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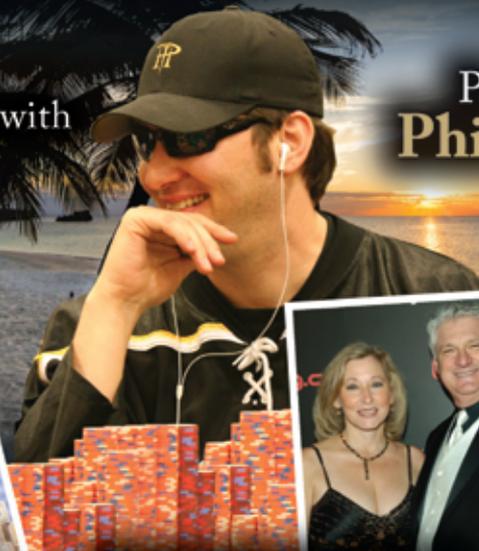


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Don't despair if you missed out on this one. We still have four great cruises planned for 2014, including our next voyage, an epic transatlantic trip to England on May 4-17. Go to anteupcruises.com for details.

There are other great ways and reasons to see incredible destinations via the poker route. We recently just wrapped up a visit to the Southwestern United States, taking in the incredible views and canyons of Arizona and the majestic mountains of New Mexico, while, of course, playing a session or two (or five) at some of the fantastic poker rooms peppered throughout the Southwest.

And that's the point. Whether poker is your hobby or your way of life, you can use this great game to see the world and, closer to home, this remarkable country.

Consider coming to Florida for the sixth annual Deep Stack Charity Classic at Daytona Beach Kennel Club this month (read our preview on Page 18 for the April 27 event). If you've never been to Daytona Beach, everything you've heard is true; it's that much fun and the sandy beaches are that pure. Plus, if you play in the event, you'll be able to rub elbows with the Poker Brat, **Phil Hellmuth**.

A little bit down the road, you could drive across Hoover Dam en route to the World Series this summer, and when that wraps, continue on to Northern California, stand among the towering Redwoods before stopping at the incomparable Thunder Valley Casino Resort for the Ante Up World Championship.

The bottom line is, poker is universal, so why not explore your universe while playing it?

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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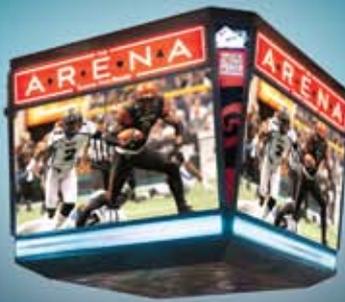


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Memorial Day River

May 16th - May 26th, 2014

EVENT	Date	Time	TYPE	Starting Chips	Buy-in
1	5/17/14	12:00 PM	NLH Deep Stack	20,000	\$450+\$50
2	5/18/14	12:00 PM	NLH	10,000	\$200+\$30
3	5/19/14	12:00 PM	NLH	5,000	\$100+\$20
3	5/19/14	6:00 PM			
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3	5/21/14	12:00 PM			
3	5/21/14	6:00 PM			
FINAL	5/22/14	1:00 PM			
4	5/22/14	12:00 PM	NLH Turbo Bounty (\$100)	10,000	\$200+\$30
5	5/23/14	12:00 PM	NLH 6 Max	10,000	\$300+\$40
6	5/24/14	12:00 PM	NLH Re-Entry	15,000	\$900+\$100
6	5/25/14	12:00 PM			
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Though much of the media attention is usually focused on the large poker rooms of Northern California, there are many other rooms that have incredible action and great promotions. No matter where you live in NorCal, you can enjoy a professionally run game with many of the same perks as the big casinos. Take the time to travel around the state to visit these cardrooms throughout the Bay Area and Northern California.



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

- Turlock Poker Room in Turlock has some fine promotions, including Aces Cracked, royal flush progressive jackpots and Spin the Wheel.

Turlock also has some great tournaments, including its upcoming DeepStacks Poker Tour event, which runs April 26-May 4 and features a \$1K buy-in main event (May 2-4) with satellites running this month.

- Cache Creek Casino in Brooks gives you a chance to play in the World Series of Poker Main Event with its mega satellites every Sunday at 6 p.m. The buy-in for these satellites is \$70 and the top three weekly finalists will be invited to play June 1 for a main-event seat this summer.

- Graton Casino Resort in Rohnert Park is the newest poker room in the Bay Area and has a beautiful layout and modern

look. The 18-table room offers a variety of games and promotions, such as its bad-beat jackpot. There are no tournaments, but cash-game action is consistently juicy.

- Jackson Rancheria has one of the most diverse tournament schedules around, including no-limit hold'em, Omaha, crazy pineapple, satellites and league events. It also runs some fantastic promotions, including Aces Cracked, Big Hand Bonus and Flush 'N Win. Rancheria also will host the LIPS Queen Series for the ladies on April 6 at 11 a.m., which will be a \$60 buy-in with optional add-ons.

- California Grand Casino in Pacheco has some of the largest cash jackpots in the area. This 14-table room is open 24-7 and has a starting progressive bad-beat jackpot (quad eights) of \$140K, which increases daily. California Grand also has royal-flush, high-hand and Omaha jackpots.

- Oceanview Card Room in Santa Cruz has three tournaments that run throughout the week, including a Tuesday \$40 buy-in at 5 p.m., Saturday \$30 buy-in at noon and Sunday \$70 buy-in at noon. It also has a dealer's choice mixed game on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1.

These poker rooms may not get the national attention, but they are worth the trip for any player in Northern California.

— Email Garrett at roth@anteupmagazine.com.

Liz Flynt's Spring Classic runs until April 30

April 5 marks the start of the annual **Liz Flynt** Spring Poker Classic at the Hustler Casino. Running through April 30 and technically only seven events, all buy-ins are between \$100 and \$260. There are four single-day events (1, 2, 5 and 6), with respective guarantees of \$20K, \$30K, \$20K and \$25K.



DAVE PALM
LOS ANGELES

The real meat of this series is the three multi-day re-entry events. Event 3 is a \$120 plus \$60 add-on with \$150K guaranteed prize pool and \$40K guaranteed for first place. There are eight starting flights with two each day April 7-10.

Event 4 is a massive \$160-plus-\$100-add-on event with a \$500K guarantee. First place is guaranteed to be \$125K. Starting flights for this event begin April 12 and run through April 21. The weekend days and the last day all have two starting flights per day. On Monday through Friday, there's a starting flight at 3 p.m., but there's a \$150 buy-in, \$7K guaranteed nightly tournament.

Finally, Event 7 is a multi-flight tournament with a twist. In most events like this, players' chip stacks go with them through to the next day. In this event, the top eight percent all advance to Day 2, but all players continue the event with 50K chips. So no matter if you're the chipleader or hang on and limp through with one big blind, everyone starts with the same chips on Day 2. This event is \$160 plus \$100 add-on and the first of nine

starting flights begins at 5 p.m. on April 23.

In other Los Angeles happenings, the annual Los Angeles Poker Classic, in my opinion the best tournament series outside of the World Series of Poker, recently concluded. Well-known and well-liked pro **Chris Moorman** claimed the \$10K World Poker Tour championship title, banking just more than a million dollars. He outlasted other pros **Adam Friedman** and **Dan O'Brien** at the final table.

Congratulations also to **Marie Babouchian** and **Gladys Landegger**, who were the only women to take first in any of the 57 open events. Babouchian made her mark in Event 11 no-limit hold'em while Landegger won Event 22.

Another stellar performance worth mentioning is that of **Anthony Dick**. He not only won Event 10 (Omaha/8-stud/8) but also Event 39 (deuce-to-seven triple draw).

More pros making their mark in the other open events were **David Levi**, who won Event 25 (stud/8) and **Paul Volpe**, who won Event 53. Volpe's path was super tough with his final table filled with other pros **Andrew Lichtenberger**, **Tyler Reiman**, **Galen Hall** and **Dan Heimiller**.

Finally, World Series of Poker bracelet-winners also made their mark. **Ahmed Owais**, a 2011 bracelet-winner in Omaha/8-stud/8, won Event 19 (PLO/8 with rebuys). Not to be outdone, two-time bracelet-winner **Frankie O'Dell** won Event 14 (stud).

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Sat, 3/29 • 3PM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$6,000
Sat, 3/29 • 8PM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$6,000
Tue, 4/1 • 7PM	\$60 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$4,000
Thur, 4/3 • 7PM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$6,000
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Tue, 4/8 • 7PM	\$60 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$4,000
Thur, 4/10 • 7PM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$6,000
Sat, 4/12 • 11AM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/12	\$6,000
Sat, 4/12 • 3PM	\$460 Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 25 players win a \$10,000 WSOP Main Event Entry, \$500 & WSOP Training at High Steaks	\$15,000
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Tue, 4/15 • 7PM	\$60 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/26	\$4,000
Thur, 4/17 • 7PM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/26	\$6,000
Sat, 4/19 • 11AM	\$110 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$460 WSOP Main Event Satellite on 4/26	\$6,000
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KINGS AND DUCKS GO ALL-IN FOR CHARITY

For the third time in four years, Southern California's hottest rivalry comes together for charity. The Los Angeles Kings, Anaheim Ducks and San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino partnered for the fourth annual Rivalry No-Limit Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament that took place Feb. 20.



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This is the third time the Kings and Ducks have faced off in the tournament, which supports the Kings Care Foundation and the Anaheim Ducks Foundation, and raised more than \$14K for each organization.

The Kings included **Luc Robitaille, Sean O'Donnell, Jim Fox, Daryl Evans, Ian Turnbull, Gary Edwards, Kyle Calder, Brad Norton** and **Jason Doig**. Longtime Kings trainer **Pete Demers** played, too. Their broadcast team got into the action as well: **Carrlyn Bathe, Bob Miller, Nick Nickson** and **Patrick O'Neal**.

The Anaheim Ducks included **Nick Bonino, Fredrick Anderson, Paul Mara, Jason Marshall** and **Guy Hebert**. Ducks CEO **Tim Ryan** and broadcaster **Kent French** also played. Both team mascots were on hand for the festivities.

San Manuel is in Highland, Calif., a short drive from Big Bear and Palm Springs. The poker room is large, fully enclosed and non-smoking. There are 60 tables to accommodate any poker game with interest.

The main games that are played on any given day are \$2-\$4, \$3-\$6 and \$4-\$8 limit hold'em with a kill, \$2-\$5, \$5-\$5 no-limit and \$3-\$6 Omaha with a full kill.

They have food service for the players at the tables. Cell phones are not allowed at the tables, but the room does have complimentary Wi-Fi.

They also run monthly Play In/Not Buy In tournaments. Players earn stamps on a card for hands in any live game. Most months these are a \$33K prize pool, though a few times each year it bumps up to a \$100K prize pool.

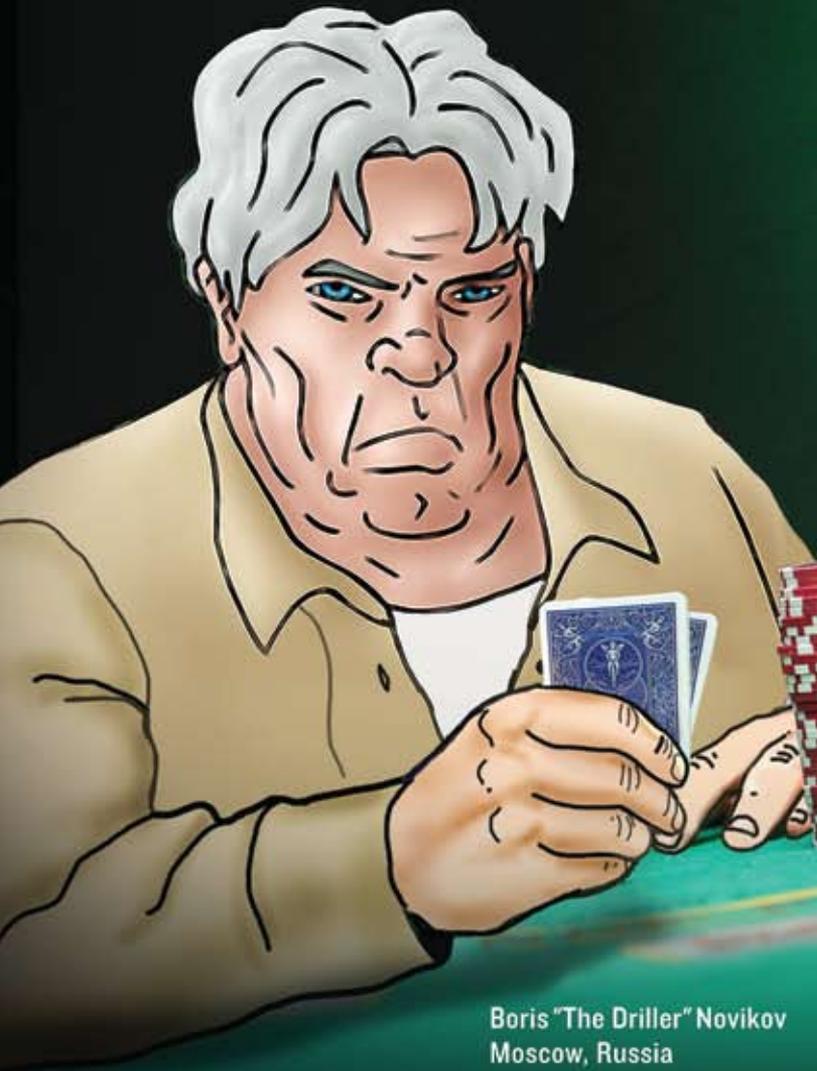
Qualifying hands are 10s full or better in hold'em and queens full or better in Omaha. The next \$100K tournament is May 1. The qualifying period is usually the month before.

BARONA: Barona Freeplay Online Poker (baronaonlinepoker.com), the only freeplay online poker site in California where players can win real prizes, is running its third annual Main Event Mania series.

It allows poker players from all over California to play online for entries into the \$10K WSOP main event. The tournaments began March 2 and culminates in a final online event on May 17. Players who make it through will play in the Main Event Mania Finals for more than \$50,000 in entries, including three \$10,000 main-event seats.

For more on this, see our Nothin' But 'Net online poker column on Page 42.

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WORLD SERIES, PALM BEACH BAN PELTON

On Feb. 26, **Chan Pelton** of College Station, Texas, was disqualified after removing a 25K poker chip from the table during play of Event 9, a \$1,125 NLHE World Series of Poker Circuit event at Palm Beach Kennel Club.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

Pelton, who had won the tournament and had won Event 2, a pot-limit Omaha tournament, was observed by floor staff pocketing the chip during heads-up play of Event 9, an action that was confirmed on video surveillance. Pelton admitted to taking the chip and returned it to the room, but his first-place prize money was withheld until a decision from the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering.

