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Continental Airlines awards 25+ million OnePass miles at Golden Nugget; celebrates 21st Birthday of program

LAS VEGAS – Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) awarded more than 25 million OnePass miles Aug. 9, concluding the OnePass frequent flyer program’s 21st birthday celebration at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino.

The four-night celebration included receptions and luncheons, a welcome party on the Fremont Street Experience, a private slot tournament, and a three-day Texas Hold em’ Poker Tournament at the legendary hotel-casino.

After hours of exciting poker action, Bill Shiver of Spring, Texas, won the final, all-in hand against second place finisher David Michaels, to clinch the tournament win and claim the 21 million OnePass miles.

“I feel very fortunate and really lucky to be the winner,” Shiver said after being presented with the oversized check commemorating his victory. “It was a wonderful experience,” he added. “I didn’t talk to anyone – win or lose – who didn’t have a great time.”

“The event was a home run,” said Jim Compton Continental’s executive vice president of marketing. “We wanted to celebrate the 21st birthday of OnePass in a big way and are pleased to award 21 million OnePass miles to Bill Shiver.”

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Held in the Golden Nugget's newest events center, The Grand, the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament drew in 243 players, all vying for the coveted 21-million-mile Grand Prize. That equates to more than 200 BusinessFirst, round trip tickets from Las Vegas to London, or up to 400 roundtrip economy tickets within the United States. OnePass miles can also be used to bid on exclusive OnePass Online Auction items including premier sporting events, VIP performing arts experiences and vacation packages.

"We're very happy to be part of the OnePass 21st birthday celebration," said John Colville, director of Golden Nugget poker. "The event was a great success for everyone involved."

Compton added that Continental's award-winning OnePass frequent flyer program has recognized customers with outstanding benefits for more than two decades and looks forward to continuing for many years to come.

Shiver, who has been playing poker for four years as a hobby, plans to use some of his winnings toward a Mediterranean cruise, a trip to Italy with friends, and to road football games of his alma mater, Texas A&M University.

"I would like to thank Continental Airlines and the Golden Nugget for making our stay so very comfortable," Shiver added. "It was a class act."

Second place winner, David Michaels of San Francisco received one million OnePass miles. Other top ten finalists received prizes ranging from 500,000 to 100,000 OnePass miles, and celebrated with Shiver at an exclusive wine dinner at Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse. The top 40 finalists received 50,000 OnePass miles each, along an authentic Italian wine dinner at Grotto Ristorante.

OnePass 21st Birthday Texas Hold'em Tournament Top 10 finishers:

10th Place	100,000 bonus miles	Michael Black	Riverton, Utah
9th Place	150,000 bonus miles	Adam Smith	Morristown, N.J.
8th Place	200,000 bonus miles	David Granik	Brooklyn, N.Y.
7th Place	250,000 bonus miles	Don Bowdoin	Avondale, Pa.
6th Place	300,000 bonus miles	Steve Harris	Pompano, Fla.
5th Place	350,000 bonus miles	Diego Samaniego	Scottsdale, Ariz.
4th Place	400,000 bonus miles	Robert Shega	Parma, Ohio
3rd Place	500,000 bonus miles	Rajappa Chidambaram	Sugarland, Texas
2nd Place	1 million bonus miles	David Michaels	San Francisco, Calif.
1st Place	21 million bonus miles	Bill Shiver	Spring, Texas

Cris Farrell of Houston was the winner of 70,000 OnePass miles in a slot tournament held during the event for players and their guests.

For more information on Continental Airlines visit www.continental.com. For more information on the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino visit www.goldennugget.com.

ABOUT GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS

Winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award since 1977, the Golden Nugget Las Vegas is the most luxurious resort on the Fremont Street Experience, and consistently receives critical acclaim for exceeding customer expectations. The Golden Nugget offers more than 1,900 deluxe guest rooms and suites; a high-energy casino featuring the most popular slot and video poker machines, table games, race and sports book and poker room; nightly entertainment; world-class restaurants; luxury spa and salon and The Tank, a year-round outdoor swimming pool complete with a live shark aquarium. In September 2005, Landry's Restaurants, Inc. purchased the Golden Nugget hotels and casinos in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nev., and embarked on a 14-month, \$100 million renovation project, which was completed November 2006. In December 2007, the Golden Nugget completed its \$60 million Phase II project, which expanded the resort west onto First Street and introduced additional entertainment, event and dining venues. Hotel reservations and additional information are available by calling 800-634-3454, or by booking online at www.goldennugget.com.

ABOUT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES

Continental Airlines is the world's fifth largest airline. Continental, together with Continental Express and Continental Connection, has more than 3,000 daily departures throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia, serving 140 domestic and 139 international destinations. More than 550 additional points are served via SkyTeam alliance airlines. With more than 46,000 employees, Continental has hubs serving New York, Houston, Cleveland and Guam, and together with Continental Express, carries approximately 69 million passengers per year. Continental consistently earns awards and critical acclaim for both its operation and its corporate culture. For the fifth consecutive year, FORTUNE magazine named Continental the No. 1 World's Most Admired Airline on its 2008 list of World's Most Admired Companies. For more company information, visit www.continental.com.

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