

## DEALER PROFILE



Marc Menovich has been dealing cards at The Seabrook Poker Room for more than three years. He was actually “recruited” into the profession. Not like a cult recruitment, ala David Koresch and the Branch Davidians mind you, that would be weird. Plus, Marc’s bright enough to resist. Or so we think.

Anyway, he got into dealing when his Temple sponsored a charity event in Randolph, MA. He volunteered to work the event when Dan Driscoll, a former Seabrook Poker Room tournament director, approached him and said, “If you ever want to deal professionally...let me know.”

When another Seabrook representative attended a future event and approached him with the same proposition...a star was born.

Actually this star was born 30 years ago (sorry Marc but we remember how stressed you were about turning the big 3-0 a couple months ago so we figured we’d rub it in some more). Besides being one of the top dealers at The Seabrook Poker Room, Marc is a celebrity. He’s a well-respected, community renowned, thespian (that’s actor for those of you who only know about the odds of Aces getting cracked). Marc has starred in many stage productions and, by the way, has stolen the show it the process. But he guarantees us that, for our dealer profile’s Top 10 questions, he’s not acting. Of course he could be just that good and we’d never know. Give him the Tony Award now!

(SPR): Why did you want to become a dealer?

(MM): It was a pretty good way to make some easy money. Plus, you don’t really have to think too much.

(SPR): What makes a player ‘unfavorable’ in a dealer’s eyes?

(MM): They’re usually just mean with pretty bad tempers. It always seems to be the bad-tempered players who win more than the good-tempered ones.

(SPR): What’s your favorite part of being a dealer?

(MM): Interacting with the players.

(SPR): What’s your least favorite part of being a dealer?

(MM): Bad breath and body odor at the table.

(SPR): Do you play poker, as well?

(MM): Yes.

(SPR): How does dealing poker help you as a player?

(MM): I've definitely become a better player after 3+ years of dealing here. I see these players three or four times a week so I can pick up betting habits and watching players allows me to study the game from the dealing position.

(SPR): Rate your poker playing ability (scale of 1-10) and which Seabrook Poker Room dealer would you say is the best poker player?

(MM): I'd say I'm around a six as a player and I'd probably have to say David Mock is the best player.

(SPR): What's your biggest pet peeve when you're dealing?

(MM): When a player, especially in a multi-table tournament, forgets to put up blinds and/or antes and it's very late in the tournament. They've been doing it for hours and still forget. (I'd hate to see him if his co-star forgets his/her lines on stage)

(SPR): What's the one rule of poker that most players don't know?

(MM): That you can't talk about the hand being played. A lot of people do that.

(SPR): Do you remember the worst beat you've ever dealt to somebody?

(MM): Oh yes. It was in the 8:00 Rebuy tournament about 18 months ago. There were four players in the hand and three were all-in. All the action was done pre-flop. It was 9s 10s vs As 4s vs Qd Qh vs Ks 5s.

Flop comes...6s 7s 8s

Turn is a...qc

River is a...qs

That's the second nut flush losing to the nut flush losing to quad Q's losing to the flopped straight flush. Wow!

Darn right, Marc...wow. If you ever deal me like that I'll do everything to make sure you're back on stage in a hurry.