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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Bluff Poker is a five-card stud poker game where the player plays a five-card hand against the dealer. Play starts when the player makes the five-card bet. The player will then receive five cards in their hand to play against the dealer. The player is trying for a pair or better to win the odds set on the house pay table for the game. If the player does not receive a five-card hand that qualifies for the pay table the player will lose the five-card bet for the house odds but will then be afforded to make another wager against the dealers hand to save their money. The player can make the Bluff bet where the player plays against the dealer hand. If the player has a higher five-card hand than the dealer the player wins the Bluff bet.

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[0001] OBJECT: Bluff Poker is a five-card stud poker game where the player plays a five-card hand against the dealer. Play starts when the player makes the five-card bet. The player will then receive five cards in their hand to play against the dealer. The player is trying for a pair or better to win the odds set on the house pay table for the game. If the player does not receive a five-card hand that qualifies for the pay table the player will lose the five-card bet for the house odds but will then be afforded to make another wager against the dealers hand to save their money. The player can make the Bluff bet where the player plays against the dealer hand. If the player has a higher five-card hand than the dealer the player wins the Bluff bet.

[0002] Five-card bet: The first bet the player makes to start the game is the five-card bet. This bet allows the player to receive a five-card poker hand to play for the house odds set for the table. The player wins this bet when the player has a five-card hand high enough to qualify for the house odds and is higher ranking than the dealer cards.

[0003] Bluff bet: The second bet the player is afforded is the bluff bet. This bet is made when the player does not have a hand high enough to qualify for the house pay table. The player can make this bet to play against the dealer hand for the highest five-card hand. If the player has a higher five-card hand than the dealer hand, the player wins the bluff bet but loses the five-card bet.

[0004] Bonus bet: The player will be allowed to make a bonus bet before the game starts. This bet allows the player to play for the jackpot payout set for the predetermined hands on the table. This will be a one dollar (\$1.00) bet for the player. If the player chooses not to make the bonus bet the player cannot participate in the jackpot payout if a jackpot hand is met.

[0005] SUMMARY: Bluff poker starts when the player makes the five-card bet. The player will then receive a five-card poker hand to play against the dealer five-card poker hand. The player wins when the hand is higher than the dealers five-card hand and also qualifies for the house odds for a pair or higher. If the player hand does not qualify for the house pay table the player will be afforded a second bet, the bluff bet. Before the dealer hand is revealed, the player will know if they have a winning hand. If the player hand does not qualify for the house pay table the player can make the bluff bet. The player now is playing against the dealer hand for the highest value poker hand. If the player hand is of a higher rank than the dealer hand the player wins. If the dealer hand is of higher rank than the player then the player bluff bet is lost.

1) The method of playing a casino poker card game comprising the steps of,

- A) affording each player the opportunity of making a five card bet to play in said poker game,
- B) affording each player the opportunity to make a bonus bet in said poker game,
- C) affording each player the opportunity of making a bluff bet in said poker game,
- D) dealing five (5) cards face down to each player participating in said poker game to play against the dealers five card poker hand,
- E) dealing five (5) cards face down to the dealer to play against the players five card poker hand in said poker game,
- F) after steps D and E, allowing the players to look at their own five card hand they were dealt,
- G) the player will be playing to beat the dealer five card poker hand and a predetermined rank of winning hands,
- H) after step F, allowing the player to fold their five card poker hand if the player hand is not of a predetermined rank to win the house odds,
- I) after step F allowing the player to make a bluff bet against the dealer if the player hand is not of a predetermined rank to win the house odds,
- J) after step I the dealer will reveal the casino hand,
- K) after step J the dealer will reveal all player hands,
- L) after step K the dealer will settle all casino wagers with the players in said poker game,
- M) method of playing said casino poker card game is as follows,
- N) affording each player to make a five card bet and bonus bet to play in said poker game,
- O) dealing five (5) cards face down to each player participating in said poker game,
- P) dealing five (5) cards face down to the dealer in said poker game,
- Q) after dealing the player a five (5) cards hand affording the player to fold if player hand is not of a predetermined rank or placing a bluff bet if player hand is not of a predetermined rank to win house odds,
- R) after the player makes the betting decision the dealer hand will be revealed,
- S) after step R the dealer will reveal all player hands and settle all casino wagers,
- T) all cards in said card game are dealt face down.

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