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- 9. Be Delighted the Night Before!** The Saturday Night, May 20th Tournament will allow select players a secret preview of some of our celebrities at \$450 VIP Tournament. Simply reserve your seat to the 9th Annual Howard Frank Memorial DeepStack Charity Classic by April 30th and you might win a free seat to face off against one of the pros in our special bonus drawing.
- 10. Did We Say Vegas?** You haven't won a Vegas Trip yet? Before any cards are dealt, a roundtrip ticket and three nights at The Venetian are also up for grabs for players who enter by April 30th.
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Christopher Cosenza

Scott Long

## Cuba bound!

It's one of the most fascinating places on Earth. It's a world stuck in another time ... and one with a rich history in gambling.

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While we're excited to be the first poker cruise company to call on Havana, we're even more excited to offer passengers an experience like none other. **Ramze Suliman**, who has been Ante Up Poker Cruises' poker room manager for years, is a leading Cuban travel expert and we're pleased to be able to offer our guests not just all of the ter-

rific poker aspects of our sailing and an exciting new port of call, but also an on-board expert who will be able to help them get the most out of their time in Cuba. Like history? Savor ci-

gars? Enjoy riding in classic 1950s cars? Whatever your passion, Suliman will recommend and arrange a guided tour to meet your needs.

But the unforgettable day in Havana is just one part of a poker vacation you won't soon forget. We'll also be calling on festive Key West, and while aboard, our professionally staffed and equipped poker room will offer cash games, tournaments, free poker classes and an open-bar cocktail party. It's the most fun you'll have playing poker at sea. See Pages 34-35 for more on this cruise and all of our upcoming sailings.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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1	Friday, April 14	11:15AM	\$360 Multi Flight Day 1A NLH	\$360	\$150,000
2	Friday, April 14	2:15PM	8 Handed PLO	\$570	
1	Friday, April 14	6:15PM	\$360 Multi Flight Day 1B NLH	\$360	
1	Saturday, April 15	11:15AM	\$360 Multi Flight Day 1C NLH	\$360	
1	Saturday, April 15	6:15PM	\$360 Multi Flight Day 1D NLH	\$360	
3	Sunday, April 16	12:15PM	"30 Big Blind Battle"	\$240	
4	Sunday, April 16	6:15PM	Triple Stacks Turbo NLH	\$130	
1	Monday, April 17	11:15AM	\$360 Multi Flight Day 2		
5	Monday, April 17	1:15PM	\$100 Black Chip Bounty PLO 6 MAX	\$330	\$20,000
6	Monday, April 17	6:15PM	Survivor - \$2,500 Payouts	\$300	\$10,000
7	Tuesday, April 18	11:15AM	Seniors Event	\$240	\$10,000
8	Tuesday, April 18	12:15PM	\$570 Multi Flight Day 1A NLH	\$570	\$75,000
9	Tuesday, April 18	7:15PM	Double Green Chip Bounty	\$200	\$15,000
8	Wednesday, April 19	12:15PM	\$570 Multi Flight Day 1B NLH	\$570	
10	Wednesday, April 19	6:15PM	6 Max NLH (2 Day Event)	\$1,100	\$30,000
11	Thursday, April 20	12:15PM	Double Green Chip Bounty	\$200	\$15,000
8	Thursday, April 20	1:15PM	\$570 Multi Flight Day 2		
10	Thursday, April 20	6:15PM	6 Max Day 2		
12	Friday, April 21	12:15PM	Main Event Day 1A NLH	\$1,500	\$300,000
13	Friday, April 21	6:15PM	Triple Stacks Turbo NLH	\$130	\$10,000
12	Saturday, April 22	12:15PM	Main Event Day 1B NLH	\$1,500	
14	Saturday, April 22	1:15PM	PLO 8 or Better	\$300	
15	Saturday, April 22	4:15PM	Black Chip Bounty NLH Turbo	\$350	\$20,000
12	Sunday, April 23	12:15PM	Main Event Day 2		
16	Sunday, April 23	1:15PM	Purple Chip Bounty NLH	\$1,650	\$100,000
17	Sunday, April 23	4:15PM	Survivor - \$2,500 Payouts	\$300	\$10,000
12	Monday, April 24	12:15PM	Main Event Day 3		
18	Monday, April 24	1:15PM	Black Chip Bounty NLH	\$350	\$20,000
19	Monday, April 24	6:15PM	6 Hour Iron Man	\$300	

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## STRELITZ DOMINATES L.A. POKER CLASSIC



**D**aniel Strelitz of Torrance, Calif., took home more than \$1M after winning the L.A. Poker Classic. The 27-year-old pro bagged the chip lead at the end of Day 3, Day 4 and Day 5, and though he lost the lead briefly at this World Poker Tour final table, he bounced back heads-up and took down the title. He also gets a seat to this month's \$15K WPT Tournament of Champions.

In our last issue, we highlighted some of the victories from the earlier events. Go to [anteupmagazine.com](http://anteupmagazine.com) for that report. Here's a recap of the final events: Event 32 (\$1,100), **Patrick Chan**, Brooklyn, \$26,360; Event 33 (\$150 NLO/8), **Tony Merksick**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, \$6,215; Event 34 (\$350 triple stack), **Adam Volen**, Fullerton Calif., \$32,895; Event 35 (\$1,110 2-7 triple draw), **Hanh Tran**, Austria, \$16,400; Event 36 (\$570), **Cheng Hai**, Temple City, Calif., \$49,290; Event 37 (\$570 dealer's choice), **Craig Chait**, Newport Beach, Calif., \$9,810; Event 38 (\$1,100 NL 2-7 single draw), Chait, \$9K; Event 39 (\$1,100 HORSE), **Isaac Crow**, Downey Calif., \$23,250.

**Susan Genard** of Huntington Beach and producer of the *No Limit* documentary, won Event 41 (\$1,100 Omaha/8) for \$24,480; Event 42 (\$550 partners), **Kathy Chang**, Valencia, Calif., and **Jean Gaspard**, Montebello, Calif., \$11,140; Event 43 (\$1,100 O8-PLO/8), **Joshua Tieman**, Cherry Hill, N.J., \$11,700; Event 44 (\$1,100), **Jesse Vilchez**, Pico Rivera, Calif., \$185,010; Event 45 (\$150), **Harry Arutyunyan**, Glendale, Calif., \$14,960; Event 46 (\$1,650), **Ilya Miller**, Sherman Oaks, Calif., \$33,910; Event 47 (\$350 HORSE), **Fabian Morales**, Santa Maria, Calif., \$9,120; Event 48 (\$570 seniors), **Steven Silverstein**, Orange, Calif., \$14K; Event 49 (\$1,100 O/8-stud 8), **Phil Hellmuth**, Palo Alto, Calif., \$25,200.

Event 50 (\$1,100) went to **Tim Cramer**, Costa Mesa, Calif.,

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## MEET JOE ROSS

You will not find a more well-mannered and genuine poker dealer in Reno than **Joe Ross**.

**How did you get a job in the poker industry?** I started off dealing blackjack, craps and roulette. My favorite games were Pai Gow and Three Card Poker. When it got to the point of dealing \$10K per hand in Baccarat, I no longer enjoyed working in the pit. I was able to get a job dealing in the poker room at the Nugget, where I learned about poker and its lifestyle. Shortly after, I was invited by Eldorado's cardroom manager **Margie Heintz** to deal in one of her big summer tournaments. I agreed and soon after I was dealing full-time in my favorite poker room.

**What do you like most about working at the Eldorado?** When you're in a poker room for many hours during the week, you build a special bond with people that work and play there. These people basically become your friends and family. Our team here is smart and witty and I'm thankful to be a part of that. This is absolutely the type of environment where I forget that I'm technically clocked in at work. What a fun atmosphere.

**Any hobbies outside of poker?** I love to play hockey, pool, guitar and attend rock concerts. I also want to give a shout out to my favorite poker player, **Dan Harrington**.

— **Philip Chow**

\$44,960; Event 51 (\$1,100 PLO/8), **Allan Le**, Huntington Beach, Calif., \$24,480; Event 52 (\$570 Escalator), **Kenneth Morrison**, Tustin, Calif., \$13,650; Event 53 (\$5,250), **Koray Aldemir**, Austria, \$124,240; Event 57 (\$2,140 six-max), **Adam Dunkle**, Clovis, Calif., \$81,750, and Event 59 (\$25K six-max high roller), **Dietrich Fast**, Germany, \$233,860.

**HARRAH'S SOCAL: Donnie Goodson** took down the inaugural Chip Escalator \$5K guarantee Feb. 18. There was an eight-way chop for \$1,466 each with **Jerry Mangum**, **Sean Reagan Stafford**, **Melissa Lenora King**, **Danny Gonzales**, **Vladimir Medvinsky**, **Paul Jones** and **Quincy Le**. In addition to the cash, Goodson received a World Series of Poker school package and headphones. There were 146 entries for a \$13,600 prize pool.

This was a unique event as the buy-in structure increased the later you entered: Levels 1-2 cost \$80 for 8K chips, Levels 3-4 cost \$105 for 10,500 chips, etc. This event is every third Saturday of the month with a \$1,500 guarantee for first place.



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		2:00 PM	ACTION 8 SATELLITE 4 \$260 ENTRIES GTD	\$65			8:00 PM	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$1,100 WPTDS ENTRY	\$250
		5:00 PM	EVENT 1 ACTION 8 DAY 1A   \$100,000 GTD	\$260	4/13/17	THURSDAY	11:00 AM	MAIN EVENT STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$250 WPTDS SATELLITE ENTRY   4 \$250 ENTRIES GTD	\$65
4/8/17	SATURDAY	11:00 AM	EVENT 1 ACTION 8 DAY 1B   \$100,000 GTD	\$260			2:00 PM	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE - 1 IN 10 PLAYERS WIN \$1,100 WPTDS ENTRY	\$130
		2:00 PM	ACTION 8 SATELLITE 4 \$260 ENTRIES GTD	\$65			5:00 PM	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$1,100 WPTDS ENTRY   10 \$1,100 ENTRIES GTD	\$250
		5:00 PM	EVENT 1 ACTION 8 DAY 1C   \$100,000 GTD	\$260			8:00 PM	MAIN EVENT STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$250 WPTDS SATELLITE ENTRY   4 \$250 ENTRIES GTD	\$65
4/9/17	SUNDAY	11:00 AM	MAIN EVENT STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$250 WPTDS SATELLITE ENTRY   4 \$250 ENTRIES GTD	\$65	4/14/17	FRIDAY	10:00 AM	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$1,100 WPTDS ENTRY   4 \$1,100 ENTRIES GTD	\$250
		12:00 PM	EVENT 1 ACTION 8 DAY 2   \$100,000 GTD	DAY 2			12:00 PM	WPTDS MAIN EVENT NLH DAY 1A   \$300,000 GTD	\$1,100
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		7:00 PM	EVENT 2 NLH KNOCKOUT WITH \$50 BOUNTIES	\$160			5:00 PM	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 PLAYERS WIN \$1,100 WPTDS ENTRY   10 \$1,100 ENTRIES GTD	\$250
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# THUNDER VALLEY HOSTS SERIES APRIL 9-18 IN NORCAL

**T**hunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., hosts the WPT DeepStacks series April 9-18.

The partnership with the World Poker Tour always draws a crowd at these events because of its value and huge guarantees. There will be 13 events covering numerous buy-ins and game variations.

The series kicks off April 9 with a massive \$100K guarantee for \$400.

There also will be HORSE (April 11) and variations of Omaha (April 13-14).

Other notable events are a \$30K guarantee with a \$335 buy-in and \$100 bounties on April 13 and a \$40K guarantee for \$340 on April 14.

The \$1,100 main event is April 15 with a \$250K guarantee. This will be a four-day event with an undoubtedly huge turnout.

