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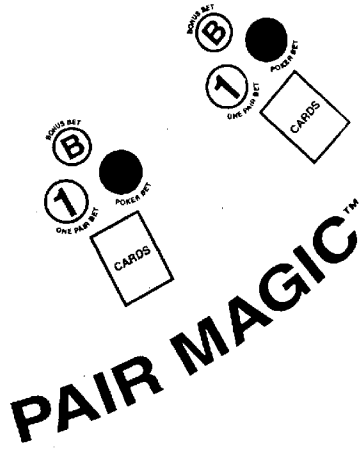
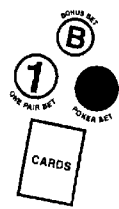
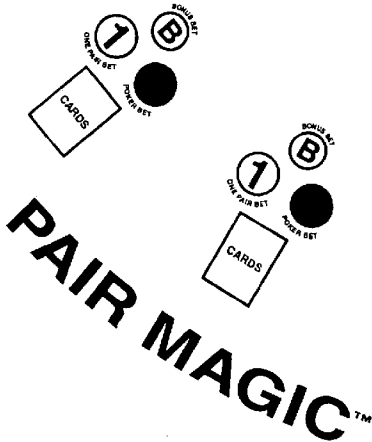
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The present invention is a five-card-stud game. It combines the elements of American game of Poker and Baccarat, creating its pair-theme rankings—no pair Point Count, One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind. It is played with at least one conventional poker deck of 52 cards. Two or more players may participate in the game; one of the players is a Banker whom other players play against. A Player who is not a Banker may place a Poker Bet wager against the Banker's hand and/or a One Pair Bet wager betting on the value of the Player's own hand, and an optional Bonus Bet wager betting on the value of the Player's own hand. The Player's Poker Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker; the Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is One Pair or better; the Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is one of the predetermined winning hands; and the wagers of three said bets are settled according to their particular rules. This novel and unique game is devised to provide Players an exciting, extremely enjoyable and relaxing gaming experience.

**PAIR MAGIC
TABLE LAYOUT**

POKER BET
ONE PAIR BET
BONUS BET
CARDS
POKER BET
ONE PAIR BET
BONUS BET
CARDS
POKER BET
ONE PAIR BET
BONUS BET
CARDS
POKER BET
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BONUS BET
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POKER BET
ONE PAIR BET
BONUS BET
CARDS



PAIR MAGIC TABLE LAYOUT

POWER BET: Dealer's hand
or best hand pays 1 to 1
ONE PAIR BET: Pays 1 to 1
BONUS BET:
Four Aces: 8,000 to 1
Four Aces and 5000 to 1
Full House: 1000 to 1
3 of a Kind: 500 to 1
2 Pair: 4 to 1