The decision was rendered 10 days later by PBKC's director of poker **Noah Carbone**, who said Pelton also forfeited any points earned for the Casino Champion race, which would have qualified Pelton for the circuit's season-ending National Championship in May. Pelton's win in Event 2 was not affected.

Chris Bolek of Boca Raton was declared the winner and awarded the ring along with the top prize of \$47,061. On the heels of the counterfeit chip scandal in January at the Borgata Winter Open, which had not been resolved at press time, the PBKC, the WSOP and the state of Florida felt compelled to deal harshly with the rules infraction.

PBKC extended a permanent ban to Pelton from the facility, while the WSOP announced an indefinite suspension from all WSOP-related events taking place at Caesars-owned properties.

PBKC's review confirmed the integrity of the event was in no way compromised and distributed the vacated second-place money to the third through 21st-place finishers.

"The integrity of our game is of utmost importance and regardless of the intent in question from this incident, we cannot sit idle and risk the stolen chips being reintroduced in the future," Carbone said. "We take great pride in providing a fair and secure environment for our valued patrons and this unfortunate incident, while discovered and handled swiftly, should serve as a reminder to players that tournament chips are the

property of the poker room and must remain on the table at all times. If rules infractions occur, we view incidents in the worst case scenario plausible."

NEW LOCATIONS, DIRECTORS: Two South Florida parimutuel facilities opened poker rooms in new locations over the past few months, as businesses in Dade and Broward try to cut themselves a bigger slice of the South Florida poker pie.

Dania Casino & Jai-Alai held a lavish grand opening on Feb. 20 to give the public its first look at a two-floor casino area with more than 500 slot machines and a smaller poker room. Most of the machines are in the section of the building that housed the old poker room on the second floor, an expansive area that held 26 tables.

The new cardroom, still on the second floor, is behind the back wall of the jai-alai court and features 12 tables and a bar, with glass walls on two sides. As more of the facility is refurbished, there are plans for a larger poker room. **Cody Basket**, who worked on the floor at Calder Casino, was named the director of poker.

Speaking of Calder, the Studz Poker Club, which was moved from the ground floor of the racing grandstand to the former high-roller slots room, has a new director, too. **Randy Kiefer**, formerly the poker room manager at Hollywood Casino in West Virginia, takes over the 14-table room. Kiefer also worked at Bally's in Atlantic City as a tournament director.

Since both poker rooms must be accessed through the casino floor, poker players must be at least 21. Both rooms are open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday-Thursday, while Studz is open in Fridays and Saturday until 5 a.m. The Dania poker room runs 24 hours on the weekends.

WPT SEMINOLE POKER SHOWDOWN: The fourth edition of the World Poker Tour Seminole Poker Showdown is this month with a new \$5 million guaranteed prize pool for the main event, beginning with three Day 1s (with unlimited re-entries) on April 10-12 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood. The event features a \$3,500 buy-in with the final table, slated for April 16, to be taped for presentation later in the year on Fox Sports Net in WPT's Season XII.

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WSOPC, Palm Beach Kennel Club, West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 5-17

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Chan Pelton, \$12,181

Event 3 • \$365 HORSE

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Jeffrey Gunnip, \$10,586

Event 4 • \$365 NLHE

Entries: 330 • Pool: \$99K
Mihail Karasoulis, \$23,269

Event 5 • \$365 NLHE

Entries: 262 • Pool: \$78,600
Devin Looney, \$19,258

Event 6 • \$365 6-Max

Entries: 322 • Pool: \$96,600
Cory Waaland, \$24,150

Event 7 • \$365 NLHE

Entries: 244 • Pool: \$73,200
Fadi Hamad, \$17,935

Event 8 • \$365 NLHE

Entries: 224 • Pool: \$67,200
Matthew Bray, \$16,802

Event 9 • \$1,125 NLHE

Entries: 181 • Pool: \$181K
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Entries: 658 • Pool: \$987K
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Event 11 • \$365 NLHE

Entries: 226 • Pool: \$67,800
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Event 12 • \$365 NLHE

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HELLMUTH HEADLINES CHARITY CLASSIC

Daytona Beach Kennel Club is no stranger to charity poker tournaments, hosting the sixth annual Deep Stack Charity Classic on April 27, and this one is bound to be not only the biggest event yet, but possibly one of the most monumental in DBKC history.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

Phil Hellmuth, known as the Poker Brat for his TV persona, is the most successful World Series of Poker player of all-time, boasting 13 bracelets. But Hellmuth also is extremely generous with his time when it comes to charity events, which he has hosted all over the world, helping raise more than \$20 million for various charities.

Joining Hellmuth this year at DBKC will be 2012 WSOP main-event champ **Greg Merison**, the “First Family of Poker” **Barry** and **Alynn Shulman** and ESPN’s **Norman Chad**, who has become a regular at this event.

The tournament is a \$195 no-limit hold’em event and the winner will pocket a guaranteed \$10K first-place prize and



a \$5K entry into the Venetian’s \$5K main event. Everyone who makes the final table will be awarded with a trip to Las Vegas and an entry into the Venetian’s Deep Stack Extravaganza. With more than \$70K in prizes, trips and packages up for grabs, as well as a chance to take part in a seminar with Hellmuth, the classic is certain to sell out even quicker than it has the past four years, so grab your ticket while they’re still available.

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: The largest poker room in North Florida has all kinds of player appreciation promotions this month.

Among the festivities are high-hand prizes and big payouts, including \$1K with \$500 table share as well as a random drawing where all live games will be eligible for \$500 with a \$200 table share. Bestbet will be running \$390 satellites all month for its next tournament series, culminating in a 20-seat guarantee satellite on April 26.

Tickets to the \$390 satellite will be given away through high hands the week leading up to the event.

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5/1	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/2	Fri	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
5/2	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/3	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
5/3	Sat	3pm	#2	All in or Fold Hold'em W/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
5/3	Sat	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/4	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				\$100,000
5/4	Sun	12pm	#3	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	
5/4	Sun	3pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
5/4	Sun	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/5	Mon	12pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	
5/5	Mon	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/5	Mon	7pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
5/6	Tue	12pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
5/6	Tue	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/6	Tue	7pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
5/7	Wed	12pm	#5	Event #5 Final Day				\$50,000
5/7	Wed	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
5/7	Wed	3pm	#7	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
5/7	Wed	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/8	Thu	12pm	#8	No Limit Hold'em	\$570	30 min	15,000	
5/8	Thu	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/8	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$340	20 min	10,000	
5/9	Fri	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,500	60 min	20,000	
5/9	Fri	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$185	20 min	10,000	
5/9	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$340	20 min	10,000	
5/10	Sat	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,500	60 min	20,000	
5/10	Sat	3pm	#9	Pot Limit Omaha W/ \$100 Re-Buys	\$200	30 min	2,500	
5/10	Sat	7pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em TURBO	\$240	15 min	10,000	
5/11	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		60 min		
5/11	Sun	3pm	#11	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
5/12	Mon	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		\$300,000

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TOURNAMENTS CONTINUING TO THRIVE

So, do you think the fun stops once the tournament series die down? Not in Central Florida. With the success of the New Year's Multi Day Extravaganza, One-Eyed Jacks poker room at Sarasota Kennel Club is back with the "Spring Fling" \$50K.



ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.

Five separate starting flights, which began the last weekend of March and continues until the last weekend in April, culminate on April 6 with Day 2 of the tournament. Many of the local grinders/professionals call the Sarasota room their home base and after the New Year's tournament tripled the guarantee, the \$50K guarantee is almost a sure bet.

The structure is incredibly generous: 20K starting chips with 5K more for \$10, 30-minute blinds and no real levels skipped. This could turn out to be a deep Day 2 for the poker room.

Coming off of August's \$10 million guarantee in Hollywood, the World Poker Tour is running a main event there this month with a \$5 million guarantee.

So Tampa, (and all the Seminole properties for that matter) are pitching in to make the event just as successful as the \$10 million was. The first two weeks in April there will be 12

satellite tournaments to send people to the South Florida area to compete for a \$5 million prize pool. April 1-3 there will be a \$200 satellite at 11 a.m. and a \$385 satellite at 7 p.m. On April 6-8, that schedule will repeat (\$200 at 11 a.m. and \$385 at 7). If successful, there could be a handful of Central Florida tournament grinders playing for a WPT title.

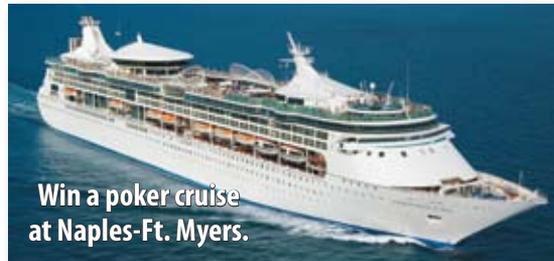
Speaking of the WPT, the Legends of Poker main event in L.A. featured a Tampa local, **John "Muscles" Gordon**. Known as being a strategic yet intense player Muscles made his way through a field of 710 players to make the televised final table. While sixth-place finish was good for \$85,080, Gordon was playing for the title, but he got derailed by eventual fifth-place finisher **Phil Laak**.

Gordon's kings fell to Laak's 10s when Laak made a straight on the river. Muscles flexed a little but eventually couldn't make the ultimate comeback.

NAPLES-FT. MYERS: Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Track will give away an Ante Up Poker Cruise package to the high hand between 9-11 p.m. every Saturday in April.

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MANAGER SPOTLIGHT

O'Connell, Seminole Immokalee make quite the pair

By Donovan Livingston

This month we feature **Rick O'Connell**, poker room manager at Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Fla. He is married to his wife, **Linda**, and is father to two sons. His oldest hosts the No. 1 morning radio show in Phoenix. O'Connell is good friends with 2013 Poker Hall of Fame inductee **Scotty Nguyen**. (See the ad on the previous page for information regarding the Scotty Nguyen Hall of Fame party.)

For fun, Rick does one thing the most: cruising! He's been on 50 cruises since 1983, and in September he's planning a trip to Ireland.

Rick has been in the casino business for 18 years, so how did he break into the industry?

"I started as a poker dealer at Harrah's first Native American casino, Ak-Chin in Phoenix, 20 years ago," he said. "I was the first director to open poker and table games in the state of Oklahoma for the Cherokee Nation. We also brought the first state championship of poker to the state."

His poker room in Immokalee spreads games such as \$2-\$4 limit hold'em and \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE, "or any game you'd like," he said.



As for tournaments, he hosts multitable tourneys every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. In addition, O'Connell will host qualifying tournaments for the upcoming Seminole Hard Rock main events this month and in August.

When it comes to poker promotions, Immokalee has daily progressive bonus hands for quads, straight flushes and royals, plus a \$10K bad-beat jackpot. Players earn food and beverage comps for playing in the poker room.

With regards to casino-wide promotions, O'Connell said, "We run several promotions a month ranging from free play and cash giveaways to cars and trips. In fact, it's our 20th anniversary this year and we gave away a Dodge Viper in March. We feature more than 1,200 slots and 34 table games. Our poker players earn entries into our casino-wide promotions."

Outside the casino, there's Lake Trafford in Immokalee, the local farmer's market and the casino is surrounded by state and national parks, so if your cards start to cool off, you can get away for some extra-curricular activities.

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DESERT DIAMOND CHARITY EVENT ROCKS

To stand out in the crowded field of poker tournaments, each event needs to find a way to make itself notable.

The Desert Diamond Casino in Tucson figured guaranteeing a large first prize would do the trick, and it worked for its ninth annual Chicanos Por La Causa charity tournament Feb. 28-March 2.



BRIAN PEDERSEN
ARIZONA

The three-day tournament drew 70 players, who each paid \$200 for a prize pool that included \$10K guaranteed for first place. This made for a top-heavy payout structure, putting a premium on players chipping up early to make a deep run late.

Two opening flights saw 27 players advance to the final day, with the top 10 spots earning a piece of what ended up being a \$17K prize pool. Each entry included \$70 that went to Chicanos Por La Causa, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and social services to children and families throughout Arizona.

The event raised \$4,900 for CPLC, with that money going toward implementation of various youth and general programs, said **Tillie Arvizu**, superintendent of community schools. "This means a lot to us," Arvizu said. "We're a big agency, but this money still helps."

The money bubble burst late in the 11th round of play, and

with blinds at 1K-2K with a 300 ante and the average stack nearly 100K there was plenty of play available.

All 10 finalists were regular Desert Diamond players other than **Mario Aviles**, an executive with tourney benefactor Chicanos Por La Causa who was one of six "celebrities" that were added to the field as \$100 bounties. Aviles was the first to bust out of the final table, finishing 10th for \$343.

Taking ninth was **Carol Wilson**, who earned \$413, while **Jose Martiatto** was eighth (\$511). **Penny Parker** was seventh (\$623) behind **Jose Baldenegro** in sixth (\$742). After **James York** busted in fifth (\$868), the remaining four players chopped. **Don Clause**, who held more than 40 percent of the chips at that point, earned \$5K, while **John Krieder**, **Salam Sarah** and **Reen Wheeler** got \$2,833 apiece.

Desert Diamond poker director **Gail Bennett** said the event will return in 2015, as will the poker room's annual Toys for the Tohono O'odham charity tournament in December, while other charity events might be scheduled in the future.

"We actually have a lot of charities that are interested in doing tournaments with us," she said.

MORE DESERT DIAMOND: April will mark 30 years since the Tohono O'odham tribe opened its first gaming operation, known in 1984 as the Papago Bingo Hall.

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ARIZONA

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Desert Diamond Casino opened in 1993, and since then the tribe has opened a second full-scale casino, rebuilt the original Desert Diamond and opened a small facility on the western end of the Tohono O'odham Reservation.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary, Desert Diamond is holding the \$1 million Diamond Spiniversary promotion April 7-27, with 30 winners at each of the three tribal gaming properties winning prizes from a drawing April 26-27.

BUCKY'S CASINO: The poker room just outside Prescott has jumped on the Open Face Chinese poker bandwagon, spreading the game that has become all the rage on the circuit.

The game is offered in two-, three- or four-person formats, with low per-point stakes available for beginners looking to give the game a try.

For standard poker fans, Bucky's continues its Sunday no-limit hold'em bounty tournaments through the end of August. For \$80 players get a 6K stack and 15-minute blinds, with \$20 awarded for each player you eliminate.

HON-DAH CASINO: For poker lovers looking for an off-the-beaten-path game, crazy pineapple tournaments are every Sunday at 4. The buy-in is \$30, and \$10 rebuys and add-ons are available.

For those not familiar with crazy pineapple, the game is played like hold'em with three hole cards to each player. After a round of betting, the flop is dealt and then there's another round of betting before players must discard one of their three cards. The rest of the game is identical to hold'em. Another version of this game, known as pineapple, calls for a discard before the flop.

