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# GREG MERSON

MARYLAND PRO WINS 2012 WORLD SERIES OF POKER MAIN EVENT

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## Something positive

It's not every day you hear about poker saving someone's life. If anything, anti-gaming voices usually are the loudest, lumping the skill of poker into the perils of mindless gambling and then professing how it ruins lives.

But for **Greg Merson**, his passion for poker is the shining light that guides him on the path of sobriety. The 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event champion, just 24 years old, got hooked on drugs while attending the University of Maryland, but he credits the game of poker with providing him a life preserver and a career.

Now, he's the 2012 WSOP Player of the Year, edging **Phil Hellmuth** for that honor, pocketing more than \$8.5 million for his historic victory. Merson also won the \$10K six-max no-limit hold'em bracelet over the summer for \$1,136,197. That's nearly \$10 million won at this year's WSOP, vaulting him into the upper echelon of career poker earnings.

The Maryland native has been playing poker professionally for about five years, and he'd be the first to tell you illegal drugs and poker don't work well together.

His poker earnings actually funded his drug habit for a time, and he fell off the wagon once before. But a determined Merson locked himself in his room at the Aria in Las Vegas for three straight days last year and detoxified himself, and he's been clean and sober ever since that difficult time.

So how did poker save his life? He realized poker was what he was meant to do for a living, but he also knew he couldn't be a drug user at the same time, as his game and life suffered tremendously while he used. It was a matter of wanting to play poker more than getting high, so Merson made his choice.

This month, our poker psychologist, **Dr. Stephen Bloomfield**, sat down with Merson at the bestbet Jacksonville poker room (one of Merson's sponsors, by the way) to chat with him about his road to recovery and the message he'd like to convey to other poker players.

We often write of charity poker events doing some good in our community, but isn't it nice to know the actual game of poker can do some good as well? Congrats, Greg, you deserve it.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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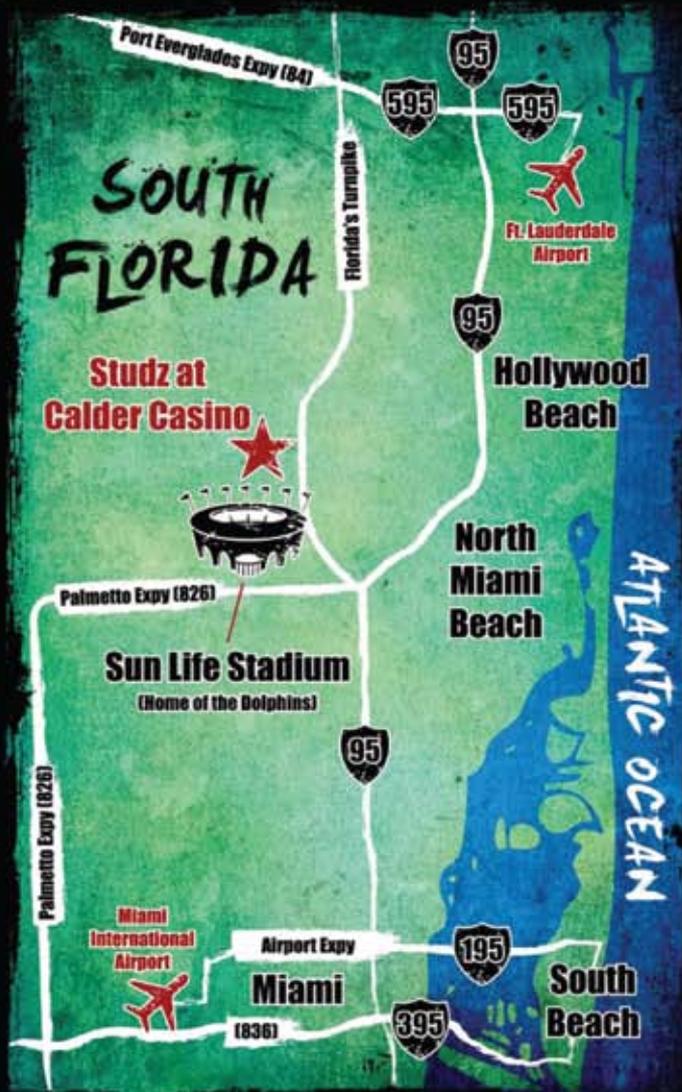
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13	1/2	Wed	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Deepstack (30K chips)	\$50,000	\$345
	1/2	Wed	6pm	WSOPC Mega Satellite (1 Opt Add-On)	5 WSOPC ME Seats	\$125
1	1/3	Thu	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$365
14	1/3	Thu	5pm	No Limit Hold'Em Bounty (\$100)		\$235
15	1/3	Thu	8pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
2	1/4	Fri	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$580
16	1/4	Fri	5pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Deepstack (7K + 10K Add-On)	\$30,000	\$150
17	1/4	Fri	8pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
3A	1/5	Sat	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Re-Entry Day 1a (3 day event)	\$100,000	\$365
18	1/5	Sat	5pm	No Limit Hold'Em	\$30,000	\$235
19	1/5	Sat	8pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
3B	1/6	Sun	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Re-Entry Day 1b (3 day event)	\$100,000	\$365
20	1/6	Sun	5pm	Limit Hold'Em	\$20,000	\$345
21	1/6	Sun	8pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
4	1/7	Mon	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$365
	1/7	Mon	2pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Re-Entry Day 2		
22A	1/7	Mon	3pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session A (6K chips)	\$50,000	\$150
22B	1/7	Mon	5pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session B (8K chips)	Each Session Has One Add-On	\$180
23	1/7	Mon	8pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
5	1/8	Tues	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$580
24A	1/8	Tues	3pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session A (6K chips)	\$50,000	\$150
24B	1/8	Tues	5pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session B (8K chips)	Each Session Has One Add-On	\$180
	1/8	Tues	8pm	Mega Satellite for \$1,125 (1 Opt Add-On)	10 Seats GTD	\$120
6	1/9	Wed	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$365
25A	1/9	Wed	3pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session A (6K chips)	\$50,000	\$150
25B	1/9	Wed	5pm	Quantum Reload NLHE - Session B (8K chips)	Each Session Has One Add-On	\$180
	1/9	Wed	8pm	Mega Satellite for \$1,125 (1 Opt Add-On)	10 Seats GTD	\$120
7	1/10	Thu	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*	\$100,000	\$1,125
8	1/10	Thu	2pm	Omaha Hi/Lo 8 or Better Official Ring Event*	\$30,000	\$365
	1/10	Thu	8pm	Super Satellite for WSOPC Main Event	10 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$150
9	1/11	Fri	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo Official Ring Event*		\$365
	1/11	Fri	1pm	Mega Satellite	8 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$200
	1/11	Fri	5pm	Plaza Freeroll	20 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$0
	1/11	Fri	8pm	Mega Satellite	10 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$250
10A	1/12	Sat	12pm	WSOPC Main Event - Day 1A (3 day event) Players eliminated in 10A may re-enter in 10B. Official Ring Event count in point standings.	\$1,000,000 Est.	\$1,675
	1/12	Sat	1pm	Mega Satellite	10 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$200
	1/12	Sat	5pm	Mega Satellite	2 WSOPC ME Seats GTD	\$200
10B	1/12	Sat	5pm	WSOPC Main Event - Day 1B (3 day event) Players eliminated in 10A may re-enter in 10B. Official Ring Event count in point standings.	\$1,000,000 Est.	\$1,675
	1/12	Sat	9pm	Mega Satellite (For Day 2 of Main Event)		\$200
11	1/13	Sun	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em Official Ring Event*		\$365
26	1/13	Sun	2pm	No Limit Hold'Em Lips tour		\$235
27	1/13	Sun	5pm	No Limit Hold'Em		\$235
	1/13	Sun	8pm	Mega Satellite For 100K	5 Seats	\$60
12	1/14	Mon	12pm	No Limit Hold'Em 6 Max Official Ring Event*		\$365
28A	1/14	Mon	4pm	No Limit Hold'Em Re-Entry Day 1A (15K chips)	\$100,000	\$235
29	1/14	Mon	9pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
30	1/15	Tue	12pm	HORSE	\$15,000	\$235
28B	1/15	Tue	4pm	No Limit Hold'Em Re-Entry Day 1B (15K chips)	\$100,000	\$235
31	1/15	Tue	9pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Turbo		\$150
32	1/16	Wed	4pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Deepstack (15K chips)	\$30,000	\$235
	1/16	Wed	9pm	Mega Satellite For 100K	5 Seats	\$60
33	1/17	Thu	2pm	E/O Stud 8 or better / Omaha 8 or better	\$15,000	\$235
34	1/17	Thu	6pm	No Limit Hold'Em (1 Opt Add-On)	\$15,000	\$125
	1/17	Thu	9pm	Mega Satellite For 100K	5 Seats	\$60
	1/18	Fri	12pm	Mega Satellite For 100K	5 Seats	\$60
35	1/18	Fri	4pm	No Limit Hold'Em - Deepstack (30K chips)	\$100,000	\$345

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# GOLD STRIKE WINTER CLASSIC DEC. 14-22

Winter is nearly here, which means the Gold Strike Winter Poker Classic is coming back to Tunica on Dec. 14-22. I always thought this tournament was an excellent chance for everyone to take a break between Thanksgiving and Christmas, to hit the felt a bit, perhaps win some holiday spending money or just relax with friends. This year's lineup is better than ever.



**JENNIFER GAY • MISSISSIPPI**

The main event features a budget-friendly \$800 buy-in. Nightly no-limit hold'em tournaments (7 p.m.) are a bargain at \$100. Every day at 5 you can test your skill in an \$80 main-event super satellite (\$40 rebuys) with at least one seat guaranteed. These are all fairly standard points for this event, and more than enough incentive to come out to play. It's some of the unusual additions to the tournament schedule that have me looking forward to December.

Event 2 (Dec. 15, 4 p.m.) is a six-max bounty tournament with a \$400 buy-in. I love six-handed events anyway, but the bounty aspect is going to add a challenging twist to this one. Event 8 on the next Monday features a 4 p.m., \$120 Winner Take All tournament. Chopping has become nearly standard, so I can't wait to see the payout on a low-buy-in tournament where one person will take the whole thing. Of course, the main event is sure to draw an impressive crowd with a buy-in less than \$1K.

As always, tournament director **Eric Comer** and poker room manager **Karen Kaegin** put on a great event. They've negotiated some excellent hotel rates of \$39 during the week and \$69 on the weekends. Call the poker room for more details. On my last visit there, I took a break from the \$4-\$8 Omaha game to visit Chicago Steakhouse and can officially declare it the best-kept secret in Tunica. I don't think you'll find a better steak in North Mississippi.

Gold Strike isn't the only place upping the ante during the colder season. **Jim "Cappy" Fleming**, longtime regular Tunica player and friend, was kind enough to track me down in the aforementioned O/8 game and share the details of an upcoming promotion at Horseshoe Tunica. The weekend of Dec. 5-9 will be the inaugural "Chop Pot Weekend" tournament, which caters to chop-pot games. At 11 a.m. on Dec. 5,



there's a \$130 O/8 tournament followed by a 4 p.m. \$160 mixed stud/8-O/8. The 7 p.m. tournament is a "Blinds Only" NLHE \$60 event.

Dec. 6 offers a 10:30 a.m. \$100 O/8 SNG plus split-pot cash games with \$50-\$100 high-hand bonus happy hours all day. The 7 p.m. \$60 NLHE tournament will finish the day. Friday starts with an 11 a.m. O/8 \$130 tournament with \$100 rebuys. A 6 p.m. NLHE tournament with a \$100 buy-in and \$50 rebuys is also on the schedule.

Dec. 9 kicks off with an 11 a.m. \$130 O/8 event, followed by a 3 p.m. \$160 NLHE tournament featuring a \$12,000 guaranteed prize pool.

Sunday begins with the "Chop Pot Weekend Championship," a \$210 main-event H.O.R.S.E. tournament. The winners of the \$12,000 guarantee and the H.O.R.S.E. event will be awarded a seat into the Harrah's Tunica WSOPC Omaha/8 event (a \$245 value).

Special tournament hotel rates of \$30 weeknights and \$60 weekends are available. Call the poker room for more information.

With all of these poker events coming up in December, you simply must make plans to be in Tunica. I'll be there playing the Horseshoe event and dealing the Winter Classic at Gold Strike. I'm looking forward to seeing you and happy holidays.

— **Jennifer Gay is Ante Up's Mississippi Ambassador. She can be contacted at [facebook.com/aceofjewels](https://www.facebook.com/aceofjewels) or at [jennifergay80@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifergay80@hotmail.com).**

## Mizzou gets new casino with poker room

A 2008 ballot initiative limited Missouri gaming licenses to 13. The closing of President Casino in St. Louis in July 2010 started a competition for this precious license, won by Isle of Capri Gaming.



**DON MATUSOFSKY • MISSOURI**

The company recently opened Isle Casino Cape Girardeau on the Mississippi River in the boot heel of the state, between two major gaming markets in St. Louis and Tunica.

Isle Casino Cape Girardeau offers 21 table games, 1,000 slot machines and a seven-table poker room that spreads limit and no-limit hold'em, pot-limit Omaha and Omaha/8.

In May, Penn National Gaming announced it had reached an agreement to purchase Harrah's St. Louis from Caesars Entertainment. In November the deal completed and Hollywood Casino St. Louis opened its doors. Retaining most of the existing staff, the major effort of converting the casino went fairly smoothly. Areas were closed and converted in a rolling fashion, keeping as much open as possible.

Penn National Gaming has announced Hollywood Casino St. Louis will be a stop on its new Hollywood Poker Open tour. A St. Louis stop in the spring (date TBD) will join events in Lawrenceburg, Ind., Las Vegas, Charles Town, W.V. and Columbus, Ohio. These regional tournaments will lead to the HPO Championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas.

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# DAHLSTROEM SCHOOLS THE COMPETITION

If Poker 101 was a major at Santa Barbara City College, 19-year-old student **Linus Dahlstroem** would be the valedictorian. Dahlstroem, a former online player from Sweden, recently won the Central Coast Fall Poker Classic at Chumash Casino Resort in Santa Ynez, Calif. He took home \$10,213 from the \$75K prize pool via a final-table chop.



**GARRETT ROTH • NORCAL**

Chumash Casino regularly runs tournaments and fine promotions, but this is one of the largest events it held for players. The event had 542 players sign up with a \$200 buy-in. Chumash gave a discount to those who signed up early. Also, the first 100 to sign up were invited to play in a \$1,500 freeroll that same month. As you can imagine, the perks of this tournament drew players from all over the area.

It took 12 hours to reach the final table with more than \$50K left to play for as players decided to split the money according to chip counts. Other players that made the final table included **Andrew Tan** (Los Angeles), **Joe Rogers** (Ventura), **Shari Schubot** (Santa Barbara), **Arlo Dango** (Santa Barbara), **Bob Bartlein** (Santa Barbara), **Terry Howell** (Santa Barbara), **Leslie Grodin** (Santa Barbara), **Charles Dolan** (Santa Barbara), and **Nolan Smith** (Santa Maria).

The smallest payout of the final table after the chop was \$3,600, so everyone's return on investment was through the roof. Dahlstroem had the most chips, earning the largest cut of the money and the title.

This was Dahlstroem's largest cash, but don't be surprised if you hear his name in the future. With a strong education and a solid poker background, Dahlstroem will be a force to be reckoned with in the poker community.

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## Harrah's Rincon and WSOPC move to this month

If it seems the World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's Rincon is coming around again pretty quickly, it's not your imagination. The annual event, normally in March, runs Dec. 6-17.

The series will, as always, feature ring and non-ring events as buy-ins start at \$250 (non-ring seniors and ladies events) and go up to \$1,675 for the three-day main event, which should attract some big names.



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In addition to the nightly tournaments, satellites and cash-game action, the Wounded Warrior Project charity event will be Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. This non-ring event has a \$135 buy-in and is for an excellent cause.

**PALA CASINO:** Alan Ho's A♠-K♦ topped Dana Katzenmeier's 10♣-7♣ when Ho went all-in Oct. 28, and the San Diego player won \$6,558 from a \$27,125 prize pool at Hallo-Weekend poker championship at Pala Casino. Katzenmeier, from Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., won \$3,485 for second place. The three-day tournament hosted 169 players and paid

the top 20 spots.

On Nov. 3, Pala, along with former *Ante Up* SoCal Ambassador **Kittie Aleman**, hosted a Ladies International Poker Series tournament. Though I was fortunate enough to make the final table, I finished out of the money. The final six ladies opted for a chop. **Faye Asgari** of La Mesa, Calif., won \$646 and a \$250 seat in next year's LIPS championship in Las Vegas. The other five players each took home \$400.

**VIEJAS TOURNAMENTS:** The Viejas poker room has deepstack turbos on Friday and Saturday mornings at 10 for \$40. There are no rebuys or add-ons and players receive 7,500 chips with 15-minute levels.

Also, the room still has its popular military tournament on Saturday night. The buy-in is normally \$47, but is only \$7 with a valid military ID. A word of caution: There are unlimited \$10 rebuys the first hour and one optional add-on at the end of the first hour, so the action can sometimes get a little crazy.

Finally, if you visit the Viejas Casino website and click on "poker" you can watch video clips of **Dale Wolfe**, the poker room manager, giving poker tips.

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# AFFORDABLE TOURNAMENTS, BIG PAYOUTS

In the roughly six-week span between Sept. 20 through Halloween, there were 45 events with an average buy-in of \$119. These events had total prize pools surpassing \$1.4 million, and collective guarantees



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of more than \$1.3 million. The events were spread among series at the Bicycle Casino, Hollywood Park Casino and Hustler Casino.

Most of these tournaments were part of the Bicycle Casino's Big Poker Oktober.

This deepstack series ran events of all buy-ins and formats. In addition to multiple satellites for the \$345 main event, 10 seats were awarded via a freeroll to players who logged a certain amount of hours in cash games.

The series overall just crushed the guarantees. The \$345 entry, which had a \$100K guarantee, had more than 700 entries and more than doubled the guarantee with a prize pool of just more than \$206K. The \$45,304 for first place is unheard of for such a reasonable entry.