**ELK VALLEY CASINO:** The Crescent City poker room hosts a \$250 World Series of Poker satellite April 7-8.

There will be two flights (April 7, 6 p.m. and April 8, 10 a.m.) with the finals at 4 p.m. on April 8.

The winner gets a \$10K seat into the WSOP main event in Las Vegas, plus \$2K for expenses. For more details or see the ad on Page 33 or go to [elkvalleycasino.com](http://elkvalleycasino.com).

**LUCKY CHANCES:** In Colma, the Battle of the Bay series runs April 23-May 1.

Each of the five NLHE events offers a guarantee for first.

The opening four events are April 23 (\$600, \$40K for first), April 24 (\$350, \$20K for first), April 26 (\$350, \$20K for first) and April 27 (\$200 turbo, \$10K for first).

The three-day main event runs April 29-May 1 and will have a \$1,080 buy-in and guarantees a huge first-place prize of \$100K.

**JACKSON RANCHERIA:** The Jackson poker room is rewarding loyal players by offering a points championship where players earn points in each daily tournament.

For \$20, players get 600 points and will receive more points after each cash. The top 36 players for the quarter will be entered into a \$4K guarantee with the first event April 23.

Jackson Rancheria also has other great promotions, including a Hot Spot Poker Bad Beat and Aces Cracked. The largest tournament is the second Sunday of the month with a \$220 buy-in and a \$5K guarantee.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**CHINOOK WINDS CASINO:** Robert Brewer of Portland won the first event of the PacWest Poker Classic for \$18K in Lincoln, Ore. Allen Oh of Portland and Barry Washington of Beaverton, Ore., chopped the fourth event for \$5K each. Yacht You from Salem won the seniors event for \$5K.

Jacob Dahl of Portland won the Omaha/8 event for \$3K; Gail Hand of Seaside, Ore., won the ninth event for \$2K; Jeremy Harkin of Vancouver captured the pot-limit Big O title for \$3K and Steve Loth of Camas, Wash., won Event 12 for \$5K.

Jason Adams of Vancouver won the biggest piece of a 13-way main-event chop for \$17K.

Chinook Winds has seven tables and routinely spreads \$1-\$3 NLHE and features Omaha games on Tuesdays and stud on Fridays. The room is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

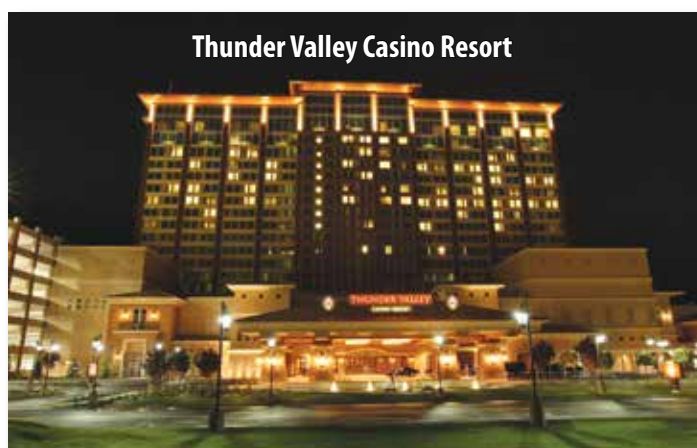
**MEDFORD SOCIAL CLUB:** The club's 10-week qualification tournaments for May 14's World Series of Poker main-event qualifier continue throughout April and the beginning of May.

The \$80 weekly qualifiers started March 5 and will continue until May 7. Each of the 10 winners will return May 14 to see who wins the \$10K seat and \$1,500 for expenses.

And don't feel too bad for the other nine qualifiers, as they will each get 2 percent of the winner's cash at the WSOP.

The Medford Social Club is the largest of the Oregon social gaming clubs south of Portland with six tables.

To conform to Oregon regulations, there's no rake for cash games or house fees on the tournaments and the dealers are paid from tips. There is a daily \$10 fee to join



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the club.

**LITTLE CREEK CASINO:** Want a crack at the WSOP Millionaire Maker? Head to Shelton, Wash., and play in one of \$255 tournaments Tuesday evenings in April.

For each 10 players that play, including re-entries the first three rounds, one player will get a \$1,500 entry and \$750 in expenses.

Little Creek is a five-table room routinely offering \$4-\$8 limit and \$3-\$500 spread-limit.

The casino is 77 miles southwest of Seattle. During the twice-per-year tournament series, the room adds 12 or more tables in a conference room across the hall from the poker room.

**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO:** April 6-16 is the Spring Round Up series. Buy-ins range from \$125-\$1,100, including a two-day \$550 main-event the second weekend.

There also will be \$230 Big O, Omaha/8 and HORSE events, with dozens of cash games springing up as tournament tables break. A total of \$40K will be added to the 14 tournaments.

Take extra money if you go; this will be the first year re-entries will be allowed for most of the tournaments.

**COYOTE CREEK GOLF CLUB:** In Surrey, B.C., the Die Hard Poker Series has 10 tournaments running every two weeks over the long Canadian winter, culminating in a \$500 entry tournament April 7. Last year's tournament had 60 entries and a \$29,900 prize pool.



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SATURDAY	6/17	4PM	30	OKJ PRESENTS: SENIORS SUPER HIGH ROLLER	\$1000+\$40
SUNDAY	6/18	12PM	30	OKJ PRESENTS: SENIORS SUPER HIGH ROLLER - DAY 2	\$0
MONDAY	6/19	11AM	33	SUPER SENIORS (60+ OR PLAYED SENIORS)	\$250+\$10
TUESDAY	6/20	12PM	36	SENIORS CHOICE (50+)	\$250+\$10



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# FLEISHER WINS VENETIAN'S DSE IN VEGAS

The \$1,600 main event of Venetian's Deep Stack Extravaganza finished Feb. 24 and saw **Terry Fleisher** of Las Vegas and **Ryan Rogers** of Ohio chop for \$161K each. **Timothy Chang** of Las Vegas took third (\$90K). The event drew 675 entrants for a \$976K prize pool, easily surpassing the \$750K guarantee. The latest DSE ends April 16.

The next Weekend Extravaganza runs May 3-7, offering guarantees totaling \$235K. The big event is a \$340 Double Stack with two starting flights May 5. Players start with a 25K stack and the levels are 40 minutes. The guarantee is \$100K.

The DSE III runs May 15-July 23, making it one of the longest tournament series to hit Vegas. There are 110 tournaments. The Venetian guarantees more than \$21M in prize money will be awarded.

The series starts May 15 with a \$250 buy-in, three-starting flight tournament that has a \$125K guarantee.

There's a \$1,100 buy-in two-starting flight tournament that's part of the Mid-States Poker Tour starting June 5 and offering a \$2.5M guarantee.

Two \$1,100 SuperStacks (20K chips) are offered. The first one is May 29 and has a \$250K guarantee. The second starts July 14 and has a \$1.5M guarantee. Levels are 40 minutes. A \$1,100 two-day bounty tournament starts July 3 with a \$200K guarantee and has \$300 bounties.

There's plenty of action available for those who prefer disciplines other than NLHE. A \$400 Omaha/8 event is May 31 with a \$20K guarantee. A \$600 three-day Omaha/8 tournament starts June 2 and has a \$150K guarantee. A two-day, \$600 PLO/8 starts June 11 with a \$75K guarantee. Big O is June 13-14 with a \$600 buy-in and a \$75K guarantee.

A \$600 PLO bounty event with \$200 bounties goes June 15 with a \$50K guarantee. A two-day \$600 PLO event starts June 19 and offers a \$75K guarantee. A one-day \$1,100 PLO/8 is June 24 with a \$75K guarantee. A \$1,100 PLO/8 with two starting flights starts June 30 with a \$200K guarantee. A two-day \$1,100 PLO-PLO/8-Big O tournament starts July 5 with a \$100K guarantee.

A \$10K high roller with two starting flights begins June 2. It has a \$1M guarantee. A \$1,600 event starts the first of its three starting flights on June 19 and features a \$2M guarantee. Seniors get their shot June 13 with a \$600 event and a \$400K guarantee.

June 26 is the first of three starting flights for a \$3,500 event with a \$3M guarantee. The main event, which has a \$5K buy-in and a \$2M guarantee, runs the first of its three starting flights July 17.

There are more moderately priced tournaments (\$300, \$400, \$600) throughout the event.

On the cash-game side, the Venetian will run a high-hand promotion April 17-May 11. On Mondays through Thursdays between 5 p.m. and 3 a.m., the room will be giving away \$250 every 20 minutes. The room continues to offer a progressive bad-beat jackpot that resets to \$50K when hit.

**WYNN:** The Signature Weekend runs April 20-23. It's a \$600 tournament with three starting flights and has a \$250K guar-

antee. Players start with 15K chips and play 40-minute levels. Satellites begin April 19.

**BELLAGIO:** Bellagio Cup XIII runs July 13-18. The five-day, \$10,400 buy-in event starts July 14. Satellites begin July 13 and are \$1,090 buy-ins. The venerable poker room, host to the biggest cash games in Vegas, has started spreading a \$9-\$18 limit game that is popular. The buy-in is only \$100 (no max) and the blinds are \$6 and \$9.

**RIO:** Ryan Jones of North Carolina won the main event of the WSOPC for \$269K. **Muruz Yohannes** of Las Vegas took \$166K for second and **Jeremy Joseph** of New York earned \$123K for third. The \$1,675 buy-in event had nearly 950 entrants for a \$1.417M prize pool.

**RED ROCK:** Long-time Vegas poker veteran **Bobby Griffith** is the new poker room manager at the busiest room in the Stations chain. Previously, Griffith ran the Palms poker room and recently has been a shift manager at the Orleans and Red Rock. He replaces **Forrest Caldwell**, who has taken another position in the Stations organization.

**SANTA FE STATION:** The room offers a \$100 tournament on the last Friday of the month. The starting stack is 12K and the levels are 30 minutes. The tournament starts at 6 p.m. and players who register by 5 get an extra 500 chips. As with all Santa Fe tournaments, there is a bad-beat jackpot. The most recent tournament had 126 players.

**CAESARS PALACE:** The tournament schedule has been revised. At 10 a.m., the buy-in is \$100, the starting stack is 12K and the guarantee is \$1,500. At 6 p.m., the buy-in is \$125 with a 15K stack and a \$2K guarantee. At 2 and 9 p.m., the buy-in is \$150, the stack is 15K and the guarantee is \$2,500. The levels for all tournaments are 20 minutes.

**HARD ROCK:** The poker room has closed.

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at [robvegaspoker.blogspot.com](http://robvegaspoker.blogspot.com).

## RENO

**ELDORADO:** The \$30 events run daily at 10 a.m. Also, players can use Eldorado comps at Silver Legacy and Circus Circus after the three properties recently came under one ownership.

**ATLANTIS:** The poker room serves a mini-buffet for its players at 5 p.m. every Monday. The WPT DeepStacks series ran March 16-27 so look for results in a future issue. Also, players earn \$4 an hour in comps until June 30.

**GOLDEN NUGGET:** Players can win \$10-\$100 on a wheel spin for the Aces Cracked promotion.

**GRAND SIERRA:** Free \$10 slot play goes to players who start any cash game around 12:30 p.m. daily.

**PEPPERMILL:** Run It Up Reno returns April 3-10. Join host **Jason Somerville** for tournaments crafted for all players. Players also are welcome to attend seminars and parties hosted by poker pros. Special room rates are available April 2-11. Use offer code RIU0417 when booking on [peppermillreno.com](http://peppermillreno.com).

**HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** Tournaments on Mondays and Wednesdays begin at 6 p.m. The buy-in is \$50 for 3K in starting chips. The Tuesday and Thursday events also begin at 6 p.m. but the buy-in is \$75 for 3K chips. ♠



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# BUCKY'S N.AZ. CHAMP. THIS MONTH

**B**ucky's Casino in Prescott is bringing back its Northern Arizona Hold'em Championship. You must qualify by playing in one of the preliminary rounds that are scheduled for April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. The finals will be April 30 at 2 p.m. Buy-in for this event is \$125 and \$5K has been added to bring the prize pool to \$25K with a \$10K first-place prize (based on 200 entrants). Be sure to play in one of the early qualifiers so you don't get shut out. See the ad on Page 19 for more info.

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** The sixth annual Winter Poker Classic ran Feb. 11-13 and featured a \$400, three-day event. There were 365 players, which pushed the prize pool to \$124K. Various chop deals were made at the final table and the payouts were as follows: **Scott Drill** (\$17K), **Adam Leyba** (\$17K), **Alexis Flores** (\$14,345), **Nathan York** (\$12,500), **Ezequiel Rodrigo** (\$12,500), **Troy Sprungl** (\$5,957), **Jerry Hauser** (\$5,088), **Brad Henry** (\$3,847), **Claire Thomas** (\$2,978) and **Tom Schneider** (\$2,110).

Talking Stick's Arena Poker Room has a full schedule of tournaments throughout the week and large-scale events on Saturdays and some Sundays. Check [talkingstickresort.com](http://talkingstickresort.com) for all of the upcoming promotions and tourneys.

**HON-DAH RESORT CASINO:** The poker room opens at 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Promotions include \$50 Aces Cracked daily from 2-midnight, \$100 high hands three times per day on Friday and Saturday, and Low Roller Tuesdays, where live games are just \$2-\$4 limit. See the ad on Page 20 for more.

The tournament schedule runs Tuesday-Sunday with a wide variety of games and some of the friendliest dealers in the state. Check out the action hidden away in the beautiful White Mountains.

## COLORADO

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** After a successful ice festival, which brought several new faces to the green felt, business at the Midnight Rose is holding better than usual because of favorable weather. About half of the Colorado Springs home-game players can be spotted playing in the 40K stack Meganormous Tournament (4 p.m. start) on Fridays. The third Colorado State Poker Championship runs April 16-30 and will feature the popular \$100-plus price points and a variety of events, such as ante-only, seniors, ladies, Omaha and crazy pineapple. Players will see the introduction of a Win the Button format, which was made popular by an online site. There are five 20-percent qualifiers

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## MEET MIKE MARUNA



An engineer working with radar systems by day and a poker player at night, **Mike Maruna** seems to have been on a good run forever. On the same final table, he had a royal flush and 20 minutes later turned a straight flush.

He started playing hold'em in 2007 at a home game in the United Kingdom. He added Omaha, PLO and PLO/8 as time progressed. He played the 2013 International Stadiums Poker Tour at Wembley Stadium in London and finished 30th out of 761. He garnered the RAF Lakenheath base championship in 2014 and also cashed twice in the Goliath UK.

Though from the Colorado Springs area, Maruna often is seen in Black Hawk, where he once took eighth in a Mid-States Poker Tour's main event. A few months later when MSPT returned to Black Hawk, he won the Kick Start for about \$50K.

His favorite hand is 7-7 because he has flopped quads with it four times. Like just about every player, his main goal is to win the World Series main event.

He has three boys, including 19-year-old twins. His hobbies are poker and snowboarding. He recently accepted a job transfer, which is pending, to move to Thailand, so look for him on the international circuit. — **Dick Stein**

leading up to the \$500 main (April 29) and a \$5K freeroll for most points/hours (April 30). Call the poker room for details.

**BLACK HAWK:** The recently finished Heartland Poker Tour at Golden Gates saw the Kick Start \$300 event draw 871 runners. The final four, who chopped, were **Vincent Moscati** (\$27,350), **Cannon Conolty** (\$27,277), **Colin York** (\$24,970) and **Rory Lucero** (\$20,449). **Amanda Ormsby**, a Black Hawk resident, had her best tournament finish, placing second in Event 6 for \$3,970. **Nicholas Bennett** was first (\$6,640). **Lance "Cord" Garcia** of Houston took down the main event for \$248,732, followed by **Daniel O'Brien** of Las Vegas (\$153,982). **Andrew Dean** of Massachusetts was third (\$100,881), followed by **Saad Vasquez** of Castle Rock (\$69,760) and **Zohair Karim** of Orlando (\$50,903). ... At the Ameristar, the primary bad beat (quads) reached \$175K at press time. Once that bad beat is awarded, it will be retired and the poker room will have \$200 hourly high hands 24-7.

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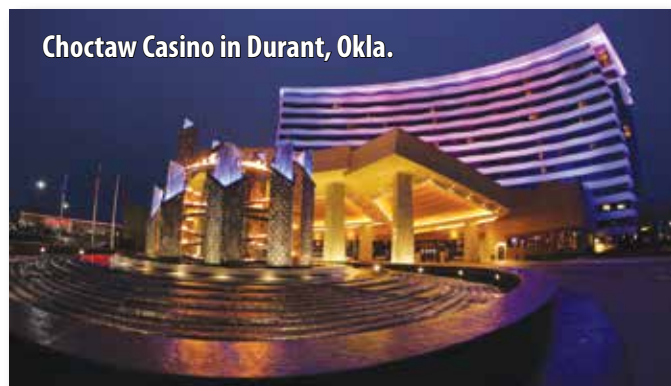
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## CHOCTAW WILL HOST PNIA SERIES APRIL 6-24

The Poker Night in America Tour returns April 6-24 to the Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla., as 61 events are scheduled, many sporting \$100-\$240 buy-ins. Major events include \$565 PLO/8, PLO/Congress, Congress, PLO, NLHE and Monster Stack. On April 21, there's a \$1M guarantee for the \$1,100 buy-in main event.

**WINSTAR WORLD CASINO:** February's Presidents Day Series had five events. **Stephan Williams** of Ft. Worth, Texas, earned \$49,467 by beating 565 entries to win the \$600 main event. Other winners were **Marcus Cates**, **Zelong Dong** and **Robert Miller**.

**RIVER SPIRIT CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot hit in February for \$129K. While \$1-\$2 NLHE is commonly found here, other games are featured during the week: \$1-\$2 PLO is Monday evenings and \$1-\$3 NLHE runs Thursday evenings. Eight-handed \$10-\$20 Big O with a kill is featured Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 1.

**HARD ROCK CASINO:** RunGoodGear.com's Spring Brawl wrapped up in February. **Kristin Deardorff**, an electrical engineer from California, captured the main event, \$34,039 and a championship belt. Other winners were **Eric Bunch** in the \$135 bounty, **Chan Pelton** in the deepstack, **Pete Petree** in PLO, **Janie Wentworth-Rui** in the shootout. The World Series of Poker Circuit results will be reported in the next issue.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The 12th annual Ozark Poker Championships in February saw **Matthew Ellis** of Bentonville, Ark., capture the \$50K main event for \$12K. Other winners were **Ricky Cogden** and **James Lee**. The \$20K guarantee Spring Deepstack runs in early April so call for details.

### KANSAS

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** The January-through-March qualifiers for the quarterly \$10K freeroll will play April 8. Qualifying for the next quarter begins April 1.

That quarter's freeroll is scheduled for July 8. Continuing through April is a splash-pot promotion. Every 15 minutes from 6-10 p.m., \$100 will be splashed on a selected table.

This eight-table room commonly spreads \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em and \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha.

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**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** The room continues to offer a monthly \$15K freeroll for players who qualify through a tournament leaderboard or 50 hours of live play.

The freeroll is the second Saturday after the qualifying month, so the next one is April 8. The top 10 places are paid with first place earning \$5K.

### WESTERN MISSOURI

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** RunGoodGear.com's Spring Brawl runs April 25-30, though the event schedule wasn't available at press time. An early bird promotion continues, offering an extra 1K chips if you register for a tournament more than an hour before it starts, excluding the last Saturday of the month's megastack.

**AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY:** This 13-table room has a \$100 high-hand promotion that began March 10. Two sessions will be offered daily, 2-6 p.m. and 8-midnight. The minimum qualifier is aces full of deuces. The Busted Bullets promotion continues with the first five players each day who get aces beaten win \$100. Players continue to earn \$1 per hour in comps and a \$15 food voucher with four hours of live play.

### NEW MEXICO

**ROUTE 66 CASINO:** You can play in three tournaments every day of the week. Most events are NLHE, but there's a pineapple tournament each Wednesday, plus many tournaments include bounties. Join the Player of the Year promotion to earn big bucks for finishing in the top five for the year. For a complete listing, visit the website or see our Where to Play section in this magazine.

**SANTA ANA CASINO:** Every day starting at noon, you can find a solid \$2-\$6 limit game in the table-games area. Limit hold'em may be a lost art these days, but there's still plenty of money to win if you can make the adjustments.

**SANDIA CASINO RESORT:** There are regular weekly tournaments with Sunday hosting a \$50 event at noon and a \$45 buy-in at 5 p.m. Monday brings the Sprint Tournament for \$50. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can play a bounty tournament for \$75. New are the \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series, where each week's tournament features stud, Big O/8, ladies night, pineapple, HORSE, Omaha/8 and more. Check the website for a complete schedule.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** The Road to the Main Event \$60K tournament continues April 22-23 for \$330. It pays \$10K for first, \$6K for second and \$4,500 for third. Call 575-464-7799 for details or see the ad on Page 18.

Each Friday is a \$120 event at 6 p.m., and every Sunday at 2 p.m. you can play a \$75 tournament. Earn bonus chips when playing live action before each tournament. See the website for details.

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT:** The Last Saturday of the Month tournament starts at 1 p.m. and costs \$150. The 6:30 p.m. tournament later that evening is a great consolation if you missed out earlier, and because of the large numbers there are plenty of cash games in hold'em and Omaha. Stay tuned for more fun promotions this summer. ♠





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# ORANGE CITY OPENS FL. POKER ROOM

Orange City Racing & Card Club's state-of-the-art poker room opened March 1 in North Florida with its 33 tables as more than 350 people were on hand for the festivities, including Orange City Mayor **Gary Blair** and **Fred Guzman**, the club's GM.

"We wanted to build a place we could all be proud of, a place the community could be proud of, and I truly believe that we have done just that," Guzman said.

Delaware North, a global hospitality provider, owns this property and its sister location, the Daytona Beach Racing & Card Club. The complex has racing simulcasting and is home to Jake's 29° Sports Bar & Grill, a full-service restaurant and bar.

The poker room will be open 10 a.m. to 4 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday through the weekend to 4 a.m. Monday and will spread the same games as DBRCC.

**DAYTONA BEACH RACING & CARD CLUB:** Don't forget the state's most popular charity tournament series, the **Howard Frank** Memorial Deep Stack Charity Classic, will be May 21. World Poker Tour legend **Mike Sexton** and ESPN poker's **Norman Chad** will be on hand.

The event sold out every year since 2010, and here's why: The first royal flush earns a \$15K prize package, but the first diamond royal made on the flop wins a \$100K package, including a 2017 Corvette.

First place in the \$275 main event earns you \$11K, including a \$5K seat at the Venetian's Deep Stack Extravaganza III in Las Vegas.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** The Emerald Coast Spring Classic will be April 21-30, highlighted by the \$280 main event, which has three starting flights (April 28, 6:30 p.m., April 29 noon and 6:45). Day 2 will be April 30 at noon. Blinds will be 30 minutes and players can re-entry through six levels.

Other highlights from the schedule include the \$110 opener, which is April 21 at 6:30 and has a \$10K guarantee, Event 3 (April 23, 2 p.m.), a \$330 deepstack with a \$10K guarantee and Event 6 (April 26, 6:30), a \$110 Omaha/8 event with a \$3K guarantee. For more information, visit [goebro.com](http://goebro.com) or call 850-535-4048.

