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Christopher Cosenza

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MPD contest is back

As the only national poker magazine focused on everyday players and their poker rooms, *Ante Up* feels a special obligation to give back to that community. That's why, for the past two years, we've joined with Blue Shark Optics for the Restock the Shelves charity food bank initiative. And that's why, for the second year now, we're promoting Ante Up's MPD (Most Popular Dealer) contest.

Dealers are the lifeblood of every poker room across the United States. Players may not always come in contact with the managers or directors of the poker rooms in which they play, but every time they sit at a table, they're interacting with the dealers that room employs. Have a great dealer? You'll have a great experience. But despite that important role dealers play in our enjoyment of the game, they too often go unrecognized for that customer service.



Leslie Messmer was our 2015 MPD.

That's where the MPD contest comes in. Last year, **Leslie Messmer** of Horseshoe Casino Cleveland was our Most Popular Dealer, surviving three rounds of spirited competition to earn the title and a state-

room on an Ante Up Poker Cruise. Will this year's MPD be a dealer you appreciate?

As with any endeavor this large, we learned a lot in our first contest and are making a number of changes this year to make the contest more inclusive, run more smoothly and, hopefully, be a whole lot more fun for the dealers who wish to participate. Get all the details on Page 30, but one important change of note: This year, we're officially allowing players, supervisors and dealers to nominate.

Nominate your favorite dealer today and we'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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Wednesday

6PM • \$500 Free Roll
\$1,000 Starting Chips
\$2,000 Chips for 3 Hours of Live Play

Wednesday & Thursday

1PM-10PM • Single Table Tournaments
\$55 Buy-In - 2 Winners \$200 in Chips
\$75 Buy-In - 2 Winners \$300 in Chips

Thursday

6PM • No Limit Hold'em \$25 Entry Fee
1 re-entry allowed before 1st break
\$2,000 Starting Chips/ 1 Optional \$20 Add-On for 2,000 chips
\$1,000 Guaranteed Prize Pool with 10+ Entires

Friday

2PM • Hold'em \$50 Buy-In
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\$4,000 Starting Chips/ 1 Optional \$20 Add-on for 4,000 chips
\$1,500 Guaranteed with 20+ Players

Saturday

Noon • Hold'em \$70 Buy-In
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\$1,500 Guaranteed with 20+ Players

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Sat & Sun 2:00pm**

Teri Kleifgen
Manager

MONDAY @ 6:00PM

No Limit Hold'em Double Stack
\$25 Buy-In, \$25 Re-Buy
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

TUESDAY @ 6:00PM

NLHE Speed Shoot Out Tournament
\$15 Buy In - No ReBuys No Add Ons, Added Funds
Double Early Bird Chips Available (live play)

WEDNESDAY @ 6:00PM

No Limit Hold-em Tournament
\$40 Buy in - No Re Buys or Add-ons
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

THURSDAY @ 6:00PM

No Limit Omaha Hi Lo Tournament
\$40 Buy In - No Re Buys or Add-ons
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

FRIDAY @ 6:00PM

No Limit Hold-em Bounty Tournament
\$45 Buy In - \$10 ReBuys - \$10 Add-on
\$25 Bounties on each players
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

SATURDAY @ 4:00PM

No Limit Hold em Tournament
\$30 Buy In - \$10 Re Buys - \$10 Add-on
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

SUNDAY @ 4:00PM

Crazy Pineapple Tournament
\$30 (27+3) Buy In, \$10 Re-Buys, \$10 Add-On
Early Bird Chips Available (live play)

Players may sign up for a tournament the day before with 2 hours of live poker play or sign up same day in person or by phone. Management reserves the right to change the schedule without notice. See poker room rules for complete rules on all games and complete tournament structure.

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THUNDER CATAPULTS IN NORCAL

Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., held a high value event Feb. 18-21. The tournament was called the Catapult, where the \$155 buy-in had a massive prize pool of \$100K. This event had four starting days with the top 8 percent of each day returning on the final day. With 1,106 entries, the prize pool swelled to \$141K. The winner after a chop was local player **Masoud Safapour** from Roseville, who earned \$17K. The runner-up was **Robert Benedict** of Folsom, who pocketed \$16K. **Babe Prescott** from Stockton took third (\$12K), followed by **Rose Erhart** of Sutte Creek (fourth, \$10K), **Bill Watchman** of Reno (fifth, \$10K), **Arish Nat** of Elk Grove (sixth, \$5K), **Paul White** of Livermore (seventh, \$4K), **Hung Sam** of Elk Grove (eighth, \$3K) and **Everett Tatro** of Santa Cruz (ninth, \$2.4K). See the ad on Pages 10-11 for this month's WPT DeepStacks series.

LUCKY CHANCES CASINO: The Colma property hosts its annual Battle of the Bay series April 23-May 2. This series will have five events, including a \$40K guarantee April 24 with a \$600 buy-in, a \$350 Survivor event April 25, a \$20K guarantee with a \$350 buy-in April 26 and a \$15K guarantee April 28 (\$300). The main event begins April 30 and will have a \$100K guarantee with a \$1,080 buy-in.

JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO: This Jackson poker room has some fine promotions this month, including Hot Seat Drawings every hour on Mondays (7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.), Big Wheel Stack Attacks on Tuesdays (4 p.m.-midnight) and Bonus Hours on Wednesdays (2-6 p.m.). On Thursdays, Stack Attacks run on every table from 6-10 p.m. Jackson Rancheria also has a player-favorite tournament on the second Sunday of every month, sporting a \$5K guarantee and \$220 buy-in.

CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO: In Pacheco, look for some of the best promotions in the Bay Area. The Progressive Bad Beat Hold'em Double Jackpot starts at \$140K and increases daily. Players must have quad eights or better beaten and there's also a \$200 room share when the jackpot is hit. The Progressive Hold'em Jackpot starts at \$70K with the same hand requirements. California Grand has other promotions such as a \$5K hold'em bad-beat jackpot, \$5K Omaha jackpot, \$100 high hands, progressive royals and chip bonuses for cash players.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: The PacWest Poker Classic recently wrapped up in Lincoln, Ore., and here are some of the winners: **Gary Goff** of Sequim, Wash., nabbed the first event for \$13K and **Kyle Andrew** won the fourth event for \$4K. **Steve Dunning** of Anchorage captured the seniors title and \$4K, while **Mi-**

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MEET SHAWN VAN ASDALE

A Reno player with more than \$1M in earnings, **Shawn Van Asdale** won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring at Harveys Lake Tahoe in November.



How would you describe your playing style? Social. I can be tight or loose, even a little crazy, to fit any situation, but I'm almost always talking to people.

I'm learning about them, getting tells and trying to get them to relax. I like a table with a party atmosphere and I'm the bartender. Who check-raises a bartender?

Are you really a lawyer? If yes, are you better at practicing law or playing poker? I am a lawyer and a nuclear engineer. By the numbers, I was probably a better lawyer. I won nine figures for my clients and was pretty much undefeated in trials. But I was a ruthless attorney who pressed every advantage. As a player, I'm honest, generous and gregarious. So as a person, I'm a happier being a poker player. Besides, there were almost no cocktail waitresses in the courtroom, so screw that.

What do you think is the most important attribute to your success as a player? A big bankroll. No, really, I would say my ability to concentrate for long periods of time because I mostly play tournaments. Even when there are lots of distractions like alcohol, banter and sexual tension, I'm concentrating on the game. — **Cary Marshall**

Michael Kokkeler of Junction City, Ore., won the Omaha event for \$2K. **Brendan Mahoney** won Event 9 for \$2K; **Jacob Dahl** of Aloha, Ore., won the Big O event for \$4K; **Eli Parsons** captured Event 12 (\$3K) and **Mervin Peters** won Event 16 (\$1K). **Andrew Johnson** of Hillsboro, Ore., grabbed the main-event title for \$23K.

WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO: From April 7-17, the property just east of Pendleton, Ore., hosts its Spring Poker Round-Up. Buy-ins range from \$120-\$1K, including a two-day \$530 main event the second weekend. Also, \$225 Omaha/8 and HORSE events will run. A total of \$40K will be added to the 16 tournaments. Call the poker room for the schedule.

FINAL TABLE POKER CLUB: The Portland club has 15 tables. On April 30 is a \$100K guarantee event, which has a \$300 buy-in for 12K chips and an optional \$100 add-on for 10K more.

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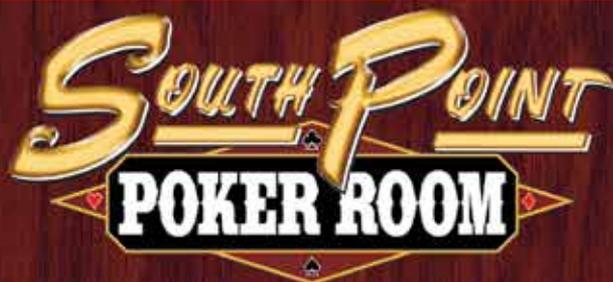
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Collect these bonuses at the end of each month!

THE RULES

Player is responsible for clocking in and out. \$25 add-on goes to the staff. Players must reach 100 hours live play to qualify for the tournament. Play consists of 30-minute levels. The top 30 chip leaders from each night will return for the finals. In the finals, each player will start with the same amount of chips they ended with. The finals will have 45-minute levels. No chopping until the final table. All players that play in the tournament on June 6 & 7 and don't move on to the finals will receive \$100.

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1 Sat, 4/9	11AM	ONE DAY \$100K GUARANTEED	\$400
Sun, 4/10	11AM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$240 WPTDeepStacks Satellite Entry	\$60
	1PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 10 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
2	7PM	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE KNOCKOUT BOUNTY \$50 BOUNTIES	\$150
3 Mon, 4/11	11AM	\$7,500 GUARANTEED H.O.R.S.E.	\$155
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4	5PM	\$20,000 GUARANTEED NLHE	\$235
	8PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry	\$125
5 Tue, 4/12	11AM	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE	\$155
	1PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$240 WPTDeepStacks Satellite Entry	\$60
6	5PM	\$15,000 GUARANTEED SIX HANDED HOLD'EM	\$235
	8PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry	\$125
7 Wed, 4/13	11AM	\$10,000 GUARANTEED OMAHA 8 OR BETTER	\$155
	1PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry	\$125
8	5PM	\$30,000 GUARANTEED NLHE BLACK CHIP BOUNTY \$100 BOUNTIES	\$335
	8PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry	\$240
9 Thu, 4/14	11AM	\$40,000 GUARANTEED NLHE DEEPSTACKS QUICKIE 8 HANDED	\$340
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10	5PM	P.L.O. 8 WITH FREE BUYS ISSUED 5,000 WITH TWO (2) 5,000 FREE BUYS	\$235
	8PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 10 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
Fri, 4/15	10AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 5 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
	1PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry	\$125
	5PM	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 20 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
	8PM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 5 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
Sat, 4/16	10AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 WPTDeepStacks Main Event Entry 5 - \$1,100 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$240
Fri, 4/15	12Noon	Day 1A	 \$250,000 GUARANTEED
Sat, 4/16	12Noon	Day 1B	
11 Sun, 4/17	12Noon	Day 2	
Mon, 4/18	1PM	9 Handed Final Table	
12 Sun, 4/17	1PM	\$25,000 GUARANTEED NLHE FEATURES MAIN EVENT STRUCTURE WITH 30 MINUTE LEVELS	\$250
13	7PM	NLHE KNOCKOUT BOUNTY \$25 BOUNTIES	\$100

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Dietrich Fast pockets \$1M for the win.

FAST KEEPS PACE, WINS WPT L.A. POKER CLASSIC

After six days of no-limit hold'em, **Dietrich Fast** emerged atop a field of 515 of the world's best players to take home his first WPT title by winning the L.A. Poker Classic at the Commerce Casino in Los Angeles.

Fast defeated former Legends of Poker champion **Mike Shariati** heads-up for \$1 million. In addition to the seven-figure score, the German pro also won a seat into the WPT Tournament of Champions.

Shariati was denied his second title of the season, but earned \$656,540 and took a sizeable lead in the WPT Player of the Year race. At press time, Shariati had 2,400 points and **Cate Hall** was his closest competitor with 1,550.

