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	7PM	Event 1B Holiday Micro \$10K Guarantee	\$30 (\$25+\$5)	12K Stack (10K + \$5DA 2K)	25 min
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	7PM	Event 2A 12 Days Main Event \$100K Guarantee	\$300 (\$270+\$30)	20K Stack (10K + \$10DA 10K)	40/60 min
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	7PM	Event 1D Holiday Micro \$10K Guarantee	\$30 (\$25+\$5)	12K Stack (10K + \$5DA 2K)	25 min
12/15/13 Sunday	1PM	Event 2C 12 Days Main Event \$100K Guarantee	\$300 (\$270+\$30)	20K Stack (10K + \$10DA 10K)	40/60 min
	7PM	Event 1 Day 2 Holiday Micro \$10K Guarantee			25 min
12/16/13 Monday	1PM	Event 3 Omaha PLO	\$200 (\$180+\$20)	12K Stack (10K + \$10DA 2K)	25 min
	7PM	Event 4 Ladies Only (Diamond Necklace)	\$220 (\$200+\$20)	15K Stack (10K + \$5DA 5K)	25 min
12/17/13 Tuesday	1PM	Event 5 Open Face Chinese Pineapple Event	\$540 (\$500+\$40)	15K Stack (10K + \$10DA 5K)	9 hands
	7PM	Event 6 High Rollers Event (Tag Heuer Watch)	\$1000 (\$925+\$75)	20K Stack (10K + \$5DA 10K)	30 min
12/18/13 Wednesday	1PM	Event 7 Seniors 50 & Up \$10K Guarantee	\$200 (\$180+\$20)	15K Stack (10K + \$10DA 5K)	25 min
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12/22/13 Sunday	12PM	Event 2 Day 2 12 Days of Poker Main Event			60 min
12/23/13 Monday	7PM	Event 9 12 Days of Poker Survivor Event	\$330 (\$300+\$30)	15K Stack (10K + \$10DA 5K)	25 min

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Ante Up, YOUR Poker Magazine, is dedicated to everyday poker players and their poker rooms.



## Our poker family

It may not look like it at first glance, but the image on our cover was a long time in the making, and speaks volumes about the game we love. First, a hearty congratulations to Team Fatty's for winning our Ante Up Poker Tour Team Championship aboard our Ante Up Poker Cruise to Bermuda. **Neil Lawson**, a last-minute addition to the team and our most frequent cruiser, captured the title for the team when he defeated **Nick Rodriguez** in a heads-up match for the right to be on the cover with his team. (Learn more about Neil's story, Team Fatty's and the tournament on Page 40.)

This team event, which guaranteed there could be no collusion (something that killed other team tournaments in the past) was a product of the Ante Up braintrust from way back when our publication was just Florida's Poker Magazine. But we never really had the right opportunity to launch it. We knew this was the right time because the finite space on the ship allowed us to keep the field limited to work out any kinks, but it ran as smooth as silk. A team tournament under the right circumstances invigorates and promotes what's great about poker: camaraderie.

Sure, players in contention for a big title have their posse behind the rail rooting for them, but there's something special about a team event where you're pulling for one another, sweating each other's cards and metaphorically living or dying with the turn of every community card. And this camaraderie was no better exemplified than with Team Fatty's, a close-knit group of players from a poker club in the New York area. That friendly environment is not only contagious, but encouraged on our poker cruises, which also has become an extended family of sorts.

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We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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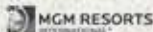
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# JEFF CAPTURES HPT; GRATON OPENS

Club One Casino and the Heartland Poker Tour joined forces to bring the popular and nationally televised series to Fresno, Calif. The seven-event series ran until Oct. 7 with the \$1,650 buy-in main event as the star attraction.



**GARRETT ROTH**  
**NORCAL**

When the dust settled at the final table, local contractor **James Jeff** of Fresno got heads-up with San Francisco chef **Triet Nguyen** in an epic heads-up match. After one of the longest heads-up fights in HPT history, Jeff's pocket aces held against Nguyen's pocket fives to take down the \$85K first prize, an entry into the

HPT championship and the title. Nguyen netted \$52K as runner-up.

