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### **Marion County Fair Hosts 2nd Annual Texas Hold-Em Open Championship**

The 2008 Marion County Fair will host the 2nd Annual Texas Hold-Em Open Championship Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

"Last year's tournament was such a huge success, I can't tell you how many calls I've gotten on how to put on a tournament like this at other county fairs," says fair promoter Dean Sweeney. "I believe Marion County Fair has the largest tournament of its kind in the state."

Salem Poker Stars runs the tournament for the Marion County Fair. The tournament is free with paid fair admission. Players have the opportunity to sign up for one of four qualifying sessions this year. "Texas Hold-Em has become one of the most popular games in the world," says Sweeney "Last year we were worried the rookie players wouldn't play well with the seasoned veterans, but everyone raved about what a great time they had."

Prizes for the top 50 players range from a guaranteed free seat in the Spirit Mountain Tournament to gift cards and merchandise. The winner of the Marion County Fair Tournament will receive an engraved silver bracelet from Jackson Jewelers in Salem.

Registration is free and will be limited to the first 800 players to sign-up (200 players per session). Forms are available at A-Z Party Rental in Salem or can be downloaded on line at [www.mcfair.net](http://www.mcfair.net) or found at [www.salempokerstars.com](http://www.salempokerstars.com).

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