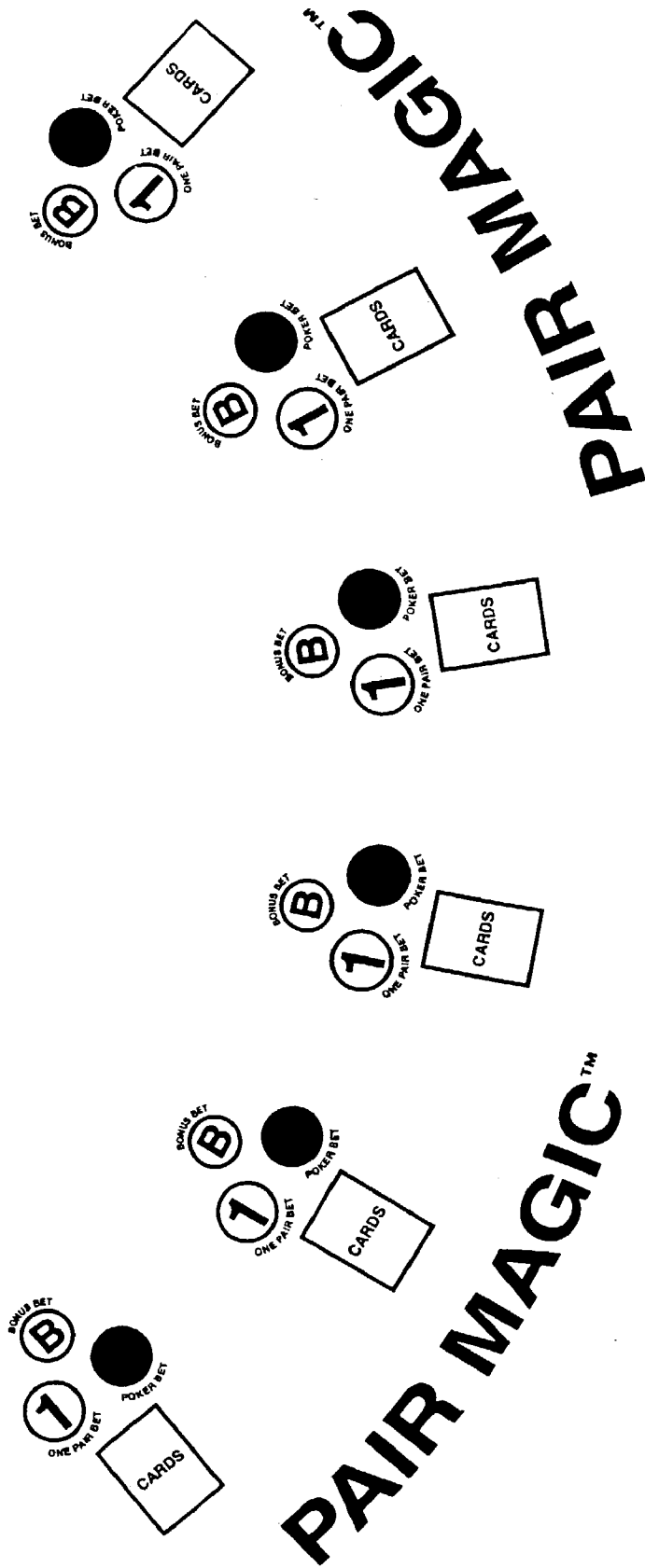


Fig. 1

A Player's Betting Area

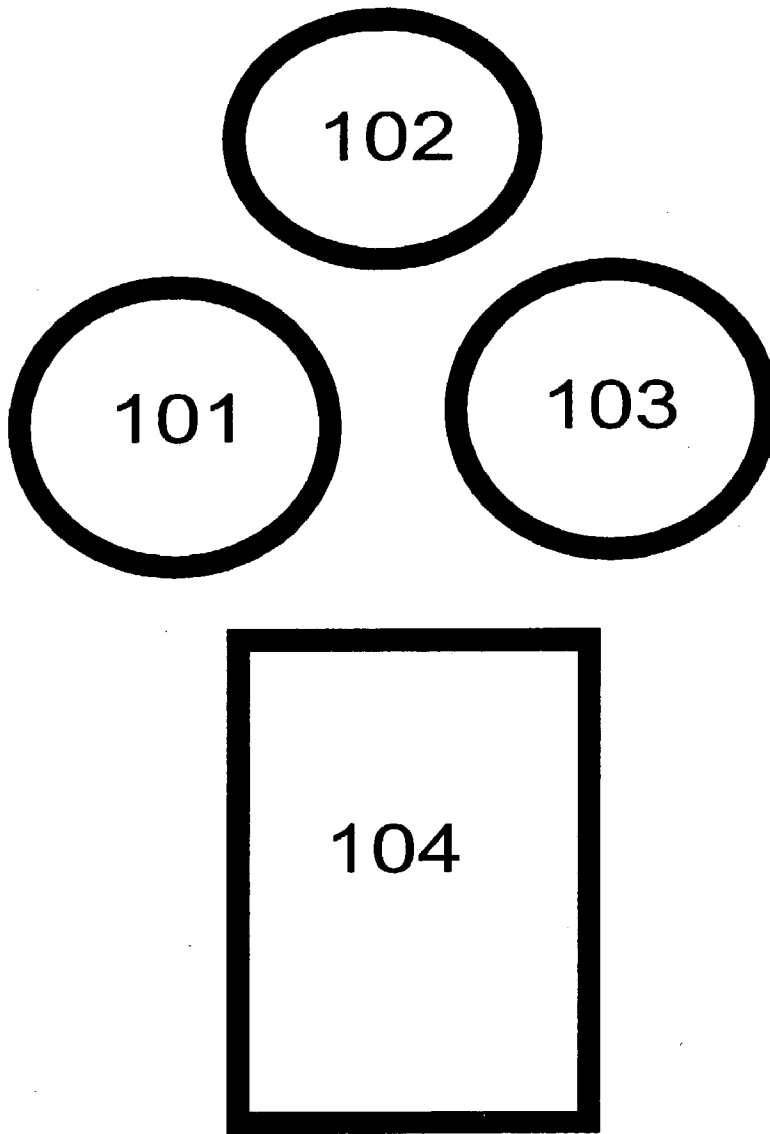


Fig. 2

CARD GAME

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/715,887, filed Nov. 17, 2000, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/150,562, filed Sep. 10, 1998, now abandoned.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The invention generally relates to wagering-type card games and, particularly to card games for use in casinos and cardrooms.

[0003] Since Poker games, Blackjack, and Baccarat are simple and yet challenging to players, they have become the most popular card games in casinos. The players, who are fond of Poker games, like the simplicity of the games, the excitement the games generate, and especially the familiar Poker rankings of the games: High Card, One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind and Straight Flush. The players, who love Blackjack, like the simplicity and rapid wager-resolution of the game, the player's options it offers, and especially the fun of adding up the face value of all cards to obtain the value of a Blackjack hand. The players, who embrace Baccarat, like the simplicity, rapid wager-resolution and low house advantage of the game, and especially its simple point-count rankings wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0 point. Thus, combining the especial features of three said games can create a great novel game. Commonly owned U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,042 to Lo is such great novel game that discloses these especial features.

[0004] Lo, U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,042 teaches that a player may place a Poker bet playing against the Banker's hand and at least one of four optional side bets betting on the value of the player's own hand. Its side-bet games are easy and fun to play; however, offering too many side bets would slow down the game, would result in players losing too fast or winning too fast and therefore the game table would be empty more often. Furthermore, its Poker Bet game is fun yet complicated to play because it requires players using a player-optimal strategy to arrange their 5-dealt cards into a 2-card Low Hand and a 3-card High Hand in an optimal way, and it would be difficult for casino dealers to manage it, because it requires the banker using a banker-optimal strategy to arrange the banker's 5-dealt cards into a 2-card Low Hand and a 5-card High Hand in an optimal way. The present invention is devised to solve these problems.