The all-star of this series was **William Vo**. He had three cashes and a final table. **Barbara Enright** and **Toto Leonidas** also had multiple cashes during the series.

Next up was the Sport of Kings at Hollywood Park. This series consisted of a regular no-limit, two deepstack rebuy, a double-stack,

a bounty, an Omaha/8-stud/8, and seven unlimited rebuy events. I regularly play the daily multiple rebuy event and the action is just fantastic. I can see the appeal behind this mix of events.

The amazing thing that stands out to me for this series is Vo won Event 2 and Event 7. That makes him my October player of the month.

Wrapping things up and running the last two weeks of October was the **Liz Flynt** Fall Classic at Hustler Casino. It consisted of six events with buy-ins starting at \$120 up to the \$250 (including add-on) championship. Most events had multiple starting flights, and more than \$500K guaranteed. **James Sileo** was the last man standing in the \$250K guaranteed championship for \$100K.

Granted no time to rest on the recent success, Hustler jumps right back in with its **Larry Flynt** Holiday Poker Classic. This 10-event series runs through Dec 17.

Many events have multiple starting flights and there's another \$650K guaranteed with buy-ins from \$120 to the \$250 (including add-on) championship. Check Hustler's website for details.

The last thing worth mentioning is the World Series of Poker Circuit is coming to the Bike in January. I'll cover this in more detail next month, but wanted everyone to know super satellites are running most nights for the \$1,675 main event.

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## Big Poker Oktober, Bike, Sept. 20-Oct. 13

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|--|---|--|
| <b>Event 1 • \$125 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 326 • Pool: \$55,484<br>Phong Nguyen, \$13,304     | <b>Event 10 • \$200 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 365 • Pool: \$60,188<br>Nipun Java, \$14,443       | <b>Event 19 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 182 • Pool: \$18,391<br>Steve Klotzsch, \$5,001    |
| <b>Event 2 • Quantum</b><br>Entries: 475 • Pool: \$54,067<br>Danny Morgan, \$12,727        | <b>Event 11 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 186 • Pool: \$18,973<br>Dezi Resneky, \$5,123       | <b>Event 20 • \$150 O/8</b><br>Entries: 133 • Pool: \$16,126<br>Geb Goitom, \$4,671        |
| <b>Event 3 • \$200 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 289 • Pool: \$47,656<br>Patrick Biancone, \$11,446 | <b>Event 12 • \$200 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 254 • Pool: \$41,884<br>Lou Baclog, \$10,064       | <b>Event 21 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 161 • Pool: \$16,179<br>Vartan Avakian, \$4,369    |
| <b>Event 4 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 133 • Pool: \$13,386<br>Anthony Lee, \$3,881        | <b>Event 13 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 140 • Pool: \$14,782<br>James McClure, \$5,587      | <b>Event 22 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 287 • Pool: \$30,322<br>Barry Fieeiki, \$7,277     |
| <b>Event 5 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 349 • Pool: \$36,666<br>Patrick Michael, \$8,800    | <b>Event 14 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 309 • Pool: \$32,766<br>Leonard Sampson, \$7,866    | <b>Event 23 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 315 • Pool: \$33,174<br>Christopher Clark, \$8,009 |
| <b>Event 6 • \$150 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 253 • Pool: \$30,676<br>Paul Lui, \$7,376          | <b>Event 15 • \$125 PLO/8</b><br>Entries: 91 • Pool: \$15,423<br>Richard Lanning, \$4,933   | <b>Event 24 • \$150 O/8</b><br>Entries: 112 • Pool: \$13,580<br>John Deng, \$4,010         |
| <b>Event 7 • \$150 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 358 • Pool: \$36,666<br>Jon Latona, \$8,831        | <b>Event 16 • \$150 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 230 • Pool: \$27,887<br>Fabio DeFrancesco, \$6,712 | <b>Event 25 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 267 • Pool: \$28,343<br>Serge Kacapovs, \$6,800    |
| <b>Event 8 • \$150 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 223 • Pool: \$27,038<br>Jonathan Mendel, \$6,498   | <b>Event 17 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 248 • Pool: \$32,708<br>Craig Berger, \$7,823       | <b>Event 26 • \$345 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 709 • Pool: \$206,319<br>Akzam Tairov, \$45,304   |
| <b>Event 9 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 336 • Pool: \$35,909<br>Dave Fernandez, \$8,644     | <b>Event 18 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 396 • Pool: \$103,712<br>Michael Avisar, \$24,912  | <b>Event 27 • \$75 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 116 • Pool: \$11,349<br>Zorab Goulayan, \$3,339    |

## Fall Classic, Hustler Casino, Oct. 14-31

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|---|---|---|
| <b>Event 1 • \$120 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 955 • Pool: \$153K<br>Matthew Salsberg, \$30K | <b>Event 3 • \$130 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 1,509 • Pool: \$256K<br>Moshe Manzur, \$58K | <b>\$150 Main Event</b><br>Entries: 2,097 • Pool: \$422K<br>James Sileo, \$100K |
| <b>Event 2 • \$180 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 37 • Pool: \$5,550<br>Jeff Dargah, \$2,250    | <b>Event 4 • \$180 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 55 • Pool: \$8,250<br>N/A, \$3,350          |   |



**William Vo won two Sport of Kings events.**

## Sport of Kings, Hollywood Park, Oct. 11-21

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|---|--|---|
| <b>Event 1 • \$60 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 314 • Pool: \$15,700<br>Adam Bush, \$4,685     | <b>Event 5 • \$100 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 131 • Pool: \$18,373<br>Miga Davaa, \$6,248  | <b>Event 9 • \$150 O/8-58</b><br>Entries: 53 • Pool: \$6,360<br>Lance Brukman, \$2,225      |
| <b>Event 2 • \$40 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 107 • Pool: \$10K<br>William Vo, \$3,500       | <b>Event 6 • \$40 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 134 • Pool: \$15K<br>Jin Park, \$5,100        | <b>Event 10 • \$40 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 57 • Pool: \$5,367<br>Jorge Ortuzar, \$1,932        |
| <b>Event 3 • \$40 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 286 • Pool: \$26,539<br>Carlo Bernard, \$7,449 | <b>Event 7 • \$ NLHE</b><br>Entries: 131 • Pool: \$6,550<br>William Vo, \$2,750      | <b>Event 11 • \$125 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 160 • Pool: \$16K<br>Emil Mactal, \$5,280          |
| <b>Event 4 • \$70 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 93 • Pool: \$10K<br>Jaimes Mena, \$3,500       | <b>Event 8 • \$40 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 64 • Pool: \$6,274<br>Derrick Mokedi, \$2,259 | <b>Event 12 • \$100 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 1,124 • Pool: \$179,126<br>Jason Bernard, \$44,011 |



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# BIG EVENTS SPREADING IN NEW ENGLAND

By Patrick Gallagher

As a part-time recreational poker player, I'm always looking for tournaments with choice fields filled with dead money and the opportunity to play the best in the world, without having to travel to points far away. Ten years ago, there weren't many full-scale tournament offerings as many players had to make the annual trek to the World Series in Vegas and to the Taj for the U.S. Championship.

Then the World Poker Tour came along and began its run at Foxwoods. But with only the WPT, Foxwoods Mega Stack series and the short but successful run for the North American Poker Tour at Mohegan Sun, travel still was required to find bigger buy-ins and to keep the tournament skills sharp.

Growth in quality tournament offerings has exploded across the country (make sure to find out about the Ante Up Poker Tour) and New England is no exception. In late 2012 and early 2013, these offerings have expanded with new additions at Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun and even at the charity rooms and tours found in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, giving players a range of entry fees and structures.

**FOXWOODS:** The World Poker Finals just concluded in early November (results on the right), delivering an increase in overall entrants and significant prize payouts. The WPF main event, with 230 paying \$3,500 (including WSOP bracelet-winner **Brian Hastings**), concluded with short-stack **Ariel Albilila** of Syosset, N.Y., grinding out the win and hardware for \$184K.

Other winners included **Nick Petrangelo** of Feeding Hills, Mass., capturing the \$1,500 no-limit hold'em event for \$73K; **Vincent Maglio** of Revere, Mass., claiming \$29K in the \$1K event and **Daniel Chan** of NYC winning the \$1,100 Super Bounty for \$16,790 (besting a field that included

WPT champion **Will Failla**). Other non-NLHE events featured **Rodney LaPointe** from Auburn, Maine, chopping for the \$400 stud/8 win and \$6,570 with four players, including **Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler**; a final seven chop for the \$400 H.O.S.E., which saw **William Delsanto** take first place; and a four-way chop in the \$400 PLO event, with the **Steve Wilson** bringing \$6,624 back to Waterloo, Ontario.

On the horizon is the Foxwoods Mega Stack Challenge (Dec. 8-16) with \$120-\$1,200 buy-ins and \$10K-\$200K guarantees, including deepstack and super-bounty structures. Also, the WSOPC runs March 27-April 8, including 20 events (12 ring events) For more information on the WSOPC at Foxwoods, visit foxwoods.com.

**MOHEGAN SUN:** The DeepStacks Poker Tour runs through Dec. 3, including the \$2,500 televised national championship Dec. 1-3. For more information, visit deepstacks.com.

**CHARITY ROOMS:** With varied offerings in multiple rooms in New Hampshire (seven rooms with an average of six tournaments per day and \$30-\$250 buy-ins) and the Eastern Poker Tour (Mass.-R.I.-N.H. pub, charity offerings, WSOP satellites and a \$72K championship), the tournament player has all kinds of weekly opportunities.

## New York

Seneca Salamanca is giving players a chance to win an Ante Up Poker Cruise gift certificate with travel money. This month, single-table satellites are offered for \$30, with the winner of each invited to a super satellite, where the winner will earn a \$1,500 certificate good for any 2013 Ante Up Poker Cruise plus \$1,000 for travel. In January and February, the same promotion will be run, but for \$20.

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# Superstorm Sandy's poker aftermath

By Jo Kim

Superstorm Sandy brought the nation to a scare and Atlantic City was no exception. For the first time, all casinos in the Philadelphia and New Jersey shore region were closed for consecutive days. In Atlantic City, all of the nine boardwalk and the three marina casinos were shut down Oct. 28-Nov. 2. Though the hurricane brought a revenue plunge, the casinos withstood the storm in good condition.

For Harrah's Philadelphia, the storm caused a major delay in the Philly Poker Open. The event took off before the storm hit, bringing a respectable 282 entrants for the first event. However, the weather forced multiple tournament cancellations and \$125K guarantee three-day main event was updated to \$75K with only 70 entrants. Of the 29 entrants in Day 1A and 41 in Day 1B, 29 returned to take down the event on Day 2. **Wayne Lewis** won more than \$26K, claiming the championship with pocket 10s.

While Superstorm Sandy disturbed the Philly Poker Open, Harrah's was able to hold the deaf poker tournaments hosted by Philadelphia Deaf Poker Open, or

PDPO, as scheduled. Because of the cancellation of the National Deaf Poker Tour, another deaf poker tournament event in Atlantic City, players made the trip to Philly seeking to play in the three no-limit hold'em tournaments. The event was open to public patrons and returning Philly Poker Open players.

The storm may have caused a delay in the Philly Open, but Harrah's remained busy soon after reopening.

"During the PDPO, there were as many as five tournaments going on in a single day," said **Rich Klatt**, the poker director. Cash tables were especially packed with players chasing after the bad-beat jackpot nearing \$360K.

The Parx poker room was quick in reopening days before any other casino. For the many locals without power for days, it was the perfect location to flock toward for warmth, electricity and comfort.

"Parx closed for the storm; when we opened we were pretty busy," dealer **Will Schmidt** said. "There were a lot of Atlantic City regulars looking to play as well as Parx regulars who had lost power in their homes and were playing longer hours than usual." ♠

## World Poker Finals

- Event 1 • \$600 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 405 • **Pool:** \$208,210  
 Bruce Southwick, \$27K
- Event 2 • \$400 Stud**  
**Entries:** 104 • **Pool:** \$35,308  
 Gordon Sprague, \$8,400
- Event 3 • \$400 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 357 • **Pool:** \$121,201  
 James Campbell, \$24K
- Event 4 • \$300 Bounty**  
**Entries:** 313 • **Pool:** \$47,638  
 Phil Mondello, \$11,409
- Event 5 • \$400 LHE**  
**Entries:** 74 • **Pool:** \$25,122  
 Jose Iniguez, \$6,790
- Event 6 • \$400 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 276 • **Pool:** \$93,702  
 Jean Joseph, \$18,394
- Event 7 • \$500 Bounty**  
**Entries:** 227 • **Pool:** \$74,184  
 John Densing, \$10,347
- Event 8 • \$400 O/8**  
**Entries:** 151 • **Pool:** \$51,265  
 Terance Pattigno, \$4,475
- Event 9 • \$600 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 454 • **Pool:** \$233,400  
 Dan Fogg, \$20,832
- Event 10 • \$500 Seniors**  
**Entries:** 251 • **Pool:** \$107,127  
 Scott Inman, \$9,619
- Event 11 • \$300 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 383 • **Pool:** \$96,593  
 Mike Fiumefreddo, \$19,388
- Event 12 • \$400 PLO**  
**Entries:** 96 • **Pool:** \$32,591  
 Steve Wilson, \$6,624
- Event 15 • \$400 Stud/8**  
**Entries:** 80 • **Pool:** \$27,160  
 Rodney Lapointe, \$6,750
- Event 16 • \$400 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 265 • **Pool:** \$89,967  
 Robert Brown, \$22,042
- Event 17 • \$500 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 231 • **Pool:** \$98,590  
 Raja Gulfranz, \$24,648
- Event 18 • \$400 H.O.S.E.**  
**Entries:** 87 • **Pool:** \$29,536  
 Michael Mann, \$4,609
- Event 19 • \$300 Ladies**  
**Entries:** 195 • **Pool:** \$49,178  
 Nicole DeFrancesco, \$12,787
- Event 20 • \$1,500 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 219 • **Pool:** \$292,092  
 Nick Petrangelo, \$73,023
- Event 21 • \$1,100 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 125 • **Pool:** \$59,962  
 Daniel Chan, \$16,790
- Event 22 • \$230 Bounty**  
**Entries:** 134 • **Pool:** \$12,596  
 Nachman Berlin, \$2,251
- Event 24 • \$1K NLHE**  
**Entries:** 140 • **Pool:** \$123,578  
 Vinny Maglio, \$29,347
- \$3,500 Main Event**  
**Entries:** 230 • **Pool:** \$736,230  
 Ariel Albilila, \$184,058
- Event 26 • \$300 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 205 • **Pool:** \$51,701  
 John Callahan, \$8,964
- Event 27 • \$300 NLHE**  
**Entries:** 169 • **Pool:** \$42,621  
 Soukha Kachittavong, \$8,557



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# GRINDER NABS 1ST FLA. TITLE: ISLE OPEN MAIN EVENT

Late October saw the conclusion of the Isle Open as the area's best-known poker champion took home his first South Florida title. Though Florida only began allowing large buy-in tournaments in July 2010, **Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi** had never captured a large first-prize in his back yard, despite his huge success in tournaments all over the world. With several World Poker Tour victories and the \$50K Poker Players Championship at the World Series in 2010 and 2012, the Grinder has mowed down the competition with his aggressive and confounding style to amass more than \$14 million in earnings. That figure has him eighth on the all-time money list, according to the Hendon Mob.

He said he enjoys playing in the bigger South Florida events, but he almost forgot about this one, hurrying over from his N. Miami Beach home to be the last player registered in the \$2,200 event after realizing at 3:30 p.m. there actually was an opportunity for "quick cash," as he called it.

"There's no place like home," he said. "It's easier to drive 20 minutes to a tournament than to fly halfway around the country or even the world to play; all it costs is gas for the car."

All of the major tournament series at the Isle draw well from all parts of the state, especially from the Tampa Bay area, and that set up an interesting dynamic at the final table of the Isle Open main event. Five of the nine players were from the Tampa area, while the other four were South Floridians. That was no surprise to the Grinder, who said, "The Isle is a great place to play poker, the staff is great and everyone is really nice. Anyone within driving distance is really going to be interested in coming here."

After Florida west-coasters **Stephen Diamantas** and **Matt O'Donnell** were eliminated along with Isle regular **Daniel Genachte**, the final six was a three-on-three matchup between Tampa Bay and South Florida. **Justin Zaki** of Tierra Verde was to first to go, disappointed with his finish but happy to collect more than \$20K for the four-hour drive from St. Petersburg. After finishing fourth in the WPT Seminole Hard Rock Showdown in 2011, Zaki welcomes the opportunities to play in high buy-in events in South Florida.

"It's always fun to come down here," said Zaki, wearing one of his many Tampa Bay Rays caps. **Phillip Weast** of Tampa and **Joseph**

**Gibbons** of Tarpon Springs followed a bit later, leaving only Ory Hen, the locksmith from Cooper City and transplanted New York pro **Mukul Pahuja** of North Lauderdale to battle the Grinder. Pahuja had posted a victory in the opening event of the series and Hen was in his third final table of the series, earning a four-way chop in Event 2.

Though Pahuja was the chipleader in the early part of the final table, he lost the advantage after shipping a large pot to the Grinder, which put Mizrachi in familiar territory, the one where no one can pin him down.

"I have a style that no one has seen before," Grinder said. "I'm very different than most players. I like to take a shot sometimes and, of course, it doesn't always work and you lose chips, but it happens. I play the other players more than my cards and you never know what to expect from me."

The Grinder always has prided himself on his ability to adapt to the players at his table, making adjustments and constantly changing gears on a moment's notice based on his table image and opponents' styles.

However he does it, the finish was classic Grinder as he eliminated Pahuja in third place (\$50K) and then dispatched Hen after being dealt 5♠-6♠. Hen collected nearly \$76K for his second-place finish. Hen had flopped a set of kings, but Grinder doesn't like to fold ever, and with a huge chip advantage he hung around long enough for runner-runner spades to give him the winning flush and the Isle Open trophy, along with \$128K first prize.