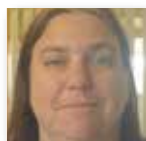
**BESTBET ORANGE PARK:** **Ray Witt** of Jacksonville was declared the champion of the \$30K deepstack event in February after chopping with **James Williams** of Lake Butler and **Shawn Forster** of Jacksonville for nearly \$8,800 each. The \$200 event drew 349 entries for a \$55,840 prize pool.

## SOUTH AMBASSADORS



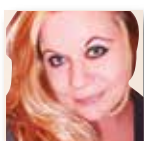
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### MEET MIKE BEATTIE

A local CPA who works for a Fortune 200 company in Tampa, Fla., **Mike Beattie** is a regular on the Tampa Bay tournament scene. He became interested in Texas Hold'em in 2003 when a friend showed him an article about a CPA winning the World Series of Poker. He didn't know how to play hold'em, but he thought. "Hey, I'm a CPA and certainly could win this main-event thing, too, right?"

He always has fun at the table and has a positive personality. His greatest accomplishment in poker came in the 2014 WSOP Monster Stack, reaching Day 4 and finishing 25th out of 7,807 for \$50,202. He played grueling 14- and 12-hour sessions on Days 1-2, respectively. On Days 3-4, he played with big-name pros, guys with millions in earnings. After his dream run ended on Day 4, he took out several friends to celebrate and realized it was the first time he had been outside in four days.

Beattie recommends anyone interested in improving should study hard, using the multitude of available resources and he believes you're doing your game a disservice if you don't. He reads multiple monthly poker magazines and watches as many webinars as he can. He's read almost every poker book but loves the classics such as **Doyle Brunson's** *Super System* and **Gus Hanson's** *Every Hand Revealed*.

Beattie is a fine inspiration to amateurs. — **Sara Malowitz**

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** The bad-beat jackpot was at \$260K at press time. Also, the WPT DeepStacks series was wrapping up at press time, so be sure to check out our next issue for a recap.

See the ad on the facing page for the next series that runs April 27-May 8 with \$350K in guarantees.

**PENSACOLA GREYHOUND PARK:** The \$5K guarantee **Calvin Washington** charity tourney is April 15 at 1 p.m. for \$140, with \$20 from each buy-in going top Par Four Charities. Players begin with 10K chips and levels will be 20 minutes. For more, call (850) 456-9800. If you like more conventional events, the \$50K guarantee with a \$270 buy-in will be April 26 (Day 1A, 1 p.m.), April 27 (Day 1B, 1 p.m.), April 28 (Day 1C, 1 p.m.) and April 29 (Day 1D, 1 p.m.). Day 2 is April 30 at 1 p.m. There will be daily \$60 satellites for this event until April 28.

**CREEK GREYHOUND ENTERTAINMENT:** See the ad on Page 45 for info on the April 22 \$10K guarantee and other events.



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Day	Date	Time	Event	Buy-in	Chips	Guarantee
Thursday	April 27	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1A	\$360	15,000	\$100,000
Friday	April 28	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1B	\$360	15,000	
Saturday	April 29	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$360	15,000	
Sunday	April 30	5:00pm	Event #2 NLH Six Hour Ironman	\$290	25,000	
		12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Final Day			
		1:00pm	Event #3 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	\$50,000
Monday	May 1	7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000	
		12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000	
Tuesday	May 2	12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000	
		3:00pm	Event #5 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #5	\$200	12,000	
Wednesday	May 3	12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Final Day			
		1:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Thursday	May 4	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH	\$350	10,000	
		3:00pm	Event #8 All-in or Fold w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
Friday	May 5	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1A	\$1,100	25,000	
Saturday	May 6	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$1,100	25,000	
		3:00pm	Event #9 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #10 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sunday	May 7	12:00pm	Main Event Day 2			
		3:00pm	Event #11 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #12 NLH Turbo	\$240	10,000	
Monday	May 8	2:00pm	Main Event Final Day			\$200,000

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# SINGH NABS WSOPC IN PALM BEACH



The Palm Beach Kennel Club hosted the World Series of Poker Circuit in February, continuing its association with the WSOP for a seventh consecutive year. The main event drew 524 entries as IT management consultant **Raminder Singh** of nearby Delray Beach collected his first gold ring and nearly \$169K first prize and an entry into the Global Casino Championship on Aug. 8-10 in Cherokee, N.C.

There were plenty of highlights during the “12 rings in 12 days” event, including a victory in the final event of the series by **Maurice Hawkins**, the ninth ring of his career. Hawkins had a phenomenal 2016, winning three WSOPC main-event titles, including back-to-back tourneys in April at Council Bluffs and Cherokee, which earned him honors for Breakout Performance of the Year at the American Poker Awards in Beverly Hills on Feb. 24.

**Carlos Loving**, a former dealer from the Tampa Bay area, continued his hot run by capturing the Casino Championship title after making three final tables, going heads-up for the ring in two events over the span of eight hours.

He finished second to **Martin Ryan** in the \$580 Turbo (\$15,338), and after immediately jumping into Event 5, picked up another \$15K by winning that tournament. Earlier in the series, Loving notched a 22nd-place finish in the \$365 Event 2 and hung on in Event 12 for a sixth-place finish to hold off **Max Young** for the Casino title.

**ISLE CASINO: Uri Kadosh** of Davie went on a roll after an early evening break to build his miniscule stack of around 200K to more than 5M in less than an hour, then hung on to win the main event of the Battles at the Beach in Pompano Beach.

The tournament ended with a three-way deal between Kadosh, **Joey Couden** and **Darryll Fish**. Couden received \$120K, while Kadosh collected \$120,035 and the trophy for his slightly larger stack. Fish, who took home the top prize a week earlier at the Big Stack event at Parx Casino in Bensalem, Pa., got \$98K for his finish at the Isle.

The Pompano Beach facility has altered its strategy for tournaments over the past few years, with the \$1,500 buy-in equal to last year, but much less than tourneys played earlier this decade. The focus has been shifted to offer an alternative to the Hard Rock, which Fish, who represents SHR, feels is a wise business decision.

“By dropping some of their buy-ins, they’ve found a niche where they can appeal to a different crowd, while still having a big enough main event to attract the higher-stakes players,” he said. “I feel it has been a good decision for their business and I like where they are headed.”

**HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD:** The World Poker Tour Seminole Hard Rock Poker Showdown got under way March 31 and will hold its televised final table April 5. The first week of April will feature the \$10K SHR Finale (April 2-6) and a \$25K High Roller on April 4-5.

**BITTERSWEET BURNS:** Hard Rock tournament director **Tony Burns** received an APA nomination for Industry Person of the

Year, and while he didn’t win, he did capture a trophy on the felt upon his return to South Florida. The 34-year-old poker veteran took over the TD role in Hollywood in August 2015 after working at the Isle for eight years as a dealer and evening TD.

He’s obviously too busy to play much poker, but took down Event 9 at the Isle’s Battles at the Beach. Burns collected \$2,178 and the trophy by winning the \$75 event, his first career title.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

**SEMINOLE IMMOKALEE:** **Josh Gibson** captured the WPT DeepStacks Main Event on Feb. 26 for \$50K and a \$5,250 seat into the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open championship. The property has hosted some unique events in the past and has growing tournament series that have been won by some of the best West Florida players. The WPTDS went to **Filipp Khavin** in 2015 and **Nathan Papp** in 2016, while the Seminole Immokalee Challenge went to **Herbert Woodbery** in 2016.

Khavin finished 15th in this event (\$3,000), while one-time WSOP ladies champion **Marsha Wolak** was 13th (\$3,500). Tampa philanthropist **Anthony March**, who just made a deep run at the Aussie Millions and donated much of his winnings to charity, made the final table and cashed for \$8K.

Gibson squared off with Papp for the title in a heads-up match that lasted 45 minutes. With Papp down about 5-to-1 in chips, he took a deal that scored him \$42K for second. The two have played many times, but more so in cash games. The next major series here will be in September.

**DERBY LANE:** With Friday night tournaments occasionally playing out until 6 a.m., the St. Petersburg poker room decided to offer a \$230 freezeout with a \$10K guarantee. A freezeout means there will be no re-entries and no rebuys; you are one and done.

New promotions include progressive high hands at specific times weekly (Monday 7-10 p.m., Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 2-5 p.m.) every 45 minutes.

The \$1-\$1 NLHE and \$2 limit games can win \$500 (\$25 to players at the table, the rest to the winner), \$1-\$3 NLHE games can win \$1K (\$50 to players at the table, the rest to the winner) and \$2-\$5 can win \$2K (\$100 to players at the table, the rest to the winner).

This promo is subject to change so call ahead.

**HARD ROCK TAMPA:** Where Derby has answered the Friday night tournament scene, Hard Rock has been dominating the Saturday tournament scene. The Triple 30s (30K units, 30-minute blinds, \$30K guarantee for \$250) has been getting around 300 players since the event debuted in January.

This tournament has been so immensely popular, that registration begins in the middle of the week. First place has paid \$15K-plus, a great weekly addition to the Tampa Bay area.

**OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER:** **Pat Garrity**, who once ran this poker room back when it was Ocala Poker and Jai-Alai, has returned as manager.







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**7pm**

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# HARRAH'S N.C. HOSTS WSOPC APRIL 12-24

At Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina, the World Series of Poker Circuit runs April 12-24 and has \$2M-plus in guarantees. The schedule is highlighted by the \$1,675 main event, which sports a \$1M guarantee and has two starting days (April 21-22, both at 11 a.m.).

The circuit kicks off with a massive \$500K guarantee for \$365. It has five starting flights across three days, starting on April 12, and it is a re-entry four-day event.

There is only one non-NLHE event: the \$365 pot-limit Omaha re-entry tourney on April 17 at 4 p.m. It has a \$50K guarantee and runs two days. Two senior events are on the schedule, the first has a \$100K guarantee for \$250 on April 15 at 9 a.m. and the second is April 23 at 9 a.m. with a \$50K guarantee for \$250. The senior tournaments are non-ring events, as is the women's event on April 23 (2 p.m., \$135). The women's tourney is the only event without a prize-pool guarantee.

Most of the 15 ring events cost \$365, though there is a \$1,125 single-entry tourney (Event 8) on April 20 at 11 a.m. that has a \$100K guarantee.

For midweek hotel room rates as affordable as \$99, mention code WSOP17 when calling 844-777-7711 to book. There could be as many as 130 tournament tables with the possibility of 55 for cash games. There also will be two WSOP Global Casino Championship seats up for grabs.

For more info, go to [wsop.com](http://wsop.com).

## MISSISSIPPI

**HORSESHOE TUNICA:** The poker room hosts a \$50K guarantee April 7. This \$150 three-day event features unlimited re-entry during the first seven levels on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, those remaining in the tournament play down to a winner.

These tournaments always draw a crowd and the prize pool usually exceeds what's promised. Nowhere else in the state can you find this sort of prize pool for such a small buy-in. Horseshoe always has a few rooms set aside to accommodate out-of-town guests at a discounted poker rate. Call (662) 357-6600 for more information.

**PEARL RIVER RESORT:** In the middle of the state, the Choctaw property is hosting a \$25K guarantee April 13-16 for \$225. See the ad on Page 25 for details. And don't forget the Ante Up Poker Tour runs through April 2.

Its cash promotions are becoming quite popular, too. On Sundays the room gives away \$1K-plus to cash-game players. Entries in the drawing are earned every hour, starting Monday, in any jackpot-eligible cash game.

On Sunday, the staff draws names to award \$300 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., \$100 drawings are at noon, 1, 2 and 4. The middle of the week is about more than earning drawing entries, though.

With various fun promotions that include high-hand giveaways, hot seat and splash the pot opportunities, there is always an opportunity to grab some free money.

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**SCARLET PEARL CASINO:** In Biloxi, there's no better time to visit as the weather is perfect for the beach and the Big Slick Poker Room is gearing up for a \$30K Poker Open this May 11-14.