Heading into the final table, Fast was sitting in fifth place of six players. He won a big pot off **Anthony Spinella**, the chipleader at the start of the day, by turning a set of aces against Spinella's two pair.

Fast began heads-up play with about a 4-1 lead and never relinquished it. His A-9 held up against Shariati's A-8 on a board of A-J-4-8-J to secure the title for the German.

Rounding out the top 10 were **Alex Keating** (third, \$423,890), **Sam Soverel** (fourth, \$316,440), **Farid Jatten** (fifth, \$238,070), **Spinella** (sixth, \$191,250), **John Hennigan** (seventh, \$160,190), **Binh Nguyen** (eighth, \$127,660), **Ty Reiman** (ninth, \$96,120) and **Tim Cramer** (\$70,480).

PECHANGA RESORT AND CASINO: The poker room is running what it is calling the Las Vegas Main Event prize package tournament on April 30 at 2 p.m. For \$250, the winner gets an \$11K prize package, presumably \$10K for a buy-in and \$1K for expenses. Qualifying players will win cash from the remaining prize pool.

Also in April, Night Owl High Hands are awarded every Monday through Thursday from 3-9 a.m. First place takes \$75 and second receives \$25. Mondays are high-hand table shares from 1-11 p.m. The hold'em high hand every hour gets \$170 for the table. The Omaha high hand receives \$90 each hour.

The High Hand Competition is every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. From 1-11 p.m., the first-place finisher pockets \$250, second receives \$150 and third takes home \$100. The Omaha winner of the day scores \$100.

The Thank Goodness it's Friday drawings will give away \$4K. Earn entries for every hour played on Wednesdays and Fridays. Drawings take place at 3, 5, 9 and 11 p.m. each Friday. One entry will be drawn and if the winner is present, he or she wins \$1K. If the player isn't in the room, two tickets will be drawn for \$500 each.

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BIG CHANGES AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD

The Planet Hollywood poker room recently moved to a central location in the casino next to the Pleasure Pit, which is an area where table games are dealt by attractive women wearing provocative clothing. That should give the poker players something to distract them when they are card dead. The new room has 10 tables.

The tournament schedule has been revamped, too. The \$75 tournament runs daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Each has a \$1,250 guarantee with guarantees for the first three places. First place pays \$700, second is \$400 and third is \$150. Players start with 10K chips and play 20-minute levels.

A \$65 bounty tournament runs nightly at 6. The bounties are \$25, the starting stack is 8K and the levels are 20 minutes. The \$125 WSOP.com Players Choice tournament runs Tuesdays 11 p.m. with the same starting stack and levels, but the bounties are \$50 and there's a \$500 guarantee.

The main cash game is \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em with a \$100 minimum, \$300 maximum buy-in. Promos include high-hand bonuses and hourly splash pots of between \$25 and \$250.

The next Phamous Poker Weekend is April 22-24. The main event will be the River Card Poker Tour event that offers a \$100K guarantee. The buy-in is \$350 and there are four starting flights, two a day beginning April 22. The evening events are \$130 double-stack turbos. On April 24, while the second day of the main event is taking place, there's a triple-stack turbo bounty tournament (\$50 bounties) for \$130. That one offers a \$5K guarantee.

BINION'S: The downtown poker room has changed the buy-ins for its tournaments. The daily (except Saturday) 1 p.m. tournament is \$75 for 10K chips, with a \$10 add-on for 5K chips more. At the first break, players may buy 5K chips for \$10. The levels last 20 minutes. There's no change in the popular \$160 buy-in Saturday deepstack with a \$10K guarantee.

The 7 p.m. is \$55 for 5K chips, with a \$10 add-on for 3K and a \$10 add-on at the first break 2K more. The levels are 15 minutes.

There's a new Live Play Bonus promo offered for tournament players. Those who have played 5-20 hours of live poker in the seven days before any tournament they play are eligible for a progressive prize should they win the tournament. The minimum prize is \$1K for the afternoon tournament and \$500 for the evening offering. If the tournament winner has played five hours the previous week, he earns 25 percent of the progressive prize pool. For 10 hours it's \$50, for 15 hours \$75 and 20 hours gets the player \$100 of the progressive pool. The prize pools increase daily by \$100 for the afternoon and \$50 for the evening tournaments.

Cash-game players get \$2 per hour in comps and there's a cash-back program for playing. It's \$50 for 20 hours, \$150 for 30 hours, \$250 for 40 hours and \$400 for 50 hours. The main cash games are \$1-\$3 NLHE with a \$100 minimum and no max and a \$2-\$6 spread-limit hold'em game with a \$30 minimum.

WYNN: The poker room is moving and the property is prom-



Planet Hollywood has moved its poker room.

ising an "elevated experience" for players. The new location will be adjacent to the Encore Players Club, the Encore Beach Club, the Surrender nightclub and Andrea's restaurant. The room will occupy 8,600 square feet and have 28 tables. There will be sportsbook window in the room as well as 35 65-inch televisions. The room is scheduled to open May 26.

MANDALAY BAY: On the south end of the Strip, the 10-table room offers great tournament and cash-game action. Two \$40 buy-in tournaments run daily, at 10 a.m and 3 p.m. Players start with 4K chips and get 20-minute levels. A \$5 staff bonus is worth 1K chips. The 10 p.m. tournament is \$65 and offers 15-minute levels and a \$10K starting stack.

The main cash game is \$1-\$2 NLHE, with a \$100-\$300 min-max. The room also offers a \$1-\$3 game with \$100-\$1K min-max, as well as a \$2-\$5 game (\$200-\$2K min-max). On occasion, a \$5-\$5 game runs (\$500-\$2K).

The room also offers a Luckiest Player Challenge. There are two periods per week, one Monday through Thursday and the other Friday through Sunday. Players earn points toward these challenges for hours played and for hitting qualified high hands. The top-five point-earners on weekdays get paid between \$100 and \$900, while top-four point-earners on weekends get between \$200-\$600.

Another promo is the Big Slick Royal Progressive. Catching a royal flush with ace-king as the player's hole cards earns a progressive jackpot that starts at \$500 and grows \$25 a day until it hits.

In addition to progressive high-hand bonuses for quads or better on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there's a tiered bonus for hitting the high hands. Catching the high hand on the flop is worth \$300, on the turn \$200 and on the river \$100.

VENETIAN: Jordon Cristos of Palmdale, Calif., took home the \$132K prize for winning the \$1,600 main event at the Deep Stack Extravaganza on Feb. 22. Angelo Spinazzola of Las Vegas was runner-up (\$93K). Eric Baldwin and Ryan Welch, both Vegas residents, each claimed \$80K. The prize pool was \$750K and there were 509 entrants.

ALIANTE: The three-table room, using electronic tables in North Las Vegas, closed in March.

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at robvegaspoker.blogspot.com.

AK-CHIN HOSTS WSOP SATELLITES IN AZ.

As the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas approaches this summer, Harrah's Ak-Chin Resort wants to remind Arizona players it hosts \$1K WSOP satellites Wednesdays with an \$80 buy-in and a 10K starting stack. The winner receives \$200 and a \$1K WSOP seat at the Rio. The poker room also has \$1,500 satellites on Sundays. These are \$120 buy-ins and the winner receives \$250 and a \$1,500 WSOP seat.

On May 21, Ak-Chin hosts a \$10K WSOP main-event satellite. The buy-in is \$350, which will get you 15K chips. The winner receives \$500 and a \$10K WSOP main-event seat. There will be two sessions (10 a.m., 2 p.m.) and the top 20 players, or all players remaining after three hours of play, move on to the finale. There's a minimum of 50 players needed to hold this event and a maximum of 140 players accepted. If there are more than 100 participants, the top two players each receive a seat.

TALKING STICK RESORT: Nick Cipiti won the fifth annual Winter Poker Classic Main Event at the Arena Poker Room and \$21,492. There were 366 entrants in the \$400 event, generating a \$124K prize pool. With this much money at stake, there were multiple deals made at the final table. Following Cipiti were **Shimon Kalifi** (\$18K), **Ty Stafford** (\$18K), **Jesse Espich** (\$5,155), **Mike Porter** (\$5,155), **Zachary Guinn** (\$5,155), **Ryan Hughes** (\$5,155), **David Fastow** (\$5,155), **Christopher Gooden** (\$5,155) and **Richard Ross** (\$5,155).

Moussa Haddad, Lawrence Pettit, Nancy Patterson, Hunter Zuber, Juan Sosa, Vladimir Fomine, Jeffrey Wilson, Marcello Campbell, Douglas May and John Kreidler each made \$1,282 for 11th-20th.

The next large-scale event at TSR is the Getaway Classic, which runs April 15-17 (see the ad on the facing page). There will be a different NLHE tournament each day of the weekend beginning at 11:15 a.m. Friday is a \$200 buy-in, Saturday and Sunday are each \$300.



HON-DAH: Charlie Perea is the poker room's latest Tournament of Champions winner. Also, this month's featured promotion is the Big Game Hunt. Fill out your "hunting license" with selected qualifying hands and trade in completed licenses for cash. Contact the poker room for details.

COLORADO

BLACK HAWK: Ameristar's bad-beat jackpot (quad deuces) was at \$282K at press time. The new mini-bad beat was at \$25K with weekly descending qualification from aces full of kings to aces full of jacks. ... The Golden Gates Poker Parlor en-

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MEET CHRIS HILL



Chris Hill is semi-retired, but at one time he lived and worked in California, where he regularly played poker with high rollers of the movie industry. Limit \$20-\$40 games represented mere pennies to those players, but that amount could have easily meant a down payment on a car for him, so he quickly learned to play well. Others may have thought he was a natural, but he simply could not afford to lose and had the right amount of insanity to be successful. He became a prop player in Los Angeles, where he played well or could lose his bankroll.

He first played hold'em in 2006, but he'd put himself through school playing stud. A native of Washington D.C., living the past 17 years in Santa Fe, Buffalo Thunder has been his poker home for 10 years. He plays cash \$5-\$10 PLO two or three times a week because it's the game with the most money on the table. Anyone who might think there's less bluffing in Omaha than hold'em would be mistaken, Hill said. — **Mary Bradley**

joyed another banner turnout for the Heartland Poker Tour in late February. Colorado residents had a tremendous showing, taking the first seven places of the main event (781 players), which enjoyed the 10th consecutive \$1M-plus prize pool. U.S. Army Staff Sgt. **Aaron Thomas** made his first major tournament win a memorable one, taking \$247K south on Interstate 25 to Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs.

Matthew Livingston of Windsor, Colo., netted \$153K for second. **Rich Monroe**, a familiar face at Golden Gates, from Sedalia, Colo., was third (\$100K). **Al Hart** of Centennial, Colo., was fourth (\$69K). **Joseph Pergola** of Boulder, Colo., took home \$51K for fifth while **Danny Gonzales**, another Golden Gates regular, from Denver was sixth (\$39K). Rounding out the Colorado Seven was **Chris Busch** of Silverthorne (\$32K).

CRIPPLE CREEK: The Midnight Rose Poker Room hosts the Colorado State tournament April 17-May 1. With two events per day at \$110 each (except for the \$500 main), this popular series provides a convenient venue for players from Pueblo and Colorado Springs. Details at triplecrown casinos.com. ... Wildwood Casino continues to feature hourly \$50 high hands on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Also, Friday, Saturday and Sunday deepstack tournaments are drawing good-sized crowds.

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The Choctaw Poker Series in Durant, Okla., runs April 7-24 and is a diversified series with \$565-\$1,080 buy-ins with \$50K-\$100K guarantees. Look for games such as limit hold'em, HORSE, Omaha/8 and PLO. Other tournaments include Big O and PLO/8, ladies, monster stack, seniors and high rollers. The televised NLHE main event features a \$1 million guarantee for a \$1,620 buy-in.

Running into early April is a *Poker Night in America* cash-game promotion. Playing 20 hours of \$2-\$5 NLHE or bigger will earn entry to a drawing for a \$10K seat into the game. Play 20 hours of \$1-\$2 or \$1-\$3 NLHE also will earn entry to a drawing of the same. The televised cash game is April 23.

AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY: The Heartland Poker Tour makes a stop April 8-18. Seven events, including seniors and PLO, make up the schedule. Buy-ins are \$120-\$350 for preliminary events, while the main event sports a \$1,650 buy-in. Plenty of main-event qualifiers are on the schedule as well as nightly tournaments. The room's bad-beat jackpot was \$180K-plus at press time. Visit Ameristar.com/Kansas-City or call 800-414-7000 and use HPTAKC as your code to get discounted rooms.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: This eight-table room offers free Wi-Fi, USB phone chargers at every seat, tableside food service and free snacks. This month, players who log 30 hours of live play will earn entry into a \$10K freeroll on May 8. Players can earn extra chips for every five hours beyond the 30. Be sure to play during the NCAA Final Four on April 2 and 4 as \$50 splash pots will happen for every 25 points scored in each game.

Two tournament series are coming up: April 14-17 is the Spring Deepstack Series with \$30K in guarantees and May 13-22 is the Cherokee Classic, which will feature \$70K in guarantees.

At the end of February, the Ozark Championships concluded and Tulsa's **Carlton Bailey** collected \$11,674 in overcoming a field of 173 to win the \$330 buy-in main event.

HARD ROCK CASINO TULSA: The Oklahoma State Poker Championships were in full swing at press time and the room's bad-beat jackpot was \$131K-plus. Play more than 40 hours monthly to qualify for a \$15K freeroll. Players also can turn hours played into RunGoodGear.com apparel.

BOOT HILL CASINO: The poker room has a new location. Four 10-handed tables occupy space in the table-games area in the middle of the casino. This location is likely to attract more walk-by traffic. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Thursday 6 p.m.-2 a.m., Friday-Saturday 4 p.m.-2 a.m.

A Big Hand Bonus promotion pays up to \$500 for full houses through royal flushes.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: Players can qualify into the Hollywood Poker Open freeroll through April 30 as 110 players will earn a spot. Call the poker room for details. Also, 10 players will qualify as wild-card entries through hot-seat drawings during cash games May 13-14.

This 12-table room offers Wi-Fi and provides USB chargers at every seat. At press time, the bad-beat jackpot, with a quads-beaten qualifier, was nearly \$116K.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: Thursdays at this eight-table room are player-appreciation days. Food is served 5-8 p.m. and there is a Quad Squad Board (call for details). Saturday's \$100 high-hand promotion starts at 2 a.m.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: The poker room is promoting Fuel Up, where players who earn 25 points, depending on player-card level, receive \$5-\$15 off gas purchase at the property's stations. Also, Spring Fever Race for Cash pays players \$35-\$400 for playing live poker. Call for details.

Special cash games in April include \$1-\$2 PLO half and half on Wednesdays, \$4-\$8 Omaha on Thursdays, \$1-\$2 PLO/8 on Fridays and \$3-\$6 Omaha on Saturdays.

Special tournaments begin April 23 with a bounty event, including bounties on a radio DJ and possible five other players. The Last Saturday of the Month deepstack is April 30 and comes with a \$150 buy-in for 15K chips.

Sunday nights are \$30 tourneys with unlimited \$20 rebuys the first hour and one \$25 add-on at the end of the first hour. Tourneys are every evening and buy-ins range from \$30-\$75, including an Omaha/8 event on Thursdays. Players are encouraged to earn 1K bonus chips for two hours' live play before these tournaments begin.

As for promotions, the first seven players seated and playing by 10 a.m. receive \$25 in chips for a \$50 buy-in. The Thursday Omaha games pay \$20 in chips to the first seven players ready by 3 p.m.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: In the special Player of the Year promo, every player who finishes in the top five of any tournament earns points, which will result in payouts for top spots at the end of the promotional period. Call for details.

NORTHERN EDGE NAVAJO CASINO: The room has a new schedule. It's closed Monday and Thursday, open Sunday noon-10 p.m., Tuesday noon-3:30 a.m., Wednesday 6 p.m.-3:30 a.m., Friday 3 p.m.-3:30 a.m. and Saturday noon-3:30 a.m.

ISLETA CASINO: Daily tournaments have buy-ins starting at \$20. Live games include Omaha/8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, plus the usual NLHE and limit hold'em. This poker room is open 24 hours Thursday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday. Players are encouraged to call the poker hotline at 505-724-3874 to reserve seats.

SANTA ANA STAR CASINO: The poker area may be small, but it has a fine rewards program and \$25 splash pots every hour on the half-hour.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT: The Road to the Main Event is April 23-24 (see ad Page 12). Early signups will be allowed until April 8. The buy-in is \$330 and registration is in the poker room or call 575-464-7799. April and May will be the last months for this event. Sunday afternoons feature a \$75 tournament plus an optional \$5 dealer bonus. The One Twenty Tournament is every Friday (NLHE, but PLO/8 the last Friday of the month) for \$120. Don't forget about the Loser's Lounge on Saturday mornings for those who didn't cash on Friday night, another chance to win with no additional buy-in. ♠

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The February edition of Daytona Beach Kennel Club's Great American Poker Tournament was its most successful. Coming just one week before the Daytona 500, the \$330 buy-in hosted a field of 296 players, including pro **Maria Ho**, who finished in the top 75. At the end of the day, it was **David Yessel** of Florence, S.C., who took home \$5,130 and the GAPT Championship trophy in an 11-way chop.

Not long after, WSOP world champion **Chris Moneymaker** entered the GAPT Friday Night Lights Special with a \$500 bounty on his head, which went to Daytona's **Thomas Craven**, who spiked a set against one of poker's modern pioneers.

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: Just when you thought the Restock the Shelves event was over for the year, bestbet is doing its part with its College Championship on April 1.

The event often is used as a way to introduce fresh faces to the game and to create a fun atmosphere for college students. With this event, however, bestbet will be offering more than \$2K in cash and prizes.

One way to earn your way into the raffle is to play, which requires a college ID. An even better way is to bring in a canned food item, because for each canned item you bring in you'll receive an extra raffle ticket. It's that easy to help those in need while having a great time with friends and maybe winning yourself something nice.

In other news, the Mid-States Poker Tour was under way at press time. Some of the preliminary events wrapped up with players such as **David Salisbury** winning the All In or Fold event for \$2,100 and **Blake Whittington** taking down a field of 690 in the \$360 opener for more than \$45K. The main event, which surpassed its \$200K guarantee, was wrapping up when *Ante Up* went to press, so look for results soon.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

DERBY LANE: Over the past few months, the St. Petersburg property has hosted a handful of charity events. The latest came in February, an event sponsored by the **Quinton Aaron** Foundation. For those who don't know Aaron, all you need to do is watch the *Blind Side*. Aaron played the role of **Michael Oher**.

Some other NFL players who showed up were ex-Charger **Neil Calip** and former Bucs receiver **Michael Clayton**. Many people attended just for pictures, which all of the celebrities were more than happy to oblige. With the buy-ins and rebuys the charity received more than \$6K. There are discussions in the works to hold a charity series.

In other tournament news, **Bret "Gator" McCown** survived an enormous 750-player field to take down the Derby \$50K Ac-

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MEET ALAN REYNOLDS



Alan Reynolds has worked at the Gulfstream Park poker room for eight years, the past four as a full-time floor manager, but he had an interesting career before that as a pro jai-alai player for more than a decade. He started playing poker after he retired from the sport and got into the poker business at Dania Jai-Alai, the fronton where he played for several years.

Tell us about your poker career after retiring from jai-alai. I started as a dealer at Dania, but for me it became very monotonous, so I wanted to move into management and, after coming to Gulfstream, I eventually got that chance. I love working the floor.

What was it like dealing to the public after all those years being separated with fans by that jai-alai screen? I felt real comfortable working at Dania, when I started working there people recognized me right away as a former jai-alai player. But there is nothing quite like jai-alai; I hate to see all the frontons closing down over the past 20 years, so I hope Dania survives.

Gulfstream is one of the country's most exciting places to play, with the best horses, jockeys and trainer here from December to April. It must be fun to work there. I'm very happy where I am right now; it's real exciting around here, especially in the winter. I couldn't ask for better people to work for.
— **Dave Lemmon**

cumulator and \$16,400. The final table lasted about two hours until it reached four-handed. Tampa's **Manny Minaya** went out fourth after McCown cracked his queens with A-7. **Tommy Nguyen** was the next to go, after his short-stack push with 6-2 lost to McCown's sevens.

As heads-up play began, McCown and **Randy Spain** agreed to chop \$15K each and play for the remainder, which took one hand. This marks the second Accumulator event that McCown has been part of a final-table chop. The last time also was for \$15K.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: In June, the poker room will host a \$1,100 deepstack main event with a \$300K guarantee. There will be multiple satellites leading up to the main, including \$140 three-seat guarantees. Bigger satellites will be held as the event draws closer, so call the poker room for details.

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Saturday	April 23	12:00pm	NLH Day 1C	\$350	15,000
Saturday	April 23	5:00pm	All in or Fold Hold'em w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000
Sunday	April 24	12:00pm	Event #1 Final Day		
Sunday	April 24	1:00pm	NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000
Sunday	April 24	7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000
Monday	April 25	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000
Monday	April 25	7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000
Tuesday	April 26	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000
Tuesday	April 26	7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #5	\$200	12,000
Wednesday	April 27	12:00pm	Event #5 Final Day		
Wednesday	April 27	1:00pm	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000
Thursday	April 28	12:00pm	NLH	\$570	15,000
Friday	April 29	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1A	\$1,500	25,000
Saturday	April 30	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$1,500	25,000
Saturday	April 30	3:00pm	Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000
Saturday	April 30	7:00pm	NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000
Sunday	May 1	12:00pm	Main Event Day 2		
Sunday	May 1	3:00pm	NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000
Sunday	May 1	7:00pm	NLH Turbo	\$240	10,000
Monday	May 2	2:00pm	Main Event Final Day		

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HARD ROCK'S MASON HONORED

Getting recognition for the hard work that creates great success always is satisfying, but when it's rewarded at the top level by industry peers, it can be an incredible experience. Such was the case in late February for **William Mason**, the director of poker at Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, when he attended the American Poker Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills.

Mason, accompanied by his new tournament director **Tony Burns**, spent an action-packed couple of days for activities put on by the Global Poker Index, which included several informative seminars, the inaugural Global Poker League draft and the American Poker Awards. You could say it was a show business-like experience.

"Everything that GPI and **Alex Dreyfus** did out there was amazing," Mason said. "The seminars were great, the organization and the way the GPL draft was held was cool and then the awards show was just top-notch. I felt like we were at the Oscars."

The South Florida property won Event of the Year (\$2K buy-in or larger) for last year's WPT Seminole Hard Rock Showdown. It also was nominated for Innovation of the Year for its Big 4 presentation of final tables at the Hard Rock Poker Open in August, while Mason received a nod for Industry Person of the Year alongside heavyweights **Matt Savage** of the WPT, **Jack Effel** of the WSOP and Poker Players Alliance's **John Pappas**.

"To be nominated was extremely humbling," Mason said. "I was truly honored. I am close friends with Matt (who won the award) and he has been a great mentor for me. He and **Mike Smith** (director of poker at Maryland Live) are two guys I can pick up the phone any time and talk poker, so to know that I was mentioned in the same breath as Matt is really an honor."

As usual, the humble New Jersey native was quick to deflect the credit to his management and staff, but everyone, including players, showed great pride when the hardware made an appearance at the SHR poker room.

"We brought the trophy into the poker room the other day and we shook more hands than we ever could have imagined; everyone congratulated us," Mason said.

However, there's little time for Mason to rest on his laurels, as the Showdown returns this month with a main event from April 15-20 followed by the all-new WPT Tournament of Champions from April 22-24. Of the two events, only the TOC, which replaces the WPT Championship, will be televised.

While the series runs March 31-April 24, the attention of the poker world will be focused on South Florida beginning with a special charity event April 13 benefitting the **Jason Taylor** Foundation.

The popular ex-Dolphin should attract plenty of sports and entertainment stars, in addition to the top players in the world. Then, after the Showdown begins, there will be two attractive events kicking off before the start of the TOC, including a \$25K high roller and the \$10K Poker Finale with a \$2 million guarantee. That latter event emerged partly because feedback from the players showed they wanted another large buy-in at the end of the WPT season.