His busy schedule cut the evening short, though, as Mizrachi had an early plane the next morning to L.A. to host the Breeder's Cup charity tournament, then had plans to travel to the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut to participate in the activities of the DeepStacks National Championship later in the month.

However, the Grinder will be back on the South Florida poker stage in January, as the DeepStacks Tour has partnered with the Players Poker Championship and the Isle Casino to kick off their 2013 season in Pompano Beach on January 28-29. That event will constitute the tail end of the Isle's first major series, the Isle Classic.

**CHRISTMAS CLASSIC:** The second annual Christmas Classic runs Dec. 7-16 at Palm Beach Kennel Club and has \$300K in guarantees. Schedule and details are on the ad on the facing page.

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## Isle Open, Oct. 15-30 \*Denotes chop

- Event 1 • \$350 NLHE**  
Entries: 185 • Pool: \$59,200  
Mukul Pahuja, \$7,970\*
- Event 2 • \$330 NLHE**  
Entries: 161 • Pool: \$48,300  
N/A, \$9,132\*
- Event 3 • \$550 NLHE**  
Entries: 106 • Pool: \$53K  
Chad Batista, \$12,240\*
- Event 4 • \$330 NLHE**  
Entries: 735 • Pool: \$220,500  
Eddie Uehara, \$27,392\*
- Event 5 • \$330 O/8**  
Entries: 69 • Pool: \$20,700  
Matt Smith, \$5,700\*
- Event 6 • \$400 NLHE**  
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## 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHARITY CLASSIC DEC. 2

After speaking with **Rabbi David Kane**, it's easy to see not only does he have a passion for Texas Hold'em, but also for the five charities his organization supports. This year's second annual Holiday Charity Classic at Daytona Beach Kennel Club will be Dec. 2 and will benefit the Service Animal Program at Disability Solutions, the **Jerry Doliner** Foodbank, Greyhound Pets of America, Veterans Family Fund and the Deepstack Charity Fund, for which Kane is co-chairman.



**CHAZ ALLEN • NORTH FLORIDA**

With more than \$20,000 in prizes, door prizes and bounties, it's clear why this event is making a second appearance. Here are just some of the prizes: First place is a \$6,500 prize package from the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, including a \$3,500 seat in the Borgata Winter Poker Open Main Event, airfare, hotel, food and cash. Second and third place each win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the Feb. 4 sailing out of Port Canaveral.

The top 10 percent of the field will cash or win prizes. The final-table players will win a seat in May's Deepstack Charity Classic and the top 10 finishers will earn Ante Up Player of the Year points.

Advance entries are \$150 and available at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club or online at [HolidayCharityClassic.Com](http://HolidayCharityClassic.Com). If entries remain on the day of the tournament, they will be \$175. For more information, call (386) 316-3138.

And if that was not enough, *Ante Up* senior strategy columnist **Lee**



**From left: Shaun Deeb, Daniel Negreanu, Jason Mercier and Phil Hellmuth were in Jacksonville for the Fall Series/World Poker Tour Regional at bestbet. Pick up next month's *Ante Up* to see how they fared.**

**Childs** will teach a training class the weekend of the event and host a \$10,000 guarantee VIP tournament.

Kane said he has been playing "wild-card poker" for more than 36 years at home and with friends, but over the past six years found and fell in love with the "real" poker that Daytona Beach Kennel Club and its professional staff have been able to provide.

**WPT JAX:** Be sure to pick up next month's issue when we'll have all of the coverage and results from the Jacksonville Fall Series, which concluded after press time with the WPT main event.

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## Central Florida poker isn't just about Tampa Bay

Living in Tampa, if you stood at Raymond James Stadium you could drive 20 minutes in any direction and hit a poker room. Down Interstate 4 you have the Hard Rock. North on I-275 you have Lucky's and southbound you have Derby Lane. Head West toward the Gulf and you have Tampa Bay Downs. North, South East or West, Tampa is the epicenter of Central Florida poker. That is if you live on the west coast.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ • C. FLA.**

Once you get into the Orlando area, we start to lose sight of any live poker. So while my wife and

I were on our anniversary in Orlando, we decided to head to the east coast to check out the Melbourne Greyhound Park's Club 52 poker room, which paid more than \$60K in its Full House Frenzy promotion in October.

The games were fun. The \$2-\$5 no-limit table we chose was sedate. Perhaps it was because I was card dead that it didn't seem too wild and wooly, but I ended up stuck only a small amount after sitting there for about three hours. The table broke when the mystery bounty tournament began at 1 p.m. A unique tournament where those people who receive a necklace reminiscent of those found at Mardi Gras, are a secret bounty. Knock that person out and you get the prize that corresponds to that necklace. It could be \$20 or even \$100. For \$120 and 10K chips, this is a tournament I would have played had we not had dinner reservations at 8.

**TAMPA HARD ROCK:** Florida's final World Poker Tour Regional event

for 2012 ends in Tampa at the Hard Rock (Nov. 30-Dec. 9). Filled with nightly turbos, a seniors event and two tournaments boasting \$100K guarantees or more, the Tampa Hard Rock will look to end the year with a bang.

**FREE-POKER RAID:** On Oct. 20, the Nutz Poker League ran its free monthly tournament like it had for years, as 140 players visited Louie's in Largo for the event.

An hour into the tournament, the Florida Division of Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco stormed in and ordered all players to place their hands on the table and remain seated. Five individuals, including Nutz owner, **Rick Danford**, Louie's owner and Danford's father were arrested and charged with a third-degree felony of operating an illegal gambling house.

On Nov. 6, about a dozen Tampa-area free-league representatives met with **Luke Charles Lirot**, Danford's attorney, for three hours to see what recourse they had. Lirot may be retained by these leagues to file a complaint with the state that leagues are not in violation of what the gambling statute is attempting to prevent.

While attending this meeting, I met with these league owners and got a sense of frustration. As the online poker world was torn away from millions of players last year, the same scenario is facing thousands of recreational players who just want to enjoy the company of others, some good food and drink and a few hours of cards.

As this story unfolds, *Ante Up* will work hard to bring the details of the case. Check back with [anteupmagazine.com](http://anteupmagazine.com) for updates and post comments to the forums at [anteupmagazine.com/forums](http://anteupmagazine.com/forums).

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# THE RICHNESS OF SOUTHWESTERN POKER

**James Williams**, a 26-year-old plumber and homeboy, turned \$190 into \$56,652 on Nov. 5, doubling his lifetime earnings by winning the Heartland Poker Tour Main Event at Route 66 Casino Hotel.



MARY BRADLEY • SOUTHWEST



His K-Q held up against the K-9 of **Anthony Herrera** of Santa Fe and earned Williams his first career victory. Williams, his wife and his winnings made plans to hit the road and meet up with champions from throughout the season for the final HPT stop of 2012 at Belterra Casino Resort in Florence,

Ind., on Nov. 9-18.

The second HPT event in New Mexico drew several HPT finalists, such as **Craig Casino**, **Stan Jablonski**, **Scott Dougherty** and **Logan Knight**. From Bullhead City, Ariz., Jablonski was the only returning final-tablest to make the cut for a second time in Albuquerque. Though the Route 66 event attracted big-name pros **Maria Ho**, **Bryan Devonshire** and **Allen Kessler**, only Kessler cashed (11th, \$5,058). Ho busted on Day 1 and Devonshire left on the money bubble.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** In the Not Exactly Mainstream But Cool Tournament Category was the October event at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which was for casino employees and their guests. Five tables,

50 players and the prize pool was \$1,700. Top winner, table games dealer **Kevin Clark**, took \$700, and the five other top winners chopped \$1,000. Only one of the five was not an employee, which might indicate employees do watch and learn from the mistakes they see every day in the poker room. **John Harper** and **Rebecca Blount** did a great job organizing and running this six-hour tournament that started at 10 a.m. and included breakfast and lunch for all players. That the casino would honor their employees in such a way was pretty amazing, but the chosen dealers for this tournament were all new graduate trainees who got their initiation while working with the rowdiest, friendliest (and possibly, most demanding) players in New Mexico.

**BALSINGER THIRD:** You've likely heard 21-year-old ASU political science major **Jake Balsiger** of Tempe, Ariz., finished third in the World Series of Poker Main Event at the Rio in Las Vegas. There are a number of terrific poker rooms in the Tempe area, not the least of which is Casino Arizona Talking Stick's the Arena Poker Room. I'm thinking Jake may know his way there, and not just because it's only a 15-minute drive from Tempe to Scottsdale. With 47 non-smoking tables, a giant scoreboard featuring 16 flatscreens and a sports ticker, the Arena is Arizona's largest poker room, and home base for the state's best sports and card action.

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## PROMOTIONS: NOT JUST FOR SMALL ROOMS

In the competitive world of Las Vegas poker, even the biggest rooms are looking for ways to attract new players and keep the ones they have.

The Venetian just remodeled its poker room, renaming it the Sands Poker Room at the Venetian. It has 59 permanent tables, which will be enough to handle special events without having to bring in temporary tables.



**ROB SOLOMON • LAS VEGAS**



One of the ways the Venetian welcomed back players to its new room in September was to offer a house-funded bad-beat jackpot

for tournament play. The Venetian will be giving away \$30K for this promotion. No prize money had been given out when the promotion was put on hold for the duration of the Deep Stack Extravaganza IV, which ran Oct. 25-Nov. 18. The promotion resumed Nov. 19 with the jackpot at \$8,000 (quad sevens was the qualifier). Check Venetian's Facebook page for the current status of the jackpot.

Also, the Venetian will host the inaugural Jewish Poker Championship on Dec. 24-25, though the event is open to players of all skill levels and religious affiliations.

Visit [playjewishpoker.com](http://playjewishpoker.com) for details, buy-in and accommodations.

- Station Casinos, the popular locals casino chain, is offering bad-beat tournament jackpots at some of its properties. Santa Fe Station and Red Rock have the bad-beat jackpot in their daily no-limit hold'em tournaments. They do take \$3 out of the prize pool per entry to fund the jackpot. See Red Rock's ad on the facing page.

Also, see the Station Casino ad on Page 59 for the 12/12/12 promotion that pays players \$12,012 for flopping four queens on Dec. 12. If you turn or river four queens you'll make \$1,212. This promotion is good only on Dec. 12.

Speaking of Station Casinos, effective Nov. 1, Aliante Station in North Las Vegas separated from the Station chain and became an independent casino, and without a poker room. One of the first actions new management took on its first day was to close the poker room "indefinitely" and lay off the poker room staff.

- The Bellagio just completed its Festa al Lago special event Oct. 26. In the \$10,300 championship, 131 entries vied for a \$1.27 million pool. The final two battled for more than four hours and in the end, New Jersey's **Hyon "Skip" Kim** bested Florida's **Matt Waxman** for \$423,935, which includes a \$25,500 seat in the WPT Championship in May. Waxman took home \$273,944.

The Bellagio's **Doyle Brunson** Five Diamond World Poker Classic runs through Dec. 9. The \$10,300 main event begins Dec. 4, with the final table being televised and live-streamed Dec. 9.

- Caesars Palace completed its sixth annual Caesars Palace Poker Classic on Oct. 27. The \$1,080 main event saw **Randolph Lanosga**

of Colorado outlast a field of 239 players to claim the first prize of \$47,525. **Stephen Graner** of Las Vegas took home the \$35,586 for second. Lanosga started the heads-up match with a 3-to-1 chip lead, but saw Graner take the lead on a big hand before eventually coming back and claiming the title.

A popular Italian site, People's Poker, sent more than 20 people to the event at Caesars, with two of them, **Roberto Sunna** and **Walter Ferrero**, making the final table, which was televised in Italy.

Caesars' next event will be the Winter Poker Classic (Jan. 4-17).

- The Wynn poker room completed its Wynn Fall Classic on Oct. 31. The four-day championship went to **James Hoeppner** of Las Vegas, outlasting nearly 270 entrants in the \$1,590 event for \$77,760. **Osmín Dardon** of California took the runner-up prize of \$66,055. The prize pool was \$389,940. See Hoeppner's photo on the next page.

- Cantor Gaming, which owns a number of sports books in Vegas, including those at the Venetian and the M Resort, entered the poker scene in May by taking over the poker room at the Palms. Longtime poker veteran **Bobby Griffith** has been running the room, which is part of the new sports book at the Palms.

Cantor must be pleased with its first entry in the poker world, as it has announced it will be reopening the poker room at the Silverton, a locals casino at the south end of Las Vegas. The Silverton closed its poker room in January but was scheduled to reopen as part of the sports book in late November, after press time. Cantor has tabbed Griffith to run the new poker room, while continuing to run the room at the Palms.

Poker players at the Palms and the Silverton can take advantage of playing in a poker room that is part of the sports book by betting on sports events right from the poker table on Cantor's cell phone app. While watching the game live from their poker seat, players can make bets on the game they're watching in real time.

They can make new bets on the game as the line changes throughout the course of the game, or on things such as first downs, free throws, runs in an inning, etc., all while enjoying the poker game. Griffith said this doesn't slow the poker game to any significant degree.

- Penn National Gaming, which owns the locals casino M Resort at the south end of Las Vegas, announced its own poker tour, the Hollywood Poker Open ([hollywoodpokeropen.com](http://hollywoodpokeropen.com)). The final event of this tour will be at the M Resort in late June. Regional events will be at various Hollywood properties around the country leading up to the championship event.

The M Resort will host a regional event Jan. 25-27. The three events will have guarantees of \$10,000 (entry fee \$125), \$20,000 (\$225) and \$40,000 (\$335), respectively. The top two finishers at the \$40K guarantee event will be awarded seats to the championship event in June.

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# MERSON'S LONG ROAD TO WORLD CHAMPION

As you likely know by now, Greg Merson of Maryland is the 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event champion and WSOP Player of the Year. But overcoming that huge field of nearly 6,600 players to win \$8.5 million was nothing compared to overcoming his addiction to drugs. In an exclusive interview, *Ante Up's* Dr. Stephen Bloomfield, a poker psychologist, had a chance to chat with Merson at the bestbet Jacksonville poker room, a week after Merson's win at the World Series of Poker.

He's the new and chemically-free \$8.5 million man. **Greg Merson** played great at the World Series of Poker. Even before he won, poker greats such as **Phil Ivey** knew this, and I guess so did bestbet Jacksonville because it sponsored him.

Much has been made of Merson's drug addiction. We discussed this at length. He had a serious pill problem, using Adderal and Roxyoctin. A couple of years ago, he played the whole WSOP on pills and felt he was thinking great, but not doing as well as he thought. He was high and now realizes he was rationalizing and lying to himself.

"I want people to know that playing with a clear head makes me a better player," Merson said. He also wants everyone to know playing high gives a false sense of mastery of the game and playing straight lets you play your best. And he played his best at the longest final table in WSOP history, 12 hours and 399 hands.

"I've played a lot of long cash games in my career, which helps you prepare for something like this, but this whole stage is something you can't ever really prepare for," Merson said after winning the main event and tearfully placing his gold bracelet on his mom's wrist. "I couldn't feel better for everyone who I'm sharing this victory with."

Merson defeated **Jesse Sylvia** heads-up for the title and his second bracelet from this year's series. Sylvia took home \$5.295 million for second.

I think Merson has a lot to say. His strongest message: "You will play better when your mind is clear; stop pretending."

There are different paths to drug addiction. Some get prescribed meds for real disorders and get hooked. Some hear a drug will create a certain effect and try it. It creates the effect once, but then they chase that high for years.

Some rationalize. "I play a stressful game for hours at a time and need a little weed to chill out," or "I play better when I am on Adderal or other similar drugs because I can focus." Greg says no, but also knows this is a common refrain among players.

He's in recovery; he's playing his best and he's not high. His mind is clear; he knows how he wants to proceed and he knows addiction and abuse are treatable, though it's possible he could have a relapse. He also talked about wanting to contribute to the poker community. He will no doubt find a way.

So, what should folks do? Don't get started. That sounds as trite as "Just say no." But it's easier to make a good decision when you're straight. If you get started, then stop; use natural supports; talk to other players; try 12-step programs; go to a counselor.

"Players who are using drugs fool themselves into thinking they are playing well," Merson said. "I am not talking about partying; I am talking about people playing high and thinking they are playing well



and they aren't."

I strongly believe the concepts of sports psychology can give a natural high, a feeling of being actualized and clear. Use breathing, visualization and even meditation.

Keeping your head in the game is keeping your mind straight and clear and drug-free.

Recovery is a long and arduous process. Merson seems to have a good handle on this; has gone through rehab and relapse; is young and resilient and knows the temptations that lie ahead. Good luck, Greg; you played a heck of a World Series with a clear head. ♠

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Sorel Mizzi, \$19,788

### Event 4 • \$1,080 NLHE

Entries: 57 • Pool: \$55,290  
Cary Katz, \$18,798

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### Event 6 • \$2,620 NLHE

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### Event 7 • \$1,590 NLHE

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Andrew Borrok, \$24,772

### Event 8 • \$1,080 NLHE

Entries: 82 • Pool: \$79,540  
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### Event 9 • \$5,180 NLHE

Entries: 55 • Pool: \$266,750  
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### \$10,300 Main Event

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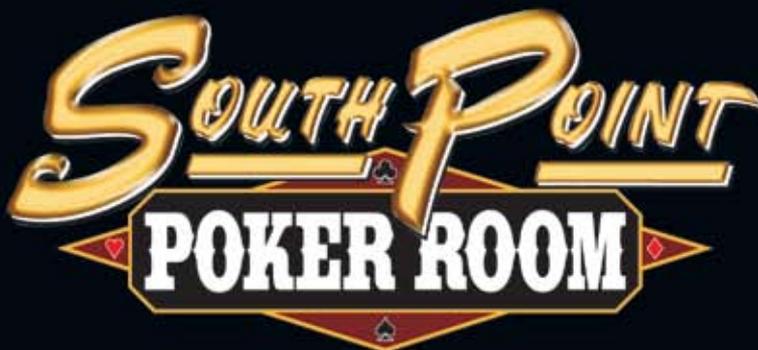
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**James Hoepfner of Las Vegas earned nearly \$78K for his main-event winner in the Wynn Fall Classic on Oct. 31. The main event had a \$1,590 buy-in and attracted 268 players.**

# HPO IS HEADED TO THE M

The Hollywood Poker Open, the first event in a series created by Penn National Gaming for its properties, debuted at Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg in November, and finishes with a national championship event at the M Resort in Las Vegas in June. There will be several regional events around the country in between, including another event at the M Resort in January (See ad Pages 2-3).

