

What is a bicycle poker run?

The object of the poker run is for participants to have the best five-card poker hand selected from playing cards earned by having their official Cheers and Gears Ride Poker Run Passport “stamped” at designated checkpoints around Ridgeland. Cyclists will be provided cue sheets and maps including all of the checkpoints upon registration. Players may choose to obtain stamps at any five or more checkpoints during the day. Prizes will be awarded to the top three five-card poker hands.

How does it work?

Cyclists will receive the Cheers and Gears Ride Passport during registration. The passport shows each cooperating checkpoint (merchants/restaurants/designated points of interest) participating. Cyclists will also receive cue sheets and maps to the designated checkpoints. Cyclists will ride to any of the checkpoints during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5th. At each checkpoint, the cyclist will take their Cheers and Gears Poker Run Passport into the merchants/restaurants to receive their stamp, answer a designated question, or take a selfie on your phone. Cyclists may decide which checkpoints to visit and may ride to them in any order. You must have at least five stamps and no more than nine stamps.

Additionally, a receipt from any merchant or restaurant in Ridgeland will be accepted for additional stamps (up to a total of nine) when the poker card is turned in at the registration desk. You may receive a bonus 10th card by posting a picture on social media with the hashtag #VisitRidgeland.

An optional, unsupported group ride led by local cyclists will begin at 10:00 a.m. from the back parking lot of The Hyatt Place. The group ride will include stops at several checkpoints.

After a cyclist has visited at least five and no more than nine checkpoints, they will return their Cheers and Gears Poker Run Passport to the registration table at The Hyatt Place no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 5th.

For each stamp the cyclist has received, they are allowed to blindly draw a card from an official deck. They may then choose the best five cards for a standard five-card draw poker hand. The cyclists' hand will then be recorded and saved for the final tally. Five card draw poker rules apply. The winners will be announced during the Cheers and Gears Social on Friday night and Pelican Cove Grill!

Prizes

Art vouchers to the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival for \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the cyclists with the three best poker hands. In an event of a tie, each person involved in the tie-breaker will draw from a standard deck of cards and the highest card drawn wins. The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival will be open for shopping on Saturday and Sunday April 6-7.