Claims:

1. A gaming table comprising:

a cloth playing surface formed from a textile, felt or baize material;

an LED illuminated display panel mounted beneath the cloth playing surface to display images, the images being visible through the cloth playing surface; and

a diffuser screen between the display panel and the cloth playing surface.

2. A gaming table according to claim 1, wherein the playing surface comprises markings delineating regions of the playing surface.

3. A gaming table according to claim 1, further comprising a cover sheet positioned between the LED illuminated display panel and the diffuser screen to provide a smooth surface underlying the diffuser screen.

4. A gaming table according to claim 1, wherein the diffuser screen is formed from a synthetic foam material.

5. An illuminated gaming table system comprising:

a gaming table according to any preceding claim and further comprising input means for inputting signals indicating events in a game on the gaming table; and

control means responsive to inputs from the input means to control the display of images by the display panel.

6. A gaming table system according to claim 5, wherein the control means comprises:

a memory for storing images and image sequences;

a processor operable in response to an input from the input means to:

select an image or image sequence for display, and

cause the selected image or image sequence to be displayed by the display panel.

7. A gaming table system according to claim 5 or claim 6, further including image capture means operable to provide video images to the control means; and wherein the control means is operable to cause the video images to be displayed by the display panel.

8. A gaming table system according to any of claims 5 to 7, wherein the control means is responsive to input signals from at least one remote device to control the display of images.

9. A gaming table system according to claim 8, wherein the remote device is an automatic dice shaker, a roulette wheel or a card dealing shoe.