TALKING STICK: The third annual Winter Poker Classic was still running as *Ante Up* went to press. Look for results from that event in the May issue. The Arena Poker Room's Big Stack Tournament with a \$330 buy-in will be April 5 at 11:15 a.m. Players start with 10K chips but can get another 3K with an optional \$15 add-on.

FT. MCDOWELL: The poker room hosts its monthly \$60 ladies tournament on April 6. Players start with 10K chips at 10 a.m. (registration begins at 8) but can earn 5K more with a \$10 dealer add-on. The field is capped at 80 players but alternates will be taken.

VEE QUIVA AND WILD HORSE PASS: The Super 77 jackpot stood at \$44K at press time. The promotion pays a player losing with four sevens in hold'em at both properties.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: On Mondays at 7:30 p.m., winners of the popular \$40 World Series of Poker sit-n-go tournaments earn a \$250 seat into the WSOP \$10K Main Event satellite on May 17-18. Second place in the SNGs wins \$50 and third receives a \$10 coupon for a future tournament of their choosing. A minimum of 10 players are needed.

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A FREEROLL AT ISLETA

The Isleta Resort Casino poker room offers a freeroll April 26 for players with 25 hours of cash play before the tournament. Also, there will be a Players Reward drawing April 30, with entry tickets earned through play; 25 hours of play equals 10 bonus tickets.



MARY BRADLEY
NEW MEXICO

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: The Road to the Main Event continues with two \$330 buy-in, \$60K hold'em tournaments (See ad at left).

SANTA ANA STAR CASINO: On March 24, Santa Ana began 12 weeks of \$40 events on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The room also reports the new Saturday \$150 buy-in tournament has gotten off to a great start, with guaranteed \$3K at 20 players, paying top-three places.

SANDIA RESORT CASINO: The hot, hot, HOT seat drawings are 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday and 9 p.m.-midnight Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT CASINO: There will be an Omaha/8 tournament April 13, with \$100 entry and \$100 added per table. The Last Saturday of the Month NLHE deepstack event will be April 26.

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL: The Texas room's staff and players are excited about the Spring Classic Deepstack Tournament on April 5-6, a two-day event limited to the first 200 players. Buy-in is \$200 and registration runs until April 5.

— Email Mary at anteupmary@gmail.com.



Kirkpatrick wins LIPS Nevada State Ladies title

The fourth annual Nevada State Ladies Poker Championships hosted by Ladies International Poker Series kicked off at the Peppermill in Reno on Feb. 26 and **Koree Kirkpatrick** of Reno captured the main event, which had a record 147 entrants for a prize pool of more than \$22K.

Kirkpatrick pocketed \$6,300 and a \$1,300 LIPS championship seat. The number of entrants proves women's tours are gaining in popularity, and tour stops with a title at stake seem to be coveted the most. **Lupe Soto**, owner of LIPS, was thrilled about the turnout for a series that had eight events.

"The most impressive statistic was where everyone came from for this event," Soto said. "We had women fly in from nine states and Canada. Only a handful of women were locals and yet it was a local that won the title. We're looking forward to growing this event in a major way for next year." said Soto. For more information, go to ladiesinternationalpokerseries.com

The first event had about 100 players, with **Susie Isaacs** and **Tracey Thomas** of Reno chopping the money, but Isaacs earned her first LIPS trophy as she had more chips when the deal was made.

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GOLDEN NUGGET GRAND SERIES OFFERS VARIETY

Downtown's Golden Nugget was the first Vegas poker room to announce its schedule for its summer series. The Grand Poker Series (June 4-July 3) offers plenty of choices in addition to the usual no-limit hold'em games. There are many pot-limit Omaha, PLO/8, Big O, stud, HORSE and mixed-game tourneys. Most of the events have buy-ins of \$125 or \$230, making them accessible to all players. There are three one-day \$1,040 NLHE tournaments, followed by the two-day, \$1,100 main event starting July 2. Room rates starting at \$47 per night are available for those playing in the series.



ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

Also at Golden Nugget, the next "Golden Saturday" tournament is April 19 at noon. In the past, these occasional \$125 tournaments had a \$25K guaranteed prize pool. However, for this next one, **John Colville**, Golden Nugget's VP of special events, poker and keno, announced the guarantee would be \$50K, with no increase in the buy-in. The starting stack remains 10K and the blinds are 30 minutes. There is an optional \$10 add-on for an extra 2K chips.

STRATOSPHERE: At the north end of the Vegas Strip, the Stratosphere will host the Vegas Spring Classic of the Senior Poker Tour on April 8-13. The four-day \$550 championship event starts April 10.

The Stratosphere poker room has a nice mix of locals and tourists and offers three popular daily tournaments at 11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. With the exception of Wednesdays, they are all \$50 buy-ins for 4,500 chips and 20-minute levels. There's an optional \$20 add-on for 4K chips. All three Wednesday tournaments are \$70 bounty affairs, with a 6K starting stack and a \$20 bounty. The room regularly spreads \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$2-\$4 limit hold'em.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: Phamous Poker Series IV is scheduled for April 16-19. All the events have guaranteed prize pools and guaranteed first-place money. The main event is April 18 at moon and has a \$300 buy-in for 25K chips and 30-minute levels. The first-place finisher will take home at least \$30K, and the total prize pool is guaranteed at \$75K. The next evening at 7, the room will have a \$160 tournament with a \$10K guaranteed first-place prize and a prize pool of \$25K.

Planet Hollywood is offering "Micromania" tournaments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. The buy-in is only \$10 for a 1K stack, but through the first four levels you can reload at the same price any time your stack is at or less

than 4K. After the fourth 20-minute level, players can add 5K in chips for \$20 no matter what stack size. This tournament has a \$2K guaranteed prize pool and \$1,200 is guaranteed to the winner. The room also offers a \$65 PLO tournament Mondays at 9 p.m. that has a \$1K guarantee.

VENETIAN: The main event of Deep Stack Extravaganza I, which ended Feb. 25, had 475 players, resulting in a \$691K prize pool. That far exceeded the \$500K guarantee. **Jeremy Ausmus** won the event, \$148K and a watch. **Scott Epstein** earned \$91K for second and **Stephen Graner** received \$66K for third. All three hail from Las Vegas.

Next up is Deep Stack Extravaganza II, which runs March 27-April 23. The total in guaranteed prize pools is a cool \$1 million. The \$1,100 main event has three starting days beginning April 19 and offers a \$300K guarantee.

The popular Survivor tournament has moved beyond the \$200 NLHE events the series offers. Omaha/8, HORSE, PLO/8 and Omaha8-stud/8 each have survivor tournaments, too. These are tournaments that end when about 12 percent of the field remains, and the prize pool is split equally.

CAESARS PALACE: The World Series of Poker Circuit finished March 3. **Christian Pham** of Minnesota took down the \$1,675 main event to earn \$214K and an entry into the WSOP National Championship. Nearly 700 entrants resulted in a \$1 million prize pool. **Jonathan Gavier** took second for \$132K and **Yu Sheng Lin** claimed third (\$97K).

WSOP: When the WSOP announced its schedule for this year, I couldn't help notice there was no mention of an Open Face Chinese event. Last year, the WSOP featured a \$5K non-bracelet tournament. Before the schedule was announced this year, the WSOP tweeted a question, asking followers if they should have an OFC tournament this year, and if so, should it be a bracelet event? Apparently, the answer came back "no." Not even a non-bracelet event appears on the schedule. What happened? Is the OFC boom over? I'm sure you'll still see those big money cash games at the WSOP this summer, and elsewhere around town. Some of the other series will no doubt feature an OFC tournament. The aforementioned Golden Nugget series has a \$230 event. But you may have a long wait trying to win that WSOP bracelet in Open Face Chinese.

SUNSET STATION: After a yearlong attempt to revive its poker room, Sunset Station announced its closing in March.

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WINSTAR'S MINI-RIVER SERIES CRUSHES IT

WinStar World Casino just finished its Presidents Day seven-event Mini-River series, culminating with the \$1K main event, which drew 225 players over two starting days (Feb. 16-17).



JOHN D SHORT
S. OKLAHOMA

I was fortunate enough to make the final table of this fine event after 23 of us had survived to Day 2, and what a final table it was. After a long day we got down to the final five. On my left were **Gregg "Merko Jerko" Merkow** and **Quan "Winning" Nguyen** and to my right were **Seneca "Luckbox" Easley** and **Matt "Atomic Bomb" Newcombe**. I should have just sat there and waited out a chop, but I flopped top pair with a jack kicker against Newcombe's ace kicker and like a donk I called his all-in. I cashed fifth for \$12,656 and an hour later they chopped for \$31,174 each.

Event 1, a \$500 deepstack contest, went to **Kevin Hayes** (\$18,370). Event 2 was a \$230 affair that my buddy **Ross Bybee** took down to the tune of \$20,202. Event 3 (\$170 NLHE) was chopped between **James Robertson**, **Gustavo Sldivar**, **Lynn Samples**, **Steve Rich**, **Karen Norman** and **Jorge Figueroa** for \$2,510 each.

Event 4 (\$340 NLHE) saw another basic seven-way chop that included **Jarrell Fielding**, yours truly, **Lynn Samples**, **Earl "Mitch"**

Merritt, **Sanhty "Tray" Traymany** pocketing \$2,500 each with **Corey Prisoc** getting a bit more and **Charles Clubb** the most. Next up was the \$340 six-max that saw another chop for \$4,981 each between **Mark "Dough Holder" Dunivan**, **Chungchin Chen** and **Gregory Hyman** with **Pejman "Premo" Niyati** getting the win and some extra cash.

Event 7 was a \$230 turbo bounty tournament that my amigo **Cristobal Romano** won for \$4,176.

I'd like to commend the staff at WinStar for running an exciting and fun series and single out tournament director **Keenan Billy** for using the new Tournament Directors Association rules that went into effect in August. If only every poker room in America would use this standard set of rules, we could all be on the same page as far as the rules go.

CHOCTAW: April brings the Choctaw Casino Resort's \$1 million Spring Classic (April 3-13) run by the PokerExecutives.com crew. The highlight of this series is the \$50K added Best All Around Player points system that pays the top 30 point earners through the first 27 events. Last year's best all-around player was **Abraham Araya**, who pocketed an extra \$10K for his excellent play. I'm gunning for that top spot this year as I finished sixth last year out of 1,623 players with points.

— Email John at anteupjohndshort@gmail.com.

Downstream-RunGoodGear series runs good

I attended the RunGoodGear.com series at Downstream Casino on March 5-9. I participated in the media/charity event as well as enjoyed main-event satellite and cash-game action.



ROBERT KELLY
N. OKLAHOMA

Turnout for the series was far better than anticipated with more than 150 entries for the opening RGG team pros bounty tournament.

Poker room manager **Dale Hunter** partnered with OnTiltRadio.com's *Taking It Down* to promote the series by giving away three main-event satellite seats and its free Final Table series hosted on Hog Wild Poker. **Bryan Campanello** won the charity and six-handed events, **Ross Bybee** won the RGG Pro bounty event and was runner-up in the \$650 no-limit-hold'em main event. A five-way chop concluded the All-in-or-Fold tournament and **Bernard Lee** earned \$47,555 and a seat in the World Series of Poker Main Event with his win in the series main event. There were about 340 entries for the main, generating a prize pool of nearly \$200K, which nearly doubled the \$100K guarantee. **Dale Gauthir** took down the final event of the series.

HARD ROCK: Hard Rock Casino Tulsa's annual Oklahoma Championship of Poker, also known as the Oklahoma State Poker Championships, concluded March 2. A five-way chop was negotiated with **Chris Hooper** claiming the victory.

OZARK CHAMPIONSHIPS: Early results for the Ozark Poker Championships Main Event at Cherokee Casino West Siloam Springs (March 7-16) came shortly before press time. **William Anderson** overcame a field of 106 to win the opening \$20K

guarantee; **Robert Coates** won the second event, Omaha/8; **Monte Fowler** won Event 3 and **Phil Ford** won Event 4 (crazy pineapple). Further reports will be included in May's issue.

RIVER SPIRIT: The poker room has a new manager as **Eric Byard** takes over from **Justin Buckley**. The poker room still has a progressive quads bad-beat jackpot, which was more than \$200K at press time. A variety of promotions are running, including \$500 royal flushes, \$100 straight flushes (suits change monthly) and \$500 weekend hot-seat promotions. Games commonly found include \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE (weekends), \$10-\$20 Omaha/8, \$5-\$10 PLO (Thursdays), and \$3-\$6 to \$4-\$8 limit hold'em (weekends). Daily morning and evening tournaments continue to run except on Saturday evenings.

MORE NEW MANAGERS: Kansas Star and Indigo Sky casinos each have new managers. **Meredith Denoncourt** takes over from **Doug MacKay** at Kansas Star. **Billy Sly** takes over at Indigo Sky. While I frequent Kansas Star, I had not visited Indigo Sky until early March. The poker room and off-track betting share an enclosed room. Eight tables are offered and the casino's website commonly has the room's tournament calendar available for viewing. The room is known for its crazy-pineapple events.

HPO: One month remains in Hollywood Casino Kansas Speedway's qualification process to send players to June's Hollywood Poker Open at the M Resort in Las Vegas. Players will qualify into a May freeroll based upon cash-game seat time. Eight players will earn a share of \$32K in prizes awarded at the freeroll.

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MILNER WINS HPT MAIN AT GOLDEN GATES

The Heartland Poker Tour at Golden Gates (Feb. 7-16) continued its successful run. Of the 731 entrants, including pros such as **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer** and **Bryan Devonshire**, a retired Salt Lake City resident named **Doug Milner** emerged victorious to capture the title and \$230,582.



HANS HOLLENBECK
COLORADO

The nationally televised final table consisted of many players with vast HPT and other notable tournament experience, including veterans **Keith Love**, making his third HPT final table, and **Dan Heimiller**, with more than \$4 million in tournament earnings. Eventually the table whittled down to Milner and Las Vegas pro **Colin York**, who recently had cashed at the HPT at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in California, home to the Ante Up World Championship in August.

SIDE NOTE: **Shane Behnlock**, a teacher from Arvada, Colo., never really considered playing much poker until he arrived at the Golden Gates Casino and Poker Parlour in Black Hawk on Feb. 15.

"The hype and excitement in the casino centered around the Heartland Poker Tour that was taking place, and I just felt compelled to play for the first time in a long while," said Behnlock, who mostly enjoys the slots and blackjack.



Doug Milner
outlasted a
tough field
for \$230K.

He sat in cash game and proceeded to win a substantial amount at \$1-\$2 spread-limit hold'em. "I'll definitely be back, so plan on seeing me around," he said.