Besides the attractiveness of these events, along with the stel-

lar reputation of the property, Mason said the draw of the area at the end of a long winter makes this a no-brainer for the most serious players.

"South Florida is a great destination and it's a great opportunity for us to host such an event, so we are expecting a really great field," he said.

When asked about the phenomenal growth of SHR over the past six years, Mason had a quick explanation.

"I think a large part of the credit should go to the upper management of the property because of their dedication to poker," he said. "These guys are truly passionate about the game and that coming from the top down makes a big difference. They give us the tools to give us opportunities; they're always willing to listen when we need things and then we have a staff and crew that's just amazing. They've bought into what we are trying to do and understand that it is all about the guest service and growing the product to get bigger and in turn the players have responded to that. ... Then, to go out to California and receive an award like that was just fantastic," he said with a huge smile.

PAHUJA WINS WSOPC AT PBKC: **Mukul Pahuja**, a New York transplant who moved to South Florida in 2011 after forsaking a finance job in Manhattan for a career as a full-time poker pro, continued his meteoric success by taking home his third WSOPC ring in the main event at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The WPT Player of the Year in Season XII collected \$193K for the win as he defeated **Adam "Roothlus" Levy** in head-to-head play to boost his career earnings to more than \$4.3 million. He has had considerable success in the area, finishing third in the inaugural SHRPO in 2013 and adding a runner-up finish in the SHR Showdown in 2014.

The PBKC bad-beat jackpot also ended a long run during the WSOPC as **Phillip Lee Clements** saw his straight flush lose to a better one belonging to **Joseph Santoro** of Orlando in cash-game play in the wee hours of Feb. 11. Players at the table split more than \$348K, with Clements getting half of the pool and Santoro taking home \$87,145. Seven others at the table each received \$12,449.

LOUISIANA

HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS: The WSOPC returns May 12-23. The main event will have two starting days (May 20-21) and costs \$1,675. There will be a series of satellites to this championship May 19-21 for \$250, so visit wsop.com for details and the rest of the schedule.

BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS: There are some interesting promotions running, including Loyal Aces Cracked on Sundays, when players can earn \$100 and two-times comp value for every hour played, plus two entries into our Spring Giveaway drawings. Also, on Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m., the high hand each hour wins \$100 plus an entry into the Spring Giveaway drawings. Call the poker room for more promotions and details.

CYPRESS BAYOU: Poker returned to the property in January, running in limited capacity Thursdays (2 p.m.-10 p.m.), Fridays (2-10 p.m.) and Saturdays (noon-2 a.m.).

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WSOPC STOPS AT HARRAH'S CHEROKEE APRIL 14-25

The World Series of Poker Circuit makes its annual stop at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina on April 14-25 and there are some unique offerings this time around. One thing that sticks out is the amount of satellites. If you're interested in one of the preliminary ring events, which cost \$365 or \$580, you can enter \$65 or \$100 satellites either the day of or the day before the ring events. The satellites run April 14-23 at 9 a.m. and/or 2 p.m.

But that's not all. There will be multiple \$250 mega-satellites April 20-23 for the \$1,675 main event, which has Day 1s on April 22 and April 23. The main event boasts a \$1 million guarantee. The schedule for this year's WSOPC offers guarantees on each ring event, including a \$500K for Event 2 (\$365 NLHE with re-entry) that runs five days with four Day 1s (April 14, 4 p.m.; April 15, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; April 16, 11 a.m.). Other events of note include numerous non-ring events (\$250 seniors April 17, 9 a.m.; \$250 PLO/8, April 19, 4 p.m.), and a \$365 Monster Stack ring event with a \$150K guarantee on April 20 at 11 a.m.

One last satellite worth mentioning: On April 25 at noon, there will be a \$135 satellite to the WSOP main event in Las Vegas. This sat will have \$100 rebuys and guarantees one \$10K seat to the main. For the schedule, go to wsop.com.

MISSISSIPPI

HORSESHOE TUNICA: The poker room is breaking records with its house tournaments. In what is recorded as the largest non-

sanctioned tournament turnout in Mississippi history, 1,089 runners showed up in February for a six-figure prize pool, remarkable for a relatively small buy-in (\$150). The winner was **James Arnold** of Garland, Texas, who earned \$24K. **Thomas Stovall** of Plano, Texas, was second (\$14,903). Local **Jamie Strickland** of Memphis was third (\$11,060). The \$50K guarantee weekend tournament returns April 15-17.

BEAU RIVAGE: In light of recent staff changes, the usual March Spring Break Classic tournament was canceled. For a few days after poker room manager **Johnny Groom's** relocation to the Washington, D.C., market, there was a notable lull in the action. Now, on the eve of announcing a new manager, things are fine. Poker host **Felica Watkins** said, "The Beau Rivage Poker Room is thriving. We continue to meet and exceed our poker players needs." At this time, the Gulf Coast Poker Championship (September) and the Million Dollar Heater (January 2017) are still scheduled.

MISSOURI

RIVER CITY CASINO & HOTEL: The property will close its poker room April 2, though slots, table games and the hotel will remain open. Daily tournaments ceased on March 11 in response to inadequate staffing, as dealers and supervisors moved on to other opportunities.

With Pinnacle owning two poker rooms in the area, speculation is this poker facility is closing to make room for an Asian restaurant. ♠

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MARYLAND LIVE DOUBLING DOWN

Starting this month at Maryland Live, most weekly tournament guarantees will double, meaning there will be more than \$600K in guarantees per week. The poker room now offers points for playing. For every hour played, you will be awarded 100 points, which can be redeemed for food, promotions and slot play. A new promotion this month will be Rapid Fire High Hands and Lucky Seat drawings for cash games. Be sure to contact the room for details.

HORSESHOE BALTIMORE: The World Series of Poker Circuit runs until April 4. A total of 13 ring events were scheduled with the \$1,675 main event beginning April 1 and sporting a \$1.5 million guarantee.

VIRGINIA CHARITY TOURNAMENT: The 12th annual Spring Charity Tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society is planned for April 23 in Brambleton, Va., which has a \$150 buy-in (\$25 to charity) for 10K chips. Registration begins at 2 p.m. at Brambleton Corner Pool House and cards are in the air at 4 p.m.

For more information, go to evite.me/FSPbxAcrS.

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO: The Crown Royal Poker Room in Dover, Del., hosts the Getaway Weekend, a series of events April 29-May 1. The opener on April 29 is a Black Chip Bounty, \$225 buy-in event. First place has a \$3K guarantee. April 30 is a \$30K guarantee (\$225), followed by a \$5K guarantee (\$75) on May 1.

There are many cash-game promotions this month. After 25 hours of play, you'll receive \$2 per hour of comp dollars. There will be other comp dollar promotions throughout the month, see poker room for details.

NEW YORK

TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO: The third annual Syracuse Crunch Knockout tournament is April 7 as 10 players from the Crunch of the American Hockey League will play in the tourney at 7 p.m.

Anyone eliminating a member of the Crunch wins that player's jersey and an autograph.

Among players scheduled to participate are **Eric Neilson, Joey Mormina, Luke Witkowski, Jonathan Marchessault, Yanni Gourde, Tanner Richard, Carter Ashton, Dalton Smith, Cody Knyk** and **Kevin Lynch**. Buy-in is \$125.

In other tournament news, the \$50K guarantee Spring Fling Main Event runs April 15-17.

There will be \$65 main-event qualifiers where one out of five players wins a \$250 seat. The final two qualifiers will be



MEET JAMIE KERSTETTER

What's your typical day like at work? I play a late online schedule when the best New Jersey tournaments run, starting with the Party Poker \$10K guarantee at 7 p.m. I play the nightly schedule until I bust my last tourney and then four-table some small cash games until I'm tired. Occasionally, I will stream my session on Twitch.

Though you've been playing professionally for years, would you say you're still learning as the game evolves? I'm definitely still learning and I'm nowhere near where I want to be in the game. I sometimes look at hand histories from just a couple of months ago and find several things I'd do differently today. I think it's important to never get complacent in this game or everyone will pass you by. My friends are my best resource and we work on leak-busting for each other. I also find it helpful to watch videos ... to get a feel for how very high level pros approach the game.

How often do you travel for poker and what's your opinion on the game on the East Coast in comparison to other regions of the country? I try not to travel too much for poker because travel expenses can really eat up whatever my return on investment is in a tourney series. I think there's plenty to play on the East Coast with Borgata, Maryland Live and some WSOPC events. That said, there are some great events that I'd like to hit up this year like Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open, WSOP in Las Vegas and all the soft RunGoodGear-Series stops that I can get to. I think the East Coast and West Coast are comparable to each other in skill, with the middle of the country being softer. That's just in general, though. There are some high-level players everywhere, but it seems like the Midwest has a more recreational feel with people enjoying the social aspects of the game instead of focusing on grinding an hourly. — **Jo Kim**

April 1 and April 8 at 9 p.m.

SENECA NIAGARA FALLS: The Western New York Poker Challenge runs April 15-25, including the \$1K main event that sports a \$200K guarantee April 22-25. The main has two Day 1s (April 22-23) and returns for Day 2 April 24. Other events include a \$50K guarantee opener on April 15-17 (\$200) and a \$300 PLO tourney with a \$15K guarantee on April 21. Go to senecagames.com or call the poker room for the schedule.

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AUPT RUNS APRIL 2-10 AT MOHEGAN SUN IN CT.

The \$1,100 main event of Mohegan Sun's Ante Up Poker Tour series in Uncasville, Conn., has a \$125K guarantee and starts April 9, running two days. The series, which touts \$400K in guarantees, runs April 2-10.

Featuring eight events, the AUPT stop opens with a \$600 no-limit hold'em competition with am \$80K guarantee and the series ends with a \$300 NLHE event. For complete info, be go to anteupmagazine.com/mohegansun.



FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO: After a chop, **Richard Alarie** captured the \$1,650 main-event title of the February MegaStack Challenge and \$72,826. **Jason Eisele** also earned \$72,825 while third-place finisher **James Campbell** pocketed \$36,177.

Playing out of Warwick, R.I., Alarie won for the second time on the live circuit and it was his 16th cash.

Eisele of Chevy Chase, Md., cashed for the 23rd time. He has more than \$111K in winnings.

A Massachusetts resident, Campbell increased his lifetime take to \$675,772. He has 60 cashes, seven coming at the World Series of Poker.

New Hampshire's **Kyle Kenney** was fourth, walking away with \$28,640 while Connecticut's **Jonathan Drane** was fifth (\$22,234).

ATLANTIC CITY/PHILADELPHIA

BORGATA: With online poker regulated in New Jersey, sites always are looking for ways to lure players, especially frugal ones. BorgataPoker.com recently added many new guarantees with extremely affordable buy-ins. For \$35 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., there's a deepstack event that guarantees \$500. Every day at noon is a \$35 deepstack with a \$750 guarantee and Monday-Saturday at 5 p.m. is a \$1K guarantee, again for \$35.

But even if that is too rich for you, there's a \$10 daily re-entry event at 4 p.m. that touts a \$500 guarantee. And finally, if you're into micro limits, Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. is a \$1 deepstack with re-entry and a \$150 guarantee. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. is a deepstack turbo re-entry event with another \$150 guaranteed.

The micro tournaments pay the top five, with first place taking 40 percent of the prize pool.

In tournament news at the poker room, **Paul Lambrakis** of Brooklyn bested nearly 860 players to win the \$250K Almighty Stack Main Event, which earned him \$76,469. The prize pool was \$342,800 for the \$450 buy-in event that ran Feb. 13-16.

Joseph Migliore of Millbrook, N.Y., was second (\$44,550), followed by **Joshua Steele** of Maryland (\$27,266), **Sandeep Patel** of Parsippany, N.J. (\$22,425) and **Anna Antimony** of Ft. Lee, N.J. (\$18,288).

GOLDEN NUGGET: The 10-table poker room offers a generous rake-back program, starting at \$40 for 40-49 hours played in a month, increasing steadily until \$300 for 200-plus hours. Players can redeem their hours on the second Monday through Friday of the next month. There's also a \$10K guarantee event on the last Saturday of the month for \$175 at 12:15 p.m. There's a option \$5 dealer add-on.