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] The present invention is offered under the trademark "Pair Magic". It is a five-card-stud game, played with at least one conventional poker deck of 52 cards. Two or more players may participate in the game. One of the players is the Banker whom other players play against. A Player who is not a Banker may place a Poker Bet wager against the Banker's hand and/or a One Pair Bet wager betting on the value of the Player's own hand. After making at least one of two said wagers, the Player has an option to place a Bonus Bet wager betting on the value of the Player's own hand.

[0006] POKER BET: The object of Poker Bet is to have a hand that outranks the opponent's hand. In Poker Bet, a Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to a rankings wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows:

Rank Hand

1. 4 of a Kind
 2. Full House
 3. 3 of a Kind
 4. Two Pair
 5. One Pair
 6. Point Count (no pair, from highest 9 points down to lowest 0 point)
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[0007] A Player's Poker Bet wager may be settled according to any one of eleven provided rules of the present invention, whichever is chosen for the Poker Bet game. Below is one of the eleven provided rules:

[0008] If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's losing hand is not "0" point or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is "0" point. This payoff rules yields a house advantage of 2.46%.

[0009] ONE PAIR BET: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of the above winning hands. One Pair Bet pays Even Money (1 to 1) on any one of the winning hands. This payout odds yields a house advantage of 1.42%.

[0010] BONUS BET: There are many versions of Bonus Bet. And below are two versions of Bonus Bet:

[0011] Version 1: A Player's Bonus Bet wins if the Player's hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is one of the above winning hands. This winning wager is paid according the following pay table, which yields a house advantage of 16.79%:

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	8,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

[0012] Version 2: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of the above winning hands. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0013] After at least one wager is placed, every Player and the Banker are each dealt five cards. Right after delivering the Players' cards to the Players, the Dealer then turns over the Banker's cards face up with only the top card exposed. Once all the Players have read their cards and have placed them face up on the appropriate spaces of the table layout, the dealer then reveals the Banker's four remaining cards, determines and settles each Player's wager(s) against the Banker.

[0014] The object of the present invention is to create a game that is simple, exciting and relaxing, which can be enjoyed by every player.