WSOPC: The next noteworthy poker event will be the WSOPC at the Lodge Casino in Black Hawk (April 24-May 5) promising a large field and a solid tournament structure.

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MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

The tournament begins at 6:15 p.m., with late registration open through 8:15 p.m. Players start with 7,500 units and levels last 20 minutes.

First place wins an Ante Up Poker Cruise oceanview package for up to two people on the July 28 sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla. Second place is guaranteed \$300 and players third through seventh are guaranteed \$100. Additional positions may be paid based on the size of the prize pool.

Players will also have three chances to win a seat in the tournament on Delaware's iGaming platform. Tournaments with \$6.60 buy-ins are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 26, April 1 and April 8. One seat is guaranteed in each tournament, with a four-player minimum for the satellites to be run.

MARYLAND LIVE: The casino and *Poker Night in America* will partner to create the first televised tournament in Maryland.

Poker Night in America, a new TV series set to debut April 27, will film two poker events at Maryland Live in association with the upcoming \$1 Million Live Poker Classic, the biggest tournament series to be staged in the poker room.

"The poker room at Maryland Live has enjoyed terrific success since opening last August," director of poker **Mike Smith** said. Buy-ins for these cash games range from \$5K (minimum) to \$20K (maximum).

TWO ARRESTED: Maryland State Police have charged two people and are looking for two others in connection with an investigation into fraudulent casino chips that were found at Maryland Live Casino.

Investigators began their probe in January after casino officials said fake \$100 poker chips had been passed on two occasions by four people. With the help of several other agencies, state police were able to identify the suspects as being from Northern Virginia. Police said one of those people, **Rosa Nguyen**, 36, of Annandale, Va., bought \$150K worth of counterfeit casino chips on the Internet for \$12K and then altered their appearance to make them look like chips from Maryland Live.

Nguyen and her husband, **Vuong Truong**, 37, were charged with theft between \$1K and \$10K and conspiracy to commit theft between \$1K and \$10K. Truong also was charged with four counts of committing a theft scheme and conspiracy to commit theft.

The couple was not arrested but did sign summonses that said they would appear in court.

Detectives said many of the fake chips had been thrown into Lake Accotink in Springfield, Va., not far from the suspects' home. However, the chips floated, so police said they were able to collect about \$115K worth of them.

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ALABSI TAKES DOWN BIG STAX MAIN EVENT

Parx Casino near Philadelphia hosted Big Stax V (Feb. 20-March 10), and for a refreshing change, there was no chop at the final table of the main event. That doesn't mean there wasn't talk of a chop, but soon after that discussion, **Brad St. Vincent** lost his lead and busted with K-10 against **Emad Alabsi's** K-K. Then Alabsi's 5-7 sent **Henry Guttman** home with \$102,796 in second place as Alabsi earned the championship trophy and \$164,469.



JO KIM
A.C./PHILLY

The series featured 13 tournaments, including three trophy events with the \$250K guaranteed three-day \$1,600 main event. **Matt Glantz**, Parx Ambassador and tournament designer, made his first appearance at the final table, finishing sixth in the main event. Other Big Stax patrons made their first return of the year bringing their A games. Among them was **Stephanie Hubbard**, who made the final table in the \$1,100 Big Stax IV main event.

"The main being \$1,500 drew less of a field," Hubbard said. "I think less bullets were played than the past. I think \$1K would have had more of a turnout for the region." The main event with three heats of Day 1 gathered 465 players.

Big Stax VI will be May 1-19.

BALLY'S CLOSES: Bally's recently closed its longtime poker room after Wild Wild West's launch of its renovated 64-table room. The area is between Bally's and Caesars, which also closed its poker room late last year. The construction was kept confidential

NORTHEAST

Foxwoods Casino's latest series saw 3,000-plus players generate a \$1.3 million prize pool across 10 events, but it was the \$1,650 main event in February that delivered an impressive 340 runners. **Ron Pease** of Glastonbury, Conn., and **Chris Tryba** of Las Vegas chopped for \$91K each after hours of heads-up play.

EPT: The Eastern Poker Tour will feature its semiannual championship May 3-4 with more than \$36K in prizes at stake, including seats for the WSOP main. For more information about this and other event, including main-event qualifiers in early June, visit easternpokertour.com.
— **Patrick Gallagher**

tial until late February. Caesars Entertainment is hoping to make the property the main poker area for the boardwalk patrons and improve the revenue against nearby competition.

The poker room features its World Series of Poker brand and Wi-Fi for its online partner, WSOP.com. Players get rake-back per hourly rate and nonstop promotions such as hourly \$500 high-hand giveaways. The daily tournaments have great guarantees with huge overlays up to \$25K.

WPT: Borgata hosts the WPT World Championship on April 8-26, featuring 51 events and a \$5 million main-event guarantee. The series had been at the Bellagio the past 11 seasons.
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MICHIGAN

MGCB looks to change rules

Michigan Gaming Control Board executive director **Richard Kalm** is proposing new rules for charity poker rooms that would go into effect soon. Among the proposed rules changes, charities will only share 35 percent of the income from millionaire parties (including poker revenues) with the poker room suppliers, a decrease from 50 percent. Also, charity rooms will be allowed to open just four days a week instead of seven. Charities will be required to have at least three staffers working at the event at all times. The Michigan Charitable Gaming Association has been trying to mobilize its constituents to ask representatives, senators and the governor to block the changes that likely would close some charity rooms, which had sales of around \$530 million in poker chips between 2010-12. Charities share in 50 percent of the income from those rooms.

Players are concerned because charity rooms are some of the few outlets for tournaments in the state. Since the state closed some of the larger charity rooms for rules violations, most of the cash games are played in casinos, but tournaments remain mostly the domain of the charity rooms.
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FRANK PANAMA
MICHIGAN



WISCONSIN

Jelinek has a Blast at Ho-Chunk

In the last weekend of February, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa held its popular Poker Polar Blast, which attracted 56 entries and created a prize pool of \$20,820, including \$2,500 added by the casino. Among those in attendance were 2012 World Series of Poker National Championship runner-up **Nikolas Stone**, 2013 WSOP bracelet-winner **Chad Holloway** and **Miroslav Semanisin**, who won the third annual Pulse Pounding tournament late last year.

The two-day tournament saw 17 players return to action on Day 2 and only seven of those made the money. In the end, it was **Jeff Jelinek** who outlasted them all to take down the \$6,469 first-place prize.

He was followed by **Kenneth Payne** (\$4,469); **Leroy Umbs** (\$4,469); **Gary Velleman** (\$1,666); **Andy Schneck** (\$1,457); Stone (\$1,249) and **Joel Gilmore** (\$1,041).

"I would like to thank everyone for their hard work this weekend," poker room manager **Adam Estes** said. "From the grill and the snack bar to our dealers. And thank you, players."

For more on Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, please call the poker room at (800) 782-4560 ext. 8259.
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Sandness takes down MSPT at Aces

Mark Sandness of Wayzata, Minn., earned his first Mid-States Poker Tour championship as Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus hosted the tour Feb. 8-16. Sandness began Day 2 fourth in chips and took home \$90,913 for his win after facing MSPT pro **Blake Bohn** in just two hands of heads-up play. This win continues his hot streak coming on the heels of his win of the Great Minnesota Freeze Out in January.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

It was Sandness' seventh MSPT cash and fourth final table and it surpasses his best finish of second place at MSPT Northern Lights Casino in May 2012. This was Bohn's third MSPT final table and he was denied his first MSPT victory.

The event drew 354 runners and generated a prize pool of \$343,044 despite holidays and bad weather. Day 1A, which fell on Valentine's Day, managed 128 players, which is worse than last year's number. Day 1B drew 226 despite a snowstorm, bringing the total back to the normal range.

This was also the first event in Minnesota that featured PokerNews live reporting. The PokerNews "My Stack App" was a hit among tournament players, several of whom were updating their stack size frequently.

If you're looking for the recap of the Ante Up Poker Tour event at Running Aces, see our complete coverage on Pages 38-39.

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MSPT RETURNS TO MESKWAKI

As this issue hits the area poker rooms, the tournament season will be off and running starting with the first Mid-States Poker Tour event at Meskwaki Casino from March 29-April 6. This event will feature a \$300K guarantee for the main event.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

After this, there will be competing events on opposite sides of the state with the Riverside Poker Challenge on April 9-13 in Riverside and the Horseshoe World Series of Poker Circuit running April 10-21 in Council Bluffs. Both of these events are heavy in no-limit hold'em, but will offer and few Omaha events as well. Please see their respective websites for more details.

Prairie Meadows is running a satellite on April 20 for the \$10K WSOP main event. The entry fee is \$200 and the winner receives the \$10K entry into the WSOP main in Las Vegas this summer and \$2K for expenses.

ISLE: The Isle in Bettendorf had-beat jackpot was \$67K press time. The Isle also offers \$40 events on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:45.

GRAND FALLS: This casino, which has a nice poker room and is on the Iowa side of the Missouri River from Sioux Falls, S.D., will open a world-class golf course this summer.

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WHO COULD FORGET RAYMER'S CHICAGO TIES?

After 43 years of the World Series of Poker, the only main-event winner that had lived in Chicago was **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer**. Raymer started playing blackjack successfully at tribal casinos while attending the University of Minnesota. After landing his first job in Chicago, he found out blackjack on local riverboats wasn't really beatable.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

Raymer accidentally found out about Rockford Charitable Games in 1992, started playing hold'em and Omaha/8, had some fun, won some money and realized there was a lot he didn't know about poker. He started reading books and credits the *Theory of Poker* by **David Sklansky** for developing a strong winning game in all forms of poker. He played in those RCG games while living here.

"I might not have become a real poker player, or even a poker player at all, if not for stumbling upon that first RCG game in a hotel in the suburbs of Chicago while trying to find a blackjack game," Raymer said.

MSPT: Mid States Poker Tour made its first visit to Chicagoland at the Majestic Star Casino recently.

"We blew away the \$200K guaranteed prize pool," MSPT founder **Bryan Mileski** said. Despite a nationwide downward

trend with poker, Chicagoland players continue to show their support for poker tours in a big way. MSPT had 301 entrees with a prize pool of \$300K-plus.

Many of Chicagoland's top players made the MSPT inaugural event, including Heartland Poker Tour standout **Leon Morford** and **Fadi "Freddy" Hamad**, who each made the final table. Hamad won the Ante Up Charity Tournament in 2012 and recently won his first WSOPC event in Florida.

Kenneth Blaime of Glenview played Morford heads-up, winning \$77K. The MSPT returns to Majestic Star in August.

WCPL: The Windy City Poker League ran its inaugural tournament with a woman coming out on top.

Tijuan Wiggins started playing two months ago, played with the confidence of a seasoned pro, predicting she would beat her final-table opponents. The next WCPL tournament is April 19 at the Tinley Park VFW.

HORSESHOE HAMMOND: **Clinton Steelman** of Cincinnati won the \$100K guarantee End of Month tournament. He started Day 2 as chipleader, continued his domination by knocking out two players on the first hand and ultimately won \$28K. The prize pool was \$126K with 290 entries. ... The Chicago Poker Classic runs April 29-May 12.

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BIG THINGS HAPPENING IN OHIO, W.V. MARKETS

The Rivers Casino presents the third Pittsburgh Poker Open, which runs April 10-2 and will have 24 events, including a six-max event, a seniors event, two bounty tournaments and a three-day deepstack main event priced at \$1K with a \$100K guarantee.



DAN HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

This is the third installment of the quarterly event series that is growing each time. Poker room manager **Jim Tinney** is bringing consistent tournament series action to the region, talking to his players and delivering what they want.

"The Rivers Casino is committed to poker and giving poker players a first-class gaming experience," he said. "We set out to offer players good structures, reasonable buy-in levels in a great place to play."

The Rivers poker room also features a huge selection of \$1-\$3 cash-game action, which is a great step up for players between \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5.

IN THE NEWS: Deepstacked pot-limit Omaha is really starting to heat up in the region. The Meadows Casino's Tuesday \$5-\$5 game is by all accounts great, with lots of money on the table and lots of gamble in the players. That game has become a must for many of the region's PLO cash-game players.

• Hollywood Casino in Columbus also is offering a \$5-\$5 can't-miss opportunity. This is a Thursday game that runs essentially through the weekend most weeks. It also is a very deep

action-filled game. The poker room has redone its cash-game buy-ins, including something I'm excited to see from a developmental standpoint: a low buy-in \$1-\$1 game. This game is a great transition point for players new to the casino experience and low-stakes limit players. This is great for poker and I give poker room manager **Matt Dodd** high praise for this move.

• Everyone is talking about Horseshoe Cincinnati. Poker room manager **Jason Newman** is bringing Cincy the same sort of tournament action that he made famous in Hammond with the Queen City Classic and Ohio's biggest guarantee of \$500K, all from a \$260 buy-in. That is great for poker in Ohio.

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO: **Ken Lambert Jr.** is the new poker room manager for the Hollywood Casino in Toledo. He brings a wealth of experience and creativity, having a long history in poker and is known for his ability to build action-oriented games. Toledo is a great poker market and we wish him the best of luck.

PRESQUE ISLE: **Mike Tingley** is the new poker room manager at Presque Isle Downs. He has earned the job the old-fashioned way, working his way up the ladder. Tingley was an original hire of the poker room and is now running the show. Congratulations Mike, you have earned the shot. His energy and enthusiasm will be a valuable asset to poker in Erie, Pa.

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HORSESHOE TO HOST SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Exciting things are happening at the Horseshoe in Tunica. I know I've mentioned a few times about the newest tournament series to start in Tunica, but now I have the details. After the closure of the Gold Strike poker room, there was a lot of speculation about its three events that would no longer have a home. It's really no surprise that Horseshoe poker room manager **Lisa Crompton** would pair with tournament director **Eric Comer** to give players everything they've come to expect and more with the upcoming Southern Poker Championship. Running April 24-May 5, you can view the schedule at horseshoetunica.com.



JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

You'll notice Comer's standard slow-moving structure and affordable buy-ins, and when you pair that with the luxury of the newly remodeled Horseshoe poker room, it should make for a great poker vacation.

One of the features I like is the nightly tournaments at 7 (\$100), where players will compete for spots on a leaderboard. Top five will win seats into the main event.

Speaking of the main event, the buy-in is a modest \$700. This is a great pricing point. Not only is it affordable enough to attract a healthy number of hobby players, the prize pool will

boast large enough numbers to attract all the regular grinders as well. Expect a huge turnout. At this time, the belief is that Horseshoe will be picking up at least the three events a year the Gold Strike left behind. As always, Horseshoe tops the charts in hospitality and guest service. Contact the poker room for hotel room-rate information.

SPRING BREAK: For those missing the southern hospitality that comes with MGM poker in Mississippi, about the time this issue hits the poker rooms is when we'll be kicking off the Spring Break Classic at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi (March 27-April 7).