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- APRIL 5, 5 P.M., EVENT 3 DAY 1D: \$230 (\$75K guarantee)
- APRIL 6, 11 A.M., EVENT 4: \$300 Bounty (\$25K guarantee)
- APRIL 6, 7 P.M., EVENT 5: \$120 (\$10K guarantee)
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- APRIL 9, 11 A.M., MAIN EVENT: \$1,110 (\$125K guarantee)*
- APRIL 10, 11 A.M., EVENT 8: \$300 (\$25K guaranteed)

For more information, including discounted hotel rates, visit anteupmagazine.com/mohegansun.

* Indicates two-day event

HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY: Don't forget the highest hand of the hour pays \$350 and there's a \$2,500 guarantee event every Sunday and Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. for just \$65. The poker room is on the first level and players are encouraged to call the Poker Hotline at 609-441-5741 for more info.

TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY: The poker club offers two tournaments a day (11:15 a.m., 7:15 p.m.) and each cost \$50 for 20K chips with unlimited re-entries allowed until registration closes.

PARX CASINO: The \$500K High Hand Giveaway runs through April 30. On Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, the highest hand every 30 minutes wins \$500. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Wednesdays and Sundays from 4-midnight the highest hand every half-hour wins \$250.

Also, on April 18, five randomly selected \$500 winners will be picked at noon, 6 p.m. and midnight. And finally, each high-hand winner will be entered into six exclusive monthly drawings for a chance to win cash prizes up to \$20K. Drawings will be April 4 and April 11 at 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. There also will be drawings on May 9 and May 16 at 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA: The 28-table HP Poker Room increases its hourly comp rate based on limits played. The room pays \$1 per hour for \$2-\$6 limit hold'em and \$1-\$2 NLHE, \$1.50 for \$1-\$3 NLHE, \$2 for \$2-\$5 and \$3 for \$5-\$10 NLHE.

SUGARHOUSE CASINO: The Poker Night Classic series runs until April 11, including the \$1,100 main event, which begins April 8 and has two Day 1s. Numerous \$125 super satellites will run leading up to the main, each guaranteeing five seats.

Go to sugarhousecasino.com for the full schedule.

In other tourney news, **Kevin Grabel** of Southampton, Pa., won the recent \$100K Winter Poker Showdown, pocketing \$40,786. The event drew a property-record 725 entrants for a \$175,813 prize pool.

The bad-beat jackpot hit on Feb. 3 for \$178K when seven-high straight flush beat a five-high straight flush. But don't worry, the jackpot was back to nearly \$150K at press time. The qualifier is quad sixes. ♠



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CASINOS MOVING ASHORE IN CHICAGOLAND

Moving forward from last year's state law allowing operation of land-based casinos, Tropicana Evansville became the first to get Indiana approval to move off the riverboat to an onshore casino. The new \$50 million, 75,000-square-foot facility is expected to start construction in the fall and finish in late 2017.

Majestic Star is moving ahead with plans to replace its riverboat. Engineers are searching for sites for Northwest Indiana's first-land based casino within the campus footprint, with an estimated cost of \$95M-\$135M.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians are waiting for approval from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for a \$400 million development in South Bend, Ind., which includes an 18-story casino, 44 housing units and office buildings.

MAJESTIC STAR: Tom Wagner, who spent much of his time at the final table short-stacked, turned the tables on pro Larry Lubliner while heads-up to win the monthly seniors \$4K guarantee for \$1,628.

HARRAH'S JOLIET: The Mega Bad Beat Jackpot was a whopping \$549K (quad eights) at press time. The mini bad beat was at \$12K.



MINNESOTA

RUNNING ACES: Kevin Finley of Forest Lake, Minn., took home \$25,862 after winning the iNinja Poker Tour event, which ran Feb. 17-21. The event used the Running Aces signature series structure, which features six Day 1s and offers a \$1,200 buy-back of smaller stacks for players surviving multiple Day 1s.

The event drew 868 entrants and generated a substantial prize pool of \$179,670 for the \$280 buy-in.

When play reached the final table, more than \$125K remained to be distributed among the final 10. Players agreed to a chop that guaranteed at least \$5K for each.

When six remained, players agreed to a final chop, which gave everyone \$16K and left \$9,862 and the iNinja ring for the tournament winner.

Finley and Troy Graphenteen of Champlin, Minn., played heads-up for about 80 minutes before Finley ended it. It was Finley's first Hendon Mob cash of more than \$1K.

IOWA

HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS: The World Series of Poker Circuit runs March 31-April 10. There are a number of NLHE events as well as PLO, PLO/8, Omaha/8 and Big O. The \$1,675

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MEET ERICK WRIGHT

In January 2012, **Erick Wright** of Shoreview, Minn., left his job as an assistant assignment manager with a local television news station to begin his poker career. He has been a force on the felt since.

What do you like the best about being a pro poker player? I'd say making my own schedule, having time for family and the flexibility to travel to more tournaments. It's nice to escape Minnesota when winter gets cold, play cards somewhere warm and write expenses off on taxes.

What is your best poker achievement? I find the greatest sense of accomplishment in working with others to better their game, brand or to benefit the poker community. I've been fortunate to work with several poker companies in Minnesota, including Running Aces Casino, Poker Joker Gear and iNinja Poker. I've just recently signed on with Blue Shark Optics, which is a brand I've always been impressed with and I'm honored to be a part of the team. I also find a sense of achievement in coaching others on tournament play and seeing improvements in their results.

Where do you see yourself in five years? I enjoy playing poker professionally, yet I miss a career that impacts a broader range of society, so I never rule out a return to the work force. I tend to set poker goals about a year out, so we should touch base again in four years and see. — **John Somsy**

main event will have two starting flights (March 8-9). Visit wsop.com for the complete schedule.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO: There will be a \$200 WSOP satellite April 24 at noon. The winner will receive a seat to the \$10K WSOP main event and \$2K for expenses.

DIAMOND JO CASINO: The Northwood property pays \$50 for its Aces Cracked promotion, which runs through summer on Monday-Wednesday. Also, the bad-beat jackpot was expected to surpass \$170K at press time.

RIVERSIDE CASINO: On Valentine's Day, the property's largest bad-beat jackpot fell when **A.B. Peraje's** flopped quad jacks smashed **Tucker Stone's** rivered quad sevens in a \$2-\$5 NLHE game. Stone was the big winner, however, as he took the biggest piece of the nearly \$179K jackpot. He walked away licking his wounds with an \$89,386 payday. Peraje's share was \$44,692. The remaining players at the table split the remainder.

MIDWEST

Richard Dinunzio bested nearly 545 players to earn the Rock and Roll Harley-Davidson title.



DINUNZIO WINS \$100K AT HORSESHOE CLEVELAND

The poker room at the Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland recently hosted its popular Rock and Roll City Harley-Davidson Championship. The series featured an innovative main event with four starting days spread out over two weekends, drawing 544 players. **Richard Dinunzio** won the championship and \$100K.

In other tourney news, the Horseshoe will continue its last Sunday of the Month Deepstack on April 24 at 12:15 p.m. The tournament has a \$500 buy-in and features a \$50K guarantee.

WISCONSIN

PLAYER NEWS: Cole Tautges of Deforest topped a field of 115 to win the Venetian Deep Stacks Extravaganza's Event 29 (\$300 bounty) for \$5,153. It was the first win of his career.

HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN DELLS: In February, the Mid-States Poker Tour hosted the second annual Wisconsin State Poker Championship. Illinois' **Andy Rubinberg** topped a field of 489 to capture the title and \$120,808. Minnesota pro **Kou Vang** was runner-up (\$69,742).

POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO: In 1991, Potawatomi Bingo changed the face of gaming in Milwaukee. On March 8, the property, which has evolved into a full casino complete with poker room, hotel, hosted a 25th anniversary party.

In a news release, the property said: "Our tribal values and company mission, along with your support, have allowed us to give back to this community, creating a positive social and economic impact."

NORTH STAR MOHICAN CASINO: The Bowler property closed its poker room in early January. It marked the second closing of a tribal casino poker room in three months.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

RIVERS CASINO: The Three Rivers Poker Challenge ended in February with its \$1,100 main event. **Casey Yountz** came out on top of a tough field to bring home \$26,452. The tourney drew 101 players for the two-day event. Up next is the Spring Pittsburgh Open, featuring Poker Night in America filming a cash table and covering the \$1,100 main. The series runs until April 4. **Matt Glantz** designed the series and structures to give players deeper stacks and longer levels. ♠





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Leslie Messmer of Horseshoe Casino Cleveland earned the title in the inaugural contest and she'll be the only dealer not eligible to compete in the second edition, which has been made better through suggestions from *Ante Up's* readers.

"We were absolutely floored by the support we received for the first Ante Up Most Popular Dealer contest," Ante Up's **Scott Long** said. "So many dealers and casino staff thanked us for finally giving dealers the recognition they so richly deserve for making poker so much fun to play in a casino environment.

"And we very much appreciated all of the comments and suggestions we received from contestants and voters alike on how we can make this year's contest even better," Long said. "We knew with any project this ambitious that we'd have a few hiccups the first time around. We're excited we've made the second contest more inclusive and enjoyable for everyone involved."

Perhaps the biggest change this year will be that not only can dealers nominate themselves, but friends, family and employers can nominate a dealer who might be too shy to do so themselves. Applications will be taken at anteupmagazine.com/MPD through May 23.

"We heard from a number of dealers who told us they would have been honored to have been nominated, but didn't want to nominate themselves, as well as from plenty of players and employers who would have liked to give recognition to their favorite

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A GREAT SYSTEM FOR POCKET PAIRS

Recently, several emails have come from students with queries on how best to play pocket pairs. Let's explore a few rules of thumb to keep us out of trouble.



MARK BREMENT

My quick advice is to recognize we're playing to hit a set, hence the term "set-mining," and to be extremely aware of the effective stacks in play. This will ensure you're making strong pre-flop decisions. We want to minimize costs and maximize gains.

Players tend to overplay J-J. Think of jacks as a pair of eights and they'll become a profitable hand. Even to this day, I get butterflies when I look down and see jacks.

Our strategy is to catch a flop and not pay too much. Avoid raising and never put in more than 5-10 percent of your stack. If we miss our set, we can minimize our loss.

When calling a raise with a pair, be aware of the raiser's stack. We're looking ultimately to get 15-1 on our money. In a \$1-\$2 game, a player raises to \$10. The raiser must have \$150 in front of him for us to be getting the right price. Obviously, we also need a stack to match his \$150, which is the effective stack size. Do not skim this. Reread it. We're shopping for the right price to play. If more players call, so much the better. How no-limit hold'em players play their pairs can be the differ-

ence of a winning or losing session, the difference of a winning or losing year.

The odds of hitting your set are about 7.5-1. So why are we looking for a 15-1 effective stack? Good question. That's because our sets don't always win. When we do win, it's often a paid-off hand, which spells profit. With a 15-1 rule of thumb, we will overcome the losses of when the set doesn't hold up.

Position plays an important role in our final decision on whether to play the hand. And this also ties in to our table awareness.

Again, Mission No. 1 is to catch a cheap flop. If we sniff out a raise behind us, we might be forced to pass. Imagine we have 6-6 and an early seat has made it \$10. We like the price, but we are sure a reraise is coming behind us. Better to release our hand. This also relates to game texture.

Winning players have a sixth sense about what is going to happen behind them. Some games, there are relatively few three-bets. In others, there is a higher frequency. Winning players are able to predict what is going to happen behind them with strong accuracy.

If pocket pairs are net winners for you, there's a good chance you're beating the game.

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TURNING A MADE HAND INTO A BLUFF

Editor's note: This column first ran in December 2010.

I came across the concept of turning a made hand into a bluff a few years ago reading a blog post by **David Benefield**. At the time I never really understood the value of doing such a thing, but in the past year or so I have been playing a lot higher stakes where it's tough to find easy pots to pick up.



**JAY
HOUSTON**

The idea basically stems from the thought process of "if you are about to make a call, think about the reasons why you should raise." I'm glad I studied this concept because it helped me win an interesting hand in a \$25-\$25 NLHE cash game in New York City involving **Jamie Gold**.