[0015] It is an advantage of the present invention that it provides players with partial conventional poker rankings, the fun of adding up the value of all cards to obtain the value of a Blackjack hand, and the simple rankings of Baccarat.

[0016] It is also an advantage of the present invention that it reduces the number of side bets of commonly owned U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,042 to Lo from 4 to 2, enhances the appealing of the payout of two said remaining side bets, and simplifies the Poker Bet of said game, making it much less complicated and more fun to play.

[0017] It is another advantage of the present invention is to devise a game that balances the house advantage, great enough to give a casino a fair return on investment while not so large to give players the sense of winning.

[0018] It is a feature of the present invention that its One Pair Bet is a game with high hit frequency, which enables players win more often and have more fun.

[0019] It is also a feature of the present invention that its unique ranking—no pair Point Count, One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind and 4 of a Kind—is based on a pair—theme concept.

[0020] It is another feature of the present invention that the game offers players five cards for reading enjoyment.

[0021] It is also another feature of the present invention that the game gives players a highly enjoyable and quite relaxing gaming experience while helping them sharpen their math skill.

[0022] Other advantages and features of the present invention will be apparent from the detailed description of the invention, the accompanying drawings and the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0023] FIG. 1 is the table layout of the preferred three-bet version of the present invention.

[0024] FIG. 2 is a Player's betting area of the three-bet version of the present invention: **101** is One Pair Bet spot; **102** is Bonus Bet spot, **103** is Poker Bet spot and **104** is a Player's cards space.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0025] In the preferred embodiment, the present invention uses a standard poker deck of 52 cards. In other embodiments, the present invention uses two or more standard

poker decks of 52 cards, and thirteen different ranks of 5 of a Kind are added to the rankings of these embodiments.

[0026] In the preferred embodiment, two or up to seven players may participate in the game and among them, one is a Banker whom other players play against. In other embodiments, two or up to the number of players where there are enough cards to be dealt into enough dealt hands of five cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and a dealt hand for the Banker, may participate in the game and among them, one is a Banker whom other players play against.

[0027] A Player who is not the Banker may place a Poker Bet wager playing against the Banker's hand and/or One Pair Bet wager betting on the value of the Player's own hand. After at least one of two said wagers is placed, the Player has the option to place a Bonus Bet wager. After at least one wager is placed, the cards, thoroughly shuffled by either a shuffling device or a dealer, are dealt into enough dealt hands of five cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and a dealt hand for the Banker.

[0028] In the preferred embodiment, every Player and the Banker are each dealt five cards either at one time or proportionally; the cards are dealt to the Player sitting to the immediate left of the dealer, continuing in a clockwise fashion and ending with the Dealer; the cards are preferably dealt to each Player and the Banker one card at a time for five times if the cards are shuffled by a dealer; and the cards are preferably dealt to each Player and the Banker in a stack of five cards if the cards are shuffled by a shuffling device. In an embodiment, seven or eight five-card dealt hands are always dealt, regardless of the actual number of players; and some random number generation device, such as a random number generator display or a dice shaker, is used to assign the dealt hands to players to reduce the likelihood of problems in dealing. In other embodiments, every Player and the Banker may receive their cards in either one of the following fashions:

- [0029] 1. They receive their own four cards and one community card.
- [0030] 2. They receive their own three cards and two community cards.
- [0031] 3. They receive their own two cards and three community cards.
- [0032] 4. They receive their own one card and four community cards. Or
- [0033] 5. They receive no card their own and five community cards.

[0034] Once the dealer has delivered the cards to all players, the dealer turns over the Banker's five cards face up with only the top card exposed. After the Players have read their cards and have placed them either face up or face down on the appropriate spaces of the table layout, the dealer then reveals the Banker's four remaining cards, opens the cards of the Player at the immediate right of the dealer, and settles the Player's One Pair Bet wager first, then the Player's Bonus Bet wager, and the Player's Poker Bet wager last. The dealer collects the losing chip(s) before paying the winning bet(s). After completing the transaction of the Player at the immediate right of the dealer, the dealer moves on and completes the transaction of the next Player, and so on. Upon the completion of all transactions, a new round of play will begin.

