# Analysis For Lotto Hold'em September 18, 2013

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#### Game Description:

Lotto Hold'em is a gambling wager based on the game of Poker known as Texas Hold'em. In Texas Hold'em each Player receives 2 'hole' cards. There are also 5 community cards that the Player uses to make the best possible 5-card Poker hand. In order to win Lotto Hold'em, the Player must attain a hand of Three of a Kind or better.

Lotto Hold'em uses a novel approach to dealing, by having each Player select 2 numbers between 1 and 47, representing the Player's hole cards. The 47 cards correspond to the cards in the deck after 5 community cards have been dealt face down.

While the dealing method is relatively unique, it is mathematically equivalent to dealing Texas Hold'em in the traditional manner, with the Player receiving 2 hole cards and 5 community cards being dealt for any Player to use to form the best possible 5-card Poker Hand.

| Tuno            | Pays*    | Pays*    | Pays*    | Pays*    | Pays*    |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Royal Flush     | 1000     | 2000     | 2000     | 1000     | 2000     |
| Straight Flush  | 500      | 500      | 600      | 600      | 500      |
| Four of a Kind  | 25       | 25       | 25       | 25       | 25       |
| Full House      | 5        | 4        | 4        | 5        | 5        |
| Flush           | 4        | 4        | 3        | 3        | 3        |
| Straight        | 3        | 3        | 3        | 3        | 3        |
| Three of a Kind | 2        | 2        | 2        | 2        | 2        |
| Payback         | 69.9595% | 70.5954% | 70.3550% | 69.5973% | 70.1661% |
| House Advantage | 30.0405% | 29.4046% | 29.6450% | 30.4027% | 29.8339% |
| Hit Frequency   | 15.2700% | 15.2700% | 15.2700% | 15.2700% | 15.2700% |

Several paytables have been developed for Lotto Hold'em. They are shown below:

\* Payouts are FOR 1

### **Analysis Methodology:**

A computer program was created which tabulated the rank of hands for a 7-card deal from a standard 52-card deck. The distribution for Lotto Hold'em is the same as the distribution for any 7-card deal from a standard 52-card deck.

#### **Results:**

The results of the program are shown in the table below:

| Player Hand Distribution |             |               |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|
| Hand                     | Occurrences | Win Frequency |  |  |
| Royal Flush              | 4,324       | 0.0032%       |  |  |
| Straight Flush           | 37,260      | 0.0279%       |  |  |
| Four of a Kind           | 224,848     | 0.1681%       |  |  |
| Full House               | 3,473,184   | 2.5961%       |  |  |
| Flush                    | 4,047,644   | 3.0255%       |  |  |
| Straight                 | 6,180,020   | 4.6194%       |  |  |
| Three of a Kind          | 6,461,620   | 4.8299%       |  |  |
| Other                    | 113,355,660 | 84.7300%      |  |  |
| Total                    | 133,784,560 | 100.0000%     |  |  |

To calculate the payback of Lotto Hold'em, the payout of each winning hand is multiplied by the frequency of that hand and the values are summed. This calculation is shown for each paytable in the tables below:

| Paytable LH-01 Payback Calculation |               |         |              |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|
| Hand                               | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |  |
| Royal Flush                        | 0.0032%       | 1000    | 3.2321%      |  |
| Straight Flush                     | 0.0279%       | 500     | 13.9254%     |  |
| Four of a Kind                     | 0.1681%       | 25      | 4.2017%      |  |
| Full House                         | 2.5961%       | 5       | 12.9805%     |  |
| Flush                              | 3.0255%       | 4       | 12.1020%     |  |
| Straight                           | 4.6194%       | 3       | 13.8582%     |  |
| Three of a Kind                    | 4.8299%       | 2       | 9.6597%      |  |
| Payback                            |               |         | 69.9595%     |  |
| House Advantage                    |               |         | 30.0405%     |  |

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| Paytable LH-02 Payback Calculation |               |         |              |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|
| Hand                               | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |  |
| Royal Flush                        | 0.0032%       | 2000    | 6.4641%      |  |
| Straight Flush                     | 0.0279%       | 500     | 13.9254%     |  |
| Four of a Kind                     | 0.1681%       | 25      | 4.2017%      |  |
| Full House                         | 2.5961%       | 4       | 10.3844%     |  |
| Flush                              | 3.0255%       | 4       | 12.1020%     |  |
| Straight                           | 4.6194%       | 3       | 13.8582%     |  |
| Three of a Kind                    | 4.8299%       | 2       | 9.6597%      |  |
| Payback                            |               |         | 70.5954%     |  |
| House Advantage                    |               |         | 29.4046%     |  |

\* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable LH-03 Payback Calculation |               |         |              |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|
| Hand                               | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |  |
| Royal Flush                        | 0.0032%       | 2000    | 6.4641%      |  |
| Straight Flush                     | 0.0279%       | 600     | 16.7105%     |  |
| Four of a Kind                     | 0.1681%       | 25      | 4.2017%      |  |
| Full House                         | 2.5961%       | 4       | 10.3844%     |  |
| Flush                              | 3.0255%       | 3       | 9.0765%      |  |
| Straight                           | 4.6194%       | 3       | 13.8582%     |  |
| Three of a Kind                    | 4.8299%       | 2       | 9.6597%      |  |
| Payback                            |               |         | 70.3550%     |  |
| House Advantage                    |               |         | 29.6450%     |  |

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| Paytable LH-04 Payback Calculation |               |         |              |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| Hand                               | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |  |  |
| Royal Flush                        | 0.0032%       | 1000    | 3.2321%      |  |  |
| Straight Flush                     | 0.0279%       | 600     | 16.7105%     |  |  |
| Four of a Kind                     | 0.1681%       | 25      | 4.2017%      |  |  |
| Full House                         | 2.5961%       | 5       | 12.9805%     |  |  |
| Flush                              | 3.0255%       | 3       | 9.0765%      |  |  |
| Straight                           | 4.6194%       | 3       | 13.8582%     |  |  |
| Three of a Kind                    | 4.8299%       | 2       | 9.6597%      |  |  |
| Payback                            |               |         | 70.3550%     |  |  |
| House Advantage                    |               |         | 29.6450%     |  |  |

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| Paytable LH-05 Payback Calculation |               |         |              |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| Hand                               | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |  |  |
| Royal Flush                        | 0.0032%       | 2000    | 6.4641%      |  |  |
| Straight Flush                     | 0.0279%       | 500     | 13.2954%     |  |  |
| Four of a Kind                     | 0.1681%       | 25      | 4.2017%      |  |  |
| Full House                         | 2.5961%       | 5       | 12.9805%     |  |  |
| Flush                              | 3.0255%       | 3       | 9.0765%      |  |  |
| Straight                           | 4.6194%       | 3       | 13.8582%     |  |  |
| Three of a Kind                    | 4.8299%       | 2       | 9.6597%      |  |  |
| Payback                            |               |         | 70.1661%     |  |  |
| House Advantage                    |               |         | 29.8339%     |  |  |

\* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

The win frequency (including ties) for paytables of Two Pair or better is 15.2700%

## Lotto Hold'em Appendix A Optional Progressive Jackpot Wager

Lotto Hold'em offers an optional Progressive Jackpot. Several paytables have been developed, using a variety of top hands. These are shown in the tables below:

| Hand              | LHP-01 Pays*     | LHP-02 Pays*     | LHP-03 Pays*     | LHP-04 Pays*     |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7-Card Royal      | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 6-Card Royal      | 15,000           | 10,000           | 10% Progressive  | 10% Progressive  |
| 5-Card Royal      | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| Straight Flush    | 600              | 600              | 600              | 600              |
| Four of a Kind    | 25               | 25               | 25               | 25               |
| Full House        | 5                | 5                | 5                | 5                |
| Flush             | 3                | 3                | 3                | 3                |
| Contribution Rate | 22%              | 22%              | 23%              | 23%              |
| Seed              | \$250,000        | \$250,000        | \$250,000        | \$100,000        |
| Payback           | 70.8293%         | 70.1566%         | 69.8111%         | 69.3626%         |
| House Advantage   | 29.1707%         | 29.8434%         | 30.1889%         | 30.6374%         |
| Hit Frequency     | 5.8207%          | 5.8207%          | 5.8207%          | 5.8207%          |
| Avg. 100% Jackpot | \$7,608,151      | \$7,608,151      | \$1,444,111      | \$1,416,839      |
| Avg. 10% Jackpot  | NA               | NA               | \$144,411        | \$141,684        |

\* Original wager is NOT returned. All payouts are X FOR 1.

| Hand                  | LHP-05 Pays*     |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 7-Card Royal          | 100% Progressive |
| 7-Card Straight Flush | 10% Progressive  |
| 5-Card Royal          | 1,000            |
| Straight Flush        | 600              |
| Four of a Kind        | 25               |
| Full House            | 5                |
| Flush                 | 3                |
| Contribution Rate     | 23%              |
| Seed                  | \$250,000        |
| Payback               | 69.9247%         |
| House Advantage       | 30.0753%         |
| Hit Frequency         | 5.8207%          |
| Avg. 100% Jackpot     | \$4,672,125      |
| Avg. 10% Jackpot      | \$467,212        |

| Hand                  | LHP-06 Pays*     |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 7-Card Straight Flush | 100% Progressive |
| 5-Card Royal          | 1,000            |
| Straight Flush        | 600              |
| Four of a Kind        | 25               |
| Full House            | 5                |
| Flush                 | 3                |
| Contribution Rate     | 23%              |
| Seed                  | \$100,000        |
| Payback               | 70.5692%         |
| House Advantage       | 29.4308%         |
| Hit Frequency         | 5.8207%          |
| Avg. 100% Jackpot     | \$1,019,769      |

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