

## **Meeting my Craps Heroes in person; Howard Rock n Roller & Wizard**

I don't believe in Coincidences. In my life EVERYTHING happens for a reason. Back in 2007; I was at a friend's wedding in New Jersey. I was single at the time and not interested in dating for the foreseeable future. This beautiful woman who I had never seen before walked by me and a voice in my head told me "that's the woman you are going to marry". I thought nothing of it and went to get my place card which noted where my seat was going to be. I head over to my assigned seat; a few minutes later...the beautiful woman who I saw earlier comes over to my table and is assigned the seat next to me. Long story short....we got married in Spring 2011 and are now parents of a beautiful baby boy who was born a couple of weeks ago.

Now you are reading this thinking.... cute story....what does this have to do with Craps? So in 2010, my fiancée (at the time) relocated to Florida and I moved there also to be with her.

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I had a relatively successful financial career for a guy in his early 30's making over \$100K a year; I was not truly happy. My dream was to play Craps professionally. I had been good at it over a decade years playing Part Time but I always wondered if I could do it on a Full Time basis.

A few months after moving to Florida; I was given a choice by my employer at the time. Basically leave my fiancée and relocate back to the Northeast or lose my full time job. I chose my fiancée over a career I didn't care about. I have spent the past two years consulting Part time and trying to play Craps to supplement my income. The Craps part has been DISASTROUS.

I live in South Florida where there is no Craps on land; I have spent ridiculous money traveling across the country trying to get my groove back tossing the Dice in different casinos; I have had a couple of lucky sessions but for the most part; I have not done well.

Fast Forward to 2012; I join Heavy's Axispowercraps forum early August 2012. Late August 2012, I innocently make a post asking if there are any Craps players in the Florida area. Heavy replies...there is a guy named "Wizard" who lives in my part of town. I wonder if this is the same "Wizard" who is on MP's Dice Institute Blog who has the blog "Wizard Checks in" that I follow religiously. I send the Wizard a PM. Lo and behold it's the same guy! Wizard; who is living my Dream Craps life lives near me in South Florida. Wizard graciously gives me his phone number and we converse a few times on the phone and make plans to meet up in the future in person one day.

A couple of months later...in October 2012, I write a post asking of people having success on Casino Cruise Boats. I get a reply from one of the founding fathers/LEGENDS of Dice Setting/Tossing (Howard rock n roller) and he happens to live in my neck of the woods within a 30 minute drive from my home. I send him a couple of PM's and we make plans for me to visit him at his house for a practice session on his Craps table within a month.

Later in October; I head to Vegas SOLO to try to make some money playing Craps which ended up being the worst decision I have ever made. I had ZERO discipline, bad tossing, chasing losses, no loss limits, no realistic win goals; all recipes for DISASTER and that's exactly what occurred.

The only good part of the trip was having a Craps class with the Dice Coach; Beau Parker (GREAT GUY), he showed me some great Craps tips ...(when I followed his tips on the casino craps tables; I made money) however I quickly reverted back to my old habits and disaster continued.

While conversing with Beau Parker; I tell him about Howard rock n roller. He tells me Howard rock n roller is a GREAT shooter/instructor and that I should definitely keep in contact with him.

Ironically, Howard rock n roller was in Vegas the same week that I was there but I didn't contact him since we had already made plans to initially meet in Florida. I should have called the guy! From reading the trip reports from some of the forum members that played with Howard in Vegas; I would have recouped some of my losses if I was at the Craps tables with him. I return home to Florida with my pockets empty and immediately toss my craps rig in storage. I make a promise to myself to NEVER practice on a Craps rig again...if it's not a real casino craps sized table; I am not interested!

A couple days later; Howard rock n roller sends me a PM to come over to his place for a practice session. I head over to his house...beautiful house, beautiful Claridge Casino Craps table (12 Footer, with a nice hard surface...eerily similar to a lot of tables I play on at Casinos). After showing him a couple of my tosses....Howard shows me a couple of his legendary tosses; the dice look like they are glued together...absolutely breathtaking.