[0035] POKER BET: The object of Poker Bet is to have a hand that outranks the Banker's hand. In Poker Bet, a Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to a Rankings wherein ranked in descending order as follows:

Rank	Hand
1.	4 of a Kind
2.	Full House
3.	3 of a Kind
4.	Two Pair
5.	One Pair
6.	Point Count (no pair, from highest 9 points down to lowest 0 point)

[0036] The ranks of 4 of a Kind, Full House, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, and One Pair are ranked and compared as traditional poker hands, wherein Ace is the highest ranking card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, Three and Two. For example, a hand of 4 Aces (AAAA8) beats a hand of 4 Kings (KKKKQ), Jacks Full House (JJJ33) beats Nines Full House (999AA), three Threes (33354) beats three Twos (22254), Two Pair of QQ552 beats Two Pair of 8866A, Two Pair of 77449 ties with Two Pair of 77449, Two Pair of 33225 beats Two Pair of 33224, One Pair of JJA54 beats One Pair of 99AKQ, One Pair of 66853 ties with One Pair of 66853, One Pair of 55K32 beats One Pair of 55QJ9, etc. These poker rankings are well known to most players.

[0037] Point Count: A hand that does not contain five unmatched cards called a point-count hand. The Point Count of a hand is determined by adding up the face value of each of the five cards together in a way like adding up the face value of cards in a Blackjack game, wherein cards, Two through Nine, count as face value (i.e., Two=2, Seven=7, Nine=9, etc.); Tens, Jacks, Queens, and Kings count as 10 or 0; and Aces count as 1 or 11. When the total face value equals ten or more, only the last digit or the right-hand digit counts as the Point Count of the hand. For example, if the total face value of five cards 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 equals 25, then the Point Count of the hand is 5 points; if the total face value of five cards AKQJ9 (1,0,0,0 and 9) equals 10, then the hand is 0 point. Order of Point Count hands from highest to lowest are 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0 point. A hand of higher-ranked Point Count beats another hand of lower-ranked Point Count, i.e., a Player's hand of 9 points beats the Banker's hand of 6 points. Frequent adding up the face value of 5 cards to obtain the value of a count-count hand can sharpen a player's math skill.

[0038] The Poker Bet wager may be settled with either one of the following eleven rules:

[0039] Rules 1: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's losing hand is not "0" point or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is "0" point. The Rules 1 of Poker Bet yields a house advantage of 2.46%.

[0040] Rules 2: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid according to either a predetermined payoff rules or a predetermined pay table.

[0041] Rules 3: If the Banker's hand is "0" point, the Player's wager wins even the Player's hand is also "0" point and is paid one half (1 to 2) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and the Banker's hand is not "0" point, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's hand is not "0" point.

[0042] Rules 4: If the Banker's hand is a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half (1 to 2) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand ranks the same and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or according to a predetermined pay table.

[0043] Rules 5: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or if the Player and the Banker have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands (a predetermined Player losing tied hand is a predetermined tied hand that is considered as a losing hand to the Player), the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or a predetermined pay table.

[0044] Rules 6: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0045] Rules 7: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand

rank the same, and the Player and the Banker does not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0046] Rules 8: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0047] Rules 9: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2 or 3 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2 or 3 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0048] Rules 10: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a certain percent of commission, such as a 5% commission, a 4% commission, etc.

[0049] Rules 11: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a 5% commission.

[0050] ONE PAIR BET: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's One Pair Bet wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of the above winning hands. The Player's winning One Pair Bet wager is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) (this payout yields a house advantage of 1.42%) or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this One Pair Bet.

[0051] BONUS BET: There are four versions of Bonus Bet and they are:

[0052] Version 1: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand is one of the above winning hands. The Player's winning wager may be paid according to either Pay Table 1 (giving a house advantage of 16.79%), Pay Table 2 (giving a house advantage of 18.64%), Pay Table 3 (giving a house

advantage of 20.48%), Pay Table 4, or any other predetermined pay table, whichever is selected for this Bonus Bet:

PAY TABLE 1

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	8,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

[0053]

PAY TABLE 2

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	7,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

[0054]

PAY TABLE 3

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	6,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

[0055]

PAY TABLE 4

Hand	Payout Odds
4 Tens through 4 Aces	1,000 to 1
4 Twos through 4 Nines	500 to 1
Tens Full House through Aces Full House	200 to 1
Twos Full House through Nines Full House	150 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

