw(s).

Score cards (except for "Walk-ins") will not be given to motorcyclists without the registration form and release of liability form completed in full. Poker hands must be tallied on the official score card – no substitutions.

### **Final Destination**

The poker run will end at the Rochester American Legion Post 7, where the pig-roast and various raffles will take place.

Walk-ins are welcome to purchase poker hands and raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes. Walk-ins will also be given the opportunity to purchase the pig-roast, based upon availability, for a fee of \$10.00 per person. Walk-ins will need to pull a full set of cards from a deck with the assistance of an event volunteer. Five cards will be drawn at a time, for each score card. Once one score card is full, a second draw can be made on the second score card. Score cards can not be combined for a better hand.

Completed hands must be turned into a designated event volunteer at the final destination. Once all cards are collected, they will be tallied and winners announced.

At the Participant's or Walk-In's discretion, additional scorecards can be purchased at the final destination.

### **Scoring**

We will use the rules of straight five card poker to tally the score cards. No wild cards. In the unlikely event that two Participants have the exact same high score hand or low score hand, the tie will be broken by a simple single card draw. High card will win the prize. Aces are high.

Hand rank, in order of highest to lowest:

Royal Flush

Straight Flush

Four of a Kind

Full House

Flush

Straight

Three of a kind

Two pair

Pair