The HPT championship at Club One Casino attracted some notable big-name players such as 2004 World Series of Poker Main Event champion **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer** (11th, \$7K), **Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler** (13th, \$5K) and 2007 WSOP champion **Jerry Yang**, who was the first casualty at the televised final table, finishing ninth for \$9K. Yang busted when his pair of eights fell to Q-10.

Yang still has incredible passion for the game.

"I have been working harder than I used to since winning the WSOP," he said.

Other members of the final table included **Lisa Jacobs** from Merced, Calif., (eighth, \$11K), WSOP Hall-of-Famer **Barbara Enright** from Los Angeles (seventh, \$13K), **Mimi Luu** from San Jose (sixth, \$16K), **Mike Ball** from Fresno (fifth, \$19K) and **Wendy Freedman** from Las Vegas (fourth, \$25K).

**Yotam Shmuelov** of San Francisco finished third for a respectable \$35K. He also finished third at the HPT at Thunder Valley the week before. "I'm definitely running good in the HPT right now," Shmuelov said.

**GRATON OPENS:** There's a new casino in the bay area that's attracting an array of new attention in the Northern California poker community. Graton Resort & Casino in Rohnert Park, Calif., is open for business and features an 18-table poker room. The \$800M property also features 13 restaurants, 3,000 slot machines and 144 live-action table games.

Graton's poker room features a bad-beat jackpot (\$17K at press time) where the qualifying hand is decreased every two weeks (quad 10s at press time). They also have a royal-flush bonus that pays \$500 (must use both hole cards).

Graton is in the process of figuring out its tournament schedule and should start to run some in the near future. The slogan is "43 minutes from Bay to play" so be sure and get your share of the money.

— Email Garrett Roth at [roth@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:roth@anteupmagazine.com).



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1	Fri, 1/17	5pm	Day 1B	<b>NLHE DEEP STACK TOURNAMENT</b>
	Sat, 1/18	11am	Day 1C	7.5% of the field will advance to the Finals Registration opens Mon, 1/13 at 1pm
	Sun, 1/19	11am	<b>\$150,000 DEEP STACK FINALS</b>	Streamed live on pokerroom.thundervalleyresort.com
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2	Sun, 1/19	7pm	<b>NLHE KO 2x Bounty</b>	\$150
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	Tues, 1/21	1pm	Qualifier for Main Event Flights 1A and 1B	\$180
6	Tues, 1/21	5pm	<b>NLHE Black Chip Bounty</b>	\$300
	Tue, 1/21	8pm	Qualifier for Main Event Flights 1A and 1B	\$360
7	Wed, 1/22	11am	<b>Six Handed NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED</b>	\$150
	Wed, 1/22	1pm	Qualifier for Main Event Flights 1A and 1B	\$180

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	Thu, 1/23	11am	Main Event Qualifier (All Flights)	\$180
	Thu, 1/23	8pm	Main Event Qualifier (Day 1B or 1C Flights)	\$360
	Fri, 1/24	5pm	Main Event Qualifier (Day 1C Flight)	\$360
	Thu, 1/23	3pm	Day 1A	<b>HPT MAIN EVENT</b>
	Fri, 1/24	11am	Day 1B	Registration opens Mon, 1/13 at 1pm
	Sat, 1/25	11am	Day 1C	
9	Sun, 1/26	11am	<b>DAY 2 - PLAY DOWN TO FINAL 9</b>	
	Mon, 1/27	12pm	<b>HPT NATIONALLY TELEVISED FINAL TABLE</b>	FINAL TABLE
10	Sun, 1/26	7pm	<b>NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED WITH \$50 BOUNTIES</b>	\$150

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With tournaments running nearly any night of the week, and buy-ins typically ranging from \$25 to \$60, it should be no problem to find a game that suits your bankroll. Some games are free, where points or prizes are awarded for placing. Location also shouldn't be an issue. Tournaments are hosted all over Los Angeles, Ventura County and the San Fernando Valley, so whether you live in Thousand Oaks, Sylmar, Redondo Beach or anywhere in between, you can find a game near you.

The club will hold a six-game series with \$50 entry and \$20 add-ons specifically for those interested in winning cruise packages. Based on your performance in these events, you can win entry into the final January tournament, which is a freeroll. If you finish first or second in any of the previous events, you're awarded bonus starting chips. Half of the prize pool in each tournament will be awarded to the top finishers of each event while the other half is put into the "cruise fund." At the freeroll, at least two cruise packages will be awarded, more if the cruise fund is sufficient to pay more.