[0056] Version 2: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined pair (i.e. 44976 is a predetermined pair of Fours), any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of the above winning hands. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0057] Version 3: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the

Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0058] Version 4: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with the predetermined pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0059] Version 5: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0060] After Players have done reading their cards and placing their cards face up on the appropriate spaces, the dealer turns over the Banker's four remaining cards, open the cards of the Player at the immediate right of the dealer, and settles the Player's One Pair Bet wager first, then the Bonus Bet wager, and Poker Bet wager last against the Banker. The dealer collects the chip(s) of losing wager(s) before paying the winning wager(s). After completing the transaction of the Player at the immediate right of the dealer, the dealer moves on and completes the transaction of the next Player, and so on. Upon the completion of all transactions, a new round of play will begin.

[0061] Five other versions of Pair Magic that can be created in the following ways:

- [0062]** 1. Pair Magic consists of Poker Bet only.
- [0063]** 2. Pair Magic consists of Poker Bet and One Pair Bet.
- [0064]** 3. Pair Magic consists of Poker Bet and Bonus Bet.
- [0065]** 4. Pair Magic consists of One Pair Bet only.
- [0066]** 5. Pair Magic consists of One Pair Bet and Bonus Bet.

[0067] Based on the Present Invention, One or More Other Versions can be Created within the Scope of the Present Invention. The Other Versions includes Version II, Version III, and Version IV of the Present Invention.

[0068] Version II of the Present Invention is a Version that Considers that a Player's Wager is a Push in the Games of Poker Bet, One Pair Bet, and Bonus Bet if the Player's Hand and/or the Banker's Hand has a Hand Of Straight, Flush, Or Straight Flush:

[0069] POKER BET: The object of Poker Bet is to have a hand that outranks the Banker's hand. In Poker Bet, a Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to Pair Magic Rankings, which are ranked in descending order as follows:

Rank Hand	
1.	4 of a Kind
2.	Full House
3.	3 of a Kind
4.	Two Pair
5.	One Pair
6.	Point Count (no pair, from highest 9 points down to lowest 0 point)

[0070] The Poker Bet wager may be settled with either one of the following eight rules:

[0071] Rules 1: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's losing hand is not "0" point or one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the wager if the Banker's losing hand is "0" point.

[0072] Rules 2: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Banker's hand is "0" point, the Player's wager wins even the Player's hand is also "0" point and is paid one half (1 to 2) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and the Banker's hand is not "0" point, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's hand is not "0" point.

[0073] Rules 3: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Banker's hand is a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand ranks the same and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

- [0074]** Rules 4: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands (a predetermined Player losing tied hand is a predetermined tied hand that is considered as a losing hand to the Player), the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).
- [0075]** Rules 5: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).
- [0076]** Rules 6: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).
- [0077]** Rules 7: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a certain percent of commission, such as a 5% commission, a 4% commission, etc.
- [0078]** Rules 8: If the Player's hand and/or the Banker's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush, the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a 5% commission.
- [0079]** ONE PAIR BET: A Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush; the Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Straight Flush. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.
- [0080]** BONUS BET: There are four versions of Bonus Bet and they are:
- [0081]** Version 1: A Player's Bonus Bet wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush; the Player's wager wins if the Player's hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Straight Flush. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.
- [0082]** Version 2: A Player Bonus Bet wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush; the Player's wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined pair (i.e. 33976 is a predetermined pair of Threes), any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not the predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Straight Flush. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.
- [0083]** Version 3: A Player's Bonus Bet wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush; the Player's wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined Two Pair (i.e. 6622J is a predetermined pair of Sixes), any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not the predetermined Two Pair, any Two Pair that ranks higher than predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Straight Flush. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.
- [0084]** Version 4: A Player's Bonus Bet wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand is Straight, Flush or Straight Flush; the Player's wager wins if the Player's hand is of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not 3 of a Kind, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Straight Flush. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0085] Version III of the Present Invention is a Version that Includes the Ranks of Straight, Flush, Straight Flush and Royal Flush in The Present Invention:

[0086] POKER BET: The object of Poker Bet is to have a hand that outranks the opponent's hand. In Poker Bet, a Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to the rankings called "Pair Magic Rankings," wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows:

Rank Hand
1. Royal Flush
2. Straight Flush
3. 4 of a Kind
4. Full House
5. Flush
6. Straight
7. 3 of a Kind
8. Two Pair
9. One Pair
10. Point Count (no pair, from highest 9 points down to lowest 0 point)

[0087] The Poker Bet wager may be settled with either one of the following nine rules:

[0088] Rules 1: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's losing hand is not "0" point or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is "0" point.