Howard goes through so many different types of shots from so many different spots on the table....I think he must be the encyclopedia of dice tosses. In my humble opinion; whatever type of toss you have, he'll make it better. I am truly amazed that a lefty (Howard rock n roller) can teach a righty (CrapsForever) how to make his toss better. It's one thing to read so many articles about a Craps Legend, seeing the person perform live on a full size craps table is something completely different. My favorite part; I only drove 30 minutes from my house....I am in CRAPS HEAVEN!

Howard rock n roller took my most comfortable toss technique and showed me how to make my tosses better. Instead of forcing me to replicate what he was doing which I initially thought would take forever for me to adjust to (I'm a creature of habit); he took my toss and tweaked it slightly which made a world of difference. I am usually the Horn King which I hate because I usually throw a 7 on the next roll after throwing a Horn, however utilizing Howard's toss advice/techniques; I noticed I was throwing lots of inside box #'s

After about 30 minutes of tossing the dice; I request to do a simulated casino session on his real casino craps table with real chips, real casino dice, distracting casino music in the background

and I tell him to occasionally try and distract me by making late bets and talking to me while I'm shooting the Dice; I go on a run where I toss 20+ consecutive BOX Numbers without a Single Horn # or 7. NOTHING BUT BOX NUMBERS; I just found my new Craps best friend! During the practice session, I tell Howard rock n roller about the Wizard and he graciously tells me to invite him over for a practice session. I call up the Wizard on my way home and tell him about meeting Howard Rock n Roller. We make plans for all 3 of us to meet up at Howard's place for a practice session the following week. I had never met the Wizard before; he's one of my CRAPS HEROS and I was very excited to meet him.

Meeting and hearing the Wizard speak about Craps in person is damn near a divine experience. The man has AMAZING passion for Craps. I can talk about Craps 24 hours a day and tell you about all my ridiculous experiences in my 12 years of playing Craps and I sound like a lunatic, Wizard goes into such immaculate details about his mindset involving Craps, he sets the scene so precisely...you truly feel like you are right there on the craps table when he tells his stories. He writes so beautifully and paints a perfect picture for the reader to fully grasp the scene. He does the same thing when he speaks about Craps live in person.

I LOVE the fact that Wizard feels that if he does not have an advantage on the table that day; he would simply not continue to play. I told him about my Vegas disaster and he explains that I MUST not look for people to bail me out when I'm having a bad day tossing the Dice. Only rely on yourself to make money on the Craps table, stick to your loss limits and leave. It's one thing to read Heavy, MP, John Patrick, etc. write so eloquently about loss limits, win goals, etc... Personally it really hits home when you meet a person LIVE who is doing it for a living and details it right in front of you.

Howard rock n roller and I went over a few of Wizard's tosses and he breaks down a few of his favorite betting strategies. Some of his favorites are similar to MP's \$204 Across Regression Bet who he gives full credit to.

We go over a few of Wizard's personal betting favorites which I initially thought were too aggressive for me but you can see how he makes his money once he is working with house money. As I have learned; you'll never get far in Craps if you always bet scared.

FULL Disclosure...I always thought MP's \$204 Across Regression was way too aggressive due to my normal bankroll session of \$1,000 but after losing \$1,000 making \$10 bets on 4 place numbers at a time on EVERYONE in ONE of my horrible marathon sessions in Vegas in October; I realize that I need to change my way of thinking and bring a bigger bankroll. Utilizing Howard's teachings about my toss technique, his betting strategies, some of the Wizard's betting strategies, MP's passive/aggressive press schedule and Heavy's Power Press on the 4's and 10's...I begin to see how I can restart my career in Craps and start to make some real money.

I have met with Howard rock n roller a few more times perfecting my toss which is the foundation that I need to re-establish before I ever step foot in a Casino to play Craps again.

Without Heavy's forum and advice; I would have never had the chance to meet a couple of my Craps Heroes in person. THANK YOU!

The rebirth of my Craps career will be coming to a Casino near you soon. SPECIAL THANKS to Howard rock n roller, Wizard, Heavy, MP and Beau Parker.

Respectfully,

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