Every Friday and Saturday through May 6, you can try to win a seat in a satellite for \$45. These satellites, which begin at 6 p.m., will award one seat into the \$30K guarantee for every \$255 generated into the prize pool. For extra value, an extra seat will be added by the poker room. The Scarlet Pearl also runs a variety of cash promotions and keeps a regular tournament schedule at [scarletpearlcasino.com](http://scarletpearlcasino.com).

## MISSOURI

**AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES:** The latest installment of the Heartland Poker Tour runs through April 10. The series kicks off March 29 with a \$350 tournament that has three starting flights and a \$100K guarantee, culminating with a live stream of the \$1,650 main-event final table on [twitch.tv/HPTpoker](http://twitch.tv/HPTpoker). Flight A of the main starts at 2 p.m. on April 7. Flights B and C are April 8 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Players can win their way into the main event for as little as \$75 via single-table satellites and daily qualifiers.

Limit poker is alive and kicking at Ameristar, where a bi-weekly \$20-\$40 game has grown in popularity and necessitated the need for a second table. The game happens every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. with the second table opening around noon. Players can call in at 8 a.m. to get on the list.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** Every player who qualifies for the Tournament of Champions, which is the first Sunday of every month, will receive two \$10 match-play coupons for table games. All tournaments at Hollywood award one seat to the TOC for every 20 entries.

**LUMIERE PLACE:** Do you want to win a new Harley-Davidson? Players automatically collect entries for every hour of live-action played, provided they have been swiped into the Bravo system. The drawing will be May 26.

## LOUISIANA

**BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS:** Seth Foster of DeBerry, Texas, captured the \$1,100 Heartland Poker Tour Main Event, beating 274 players for the \$59,891 payout.

Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler of Las Vegas was runner-up (\$38,279), followed by Ed Sebesta of Richmond, Texas (\$25,649), Jon Hart of Jackson, Miss. (\$18,098) and Phil Treauo of New Orleans (\$13,541).

Chris Minton of Alvin, Texas, and Andrew Moon of Vidalia, La., chopped the opening event, the \$350 Monster Stack, for \$22K each. It drew 409 entries and had a \$100K guarantee.

**COUSHATTA CASINO RESORT:** The Tournament Players of the Quarter promotion awards points to the top six players in each tournament.

The top 10 earners for the quarter will be paid from the monies collected (\$3 from each tourney entry). First place gets 27 percent of the pool, followed by second getting 18 percent, etc. The second quarter runs April 1-June 30. For more info, go to [coushattacasinoresort.com](http://coushattacasinoresort.com).

**HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY:** Saturdays at 11 a.m. is a \$10K guarantee. On the same day, there is a \$100 Aces Cracked promotion for limit hold'em from 8 a.m.-noon. Call the poker room for details. ♠







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# ELIAS CAPTURES WPT IN ONTARIO

**Darren Elias** outlasted 488 players to win the WPT Fallsview Poker Classic in Niagara Falls, Ontario. All cashes and prize pools reported here are in Canadian dollars. Elias, a New Jersey resident, earned \$335,436 to increase his live winnings to \$4.47M.

**David Eldridge** was second, a performance worth \$224,613, while the third-place finisher, **Jean-Christophe Ferreira**, pocketed \$144,465.

**Andrew Chen** of Ontario collected \$106,865 for fourth, increasing his career take to more than \$4.8M. Germany's **Manig Loeser** was fifth (\$80,149) for his second cash of the series. **Abdull Hassan** was sixth (\$64,316). The prize pool was \$2.2M.

Canadian players took four of the top five spots in the \$1,100 event as **Mike Leah** of Ontario took home \$244,244 for first, giving him more than \$5.7M lifetime earnings. American **Matthew Grocholsky** was second (\$172,589), followed by **Dan Kalpakis** (\$112,201).

Toronto's **Xuan Liu** won the \$2,500 event for \$304,056, while **Ryan Yu** got \$213,185 for second. The event drew 753 runners for a \$1.67M prize pool.

## CONNECTICUT

**NEW CASINO SOON?** East Windsor has been chosen as the location for a third casino in the Nutmeg State, this one a joint venture between the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, which owns Foxwoods Resort Casino, and the Mohegan Tribal Nation, which owns Mohegan Sun. The \$300M property would be just minutes from Bradley International Airport and, strategically, only a short shot down I-91 from the future home of the Springfield, Mass., MGM casino, which may open in the summer of 2018. The Massachusetts property plans to have a 20-table poker room, so it's likely the new Connecticut casino will have poker as part of its 150 table games, though no solid plans have been released.

"From the beginning, we've said that we want to site our new facility in a town that's eager to have us," Mashantucket Pequot Tribal chairman **Rodney Butler** said. "East Windsor fits that bill, and we're thrilled to enter into a partnership with them." The state Legislature needs to approve the deal before ground can be broken.

**FOXWOODS CASINO RESORT:** The Foxwoods Classic runs until April 3, with the \$2,200 main event, which has starting flights on March 31 and April 1, sporting a \$400K guarantee. The series closes with Event 20, a \$300 big stack with re-entries on April 3. Go to foxwoods.com for details.

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## MEET JOHNNY GROOMS

MGM National Harbor director of poker **Johnny Grooms** started his career in the industry at Tunica Horseshoe in the late 1990s in Mississippi, with stops at the Beau Rivage poker room and World Series of Poker Circuit along the way.

**What can players expect from a room run by you?** Players can expect a relaxed atmosphere and an entertaining experience.

**What do you think the phrase "a poker player's manager" means and do you consider yourself one?** I try to be responsive to all of our guests' needs whenever possible. I have to make the balance between the grinders and the recreational players. Creating this balance will make all players happy.

**Which poker games do you prefer to play?** My preferred games are pot-limit Omaha or PLO/8. When available, I prefer to play mixed games, also.

**What can we expect from you and MGM National Harbor in the future?** We hope to have some charity tournaments shortly.

We are examining the local market to determine the demands of what the players are most responsive.

— Michael Young

## MID-ATLANTIC

**DOVER DOWNS:** The next Getaway Weekend runs April 28-30, highlighted by the \$30K guarantee on April 29 at 11:15 a.m. (\$225, 30-minute blinds, 30K stack). There's also a \$10K guarantee black-chip bounty to open the series (April 28, 11:15 a.m., \$225, \$1K survivor payout). For info on the other events, call the poker room.

In addition to \$1-per-hour comps, cash players receive \$2 per hour for the first 29 hours. They get \$10 per hour for every hour after 30. See the poker room for details.

**DELAWARE PARK:** Cash games offer around-the-clock high hands, paying out as much as \$500 hourly. Payouts vary depending on time of day. Please see the poker room for a complete schedule.

**HORSESHOE BALTIMORE:** The WSOPC visits April 27-May 8.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** The World Poker Tour DeepStacks is April 14-24, including the \$1,500 main event April 21. It will sport a \$300K guarantee. See the ad on Page 7.

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# PARX BIG STAX STILL ROX IN PHILADELPHIA

Parx celebrated its 20th Big Stax tournament series in collaboration with World Poker Tour DeepStacks Tour from Feb. 8 to March 1. In addition to the usual \$300, \$500, \$1,500 events, the series included a \$2,500 Big Stax final event. WPTDS offered live streaming and coverage of the main tournaments throughout the schedule.

The series kicked off with the \$340 tourney that drew 1,883 entrants for a first-place payout of \$92,942. After **Hung Truong** took fourth for \$28,121, the three players left made a deal. **Josias Dos Santos** took the title for \$68,250 while **Carlos Alvarado** and **Gregory Weber** collected \$65K and \$56,773, respectively.

**Vinnie Papandrea** claimed the \$550 event for \$103,676 after 14 hours of play on Day 3. Heads-up play took 23 hands as **John Attanasio** finished second (\$65,557). Among the notables at the final table were **Joe "Worm" Palma**, who took sixth (\$17,580), and **Anna Antimony**, who came in third (\$42,719).

Antimony, who chopped heads-up in Event 1 at the Borgata Fall Poker Open for \$126K, holds \$300K-plus in tournament earnings, most of which came this past year. She said she was due for her third-place finish at Parx.

"It was a long time coming, but I knew I'd eventually make a final table at Parx," she said. "We were all so deep that it seemed like nobody was busting or even getting short, but things eventually started to move."

Though the final table didn't yield anything but multiple bad beats, Antimony kept herself well-adjusted by maintaining focus.

"I promise you'll see me at a final table again soon."

The WPTDS main had a \$957,300 prize pool, drawing 660 players for the \$201,991 prize, a \$3K package to the WPTDS Season Championship and a massive amount of POY points. On Day 3, after 13 levels and nearly 16 hours, four players chopped: **James Poper**, **D.J. MacKinnon**, **Justin Liberto** and **Phillip Hui**. Other notables included **Travis Hartshorn**, **Loni Harwood**, **Victor Ramdin** and **Matt Mendez**.

Liberto was third, adding \$83,285 to his \$2.1M earnings.

"The tourney was a very unique experience being able to play a final table with two of my very close friends," Liberto said of MacKinnon and Hui, who was fourth (\$60,980). "All of us being able to walk away with six figures was amazing."

After a crushing hand of set over set, MacKinnon was second

(\$127,800), marking his biggest live payout. Poper also claimed the biggest win of his career, taking the title and \$201,991.

"I didn't have a great 2016 and I had definitely lost some confidence along the way," he said. "Everyone from a \$1-\$2 recreational cash player to the elite's playing the highest tournaments go through downswings, so part of being a professional is being able to deal with those tough times mentally. The deep run at Parx was a nice reminder that I have the ability to play well. Hopefully the run serves as a launching pad for a successful 2017 and beyond."

**Darryll Fish** won the Big Stax \$2,500 title as the final event came to an end with a three-way chop between Fish, **Mark Herm** and **Joseph Hanrahan**. The event drew 137 entrants, 52 of which won their seats via satellites. Fish and Herm took home nearly \$64K each after Hanrahan was third (\$55,459).

**MOHEGAN SUN POCONO:** The NEPA Poker Open runs April 23-29, with 11 events and numerous satellites, some as cheap as \$18. The \$550 main event is April 29 at 11 a.m. The series opens with a \$340 Black Chip Bounty event on April 23 at 11 a.m. Most events are NLHE, but on April 28 there's a \$125 hold'em-PLO event at 11 a.m. For more details, be sure to visit [mohegansunpocono.com](http://mohegansunpocono.com) or call 888-946-4672.

**SUGARHOUSE:** The first Philadelphia Poker Classic series ran March 1-31. The event featured *Poker Night in America*, headlining **Phil Hellmuth**, **Olivier Busquet**, **Doug Polk**, **Matt Glantz** and Ante Up Ambassador **Jo Kim**. Coverage will be in the next issue.

**HARD ROCK BUYS TAJ MAHAL:** Hard Rock International bought the former Taj Mahal after its closing from bankruptcy. The investment is intended to revitalize Atlantic City by bringing thousands of local jobs. The group will invest more than \$300M to buy, renovate and re-open the casino.

"We are excited to be part of this revitalization of Atlantic City, creating thousands of jobs to help local employment," chairman **Jim Allen** said. "We are 100 percent convinced Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City will be a success."

## NEW YORK

**TURNING STONE RESORT:** The Spring Fling runs April 20-23. Call the poker room for details. ♠



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# AQEL NOTCHES \$208K IN WISCONSIN

In early February, the World Series of Poker Circuit visited Wisconsin for the first time, stopping at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in downtown Milwaukee. The stop kicked off by setting a state attendance record with 1,272 entrants in Event 1, a \$365 re-entry, which **Ty Veras** won for \$67,726.

