

Introduction

About this Book

Since writing *Secrets of Sitngos*¹ many changes have come about in the poker world that have affected these games. New formats have appeared offering a wide variety of choice to sitngo players wanting to try something new; and the standard types of sitngos have become tougher due to an increasing awareness of the correct strategies and computer programs that can assist learning. In response to this poker sites that want to maintain high traffic for sitngo play have introduced reward schemes and leaderboards for high volume and high scoring players.

This book will address many of these changes in the sitngo landscape, most of which have taken place in the last 2-3 years. After reviewing some fundamental sitngo concepts that will apply throughout the book such as the Independent Chip Model (ICM) and short-stack strategy, we will look at fundamental poker concepts such as tournament strategy and hand ranges that it is essential to understand in this new tougher landscape and in the different formats. We will also consider

¹ Beginning players should refer back to this book for more complete explanations of many basic sitngo and poker concepts.

some more advanced poker concepts that will aid you if you wish to progress to a very high level. Then we will look at the new formats which have become available in recent years, including Step systems, Double-or-Nothing and Matrix sitngos as well as examining the more conventional alternatives to the nine- or ten-handed game such as Heads-up and Six-max sitngos. Additionally there is information about playing non-hold'em, fixed limit and mixed game sitngos for players looking to expand into other games.

After that we will look at some other advances in the poker world such as new software and poker training sites then move onto other aspects of sitngo play that have become important to professional sitngo players including rakeback, reward programs and leaderboard prizes offered by sites like PokerStars. Here those playing high stakes and high volume can gain hefty compensation from cash bonuses and the Supernova Elite package, and win money in weekly leaderboard competitions. Finally, you will be able to test yourself with quizzes relating to each type of game.

Undoubtedly the sitngo world has changed considerably in the last few years and will continue to evolve, but the introduction of new formats and rewards has ensured that they are still an attractive proposition for new players entering the game, those looking to make serious money and recreational players who like to have fun and gamble. Hopefully all these categories of player will improve significantly from reading the advice that follows.