The game was playing a bit crazy while I had a relatively tight image. Everyone was 200-plus big blinds deep and there was a very loose aggressive player named Wall Street Jon who was opening every pot. Directly to Jon's left was Gold. He was playing pretty straight up and rather conservative in comparison to how I've seen him play on television.

In this particular hand, Wall Street Jon opened under the gun to \$200, Jamie called relatively quickly and the action folded to me in the small blind. I made a loose call with A♦-9♦. The big blind called, too.

The flop came Q-8-2 rainbow and to my surprise the action checked around. The turn came the 5♥, bringing a flush draw, and the action checked around *again*. The river brought the A♥ making a possible flush. I planned on check-calling until the following action occurred:

After the big blind checked, Wall Street Jon bet \$50 into \$800. Jamie then raised to \$300. Five years ago, I would have called; two years ago I would have folded, but this time I decided to turn my hand into a bluff and I raised to \$900. The action folded back to Jamie and he took about two minutes and folded A-J face up.

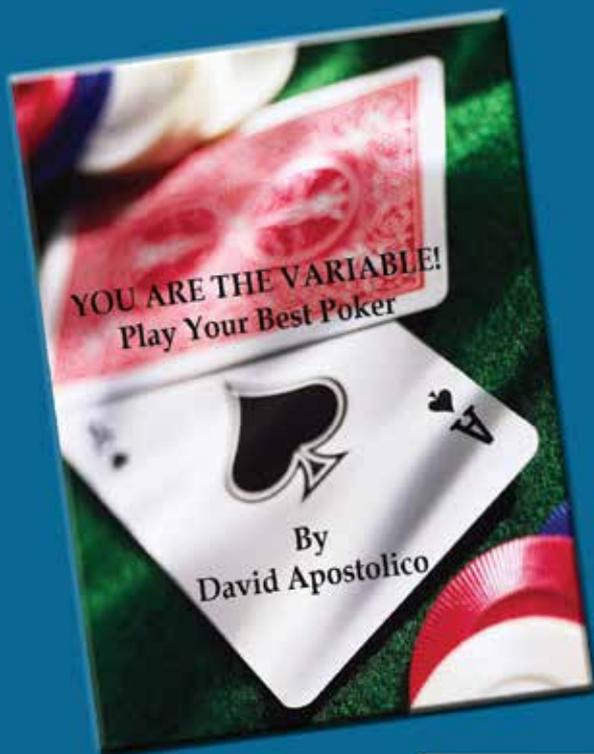
My reasoning for making this play stemmed from preflop action. I had Jamie on a small pair or a hand like A-10 or A-J because of how quickly he called preflop and his preflop calling frequency over the past four to five rotations. His bet size indicated he was strong enough to bet for value but not strong enough to withstand a reraise.

I would've expected him to bet a flush draw or a set in position on the turn a large percentage of the time. I was 80 percent sure he had A-J or A-10 and I could get him off his hand because of my image.

If he had two pair or decided to call me down then so be it, it will most likely get me paid in future situations, not to mention an invite back to the game.

So the next time you're about to make a marginal call, ask yourself, "What are the reasons I should raise?" Who knows, turning your made hand into a bluff might win you a decent-sized pot the next time you're in a similar situation. ♠

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MANAGE YOUR ANGER AND TILT

Anger is often seen as the primary reason for going on tilt. There obviously are others: losing, embarrassment, stupidity.

However, anger is the one I am dealing with in these columns lately, because it's not only a cause of tilt, the lessons are applicable to life.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

What do I know? Anger is a normal emotion that can be adaptive and sometimes necessary for survival. It's part of personal resilience. So, what's the problem?

So-called anger management is better thought of as anger regulation. You'll experience anger, but you want to regulate it and, of course, you want to know what provokes anger.

Anger isn't an external event; it's a function of our perceptions and the way we process information and what's going on around us.

We need to be aware of anger arousal. That's the physiological activation that comes along with anger.

Next we need to know what overt behaviors we exhibit when we experience anger, when we mediate our perceptions and when anger is activated.

The adaptive value of anger is directly related to how you regulate anger.

Finally, one needs to know what provokes anger.

The negative behavior that's unregulated that results from our perception and leads to anger arousal is what we call angry tilt.

You can regulate these at all levels except the normal emotion. The sequence goes something like:

- I experience anger; some villain stayed in with any two cards and flushes my straight. I experience anger.

- I perceive this as something I have to react to vs. something I could expect and let it roll off; this is different than burying it. It usually involves some direct intervention: a walk, some breathing exercises.

- I start to feel some physiological arousal; now it may get late in the regulatory process. You need a more immediate intervention. Go to the bathroom and wash your face; get up a take a lap around the room; breathe it out.

- I start acting out; oops, too late. I missed the wave of regulation.

The more you can be aware of anger and how it's perceived, aroused and what behavior goes with it, the more you will be able to regulate anger and the less you will experience anger tilt.

Of course, this will allow you to keep your head in the game at all times, not just in poker.

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HOW TO GET INSIDE THE MIND OF A NEWBIE

I spent some time teaching the game to some new players recently and there are a few universal challenges they face that I want to share. If you're new to the game, take a moment of self-reflection to see if these apply to you. If you play a lot of low-stakes game, take note as to how you can exploit these weaknesses.



**DAVID
APOSTOLICO**

First, new players will overplay second- and even third-best hands. For instance, having been dealt a big pocket pair such as kings, they will often call that hand down to the river even in a multiway pot with an ace on the flop and lots of action. This falls into the "my hand just looks too pretty to fold" category. A common running theme will be the inability of players to move on from a hand.

Next, newbies often will hope to hit their hand against all pot odds and common sense. With a small pair or gutshot straight draw, they will stay to the end in hopes of hitting a "miracle" card, even if they could be drawing dead.

As I was teaching players the relative strengths of hands, they would still hope to hit a straight with a paired board or potential flush showing.

One of our players showed me a hand he reluctantly folded on the turn after a lot of action came from two other players. The flop came 9-9-2 and the turn was a five. Multiway action

came on the flop and turn. Our player finally folded his A-2 and said to me, "You see my dilemma." I informed him that no, I didn't. He had no hand and no draw. At least one of his opponents was likely to hold a nine and he was drawing dead. In fact, both opponents had a nine.

In both of the first two scenarios, new players often play their hands in a vacuum without regard to opponents' likely holdings.

Couple that with an inability to fold pretty but losing hands and it's a recipe for disaster. Don't get emotionally attached to a hand. A new one is a few moments away. You'll be dealt plenty of beautiful starting hands in your career. When things go bad, don't be afraid to get out.

New players mistakenly believe it's a badge of honor not to be bluffed. "Well, I have to keep him honest." No, you don't. If there's not a compelling reason to be in a hand, get out. If you think a player is getting out of line, there are plenty of ways to exploit his aggressiveness. Keeping him honest is not one of them. Your job is to make money, not to willingly donate. One of poker's oldest maxims is you can't bluff a sucker. Don't be a sucker and don't try to bluff one.

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THE ART OF BLUFFING AND SEMIBLUFFING

A bluff is a bet of some nature when you have little or no chance of winning the pot if someone calls. A semibluff is a bet that, if called, you don't usually hold the best hand but you have a hand that could improve to be the best hand.



**AL
SPATH**

Bluffing is primarily attempted to win pots. Some additional benefits can be garnered by its use (advertising for future pots), but you should bluff only when you think it will be successful. It's highly recommended you limit the amount of bluffs attempted, as the fewer attempted, the more effective the bluffs you try will be.

If you're getting good cards and dominating the table, players will notice and may think you have been bluffing at some of those pots, so bluff less often when you're picking up more than your share of pots and bluff a bit more when premium cards are sparse and you have table position.

Bluffing represents holding a specific strong hand, as is the case when a third card in a particular suit hits the board and you bet.

You're indicating you have a made flush and only those individuals having a flush, a bigger flush, a giant-sized flush draw or a full house (or house draw), will play back at you. Remember, the amount of money bet in your attempted bluff is relative

to the size of the pot, the size of your stack and the size of the opponent's stack.

If you bet too little, your opponent might not be deterred and still call. If you bet too much, your opponent might sense you're overbetting a hand that lacks real value. Therefore, I suggest you bet an amount that's not considered wimpy or one that appears to be unusually large. It's also difficult to bluff at times when opponents can readily see you have a limited amount of resources (chips) and they have plenty of ammunition in front of them.

Additionally, if your opponent is a loose player, your efforts to bluff may not be as effective, so know your opposition, their style, tendencies and, most of all, how they perceive you. If they believe you're a solid or tight player, they will tend to respect your bluff attempts more readily. In the event you're playing way to many hands, don't expect your bluff attempts to go unnoticed or unchallenged.

Next month, we'll look at stack sizes.

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BOXED CARDS CREATE QUITE THE CONUNDRUM

In a Las Vegas casino cash game, a friend had pocket jacks, raised preflop and got a caller. He flopped a set, bet and was called. The turn was the fourth jack; he bet and was called. The river was dealt upside down. The river card and the one after it in the deck had been face up in the deck. The floor declared the hand dead. All betting was unwound. What was the proper ruling? — **Nick Maiorana**



ELLIOTT SCHECTER

ELLIOTT SAID: Many public rooms will go to great lengths to prevent a misdeal after action has proceeded. In this case, more than one boxed card was found. An obscure rules reads: “After the initial deal has been completed, a ‘misdeal’ will only be declared in the event a ‘fouled deck’ is found. Once action has occurred, a ‘misdeal’ cannot be declared.”

A ‘fouled deck’ is considered to have too many or too few cards or two or more of the same card by rank and suit or to have found to have cards from a different colored deck.

It’s accepted that multiple boxed cards found before the action starts constitute cause for a misdeal. Two boxed cards found after the action has progressed significantly become a quite the hornets’ nest.

While not universal, many casinos will unravel the action in this situation. This is because when boxed cards are consecutive, it’s reasonable these specific cards were an individual player’s hand that was dealt during the previous use of that deck (I’m assuming shuffle machine usage here).

Furthermore, it’s plausible that one or more players noticed the dealer never corrected the state of these cards before shuffling or placing them in the machine. To allow players to act on their hands with information not readily available to all other players is something that no casino would want to occur or to be known to allow.

How does the casino or the players know if any players folded because of this piece of information and prevented your friend or other players in identical situations from getting additional action? While it sucks for your friend with the jacks, declaring an invalid deal is the right call.

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In a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold’em home game, I’m first to act on the river and I’m counting out a bet when the villain said, “I call whatever you bet.” If I put out a bet, is the villain required to call or is this just an angle shoot? — **Jeff Dong, via email**

ELLIOTT SAID: This was an angle shoot. By virtue of this statement, the opposing player yielded the button to you. The correct way to enforce the rule is if you bet, he must call, if you check, he must check. Also, if you bet, he cannot raise. He should be given a warning or stiffer penalty. If he continues to make this move, a much more serious penalty should be considered by the person running the game.

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CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot starts at \$140K; regular jackpots starts at \$70K; Sun. \$1K High Hand Payouts.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); 1st Sat. (\$100, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 7p).	No jackpots.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$20).	Aces Cracked; player rewards.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	Perfect 10s bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Multi Splash Pots pay up to \$400 (Fri.-Sun., 10p-1a).
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. 0/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	No tournaments.	Bounty High Hand Bonus (Mon.-Fri., 4p-10p); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 8p-mid.).
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$10 w/rebuys, 6p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. hold'em/crazy pineapple (\$30, 6p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$30, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 2p); Sun. (freeroll, 6p).	\$10K guar. Spring Challenge, April 9 (\$160, 2p).
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wed. (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Sat. \$1K guar. (8p).	Friday Night Special pays players \$120 for a \$100 buy-in from 7-7:30p; Omaha Thursdays gives players half off food items.
GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Daily jackpots; Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked; High Hand Happy Hour.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$45, 6:15p); Wed. (\$80, 6:15p); Fri. (\$45, 10:15a); Sat. (\$65, 12:15p); Sun. KO (\$65, 2:15p); \$10K freeroll, April 3 (2:15p); call for details.	Mega jackpot; Omaha jackpot; home games available (call for details).
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive bad beat; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs.); Quads (Fri.-Sun., 10a-10p); mini-beats (daily); Big O Jackpot.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Sat. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, noon); Fri. & Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 8p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 8p).	Aces Cracked & High Hands (24/7); Pay for Play (\$5/hour, daily); Monthly Cash Drawings; Dash for Cash \$10K pool (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); 1st Sun. of month (\$230, noon); Sunday Special \$25K guar., April 3 (\$230, noon).	\$100K cash drawings; Aces Cracked; Double Jackpots.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p); Liz Flynt Spring Classic runs until April 27.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$30, 11a); Th. Crazy Pine. (\$30, 11a); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a); 2nd Sun. \$5K guar. (\$220, 1p).	\$50K bad-beat jackpot.