• On a somber note, I wanted to take the opportunity to put in a word of mention for **Todd Desnoyers**, who died in late January. Aside from being a close friend, Todd was a friend of the Mississippi poker community. You would remember him as the funny, laid-back floor person from Horseshoe Tunica and eventually, Gold Strike late shift.

He did a brief stint at the Lula, Miss., room and upon its closing, relocated to Biloxi to take a position with Hard Rock. I have mentioned him in this column a few times, quoting him for various pieces, and he always enjoyed reading *Ante Up*. Todd leaves behind two young daughters and his wonderful wife, Amanda.

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Ring wins HPT stop at River City in St. Louis

Terry Ring followed up his third-place finish at the Heartland Poker Tour Prairie Meadows last fall with a victory in St. Louis.

This stop drew a slightly smaller field because of the forecast of extreme snow.



DON MATUSOFSKY
MISSOURI

"The snow killed us on Saturday," tournament director **Tony Russo** said. The main event drew 324 players for a \$466,560 prize pool.

New to tournament poker, runner-up **Par-minder Singh** played an aggressive style and nearly took home the title. St. Louis native **Keith Brodie** made back-to-back final tables at HPT River City, improving on his seventh-place finish in November by finishing fourth. Returning champion **Roger Campbell** finished sixth.

Playing three-handed, Ring held more than half of the chips in play. **Chris Cornell** and Singh were almost even. Cornell raised on the button, Ring folded and Singh raised all-in. Cornell called and showed J-J to Singh's A-10. The flop came 6-6-6. The turn was a six and the river a four. Singh won the hand with quad sixes and an ace kicker. Cornell was left with few chips and was out a few hands later.



Entering heads-up play, Ring had the chip lead with 5.32M to Singh's 4.4M. Singh later won a large pot and took over the chip lead. After that, both slowed down and played smaller pots. After 128 hands of heads-up play, Ring finished on top for his biggest win of almost \$112K.

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Lazar cuts through field for Spring title

Tony “Lazer” Lazar completes his poker career comeback by taking the Ante Up Poker Tour’s Spring Poker Classic Main Event for \$48K.

By John Somsky

Tony “Lazer” Lazar of Plymouth, Minn., earned \$48,263 when he won the Ante Up Poker Tour’s Spring Poker Classic Main Event on March 16 at Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus, Minn. With the win, Lazar grabs the early lead for AUPT Player of the Year.

Players at the final table, which was reached around 7 p.m., decided to finish the tournament in one day, despite the event being a two-day affair. Lazar came to the final table with almost a quarter of the chips in play and plenty of confidence.

Players busted at a fairly steady pace and shortly before 10 p.m. there were only four left, with Lazar holding almost half the chips. It took almost two hours for another player to drop when **Robbie Wazwaz** took out **Ryan Hohenstein** shortly before midnight. Wazwaz finished third place when he flopped top pair and a flush draw against Lazar’s flush. Lazar then sent **Clayton Warner** home 30 minutes later when Warner moved all-in with bottom two pair against Lazar’s flopped straight.

The main event offered a \$25K overlay to the 125 players that fought over its \$146,250 prize pool, giving even more value to a great structure of the tournament. Attendance was likely affected by a number of locals traveling out of state for other events.

Lazar was impressed with the Running Aces structure.

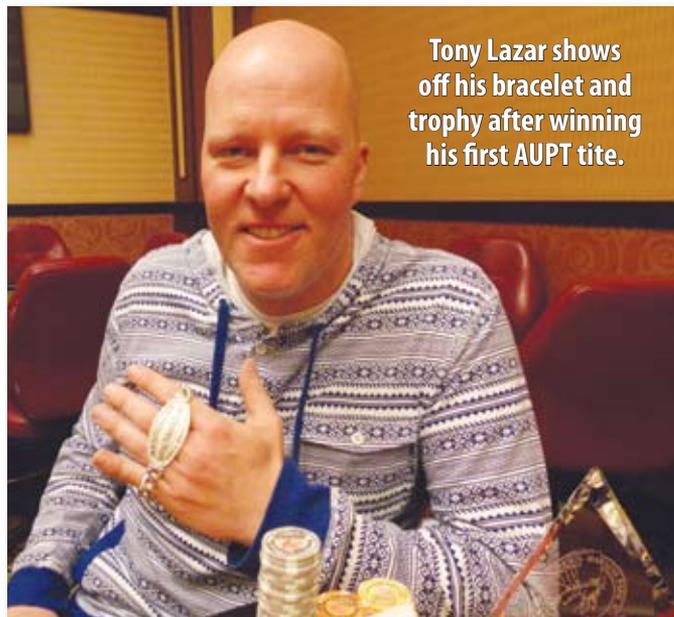
“Running Aces is doing something that honestly is good not only in Minnesota but on a nationwide scale,” he said. “These are exceptional tournaments. These structures are on par with the World Series and WPT structures.”

While this is Lazar’s largest cash to date, he is no stranger to the poker scene. Lazar moved to Las Vegas shortly after being married in August 2000. He played the Vegas daily tournaments and by the start of 2001 he was earning more playing poker than at his job, so he decided to play full time. Lazar refined his game with other players and became the oldest member of “the Crew,” a group of young pros that made a splash at the 2003 and 2004 WSOP.

“I’ve hung out and traveled with some of the best players in the world, and sweated in a lot of bracelets,” he said.

And while he didn’t have any big live cashes, he was able to make a living. But as his family grew, so did his desire to return to Minnesota. “In 2005, my second son was born and I knew at that point it was just a matter of when, not if, I’d be moving back here where my family is. I didn’t want to raise my kids in Las Vegas,” he said.

After returning to Minnesota in 2007, it took a while for La-



Tony Lazar shows off his bracelet and trophy after winning his first AUPT title.

zar to learn how to balance poker and family. He continued to play online and became sponsored as a CardRunners online pro until Black Friday hit in 2011. After that, Lazar played live events sporadically, but eventually stepped away from the game. He refined his bankroll-management strategy and honed other poker skills until he felt he was ready to return in 2014.

Lazar said poker is about freedom; freedom to spend time with his children and follow his other passion of playing amateur baseball. When asked what being on the cover of a national poker magazine means to him, Lazar said, “It’s great. It’s not my intention to seek fame. I just love the game and want to thank everyone who’s been there along the way.

“I’m making a comeback in poker right now. This is really kind of a defining moment for my poker career. It’s my biggest live cash and it will present an opportunity to move toward with my goals a lot quicker after returning to playing full time just a couple of months ago.”

The Spring Classic offered 35 events and several players had a noteworthy series. Proving his versatility, Lazar also won the HORSE event for \$3,500. **Muneer Ahmed** won two events and had a fifth. **Harry Behling** had a first and two seconds while **James Souvannachack** hit the trifecta with a first, second and third.

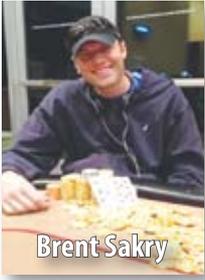
There were several new events, too.

“The Open Face Chinese poker event went over well,” tournament director **Tristan Wilberg** said. “And it was also kind of a soft opening because we knew we were going to have it for cash very shortly afterward.” In fact there was an OFC cash game running while the main event final table was playing. This was also the first time pot-limit Omaha was offered. In the past, spread-limit or no-limit Omaha was played instead. ♠



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ANTE UP SPRING CLASSIC RESULTS



Brent Sakry

Event 2 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 53 • Pool: \$5,300

1. Alex Simanski, \$2,067
2. Harry Behling, \$1,219
3. Fejzudin Turnadzic, \$742
4. Adam Stemple, \$530
5. Allan Xiong, \$424
6. Isaac Thomas, \$318

Event 4 • \$2K NLHE

Entries: 13 • Pool: \$23,920

1. Kou Vang, \$15,548
2. Adam Dahlin, \$8,372

Event 5 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 54 • Pool: \$5,400

1. Pao Vang, \$2,106
2. Brandon Turk, \$1,242
3. Mark Larson, \$756
4. Darrell Casey, \$540
5. Phil Nesburg, \$432
6. Tom Westbrook, \$324

Event 7 • \$150 PLO

Entries: 56 • Pool: \$5,600

1. Brent Sakry, \$2,184
2. Richard Sherwood III, \$1,288
3. John Corrigan, \$784
4. Lance Harris, \$560
5. Lisa Schoonmaker, \$448
6. Ryan Anderson, \$336

Event 8 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 43 • Pool: \$4,300

1. Shawn Nelson, \$1,763
2. Henry Korent, \$1,075
3. Darrell Windingstad, \$645
4. Robert Haehn, \$473
5. Muneer Ahmed, \$344

Event 10 • \$560 NLHE

Entries: 148 • Pool: \$71,780

1. Ryan Weeks, \$22,970
2. Jon Hanner, \$13,279
3. James Klosterbuer, \$8,614
4. Michael Kraft, \$5,922
5. Blair Smith, \$4,558
6. Yer Vang, \$3,553
7. Jeff Petronack, \$2,799
8. Duane Anderson, \$2,082
9. Randy Jacks, \$1,436
10. David Meyer, \$1,184

Event 11 • \$230 HORSE

Entries: 44 • Pool: \$8,800

1. Tony "Lazer" Lazar, \$3,500
2. Mike Harmon, \$1,532
3. Daniel Lehmann, \$1,532
4. Renee Kessel, \$1,532
5. Andy Blackwood, \$704

Event 12 • \$330 Bounty

Entries: 72 • Pool: \$14,400

1. Bob Krier, \$3,192
2. Drew Eik, \$3,192
3. Khna Chan, \$3,192
4. Eric Eelkema, \$1,260
5. Jamie Stigen, \$972
6. Patrick Kenney, \$756
7. Ryan Ruuska, \$648
8. Saeed Ghasemimer, \$504
9. Lance Harris, \$360
10. Nate Rieck, \$324



Mike Gantzer

Event 13 • \$125 Seniors

Entries: 80 • Pool: \$8K

1. Mike Gantzer, \$2,740
2. Lawrence George, \$1,560
3. Paul Schroeder, \$1,020
4. Robert Fossell, \$700
5. Rick Dreyer, \$540
6. Mike Hoen, \$420
7. Bob Poznanovich, \$360
8. Willie Waters, \$280
9. Bob Watters, \$200
10. Darrell Gilmore, \$180

Event 14 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 117 • Pool: \$19,890

1. John Marlowe, \$6,564
2. Fred Johnson, \$3,779
3. Tom Marsland, \$2,486
4. John Morgan, \$1,691
5. Justin Pick, \$1,343
6. Jason Root, \$1,044
7. Andy Platto, \$845
8. Mark Hodge, \$646
9. Doug Eastman, \$448
10. Ray Dickerson, \$348
12. Brandon Johnson, \$348

Event 15 • \$150 OFC

Entries: 26 • Pool: \$3,250

1. Jay Melancon, \$1,625
2. Casey Jackson, \$975
3. Jody Monin, \$650

Event 16 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 36 • Pool: \$3,600

1. James Souvannachack, \$1,620
2. Michael Rada, \$972
3. Tim Hovestad, \$612
4. Chris "Fox" Wallace, \$396

Event 18 • Freeroll

Entries: 251 • Pool: \$6,100

1. Troy Graphenteen, \$1,708
2. Nancy Xiong, \$1,007
3. James Souvannachack, \$671
4. Kader Alhmad, \$467
5. Dale Jensen, \$348
6. Aaron Mettling, \$268
7. Mark Rothbauer, \$207
8. Bob Watters, \$153
9. Pat Flaherty, \$110
10. Dennis Bjorn, \$85

Event 19 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 37 • Pool: \$3,700

1. David Bashel, \$1,665
2. Tom Moran, \$999
3. Adam Hunkins, \$629
4. Jeff Mordal, \$407

Event 21 • \$230 6-Max

Entries: 79 • Pool: \$15,800

1. Todd Breyfogle, \$3,088
2. Nick Welu, \$3,200
3. Joe Benson, \$2,700
4. Carlos Monteiro, \$2,900
5. Josh Sexton, \$1,067
6. Kenny Johnson, \$830
7. Matthew Jenkin, \$711
8. Fred "Joe" Palensky, \$553
9. James Jorissen, \$395
10. Troy Graphenteen, \$356



Jason Spaeth

Event 22 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 37 • Pool: \$3,700

1. Bob Van Sickle, \$1,665
2. Kou Vang, \$999
3. Will Sweetman, \$629
4. Jeff Mordal, \$407

Ev. 24 • \$150 Ladies Edge

Entries: 70 • Pool: \$7,900

1. Jason Spaeth, \$2,921
2. Kathleen Day-Coen, \$1,738
3. Michael Pfautz, \$1,067
4. Molly Mossey, \$751
5. Emily Niemczyk, \$593
6. Chris "Fox" Wallace, \$474
7. Christopher Puppe, \$356

Event 25 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 27 • Pool: \$2,700

1. Muneer Ahmed, \$1,350
2. Harry Behling, \$810
3. John Sparks, \$540

Event 28 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 23 • Pool: \$2,300

1. Harry Behling, \$1,150
2. James Souvannachack, \$690
3. Brenden Sandy, \$460

\$1,100 Main Event

Entries: 125 • Pool: \$146,250

1. Tony "Lazer" Lazar, \$48,263
2. Clayton Warner, \$27,788
3. Rob Wazwaz, \$18,281
4. Ryan Hohenstein, \$12,431
5. Jeff Mordal, \$9,872
6. Peixin Liu, \$7,678
7. Adam Mingo, \$6,216
8. Jonathan Kulkay, \$4,753
9. Ron Olson, \$3,291
10. Mike Schneider, \$2,559

Event 31 • \$135 NLHE

Entries: 37 • Pool: \$3,700

1. Muneer Ahmed, \$1,665
2. Tim Votova, \$999
3. Ron Olson, \$629
4. Kris Simon, \$407

Event 33 • \$125 Bounty

Entries: 69 • Pool: \$5,175

1. Ted Henrichs, \$1,913
2. Daniel McClurg, \$1,139
3. Chris Anderson, \$699
4. Jeff Bushey, \$492
5. Kou Kong, \$388
6. Brandon Johnson, \$311
7. Julie Christiansen, \$233

Event 34 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 52 • Pool: \$8,840

1. Chris McQuiston, \$3,448
2. Andy Kaplan, \$2,033
3. Marvin Vike, \$1,238
4. Derek Millner, \$884
5. Dan Jones, \$707
6. John Somsy, \$530

Event 35 • \$125 Mixed

Entries: 14 • Pool: \$1,400

1. Eric Torgerson, \$910
2. Nathan Nguyen, \$490

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PENSACOLA GREYHOUND NABS AUPT IN NOV.