**BIG POKER OKTOBER:** Wrapping up mid October was the annual Big Poker Oktober series at the Bicycle Casino. The culmination of the 32-event series was the \$200K guarantee, \$550 buy-in main event. As seems to be the norm with guarantees in Los Angeles, this one was just a number, too. The final prize pool of close to \$460K blew it away. The main event ended in a three-way deal with **James C. Anderson**, **Jay Vaswani** and **Daniel Illingworth** each pocketing at least \$50K.

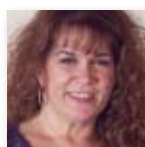
Also on course with what seems to be a recent pattern developing is two more women won events during the series. **Geeta Radia** got her name at the top of the finishers list in Event 4. Also scoring one for the women, **Katherine Wier** was at the top in Event 21, a no-limit hold'em bounty tourney.

Next up in Los Angeles is **Larry Flynt's** Holiday Poker Classic. It began Nov. 24 and runs through the finals of the \$500 main event ending Dec. 29.

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## Valencia's Chang wins Arizona Ladies title

**T**hrough consistent play, **Kathy Chang** has been making quite a name for herself in poker. And that consistency paid off recently as she captured the Arizona State Ladies Championship in September at Talking Stick Resort.



**KITTIE ALEMAN**  
**SOCAL**

Chang, a wife and mother from Valencia, Calif., said she learned poker by playing video-game versions with her family.

Her first live tournament was a charity event at a golf course near her home, which she won.

Eventually, she met other players and started playing in a prize league at a local bowling alley, where prizes ranged from iPods to televisions. She earned her fair share of the prizes and won the league.

She then moved on to playing in home leagues, taking first place there as well. She believes that with anything you do, training and practice are key. She has attended various training boot camps and strives to learn new things

to incorporate into her game and life.

"Every time I play, every hand, every table is a different challenge," she said, admitting she enjoys the mental aspect of the game. "It's about people; it's not all about the cards."

Her poker resumé is quite impressive in such a short period of time, having cashed in ladies events, open events and several World Series events. She even came in second in a \$125 Omaha/8 event at the Commerce's L.A. Poker Series and then took fifth in a \$125 Omaha/8 event at the Big Poker Oktober series at the Bike.

She is a five-time Ladies International Poker Series champion, including the California State Ladies Championship in 2010. But what has landed her in *Ante Up* is her latest title, the ASLPC in Arizona, good for \$13,410, the most in her career.

"(My goal is to) balance being a mom and pursuing my dreams of poker to be an example for my daughter to pursue her own dreams in life."

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# ISLE OPEN CHOPS; ROMANO ON TOP

The Isle Poker Room in Pompano Beach closed out its annual cycle of four major tournament series with the conclusion of the Isle Open main event on Oct. 30. Whether the same rotation returns in 2014 is still up in the air, according to the director of poker **Stan Strickland**, who told us he is deciding if the same buy-ins, structures and series dates are still viable in an increasingly competitive and evolving South Florida market.



**DAVE LEMMON**  
SOUTH FLORIDA

Amateur player and local lawyer **Jay Romano** of Boca Raton took home the Isle Open top prize of \$100K as the largest chip stack in an agreed-upon four-way chop with **Justin Fawbush** of Cocoa Beach, **Matt Waxman** of Parkland and **Eric Riley** of Deerfield Beach. Fawbush and Waxman collected \$84K each, while Riley agreed to slightly more than \$82K. The players agreed to play one face-down hand of Omaha for the trophy. The four men turned over one card at a time after the board was dealt and the hardware went to Fawbush when he filled a flush on his final card.

Romano, a gregarious and likeable character, ended up with the trophy after making a deal with Fawbush sometime between the conclusion of the event and the payouts.

"This is my biggest tournament ever and I wanted to give the trophy to my son so he could keep it in his room," he said. "I didn't want to lose it with a stupid hand of Omaha; I don't even know how to play Omaha."

The event featured a \$2,500 buy-in and a \$500K guarantee that attracted 241 entries. A slow first day of just 49 players and a turnout of 62 in Day

1B created some apprehension of an overlay, but a big turnout on the final day sent the total cruising past the 218-player mark required to reach the guarantee.