The \$1,675 main event saw 32-year-old **Alex Aqel** best a field of 677 entrants to capture the \$208,184 first-place prize and a seat into the Global Casino Championship. Aqel's win came four months after he topped a field of 595 entries to win the Mid-States Poker Tour at Potawatomi for \$138,385.

"Playing for that amount of money is a lot easier because I just recently had a big score myself," he said. "It was more that I just wanted to win a WSOPC main event. That was huge for me."

Other winners included: **Yousef Anbar** (Event 2, \$580 NLHE, 235 entries, \$29,371); **Winston Ackerman** (Event 3, \$365 NLHE, 324 entries, \$22,842); **Leon Gao** (Event 4: \$365 NLHE, 179 entries, \$14,500); **Josh Reichard** (Event 5, \$365 PLO, 227 entries, \$17,021); **Travis Lauson** (Event 6, \$365 NLHE six-max, 247 entries, \$19,639); **Eric Guth** (Event 7, \$365 Monster Stack, 532 entries, \$34,310); **Nadya Magnus** (Event 8, \$2,200 high roller, 119 entries, \$71,398); **Kalpesh Shah** (Event 11, \$580 NLHE, 170 entries, \$22,950), and **Scott Quimby** (Event 12, \$365 NLHE, 246 entries, \$18,083).

**Byron Ziebell** won the Potawatomi Casino Championship after cashing four times and reaching two final tables, including a win in Event 10 (\$365 NLHE) for \$19,547. Ziebell needed at least a ninth-place finish in the final event, which is what he got. He was awarded a seat in the GCC for the feat.

The WSOPC is slated to return here in 2018.

## CHICAGOLAND

**TROPICANA EVANSVILLE:** **Jason Gwinn** outlasted a record field to win the MSPT regional for \$35K. The 511 entries made it the largest tournament the property has hosted and more than tripled the advertised \$50K guarantee.

Gwinn, a 47-year-old mailman playing in just his second MSPT event, overcame a more than 10-to-1 chip disadvantage during heads-up play with **Tammy Wargel**.

"The tournament was great; everybody was real nice," said Gwinn, whose poker playing is limited to stops within driving distance and his annual two-week trip to Las Vegas during the WSOP.

The MSPT returns to the Tropicana on Aug. 12 for the \$250K guarantee Indiana State Poker Championship.

**MAJESTIC STAR:** High-hand promotions run Wednesdays noon-

## MEET BOB POPPER



In 2005, **Bob Popper** was poker's first Midwest correspondent, writing his column *Popper's Floppers* for *Top Pair*, which had given Chicagoland its first in-depth view of local poker rooms and players.

**Has Chicagoland poker changed?** Poker in the Chicagoland area certainly has changed from its high point in the mid 2000s to what it is today. Many of the casinos that didn't have poker rooms, opened them up during the height of the hold'em popularity rush. ... The popularity of poker is still at a good level and most of the casinos have kept their poker rooms.

**What was your most memorable experience?** Being at my first World Series of Poker was certainly a highlight. I also participated in a WPT Boot Camp training session and played in their tournament where I could learn a lot about poker. I guess I can't pick out one memorable moment. I can say meeting many pro players over the years has been very memorable. They present one image while playing in a tournament or on a televised event yet can be different in everyday life. I learned so many of them, especially the old-timers, have a heart of gold and contribute part of their earnings to charity. — **Joe Giertuga**

midnight with \$100 paid on even hours and \$100 splashed pots on odd hours.

In other news, **Antonio Modacure** won the monthly \$10K guarantee for \$4K.

**WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP:** **Sandra McGuire** won WCPC's first women's tournament, earning \$850 after outlasting 17 players. In 2008, McGuire played in the WCPC's largest Illinois televised tournament. She plays cash and tournaments at Grand Victoria.

Also, **Robert Ingram** won the league points championship and **David Schultz** won the league championship tournament.

## MINNESOTA

**RUNNING ACES CASINO:** **Luke Bohnen** of Blaine, Minn., earned \$86,440 after winning the MSPT event in February. Bohnen came to the final table with a lead he never relinquished despite facing some tough competition. Local pro **Joseph Barnard** finished fourth. **Nicole Nelson**, a former dealer at Running Aces and Canterbury Park, took third. Local powerhouse **Rajae Waz-**

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## MIDWEST

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**waz** battled Bohnen heads-up, but the tournament ended when Wazwaz's straight draw missed against Bohnen's pocket nines.

Bohnen recently returned to poker after a three-year hiatus.

"Poker was all I was doing for a whole year, but Dad said I had to get a real job," Bohnen said of his time away from the game. "I sort of faded from poker. Last Christmas, I decided to start playing again and had a lot of luck right out of the gate. This is my biggest win by far, but it's still back to work tomorrow. It's going to be a really fun day though."

The \$1,100 event drew 358 entries to generate a \$345,760 prize pool.

## OHIO/WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**JACK CASINO CINCINNATI:** The Jack Poker Open series ran Feb. 20-27. The \$1K main event drew an impressive 666 entries for a \$600K prize pool. **Rudy Cadenas** of Columbus, Ohio, took first place for \$114,678, besting **Jared Palmer** (\$70,932) of Seaman, Ohio and **Gregory Yeager** (\$52,024) of Clinton County, Ohio.

In other JPO action, the \$300 seniors event ended in a four-way chop. **Steven Lutz** (Nicholasville, Ky.), **Edward Shade** (Hurricane, W.Va.), **Jack Lewis** (Austin, Ind.) and **Dennis Pery** (Williamstown, Ky.) each took home \$8,569. Another \$300 event saw **Robert Reed** of Cincinnati finish first for \$11,842. Another local Cincinnati, **Ray Attiyah**, took down the \$300 PLO event for \$12,725. **Ronald Surenkamp** of Port Richey, Fla., won the \$200 turbo for \$4,017. In the final event, a \$300 bounty tournament, **Dan Liu** of Florence, Ky., won the title and \$5,922.

**THE MEADOWS:** From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, \$300 is awarded every hour for the high hand as \$4,500 total will be paid. Make a royal flush and win a progressive jackpot. The amount is posted in the room.

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## IOWA

**HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS:** The \$555 RunGood main event wrapped up Feb. 26 with a three-way chop between **Mark Fink**, "Farmer" **Phil Mader** and **Gregory Jennings**. They each pocketed just shy of \$22K.

In the \$180 deepstack, **Joshua Sandoval** won \$8,268 and **James Devaney** took the \$135 Pro Knockout event for \$4,373.

During the final few days of March and the first nine days of April, the WSOPC will bring 13 ring events to the Horseshoe. On April 29, there will be a WSOP satellite with \$100 entry for a seat to this summer's \$10K WSOP main event in Las Vegas.

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The property will host a \$200 satellite April 23 for a WSOP main-event package to include a \$10K entry plus \$2K for expenses.

**DIAMOND JO WORTH:** The bad-beat jackpot was nearly \$250K at press time. Diamond Jo also is running a 30-for-30 promotion until April 18, giving players a chance to win prizes valued at \$500. Check with the poker room for more details.

**GRAND FALLS CASINO:** There will be \$50K guarantee MSPT regional for \$350 during the first week of May. Satellites begin April 29. ♠



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In a tournament in a Minnesota casino, there was a raise and one caller preflop. The flop came king-high with two clubs. The original raiser bet and the caller mucked. Before the pot was pushed, the raiser triumphantly flipped his hand over and threw his cards on the table. Three cards slipped face up across the table: the A♣-K♣-8♦.



**ELLIOTT SCHECTER**

The floor ruled the original raiser was able to take his flop bet back, but the caller, who had mucked, was awarded the pot.

The original raiser told the floorman that all he saw was the ace-king and he had no idea that there was a third card. It was ruled that the moment it was found out that he had three cards his hand was dead. Since the caller mucked his hand and then it was discovered there were three cards in the original raiser's hand, wouldn't the mucked hand be dead first, thus awarding it to the raiser? How can someone win a pot after they fold their cards to a bet? How can someone win a hand when they had three cards?

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** This situation was ruled correctly. The principle applied here is that the no player may receive the fruit of the poisoned tree. Everyone that has been to law school or who has watched all 100 seasons of *Law and Order* will get the reference.

The player dealt three cards tried to win the pot with an ineligible hand. By the rules of the game, he was obligated to protect his hand and announce he had inadvertently received three cards on the deal.

That he played the hand and tried to win the pot knowingly or not isn't relevant. As soon as he put chips in the pot with a fouled hand, he put himself in a spot where he could only lose those chips and never win the pot or any of his opponent's chips. So, regardless of when his opponent mucked, the fouled hand is considered mucked first, leaving his opponent holding the last live hand in the pot.

Having the correct amount of cards in your hand for the game you are playing is a fundamental rule of poker. To not enforce this rule fairly and firmly would reduce the requirement to have the correct amount of cards to a mere suggestion, most likely rendering the game virtually unplayable. It's not an accident that players caught with extra cards in the Old West were generally treated like the worst kinds of criminals.

— Elliott Schecter is poker room manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo.  
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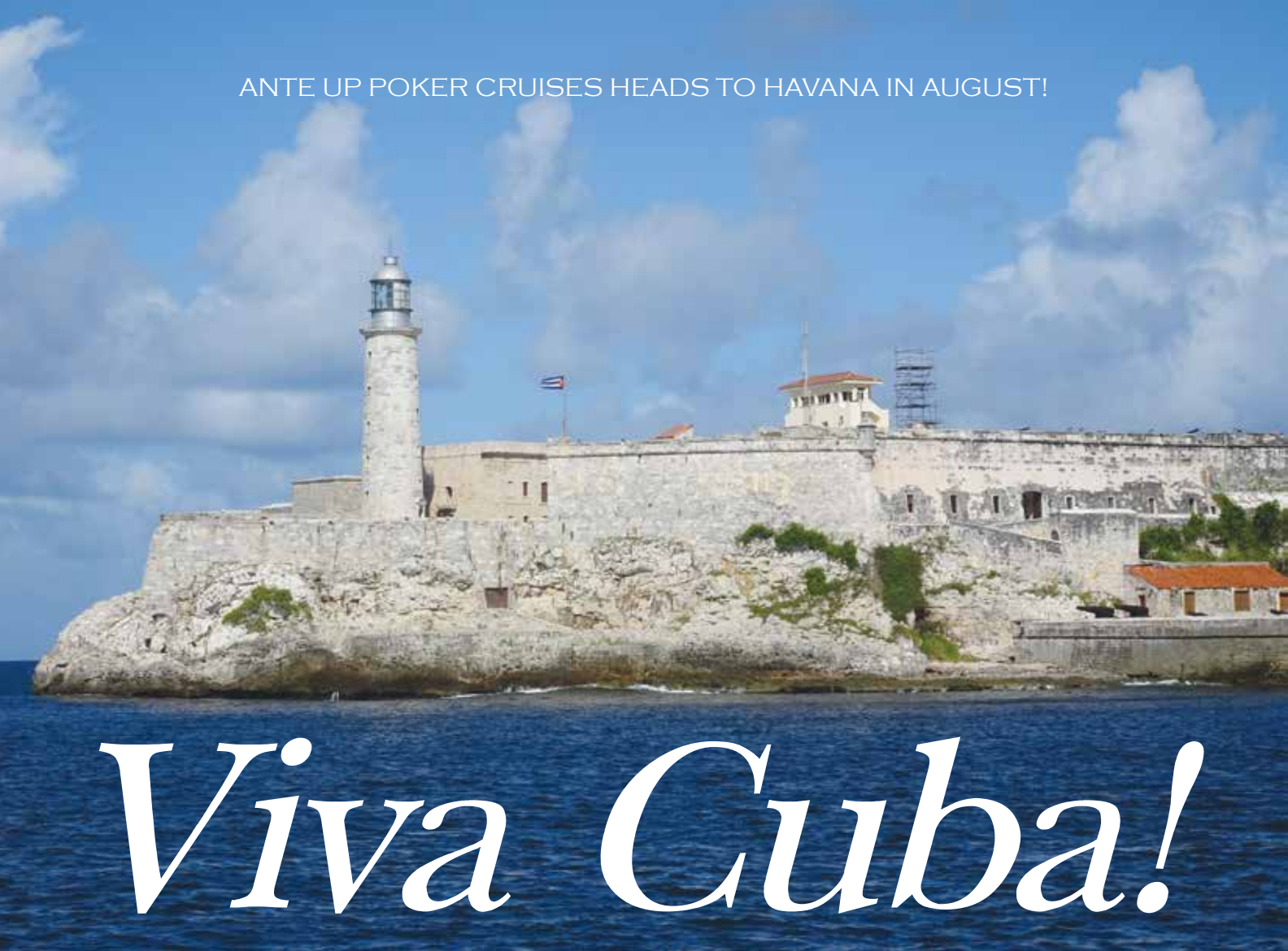
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**RAMZE  
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Now is the time to go to Cuba. Few places on Earth are so well-preserved in time, yet changing at such a rapid pace as Havana. I've been living in Havana part time for seven years and have written two books on the city. I will be accompanying our Ante Up Poker Cruise group to Havana and sharing all of the history, knowledge and insider tips I've learned in my years there.