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LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s beaten by quad deuces; get paid for quads-royals; Splash Pots.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & 7p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal flush bonus; 3 daily high hand bonuses; first time players get bonus chips (call for details).
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	M-W-F (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); T & Th (\$200, 9:30a); Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a). Battle of the Bay, April 23-May 2.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is \$100K, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300; Rack Attack pays up to \$300; high hands pay up to \$300.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tue.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 \$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hand of the hour; Aces Cracked; Spin & Win; earn player rewards for live play.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Fri. \$3K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Spin & Win.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud.
OCEANA CASINO (805) 270-3397 • oceanaclub.com	Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Fri. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a & 6p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Sun. freeroll w/\$20 rebuys (9a).	Aces Cracked pays \$20; high hands pay \$100; Saturday morning bonus (2 hours of live play between 9a-noon qualifies).
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); Wildest Games in the West Series, April 7-10.	Rolling hourly high hands (Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sun., 1a-8a); high hand (Mon., 10a-3p & Sat., 10a-7p); Limit Flush Marathon (Tue., Thurs. & Fri., 9a-9p).
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini-Bad Beat Jackpot is aces full of twos beaten by quads, which increases by \$25 daily.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. KO (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10:20a); Sun. \$1K guar. FR (1p).	Super Bad Beat Jackpot is in hold'em and qualifier is quad eights.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Sunday (\$140, 1:30p).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad eights); Aces Cracked in hold'em; Splash Pots (T-Th-Su); Big O (Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8a); mini and Omaha double jackpot.
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); first Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal flush.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a); Tue. survivor (\$40, 10a); Wed. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Thurs. (\$45, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$45, 11a); Sat. \$15K guar. (\$100, 2p); Sun. survivor (\$45, 10a).	No-limit, limit and Omaha jackpots; high hand; Rack Attack; ask about private games.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	2nd Sunday event, April 10 (\$235, 11a).
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; \$50 for \$25 buy-in for new players.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue., Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; progressive royal-flush; \$100 high hands (Fri.-Sun.); \$50 quads, \$75 straight flushes (Sun.-Thurs.); \$100 Ship Wrecked (Wed.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed., noon-mid.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs., noon-mid.); Money Wheel (Fri., noon-10p).
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.- Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a).	\$100 & \$200 Rack Attacks (3p, 4p, 9p, 10p & mid.); \$100 & \$200 Aces Cracked (noon-1p, 6p-7p, 1a-2a); Double Points (mid.-noon); Royal Flush Wheel Spins.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); M-W (\$50, 6:30p); Th. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Su. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	T (\$50, 7:15p); W KO (\$60, 7:15p); Th (\$40 w/\$20 rbs, 7:15p); F (\$50, 11:15a); Sa KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Sa WSOP qual. (\$225, 11:15a); last Sat. WSOP sat (\$50, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked; Bonus Days; Bonus Drawings; Progressive High Hands. See ad on Page 32.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W O/8 (\$60, 7p); F-Su \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rbs & add-on, 11a); F (\$125, 5p); Sa Survivor (\$100, 7p); Su KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details). See ad on Pages 10-11.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$15, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 6p); Tue. KO (\$25, 6p) Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$25, 6p); Fri. sat. (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 6p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11:00a) & sats. (\$110, 4:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is progressive; Mexican Poker \$100 High Hand (Thurs.-Sun., mid.); royal flush progressive jackpot; Omaha high hand (Wed. & Sat.).
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Mon. \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tue. \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wed. \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sun. \$1K guar. Deep Stack (\$55, 4p).	Aces Cracked; Progressive Straight Flushes.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beating quads; player comps.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p); MSPT, April 7-17.	High hands pay up to \$300/hour with 7 cash games playing (Mon.-Sun., 10a-10p).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll (3p) w/40 seats awarded per week.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier starting at aces full of kings.
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads or better receives Bonus Board Bucks.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 12:30p); Fri. league (\$80/\$160, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 5:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; Four Flush Jackpot; Early Bird Special (Sun.-Fri.); Flush it Real Good (Sun.-Fri.).
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (Sun., Tue. & Fri.); Bounce Back (Mon., Wed. & Thurs.).
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); 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	No tournaments.	Food comps for six hours of play.
WILDWOOD CASINO CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. \$1K guar. (\$60, 4p); Sat. \$1K guar. (\$100, 4p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$80, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; hourly high hands.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Weekend Mini Series, April 15-17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p); Ante Up Poker Tour, April 2-10 w/\$125K guar. main event on April 9 (\$1,100).	High hands pay up to \$600. See ad on Page 27 for Spring Fling.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$35, 7:15p); Fri. (\$45, 7:15p); Sat. (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$45, 11:15a) & (\$35, 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal flush bonus; cash back rewards.

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HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue., Thurs. & Sat. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands (M & F, 11a-4p), (T & W, 8p-mid.) & (Su, 11a-1p & 9p-11p); Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Su-F, 4:30p-7:30p); quad jacks or better pays \$100 (T & Th, 11:30a-4:30p)
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FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$150 (noon & 7p); college tournament, April 1 (\$40, 6p); WPTDeepStacks, April 21-May 2. See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mon. (\$200-\$1K) w/ select hours; Thurs. \$400 high hands (every 30 min., noon-mid.).
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Sunday (\$50, 1p); Wednesday (\$85, 7p).	High hand (daily); bad beat is quad 8s beaten and starts at \$20K; royals paid.
CASINO MIAMI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$90K minimum; high hands (Fri.-Mon.).
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETTA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); select Sat. & Sun.; ask about \$10K guar. event. See the ad on Page 45.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; full house or better pays (Mon., Tue.-Fri.).
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Mon. (\$50, 3p); Tue. (\$50, 3p); Wed. (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 3p & \$65, 8p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a, & \$125, 7p); Sun. varies.	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-10p & Fri., noon-mid.).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) at 1p & 6p. See ad on Page 23.	Player Rewards Program: play, earn points and get paid.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at noon) & (Sun., mid.-noon); spade royals pay \$1K (daily).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Wed. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 7p); Sat. (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sun. (\$50, 4p); Spring Classic, April 27-May 1.	Bad-beat jackpot pays minimum of \$85K.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rb); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rb); Sun. (\$70).	High hands \$500/half-hour (Th-Su, 1p-10p); \$250 half hourly high hands (M-W, 1p-10p); Big Slick Diamond Royal pays \$15K; High Hand Board pays \$100.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7p); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$125, 6p) or \$10K guar. (\$100, 6p); Thurs. satellite (\$125, noon & 7p); Fri. satellite (\$125, 7p); Sat. varies (noon & 1p).	High hand payouts vary upon day of the week.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Page 33.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; high hands (daily); Weekday Draw Down (Mon.-Fri. at 2p & 11p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; high hands (call for details). See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tue. & Thurs. freeroll (7p); Sat. Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sun. freeroll (2p); call for details on SNGs.	Early Bird High Hand (Fri.-Sat.); Spin to Win (Sun.-Thurs.); high hand (Fri.-Sat.); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & 0/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hand (Wed. & Fri.); quads and straight flush (Mon.).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad on Page 35.	Mega Bad Beat Jackpot is progressive and is in hold'em; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha and stud.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K sat. (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Full House promos (Mon.-Thurs., 7p-mid.). See ad on Page 45.



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SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals pay bonuses; Spring Fling events during regularly scheduled tournaments (call for details).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. (\$80); Wed. (\$30); last Sat. of month \$4K guar. (\$130).	Hourly high hands pay up to \$100/hour (Fri. & Sat., 3p-mid.); hourly cash drawings pay \$100 (Sun. & Wed., 3p-mid.); bonus royal flush; hourly hot seats (Tue. & Thurs.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Showdown runs until April 24 w/\$2M guar., April 17 (\$10K, 2p) & High Roller, April 19 (\$25,500, 2p).	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); comp dollars for live play; Spring Little Slick Series, April 11-17.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 7p); Sun. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 4p). See ad on Page 22.	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-close.
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$25-\$210) at 1p and 7p with guaranteed prize pools. See ad on Page 21.	High hands; cash giveaways.
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands; early bird promos (10a-2p).

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	No tournaments.	Power Points and cash back for live play.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Tue. (varies, 7p); Thurs. (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100/\$105/\$125/\$150, 2p).	Spin the Wheel (Mon., Wed. & Fri.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120, 8K chips, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$100, 1p); re-entry available for tournaments up to the first break.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Tournaments offered at 2p, 4:30p, 6:30p & 8p (call for details).	Best \$2-\$5 cash-game action with \$200-\$600 or table captain max; rake-back drawings (daily).

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.).
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; second bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; cash giveaways (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. KO (7:15p); last Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 4:15p); freeroll event, April 10 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; Full House Frenzy.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p); Sun. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. of month \$10K guar. (\$225, 5p); last Sun. seniors event \$4K guar. (\$125, noon).	\$100 hourly drawings (Thurs., 5p-1a); \$1K Hot Seat (Wed.).
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$25, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p); No Joke freeroll, April 2 (2p); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Wed.).
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfalls casinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High Hand Big Board.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); WSOP Circuit runs until April 11.	High hands; royal flushes (\$500), straight flushes (\$200) and quads (\$50); win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8.
ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF (563) 344-2693 • theislebettendorf.com	Open Tue. (noon-last game), Thurs. (4p-last game), Fri.-Sat. (10a-last game) & Sat. (1p-last game).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$50, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. 0/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big 0 (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p); Riverside Challenge, April 24 (\$375, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tue. & Wed. \$500 guar.; Fri. (\$25, 7p); \$10K guar. Mega Stack, March 5 (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. (\$235, 11:15a); HPO freeroll, May 15, qualify until April.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$100, 7:00p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand; live poker is offered Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening.	High hand payouts (daily).