The Florida Panhandle dog track and poker room will host an Ante Up Poker Tour series.

By Scott Long

Pensacola Greyhound Track & Poker Room in Florida's Panhandle will host a regional Ante Up Poker Tour series in November.

"We liked the Ante Up Poker Tour because being associated with Ante up allows us to reach thousands of poker players for our event," Pensacola Greyhound Track poker room manager **Les Davidson** said. "We are hoping to attract some new players to our poker room and give our regular players a big tournament experience."

The 20-table poker room offers daily tournaments and promotions, including Full House or Better and a Mini Bad Beat, and the gambling age is 18. The track has a restaurant and features live greyhound racing

on weekends and simulcast wagering daily. Creek Entertainment Gretna, the track's sister property just west of Tallahassee, is expected to run satellites for the event.

"When players come to Pensacola, they can expect a knowledgeable staff as well as friendly faces. The players in Pensacola are some of the nicest players on the planet," Davidson said. "Players will find a number of different games to choose from including Texas Hold'em, limit and no-limit, Omaha and Big O. The players will also enjoy our great daily promotions. When they want a break from poker, they can enjoy our white-sand beaches, dine in some great restaurants, check out the Naval Air Museum or play a round on one of our beautiful golf courses." ♠



Here is our Top 10 in the race for the AUPT Player of the Year.

1. Tony Lazar	56.05
2. Clayton Warner	45.29
3. Robbie Wazwaz	40.85
4. Jeffrey Mordal	38.98
5. Ryan Hohenstein	37.70
6. Peixin Liu	33.26
7. Adam Mingo	31.57
8. Ron Olson	30.92
9. Jonathan Kulkay	30.11
10. Mike Schneider	27.66

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NORTH BAY POKER OPEN, THE 101 CASINO, APRIL 7-13

AUPT CALIF. SWING CONTINUES AT 101 CASINO

By Scott Long

The early part of the 2014 Ante Up Poker Tour season has been a gold rush for California players.

Less than two months after Cordova Casino near Sacramento kicked off the 2014 schedule, and just a day after the Ante Up Poker Cruise that sails from Los Angeles returns, The 101 Casino just north of San Francisco will host the fourth Ante Up Poker Tour series of the year, the North Bay Poker Open on April 7-13.

“We are excited and looking forward to hosting a fantastic event,” said **Nicole Provolt**, general manager of The 101 Casino in Petaluma. “The North Bay Poker Open has a nice variety of events with attractive structures and realistic buy-ins. *Ante Up* is a strong name in the local poker community and partnering with *Ante Up* helps bring legitimacy and excitement to the series.”

The North Bay Poker Open features five events, starting with a \$100 no-limit hold'em event April 7 with a \$2K prize guarantee and culminating with a \$400 main event, which has three starting flights spread between April 11-12 and concluding April 13. The main event touts a \$40K guaranteed prize pool, the winner will appear on the May cover of *Ante Up*, will win a seat in the Ante Up World Championship Main Event in August and a personalized AUPT champion's jacket.

The North Bay Poker Open, which also features a pot-limit Omaha, NLHE deepstack and NLHE bounty events and two mega satellites, is guaranteeing \$53K in prize money. The series comes not long after the casino completed a successful series sponsored by *2 Pair Magazine*.

“We looked back to our series with *2 Pair Magazine* to figure out which events were most enjoyed and participated in by players. We added a pot-limit Omaha bounty event that goes hand-in-hand with our growing PLO cash games,” Provolt said about the planning for the AUPT series. “It gave us the confidence to know that we have the ability to continue to host similar series; even building to larger guarantees and an increased variety of events.”

As an added bonus for players, Hold'em Radio, which has a strong following of listeners in Northern California and Reno, will live stream action from Day 2 of the main event, just as it did for the earlier series.

“We are very excited to be working with Hold'em Radio again,” Provolt said. “We were more than impressed with their professionalism and ease to work with. They have a very strong presence in the poker community and we are grateful to bring them aboard to help support and add value to the event.”

When players get knocked out of events, the poker room spreads a wide variety of cash games, including \$3-\$6, \$4-\$8 and \$6-\$12 limit hold'em, \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$2-\$5 PLO and \$4-\$8, \$6-\$12 and \$10-\$20 Omaha/8.

“We also offer mixed games and will spread any game at



North Bay Poker Open at The 101 Casino

April 7: Event 1, \$100 NLHE

April 8: Event 2, \$120 PLO

April 9: Event 3, \$140 NLHE bounty

April 10: Event 4, \$240 NLHE deepstack

April 11-13: Main Event, \$400 NLHE

For structures, satellite schedule and more information, visit anteupmagazine.com/101Casino



the player's request,” Provolt said. “We recently opened a VIP poker room and are looking to build higher-action games as well.”

The 101 Casino also offers no-commission no-collection blackjack, with eight decks and two decks, plus EZ baccarat, Three Card Poker and Fortune Pai Gow, as well as a restaurant and full bar.

“The 101 Casino offers a friendly, safe and pristine environment for all our guests,” Provolt said. “We offer a consistent gaming and dining experience centered on customer service. We proudly offer what we are comfortable referring to as the most-aggressive promotions and easiest jackpot qualifiers in the Bay Area.” ♠

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NOTHIN' BUT 'NET

A look at the online poker scene



NEVADA, DELAWARE SIGN INTERSTATE PACT

Nevada and Delaware, two of the three states that have regulated online gaming, have entered into a joint agreement to allow players in both states to play in the same online games together. This will provide some synergies between the states' online operators. It also will address the issue of player liquidity. This is the first of its kind and will no doubt set the standard for similar agreements between any states who may in the future legalize online gaming. Ifrah Law, based in Washington, D.C., was the law firm that put the agreement in place. It is regarded in the industry as the top American firm in the area of Internet gaming. It also represents some of the world's top Internet gaming companies, including PokerStars and Full Tilt.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

ANDERSON SIGNS: UltimatePoker.com, was the first regulate online gaming site to go live in America, has signed pro **Danielle Andersen** to Ultimate Poker's Team U. She is 29 and is known as "dmoongirl" online and has consistently been ruling whatever game she plays on the virtual felt.

MORE ULTIMATE: Ultimate Gaming (owner of ultimatepoker.com) and Peppermill Resort Spa Casino have agreed to a joint marketing partnership where ultimatepoker.com will be the online poker room for the resort based in Reno. This will include the resort's four properties of Western Village Inn and Casino, Peppermill Hotel Casino, Rainbow Hotel Casino and Montego Bay Hotel Casino. All of these properties will be able to accept

deposits and cash out any registered online player, no matter which site the player uses.

CALIFORNIA: Barona Freeplay Online Poker announced it again will host its Main Event Mania Series. This is the third annual event, which allows players to compete online for \$10K entries into the World Series of Poker Main Event. All players must be in the state.

There will be a series of events that lead up the final event. All players who make it through the initial tournaments will advance to the final event, where all final-table players will win an entry into either the WSOP main (three available seats) or one of the other events in the WSOP, including travel and expenses.

COALITION: In Washington, D.C., the Coalition to Stop Internet Gaming recently released a statement where it lauded the actions of 15 state attorney generals who have asked Congress to reinstate the ban on Internet gaming. The coalition's goal is the get the ban put back into place. While it is unlikely Congress will restore the ban to include poker, the coalition is continuing its fight. I will continue to watch this story as it develops and report on any new information.

FULL TILT UPDATE: Did you hear that? That was the sound of thousands of online poker players rejoicing as Full Tilt has finally reimbursed its American accounts. If you were expecting your account to be credited, then it's time to check it because everyone who put in for their account balance has been paid.

— Email Joel Gatlin at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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LOW LIMITS SHOULDN'T GET SPECIAL RULES

I was playing in a \$1-\$1 no-limit cash game in a Florida cardroom. A married couple was at my table.

In one instance, the husband folded his hand face-up, giving his wife some information the players who acted before her did not have. She immediately folded, too.



SAM MINUTELLO
CALL THE FLOOR

Later, the husband raised preflop. The wife called and everyone else folded. The board was ragged and unconnected and they both checked it down to showdown. He turned over aces and she had jacks.

I asked him why he didn't bet his aces and he said, "Because I want to sleep in the bed tonight, not on the couch."

I was leaving the table, so I didn't challenge the ethics of his soft-play.

Later, I asked a dealer his opinion of what a floor supervisor would have said about what happened. He said, "In a \$1-\$1 game, they probably wouldn't do anything about a husband soft-playing his wife. It's not that big a deal. If it was a \$2-\$5 game, though, they'd probably not allow it."

This sounds bizarre to me. Is it common for a room to allow "friendly" soft-play between couples at lower limits?

— **Frank Toscano, via email**

SAM SAYS: I don't think the size of the game matters when it comes to soft play. Individuals are still playing with their own

money and this should have been properly addressed. You don't have to scold the guilty party; just politely ask them to uphold the integrity of the game. If it persists, then I would have to not allow them to play on the same table anymore. It's also to protect the offenders as well just because you never know when another player could say or do something that could escalate into a more difficult situation.

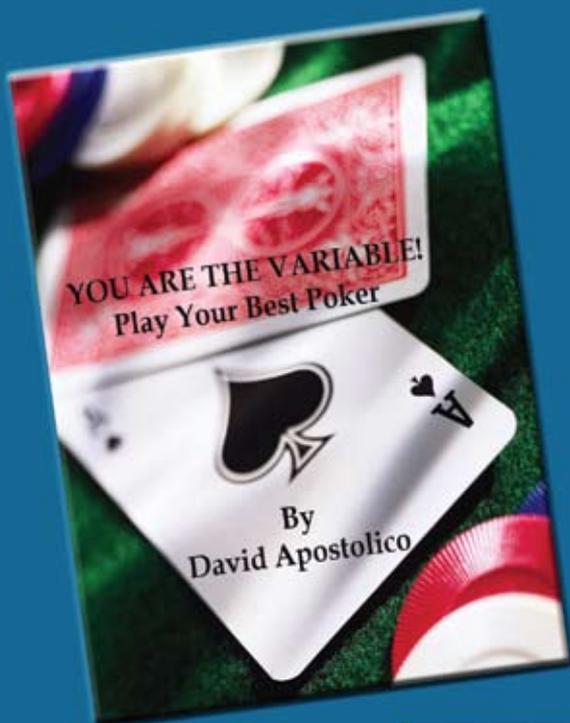
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We were in a \$220 tournament at a Northern California cardroom. It limps to the big blind, who raises to 300. The small blind immediately announces he's shoving for 3,500. The dealer reminds him it's not his turn to act. The other two players in the hand fold and now the small blind chooses to fold, and the big blind was awarded the pot. Since action didn't change, shouldn't the small blind have been required to move all-in? — **Nick from Lincoln, Calif.**

SAM SAYS: Out-of-turn action is binding unless action in front of that player has changed. What constitutes a change in action? A raise from another player in between the current action and the out-of-turn action constitutes a change in action. Players who fold or just call the current action do not constitute a change in action. Therefore, the small blind was obligated to his all-in wager of 3,500.

— **Sam Minutello is the Ante Up Poker Tour tournament director. Be sure to email your questions to letters@anteupmagazine.com.**

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BLUFFING WITH NAKED ACE IN PLO

Bluffing with the nut-flush blocker in pot-limit Omaha can cost you a lot of money, especially against good players. Making your line look balanced and believable can be tricky.

In the seven-handed, \$10-\$20 game, I was in the big blind with $A\clubsuit-A\spadesuit-2\diamondsuit-3\heartsuit$ and \$3,500. The action folded to the cutoff, a solid player, who opened to \$80 with \$4K behind. The button and I called. The flop came $5\clubsuit-4\spadesuit-2\clubsuit$, giving me the second nut straight. I led for \$200, the cutoff called and the button folded. The turn was the $8\clubsuit$ giving me the nut-flush blocker. We checked. The river was the $10\heartsuit$. I checked, he bet \$250 and I check-raised to \$800 and he folded.



JAY
HOUSTON

PREFLOP: I opted not to three-bet my aces because I didn't want to give away the strength of my hand. I was out of position, the aces weren't suited and the stack sizes were a little too deep. Calling balances my range and I can rep a lot of hands on paired boards while holding showdown value.

FLOP: I bet out because we were so deep and I wanted to see where I was while not giving free cards. You could argue there are reverse implied odds with this line, but because I have the naked $A\clubsuit$, it gives me a lot of ghost outs to make effective moves on later streets.

TURN: With the $8\clubsuit$, Plan B is set into action. Assuming my op-

ponents' range included a flush draw or open-ended straight, he made his hand and chances are a bet wouldn't get him to fold. While his flop range includes two-pair hands, I don't need to protect my equity since I'm a big favorite. Checking is the right play because check-raising my naked $A\clubsuit$ makes my line look believable and I can win right there. Also, this is a smart player; he could be floating me pretty light to take a stab on the turn, which brings even more value into play for my line.

This is a pretty complex turn, though the action went check-check. If my opponent decided to bet the turn, the chances of him bluffing are good. He wouldn't need to protect his bad flush's equity against a straight and it's unlikely he would want to be building a pot without the nuts because my range includes the nut-flush draw since I called preflop out of position and led the flop with a deep stack.

RIVER: Showdown equity and a smallish pot make checking the right play. If my opponent checks, there's a chance I could win the pot. Since he bet \$250, he opened up a believable line for me to take. Though I'm turning a made hand into a bluff, it's the optimal play. If my opponent has a bigger straight or a bad flush, the chances of him folding are pretty high in this spot. I showed my bluff because I plan to make the same play again with the nuts. It's all about balancing your range when you're always playing with the same guys. Keep 'em guessing. ♠

POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY

People have different relationships with money. There's even a field of study dealing with this. Some folks believe it begins at childhood; others believe it develops as we mature. However it develops, the relationship between psychology and money is based on how our beliefs, expectations and feelings influence our behavior as it relates to money. It's important to understand some of the obstacles to being a successful poker player involve money and some of these issues involving money management are head-game issues.



STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD

As with everything in poker, these issues depend on how you see yourself and poker and what poker is to you.

If you're a recreational player and it doesn't matter much if you play with real money or matchsticks, there is little reason to think about money management. Set aside the amount you're willing to pay for a fun evening of entertainment that carries with it the chance of winning and enjoy yourself.

If you're a problem or compulsive gambler, money management is irrelevant. You need to seek some help to stop playing.

If you fall between a recreational player to some level of professional, you need to understand your relationship with money and money management.

If you're some level of a professional, it means you're de-

pending on some level of income from poker.

If you're playing and counting poker income for life, you need to look at this like any business; you need something of a business plan. You need to set aside enough money to deal with downturns and the like.

As a regular recreational player, you need a poker bankroll.