Sunny Isles Beach resident **Noah Schwartz**, two days after arriving home from winning a bracelet in Paris at a WSOP Europe Mixed-Max event, finished sixth in the Isle Open, while locals **Maurice Hawkins** and **Anthony "Boston Tony" Ruberto** took 10th and 11th place, respectively. Waxman chose to play in this event rather than travel to France to play in the WPT Grand Prix de Paris, which he won in 2011, highlighting the fact that the Isle's biggest events are extremely popular among the area's top players. (Two of Waxman's best friends getting married during the same weekend may have had something to do with it, too.)



The four players who chopped the Isle Open.

**WPT COCONUT CREEK:** **Francisco Regalado** of Miami collected nearly \$28K when the \$500 buy-in main event of the WPT Regional Fall Poker Open at Seminole Coconut Creek concluded with a three-way chop. **George Ryan** of Boynton Beach and **Chet Farrell** of Jupiter took home the other big prizes when a short Day 2 concluded after about three hours of play.

The Coconut Creek facility also announced it will host February's WPT Lucky Hearts Open instead of the Hard Rock in Hollywood. Last year's event was attended by many big-name players and was won by **Matt Giannetti**. This year's tourney is scheduled to have a \$3,500 buy-in and will be Feb. 7-11.

**PBKC:** The Palm Beach Kennel Club will host a nine-event series Dec. 5-16. The \$1,120 buy-in main event has two opening sessions (Dec. 13 and 14) and will conclude Dec. 16.

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## Isle Open

**Event 1 • \$150 NLHE**

Entries: 1,090 • Pool: \$150K

Jiang Zhao, \$20K\*

**Event 2 • \$230 O/8**

Entries: 149 • Pool: \$15K

Harry Chaimowitz, \$3,625\*

**Event 3 • \$120 w/rbs**

Entries: 149 • Pool: \$20K

Dave Henry, \$5K\*

**Event 4 • \$200 NLHE**

Entries: 175 • Pool: \$30K

Jami Kopacz, \$2,214\*

**Event 5 • \$230 PLO**

Entries: 47 • Pool: \$20K

Kevin Spires, \$5,864\*

**Event 6 • \$230 NLHE**

Entries: 187 • Pool: \$30K

Bruce Rawdin, \$2,860\*

**Event 7 • \$330 Seniors**

Entries: 50 • Pool: \$20K

Scott Levitt, \$2,500\*

**Event 8 • \$150 NLHE**

Entries: 73 • Pool: \$15K

Daniel Genachte, \$1,667\*

**Event 9 • \$75 NLHE**

Entries: 123 • Pool: \$10K

Tracy Brown, \$1,307\*

**Event 10 • \$540 NLHE**

Entries: 516 • Pool: \$250K

Mohammad Siddiqui, \$69,660

**Event 11 • \$230 PLO/8**

Entries: 40 • Pool: \$20K

Jordan Chizick, \$9K

**Event 12 • \$125 NLHE**

Entries: 77 • Pool: \$6,160

Fred Devinney, \$2,094

**Event 13 • \$350 NLHE**

Entries: 93 • Pool: \$20,700

Greg Marcus, \$7,036

**Event 14 • \$200 NLHE**

Entries: 156 • Pool: \$30K

Allan Bieler, \$4,915\*

**Event 15 • \$150 NLHE**

Entries: 143 • Pool: \$11,440

James Salmon, \$3,661

**Event 16 • \$330 NLHE**

Entries: 901 • Pool: \$270,300

Ryan Sherman, \$64,899

**Event 17 • \$200 NLHE**

Entries: 261 • Pool: \$45,675

Paul Balzano, \$12,791

**Event 18 • \$230 HORSE**

Entries: 42 • Pool: \$10K

Mordecai Benowitz, \$3,242\*

**Event 19 • \$1,600 NLHE**

Entries: 74 • Pool: \$100K

Danit Dayan, \$20,350\*

**\$2,500 Main Event**

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Jay Romano, \$100K\*

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# PHAM CAPTURES HPT AT DAYTONA BEACH

The Heartland Poker Tour returned to Daytona Beach Kennel Club with a bang, and **Cong Pham** of Naples claimed the \$104K first-place prize in his first HPT event. The poker pro went into the televised final table with the chip lead, though he'd find himself even and heads-up with pro **James Calderaro**, who's no stranger to the shine of the final-table spotlight. Play lasted 46 hands before Calderaro's pocket eights ran into Cong's pocket aces.