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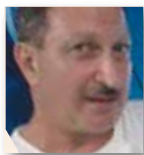
Because Royal Caribbean has decided to charter a ship Ante Up had a contract with, it has moved that sailing to Dec. 11 on a larger ship, the *Independence of the Seas*, with a new itinerary. The new sailing will leave from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., making stops in Falmouth, Jamaica, and Royal Caribbean's private island of Labadee, Haiti.

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# ALWAYS KEEP YOUR POKER DREAM ALIVE

Some of my students are scrappers. Scrappers tend to be winning players and let's just say what I like most about this style of play is that players who use it pick up more than their fair share of dead money. Lots of dead money equals profit equals "let the good times roll." When scrappers take a flop, they are creative. Missing the flop does not deter scrappers. They bet out if checked to, they float the turn, they are known to check-raise their mothers. Indeed, scrappers are street fighters.



**MARK BREMENT**

Often, my scrappers have an Achilles' heel. It just goes with the territory. Players who are aggressive don't like to lose and therefore when stuck, they have a tendency to play long arduous sessions. These long sessions are bad. I have three ideas that will help you with your numbers if you're a grinder and perhaps your hourly winning rate is not as good as it should be:

**NO. 1:** Why is that song *Closing Time* on my mind? The casino will be there tomorrow. Simply set a quitting time and stick to your guns. When a player is stuck, his mind starts to play tricks. The longer your session lasts, the more likely this is happening. We start to open our game little by little. Soon we find ourselves in hands where we are out of position. We

aren't fresh and we're not playing our best. Anything less than our best means we are on tilt and 17 hours later, we've wiped out a profitable week of solid play. Have a game plan and stick to your guns.

**NO. 2:** Quitting is not quitting. Get married to the idea that your session takes place over 100 hours of play. When you leave stuck, you're not stuck but simply in a downswing. Imagine if you were an investor and every time your stock swung negative you put in a sell order. That would not be a winning strategy. Quitting is simply taking a break. Your 100-hour session begins again tomorrow. Fail to plan, plan to fail. You are a poker player. If you need help with your poker plan, email me and I can assist with getting you on the right track. It's important your goals are realistic and attainable.

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— **Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima CC. Email him at [brementmark@gmail.com](mailto:brementmark@gmail.com).**

## POKER INSIDER

# THERE IS MORE TO POKER THAN 'SEEING' IT

Someone from Sweden emailed me to ask some relatively easy questions: Could I teach him about position, appropriate bet-sizing and pot odds? Sounds simple, right?

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**AL SPATH**

He had software that allowed him to hear commentary as the cards were dealt at PokerStars.

I decided to be his eyes and ears and do a video broadcast, like play-by-play on the radio.

I did my best to describe every detail as if he could visualize what I viewed.

I quickly dumped the first two videos, I was forgetting so much to comment about, and this was much harder than I initially thought.

Finally, I picked a micro-limit cash game and began to describe the action: where the button was in relationship to my position, how much money everyone had, stats from a poker tracker to indicate loose or tight play, any notes I had on players, how much the blinds were and what each player bet in succession.

I still was all over the place and had to refine and define terms and actions quicker.

I then made a video, the first one I sent to him, with a better understanding of how to proceed and to help this client. He played the video and had a lot more questions, so I listened carefully and then the a-ha moment occurred.

Why not switch him to becoming a single-table tournament expert? He loved this idea. Everyone started with the same amount of chips, the blinds were known and the intervals moving up were established.

All he needed to know was the bet-sizing before him and his position. This is where the aforementioned software aided me. It told him amounts bet, though he had to figure out the total and calculate what his bet should be if he for example, reraised.

To finish the story, I produced the video (it's on YouTube) and he appreciated the information and set out to play a few tournaments.

He finished third in his first SNG and won his next tournament. Of course, he has been having mixed results since, but he is gaining more insight daily.

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## TURNING PRO

## ELIMINATE THE IDEA OF GETTING EVEN

The gambler's fallacy is a concept as old as the first bet: "The roulette wheel has hit red 10 times in a row; it's guaranteed to hit black this time," is the mentality buried deep inside everyone. You need to fight the urge to think this way and one of the big ways the gambler's fallacy rears its ugly head as a professional poker player is the idea of getting even.

BRENT  
PHILBIN

**TRYING TO GET EVEN LEADS TO ERRATIC PLAY:** If your goal is to get even in a session that you've been losing, it easily can lead to poor decisions, getting you involved in spots where you don't need to be. You generally will have a time constraint on a session and as this approaches you'll see yourself taking marginal spots or even bad ones, while the opposite is true sometimes when trying to lock up a big win.

**YOU'RE EVEN WITH YOUR BANKROLL WITH EVERY HAND:** This was something I read close to the beginning of my poker career, though I can't remember who said it. It's been one of the best pieces of advice I've followed to this day.

When each hand starts, your bankroll is your bankroll and you simply need to make the best decisions during that hand to end up winning money at the end of it. Next hand you're

doing that again.

**DON'T COMPOUND LOSING STREAKS:** Losing streaks are going to happen and they can get pretty nasty, especially in tougher games.

I noticed this in my play when I've had multiple losing sessions in a row and my mind starts to think about getting in the positive for those weeks rather than just booking a win in this session.

I also noticed I was going into sessions with a different mindset and I was pushing the issues a lot more. Sometimes you can run perfect and this can be a good thing. Most of the time you slip into that same poor play mentioned above when you're losing in a session, but you haven't even started to lose.

So the next time you're down two buy-ins and you're flattening a raise with J-4 suited, take a step back.

Think about whether this is a correct play; think about why you might be making such an erratic play and just calm down.

The game of poker isn't going anywhere for a long time and the novice players aren't going to dry up in our low-stakes games. The gambler's fallacy has been destroying bankrolls since the dawn of time; don't be its next victim.

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STEVE  
BLAY

I'm working with him to review all 364 hands from the final table. The book will be coming out this year, but for now, you can join AdvancedPokerTraining.com to watch a replay of key hands from the final table, with Nguyen's commentary. Here's Hand 225 from the marathon heads-up battle against **Gordon Vayo**:

**BLINDS:** 1M-2M.

**PREFLOP:** Vayo raised to 5M on the button and Nguyen three-bet to 14.9M with A♣-9♦. Vayo called.

**FLOP:** A♠-8♣-2♠. Nguyen bet 17.9M and Vayo called.

**TURN:** 5♠. Both players checked.

**RIVER:** 3♠.

**NGUYEN'S COMMENTARY:** "Gordon thought for a long time on the flop. It was clear he wasn't trapping me; he was genuinely considering a difficult decision. He would never slow-play a flush on the turn when I had showed so much strength so far. Only with hands like A-J, A-10 and A-9 would he just call my

three-bet preflop, call my flop bet and check the turn to control the pot size. It would be a disaster at this point for me to check the river and lose to A-10. So, I turned my top pair into a bluff and went all-in immediately for Gordon's remaining 57.6M chips. He can't have the K♠ or Q♠, so he can't call."

I served as Nguyen's advisor for the final table. The ESPN live stream was on a 30-minute delay. Amazingly, when he walked over to the rail he wasn't interested in seeing Gordon's cards on ESPN. He was *that* confident that Gordon held A-J, A-10 or A-9.

I watched the replay. **Antonio Esfandiari** said, "Wow, what a boss. Qui Nguyen, no hesitation, insta-all-in!" **Norman Chad** said, "No spade, all heart." That really summed it up. His read makes sense, but to process that so quickly and trust your read enough to instantly shove for 57.6M on the river? Vayo looked sick about that bet. He quickly folded his A♥-9♥; they would have chopped the pot.

If you want to start getting ready for your next heads-up match at the final table, check out AdvancedPokerTraining.com, where we just launched our new heads-up trainer, with 50-plus virtual opponents against whom you can play a cash game or a heads-up sit-n-go. You can even play heads-up against the Qui Nguyen Bot, designed through conversations with him to play with his style. ♠

# LEARN TO PLUG LEAKS WITH THESE TIPS

When asked about the variance of poker from a psychological perspective, I often say, "I can handle losing, but I hate it when I make a mistake."

And I hate when I misread a situation. After all, as a psychologist, I should be pretty good at people reading. Nonetheless, I have discovered a leak.

Often, I think I'm being bluffed when the villain really has the best hand.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

This could have to do with my table image: an older man who's not that concerned about money and plays fairly tight. So I think my table image makes me ripe for a young loose-aggressive player to bluff me.

It could have to do with my day job as a forensic psychologist. I evaluate those in the criminal justice system who may not be fully forthcoming.

OK, I did the first step: self-discovery. I tried to understand myself, how I make decisions, my behavior and want to plug this leak as fast as I can.

I have the skills to avoid tilting when I make this mistake, as I'm pretty good at hiding my feelings and usually save my tilting behavior for the ride home. But I have to plug the leak or I will drip money continually.

I write out my thoughts and set a goal of watching hands I'm not in, trying to determine if someone is bluffing or has the goods.

I watch live and archived poker and try to determine who's bluffing and in what situation.

I question myself as I'm playing. Am I raising or calling because I think I have the best hand, can push the other person out or think the other person is bluffing? Have I bet so as to give the would-be bluffer the chance to fold?

A good bluff always tells a good story. The problem is having the nuts usually tells a good story, too. The easiest bluffs to pick off are those desperate ones that make no sense. Well, really the easiest to pick off are when I have the nuts. I only can be sure when my river all-in gets called it's not a bluff.

What else can I do? I can put my opponent on a range of hands and if his range beats me, I need to consider folding.

The keys to plugging a leak:

- Realizing you have a leak and didn't just have bad luck
- Setting goals to fix the leak
- Work on a viable strategy to fix the leak
- Keep track of the leak.

And, as always, keep your head in the game.

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## CALIFORNIA

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<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (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 jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); Quantum Tournament, April 12-16.	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed., 10a-7p).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); PLO (Wed., 2p); Omaha high hand and buy-in bargain for hold'em w/free meal included; Aces Cracked (24/7).
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 10a); Tue. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$45, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$80, 11a); Sun. \$4.5K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.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).	No jackpots.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$60, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; quads bonus; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; straight flush, and high hands; Shipwrecked bonus.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a).	Rack Attacks (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/rbs, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60 w/bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Saturday WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Rack Attack.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysresort.com	M-Th (\$60, 11a); M (\$25 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W/O/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); F sats for Sa event (\$60, 11a & 8p) & (\$155, 6p); Sa \$20K guar. (\$235, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Su (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; WPT DeepStacks, April 9-18. (ad Pages 10-11).
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; Mexican Poker \$100 high hand (Thurs.-Sun.).
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K guarantee deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p); MSPT runs until April 2.	High hands pay up to \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour (noon-10p); Fri. pays \$500 (5p-10p) & Sat. pays \$600 (noon-10p).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll (3p) w/40 seats awarded per week.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Fri. (\$100, 4p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$40, 12:30p); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$110, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Bounce Back (Mon., Wed. & Thurs.).
<b>SKY UTE CASINO RESORT</b> (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$50, 7p); Saturday (\$120, noon); 1st Saturday of month (\$210, noon).	Player comps pay \$1/hour; Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Mon. & Thurs., noon, 2p & 4p); high hands (Fri. starting at 10:30a).