More information on the series can be found at [hollywoodpokeropen.com](http://hollywoodpokeropen.com), but we had a chance to chat about the HPO with **Randy Kiefer**, the poker manager at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races.

**What can players expect at these regional series?** At the regional events, you're looking at some larger buy-ins than you'd normally see at regular tournaments, and of course prize pools. That's what everybody goes to play poker tournaments for, an opportunity to get good value on their dollar and an opportunity to win a ton of money.

These regional events will run 7-14 days, depending on the market, with different buy-ins and structures. And the most important thing

is there's a lot of money to (win).

**Aside from regional events, you're giving players at smaller Penn National casinos, even ones that don't normally offer poker, a chance to win their way to the national championship. Tell us about those opportunities.** Poker is everywhere. It doesn't matter what state, what city or town you go into, if there are casinos or not, poker is being played everywhere in this country. Some of our markets don't have table games and/or poker, but there are poker players in those areas, so we just want to make sure we're giving everybody an opportunity to come play the championship event.

**The national championship event will be at the M Resort in Las Vegas while the World Series of Poker and several other tournament series are in town. It's a \$2,500 buy-in event with a \$500K guarantee, and you'll be announcing more details about it in the future. What can you tell us about it now?** It's a three-day event (June 28-30) and it's going to give us an opportunity to show off our property at the M to players from around the country. ... It's also a chance for the players who are already there to check out our property and the Hollywood Poker Open Championship event. ♠

# Pot of Gold putting up healthy numbers

With each passing season, the Pot of Gold series at the Grand Sierra Resort seems to become more popular, attracting more players from around the country and some established pros. The fall series wrapped Oct. 7 after paying more than \$500K over 11 days, again offering players a variety of games with \$100-\$1K buy-ins. The series offered some great guaranteed tournaments, all of which had been met or exceeded.



**LESLIE PAULS • RENO**

The first event, a \$20K guarantee no-limit hold'em event for \$200, had 152 runners with a prize pool of nearly \$30K. **Ian**

**Rommel** from Truckee, Calif., took home \$8K for first, followed by **Steven Liebenthal** and **Michelle Denolf**.

The next biggest event was the \$100K guarantee, which attracted 404 players for a \$118K prize pool. **Shawn Daniels** of Placerville, Calif., was the top finisher of Event 3, taking home more than \$24K, followed by **Rellie Sigua** and **Jesse Capps** each receiving \$16K.

As expected the main event (Oct. 6) rewarded the largest purse (153 players, \$148K pool). Pro **Matt Affleck** of Seattle played an impressive game and finished in the top spot for \$34K, followed by **Gordon Vayo** of San Mateo, Calif., (\$31K), and **Zak Gilbert** of Reno (\$17K).

Poker room manager **Charles Williams** couldn't be more pleased with the results and is excited to see future series continue to bring big numbers, and players, into the area.

**HHPT ATLANTIS:** The High Heels Poker Tour stopped at the Atlantis Resort on Oct. 27 and gave men and women an opportunity to duke it out in the poker ring. Primarily a women's tour, the HHPT offered a "Battle of the Sexes" tournament; men and women play in separate tournaments with the top-five finishers of each group going to the fi-

## Pot of Gold, Grand Sierra Resort

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| <p><b>Event 1 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>152 Players • Pool: \$29,488<br/>Ian Rommel, \$8,029</p>      | <p><b>Event 9 • \$200 H.O.R.S.E.</b><br/>36 Players • Pool: \$6,984<br/>David Davenport, \$1,492</p> | <p><b>Event 17 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>78 Players • Pool: \$15,132<br/>Joseph Carlson, \$3,234</p>     |
| <p><b>Event 2 • \$100 NLHE</b><br/>38 Players • Pool: \$3,686<br/>Charlito Asberos, \$1,200</p>  | <p><b>Event 10 • \$100 NLHE</b><br/>69 Players • Pool: \$6,693<br/>Errol Davidson, \$1,272</p>       | <p><b>Event 20 • \$500 NLHE</b><br/>102 Players • Pool: \$49,470<br/>Lance Donnell, \$11,535</p>    |
| <p><b>Event 3 • \$300 NLHE</b><br/>404 Players • Pool: \$117,564<br/>Shawn Daniels, \$24,121</p> | <p><b>Event 11 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>73 Players • Pool: \$15,000<br/>Ryan Reed, \$4,529</p>           | <p><b>Event 21 • \$120 H.O.R.S.E.</b><br/>25 Players • Pool: \$2,910<br/>Johnny Knight, \$1,380</p> |
| <p><b>Event 4 • \$120 PLO</b><br/>29 Players • Pool: \$3,376<br/>Michael Fernandez, \$986</p>    | <p><b>Event 12 • \$120 O/8</b><br/>31 Players • Pool: \$3,608<br/>Matt Christmon, N/A</p>            | <p><b>Event 22 • \$125 6-Max</b><br/>78 Players • Pool: \$7,507<br/>Harold Cox, \$1,652</p>         |
| <p><b>Event 5 • \$100 6-Max</b><br/>116 Players • Pool: \$11,252<br/>Pamela Wilson, \$3,252</p>  | <p><b>Event 13 • \$100 NLHE</b><br/>55 Players • Pool: \$5,335<br/>Felix Durairaj, \$1,627</p>       | <p><b>\$1K Main Event</b><br/>153 Players • Pool: \$148,410<br/>Matt Affleck, \$34,050</p>          |
| <p><b>Event 6 • \$200 O/8</b><br/>43 Players • Pool: \$8,342<br/>Marc Christy, \$834</p>         | <p><b>Event 14 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>67 Players • Pool: \$12,2998<br/>James Thompson, \$4,029</p>     | <p><b>Event 28 • \$200 O/8</b><br/>25 Players • Pool: \$4,850<br/>Gary Rosso, \$806</p>             |
| <p><b>Event 7 • \$100 NLHE</b><br/>147 Players • Pool: \$14,259<br/>Loc Phang, \$3,646</p>       | <p><b>Event 15 • \$120 PLO/8</b><br/>25 Players • Pool: \$2,910<br/>Cory Wilbur, \$1,164</p>         | <p><b>Event 29 • \$150 NLHE</b><br/>39 Players • Pool: \$5,675<br/>Robert Oliver, \$2,000</p>       |
| <p><b>Event 8 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>115 Players • Pool: \$22,310<br/>Derek Dowdell, \$5,716</p>   | <p><b>Event 16 • \$100 NLHE</b><br/>35 Players • Pool: \$3,395<br/>Timothy Smith, \$905</p>          | <p><b>Event 30 • \$200 NLHE</b><br/>58 Players • Pool: \$11,252<br/>David Lucchesi, \$3,432</p>     |

nal table. Participants were allowed to come in as a team or on an individual basis to compete. In the end, the women were pretty impressive taking home all three top spots with **Adriana Lopez** finishing first, **Erin Green** second, and yours truly finishing third. For the full HHPT tour schedule, visit [highheelspokertour.com](http://highheelspokertour.com).

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# BIG NAMES, BIG CROWDS COME OUT FOR WSOPC

On Dec. 6, 2002, the Blue Chip Casino's poker room ran Chicagoland's first weekly hold'em tournament. Ten years later, the Horseshoe hosted the World Series of Poker Circuit's biggest event. With the fifth year in the books, the numbers are again the big story.

This year's WSOPC opener was the third largest in history (2,498 entries) with almost \$750K in the prize pool. The main event's 1,523 entries made up this year's largest field for a circuit event.

Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi, his brother Robert, Gavin Smith, Brian Hastings, Chad Brown and Dan Heimiller were some of the big names in town for the series. Heimiller, who won Southern Indiana's main event earlier in October, finished sixth in the H.O.R.S.E. event. Brown was runner-up to Nick Jivkov in

the Omaha/8 event.

Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler, Faraz Jaka and Kathy Liebert are becoming familiar faces at this circuit event every year.

"I like coming to Hammond because they have more mixed games than other circuit events" Kessler said. H.O.R.S.E., pot-limit Omaha and Omaha/8 were again ring events. Kessler said he also likes the large fields.

The opener had Milwaukee's Thomas Rodgers come out on top of Dave Backstrom, bringing home \$110K. Part-time poker player Joshua Williams from South Bend, Ind., went home with \$386K for winning the main event.

Amanda Musumeci, best known for her deep run in the 2011 WSOP main event, picked up her first ring, winning a no-limit hold'em event.

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## WSOP Circuit, Horseshoe Hammond, Oct. 15-23



**Event 1 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 2,498 • Pool: \$749,400  
Thomas Rodgers, \$110,535



**Event 2 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 678 • Pool: \$339K  
Milliard Hale, \$69,505



**Event 3 • \$1,125 NLHE**  
Entries: 164 • Pool: \$164K  
Eddie Ochana, \$44,281



**Event 4 • \$365 PLO**  
Entries: 166 • Pool: \$49,800  
Donald Walsh, \$38,046



**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 730 • Pool: \$219K  
Blake Barousse, \$43,805



**Event 6 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 313 • Pool: \$156,500  
Stan Barshak, \$39,123



**Event 7 • \$365 H.O.R.S.E.**  
Entries: 277 • Pool: \$83,100  
David Droeger, \$20,725



**Event 8 • \$1,125 NLHE**  
Entries: 222 • Pool: \$222K  
Ari Engel, \$55,503



**Event 9 • \$365 Omaha/8**  
Entries: 214 • Pool: \$64,200  
Nick Jivkov, \$16,046



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
Entries: 1,523 • Pool: \$2.3M  
Joshua Williams, \$385,909



**Event 11 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 260 • Pool: \$130K  
Amanda Musumeci, \$31,851



**Event 12 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 248 • Pool: \$74,400  
Nicholas Cikulin, \$18,229

## SOUTHERN INDIANA

### Hollywood poker room has new home

Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind., continues to be the premiere place to play in southeastern Indiana as it recently opened its new poker room location, at right. The new area, which is on the main floor, has 19 tables and diverse games from no-limit hold'em to pot-limit Omaha, as well as many promotions.

The daily tournament schedules have continued with no interruption and the major tournaments held throughout the year will continue to be in the ballroom.

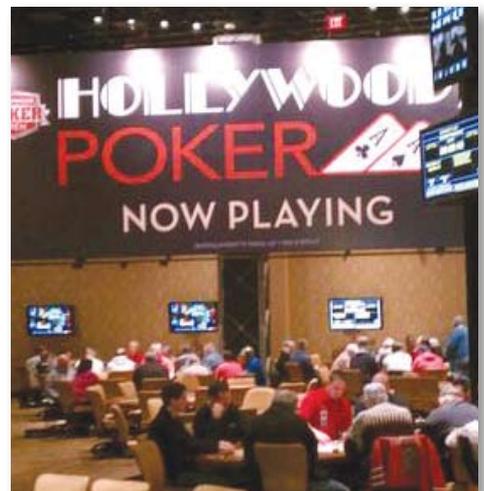
**CASINO PURCHASE:** Centaur Holdings, the Indianapolis-based owners of Hoosier Park in Anderson, Ind., have been granted the rights to purchase Indiana Grand Casino and Downs in Shelbyville. This will allow the company to seek state and federal regulatory approval

to complete the deal. Both central Indiana racinos have been providing parimutuel horse racing and e-table gaming, including e-table poker, since 2008.

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# TOURNEYS RETURN TO MOTOR CITY CASINO

After a drought of no-limit hold'em tournaments in downtown Detroit casinos, Motor City Casino has started offering weekly events again. Tournaments at Motor City are every Saturday at 11 a.m. for \$100, with the exception of the last Saturday of the month, when the buy-in is \$300. Tournaments also run on Mondays (6 p.m., \$100; midnight, \$60).



**FRANK PANAMA • MICHIGAN**

According to dual-rate poker manager **Lisa Wilkins**, the tournaments have been attracting 20-40 players. When asked why Motor City started offering tournaments again, Wilkins said, "A few of our regular players kept asking if we would spread tournaments." All tournaments are NLHE freezeouts and no special variations.

It seems unusual for such a busy room with a weekend waiting list 30 players long and with a bad-beat jackpot nearing \$300K at press time to need to offer tournaments. It's a testament to how competitive the Detroit poker scene has become that rooms are trying to keep players happy by listening to requests and finding ways to make them happen.

How about bringing a tournament poker series to Motor City, such as the Ante Up Poker Tour? Wilkins said it's been discussed, but there are no immediate plans. At least for now, tournaments are back in downtown Detroit casinos.

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# Horseshoe Council Bluffs announces Holiday Classic

The Horseshoe in Council Bluffs will run its Holiday Poker Classic on Dec. 26-30, including a \$235 no-limit hold'em re-entry event on the 26th, a main-event satellite on the 28th and the \$560 NLHE re-entry main event runs Dec. 29-30. This event will run two Day 1 flights (10 a.m., 6 p.m.). Also, the Horseshoe is qualifying one person a month for a 2013 World Series of Poker satellite that will run in June. The first of these qualifiers was **Stan Schrier**, who won the TOC Freeroll in



**KEN WARREN • IOWA**

October. Check with the poker room for more details on how you can qualify.

**HPT PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The Heartland Poker Tour stopped at Prairie Meadows at the end of October, and 2004 WSOP main event champion **Greg Raymer** continued on his roll, winning first place and \$72,089 for his third HPT victory this year (Albuquerque and St. Louis). **Chad Lawson**, a local player from Pleasant Hill, Iowa, won \$41,771 as runner-up. Lawson had a much better ROI than Raymer, however. He earned his seat in a \$300 satellite while Raymer had to fire five times in this rebuy event.

**MSPT:** Meskwaki Casino's Mid-States Poker Tour drew 297 players competing for the \$300K pool. **Mike Reynolds** of Chicago took top honors (\$81,060) after five hours at the final table.

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# A LOOK AHEAD SEES EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS

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There are many excellent AUPT destinations to travel to, but if you prefer to stay close to home, Downstream Casino in Quapaw, Okla., will host the Ante Up Poker Tour Four States Poker Championships (May 17-26). I hope to see one of you on our cover as the champion! A wide variety of events will be offered, including no-limit hold'em, pot-limit, Omaha, stud, razz, Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E. The goal is to offer players a variety of events at affordable buy-ins.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** Best of luck goes out to the Kansas Star Casino on the grand opening of its new permanent location in mid December. Over the past year, the casino has been operating in a temporary facility that will become the event center. The permanent location will feature a larger poker room, gaming floor and lodging facilities.

The casino opened Dec. 26, 2011, after Peninsula Gaming announced its partnership with Kansas to develop a unique casino, hotel and event center featuring a state-of-the-art equestrian arena.

Peninsula Gaming is a Midwest-based conservative growth company that operates in rural markets. Since 1999, it has built and acquired a group of casino properties. Details on this exciting new poker room

will be featured in our upcoming January issue.

**DREAMCATCHER:** Congratulations to this region's popular tournament destination Choctaw Casino on successful completion the first **Scotty Nyguen** Dreamcatcher World Poker Challenge. The event (Oct. 25-Nov. 5), featured 20 events. The \$1K main event drew 521 players for a \$505K prize pool.



**Joshua Vizcarra** won first place for \$108,644. Nyguen finished ninth for \$10,082.

Choctaw Casino also says goodbye to manager **Ken Lambert** as he will be table games manager at Sky Ute Casino.

**HARD ROCK TULSA:** One of the original and player favorites, Cherokee's Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa, has committed to bringing back bigger and better poker to the casino. Good luck and best wishes to new poker room manager **Eric Lawless**, who has been with the company since 2002, working his way up to a management role. He began at the Tulsa location, then moved to oversee the poker room and tables games at Cherokee Casino Roland and Cherokee Casino Salisaw. He now will oversee the Tulsa poker room, which was moved to the new gaming area in the casino that opened in late September. The smoke-free 12-table poker room features many amenities popular with players, including a dedicated sound system, seven televisions, two lounges and increased space between tables to allow for player comfort and ease of movement without interrupting games.

There's a new progressive bad-beat jackpot (\$60K at press time) and the room continues to offer daily, weekly and monthly tournaments. Plans include featuring major tournaments throughout the year as well. Go to [hardrockcasinotulsa.com](http://hardrockcasinotulsa.com) for more info.

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# THINK HE'S A FISH? THAT'S FINE WITH GEFFEN

**Andy Geffen** has a Twitter handle you might not expect from a guy who's cashed in three of his past four tournaments: @COpoker-FISH. (Twitter bio: "Just trying to run my business around my poker schedule.")

There's a reason for the name, of course. Over the years, the 42-year-old resident of Westminster, a suburb of Denver, has gotten to know and play with a number of poker pros. When those pros would put Geffen's contact info in their phones, Geffen said, they tended to give him a name they could easily remember: something such as, "Andy Denver Fish" or "Andy CO Fish" or, well, you get



**RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO**



the picture.

Geffen isn't offended: "Hey, I am a fish compared to those guys." Maybe, but Geffen's stock certainly is on the rise. Not only has he had a nice run of cashes lately, including sneaking into the money (finishing 70th) in September's Heartland Poker Tour Main Event at the Golden Gates, but he also pulled down the victory Oct. 18 at the World Poker Tour Regional Main Event at the Isle Black Hawk.

The Isle event, dubbed the Colorado Poker Showdown, attracted 162 players for the no-limit hold'em main event and generated a prize pool of \$299,700. Geffen brought home the trophy and a \$62,350 payout for the win.

After the win at the Isle, Geffen cashed again during a trip to Las Vegas, winning \$2,771 against his \$600 buy-in at the Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza IV. He placed ninth out of 178 entrants for that

score.

Again, not a bad little run for a self-described fish, but Geffen's a steady player who's been building up his bona-fides since he began playing poker in his teens. The New York native took a break from poker after moving to Colorado in July 2007 and discovering the \$5 limit on all pots (because of local laws) at Black Hawk/Central City rooms. He kicked it back in gear when the limit was increased to \$100 in 2009.

