

Please join us for a night of mystery and mayhem in the Wild West

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON



It's the 1st Annual Deadwood Poker Tournament Party!

For weeks, people have been pouring into the small western town of Deadwood for the biggest poker tournament this side of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals to saloon girls, the vast array of visitors and residents of Deadwood have made this small western frontier town THE place to be.

As the festivities of the poker tournament conclude, a celebration party is planned at the Deadwood Saloon to award the prize money for the tournament and to celebrate what is hoping to be a very financially successful venture for the saloon.

With a smattering of bandits, bankers, saloon girls, gamblers, east coast debutantes, and a few of the locals, this is guaranteed to make for a very interesting evening indeed.

You would be a fool to miss this celebration!



NO VARMITTS


NO FIGHTIN

NO BANDITS



And Other Rules at the Deadwood Saloon

Whether this is your first murder-mystery experience or your fortieth, each murder-mystery experience is different and has different rules pertaining. Here are some tips to review to help make sure the night is an unforgettable experience.

- 1) Read Your Character Sheet**—This contains your identity and all the information you will need to play your part, including acting and dressing tips.
 - 2) Don't Reveal Everything About Your Character**—While there are many things that everyone needs to know about you, there are some things that should remain secret. Use your discretion as to not give too much away—you may find out at the party that you are the killer indeed!
 - 3) Dress The Part**—It's a proven fact that the more into character you are, the easier it will be for you to truly enjoy all the aspects of the night. In addition, it adds to the excitement, the photo opps, and your chance to be voted best dressed. Please see www.nightofmystery.com for ideas on costumes.
 - 4) Review the Gazette**—Included in this invite will be The Deadwood Gazette. Review this gazette for it includes background information (such as the other characters attending the party) that may come in useful the night of the party.
 - 5) Use Your Money Creatively**—Upon arrival, you will receive \$500 to spend any way you choose. Bribery and blackmail are two of the most common uses we found (and highly encouraged). The wealthiest player at the end of the night will also receive an award for their ability to turn a profit throughout the night.
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DEADWOOD GAZETTE

October 20, 1874

Celebration Party THE Place To Be

With the 1st Annual Poker Tournament in town here, there has been a swelting of visitors and residents milling around town this week. As the tournament dwindles down, the anticipation for the celebration party only grows. The party is planned to take place tonight at the Deadwood Saloon, Friday, October 20, 1874. The party is planned to reward the prize money to the winner and to celebrate the success of the tournament. Many of the visitors as well as the locals will be in attendance. Among those that are expected are:

Harry High-Stakes: Owner of the Deadwood Saloon. As the organizer of this grand event, Harry has a lot at stake if it is not successful!

Henrietta High-Stakes: Wife to Harry High-Stakes. Although she has been spending less and less time at the saloon lately, could she be into something or someone else?

Gambling Jack: Gambler. Jack is known as the best hand in poker either side of the Mississippi and has not lost a major tournament in the last 5 years. Until now.

Anna Belle: Wife to Gambling Jack. Some say Anna Belle is the reason Gambling Jack always wins.

Mitch Maverick: Business man from the East. As the winner of the tournament, many question how a businessman could have such great card skills. Is he the next poker phenomenon?

Holly Hickok: Gambler. Holly is a real southern belle with a flare for poker. What is a girl like this doing in the Wild West?

Clay Coldwell: Local resident of Deadwood and once-known poker great. Although Clay has never met Mitch Maverick, the two of them seem awful close after only knowing each other only a week.

Sheriff Sam: Sheriff of Deadwood. Although Sam is considered the law enforcement of this town, it has been said the only way to get anything 'enforced' is by offering him a bribe.

Montgomery Money: An investor from the East. Montgomery is in Deadwood on a business trip and rumor has it that he has his eye on purchasing the saloon. Montgomery just arrived last night for the party.

Elizabeth Money: Wife of Montgomery Money. Elizabeth has been here all week scouting out the

land that her husband hopes to develop. Elizabeth is still not used to such rough and rugged ways.

Minnie Money: Debutante. As the sheltered daughter of Montgomery and Elizabeth Money, this is her first experience out West. Minnie's trip has taught her a lot about the wild ways of life and the men it breeds.

