

Solitaire Poker

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Version 1.3

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

- ◆ Four columns are to be completed with five cards each. The goal of the game is to achieve the best poker hand in each column. The first row is filled automatically, then tap on one of the columns to place the next card. You cannot begin a new row of cards before completing the previous row. You go on until all four columns have five cards. Then your final score is calculated.
- ◆ Tap on the *New* button or use the menu command to begin a new game.
- ◆ At the end of the game, tap anywhere on the cards to display the scores for each column.
- ◆ *Solitaire Poker* follows the Italian poker rules. 32 cards are used: for each of the four suits, ranks range from 7 (seven, the lowest card) to A (ace, the highest card). There are no wild cards. Moreover, a straight can be achieved also with the combination A-7-8-9-10.
- ◆ Your final score is the sum of the values of the hands achieved in each column. The value of each hand is as follows:
 - One Pair: 20 points
 - Two Pairs: 40 points
 - Three of a Kind: 100 points
 - Straight: 150 points
 - Full House: 200 points
 - Flush: 300 points
 - Four of a Kind: 500 points
 - Straight Flush: 1000 points
- ◆ In the *Statistics* screen the three best scores, the worst score, the overall number of games played and the average score per game are shown. Tap 'Clear' to clear all statistic data.
- ◆ *Solitaire Poker* can be actually played also as a betting game. An unlimited number of players is allowed. The number of games to play is determined. Then players take turns until everyone has completed his games. Then the final standing is determined by means of the overall score and the winner takes a prize from the losers proportional to the score gap. As an alternative, players can decide that the first is paid by the last, the second by the last but one, and so on. Of course, I suggest not to set high prizes; be aware that differences of 1000 points are not uncommon. I do not want anyone to be ruined!
- ◆ Meaning of the menu commands:
 - *New*: start a new game
 - *Statistics*: show statistics about previous games
 - *Instructions*: show a brief help summarizing the rules
 - *About*: show some information about the application and its author

HISTORY

Nov-02-2002 *Version 1.3*

- ⇒ Palm OS 5 compatibility upgrade
- ⇒ Solved a potentially fatal problem with application data reliability
- ⇒ Minor adjustments

Oct-1-2002 *Version 1.2*

- ⇒ Improved graphics: cards are more similar to real ones
- ⇒ Now you can see the scores for each column by tapping on the cards at the end of the game

Sep-7-2002 *Version 1.1*

- ⇒ Application size smaller by 20%
- ⇒ Minor adjustments

Jul-29-2002 *Version 1.0*

- ⇒ First release

SOFTWARE UPGRADE AND COMPATIBILITY

In order to upgrade from previous versions, you must simply install the new version onto your handheld, without removing the former. Moreover, game statistics and even the current game are kept untouched when upgrading.

Solitaire Poker can be installed and used on all Palm OS handheld devices. However, please read the following section carefully.

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FEEDBACK AND ISSUES

If you discover bugs, if you want to see the source code or if you simply want to give your opinion and suggestions about this application, write me at the e-mail address below:

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I hope I will be able to answer everyone. As I am a hobbyist programmer, however, it is not sure that I will have the possibility to produce new versions of this software. Moreover, I know English and Italian only, therefore please do not write me in other languages.

I hope you will have fun with this game!

Bari, Italy, November 2nd 2002