**CHARLES ALLISON**  
**NORTH FLORIDA**

Calderaro's \$64K prize brought his career earnings to a little more than \$1.8 million. Other notables at the final table where fifth-place finisher **John Holley**, who's racked up plenty of final tables all over Florida, and **Keith Romanovitz**, who entered the final table second in chips but quickly exited seventh.

**A GOOD CAUSE:** For people on the outside looking in, poker is often viewed as just another way to gamble. But poker often is a community, a collective of like-minded individuals who carry a passion for the game. I've never witnessed the heart of this community shine as brightly as I did recently at bestbet Orange Park. **Janet Adams** is a bestbet floor manager, but more than that, she's a wonderful woman with a vivacious spirit, a beautiful

smile that never seems to fade and a personality that sticks with you for a long time. Over the past six years she's become a standard to all who play at bestbet Orange Park.

She has spent the past few months battling cancer, and as a way of showing its support for a woman who's given so much to them, bestbet held a charity tournament in her honor in September. In an emotional and overwhelming show of admiration and support, 208 players came out to help her fight cancer. She entered the poker room to a thunderous, standing ovation.

Players wore ribbons and bracelets, but more important than any of that, they gave. The \$50 no-limit hold'em event with \$20 rebuys not only packed the room, but its 208 players also pumped out 464 rebuys over the course of the one-hour registration period, which saw 60 percent go to the prize pool while the rest went to help Janet's fight, and bestbet added \$5K.

**Pablo Ortiz** and **Curtis Rogers** chopped the event, taking home \$1,700 each. **Rockell Barker** earned \$1K for third and donated all of it to Janet. Afterward, Janet thanked her bestbet family, "I'm so lucky to have all of you as my friends and work family. Thank you again for your generous support and love."

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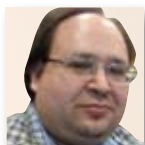
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# TAMPA HARD ROCK NAMES BATES MANAGER

The Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa, after a significant hiatus, has hired a new director of poker, and this is someone with pedigree. **Thomas Bates**, who has been at the helm of rooms in California, Mississippi and most recently a part of the team at the Borgata in Atlantic City, has taken over the 50-tables-plus poker room.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

**HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENTS:** The two big multi-day Halloween tournaments drew plenty of runners as Derby Lane and the Silks each got more than 220 players and both saw top prizes of more than \$10K.

Where the Silks ended in a three-way chop, the Derby tournament ended five ways. The deep tournaments had great play and players were happy with structures for each.

**MORE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS:** From Tampa to Sarasota, the tournament scene is heating up. Sarasota Kennel Club planned an 11-day series after press time that scheduled heads-up, PLO, Open Face Chinese and a \$220 main event that ends Dec. 8.

The Hard Rock Tampa runs its quarterly WPT event (Dec.

6-15) with events ranging from \$200 to the \$1,650 main event with a \$250K guarantee. While the schedule was being finalized at press time, we expect the nightly turbo, the black chip bounty and opening weekend \$515 with a decent guarantee. With new management, this series might have some shake up.

Derby Lane's 12 Days of Poker returns with a plethora of events. From Dec. 12-23, the series will feature a mini buy-in \$10K guarantee and a \$100K guarantee main event. Both are multiday events. Also on the schedule: a ladies event, seniors event, PLO and Open Faced Chinese, though management reserves the right to change, alter or cancel any of these events. See the ad on Pages 2-3 for the series schedule.

Finally, the Silks Poker Room has announced the Poker Players Championship will return in January and three more times after that, including the North American PPC Championship. While Aruba will still host its world championship, the North American champion will be decided this year (not this series) in Tampa Bay.

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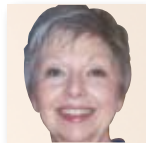
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**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** The southernmost New Mexico poker room is registering early birds through Dec. 6 for the \$20K Texas Ho-Ho Hold'em tournament on Dec. 15. Buy-in is \$230, with a cap of 110 players. Register in the poker room or call 575-464-7799.