Banker Bob: Bank of Deadwood owner. After Bob's bank was robbed this week, Bob suspects the culprit is someone in need of ante money for the poker tournament. Will Bob take justice into his own hands to punish the bandit?

Banker Bonnie: Wife to Banker Bob. Bonnie is desperate for Bob's attention and will do anything to get it.

Poker Alice: Poker dealer and the ex-wife of Jesse Wales. Alice now works for Harry dealing poker and serving drinks.

Marshal Dalton: Federal Marshal. Assigned to Deadwood to insure that there is no unlawful activity at the poker tournament. With outlaw rule becoming the way of the west these days, it is time the federal government put some order into place.

Sally Starr: Saloon girl. Sally has a great allegiance to both Harry and Henrietta High-Stakes and wants to see the saloon thrive at all costs.

Taffy Garrett: Saloon girl. Taffy is the eyes and ears of the saloon, someone who might know a little too much about what is about to go down.

Billy-the-Bartender: The saloon bartender and bookkeeper. Billy knows the saloon life from every side of the coin. Literally.

Jesse Wales: An outlaw and old comrade of Harry's. Is Jesse here to meet up with old acquaintances or is this purely a business trip?

Black Barbara: Outlaw. Barbara's been in town all week and no one knows quite why.

REWARD
\$5,000



For information about the bandit who robbed the Deadwood Bank earlier this week. Information **MUST** lead to apprehension or death of the bandit. Please see Banker Bob.

Poker Tourn Draws Far, But Not Wide

The draw for this tournament has been a huge success, with gamblers coming from all parts of the Union. Poker greats such as Holly Hickok and Gambling Jack have made their way up from the South and we have even seen some faces from the East make their way to these parts to join in on the fun. While the gambling talent has reached record highs for these parts, the actual number of gamblers is not as abundant as anticipated. Some believe that the caliber of gambling talent is so great that most amateur gamblers chose not to compete. Others speculate that with a \$2,500 ante, the stakes were just too high for the average gambler. Of course, the \$100,000 purse is the highest known pay-out at this time.

Visit the
**DEADWOOD
SALOON**

WHERE THE
DANCE FLOOR IS
ALWAYS OPEN!



As a saloon girl at the very popular Deadwood Saloon, you work nightly making money by charging men to be your dance partners. Since the Deadwood Saloon is so highly-trafficked your job is relatively easy and provides you a healthy income in a low-stress environment.

With the Deadwood Poker Tournament being held at the saloon, your profits have definitely increased this week. There are travelers and gamblers from all walks of life coming to Deadwood for the tournament! The increased traffic in the saloon has worked to your advantage because it has translated into more dances and more money for you.

Although the saloon is packed every night until close, you have heard rumors that the saloon may be close to foreclosure. To validate these rumors, you are considering questioning Billy-The-Bartender, who is the saloon bartender and bookkeeper, on the true financial situation of the saloon. There must be an underlying reason for the financial trouble that the saloon is experiencing.

Because you are aware that Harry High-Stakes, the owner of The Deadwood Saloon, has an outlaw past, you wonder if the saloon's financial troubles have anything to do with Jesse Wales, another outlaw (and Harry's old partner) that is in town this week. While in the saloon, you overheard Jesse say that he was in town to collect some debts and visit some old friends. Although, Harry claims that the money he used to establish the saloon came from his gold-digging days, you wonder if those days were the same ones he spent with Jesse. You don't trust Jesse and would hate for the saloon to close because of him- it means your job if nothing else!

With the poker tournament coming to an end, you are going to be sad to see your increased business taper off but you are looking forward to the poker tournament party at the saloon. The Deadwood Poker Tournament Party is sure to be a grand celebration! At the party, you expect to make a lot of money on all of the customers that will be in attendance to see the grand prize awarded.

Acting and Dressing Your Part: As a saloon girl, you will come to the party dressed to solicit dances from the men at the saloon. Within your wardrobe you have many fancy clothes. You are flirtatious by nature and will dance with anyone as long as they are paying. *For more ideas on how to dress and a glossary of wild western words and phrases to use at the party please see www.nightofmystery.com*