



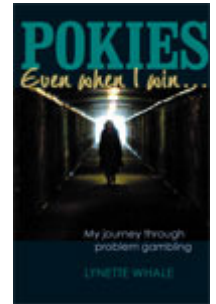
Problem Gambling Library

Newsletter
May/June 2010

Another problem gambling book competition

In February we ran a very successful book competition. A lot of people mentioned they were keen to win a copy of Lynette Whales book about her journey with the pokies. So due to popular demand we are running another giveaway.

It will be drawn on July 30th 2010. So, go to the library web page at <http://www.pgfnz.org.nz/Latest-News/0,2733,13332,00.html>



Don't forget its New Zealand's GambleFree Day September 1

New resources added to the library in last two months

Asian

D. Lam. *The world of Chinese gambling*. Peacock Publications, 2009.

A comprehensive analysis of Chinese gamblers. This book investigates why Chinese gamble so vividly by exploring their gambling history, culture, and psychology.

Crime

M Griffiths. Crime and gambling: A brief overview of gambling and fraud on the Internet. *International Journal of Criminology*, 2010 http://www.internetjournalofcriminology.com/Griffiths_%20Gambling_Fraud_Jan_2010.pdf

Although there is an association between crime and gambling one area appears to have become more prevalent over the last five years is that of

fraudulent gambling activities on the Internet. This paper briefly outlines how many frauds and scams have moved into technological media such as the Internet and overviews a number of these including: (i) lottery scams, (ii) fake gambling site scams, (iii) betting software scams, (iv) gambling 'bonus' scams, (v) 'twofer' scams, and (vi) prize scams.

Family

JL McComb, BK Lee & DH Sprenkle. Conceptualizing and treating problem gambling as a family issue. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 2009, 35 (4): 415-431.

Few family therapists have training in the identification, assessment, and treatment of problem gambling and its impact on couple and family relationships. In light of the limited systemic-based treatments for PG, marriage and family therapists are urged to begin paying attention to this

emerging issue that has significant couple and family ramifications.

Family Violence

TO Afifi, DA Brownridge, H MacMillan. The relationship of gambling to intimate partner violence and child maltreatment in a nationally representative sample. *Journal of Psychiatric Research* 2010, 44 (5): 331-7.

The purpose of the current study was to analyze the relationship between gambling problems and the perpetration and victimization of intimate partner violence (including dating and marital violence) and children. The results indicated that problem gambling was associated with increased odds of the perpetration of dating violence. Additionally, dating violence, marital violence, and severe child abuse victimization were associated with increased odds of gambling problems.

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Level 1, 128 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton, Auckland.
Hours are 8.30am - 5.00pm during the week**



Homelessness

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. *Problem gambling among those seeking homelessness services*. AIHW, 2009.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hou/hou-215-11214/hou-215-11214.pdf>

2462 SAAP clients were identified as having gambling related problems (between 0.3% - 2%).

Player Tracking

Responsible Gambling Council. Centre for the Advancement of Best Practices. *Play information and management system*. RGC, 2009. http://rgco.org/articles/INSIGHT_2009_Final_SinglePgs.pdf

Play information and management systems - features or tools that can be incorporated into electronic gaming machines and, potentially, other forms of gaming, to enable players to more easily keep track of their play and manage their gambling decisions. This report examines the use of play information and management systems, recognizing that they are still in an early stage of development and not fully operational in any form of venue-based gaming.

Programmes

J Dufour, R Ladouceur, I Giroux. Training program on responsible gambling among video lottery employees. *International Gambling Studies*. 2010 10 (1): 61-79.

A training session was developed to inform video lottery terminal (VLT)

employees about problem gamblers and how to help them. This study evaluated the effects of this training program on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of employees. The results showed that the session improved employees' attitudes regarding problem gamblers and increased their knowledge about how to help. The results also showed behavioural change after the training. These changes were not fully maintained at follow-up. It is suggested that responsible gambling training programs include strategies to maintain long-term positive effects.

Relapse

M. Battersby, R Pols, J Oakes. *The definition and predictors of relapse In problem gambling. Final Report*. Commissioned by the Gambling Research Australia. Finders University. January 2010.

[http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/Relapse/\\$file/GRA%20predictors%20of%20Relapse%20final%20report%20\(word\)%20with%20edit%20changes.pdf](http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/Relapse/$file/GRA%20predictors%20of%20Relapse%20final%20report%20(word)%20with%20edit%20changes.pdf)

This study was to identifying those factors that contribute to a gamblers relapse into problem gambling and to develop a model/s to explain relapse in the problem gambler population.

Youth

MD Griffiths & J. Parke. Adolescent gambling on the Internet: A review. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*. 2010 22(1):59-75.

A comprehensive search of the literature: (a) the empirical studies on adolescent internet gambling, (b) online gambling-like experiences in adolescence, (c) adolescent gambling via social networking sites, and (d) adolescent gambling via online penny auction sites. It is concluded that young people appear to be very proficient in using and accessing new media and are likely to be increasingly exposed to remote gambling opportunities. These young people will therefore require education and guidance.

NW Shead, K Walsh, A Taylor. Youth gambling prevention: Can public service announcements featuring celebrity spokespersons be effective? *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. Online 2010.

Children and adolescents are at increased risk of developing gambling problems compared to adults. Having a celebrity spokesperson associated with gambling should lend credibility to the message and increase issue relevant processing among youth highly involved in gambling.

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