The recreational player has the hardest time dealing with poker bankroll. The rule of thumb is to have a bankroll of at least 10 buy-ins and not to have more than 5-10 percent of your bankroll on the table at any one time.

Good rule of thumb, sure, but hard for some of us to follow. Let's say you play \$2-\$5 and your buy-in is \$200. So you need \$2K in your bankroll. But now the Ante Up Poker Tour is coming to town and you just had a losing streak and are down to \$1K and want to play a \$250 event. That is 25 percent of your effective bankroll. Or say you're down 1.5 buy-ins and that's your loss limit for any session, but you're playing well and getting sucked out on. Do you stay or go? The scenarios are limitless.

The purpose of this column is to get you to think about your relationship with money. I hope I helped you keep your head in the game.

— Dr. Stephen Bloomfield is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. Email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

RIGHT READ, BUT WRONG DECISION

Here's a hand I observed that is indicative of a common problem in poker. We were about three levels in at a one-day tournament at the Venetian. The action was folded around to the button, who raised three times the big blind. The small blind folded and the big blind shoved. Both the button and the big blind had about 50 big bets in their stacks, though the big blind had the button covered.



DAVID
APOSTOLICO

The button thought out loud and said he knew the big blind didn't have anything. Now, based on my perceptions of how both were playing, I could see the button making a button raise and the big blind recognizing it and taking advantage. However, the oversized three-bet would give me serious cause for concern and would greatly narrow the hands I'd be willing to play.

Finally, the button called. The big blind turned over K-10 and the button triumphantly said, "I knew you had nothing." Now, here's the kicker. The button turned over 6-7. The board ran dry and the button left the table happy in his call but lamenting his bad luck.

The obvious lesson from this fiasco is you can't call a bluff if you can't beat a bluff. It's simple poker that doesn't warrant an entire article devoted to it. There's a larger lesson, however,

that this hand illustrates. That is, many players feel the need to show opponents how smart they are. They do this by attempting "hero" calls, showing their bluffs or what is perhaps most common, making the "I know what you have" crying call. I see this last one way too often. An opponent calls light when it is obvious to everyone what the winning hand is. Yet, the loser takes delight in calling his opponent's hand correctly. For instance, a flush is on board and our loser calls a big river bet with a pair after announcing I know you have the flush. Our loser is smugly satisfied when he is proved correct while needlessly losing a big part of his stack.

I see way too many players making poor decisions while correctly calling the situation. Part of this is the overriding curiosity that has to be satisfied. We all want validation of our thought process and reasoning and folding doesn't provide that. If you want validation, concentrate on winning. That should be the only thing that matters. Resist the urge to find out if your every move is correct. That is results-oriented and not good decision-making. Don't lose a hand to prove you're right. When you're consistently making good decisions and becoming a winning player, you'll know you're right.

— **David Apostolico is the author of *You are the Variable: Play Your Best Poker*, (\$5.99 for Kindle). Email him at thepokerwriter@aol.com.**

WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING



← MORE BY JOE NAVARRO

READER FOLLOWS ADVICE, CASHES IN

Every once in a while a reader takes the time to let me know of their success using information from my articles, which is what **Andy Castro**, a longtime reader, did. Andy wrote, "I was playing \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em for about two hours and had \$350. There are quite a few calling stations at the table so it was difficult to raise pre-flop and not get several callers.



JOE
NAVARRO

In this hand, I was on the big blind with Q♠-10♥. Under the gun, two middle-position players, the button and the small blind called and I checked. The flop came 10♣-7♣-2♥. I decided to go for a check-raise as I was confident the aggressive under-the-gun player would try to steal.

Sure enough, he bet \$6 into the \$11 pot.

A middle-position player and the button called. The small blind folded and I raised to \$24. The only caller was the middle-position player, one of the calling stations I had mentioned. He had chased several draws to the river, so a flush draw or straight draw is a big possibility here.

The turn was the 6♦, which completes a straight. I still felt like I needed to bet, so I made it \$45 into the \$73 pot. He called. His call made me feel good because I think he would've raised if he had made the straight.

The river was the 6♥. I thought I was still ahead here but didn't feel confident enough to bet, but I planned to call a reasonable bet, so I checked. He immediately pushed all-in. It was \$189. This was more than the pot.

It was what this guy did after he pushed his chips forward that made me call. He immediately pushed away from the table and crossed his arms and leaned back. I have learned from you that this is an effort to distance himself from his hand because he's not happy with it. The crossing of his arms also tells me he's guarded. He was in Seat 1 and I was in Seat 7; it almost looked like he was hiding behind the dealer, that's how far he pushed away from the table. I called and he said, 'Ace high,' for the nut-flush draw. I showed my cards and took the pot. I believe that was the biggest pot I've taken down in my short poker career. Thank you, Joe."

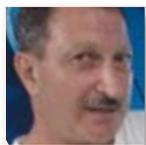
Andy took everything into consideration, as he should. That sudden behavior, the pushing away from the table and the crossing of the arms, is not a sign of confidence; it's a distancing behavior. That arm cross serves as a barrier and comfort display for a reason: Even the opponent had his doubts; he demonstrated it and you read it just right. Congrats, and well done.

— **Joe Navarro is a former FBI agent and author of *What Every Body is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. Follow him on Twitter at [@navarrotells](https://twitter.com/navarrotells).**

THOU SHALT NOT TILT

Editor's note: This is one in a series.

In my past two columns, I covered the importance of preparation and touched on the concept of edge in the great skill game of poker. This month, the third commandment of poker is Thou Shalt Not Tilt.



**MARK
BREMENT**

Before we get started, let's define tilt. Tilt is anything less than your best. You must come to grips with this. Please reread the definition. Again, if you're off your best game then tilt is occurring. It's irrelevant if your child is sick and you're distracted, if your aces just got cracked or you had a few drinks. When you drive home tonight, winner or loser, recall your session.

Were there any lapses of judgment? If so, you must admit, "I did not play my best," therefore you experienced tilt. It's my job as your poker coach to tilt-proof you and make sure you conquer this often misunderstood part of the game. The "A" player who doesn't fully get this is really a "B" player, but don't bother trying to explain that to him; it will just put him on tilt.

Often, players speak of tilt in terms of anger. Tilt is not anger. It's quite possible to be upset about an on- or off-the-table event and not allow this event to affect your judgment. Mastering this will get you well on your way to increasing your hourly earn rate.

When your brain is on tilt, you're not aware of the phenomena also known as "muddled brain syndrome," a Mark Brement trademark. For one reason or another, you're not breathing right. This is what happens when one is stressed. If the player's stress is the result of an on-the-table event, then the player on tilt has an irrational perception of reality. Recently, a student lamented on his bad run. However, five minutes before hand he was telling me about a great streak that had occurred before the losses. Many great poker players and athletes alike have slumps. Quite often, there are off-the-table events that cause erosion in performance. Sometimes a catastrophic error is known as a "choke." This is a form of tilt.

I look at my job as getting the tilt out of your game. I'm almost certain your win rate with A-K under the gun is every bit as good as mine. But here are a few tidbits to keep you off tilt:

- Exercise before play levels out breathing, lowers heart rate and helps keep you off tilt.
- Prepare and remember: Luck favors preparation. (See my February 2014 column on anteupmagazine.com.)
- Don't drink and play. Alcohol will hurt your overall earn rate. Trust me.
- Hire a coach; I will increase your hourly win rate by 20 percent.

— Email Mark Brement at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

BIG SLICK POKER

THERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY WE BET IN POKER

By Sean Hansen

This month, we're going to talk about everyone's favorite thing: betting. Whether you're sliding two stacks out as a raise, limping along on the button or tossing in a chip to declare all-in, your poker bet needs to have a purpose. I would say at least half of the money that goes into any given pot is going in for no good reason. That's great if you're the one betting with purpose, but bad if you're the one tossing chips in the middle without a clear objective.

There are three reasons to bet in poker, starting with value. You have a hand that's beating your opponent's range and you want to get paid for your superior hand. So, you bet.

Then, there's the bluff. You're hand probably isn't any good, but you think a bet can take down the pot. So, you bet.

Third, we bet to collect dead money. You want to isolate others out of the pot and get them to surrender their equity, creating dead money in the pot, and making it easier for you to win. So, you bet.

I can hear you now, "Dude, I know what a value-bet is and what a bluff is. I'm not an idiot." I'm sure you're not; most poker players are on the intelligent side. But, have you ever said

to yourself, "I don't know why I bet there," or "I don't know why I called you," at the poker table? Sure you have. And that is lighting money on fire because you didn't take a moment to think about your bet's purpose.

How often, when you bluff, are you asking yourself, "How likely is it that my bluff will work, on this board, against this player, from this position, given my image?" Probably not often enough. And when you have a good hand, are you asking yourself, "Does my opponent have any worse hands in his range that he can call with, given this bet size?"

Notice how calling a bet really rarely serves any of the above three purposes. When we're calling, unless we are slowplaying, which we should rarely do, our call is not for value. A call can't be a bluff. And a call won't ever collect any dead money.

When you take time to think about why you're betting, you'll do a better job of knowing when to bet, and how much. In your next session, resolve not to put a chip in the pot without identifying the reason why you're betting. Hint: If the word "hope" is part of your thinking process, choose another action. Like we tell students on Day 1 here at Big Slick, hope is not a strategy.

— Sean Hansen is a Big Slick Poker Academy instructor.

MEXICO WASN'T FOR ME, WEST COAST NEXT

By Matthew Gregoire

My online transition hasn't gone quite as planned. In case you missed my article last issue, I moved from South Florida to Mexico to play online poker.

I played online poker for a living for a couple of years until Black Friday and, honestly, I can't fathom how I accomplished financial freedom for such a long period. This lifestyle for me is extremely draining.

Some of you may feel like playing online poker for a living should be a dream come true, but for me I feel sitting in front of the computer for hours on end playing tourneys isn't worth it anymore. Huge fields and cheap buy-ins were what appealed to me originally, but doing this day-in and day-out for many hours to make minimal money isn't how I quite envisioned it. Of course, if I was able to hit a big score it would be a little comforting for a short period of time, but for me the bottom line is I don't want to stare at a computer all day and be isolated.

There have been some positives to this whole endeavor. I'm in Mexico and overall I have been impressed with the lifestyle. All the Mexican restaurants offer food made from scratch and overall they are delicious and cheap.

Most of the other small businesses here treat you like a king and I feel this is something that has been lost in the States

where everything has become corporate and fails to have that personal touch. I spoke with someone who is teaching my girlfriend Spanish and he told me the average daily wage in this part of Mexico is \$7 a day.

Take a second to let that soak in. Can you imagine trying to live off of that type of compensation?

At this point, I think I'm going to make my way back to the United States to play live.

I probably will stay on the West Coast to play in California, but my trip wasn't without its merits. I wanted to set up my online account so I could play SCOOP and other big tournament series on PokerStars that come every couple of months.

When I am in the mood to play in the future, it will not be difficult to cross the border into Tijuana to play for a day, not to mention just have a good time.

It's hard for me to complain about taking a chance on coming to Mexico and not having it work out quite as planned because there's always a silver lining.

It gave me a new appreciation for live poker and it also gave me an opportunity to move away from South Florida. I wasn't a big fan of living in the area and the West Coast offers more games I am looking to play.

— Matthew Gregoire is a pro poker player living in Miami. You can email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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THREE MOVES TO IMPROVE YOUR TOURNAMENT PLAY

By **Natasha Barbour**

Let's learn some cool poker moves, shall we? Player A always will be in the cutoff and Player B always will be on the button, and they always will be heads-up to the flop. Here we go.

HOW TO APPLY LEVERAGE: Player A has $K♥-Q♥$ and Player B has $10♣-9♣$. Both players have 4,500 chips at 100-200 blinds. Player A opens to 425 and Player B calls. The flop is $J♥-9♠-2♠$. Player A bets 450 and Player B calls. The turn is the $2♣$. Player A bets 1,250. Player B folds.

This particular play is interesting because of the illusion you're giving your opponent: You have a strong hand, you're definitely shoving the river and you're committed to this pot. The reality is: You have a weak hand (most likely nothing) and you're not calling a raise.

RANGE MERGING: Player A has $7♥-7♠$ and Player B has $A♣-10♣$. Both players have 4,500 at 100-200 blinds. Player A opens to 425 and Player B calls. Flop: $10♥-8♠-$

$7♣$. Player A bets 450 and Player B calls. Turn: $2♥$. Player A bets 750 and again Player B calls. River: $9♥$. Player A bets 1,450 and Player B calls.

In this play, you're value-betting a medium-strength hand, but because of the scary board, your opponent calls you with a weaker hand, thinking your hand is polarized (you have the nuts or nothing).

This play can be costly if your opponent is trapping you.

THE FLOAT: Player A has $7♥-7♠$ and Player B as $A♣-10♣$. Both players have 4,500 at 100-200 blinds. Player A raises to 425 and Player B calls. Flop: $K♣-9♥-2♦$. Player A bets 450 and Player B calls. Turn: $9♦$. Player A checks; Player B bets 700. Player A folds.

This is by far the easiest concept of all three and a great bluffing technique. Floating means calling a bet or a raise not because of equity, but because you think you're going to steal the pot on a later street.

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Player A: $K♥-Q♥$, Player B: $10♣-9♣$. Both players have 1,500 chips at 25-50. Player A raises to 125 and only Player B calls.

1. Flop: $7♠-5♥-3♣$. Player A bets 175 and Player B calls. Turn: $A♠$. Player A checks and Player B bets 325. Player A folds.