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COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wed. (\$145, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$165, 6:30p); Fri. (\$130, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$500; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); \$100 high hand (Mon. & Tue., 10a-10p); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 10p-8a).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; cash giveaways (call for details); high hand of the hour.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahshneworleans.com	Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a).	High hands; player reward credits.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon. (varies); Wed. (\$105, noon); Thurs. turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; Splash the Pot; high hand pays \$100.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Kings Cracked.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a decreasing qualifier.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 11a); Wed. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; Hot Seats; high hands.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thurs. (\$18, 1:30p); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hand; royal flush progressive wheel straight flush.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Appreciation (Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$150, 11a); WSOP Circuit runs until April 4 w/\$1.5M guar., April 1 (\$1,675).	Splash Pots.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$500, times vary, call poker room for schedule). See ad on Page 25.	Late night high hands (daily, 2a-8a) pays \$500 every hour; Atlantic Coast Championship, April 24-May 1.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 29.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. (\$30, 11:30a); Sun. (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
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, 6:30p); Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); April 30 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increases daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 2p); first Sat. of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); T (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); W (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Th (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); F (\$50, 10:30a); Sa (10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); MSPT, April 15-24.
RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand; Splash Pots; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards; Splash Pots; MSPT, March 25-April 3; Spring Classic, April 22-24.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$40, 2:30p).	Bonus Bucks (Fri., 10a-6p); quads pay \$44; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. KO (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p); Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (\$50 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, stud, and tourneys (Mon.-Sun.); High Hands Rollover \$100; Splash the Pot \$50 every hour (Mon.-Sun., 10a-2p, 4p-10p & 10p-2a).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Spring Break Classic runs until April 4 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rbs, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon); WSOP Colossus drawings (play April 4-May 8 to qualify).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions; Senior Poker Tour, April 21-24 (call for details).
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; Poker Squares; Graveyard Splash the Pot; High Hand of the Hour; Pitch for 50; 3 Hand Monty.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p).	Bad beats in HE & Omaha; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs., 5p-1a); Splash Pot (Mon.-Fri., 1a-1p) pays \$50-\$150; Pays to Play (M & T, noon-6p); Busted Wheel (Th-Su).
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Tue.-Sat. (noon); Thurs. (8p) - call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; various high hands; Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; Paid in Spades.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon); Heartland Poker Tour, May 12-23. See ad on Page 39 for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; \$1/hour player comps for live play.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon); HPT, April 8-18.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is jacks full or better; five busted bullets (\$100 each) daily beginning at 8a (call for details).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Mon. (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$90, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad eights or better; high hands.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. (\$65, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 1p); Mon.-Sun. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$240, 11a); Sun. (\$125, 11a).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a) w/progressive bonus hands (call for details).	EZ Way Bad Beat; quads-royals pay bonuses; \$2/hour comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$70, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$160, 1p); Sat. (\$70, 7p).	Earn \$400 per week playing live poker (call for details).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Room open Friday-Monday and opens at 4p on Thursday.	Hourly High Full House Giveaway; quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.); Omaha Double Jackpot (Wed.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; high hand.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$100, 10a), (\$125, 2p), (\$125, 6p), (\$150, 9p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. deep stack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid (daily).
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a; \$45, 1p, 5p); Sun.-Fri. (\$45, 8p); tournaments have a 5K starting stack with 15-minute levels.	Spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four deuces w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$21K monthly freeroll.	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); single table bad-beat jackpot; flop quads pays \$500 (6a-noon).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$45, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$45, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	\$10 dining credit for 4 hours of cash play.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Tue.-Thurs.); Progressive High Hand Bonus.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvallयरanchresort.com	Daily \$800 guar. (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournaments; play live on Tue. and get paid \$500 for flopping quads.	Royal Flush Progressive starts at \$5K; Quad Flopped hands start at \$600 (daily) up to \$2.5K for Aces Flopped.
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$45, noon & \$35, 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hand bonus (daily); Spin the Wheel (Mon.-Thurs. & Sat.-Sun.).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guar. (\$60, 9a, noon, 3p & 7p); \$1K guar. (\$100, 10p); Fri. & Sat. events are KO events with a \$100 buy-in and \$25 bounties.	Royals pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway (daily at 6a, 7a & 8a); get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$40 w/\$20 optional add-on, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered bonus (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Big Slick Royal Progressive Bonus starts at \$500.
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10K chips, 10p).	Grand Giveaway drawing every 4 hours with prizes from \$200-\$600.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Fri.-Sun. (\$120, 11a); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; Flop It/Turn It; Table Share Progressive.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$65, 6p) & (\$40, 11p); Wed. events are bounties and have increased buy-ins and bounties.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 9p w/\$1.5K guar.; daily \$500 guar. KO (\$65, 6p); PHamous Weekend, April 22-24 w/\$100K guar., April 22 (\$350).	High hands; quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$100, 6:35p); T (O/8 \$60, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p); W (\$60, 12:05p & 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sa KO (\$100, 12:05p); Su (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100; player reward credits.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces (Mon. & Thurs., mid-6a & 4p-mid.); Best Full Houses (Tue., 10a-5p & 5p-mid.); 3 Heart Flushes win \$400 (Wed. & Sun.).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$45, noon); Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wed. & Sun. (\$100, 6p). See the ad on Page 9.	Earn \$1 an hour in comps (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily (\$45 at 10a & 7p) except Fri. (\$100, 6p).	Cash bonuses start at \$50 for quads and \$100 for straight flushes; player comp dollars can be used for food, rooms and gift shop purchases.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo; earn up to \$12/hr, including food and beverage comps.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon, \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon, KO, 7p); F KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$300, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su KO (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Lessons available; start your own game (call for details).
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$10, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. \$1K guar. (\$50, 8:30p); Sun. (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$120, 5p); Fri. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Signature Weekend, April 21-24.	First Wed. of month seniors tournament (50-plus) \$12.5K guar. (\$300).

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Indicates this property is hosting an Ante Up event. To host an event, contact Scott Long at (727) 331-4335.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$100, 1:30p & \$50, 5:30p); W (\$70, 5:30p); Th. (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p, \$50, 3:30p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p & \$60, 8p); Su (\$50, 1p & \$70, 5p).	Players earn promotional points toward Pot of Gold Series (call for details).
RIVER CASINO (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel; Match Play; player rewards.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hand (daily, 11a-mid.) pays up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); Spring Open, April 12-29 w/\$1M guaranteed.	\$15K Royal Bonus; bonus comp dollars.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	M, T & Th (\$80, 11:15a); T & Th (\$85, 7:15p); F (\$125, 7:15p); Sa (\$105, 12:15p); Su \$1.5K turbo (\$50, 7:15p); Su (\$80, 12:15p); last Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, 12:15p).	High hand (daily, 2p-2a); Splash the Pot (daily, 11a-11p).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p).	High hand of the hour.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 5p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; quads or better high hands; late-night high hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p). See ad Page 12.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, noon & \$45, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 3p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p). See ad on Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Sun. & Mon. 3X points.

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beats in hold'em, Omaha and stud; player rewards; royal flush spins the wheel; high hands; Western New York Challenge, April 15-25.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for royal and straight flushes.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th (\$15-\$105, noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p); F (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a).	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.); \$50K guar. Spring Fling, April 14-17.

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); Fri. (\$120, 7p) & (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$60, 10a) & (\$120, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p & 7p); WSOPC, April 14-25.	Player rewards for tournament players.
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$120, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$140, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; HPO, April 28-May 8.
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); \$10K guar. Sat. (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE CINCINNATI (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M-F (\$80, 12:15p); M-W-Su \$10K guar. (\$160, 6:15p, but 12:15 on Su); 1st Sat. \$50K guar. (\$400, 12:15p); 3rd Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 12:15p); last Sat. \$5K freeroll (12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better beaten; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hand (daily).

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$25, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. Ante Up (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p); Choctaw Series, April 7-25.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon) - extra chips available with cash donation; room open Sun.-Thurs. (noon-2a) & Fri.-Sat. (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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 & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.-Thurs.); Splash Pots (Wed.).
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$10, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
INDIGO SKY CASINO (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com)	Mon. (closed); Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Wild Wed. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. \$100-added team event (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); 2nd & 4th Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$175, 11a); Sun. KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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OREGON

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Splash Pot (Mon., noon-5p).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Sat., 11a-11p); Sunday High Hands pays \$100; Monte Carlo Payouts (Sun.-Fri.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$110, 1p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Spring Poker Round-Up, April 7-17.	\$25 cash back for Omaha players for first 20 players (Mon.); Rolling High Hand (Wed.).

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); W (\$60, 11:30a & PLO \$60, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & \$90, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$60, 11:30a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue. (\$100, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100/\$200, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$200/\$230, 7:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands (Tue., 10a-10p).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p, buy-ins vary.	Bad-beat jackpot; progressive high-hand jackpot.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRESCQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasi.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); Sat. (\$75/\$100, 12:30p); 4th Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p); 3rd and 5th Sat. (\$35, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri. & Sat.); \$10K Straight Draw Giveaway (Sun.-Tue.).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • thiverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Mon.-Fri. (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (9a, 12:15p & 7p); Sun. (mid., 2p & 7:15p); Poker Night in America runs until April 4.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Mon. (11a); Tue. (7p); Wed. (11a); Fri. (11a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	M (\$70, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); T (\$55, 7:15p); W (\$90, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); Th (\$55, 1p & 7:15p); Sat. (\$40, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); Sun. (\$55, 1p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hand jackpot pays out 4 times daily; free drinks for all active players; Poker Night in America runs until April 11.

RHODE ISLAND

TWIN RIVER CASINO (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	Open Mon.-Thurs. (noon-4a) & Fri.-Mon. (noon-4a).	Bonus match play and player rewards.
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CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillajacksresort.com	Mon. (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$20, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon. (\$12, 6:30p); Tue. (\$23, 6:30p); Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$34, 6:30p); Fri. (\$34, 6:30p); Sat. (\$23, 1p); Sun. (\$111, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$221, 2p).	Triple points (Wed., Fri. & Sat.).
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10's; win 25 percent of bad-beat jackpot for obtaining the Deadman's Hand (call for details).
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Room specials for players; pyramid rewards (call for details).

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); Thursday Throwdown (\$45, 7p); Sunday Showdown (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings.
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WASHINGTON

CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	High hands (Mon., Tue. & Thurs.); Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot; Lightning Strikes Jackpot; Thunder Rumbles Jackpot.
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	\$25K Spring Freeroll, May 7 (noon); high hands (Sat.-Sun., noon-3p), (Mon.-Wed., 9p-mid.) & (Mon.-Fri., noon-4p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands (Sun.).
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guar. (10:30a); Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Beginner lessons available (Tue. nights); call for details.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; extra player points; call for details.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$110, 11a).	\$10K progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands (Sun.-Wed.).

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$100+\$50 KO, 7p) and Sun. (\$100+\$50 KO, noon & \$75+\$25 KO, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (daily).
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Mon. (\$35, 7:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a) & seniors (\$75, 5p); Sun. (\$45, 2p).	High Hand Multiplier; Hourly Hot Seats (Mon.); Midnight Madness (Fri.).

WISCONSIN

BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-2a) & Saturday (6p-2a).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$90, 2p).	Xtreme Bad Beat Jackpot in hold'em.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); 1st Sun. of month Double Trouble (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); MSPT, April 8-10.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em in hold'em which starts at four 10s being beaten.

WYOMING

WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$20 w/rebuy, 6p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at \$10K.
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* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com



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FANDUEL CFO SAYS NO SKILL IN POKER



Matt King, chief financial officer of FanDuel, was interviewed on PBS Frontline and when he was asked whether poker is a game of skill, he emphatically said no and went on to say every time the deck of cards is shuffled, chance trumps skill.

CHRIS: Wow, wasn't that nice of him? Desperate times call for desperate measures. Let's distance ourselves from poker and say, "We're not like those guys. We're skillful people. We have skillful people playing our game." It's clear to me that this guy is just trying to save his company.

SCOTT: It's more of this strategy of companies trying to distance themselves from poker. Trying to not be "tainted" by the great game that we enjoy. If he really does believe that, he's clueless. But I don't think he really believes that. I think he just sat there with his PR guy one day and said, "Hey, write up some B.S. and go out there and try to sell it to the people of PBS."

GLOBAL POKER LEAGUE DRAFT SURPRISE



The Global Poker League inaugural draft took place Feb. 25, and started off with one surprise: **Antonio Esfandiari** pulled out of the draft.

CHRIS: (Antonio) would fit with any team. Any team would want him to be on their team, and then just pulls out of the draft, inexplicably. Do you think this

had anything to do with him peeing at the table? Right now, he's the face of poker.

SCOTT: I'd think, if anything, this would be a way for him to redeem that. But one of the other things I found interesting in reading all of the analysis of the draft was, I still don't really know what this is. I've read all the stories, so I have a general idea, but I think it's interesting that all these people have draft analysis when I don't think many of us really know what this thing is yet.

DEAD GUY GETS TO PLAY ONE MORE TIME

Hey, we all grieve in our own way. When 31-year-old **Henry Rosario Martinez** died in Puerto Rico, his father asked the funeral home to embalm him and dress him in sunglasses and casual clothes, then prop him up at a poker table so he could enjoy the game he loved one last time. Relatives and friends joined Martinez at the table to share stories and snap photos of him with a huge stack of chips in front of him.

CHRIS: One thing is for sure. He was stiff competition.

SCOTT: I couldn't get a read on him!

ANOTHER SURVIVOR POKER PLAYER

It's another season of *Survivor* and that means another pro poker player is a contestant. This season features **Anna**

Khait, who said she was a cocktail waitress at the Borgata in her application, but really makes her money at the poker table.

CHRIS: She seems really bright. My first impressions are that she's going to be around for a while, because generally the people they let talk, they want you to get to know because they're going to be around for a while. I always think poker players would do all right if they didn't tell people they are poker players.

SCOTT: I'm going to root for her for no other reason than she's on my *Survivor* fantasy team.



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