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intro

The second issue of the *Electronic Journal of Gambling Issues* (*EJGI*) offers new insights into a range of gambling topics. The Feature article describes why gambling becomes a problem for some youth, the Research article uncovers the mysteries of randomness and how we often misunderstand it, and the Clinic article explains how attention-deficit hyperactive disorder can be involved in problem gambling. The First Person Accounts section presents a lively rant on e-trading as gambling and the Review section features an informative video on problem gambling. Please check the Letter to the Editor and the Calendar. If you missed the first issue you can access it through the Archive. We hope you find this issue interesting and that you tell your friends and colleagues about *EJGI*.

If you would like to receive a live-link to each future issue of the *EJGI*, please go to the bottom of any article and click on "Subscribe to our automated announcement list." You'll receive an email message with a live link to every new issue.

At this early stage in the life of the *EJGI*, it seems like the right time to thank everyone who helped begin this e-journal. Geoff Noonan, now with the Canadian Foundation for Compulsive Gambling (Ontario), was a strong presence in the beginning and so were Andrew Johnson, Nina Littman-Sharp, Robert Murray, Wayne Skinner, Tony Toneatto and Nigel Turner. We thank Mara Korkola and Alan Tang for their expertise in creating an attractive and smooth functioning Web site.

We're excited about these first few issues – and we're still growing. We'd appreciate your feedback on what you would like to read. We're also pleased to

include our first official link to a related Web site - the Youth Gambling Research & Treatment Clinic (McGill University, Montreal, Canada) at http://www.education.mcgill.ca/gambling: Here you'll find useful information, a self-quiz, treatment and research updates and FAQs. Our plan is to create an entire section for useful and relevant links in the very near future.

- Phil Lange

Statement of Purpose

The Electronic Journal of Gambling Issues (EJGI) offers an Internet-based forum for developments in gambling-related research, policy and treatment as well as personal accounts about gambling and gambling behaviour. Through publishing peer-reviewed articles about gambling as a social phenomenon and the prevention and treatment of gambling problems, it is our aim is to help make sense of how gambling affects us all.

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