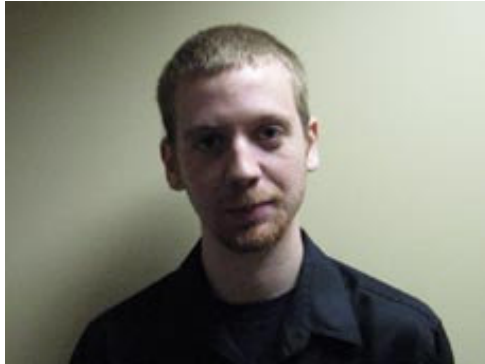


**Dealer Profile  
Adam Johnson**



Despite what some of his friends claim is a surly demeanor, Adam Johnson is one of the most entertaining, and funny, dealers at The Seabrook Poker Room. I guess it's just in how you interpret the 6-foot 1-inch, 150 pound Johnson, who is the focus of this week's dealers profile. But don't let that toothpick frame, or droopy walk, fool you. This guy's ferocious when he plays in a tournament. He's won several of them at The Brook and is also widely considered the best player/dealer in the room. He's usually very quiet when he's dealing one, though. Perhaps that's when he does his best 'studying' of the game...and other players. And, despite what it may seem judging from the picture, Johnson was NOT recently arrested

The 22-year-old Johnson has been at The Brook for almost three years now and is planning on going back to college someday to continue working towards a degree in Sports Management. He says his ideal job in the future would be to coach basketball. What he didn't say, but, we believe, is safely assumed, is his mutual 'respect' for a fellow dealer. Read on and you'll see what we mean. Here's what else he says in this version of 10 Questions.

1. Among the dealers you're widely considered one of the best poker players. Present company excluded...who's the best player?  
--Dave Mock (we get the sense there's some kind of mutual admiration between these two as each answered the other when asked this question. After you read further...we'll leave the degree of that mutual admiration up to the reader's discretion...ha)
2. If you weren't a dealer at The Brook...what would you be doing for a living?  
--I'd probably still be in school. (As mentioned above AJ wants to go back to school for a sports management degree)
3. What's the biggest advantage a dealer has when he/she plays?  
--Definitely reading players because you see so many hands that you can get a pretty good sense of how certain players play certain hands.
4. What's the biggest disadvantage?  
--If it's here (at the Brook) it's because everybody knows me and is gunning for me. Other than that there are really no major disadvantages.

5. Where do you see yourself in five years and what are you doing?

--I see myself living out West...dealing out there somewhere. I just want to move out there...it's so beautiful.

6. Who's the best looking dealer?

--(laughing) I'll say Mock just because he told you to ask the question. (We were also a little surprised that he didn't mention any one of the female dealers, but, hey, who are we to judge)

7. What do you think the skill/luck breakdown is in poker today?

--I'd say it's 70% skill and 30% luck.

8. You're also widely considered one of the unhappiest dealers, because people don't see you smile a lot. Is that an accurate assessment and why do people get that impression?

--Yes I guess that's an accurate assessment. I guess it's because I've been here this long so it's the same people all the time who think that.

9. What do you do to change it up a little and make it more interesting?

--Nothing. I mean if I'm in the tournament room, I'll practice my hand-reading ability to keep it interesting.

10. What type of player is your favorite to have at your table?

--They have to be considered a good player who likes to have fun and keep it interesting. Just somebody I know and somebody who talks a lot. But they have to be a good player, too.