Geffen, who owns a business where he buys bad debt and collects on it, credited his recent run in part to playing with top-notch players. He particularly noted the help of his buddy, **Chris Tryba**, who won this same tournament when it made its debut at the Isle last year.

In the Isle win, Geffen said he simply played a steady game, staying tight and playing solid position poker in the early rounds, then opening his game as he advanced to the final table. That's when Geffen's patience came into play.

"I went card dead for a stretch, and I used to get impatient when that happened, make bad plays. I've been working on riding it out, staying relaxed, playing my best game."

He was in second place when the table condensed to the final four, and Geffen earned the win just 30 minutes later, taking down Denver's **Francois Safieddine**, a seasoned player with a WSOP bracelet and more than \$1.7 million in tournament winnings. Fortune smiled on Geffen on the final hand, as his A-2 outflopped Safieddine's A-3.

Geffen said he didn't have any big plans for his first-place winnings, but it's a nice little addition to the bankroll, especially when he had another poker trip to Vegas planned for right after this interview. At this rate, he might need to change that Twitter handle.

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## 3P uses poker to donate to military charities

By **Chad Holloway**

"To use poker as a vehicle to raise money for charity, organize and execute volunteer efforts, and raise awareness in helping others and helping our communities." That's the mission of the Patriot Poker Players, a team of military affiliates who have come together to play poker tournaments on behalf of military charities.

The group, which includes active and retired members of the military, was created in part by tech sergeant **Timothy Montjoy** of the 609th Air Communications Squadron and senior airman **Todd Fuerst** of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, who were on deployment in Afghanistan when the idea originated.

"Starting any new business endeavor is an overall challenge itself," Fuerst told PokerNews shortly after 3P's launch. "I think being deployed and focusing on our mission here in Afghanistan and then finding the time to conduct business, document our ideas, and share them across the other side of the globe has been difficult. The support that 3P has gained is a sincere reward that shows we have something special here and is a mission we will passionately continue to serve."

Since then the two, both family men who hail from the same part of Georgia, have returned stateside and have been joined by a plethora of other team members including **Rich Brooks, Richard Kirby, Mike Ward, Jason Cruchy, Felicia Johnico, Kurt Fraser, Anthony Calicchio, Jason Fennell** and **Jason Roby**.

"Members of the Patriot Poker Team use the same concept that they use in the military on the poker table, the concept of teamwork," the 3P website explains. "If millions are playing and watching poker,



**Airmen volunteer at the Shade Tree women's and children's shelter a day after participating in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.**

then Patriot Poker Players have the audience to raise awareness and the skill to cash and contribute 10 percent to charities of 3P's choice. Through poker, we aim to establish a solid team that will contribute millions of dollars to charities, volunteering countless hours, raising awareness and improving our communities."

3P is a young organization, but members recently held their first trip to the World Series of Poker, which is where Fuerst and Montjoy,

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# DODD MAKING GOOD CHOICES AT COLUMBUS

With an estimated 10,000 unique players, Hollywood Casino Columbus poker room manager **Matt Dodd** and his staff have plenty of work to do. The Columbus market is dominated by \$1-\$2 action with a couple of \$2-\$5 games daily and many more on week-



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ends. However, the big news in the room is the \$5-\$25 hold'em game that runs about once a week. This is an action game to be sure, one that has featured some \$20K-plus pots and is a very live game. PLO is starting to catch on, not like Cleveland, but is building with \$1-\$2 action during the week and a \$2-\$5 game on most weekends with multiple \$1-\$2 games. Expect tournaments to begin in January and the Hollywood Poker Open in May 2013.

The Columbus casino has an interesting buy-in policy: Players may buy in up to the biggest stack at the table. Dodd was frank in his thoughts on this policy: "As a player, I did not like or understand the capped buy-in game policy. Hollywood has given me the opportunity to give everyone the opportunity to play right in any game and choose how they play that game."

**TOLEDO HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** Peter Lau and his staff have the widest offering of tournaments of any room in Ohio. With the exception of Saturdays, it holds a tournament every day. The stakes are mainly \$50 in daily tournaments and most cash-game action is \$1-\$2 NLHE.

**CLEVELAND HORSESHOE CASINO:** Jeremy Smith and the Horseshoe keep

rolling along, despite its March WSOPC stop being postponed until the fall (more on that in our next issue). The room offers Ohio's widest selection of active games. There always are multiple \$2-\$5 NLHE games going, a \$5-\$10 NLHE and, of course, \$1-\$2 PLO, \$2-\$5 PLO and a quickly developing Omaha/8 game. I've noticed recently more limit action at all levels. The room is 15-17 tables deep daily and 30 on weekends. The action varies tremendously table to table, and the staff is quite accommodating on the issue of table changes, so it's not that hard to find the game you want even when the room is jumping.

There's been talk of a big game on a semi-regular basis (\$50-\$100 NLHE with a \$5K minimum buy-in).

**CLEVELAND BUCKEYE CHARITY:** This is the nation's first PokerPro Certified room. It offers nightly tournaments, averaging 30-50 players. Events are player-friendly (\$10 rebuy, \$750 guarantee) and there's even a \$100 bounty tournament. A room favorite is the new six-handed Buckeye Shootout, where six sit-n-go tournaments of \$36 per player are played down to a weekend final table winner-take-all for \$1K.

The cash games are a wide mix. Being a charity room, it offers No Risk No Limit, a 10-cent/25-cent micro-stakes game for beginners and for beginning PLO players a 25-cent/50-cent game runs nearly every day (plus, all of the tradition buy-ins.) The room also offers heads-up, six-max and private tables for home games and leagues.

There's free food every day (pizza, subs and specials) and \$1 domestic beer during happy hour with \$2 beer most of the time.

— **Dan Harkenrider is Ante Up's Ohio Ambassador. He hosts the Division of Poker and Chris Moneymaker radio shows. Email him at antepudan@gmail.com and follow him on Twitter @DivisionofPoker.**

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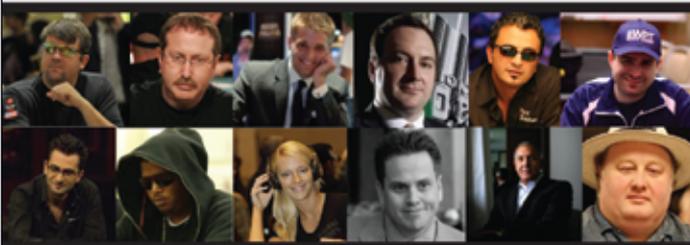
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## Maryland gets table games

Maryland voters have approved table games, including poker, at all casinos in the state. There are three operational casinos in Maryland: Maryland Live at Arundel Mills, Hollywood Casino Perryville, and the Casino at Ocean Downs. Maryland has authorized three more casinos (Baltimore City, Rocky Gap and Prince Georges County). The referendum also allows casinos to stay open 24 hours a day.



**MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC**

Table games should be introduced at the existing casinos as early as spring 2013. The casino in Baltimore City is being built by Caesars Entertainment and expected to begin construction within the next couple of months with an opening planned for 2014. The casino in Prince Georges County will be bid on and MGM is one of the leading contenders. It may take four years for the casino to be open as it is a large-scale project.

**DELAWARE PARK EVENTS:** Delaware Park Casino will host a series of deepstack tournaments Dec. 26-Jan. 1, with \$100-\$200 buy-ins every day at noon. Also, the poker room hosts its Winter Classic (Jan. 2-15), including the \$400 opening event with a \$100K guarantee and the \$1,090 main event. (See ad on back inside cover).

**SANDY RESCHEDULES PPC:** Given the amount of disruption that still exists on the East Coast related to October's Hurricane Sandy, Pro Poker Championship Inc. and Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Del., have decided to reschedule the filming of the televised series PPC1. The new dates for the series will be Jan. 11- Feb. 11.

"We wanted to wait as long as possible to make a decision about rescheduling the event, but given the reality that much of the East Coast is still facing devastation, gas-rationing and power outages, rescheduling the event is the prudent course of action," Pro Poker Championship president **Eric Ulis** said. "We are excited about putting on a world-class event, but need to let circumstances return to some measure of normalcy first."

**MERSON IS BEST:** Congratulations to North Laurel's **Greg Merson** for becoming the World Series of Poker's world champion and player of the year. He grew up in North Laurel, Md., and graduated from Reservoir High. Please see our story on Merson on Page 24.

— **Michael Young is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic area. Email him at anteupmike@gmail.com.**

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who serve as the CEO and president, respectively, not only had the chance to play, but made inroads into the industry.

Now that 3P is making their presence known in the poker world, Montjoy is excited about the future: "Currently we are working with the **Randy Couture** Xtreme Couture G.I. Foundation, a nonprofit corporation founded by Mr. Couture, a six-year prior Army enlisted soldier and mixed martial arts fighter, as our official charity sponsor, and with Blue Shark Optics, as a supporting sponsor of 3P."

3P, which also is working together with the Ladies International Poker Series, can be found on Facebook and Twitter, so be sure to check out 3P.

— **Chad Holloway is Ante Up's Wisconsin Ambassador. He's also a Senior Writer for PokerNews.com and is a sponsored member of Team Blue Shark Optics. Email him at anteupchad@yahoo.com or follow him on Twitter @ ChadAHolloway.**

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# SCHNEIDER WINS CANTERBURY FPC MAIN EVENT

Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., had a nice turnout during its 12th Fall Poker Classic (Oct. 6-21) as **Mike Schneider** won the main event for \$63,759 after a long heads-up battle with **Alex Klatt**, who took home \$35,851 for second. Schneider is a poker instructor for CardRunners and is known as one of the top limit hold'em players in the country. His largest win was for \$1 million when he won the Party Poker Million in 2006.



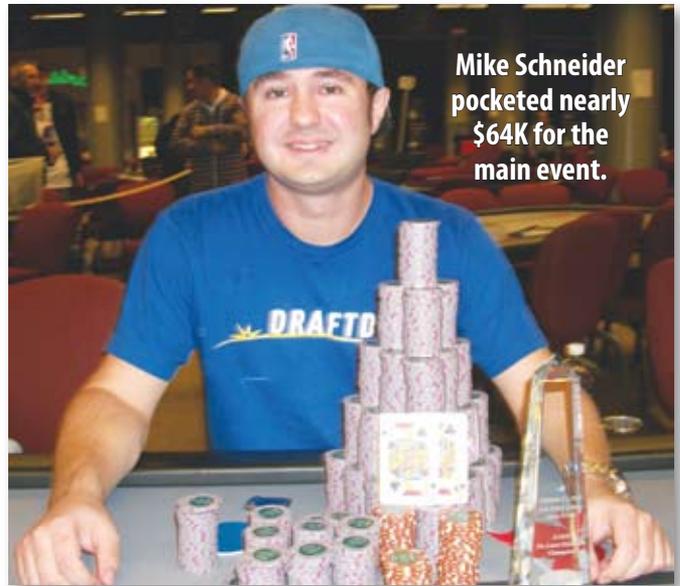
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When asked how important this win was to him, Schneider said: "This is probably No. 2 behind the Party Poker Million win. This one matters a lot because it's my hometown and the most prestigious event in the state of Minnesota. It'll be great whenever I go to Canterbury to see my picture on the wall."

Schneider had a great series, winning \$9,894 for defeating a field of 68 in the \$550 H.O.R.S.E despite never having played stud or razz before.

**Scott Leininger** won the Player of the Series award, earning 120 points for a second, fourth, sixth and 11th in the first 14 events. This earned him entry into the main event. **Erick Wright** took second with 102 points and **Everett Carlton** third (88).

**ULTIMATE OVERLAY:** Canterbury Park's Ultimate Overlay Tournament took place Oct 1-4 as a warm-up to the Fall Classic.



**Mike Schneider pocketed nearly \$64K for the main event.**

**Jeffrey Petronack** took down the \$22,000 first-place spot, outlasting 750 players. The \$100K prize pool was paid to the top-100 finishers. — **John Somsky is the Ante Up Ambassador for Minnesota. You can email him at john.somsky@gmail.com.**

## Fall Poker Classic, Canterbury Park, Oct. 6-21

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| <p><b>Event 1 • \$340 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 337 • Pool: \$98,067</b><br/>                 Nicholas Welu, \$24,417</p> | <p><b>Event 6 • \$550 H.O.R.S.E.</b><br/> <b>Entries: 68 • Pool: \$32,980</b><br/>                 Mike Schneider, \$9,894</p> | <p><b>Event 11 • \$230 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 140 • Pool: \$27,160</b><br/>                 Adam Laskey, \$7,062</p>      | <p><b>Event 16 • \$340 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 42 • Pool: \$12,222</b><br/>                 Jeff Skiba, \$4,521</p>          | <p><b>Bonus 5 • \$175 LHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 96 • Pool: \$13,968</b><br/>                 Jonar Tolentino, \$3,910</p> | <p><b>Bonus 10 • \$120 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 219 • Pool: \$21,243</b><br/>                 Josh Owens, \$5,523</p> |
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| <p><b>Event 3 • \$230 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 249 • Pool: \$48,306</b><br/>                 Erick Wright, \$12,028</p>  | <p><b>Event 8 • \$550 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 177 • Pool: \$86,703</b><br/>                 Harlen Miller, \$22,320</p>      | <p><b>Event 13 • \$550 6-Max</b><br/> <b>Entries: 111 • Pool: \$53,835</b><br/>                 Justin Thurlow, \$15,074</p> | <p><b>Bonus 2 • \$120 Seniors</b><br/> <b>Entries: 226 • Pool: \$21,922</b><br/>                 Nicolette Henkel, \$5,700</p> | <p><b>Bonus 7 • \$175 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 250 • Pool: \$36,375</b><br/>                 Blake Bohn, \$9,052</p>    |  |
| <p><b>Event 4 • \$340 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 185 • Pool: \$53,835</b><br/>                 David Marlow, \$13,996</p>  | <p><b>Event 9 • \$175 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 240 • Pool: \$34,920</b><br/>                 Maxwell Bergquist, \$8,699</p>   | <p><b>Event 14 • \$550 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 146 • Pool: \$70,810</b><br/>                 Jason Christy, \$18,412</p>   | <p><b>Bonus 3 • \$120 Ladies</b><br/> <b>Entries: 105 • Pool: \$10,185</b><br/>                 Rebecca Scott, \$2,851</p>     | <p><b>Bonus 8 • \$175 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 232 • Pool: \$33,756</b><br/>                 Brian Kallhof, \$8,776</p> |  |
| <p><b>Event 5 • \$230 O/8</b><br/> <b>Entries: 156 • Pool: \$30,264</b><br/>                 Robert Stebbins, \$7,870</p> | <p><b>Event 10 • \$230 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 167 • Pool: \$32,398</b><br/>                 Jason Wille, \$8,421</p>        | <p><b>\$1,100 Main Event</b><br/> <b>Entries: 264 • Pool: \$256,080</b><br/>                 Mike Schneider, \$63,759</p>    | <p><b>Bonus 4 • \$230 Stud</b><br/> <b>Entries: 56 • Pool: \$10,864</b><br/>                 Caroline Lundstrom, \$3,259</p>   | <p><b>Bonus 9 • \$175 O/8</b><br/> <b>Entries: 78 • Pool: \$11,349</b><br/>                 John Fruechte, \$3,179</p>   |  |



**Jeff Petronack won the Overlay event.**

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# WSOPC a success, but not for most PNW players

By Philip Dobrikin

The World Series of Poker held its inaugural circuit event at the River Rock Casino near Vancouver, the closest the WSOPC has come to the Pacific Northwest. The event was a huge success and broke a number of attendance records for the WSOPC. Attendance at the main event was second only to the past two main events at WSOPC Hammond in Indiana. Other events smashed attendance records for this season as well.

**John Cmic** a local Vancouver recreational player won the main event for \$286,382, a WSOPC ring and entry into the \$1 Million national championship in Louisiana. Only one player at that final table was a pro.

Washington and Oregon players were underrepresented at these

events. The highest placing player from the Pacific Northwest was Seattle's **Andy Le**, who placed eighth in the \$1,125 event for \$9,586. Seven players from Washington and Oregon cashed in the main event and another eight cashed in the other events.

While the series was a huge success, it seems only a few of the pros traveling the circuit made the trip across the border. Only two players in the top 50 on the WSOPC national leaderboard cashed at the River Rock event.

One of them, **Sandra Wong**, had only played this event. She placed 20th in points by cashing in three events, third in Event 8, third in Event 6 and 20th in Event 2.

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## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

## HUGE BAD-BEAT JACKPOT HIT AT PRESQUE ISLE

**Justin Como**, of Grove City, Pa., won \$139,271 in October by taking the best bad beat of his life at Presque Isle Downs and Casino. While **Edward Orr** of Erie got \$69,635 for his “winning hand.” The remaining shares were split among **Scott Coughencur**, of Waterford; **Donald Beuchat**, of Meadville; **Vincent Mezzacapu** and **John Zielinski**, both of Erie; **Donald**



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**Eckberg**, of Houtzdale; **Samuel Tiche**, of Boyers; **Robert Altmantman**, of Williamsville, N.Y.; and **David Sillanpaa**, of Perry, Ohio (\$8,704 each). “The bad-beat jackpot was created to enhance the customer experience by providing an additional opportunity for the players to win,” Presque Isle VP and GM **Mike Tamburelli** said. “It is certainly the largest jackpot our poker room has seen since we opened and we’re glad to see 10 very lucky players walk out with their share of over \$278,000.”

Also, Presque Isle hosted its Mad Money Poker Tournament with **Chris Moneymaker** on Oct. 13. Moneymaker played in the event, signed autographs and gave action in the cash games. The \$550 main event went to Erie native Jeffrey Wells, banking \$5,500 for first place.

In other Moneymaker news, the 2003 world champ met with *Ante Up* contest winner **Ken Allard**, pictured, and he played cash games with the Massachusetts resident, giving him tips throughout the session.

**MORE PA. GAMES:** Galaxy Gaming, the second-largest manufacturer

and distributor of casino table games, has announced its approval for additional casino games in Pennsylvania. These games are expected to appear in eight of Pennsylvania’s 11 casinos. Poker variations, such as Lucky Ladies (blackjack), Texas Shootout (hold’em), Emperor’s Challenge (pai gow), Deuces Wild (stud), 21+3 (blackjack) and three-card poker could become popular.