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** The Omaha/8 event (\$100 entry, \$100 per table added) will be Dec. 15. Also, Dec. 28 is the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack (\$150). Players can earn 1K bonus chips for two hours of live play before the start of these tournaments. And don't forget the \$5,200 Holiday Cash Giveaway drawings Dec. 11-24. Players earn entry tickets for every two hours of live play.

## Arizona

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** Here's why December Saturdays are huge at the Arena Poker Room: \$300 Big Stack no-limit hold'em tournament (Dec. 7); \$200 Super Bounty Big Stack (Dec. 14); 11th annual Holiday Toy Drive (Dec. 21, toys for

## Chang wins ASLAPC

Kathy Chang captured the Arizona State Ladies Poker Championship at Talking Stick. Since she's from Southern California, we interviewed her for our SoCal column on Page 10.

chips); and \$125 End of the Month event (Dec. 28). Be sure to check out the tasty food promotions this month, too.

**VEE QUIVA:** The poker room is featuring a different game every two weeks as part of its Poker Time drawings, with \$4-\$8 Omaha running until Dec. 3, \$8-\$16 hold'em running through Dec. 17 and \$1-\$2 hold'em wrapping things up Dec. 18-31. Hours played will earn tickets to weekly drawings. Also this month, seated players can order food for half price from the poker menu.

## Texas

**KICKAPOO:** On Dec. 2, Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino Hotel is starting a \$1K Monday night freeroll, which is limited to the first 50 players. Plus, be sure to check out the \$200 Winter Classic on Jan. 4.

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# Golden Gates' CPC8 will run Dec. 6-23

Since its inception a few years ago, the Colorado Poker Championship at Golden Gates has grown into the go-to series for local players every few months. With its affordable buy-ins and solid play level, the series of 28 events (plus a 20-person no-limit hold'em tournament of champions for a paid World Series of Poker seat) has something for everybody.



RICK GERSHMAN  
COLORADO

Organizers are promising even bigger payouts for CPC8, which runs Dec. 6-23, followed by the TOC (comprising players with the top point totals from the earlier events) Dec. 26.

Larger payouts should ensure greater participation than usual, and the CPC7 turnout in May was impressive, including a 183-player field for the \$1K main event and a 212-player field for the final event, a \$130 deepstack. Zach Whitney and Donald Angstead chopped \$76K in the main event.

**WORLD RECORD:** A motorcycle poker run might not technically be "real" poker, but when a charity generates \$130K for abused children and earns a Guinness World Record in the process, that's certainly worthy of note.

Guinness recently confirmed a poker run conducted in May in Fort Collins earned the world record for largest poker run with 1,494 participants. The Realities Ride & Rally poker

run, which is in its 12th year, is run by Realities For Children Charities, a Larimer County nonprofit that helps abused and neglected children.

In a poker run, participants travel from place to place, picking up a poker card at each stop. The participant with the best poker hand at the end wins the event. For the world-record event, Kayla Brookhart won with quite a hand: a king-high straight flush (spades).

In a statement, event creator Craig Secher said he hoped the event would "show the entire world that in Northern Colorado, we are serious about our commitment to providing for abused and at-risk children." Congratulations to Realities For Children for finding a fun way to help out the community while having a great time in the process.

**HPT BLACK HAWK:** The Heartland Poker Tour released its schedule for its next several stops and Golden Gates, which typically is its most popular event (despite weather-related major road closures the past two series), will host its event Feb. 7-16.

This will be the 16th time the HPT has come to Black Hawk. Prize pools regularly top \$1 million for the Golden Gates stop, despite a blizzard last winter and floods in the summer that each closed major roads leading to the casino.

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# MGM GRAND HAS AMBITIOUS PROMOTIONS

The MGM Grand poker room, which recently started taking a promo drop, has been running several promotions that have proved quite popular with tourists and its regulars. The room gave away \$100K in October and \$75K in November in a series of drawings. It's expected there will be some variation of cash drawings this month as well. To qualify for an entry in the drawing, a player must make a flush or better. Each player picked has a chance at a prize between \$100 and \$3K. After each drawing, the tickets are removed and players must qualify again.



**ROB SOLOMON**  
LAS VEGAS

MGM also has the Progressive Power Hour Promotion. Each hour a different hand is eligible for a progressive jackpot that starts at \$200 and adds \$50 every day it's not hit. To qualify, a player must use both hole cards and in the case of quads, the player must have a pocket pair. The promo started in mid September and the jackpots for quad sixes/six-high straight flush and quad eights/eight-high straight flush have reached \$2,500.

