

## Re: Online poker RNG...

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lol.

What part of what I wrote is in any remote way "accusatory"?

I had a question involving math/statistics/encryption/programming, and my skills & knowledge don't lie in those fields, so I approached experts for answers. That's wrong???

I'm a professional poker player. It's what I \*do\*. Full-time. For a living. Trust me, if I were "accus[ing] people who win consistently at poker of cheating," I'd be including myself in that group!

So, please know: your introductory paragraph is wrong. (It's also unnecessary and not nice.)

As for your three points:

1. This statement is just a statement, with no proof. How, in Heaven's name, can a student of mathematics not recognize that? If, after the word "useless," you had an explanation of WHY the statement is true, it might be valuable. Otherwise, it's of no scientific worth, right? I mean: your group would be the expert on proofs and such, but don't you need SOME evidence to back up a claim???
  2. Again, a conclusion without an explanation. Wonderful. Thanks for the help.
  3. The testimonials???
- Quite a straw man argument you've created there. I never ONCE mentioned testimonials. Of \*course\* they are selected by the people who run the site! My question had to do with the SCIENCE behind the program. I didn't come crawling here, dumbly saying: "ten people are cited as having liked it, so I assume that it works."

As to your final paragraph, in reverse order: (1) I am not worried about conspiracies. Never said I was. Again, a straw man argument by you. (2) The "reputation" of a poker room suggests that it has a need to invest heavily in the type of security I'm describing? Please. Get a grip. The online poker room does NOT make money by beating me or you; poker isn't blackjack, and the house has no investment in any hand. Poker rooms care about security only to the extent that it APPEARS secure enough for the average player! This is a far cry from being

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susceptible to creative attacks by well-educated people with good computing resources.

I posted an article about a problem from several years ago; it's not like the world knew the problem existed! In fact, thousands of players were playing at the site in question until some researchers realized the security flaw — and if you think that there hadn't been money drained from the site before that publication, by OTHERS who were just as skilled as the researchers but had cheating on their minds, then you are naive.

I posted a reference to a product being sold, and asked for an analysis as to whether it could work (in which case I'd have reason for concern) or not — and why.

In short, I came to your group with politeness and humility, admitted to my weaknesses in terms of technical knowledge, laid out the facts as I understood them, and asked for assistance.

Now...you can choose to help (which would be terrific, and appreciated) or you could choose to NOT help (which is fine, of course), but choosing to simply (a) attack my motivation/perspective and (b) simply state conclusions without any explanations is hardly a nice thing to do.

If you wanted help in an area with which you weren't familiar, wouldn't you want to be accorded a bit of respect, at least?

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