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Chris Moneymaker, left, and *Ante Up* reader Ken Allard got together at Presque Isle Downs after Allard won Ante Up’s survey contest. Allard drove nine hours to meet Chris.

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# ONLINE POKER BILL STILL FACES OPPOSITION

The **Harry Reid-Jon Kyl** online poker bill, known as the Internet Gambling Prohibition, Poker Consumer Protection and Strengthening UIGEA Act of 2012, made its rounds over the recent weeks and has found some pretty strong opposition around the country. The bill proposes the UIGEA be upheld when it comes to illegal online gambling, but with the one major exception being online poker. The bill calls for the federal government to allow online poker, but each state would need to “opt in” to the program through a voluntary legislative vote on the issue. If the vote passes by a majority then the government would tax the online operators 16 percent of their identifiable poker revenue, with 14 percent going to the state and 2 percent going to fund a proposed division of the Department of Commerce called the Office of Online Poker Oversight, which would oversee the online poker at a national level. If the states choose not to have a vote, then they would be considered “opted out” by default. The bill also calls for Nevada to be the possible service hub for the proposed legislation.



JOEL GATLIN

It didn't take long for the detractors to come out of the woodwork. One of the first was the National Governors Association, which wrote a letter to the nation's Senate and House leaders, stating this bill was an unnecessary pre-emption of state authority. The NGA's main complaint was around restricting state revenue that came from gaming activities. In the letter, the NGA said, “States that authorize gaming in whatever form derive significant revenues critical to help fund programs for education, senior citizens, military veterans and other important services.” They see this bill as overstepping the federal government's boundaries by usurping the authority given to states.

Another objection came from the Massachusetts treasurer and chairman of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission **Steven Grossman**. He wrote a letter to Reid and Kyl about his strong objection to the proposed legislation, saying gaming should be under the jurisdiction of the states, as it always has been in the past. He even made an allegation that Reid was proposing this bill to gain an advantage for his home state of Nevada by writing that those in opposition “can only assume that the act is a blatant, unwarranted and inappropriate attempt to secure first-mover advantage

in the online gaming space for Nevada interests.”

Shortly after Grossman submitted his letter, **Arthur L. Gleason Jr.**, the president of the Kentucky Lottery Corp., sent a letter to U.S. Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell**, R-Ky., asking him to vote against and oppose this legislation. He cited the same types of complaints the NGA and Grossman did by saying the states should be the ones to mandate what types of gambling, if any, should be allowed within their borders.

Not surprisingly, the only governor that has come out in favor of this legislation is Nevada's **Brian Sandoval**, who wrote a letter to the Congressional leaders saying that since he had experience as the chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, he would be a good resource to help write this type of legislation. It's unclear whether he'll be involved in the process at this point.

**NEVADA ONLINE UPDATE:** The Nevada Gaming Commission has given MGM Online preliminary approval for its online poker-operating license. Final approval was scheduled by late November or early December. The NGC also recently approved three more operators for the state's online poker infrastructure: Boyd Gaming, Golden Nugget and Fertitta Interactive. South Point Poker was supposed to be the first operator to go live within the state, but the NGC has pushed back the start date to this month or early 2013 because of system testing issues and negotiations between South Point and state officials.



**IVEY POKER SITE:** **Phil Ivey** has entered the ring of online poker training with [iveypoker.com](http://iveypoker.com). He has signed four of the world's best players to be instructors on the site along with himself. They are **Patrik Antonius**, **Jennifer Harman**, **Cole South** and World Series of Poker Main Event champion **Greg Merson**. Ivey said he wants to teach people how to play better. The site is up, but only allows people to sign up for a mailing list at this time. There is a banner that states the site is in its final stages of development and will be running soon.

**FULL TILT BACK ONLINE:** For non-U.S. players, the site is available for real money play and players can access their money and withdraw their funds or transfer them to [PokerStars.com](http://PokerStars.com) if they choose. In the United States, the DOJ still has not released the money to the players and it is still unknown when they will. But U.S. players can log on to the site and play free money games again.

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# Chicagoland-S. Indiana

While there are no casinos with poker rooms in the major cities of Chicago, Louisville and Cincinnati (yet), you'll find plenty of poker action in the surrounding areas of Illinois and Indiana. And when you're in the Chicagoland area, don't miss the Windy City Poker Championship television show on Comcast SportsNet Chicago, which features some of the city's top players.

By Scott Long

## CHICAGOLAND

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**Douglas Walters** is the popular and personable manager of this World Series of Poker-themed room in Joliet, Ill., and he took great care in designing it with an eye on player comfort. Several varieties of cash games, including Omaha, are offered at different limits. Tournaments are 4 p.m. Saturday (\$90 bounty or \$210 deepstack), 7 p.m. Thursday (\$135), 7 p.m. Tuesday (\$60), and every other Sunday at 4 p.m. (\$135). One of the most popular promotions is the room's league, which runs nine weeks at a time. Players earn points based on their finish in every



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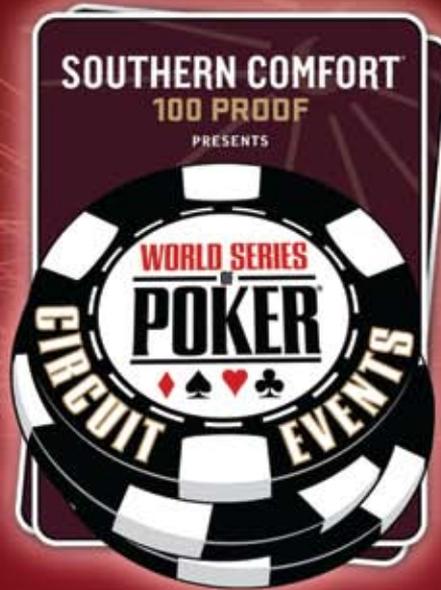
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# RESULTS ARE IN, BUT WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

For those who took a break from the action and watched the election returns, I'm sure you wondered, "What does the 2012 election mean for me as a poker player?" In short, the answer is more of the same. This election, if nothing else, was an indication of the power of middle, be it the Middle Class, Middle America or the Political Middle.



MARC DUNBAR

Across the country, extremes were essentially rejected. The Senate and House of Representatives saw losses to the Republican Party that had a number of candidates from the far right. While the hue and cry from the Republican right blame the loss of **Mitt Romney** on him not being conservative enough, the reality is the extreme right positions of the primary election undermined his credibility to the political middle. The independents, the moderate women and those with moderate views on taxation and immigration essentially rejected the ticket

on Election Day.

How this will affect poker players across the country remains to be seen, but lobbyists for the gaming industry quietly celebrated the 2012 elections as a move in the right direction. A more moderate ap-

proach to governing helps those lobbying for a reasoned approach to gambling. At the federal level with Sen. **Harry Reid** in control of the Senate, the likelihood of a federalize online gambling or online poker bill continues to increase. This is certainly buttressed by four more years of **President Obama**, who doesn't present a problem should gaming legislation make it to his desk.

At the state level, a number of states saw gambling proposals pass at local and state levels. Maryland will soon see table games at its casinos (see story Page 35). Florida and Illinois are two examples of states that had a number of communities approve gambling in their jurisdictions. With state lotteries also pushing to expand their offerings, it appears the future is looking up for those who are gauging the political winds for gambling expansions.

I'm optimistic about this election as it relates to poker players and their prospects for increased action live and online. While I would never place real money handicapping the affairs of our nation's capital, the rejection of the extreme positions on both sides of the political spectrum could result in more reasonable discussions on a federal approach to online gambling.

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# FEELING POT-COMMITTED IN A HAND

I constantly hear amateur players talk about being pot-committed, usually in incorrect ways. You should rarely set yourself up to be committed to a hand unless you're happy to get your money in the middle. The way you make money in poker is by making correct decisions. If you put yourself in neutral EV situations for lots of money, you're blatantly gambling, which is something you generally want to avoid.



JONATHAN LITTLE

Probably the worst use of the term pot-committed is when you are on the river and make a bet with a strong, but not great hand, and your opponent goes all-in or raises, giving you excellent odds to call in a spot where he is basically never bluffing. Say you get to the river with 4-3 on an A-4-3-7-K board. You bet 1,500 into a 2,000 pot and your opponent goes all-in for 2,200 total. You know your opponent would never bluff or raise with a made hand worse than A-3. You have to call 700 to win a pot of 5,700, meaning you need to win 11 percent of the time to break even, which seems like an excellent price. This is a spot where amateur players constantly call, claiming they're pot-committed whereas in reality, they have a trivial fold because they need to win at least 11 percent of the time and they're going to win zero percent of the time. Notice this situation could be avoided by going all-in for 2,200, betting 800, or checking the river.

Thinking ahead about what is likely to happen on future betting rounds will allow you to make better decisions. Also notice when you make a large bet on the river, if your opponent is still willing to go all-in, knowing he's likely to get called, he must have a strong hand to

put his stack in. If you needed to win 5 percent of the time instead of 11 percent in the hand above, you should probably call because your opponent may feel like he might as well put his entire stack in if he is going to put almost all of it in.

The other main situation where amateur players use the pot-committed defense is on the flop or turn with a strong, but not great hand when getting good odds. Say you have A-J on an A-Q-5-9 board. You bet 1,000 into a 2,000 pot and your opponent raises to 2,000. Again, you know your opponent would never bluff, making his range A-K and better. You have to call 1,000 to win 5,000, meaning you need to win 17 percent of the time to call. You also have to take into account whatever implied or reverse implied odds you may encounter on the river. You probably have reverse implied odds in this situation because you could be drawing dead against A-Q or a set. If your opponent happens to have A-5 or A-9, you will likely get one more bet in, but even if you peel a jack, you can't be too happy. So, you are going to win around 9 percent of the time and you need 17 percent to call, making this an easy fold even though you have top pair with a decent kicker and are getting great odds.

Don't fall into the habit of making inferior plays simply because you know you're getting somewhat decent odds and your hand is pretty good. Always think about how your hand does against your opponent's range and how your hand will play on future streets, both if you hit and if you miss your hand. If you think ahead, you will find you can avoid numerous situations where you would feel pot-committed with suboptimal play.

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## BETTING ERRORS

# KEEP TRACK OF NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN THE POT

Do you ever consider the number of players in a pot? This question is seldom discussed. When players describe a particular hand they were involved in, do they ever start with how many players saw a flop? I doubt it.

There's a good reason why when describing a hand this doesn't occur: Everyone wants to know the outcome of the hand, and not how they got there. Outcomes occur for specific reasons, which seldom are discussed when storytelling degenerates to "the donk called me all the way down," or similar comments we've all heard. When a student asks me what I would've done in a particular hand, I always ask, "How many players were in the hand?" With few exceptions, the person asking can't tell me how many players were in the hand. Reflect on your storytelling and ask yourself the same question.

Playing winning poker requires players to enter pots in many different ways. Let's examine the reasoning for entering a pot.

**BIG PAIRS OR BIG SUITED CONNECTORS:** With large pairs or suited connectors, A-K suited, you should always enter the pot with a raise that would be designed to take down the pot or get heads-up with someone who is out of position to you. Never slow-play a big hand preflop. You

may not agree with this approach, however winning poker requires capitalizing on big hands that rarely come your way. The saying "getting it in good" applies during every betting round in the hand. Preflop with a big hand you'll know how many players are in the hand after the betting round is completed.

**AVERAGE HANDS OR DRAWING HANDS:** These hands are tough to play in all positions. An A-Q suited in middle position is difficult to raise with preflop on an active aggressive table, and at best is a drawing hand.

If you limp into the pot, that may allow several marginal hands to enter the pot. If you raise, it may only get one player to enter and they'll almost certainly have a bigger hand than yours.

**BUTTON HANDS OR CUTOFF HANDS:** Late-position hands or "moves" require other players in the hand to believe you have a big hand for them not to enter the pot after the raise. The button raise seems more to indicate a positional raise rather than a big hand. Players with "good holdings" may be willing to see a flop with these types of hands and may also reraise a late-position raise. The way you enter a pot will determine the number of players in the hand. If you don't think in this manner, you'll find yourself playing against more players preflop and postflop. "How many players were in the hand?"

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ANTONIO PINZARI



# DECIPHERING TELLS OF THE NECK

Those of you familiar with *What Every Body Is Saying* or *200 Poker Tells* know when we're under stress, our brain requires a certain amount of hand-to-body touching (hand-wringing, forehead-rubbing, temple-massaging, lip-touching, etc.). These pacifiers serve to soothe the individual when there is stress, doubt, concern or lack of confidence. We pacify all day long depending on circumstances. But under severe stress or when the stakes are high, pacifiers increase.



JOE NAVARRO

What you may have not know is there are limits to pacifying; there are times when the stress is so high that we feel threatened or overwhelmed and for that the brain turns to the neck.

Professionally, I first started noticing neck behaviors with people who had been arrested and faced serious jail time. When questioned, there seemed to be a lot of neck-touching, neck-massaging, neck-ventilating, and Adam's apple movement. I also noted men and women touch their necks differently. Men tended to grab their necks more robustly, or even massage their necks. Women conversely would do it more delicately, using their fingers to cover a specific area, the neck dimple just at the front of the neck where it meets the upper chest, more precisely termed the "suprasternal notch."

Soon it was evident when people were insecure, troubled, scared, concerned, worried or nervous, they covered or touched their neck. I always appreciated the use of this telling behavior because it gave me clues as an investigator to issues or things people were hiding. In 1979, while working in Yuma, Ariz., my partner and I went to talk to the mother of a wanted fugitive that was considered armed and dangerous. When we knocked on her door, she seemed tense, but allowed us in anyway. I asked her numerous questions about her son (she knew he was wanted) and she answered all of them without hesitation.

However, when I inquired, "Is your son in the house?" for the first time during that interview, she put her hand to her suprasternal notch and said, "No, he's not." I noted her behavior, and we continued with other questions about her son's acquaintances. After a few minutes I asked, "Is it possible that while you were at work, your son could have sneaked into the house?" Once again, she put her hand up to her neck dimple and replied, "No, I'd know that." At that point, seeing this unique behavior relative to the question, I was convinced her son was in the house or had been to the house recently.

To make a long story short, with her permission she let us search the house, and yes her son was hiding in the closet under some blankets. The words "son" and "house" together were a threat to her and she revealed that threat by touching her neck. Where else have I seen this behavior? At the poker tables, each time a player looked at the board then compared it to his hole cards. As he did so, each time, he would cover his neck dimple with his free hand. What that meant, and it panned out, he had a rag hand.

Neck-touching or stroking is one of the most significant and frequent pacifying behaviors we use in responding to stress. Some people rub or massage the back of their neck with their fingers; others stroke the sides of their neck or just under the chin above the Adam's apple, tugging at the fleshy area of the neck. This area is rich with nerve endings that, when stroked, reduce blood pressure, lower the heart rate and calm the individual. However they do it, watch them to see when they do it. If it is on the river, then chances are they are marginal or weak.

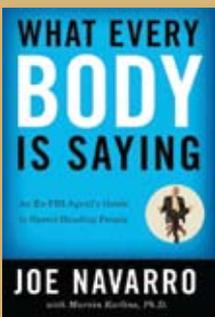
Women pacify their neck differently. For example, when women pacify the neck, they will sometimes touch, twist or otherwise manipulate a necklace if they're wearing one. Where men tend to be more robust in touching their necks, women are more demure, perhaps a passing touch of the fingers or directly covering their suprasternal notch with their hand or tips of fingers.

Stress also causes us to ventilate and the neck is often the preferred place for men. Men will ventilate their shirts at the neck or sometimes by pulling at the ends of their collar. Women ventilate by lifting the hair at the back of the neck with an upward movement. In both cases it means the same thing: Something is causing stress. Obviously you may see these behaviors on a hot day, but when a player ventilates after passing himself off as being strong or blustering, most likely he or she is bluffing.

During play you may also see the neck disappear when they lack confidence or they're troubled by something. I used to see it in interviews where the shoulders would rise toward the ears, causing the neck to seemingly "disappear." This is a good indicator of distress, anxiety, lack of confidence or concern. So if you see it at the table progressively getting worse during a hand, chances are the player is marginal or weak.

Everything helps in poker so keep your eye on the neck; it may just reveal something a poker face has concealed.

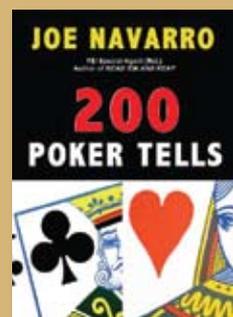
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# INCOMPETENT BLUFFERS

When it comes to detecting a bluff, there are a lot of excellent resources. The point of this article is to offer a simple guide to the most common type of incompetent bluffers I find among inexperienced players. They come in two forms: those who talk too much and those who talk too little when they're bluffing.



DAVID APOSTOLICO

Keep in mind this is relative to a player's normal personality. That is, a player who is normally friendly and conversational becomes overly chatty. Or, he clams up. What you're looking for is a distinct and noticeable difference from his normal behavior during a hand. That normal behavior should be kept in context. If a player is talkative between hands but doesn't say a word when he is in a hand, then the norm for him is silence. Conversely, some players only talk during hands, thinking it gives them an

edge in seeking information.

Please keep in mind one more important note of caution: We're only talking about incompetent bluffers here. There are plenty of sophisticated players who will put out false tells or try to talk you into calling when they really have the goods.

