

CARDS, DICE AND HORSES

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"The poetry of earth," one poet assured us, "is never dead"; the poetry of gaming and gambling is not dead, either. Recently, writing about the mindset of gamblers in *The Journal of Gambling Behavior*, I had occasion to look closely at the slang. Here are some of its more "poetic" aspects. How many words and expressions do you know?

1. two or more dice stacked
2. easy victory at the track
3. \$500
4. 2 in craps
5. pair of red aces
6. no tips to croupiers, etc.
7. several lengths ahead in a horse race
8. bet
9. win big
10. nobody wants the dice
11. reject a card and deal another
12. \$10 bill
13. card manipulator
14. cheater at cards
15. high cards but no good hand
16. well-suited for the track
17. horse that runs well on a wet track
18. "take the lead and keep it"
19. 10
20. make a bet or fold
21. one who deals from the bottom of the pack
22. 8s and 10s at dice
23. British bookie
24. program
25. 9

Stumped? See Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.