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Running Aces hosts prestigious Heartland Poker Tour *10,000 Lakes Championship Final Table to be broadcast to more than 70 million U.S. homes*

Columbus, MN – The card room at Running Aces Harness Park is proud to host the inaugural Heartland Poker Tour (HPT) 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship November 5-17, 2008. The main event will be held Sunday, November 16th, and the final table will be on Monday, November 17th. The HPT's television series will videotape the final table, produce two one-hour episodes and broadcast the action to more than 70 million homes across the country.

"The Heartland Poker Tour is one of the most popular, high profile and exciting poker tours in the United States," Running Aces Card Room Director Mike Horobin said about the HPT, which began as a brainchild of two Minnesotans and is now in its fourth successful season, "We're extremely pleased to hold the 10,000 Lakes Championship and strongly committed to making sure it's a successful tournament."

Hundreds of poker players are expected to try and qualify for the 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship's \$1650 main event. Running Aces is hosting Super-Satellite No-Limit Hold' em every Friday in October at 10:30 am. The top 20% of poker players will earn a seat in HPT qualifiers, which are taking place November 7-15 at Running Aces. The winner of the 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship will earn an entry into the year-end HPT Championship Open.

Long-time friends Todd Anderson and Greg Lang started HPT in 2005 with a concept that poker is all about the people. The independent television producers used their collective experience in television, regional business development and marketing and branding to establish the tour. The HPT has grown to 16 tournaments in 2008. Anderson believes HPT's success is tied to their universal approach, quality production, substantial purses and, of course, the players. Anderson also says the show is just plain fun.

"It's part drama, part reality television," Anderson said. "It's younger, funnier and more energetic than current poker shows. We feature real-people, great action and dynamic announcers who deliver clever commentary. It's compelling TV."

For a complete list of HPT events at Running Aces, go to www.runningaces.com or heartlandpokertour.com. Or call 651-925-4569

ABOUT RUNNING ACES

Running Aces Harness Park opened its state-of-the art card room on Monday, June 30 after its 50th day of live harness racing. The modern card room operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The only professional harness park in Minnesota, Running Aces opened on April 11 with four stables and approximately 300 stalls. In addition to live races, the track offers all breed simulcast wagering on thoroughbred and harness tracks from around the country. Running Aces is located at I-35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota - near Forest Lake. Call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237) or go to www.runningacesharness.com for more information.

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