2. Flop: $A♥-10♠-3♣$. Player A bets 150 and Player B calls. Turn: $7♠$. Player A bets 425 and Player B folds.

3. Flop: $K♣-10♠-2♠$. Player A bets 175 and Player B calls. Turn: $A♠$. Player A checks and Player B checks.

River: $A♣$. Player A bets 400 and Player B calls. ♠

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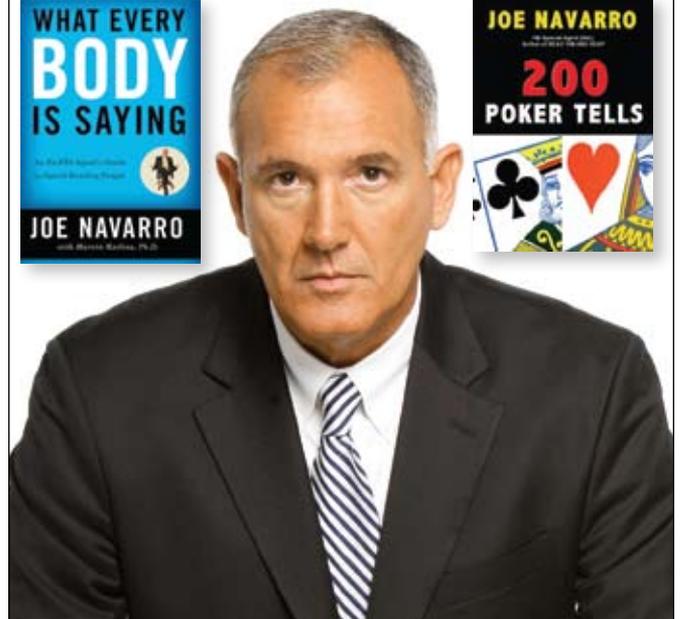
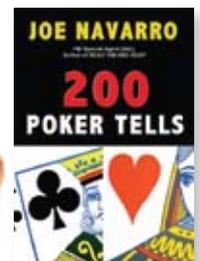
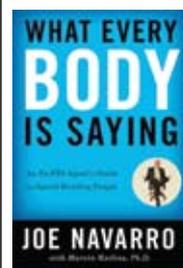


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RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 10a & 6:15p); Sun.-Mon. & Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p); Sun. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal; progressive bad-beat is aces full of kings or better; mini bad-beat jackpot; high-hand bonus (Fri. & Sat.); quads and straight-flush bonus.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K events held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. cash drawing (2p-mid.).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$44, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Knock Out Punch; Cash Splash; Late Night Luck (call for details).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); WSOP qualifier (\$225) on first Sat. of month.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Random Money Madness (daily).
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$40, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$75, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details). See ads Pages 12-13.
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); call for details.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p; deepstick Fri.-Sun. (\$160-\$210, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10's; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier; Monte Carlo High Hand Jackpot (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgacasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon); WSOP Circuit, April 24-May 5 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$85, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. NL Omaha (\$55 w/re-entry, 2p); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Sun. (\$10, 3p).	Call for information.
WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 4p); Sat. Survivor pays top 20% evenly (\$100, 7p); Sun. KO (\$60, 6p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot run-off (every other Sunday).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad 5s; \$500 high hand jackpot every 3 hours (Mon.-Fri.).

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p); Ante Up Poker Cruise satellite, April 10 (\$59, 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards. See ad on Page 33.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).

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WHERE TO PLAY

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Mon.-Sat. satellites into the \$300K series, May 1-12; mega satellite w/20 seats guar., April 26 (\$340, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$125K customer appreciation weekend, April 11-13; \$1K high hands (call for details).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); deepstack turbo KO, April 29 (\$200, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); half-hour high hands (daily); \$1K high hands, April 26 (2p-mid.).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Call for information.	High hands for grand opening will be Jan. 1-8, awarding \$200 every 15 minutes from 10a-10p. Call for more information.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details); PPC Classic, April 15-20 (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 55.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
DANIA CASINO & JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Deep Stack Charity Classic, April 27 (call for details or see ad on Pages 4-5).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad Page 21.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounty); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. KO (\$20); Fri. & Sun. (\$60); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half hour (Thurs., Fri.-Sat., noon-mid.); \$250 hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500; win with flopped royals & straight flush. Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (11a); Tue. \$2.5K guar. (7p); Wed. \$5K guar. (7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (7p); Sat. \$6K guar. (11a); Sun. \$5K guar. (1p).	
ISLAND BREEZE CASINO - JAMIE GOLD POKER ROOM (561) 410-7447 • ibreezecasino.com	Jamie Gold Poker Room opened in March. See ad on back cover.	Jamie Gold Poker Room opened in March. See ad on back cover.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230).	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Tue. O/8 (7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	11a-10p; \$500 high hands every half hour & up to \$1K for 2/5; Instant Win (10p-4a); full house pays \$50 (10s full or better), \$100 quads, \$250 straight flushes & \$500 royals.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p). \$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Thurs.-Tue.). See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com		Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	 Mon. (\$50, 1p & \$65, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 1p & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$115, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); WSOP satellite, April 19 (\$550, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays min. \$10K; other royals pay \$500; \$500 HH every 30 mins (Sat., 6p-1:30a); HH pays up to \$3K hourly (Wed.). Ante Up cruise giveaways (Page 20).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad on Page 42.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).

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FLORIDA (Continued)

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Pensacola Greyhound Track, Sarasota Kennel Club, Seminole Casino Brighton, Seminole Casino Coconut Creek, Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood, Seminole Hard Rock Tampa, Seminole Casino Immokalee, Tampa Bay Downs, and Tampa Greyhound Track.

ILLINOIS

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Grand Victoria Elgin, Harrah's Joliet, Hollywood Casino Aurora, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Par-A-Dice Casino, and Rockford Charitable Games.

INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Belterra Casino Resort, Blue Chip, Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, Horseshoe Hammond, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, and Majestic Star II.

IOWA

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Diamond Jo Casino Northwood, Grand Falls Casino, Horseshoe Council Bluffs, Meskwaki Casino, Mystique Greyhound Park, Prairie Meadows Casino, Riverside Casino, and Winnavegas.

KANSAS

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LOUISIANA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily; Tue. KO (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Fri. (\$175, 6:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p); Sun. (\$110, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.).
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. (\$55 w/\$20 rebuys); Tue. (\$105 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 2a-2p); tournament bad-beat jackpot.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahshneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways (daily).
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Tournaments run on Wed., Fri., Sat., and twice on Sun. (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Thurs.); Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal flush jackpot.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 15 min levels, 10K chips, noon); Tue., Thurs. & Fri. KO (\$85, 15-min. levels, 15K chips, 7p); call for details about the casino employees event.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better beaten.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Call for information.	Check website for more information about the satellites into the Players Poker Championship.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$70, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 6:30p); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$110, noon); second Sunday of month (\$220, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; earn tickets every day for drawings (Tue. & Fri.) - call for details.
LEELANAU SANDS CASINO (231) 534-8100 • casino2win.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); 1st Fri. of month (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$50, 10:30a); Mon. KO (\$120, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a); Sun. (\$100, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$1.5K Cash for Quads Board (Thurs., 8a & 5p).
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	M (\$60, 11a & FR, 6p); T (\$80, 11a & \$200, 6p); W (\$60, 11a & \$60, 6p); Th (\$60, 11a & \$150, 6p); F (\$80, 11a & \$100, 6p); Sa (\$80, 9:30a & \$150, 6p); Su (\$30, 11a), (\$250, noon) & (\$80, 6p).	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs., 1a-9a); high hand (Wed. & Fri., 10a-6p); Ante Up Cruise packages (call for details). See ad on Page 35.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., noon-10p); get paid for quads (\$44); royals are progressive and start at \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule); Spring Break Poker Classic runs until April 7 (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Sun., Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 3p); Tue. superstack turbo (\$100, 7p); Thurs. superstack turbo (\$100, 3p) & (\$70 w/\$50 rebuy, 7p); Sat. (\$70 w/\$50 rebuy, 3p).	Splash the pot (Sun., 4a-Fri., 4p) on every table; royal flush pays \$100 w/both hole cards; tournament bad-beat jackpot; tournament leaderboard freerolls.
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$40, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands (daily); Splash the Pot (Thurs.-Mon.); Set over Set (Sun.-Tue.); high hand (Tue. & Wed.).
HARRAH'S TUNICA (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Win \$25 every half hour with \$4/\$8 Hot Seat (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$50, 2p) & 2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 11a) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p).	\$1.5K freeroll (Sun., 3p) w/15 hours of play each week; call for details.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Wed. All-in (\$35 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. KO (\$80, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon); 1st Sat. Omaha/8 (\$75, 6p).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; top two winners from daily events earn entry into a monthly Tournament of Stars held 1st Sat. of month (11a).
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon); Heartland Poker Tour, April 24-May 5 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a & 7p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$80, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivicity.com	Thurs. KO (\$85, noon & \$125, 7p); Sun. KO (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; \$400K paid out yearly; call for details on overall board.

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NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO) (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Sun.-Thurs. 11a and 7p. (\$75) and turbos at 3p (\$40); Fri. & Sat. 11a and 7p (\$200)	Call for promotions.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); WPT World Championship, April 22-26 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand winner every hour (11a-1a).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahresort.com	Sun.-Sat. (\$60, 12:15p); Mon. & Wed. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$60, 8:15p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7:15p); daily (\$60, mid.).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); \$20K starting stack for all tournaments; Fri. & Sat. 7p events pay \$5K guar. with unlimited re-entry for 6 levels.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p); SNGs available.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway; rated tournament play (call for details).
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & mid., including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & mid.).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 5p); last Sat. of month, April 26 (\$150, 1p); Omaha/8 event, April 13 (\$100, 2p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em; Flush 4; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; quads or better high hands; late night high hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) pays up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p). See ad Page 26.	Bad-beat jackpot; royals pay \$500; straight flush pays \$250; quad aces pays (\$150); quads pays \$50; call for details.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (1p); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (11a & 7p); Fri. (11a, 5p, & 8p); Sat. (1p, 5p & 8p); Sun. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked pays \$50 for same color and \$25 for mixed colored aces.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. \$300 added (\$40, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7p); Sun. \$300 added (\$40, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-mid.); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 10a) & (\$90, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$100, 10a) & crazy pineapple (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 6p).	Progressive high hands (24/7); get paid for straight flushes (\$75) and royals (\$100); progressive bad beat in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad 9s) & stud (quad 2s).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Call for schedule; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

NORTH/SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahsherokee.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$30, mid.); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 2p); WSOP Circuit, April 3-14.	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$150, 7p); daily freerolls; last Sun. of month (\$330); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$200).

OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$5K guar. KO (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$6K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); 2nd Sat. of month \$20K guar. (\$440, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CINCINNATI (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon. (\$110, 12:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Wed. & Sun. (\$210, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Wed. (\$200, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, 7p); last Sunday of the month (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Daily (\$20 w/rbs, 10a); Mon. pineapple (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$100-\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Spring Poker Series, April 3-13 (call for details). See ad Page 31.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Two tournaments a month (call for details); \$1K weekly freeroll (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$50 Splash Pots every hour (Mon.-Thurs., 1p-5p).
CREEK NATION MUSCOGEE (918) 683-1825 • creeknationcasino.net	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. (\$20 w/rbs, 2p); Mon. (\$20 w/rbs, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (freeroll w/\$20 rbs, 2p & manager's choice, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$30 w/rbs, 7p).	Call for information.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily (10a); Sun. & Mon. (5p); Tue.-Fri. (7p); - call for details.	Progressive jackpot for hold'em and static jackpot for other games; call for updated amount.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tues. ante only (\$40, 7p); Wed. mature only (\$35, 2p) & (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$65, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$35, 3p).	Call for information.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. \$800 guar. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sat. (\$170, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum. See ad Page 9.

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OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Luck of the Draw (Mon.); Splash Pot (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); (\$10K guar., \$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. O/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.); Mazda 3 giveaway runs until April 30.
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorsesort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Spring Round Up, April 10-20 (call for details).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a); WSOP Circuit, April 16-28 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush hand jackpots (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; \$12.5K HPO Freeroll (40 hours live play to qualify) Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Call for details.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	1st & 3rd Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 1st & 3rd Fri. (\$125, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 3:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 Hot Seats (Mon.-Wed., 11a-11p every 3 hours).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$13 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a); Sun. KO (\$80, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); call for full schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; see website for high-hand and bad-beat information.
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WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
LUCKY EAGLE CASINO (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
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HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. super satellite (\$60); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Call for promotions.
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POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$120, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday).



WITH TOM SCHNEIDER



Tom Schneider is a 54-year-old CPA and pro poker player who won two WSOP titles and POY in 2007. He came back to win two bracelets again last summer, taking down both HORSE events. He also works part time as the CFO of Loudmouth Golf, an apparel company, and has recorded several country-western songs. Our Big Dave Lemmon talked to Tom recently on Poker Action Line.

Tell us about your state of mind going into the World Series last summer. Were you targeting the two HORSE events? I think the truth is that no one can target events that you are going to win or do well in. When I won my first bracelet in stud/8, I was telling someone beforehand, "I hate stud/8!" He said to just go play it and he would put up 50 percent for half of the winnings. So I said no and went out and played it and won.

I think I play the game well, but I just can't stand it, because it's so boring. I feel my best games are the mixed games. I can play NLHE, but the fields are so huge and I really don't want to concentrate that long.

I also feel the better players tend to get to the final table in mixed games because they are limit games and it's just easier to guide your way through.

You're part of an apparel company called Loudmouth Golf, a company whose pants are worn by the golfer John Daly on the PGA Tour. How did you get associated with the company? I was going to the WSOP in 2010, and I called the CEO and told him since they had no representation in poker; I wanted to wear Loudmouth at the series.

They agreed, and when they found out I was also an accountant, I worked into a part-time consulting position as a chief financial officer with the company and I still get to play some poker and do some other things.

How has your life changed since last summer? Honestly, not a whole lot; it's kind of strange ... when I won POY in 2007, it was right after the UIGEA was passed, so the sponsorship dollars dried up, and I didn't really get any deals then. Other than having a little bit more money, nothing has changed. I feel like

you want me to say that my life has changed dramatically, but it hasn't.

Well, I'm just wondering. You've been invited to play in the *Poker Night in America* shows. Would that have happened if you hadn't won two bracelets? I think it would have, because I have a good friendship with Nolan Dalla and he knows that I am fairly entertaining and while I tend to take things very seriously at the big tournaments, I can be funny when I need to be.

Are you going to play more poker in the coming year? And what about your hobby as a country singer? Well, I have written about 10 songs and recorded seven or eight of them, and I've just learned to play guitar in the last couple of years. It's really a passion of mine and I love country music and writing songs, so I'll spend time doing that. My days are pretty full, but I do plan on playing in the World Series this summer and maybe travel to a few other events before that.

Now that you're considered a mixed-game expert, what advice would you have for people trying to improve their play in those? I think one of the most important things is to understand what the other players think is their best game. For instance, I see hold'em players that will widen their ranges to play more hands in the games they feel they play best, entering pots too often. I know my own strengths and weaknesses, so I try to not play tighter or looser, but based on how my opponents will be playing a certain game.

In closing, we hope to see that black-and-white jacket that looks like a cow at a final table this summer. I'll be there playing and maybe a few other places as well this year. I miss the competitive side of poker. ♠

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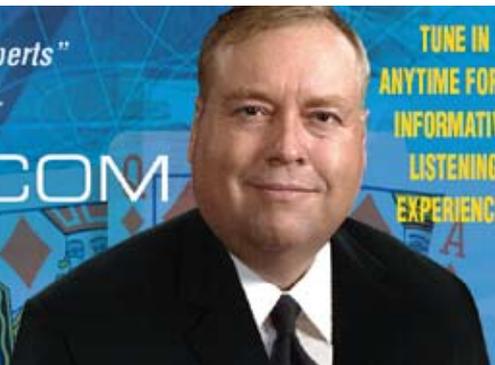
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