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Foxwoods Classic runs until April 3.	Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy (Sun. & Tue., 9a-9p & Fri. & Sat., 2p-2a) with \$500 paid every 30 minutes.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (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.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Daily at 11:15a & 7:15p; Mon. (\$50 & \$35); Tue. (\$50 & \$25); Wed. (\$50 & \$60); Thurs. (\$50 & \$35); Fri. (\$50 & \$35); Sat. (\$115 & \$35); Sun. (\$50 & \$35).	High hands (daily); Hot Seats; Bad Beat Hands; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked; quad jacks or better.



# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p); CPPT, April 27-May 8. See ad Page 23.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guar. (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guar. (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guar. (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); high hands.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p); Emerald Coast Spring Classic series, April 21-30, 7 events, 7 bracelets, w/\$40K guar. (\$280).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 7s.
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 51.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guar. (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guar. (\$100, 6p); Saturday \$5K guar. KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompanopark.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.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands.
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (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.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); last Fri. of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands (Fri.-Sat.); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	M (\$60, noon & \$75, 7p); T (\$75, noon & \$70, 7p); Th (\$75, noon & \$60, 7p); F (\$105, noon & \$130, 7p); Sa (\$130, noon); Su (\$130, noon & \$75, 7p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
<b>OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
<b>ORANGE CITY RACING &amp; CARD CLUB</b> orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K bad-beat jackpot; high hands; player rewards.
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High hands.

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<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive Bad Beat Jackpot; high hands.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p). Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page. Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com		
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (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).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (varies, 11a & 6p); WPT SHRP Showdown runs until April 9.	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (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.); Spring Little Slick Series, April 9-14.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tuesday-Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-close.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$25-\$210) at 1p & 7p. See ad Page 27.	High hands; cash giveaways.
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (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.

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (daily).
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Tuesday (varies, 7p); Thursday \$2.5K guarantee (\$125, 7p); Saturday KO (\$100-\$150, 2p).	Spin the Wheel.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p). See the ad on Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 1p); tournaments offer re-entry up to first break.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash.

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • belterracasino.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.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (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.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (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.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$30, 2p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$65, 2p); 2nd & last Sat. of the month (\$160, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight-flush jackpot.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); WSOPC runs until April 10.	Win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tuesday (\$30, noon); Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RHYTHM CITY CASINO</b> (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big O (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tuesday & Wednesday \$500 guarantee; Friday (\$25, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (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. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Monthly \$15K freeroll; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tuesday (\$100, 7:00p); Wednesday (\$45, noon); Friday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRAIRIE BAND CASINO</b> (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand.	High hands.

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## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p).	Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; high hands.
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wednesday (\$145, 6:30p); Thursday (\$165, 6:30p); Friday (\$130, 6:30p); Saturday (\$120, 11a); Sunday (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(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.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon. & Wed. (\$125, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 11a); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$350, 11a).	Splash Pots; WSOPC, April 27-May 8.
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary. WPT DeepStacks runs April 14-24. See the ad on Page 7.	Late night high hands (daily) pays \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a).	Royals pay \$500.

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (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 32 for info on May MSPT event.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (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.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Saturday Big Bounty (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p); Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasinoc.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (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 hands; Aces Cracked; MSPT, April 28-30.
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards; Quads Beat and Flop-A-Royal tournament jackpots.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 10:30a); Sun. (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beats in hold'em, Omaha & tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/Bonus Splash the Pot; \$100 high hands w/\$100 rollover; Poker Squares for Cash (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	 Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p); AUPIT Spring Classic runs until April 2. See ad on Page 25.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p).
<b>SCARLET PEARL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Monday-Sunday, noon); satellites on Friday & Saturday (6p); industry tournaments on Sunday (4p).	Cash giveaways.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon); Heartland Poker Tour runs until April 10.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (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).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Spring Brawl, April 25-30.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights or better; progressive high hands for all straight flushes and royals.
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (varies, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.



# MISSOURI (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU</b> (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks; high hands; Aces Cracked.

# NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • ariolasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; daily tournament high hand pays \$250.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (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).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes; Triple Pay before 1p and double pay from 5p-7p & 11p-1a; royals capped at \$599. Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guar. (\$150, 2p); \$2K guar. (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guar. (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); freeroll on the first Fri. of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$15K freeroll.	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Quads for Cash: All four-of-a-kind hands can win \$250 (call for details).
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahsLasvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (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.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$40, 10a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	High Hands; 2X3 Rolling High Hands (twice daily); Aces Cracked (6p-9p).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guar. (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sunday-Thursday (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Power Hour; High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri., 5a-10a).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (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 bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guarantee; Goliath Warm Up runs until April 3.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sdv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (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.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces; Best Full Houses.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (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.	High hands.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday through Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (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.
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T (\$200, 7p); Th (\$125, 7p); F (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza runs until April 16. Daily events suspended during DSE.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Wynn Seniors, April 5; Signature Weekend, April 20-23.	No promotions.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>HAMPTON FALLS</b> (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$50, 5:30p); W (\$50 w/rb & add-on, 5:30p); Th (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p); Su (\$50 w/add-on, 1p & \$50 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>MANCHESTER POKER ROOM</b> (603) 668-6591	Tuesday KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thursday \$50/\$50/\$50 (5:30p).	High hands; Bad-Beat Sundays.
<b>RIVER CASINO</b> (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.

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (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 hands pay up to \$350.
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad tens in hold'em; Spring Open, April 18-May 5.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily, times and buy-ins vary. Last Saturday of the month is a \$10K guarantee (\$180, 12:15p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat (daily); Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p). See ad Page 21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDIA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Daily, call for schedule and buy-ins.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad 2s); high hands; Western New York Challenge runs until April 10.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (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.
<b>TIOGA DOWNS</b> (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$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.); Spring Fling, April 20-23.

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); T (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); W (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); Th (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); F (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sa (\$580, 7p); Su (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players (call for details). See ad on Page 25 for upcoming WSOPC event.
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$69, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
<b>JACK CLEVELAND CASINO</b> (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; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>JACK CINCINNATI CASINO</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrewards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (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); Poker Night in America, April 6-24.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (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.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. Progressive KO (\$90, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked; Splash Pots; high hand.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Deuces Wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Splash Pots pay \$25.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (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.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



## OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 4p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$80, 6p); closed on Wed.-Thurs.	Splash Pot; royal flushes pay \$200 during tournaments.
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hand (Sunday); Wheel Spin (Saturday).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p); Spring Round Up, April 6-16.	Rolling High Hand.

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; (buy-ins vary, call for details).	High hands (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Sat. & Sun. (\$120, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p). NEPA series, April 23-29.	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • ericacasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri.-Sun., 4p-mid.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Hot Seats; high hands.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 7:15p); Wed. (\$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sun. (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hand giveaway (Fri.); \$400 high hands (Sat.); 3X Twos-Days pays \$200 (Tue.).

## RHODE ISLAND

<b>TWIN RIVER CASINO</b> (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	Open daily.	Player rewards.
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## SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Monday (\$20, 7p); Tuesday (\$20, 7p); Wednesday (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 7p); Sunday (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (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).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Wednesday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Saturday (\$125, 6:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3p).	Spin the Wheel (Thurs.).

## TEXAS

<b>KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (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 in hold'em.
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## WASHINGTON

<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot.
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Sat.-Sun., noon-3p), (Mon.-Wed., 9p-mid.) & (Mon.-Fri., noon-4p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 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; High Hand Insanity.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at \$10K.


## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$150, 7p) and Sun. (\$150, noon & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$55, 10:30a) & KO (\$75, 5p); Friday (\$55, 10:30a); Sunday (\$55, 2p).	High hands.

## WISCONSIN

<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	\$200K guar. MSPT, April 7-9 (\$1,100).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Hand (Tue. & Thurs., 11a-7:59p); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed., noon-4p).

\* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com

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#### NEVADA'S POKER REVENUE DOWN

Poker revenue is off 5 percent year over year in Nevada, continuing a steady downward trend from its high mark in 2007. The state also has lost more than 35 poker rooms and more than 400 poker tables in the past seven years.

**CHRIS:** If they only had five or 10 tables left in Nevada, I'd be worried. If you're looking at this from the high mark, then what was the low mark before that? Things are starting to settle down to normalcy it seems like. Everyone wanted to jump on the bandwagon and make it last as long as possible. But I'm not terribly concerned.

**SCOTT:** As you said, even though we're on a decline, we're still higher than we were before the boom. Until we get below the pre-boom numbers, I don't think we should be tragically concerned about these numbers.

#### HAVE POKER CLICHÉS RUN THEIR COURSE?

There's a stream of stories about elected officials "keeping their cards close to their vest" or playing a "high-stakes game of political poker." What do we think about these clichés defining our game?

**CHRIS:** I really want to go "all-in" with this topic. I'm going to "let the chips fall where they may." Here's the "deal." Get it? I don't really think this is a bad thing. You'll find vernacular thrown around in any conversation that's about some other topic or theme. It just happens that poker is a great way to explain situations. If it's something that keeps poker on the minds of people, I'm all for it.

**SCOTT:** I think there are two things here. One is the general use of clichés, which you touched on, and I generally hate. But then the other one is ... "keeping their cards close to their vest." How many people have played poker with a vest on since **Wild Bill Hickock** was shot? It doesn't really say anything. People have a general idea of what that means, but when you stop to think about it, you can't keep your cards close to your vest. You can't take them off the table! So it doesn't even make sense anymore!

#### APA WINNERS

The third annual American Poker Awards ceremony was in late February and among the winners were **Jason Mercier** for Moment of the Year for his incredible World Series run, Aria poker director **Sean McCormack** for Industry Person of the Year, and poker TV king **Mori Eskandani** was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**SCOTT:** I read an article where the headline was "Few surprises at American Poker Awards." I didn't see anything that really jumped out at me, either. I'm happy for **Sean McCormack**. He's a really great guy and he's doing some great things at Aria. I'm a big fan of **Matt Savage** and obviously we have to appreciate everything Mori has done for poker TV. Almost all of the interesting poker TV shows that we used to have are because of him.

**CHRIS:** Someday we'll win one. Someday.

**GPI PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** David Peters

**GPI FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Cate Hall

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Mori Eskandani

**CHARITABLE INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR:** Dan Smith Charity Drive

**POCKETFIVES LEGACY AWARD:** Cliff "JohnnyBax" Josephy

**THE HENDON MOB AWARD:** John Holley

**JURY PRIZE:** Matt Savage

**TOURNAMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR:** Ari Engel

**MOMENT OF THE YEAR:** Jason Mercier

**BREAKOUT PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR:** Maurice Hawkins

**EVENT OF THE YEAR:** Super High Roller Bowl

**MID-MAJOR CIRCUIT OF THE YEAR:** World Series of Poker Circuit

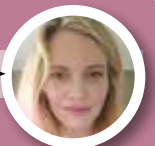
**INDUSTRY PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Sean McCormack, Aria Director of Poker

**MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Joseph Stapleton

**MEDIA CONTENT OF THE YEAR:** Lance Bradley, PocketFives

**TWITCH POKER STREAMER OF THE YEAR:** Jason Somerville "jcarverpoker"

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