[0089] Rules 2: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid according to either a predetermined payoff rules or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this Poker Bet.

[0090] Rules 3: If the Banker's hand is a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half (1 to 2) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand ranks the same and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or according to a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this Poker Bet.

[0091] Rules 4: If the Banker's hand is "0" point, the Player's wager wins even the Player's hand is also "0" point and is paid one half (1 to 2) of the wager; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and the Banker's hand

is not "0" point, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's hand is not "0" point.

[0092] Rules 5: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands (a predetermined Player losing tied hand is a predetermined tied hand that is considered as a losing hand to the Player), the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0093] Rules 6: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0094] Rules 7: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3 or 4 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

[0095] Rules 8: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a certain percent of commission, such as a 5% commission, a 4% commission, etc.

[0096] Rules 9: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a 5% commission.

[0097] ONE PAIR BET: There are six versions of One Pair Bet and they are:

[0098] Version 1: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the

same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table.

[0099] Version 2: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with One Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table.

[0100] Version 3: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table.

[0101] Version 4: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair, any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0102] Version 5: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair, any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0103] Version 6: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair, any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's

hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0104] BONUS BET: There are nine versions of Bonus Bet and they are:

[0105] Version 1: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower the predetermined pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0106] Version 2: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with the predetermined pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower the predetermined pair. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0107] Version 3: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower the predetermined pair. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0108] Version 4: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair (i.e. 6622J is a predetermined Sixes Two Pair), any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0109] Version 5: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's

hand with a predetermined Two, any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0110] Version 6: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair, any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0111] Version 7: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined 3 of a Kind. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0112] Version 8: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's Bonus Bet wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind or better; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than 3 of a Kind. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0113] Version 9: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than 3 of a Kind. The Player's winning wager

is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0114] Version IV of the Present Invention is a Version that Replaces the Rankings of the Present Invention with a Complete Conventional Poker Rankings:

[0115] POKER BET: The object of Poker Bet is to have a hand that outranks the opponent's hand. In Poker Bet, a Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to conventional poker rankings, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows:

Rank	Hand
1.	Royal Flush
2.	Straight Flush
3.	4 of a Kind
4.	Full House
5.	Flush
6.	Straight
7.	3 of a Kind
8.	Two Pair
9.	One Pair
10.	High Card

[0116] The Poker Bet wager may be settled with either one of the following five rules:

[0117] Rules 1: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid according to a predetermined payoff rules or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this Poker Bet.

[0118] Rules 2: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) if the Banker's losing hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is a predetermined hand or lower.

[0119] Rules 3: If the Banker's hand is a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half of the wager (1 to 2); if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand ranks the same and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or according to a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this Poker Bet.

[0120] Rules 4: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Play-

er's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a certain percent of commission, such as a 5% commission, a 4% commission, etc.

[0121] Rules 5: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), less a 5% commission.

[0122] ONE PAIR BET: There are six versions of One Pair Bet and they are:

[0123] Version 1: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this One Pair Bet.

[0124] Version 2: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with One Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this One Pair Bet.

[0125] Version 3: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined payoff odds or a predetermined pay table, whichever is chosen for this One Pair Bet.

[0126] Version 4: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair (i.e. 33987 is a predetermined pair of Threes), any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand,

or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0127] Version 5: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair, any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0128] Version 6: A Player's One Pair Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined One Pair, any One Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined One Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

[0129] BONUS BET: There are nine versions of Bonus Bet and they are:

[0130] Version 1: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0131] Version 2: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with the predetermined pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0132] Version 3: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined pair, any

pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined pair. The Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

[0133] Version 4: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair (i.e. 6622J is a predetermined Sixes Two Pair), any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, ranks the same as the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0134] Version 5: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair, any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0135] Version 6: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with a predetermined Two Pair, any Two Pair that ranks higher than the predetermined Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than the predetermined Two Pair. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0136] Version 7: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand, or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than 3 of a Kind.