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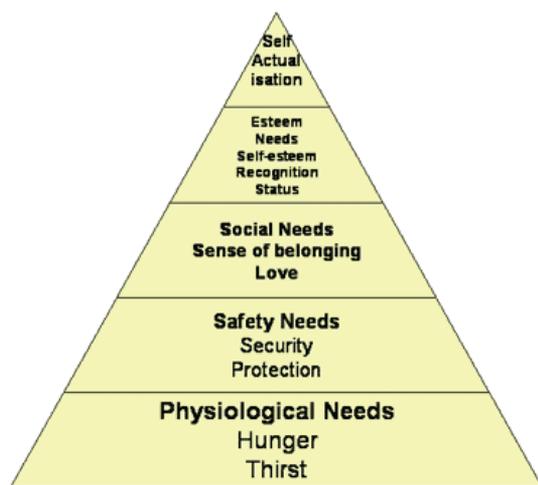
So, what is the value here? If you're playing with less experienced or recreational players where the stakes are high enough that the outcome of the hand means something to your opponent, this is one factor that will prove telling profitable for you. The good thing is you don't have to test the concept with your money. Start observing. You'll have plenty of opportunity to watch showdowns carefully when you aren't in a hand. See if you can determine if a player falls into one of these types of incompetent bluffers.

Even if you're in a hand, you can test the theory. Say you missed a draw on the river and your opponent bets big. You know you're going to fold, but why do it right away? Take your time. Engage your opponent in some conversation. Ask a few probing questions. See how he reacts. How comfortable is he? Is he talking too much? Not enough? Now, you may never see his hand when you fold, but you'll be surprised how often a bluff gets revealed. Some players just can't resist showing the table how smart they are.

After a while, you'll start to get a pretty good feel for these types of incompetent bluffers and you'll start picking them off or reraising them for a profit.

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## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES



## WHY DO YOU PLAY POKER?

I recently talked about Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Simply, what that psychological theory says is that we have some big needs that must be met and that once one set of needs is satisfied, we can move to the next set of needs. It states that satisfaction of needs is what motivates us.

In life and in poker, we're motivated to satisfy needs; once we satisfy lower level needs we move up the pyramid. Most poker players come to the game having some needs satisfied. They are not playing for food and drink. Some are even playing with "lunch" money and this is a big mistake, and certainly like with any job, early career folks have to make enough to take of these needs and "step" two. But most players are set with these lower level needs.

Some people play for social reasons. They are not nits, donks or fish, but they are playing because they like the atmosphere, like single serving friends and don't mind losing. Often they play low buy-in tournaments or low stakes cash games. For many, being part of the group

of poker players satisfies this need.

The next step up is esteem. These players study, play a lot, want to win and want to be recognized as good players.



DR. BLOOMFIELD

The final level is self-actualization. This is how people think about themselves and it is often measured by how well they play, how they handle the challenge and their extent of success.

If poker doesn't meet these needs people will not play.

You can see this as a progression. First you satisfy the lower level needs and then move up to higher level needs. You can think about different players and how to play them. This might provide another level of "reading" for you, regarding other players or some insight into your play.

Knowing what motivates you and how to manage your motivation will let you keep your head in the game.

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# REMEMBER, POKER IS SUPPOSED TO BE FUN

Are you having fun playing poker? I've run into more players lately who are too caught up in playing, nervous about making the right decisions and playing at stakes above what they can afford. If this is you, and you're nervous about the financial effect of making a play you really feel is right, or you're hanging on to min-cash a tournament, then it's time to have a look in the mirror and assess.



LEE CHILDS

If winning or losing a pot in a cash game has an extreme effect on you, or if you're afraid of making a play on the bubble of a tournament because it means so much to you, then you're playing above your head and above your bankroll. You can't play poker with this kind of pressure and expect to succeed. Most pros have been in your shoes; I know I have. I've been through runs where I just couldn't seem to even bag chips in any of the tournaments during a

given series, much less cash. It takes a toll on your mind-set and the pressure builds from tournament to tournament.

Many people then try to immediately jump in cash games to try to make that money back. This is a crazy cycle you can fall into where you end up having no chance to succeed.

What you need to do is to take time and objectively reflect on your results and actions. Are you consistently taking your time to make correct decisions or are you consistently gambling to try to make something happen and reverse your fortune? Most likely you need to take

the time to really think a lot about all of the hands you have been playing. So many players think they're just running bad and that others are just running good, yet the fact is, others are staying focused on making good decisions. If you're making good decisions on a regular basis then you'll achieve more success.

I've heard players talk about how they "run better" in nightly tournaments, or other ones that don't have the pressure of winning a huge prize. What's really happening is they have developed their skills to a level where they're better than their average opponent in that particular tournament and they're also not as worried about making as big of a mistake. Their investment is not as big and the potential prize isn't life-changing. The result of this is they're able to relax, maintain the proper focus and play their game, outplaying inferior opponents.

Poker is not a game of luck. You don't just run well in certain games and tournaments. If you practice good game and tournament selection, then you effectively become "the house" and you'll have an advantage day after day, resulting in more deep runs, more money and more confidence. This makes the game more fun.

Be honest and objective with yourself about your abilities and your edge, or lack thereof vs. your average opponent. If you do this, you'll set yourself up for success and you may feel like you're "running better," but you're actually playing better and opponents have worse chance of beating you. Decide to Win!

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# Where to Play

A look at some featured events around the country. The following pages also highlight daily events and promotions.

The tournament season slows down a bit in December, but there's still plenty of action available.

## East

**\*DEEPSTACKS MOHEGAN SUN:** There's still time to play at the DeepStacks Poker Tour Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. The four-day \$2,500 main event starts Dec. 1 and carries a \$500K guarantee. There also are two smaller buy-in events on Dec. 2 in case you bust out of the main.

**WSOPC HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY:** Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City will host the World Series of Poker Circuit Nov. 29-Dec. 10. Players will have 12 chances to win a ring as well as seven non-ring events. On Dec. 10, they'll have a \$1,100 satellite to the WSOP main event.

**SANDS DSE:** The Deep Stacks Extravaganza (Dec. 5-17) is coming to the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, Pa. The series will feature nine events, including a \$2,500 main event with two Day 1s.

**MEGA STACK CHALLENGE:** Foxwoods is running the Mega Stack Challenge on Dec. 8-16. If you've never been to Foxwoods be prepared to bring a compass and a map to the poker room because it's huge! There's good action and a great property and historically have had respectable structures.

**BORGATA DEEP STACK DOUBLE PLAY:** This \$1,090 tournament has a Day 1A on Dec. 16 and Day 1B on Dec. 17. There are also \$250 qualifiers on Dec. 15 and 16.

## West

**\* ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC:** You can still get in on the action at the inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour stop hosted at Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Sacramento, Calif. Day 1B of the \$1,100 main event is Dec. 1 and a huge field is expected.

**WPT FIVE DIAMOND:** The Bellagio in Las Vegas hosts the World Poker Tour Doyle Brunson Five Diamond World Poker Classic through Dec. 9. The \$10,300 championship event starts Dec. 4, and the \$25,500 high roller starts Dec. 7.

**WSOPC HARRAH'S RINCON:** Harrah's Rincon in San Diego will host the WSOPC on Dec. 6-17. There will be the standard 12 ring events, eight non-ring events and a handful of satellites.

## Central

**MSPT CANTERBURY PARK:** The Mid-States Poker Tour will be back at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., on Dec. 1-9. The \$1,100 event has Day 1A on Dec. 7, Day 1B on Dec. 8, and Day 2 starting at 10 a.m. on Dec. 9. Canterbury always draws large fields so we expect this event to be huge.

## South

**\* WPT TAMPA BAY OPEN:** The Seminole Hard Rock WPT Tampa Bay Open (Nov. 30-Dec. 9) is a WPT Regional event in Tampa, Fla. The series has 15 events, including a \$1,500 main event with a \$250K guarantee.

**\* PALM BEACH CHRISTMAS CLASSIC:** The Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla., is hosting its Christmas Classic (Dec. 7-16) with \$300K in guarantees. Last year's main event drew 397 entrants and a \$385K prize pool.

**\* GOLD STRIKE WINTER CLASSIC:** This event (Dec. 14-22) will be at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Miss. There will be 14 events that range from \$80 to \$800 (See preview Page 8).

**\* Denotes the main event of this series/tournament qualifies for Ante Up Player of the Year consideration as the final 10 players earn POY points.**

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# ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7770 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); monthly, Dec. 8 (\$330, 11:15a); monthly, Dec. 15 (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 21.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcz.com	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. \$4K guar. (\$130, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$35, 9:30a).	Splash Pots pay up to \$150; Pigskin Poker Party (3 times weekly); free breakfast buffet (Tue. & Wed.); call for details.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$10, 4p) and (\$20, 9p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$10, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of deuces and Omaha is quad fours; mini jackpot is hold'em aces full; high hand (daily); Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahssakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:30p) Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sat. (\$60, 3:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$3.5K; Aces Cracked Wins a Spin (open-11a); Deuces Cracked (daily, 10p-3a); Football Splash Pots (Sun. night & Mon.).
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked; Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad sevens or better beaten).
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; high hands; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 77 bad beat starts at \$25K (quad sevens or better beaten); Rolling Cash Fever.

# CALIFORNIA

<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Dec. 1 (\$295, 1p); monthly events on Dec. 8 & 22 (\$115, 1p).	Bad beat; mini bad-beat jackpot; super bad-beat jackpot; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily, mid.-noon); high hands (noon-3p, 3-6p, 6-9p, 9-mid.). High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. \$4K guarantee (\$60, 10a); \$7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, Dec. 8 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$100K; bad beat in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$599 (one hole card); quads pays \$100; straight flush \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$25, 2p); monthly events, Dec. 8 & 29 (\$125, noon); Mexican Poker, Thurs. & Sun. (\$30, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Mexican poker and Omaha; Lucky Seat; high hand; call for more promotions.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Tue. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Sun. (\$45, noon); monthly deepstack KO event, Dec. 23 (\$260, noon).	The Players Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BAY 101</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, Dec. 8 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Wed.-Sun. Quantum Reload (daily, \$30-\$65) and has up to \$10K guaranteed. See ad Page 7 for WSOPC schedule and details.	Play 25 hours to qualify for the WSOPC main event seat freeroll (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); monthly KO event, Dec. 23 (\$135).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$250 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings; call for details.
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Fri. (\$30 w/\$30 add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$50K minimum; high hands pay \$200 (daily); royal-flush bonus (all suits); Aces Cracked spins wheel.
<b>CASINO 580</b> (925) 455-6144 • thecasino580.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 9:30a).	Progressive straight flush for all suits; bad beat in hold'em (aces full of jacks) and Omaha (quad nines); royals pay \$200; high hands pay \$100; raffles (daily). Call for promotions.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Closed Mon.-Tue. \$1K guarantee Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 6p) and Fri. (\$60, 6p)	\$300 mini jackpot; high hand; straight flush pays up to \$200; royals pay up to \$400 (daily).
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20-\$30, 10:15a); Mon.-Sun. (\$50-\$85, 6:15p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a).	Monster progressive jackpot starts at \$20K; Easy Way Jackpot pays \$5K; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K; call for more details.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	\$20K guarantee, Nov. 3 (\$220).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards (\$200 for 40 hours played).
<b>CRYSTAL CASINO</b> (310) 631-3838 • thecrystalcasino.com	Fri. \$5K guar. (\$80); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO</b> (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon. KO (\$72, 6p); Tue. (\$62 w/\$20 rebuy, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 1:30p); Sun. (\$62, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$40, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Fri. (\$30, 9a & \$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$30, 2:15p); Sun. (\$40, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; cash giveaways; Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S RINCON</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon & 7p) except \$1K guar., Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, noon); \$1K guar., Fri. (\$36, noon); \$1.5K guar. Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$31, noon).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. (\$140, 7p); Tue. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Wed. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$120 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Larry Flynt's Holiday Poker Classic runs until Dec. 17 (\$120-\$250).
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Sun.-Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 10a & \$60, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$20, 10a & \$20, 6p); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 11a).	Call for information.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon., Wed, Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LOTUS CASINO</b> (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Call for schedule.	Super bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; splash pots; royals pay up to \$250; high hands.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>LUCKY DERBY CASINO</b> (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).

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<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Tue. (\$120 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p).	Call for promotions.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); \$2.5K guar. Thurs. (\$65, 7p); \$2K guar., Sat.-Sun. (\$45, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten); high hand; Flush Marathon (Wed., noon-midnight); Football Splash Pots (Mon.).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. (\$30, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	High hands; holiday gift grab; holiday cash giveaway; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
<b>PHOENIX CASINO</b> (916) 331-2345 • playphoenixcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	\$100 gets you \$150 twice a day (9a-11a and 6p-8p); high hands; spin the wheel every two hours.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p).	\$50K Pigskin Poker Party (Sun. & Mon. night football games).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	\$100K super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>SOBOBA CASINO</b> (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily (\$7-\$20, 10a); Tue. KO \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 7p); Wed. deepstack (\$30, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$30, 7p); Sat. KO \$2K guar. (\$30, 6p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$20, 10a).	Lucky Football Squares (Sun.-Mon., 5p); Football Blitz (Thurs., 5p); Wheel Spins (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Tue.); Splash the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sat.-Sun.).
<b>SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO</b> (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; Aces Cracked; high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. cash drawing (2p-mid.).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Acey/Deucey; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; Late Night Luck.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. (\$70, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); call for other promotions.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Wed. freeroll w/\$10 rebuys (10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	Poker squares; \$10K freeroll (call for details); Football touchdown challenge (call for details).

# COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a) & (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 11a); Wed. (\$55, 11a) & (\$45, 8p); Thurs. PLO/8 (\$45, 11a) & (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$55, 11a) & (\$50, 4p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Straight flush progressive; quad of the day; call for details.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a 50 percent room share (call for details).
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon); Sun.-Fri. (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.

# CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud; Pigskin Pick'em (call for details).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 10a); Wed. (\$120, 7:30p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 11a). Call for DeepStacks Tour schedule.	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week; "Add-On" tournaments, Mon., Tue. & Thurs.

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a). See ad on back inside cover.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$65, 1p); Tue. PLO (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$155, 7p); Sat. (\$80, 7p); \$25K guar. (\$300, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better; high hand (Mon.-Fri.); royals receive free poker room jacket (see website for details). See ad Page 35.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. (\$110, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads.

# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$35-\$150); Tue. & Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. PLO/8 (\$70, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.). See ad Page 19.
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$50-\$100) at noon & 7p.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Daily \$1K guar. events (\$50, 11a, 3p, 7p). See ad Page 5.	High hands; get paid for royals.
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$75, 7p); Sun. \$4K guar. (\$100, 2p); call for details. Player of the Month and daily SNGs. Ad for Dec. event Page 44.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K. See ad Page 44 for more promos.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA</b> (866) 946-3360 • creekenertainmentgreytna.com	Thurs. & Sun. \$10K satellite (\$75, 1p & 7p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); \$10K guar., Dec. 1 (\$250, 1p). See ad on facing page.	Bad beats in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); play daily and receive up to \$3/hr; mini bad beat (Tue., 10a); high hands pay \$100/hr (Fri.-Mon.).
<b>DANIA JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 1p); Mon. (\$65, 6:30p); Tue. freeroll (6:30p); Wed. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Thurs. freeroll (6:30p); Fri. (\$105, 6:30p); Sat. freeroll (1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$65, 1p & 6:30p).	Big Slick Progressive Spades Royal Flush starts at \$5K; all other royals pay \$1K; Triple Double & Dania Double (call for details). See ad Page 24.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (noon, 3p & 7p); Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. Grand Chop (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).

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**FLORIDA** (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad on Page 15.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on Page 31.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri. (\$2.5K guar.), Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (rebuy). Ad on 13.	High hands (daily); \$500/half hour with power hours paying \$750 at noon, 4p, 7p & 10p (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$250/hour (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon). See ad on Page 43.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. shootout freeroll (7p).	\$40 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a & midnight-4a); high hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half hour (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & \$90 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). Ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; straight flush pays \$100; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Wed.); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Holiday Wheel of Fortune (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. (\$125, 2p) & Omaha (\$65, 6p); Dec. 1 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hands, Dec. 5, 19 & 29.
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 50.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p); Palm Beach Christmas Classic, Dec. 7-16 (See schedule in ad on Page 17).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (nearly \$500K at press time), Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., Dec. 8 (\$250, 1p); \$20K guar., Dec. 22 (\$500, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily); mini bad beat (daily, mid.-4a); play Sun.-Wed. for an extra \$2/hr.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$160) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 2p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels). See ad on Page 29.	Progressive jackpots in all games.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. 7-card stud (\$30, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive spade royal flush; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); quads pays up to \$100 (Sun.-Tue.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad Page 39.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); freeroll promotion for hours played (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Daily \$60 single-table shootouts (noon & 7p); WPT main event-qualifiers on first Friday of Jan., Feb. & March (\$230, 7p). See ad on Page 37.	\$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat. \$99-\$199-\$500, 2a-4a); daily quads \$50 (2p-4p & 7p-11p).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly \$10K guar., Dec. 12 (\$350, 1p). See ad on Page 27.	Up to \$599 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); \$300 every 15 minutes (Wed., 1p-7p); \$1K/hour (Sat., 1p-7p).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$30-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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# ILLINOIS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thurs. (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sun. (\$125, 4p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sat. KO or deepstack every other week (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sun. (\$115, 11a).	Call for information.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$25, \$50 and \$115. <b>MTTs:</b> (\$60, \$120). See ad below.	Call about monthly freerolls.

# INDIANA

<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Real Deal Lucky Wheel pays up to \$200 (Fri.-Sat., 4p-midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Weekend "Full Of" Cash pays up to \$800 (Fri.-Sat., 6p, 8p, 10p, mid.).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point-earners (call for details).
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$100, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (midnight); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the day pays \$200 (call for details).

# IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; get paid for straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$200).
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); See ad below for Horseshoe Classic schedule.	High-hand; progressive straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked (6a-6p); TOC monthly freeroll; qualify for WSOP main event; Omaha/8 event, Dec. 3 (\$65).
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush jackpot; NFL Squares (Sun., 2p).
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. limit Omaha (\$30, 11a); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. deepstack (\$50, 2p); all events have bigger starting stacks and more action.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 1PM  
\$130 Main Event Satellite

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 10AM  
\$560 No-Limit Hold'em Flight A Re-Entry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 6PM  
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 1PM  
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## KANSAS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p). See ad on Page 32.	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Call for tournaments.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

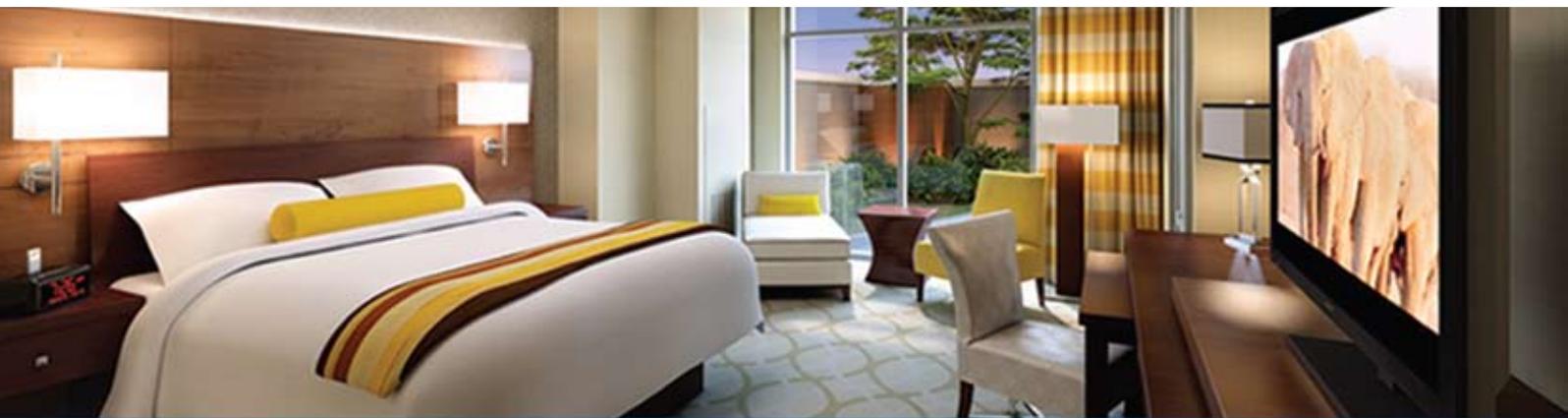
## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Tue. (\$100 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$140, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; high hand pays \$100 (Mon. & Fri., noon-8p); Splash the Pot pays \$100 (Mon.).
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezeout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LEELANAU SANDS CASINO</b> (231) 534-8100 • casino2win.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); monthly event, Dec. 14 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasinocom	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details). See ad on Page 30.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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# MINNESOTA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-midnight); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (7p); Tue. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 10:30a & \$65, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a & \$235, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Cracked Double the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked progressive (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Dec. 8 & 22 (\$60, 2p); Omaha/8 events, Dec. 1 & 15 (\$60, 2p); Island Cup Deep Stack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad beat in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-2a & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

# MISSISSIPPI

<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (noon); Sun. (1p). See ad on Page 9 for the Million Dollar Heater series.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI</b> (228) 436-8999 • boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (24/7) and \$100/\$200 (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
<b>GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT</b> (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340); Gold Strike Winter Poker Classic, Dec. 14-22 (\$120-\$775) w/main event, Dec. 21 (\$775, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$25, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 10a); Fri. (\$30, 10a); Sat. (\$50, 3p); Sun. (\$25, 3p).	Bad beat is aces full of queens beaten by quads; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind; set over set jackpot (Sun.-Wed.); Sun. Football Squares.
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; progressive quads jackpot; Spin to Win pays up to \$1K.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 3p); Sun. (\$90, 2p); Chop Pot series, Dec. 5-9 w/H.O.R.S.E. main event, Dec. 9 (\$210, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); Omaha's Wheel Them Out (Sun.-Thurs., 10a-10p); high hand; Aces Cracked; Lucky Seat.
<b>SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$60), including a \$3K guar. on Sat. (\$20, 7p); \$15K guar., Dec. 8 & 29; \$5K guar., Dec. 31 (\$100, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; ticket drawings (call for details).

# MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. ladies only (\$50, 7p) on 1st and 3rd Mon.; Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, 11a); Fall Poker League, Sun. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsknc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$50, 10a); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$50, 7p).	26 progressive high hands (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quarterly \$10K Coverall Board (call for details).
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$60, 3p); Sat. (\$60, midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better and has multipliers; Coverall Board promo (call for details).

# NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily \$1K guar. (\$55, 11a, 2p & 8p).	High hand \$100-\$500 to table when a progressive royal hits; quads pay \$100; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); Five Diamond World Poker Classic runs until Dec. 9 (\$1,080-\$25,500) w/main event, Dec. 4 (\$10,300).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands (24/7); payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday Freeroll at noon (play 10 hours minimum to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50, same color \$100; football parlay card with quads (call for details).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$40, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); monthly freeroll (\$2.5K added), Dec. 21 (6p); monthly \$10K guar., Dec. 2 (\$100); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$50, 1p & 5p; \$50, 8p) w/one rebuy; \$500 first prize guaranteed on Sat. (\$50, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 10a, 6p and 9p); daily (\$60, 12:30a); daily KO (\$80, 2p); Mon. & Fri. freeroll \$2K guar. (9a); monthly KO freeroll \$10K guar. (call for details).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); high hand cash prizes during tournament play.	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll (15 hours needed to qualify from Sat. (10a)-Sat. (10a)- top 10 get paid \$500 (call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full and pays (\$500/\$200/\$50); high hands; get paid for straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500); Football Splash Pots.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOOTERS</b> (866) 584-6687 • hooterscasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2p-8p & 2a-6a); high hands (daily); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).

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<b>IMPERIAL PALACE</b> (800) 634-6441 • imperialpalace.com	Mon.-Sun. at 11a, 3p and 9p (\$60); Sat. & Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 9a).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (daily); progressive payouts for royal flushes.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40, 10:30a); (\$40, 12:30p); (\$40, 8:30p); (\$40, 11:30p).	High hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 8a-noon); Blitz Bonus (Mon. & Thurs.); raffle and special high hand payouts during all NFL games.
<b>M RESORT</b> (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Mon., Thurs. & Sun. (\$55, 10a & 6p); Wed. (\$55, 10a & \$100, 6p); Fri.-Sat. (\$75, 10a & 6p). See ad on Pages 2-3 for HPO Regional schedule.	Progressive high hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$50, 7p); single-table tournaments available (\$65, 5p & 9p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Thurs. & Sat.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$150) and river it (\$75); Splash Pot Fun (Tue., Wed., Fri. & Sun.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Nightly mixed games and H.O.R.S.E. (call for details).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (call for details).	Uncapped progressive high-hand jackpot is quads or better with a new progressive table share (call for details).
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Daily (\$75, noon & 7p) except Fri. (\$125, 7p), Sat. (\$100, 7p) & Sun. (\$100, 7p).	\$50K progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament player of the month includes top point earners who will receive their share of a progressive prize pool.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands.
<b>PALMS CASINO</b> (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Daily (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue., Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p). See ad on Page 23 for the AUPST stop in January.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIO CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$55, noon); (\$55, 3p); (\$65, 6p); (\$75, 9p); (\$55, midnight).	Progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a); Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3 per hour instead of \$1 per hour.
<b>RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstowntnlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). See ad on Page 25.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
<b>STRATOSPHERE</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal and straight flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.



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<b>SUNSET STATION</b> (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands pay up to \$500; quads spins wheel; straight flush spins w/2X multiplier; royal spins w/5X multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to \$599 (call for details).
<b>TROPICANA</b> (702) 739-2222 • tropiclv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon); Dec. 1 (\$500, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added by the house).
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$125, noon & 7p).	No jackpots.

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$40-\$340); Mon. \$10K guar. (\$140, 11a), Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p), Fri. \$30K guar. (\$300, noon); WPT Winter Open coming in January.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
<b>CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125); WSOP Circuit event, runs until Dec. 10 (\$365-\$1,675) w/main event, Dec. 8 (\$1,675, 11a).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
<b>REVEL</b> (609) 572-6040 • revelresorts.com	Daily (1:30p & 9p); Sat. (\$220, 9p); Sun., Tue. & Thurs. tournaments are KO events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; get paid for royals.
<b>SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasinocom	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); winners of each tournament will be invited to the \$10K TOC freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad Queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; Sun. & Mon. night football promos (call for details).
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
<b>TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT</b> (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); monthly event, Dec. 29 (\$150, 1p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75; NFL Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); \$5,200 Holiday Cash Giveaway; call for details.
<b>HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bonus chips (call for details).
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casinocom	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (3p); Sat. (1p & 5p); Sun. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. varies (\$25, 7p) Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, Dec. 5 & 26 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>SANTA ANA STAR CASINO</b> 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Spin the Wheel (Wed.); Monday Funday payouts (9a-4a).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon). Ask about Ante Up Poker Cruise satellites.	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$30, 2a) & PLO (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$120, 10a); Sunday (\$60, 2p).	Call for information.
<b>SUNCRUZ (S.C.)</b> (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Tournaments start in 2013.	Call for promotions.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, noon); monthly event, Dec. 23 (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon); WSOPC event in January (see ad Page 41).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. w/lunch provided (\$30, 11a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. H.O.R.S.E. (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
<b>OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## OKLAHOMA (Continued)

<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$40 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Fri. (\$50 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p, 10K chips).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

## OREGON

<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$25, 12:30p); Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. (\$25, 12:30p); Wed. (\$45, 12:30p) & (\$30, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 12:30p); Fri. (\$50, 12:30p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Through Dec. 30, only \$1 for the bonus fund will be taken in hold'em games.
<b>ENCORE CLUB</b> (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); \$10K guar. (\$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
<b>SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO</b> (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on Dec. 1 & 15 (1:30p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p).	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid daily; \$50 alternating high hands/Aces Cracked hourly (Wed., noon-mid.); \$50/\$100 high hands/half hour (Thurs./Sat.).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p & 11:30p); Wed. (noon & 11:30p); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (2p); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); monthly event, Dec. 22 (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily & nightly (\$30-\$70, 11a & 7:15p); Sat. (\$30, 3:15p); Sun. (\$95, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; earn \$5/hour rake back (call for details).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARK CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon).	Call for details.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 374-3386 • ericcasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Tue. (\$50, 12:30p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Fri.-Sat. \$500K guar. main event satellite (\$150-\$275, 11a); Sun. KO, Dec. 9 & 16 (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Deep Stack Extravaganza, Dec. 5-17 (\$200-\$2,500) w/\$500K guar. main event, Dec. 14-17 (\$2,500, noon).

## SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p) & (\$55, 8p); Sun. all-in or fold (\$22 w/rebuys, 3p); last Sun. \$220 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; half rake on \$2-\$10 or lower games; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

## WASHINGTON

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added monthly event, Dec. 14 (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:30a); Tue. Beat the Boss KO (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lightning Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots (call for details).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); monthly event, Dec. 9 (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Wed. KO (\$58, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a) & (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; hourly high hands pay \$100-\$200.
<b>SWINOMISH CASINO &amp; LODGE</b> (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$250, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. (\$150, noon & \$250, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 11a & \$400, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$100; Hot Seat (Mon., 10a-10p).
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, Dec. 22 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

## WISCONSIN

<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA</b> (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sun. (\$60, 4:45p); monthly event, Dec. 2 (\$215, 4:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 3p); Bounty tournament, Dec. 2 (\$220, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>MENOMINEE CASINO</b> (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinosort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon); closed on Sundays.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of tens and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); Sunday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p).	None.



## Q&A

### WITH BRAD GARRETT

Brad Garrett is an actor, comedian and avid poker player from Woodland Hills, Calif. He's appeared in numerous television shows and film roles, winning three primetime Emmys. He also won the fifth season championship of *Celebrity Poker Showdown* and enjoys playing the World Series of Poker almost yearly. *Ante Up's* Mike Owens caught up with Garrett recently to discuss the game he loves most.

**How did you first learn to play poker?** My cousin and I started a home game 20 years ago... I still don't know how to play.

**Do you play any other games beside Texas Hold'em?** I like Omaha once in a while.

**Who do you think is more talented, poker players or comedians, and why?** I think it depends on the comedian and the poker player. I have met a few poker players who are a lot funnier than many comedians, but not on purpose. There's a lot less luck involved in becoming a good comedian.

**Have you had the chance to get to know any poker pros?** Annie Duke, but only sexually. Same with Dennis Phillips.

**Can you tell us about your foundation and charity event?** Every year I hold a celebrity poker tournament to benefit my charity Maximum Hope Foundation. It's a non-profit organization that helps provide practical assistance to families caring for a child with life-limiting illness. Our past tournament guests have included Ray Romano, Jason Alexander, Teri Hatcher, Kevin Nealon, Cheryl Hines and many more. It's always a great time to support a wonderful cause. Details on future tournaments can be found at [MaximumHopeFoundation.org](http://MaximumHopeFoundation.org).

**What do you love most about Las Vegas?** Anything at any hour.

**How old were you when you started doing comedy?** I was 16 when I did standup for the first time.

**Who's a better poker player, you or Ray Romano?** That's a tough one. He's definitely more conservative and perhaps a little bit of a better player. But I'm more aggressive, so it probably evens out. Of course, he'll tell you I suck.

**Are you working on any projects right now?** I am currently filming a new show for ABC called *How to Live with Your Parents (for the Rest of Your Life)*, which is set to start airing on Tuesdays in January.

I also have a small role in the new Steve Carell and Jim Carrey film called *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*, and another small role in *Not Fade Away*, which is David Chase's feature directorial debut.

This past spring I opened a comedy club in the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, which has been the realization of a lifelong dream of mine. I bring in the best comics from around the country seven nights a week, and perform myself every month.

For more information about the MGM Grand comedy club, visit [BradGarrettComedy.com](http://BradGarrettComedy.com). ♠

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#	Date	Time	Buy-in	Event	Chips	Guarantee
	WED 01/02	9AM	\$65	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #1	7,500	
1	WED 01/02	12PM	\$400	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM	20,000	\$100,000
	WED 01/02	7PM	\$100	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	12,500	
	WED 01/02	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	THU 01/03	9AM	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #2-1A	7,500	
2	THU 01/03	12PM	\$150	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM 1A	10,000	\$35,000
2	THU 01/03	4PM	\$150	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM 1B	10,000	
	THU 01/03	7PM	\$100	NL HOLD'EM \$25 BOUNTY	10,000	
	THU 01/03	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	FRI 01/04	9AM	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #3	7,500	
3	FRI 01/04	12PM	\$200	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	15,000	\$20,000
	FRI 01/04	4PM	\$75	SATELLITE INTO EVENT #4	7,500	
	FRI 01/04	7PM	\$75	SATELLITE INTO EVENT #4	7,500	
	FRI 01/04	10PM	\$75	SATELLITE INTO EVENT #4	7,500	
	SAT 01/05	9AM	\$75	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #4	7,500	
4	SAT 01/05	12PM	\$550	DEEP STACK NL HOLD'EM	30,000	\$75,000
	SAT 01/05	4PM	\$65	SINGLE TABLE SATELLITES		
	SAT 01/05	7PM	\$150	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	15,000	
	SAT 01/05	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	SUN 01/06	9AM	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #5	7,500	
5	SUN 01/06	12PM	\$200	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	15,000	\$15,000
6	SUN 01/06	4PM	\$150	OMAHA/8 HI LO	10,000	\$10,000
	SUN 01/06	7PM	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	10,000	
	SUN 01/06	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	MON 01/07	9AM	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE - AWARDING TOURNAMENT ENTRY CHIPS		
7	MON 01/07	12PM	\$100	DOUBLE STACK NL HOLD'EM	20,000	\$10,000
8	MON 01/07	4PM	\$150	NL HOLD'EM/POT LIMIT OMAHA	12,500	\$10,000
	MON 01/07	7PM	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7,500	
	MON 01/07	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	TUE 01/08	9AM	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #9	7,500	
9	TUE 01/08	12PM	\$200	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 6MAX	15,000	\$15,000
	TUE 01/08	4PM		\$20,000 FREEROLL		
	TUE 01/08	7PM	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7,500	
	TUE 01/08	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	

#	Date	Time	Buy-in	Event	Chips	Guarantee
	WED 01/09	9AM	\$60	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #10		
10	WED 01/09	12PM	\$340	NL HOLD'EM \$100 BOUNTY	20,000	\$20,000
11	WED 01/09	4PM	\$150	H.O.R.S.E.	10,000	\$10,000
	WED 01/09	7PM	\$100	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	12,500	
	WED 01/09	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	THU 01/10	9AM	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #12-1A	7,500	
12	THU 01/10	12PM	\$200	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM 1A	12,500	\$50,000
12	THU 01/10	4PM	\$200	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM 1B	12,500	
	THU 01/10	7PM	\$100	NL HOLD'EM \$25 BOUNTY	12,500	
	THU 01/10	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	FRI 01/11	12PM	\$135	SATELLITE INTO MAIN EVENT	7,500	
	FRI 01/11	4PM	\$135	SATELLITE INTO MAIN EVENT	7,500	
	FRI 01/11	7PM	\$135	SATELLITE INTO MAIN EVENT	7,500	
	FRI 01/11	10PM	\$135	SATELLITE INTO MAIN EVENT	7,500	
	SAT 01/12	9AM	\$135	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #13	7,500	
13	SAT 01/12	12PM	\$1090	MAIN EVENT NL HOLD'EM	40,000	\$150,000
	SAT 01/12	7PM	\$150	MEGA STACK NL HOLD'EM	15,000	
	SAT 01/12	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	SUN 01/13	9AM	\$40	TURBO SATELLITE INTO EVENT #14	7,500	
14	SUN 01/13	12PM	\$250	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	15,000	\$25,000
15	SUN 01/13	4PM	\$150	LADIES NL HOLD'EM	10,000	\$10,000
	SUN 01/13	7PM	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7,500	
	SUN 01/13	10PM	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
16	MON 01/14	12PM	\$100	DOUBLE STACK NL HOLD'EM	20,000	\$10,000
17	MON 01/14	4PM	\$150	OMAHA/8 HI LO	10,000	\$10,000
	MON 01/14	7PM	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7,500	
18	TUE 01/15	12PM	\$200	NLH - WINTER CLASSIC FINALE	20,000	\$5,000 added

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5,000\*** \*Includes a \$2,500 entry into the Main Event of the POKER CLASSIC Championship - Spring 2013

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