

aire with no risks and without leaving the comfort of your family room. How? By picking up a copy of *Casino Games* for your Sega Master System.

*Casino Games* lets armchair gamblers take on five different casino games: blackjack, baccarat, poker, the slot machine and pinball. Inspired by every gambler's dream, the goal of *Casino Games* is to increase your winnings to \$1 million, a feat that isn't too difficult—if you play cards well.

The first time you play *Casino Games*, you must open an account at Club Sega's information desk. Here, you enter your name and receive \$500 to bet with. (If only things worked that way in real life, eh?) A password system is used to maintain your account from game to game, allowing you to accumulate your winnings over the course of many sessions. Thanks to the password, once you've opened your account, you won't need to do so again until you either make your goal of \$1 million or go broke.

Of the five games offered in *Casino Games*, pinball is the only one

RATINGS :	
Sound/Music	7
Graphics	7
Playability	8
Overall	7

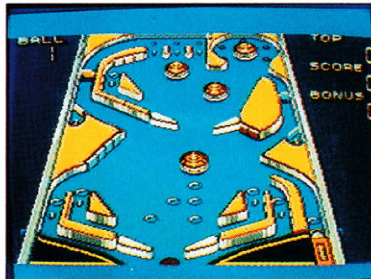
that won't help you increase your winnings. Although it's a good, solid version of computer pinball (it even has a tilt feature), it's recreational only and thus seems a strange thing to include in a gambling simulation.

The real gamblers will want to pump coins into the slot machine or sit down at one of the card tables. Pinball is entertaining, though, and a good game in its own right.

Winning at the slot machine is, of course, a matter of pure luck. And like the slots at any casino, the odds on this machine are much in favor of the house. Regardless, you'll want to spend some time with the slot machine, if for no other reason than to enjoy the excellent graphics and sound this simulation offers. Your best bet is to stick with the \$1 machine. If you risk big money on the spin of the wheels, you'll soon be bankrupt.

The quickest route to your \$1 million is poker. *Casino Games'* version of poker is about as close to the real thing as you can get. The game is so realistic that your opponents' expressions can be a clue as to what she has in her hand. For example, if Nancy is frowning after drawing her cards, chances are good that she didn't get what she was drawing for. Once you learn to read these visual clues, the odds of your

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winning are dramatically increased.

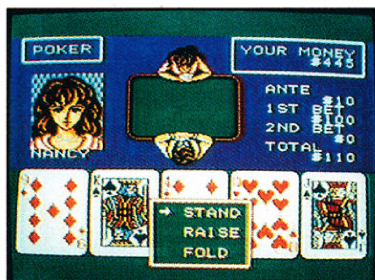
All the card games here are full-featured contests, supporting all the basic rules of the three games. In black jack, for instance, you may "split," "double" or take "insurance." In all the card games, the stakes increase with your winnings.

While a maximum bet of \$100 is typical for the lower-level games, once you get into the big time, the maximums are raised to hundreds of thousands of dollars. That \$1 million won't take as long to earn as you first think.

There's not much a reviewer can say about a set of games like this, except that it works as advertised. *Casino Games'* biggest strengths are the password reentry that lets you maintain an account from one session to another and the vivid expressions of your opponents that provide clues as to what they hold in their hands. If you're looking for a good gambling simulation for your Sega Master System, you can place your money on this one.

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