The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0137] Version 8: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager is a push and neither wins nor loses if the Player's hand ranks the same as the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind or better; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than 3 of a Kind. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

[0138] Version 9: A Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand ranks higher than or ranks the same as the Banker's hand with 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush or Royal Flush; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's hand or ranks higher than the Banker's hand with a hand that ranks lower than 3 of a Kind. The Player's winning wager is paid according to either a predetermined pay table or a predetermined payoff odds, whichever is chosen for this Bonus Bet.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards;
- (b) placing at least one wager of a Poker Bet wager and One Pair Bet wager;
- (c) after placing at least one of two said wagers, each Player has an option to place a Bonus Bet wager;
- (d) dealing cards, five cards dealt either at one time or proportionally, into enough dealt hands of five cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (e) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (f) determining whether each Player's One Pair Bet wager wins or loses, if any, wherein a Player's One Pair wager wins if the Player's hand is One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind, and the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of said winning hands;
- (g) determining whether each Player's Bonus Bet wager wins or loses, if any;
- (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any, wherein each Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: 4 of a Kind, Full House, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and Point Count; wherein 4 of a Kind, Full House, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair are ranked and compared as

conventional poker hands; wherein Point Count hands are ranked in descending order as follows: 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0 point;

- (l) settling each Player's wager or wagers against the Banker.
- 2. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's winning One Pair Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.
- 3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's winning One Pair Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.
- 4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's hand is one of said winning hands.
- 5. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.
- 6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid as follows:

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	8,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

- 7. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid as follows:

Hand	Payout Odds
Four Aces	7,000 to 1
4 2's through 4 Kings	500 to 1
Full House	100 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

- 8. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid as follows:

Hand	Payout Odds
4 Tens through 4 Aces	1,000 to 1
4 Twos through 4 Nines	500 to 1
Tens Full House through Aces Full House	200 to 1
Twos Full House through Nines Full House	150 to 1
3 of a Kind	8 to 1
Two Pair	4 to 1

- 9. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's hand is a predetermined pair, any pair that ranks higher than the predetermined pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind; the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of said winning hands.

- 10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 9, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined payoff odds.

- 11. The method of playing a card game according to claim 9, wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

- 12. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money, namely 1 to 1, if the Banker's losing hand is not 0 point or one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2, if the Banker's losing hand is 0 point.

- 13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid according to a predetermined payoff rules.

- 14. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid according to a predetermined pay table.

- 15. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's hand is 0 point, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and the Banker's hand is not 0 point, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1 if the Banker's hand is not 0 point.

- 16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, or if the Player and the Banker have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same and, the Player and the Banker do not have one of the predetermined Player losing tied hands, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

- 17. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's or if the Player and the Banker have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, and the Player and the Banker do not have a tied hand of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks

higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

18. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's hand is a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2; if the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand ranks the same and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's hand is not a predetermined hand or lower, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

19. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's hand ranks lower than the Banker's, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, less a certain percent of commission.

20. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards;
- (b) placing a Poker Bet wager;
- (c) dealing cards, five cards dealt either at one time or proportionally, into enough dealt hands of five cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, wherein each Player's hand is compared to the Banker's hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: 4 of a Kind, Full

House, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and Point Count; wherein 4 of a Kind, Full House, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair are ranked and compared as conventional poker hands; wherein Point Count hands are ranked in descending order as follows: 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0 point; and

- (f) settling each Player's wager against the Banker as follows: If the Player's ranks lower than the Banker's hand, the Player's wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's hand rank the same, then two hands tie and the Player's wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's hand ranks higher than the Banker's, the Player's wager wins and is paid either Even Money, namely 1 to 1, if the Banker's losing hand is not 0 point or one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2, if the Banker's losing hand is 0 point.

21. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards;
- (b) placing a One Pair Bet wager;
- (c) dealing cards, five cards dealt either at one time or proportionally, into enough dealt hands of five cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) determining whether each Player's One Pair Bet wager wins or loses, wherein a Player's One Pair wager wins if the Player's hand is One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House or 4 of a Kind, and the Player's wager loses if the Player's hand is not one of said winning hands; and
- (f) settling each Player's One Pair Bet wager against the Banker as follows: the Player's winning One Pair Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

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