The room recently changed its \$2-\$4 limit game to a \$2-\$6 spread-limit game. The minimum buy-in is \$40. The move reflects the continuing decline in popularity of limit hold'em, especially on the Vegas Strip. To encourage players to give the game a try, MGM has reduced the rake to \$2 (with a \$2 promo drop) and is offering a \$100 high hand of the hour whenever a spread limit or limit game is going. The rake, promo drop and high-hand bonus apply to the \$4-\$8 limit game, too.

**ORLEANS:** Just west of the Strip, the 35-table poker room has brought back its popular bad-beat jackpot after a brief hiatus and the progressive prize starts at \$50K. Between 8 a.m.-8 p.m., the room is splashing pots (\$100 for all games but \$2-\$4, which is \$50) at one randomly drawn table per hour.

Orleans offers tournaments twice daily at noon and 7 p.m. In addition to the usual no-limit hold'em offerings, there are HORSE and Omaha/8 tournaments. On Fridays at noon, the tournament is ROSE, rotating razz, O/8, stud and stud/8. The \$125 NLHE tournament on Friday evenings is one of the most popular in Vegas. It routinely draws more than 250 players with a \$250K-plus prize pool. The room also has a Tournament Player of the Month prize for most tournaments played in the month.

**LUXOR:** The poker room, at the south end of the Strip, is

offering High Hand Hysteria. The bonuses start at \$100 for quads, \$200 for straight flushes and \$500 for royals. Instead of resetting, the bonuses progress after being hit. Additionally, when a high hand is hit, one to four random seats are drawn for prizes of \$100 each. The room just introduced a progressive bad-beat jackpot (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) that starts at \$2,500.

**PALMS:** Through Dec. 21, the Palms will hold drawings every two hours to give away cash (\$100-\$1K). Players who have a flush or better at showdown will get one drawing ticket if they use only card from their hand, and will get two tickets if they use both cards to win the pot. Only tickets earned in the two-hour period are eligible for each drawing.

**WYNN:** Joshua Pollock of Las Vegas won the main event of the Wynn Fall Classic as nearly 250 players competed for the \$362K prize pool in the \$1,600 event. It took Pollock nearly 36 hours to run up his 25K starting stack to more than 6.2 million chips and claim the \$84K prize on Oct. 29. Steven Nichols of Arizona took second for \$56K and Andrey Rakhamin of Southern California earned \$36K for third.

**CAESARS:** Las Vegas' Christopher Johnson won the seventh annual Caesars Palace Poker Classic on Nov. 4. He outlasted more than 150 entrants in the \$1,080 event that had a \$175K prize pool. On the fifth hand of heads-up play, Johnson's pocket aces survived the pocket 10s of Colorado's Daniel Hasley after getting it all-in preflop and seeing a flop of 7-8-9. But an ace on the turn and a seven on the river gave Johnson the winning full house. Johnson took home \$38K, Halsey won \$28K and third-place finisher Jin Jong of Vegas came away with \$20K for third.

Also at Caesars, the room's regular 7 p.m. tournament has been changed to a deepstack turbo. The \$110 buy-in gets players 24K chips and 12-minute levels. The deepstack turbo is a popular choice in all of Caesars' special series events.

**VENETIAN:** Even before Deep Stack Extravaganza IV finished, tournament director Tommy LaRosa announced plans for the New Year's Extravaganza, running Dec. 27-Jan. 5. The event will feature two \$250 events with two starting days each, both having \$40K guarantees. The other events will be single-day tournaments.

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# NO RECORDS FOR HARVEYS, BUT STILL SUCCESSFUL

For most people, losing their job is harsh news to accept. Then again, poker players aren't like most people, and **Ryan Rinker** of Vacaville, Calif., used his misfortune as motivation to finish second in the main event of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Harveys Lake Tahoe. Rinker basically was fired for attending the series, and he learned of his unemployment around 2 a.m. before the main event.



**LESLIE PAULS**  
**RENO**

I'm not sure what the income for sales managers at car dealerships is, but I'm willing to bet they don't make nearly \$80K in one weekend. Rinker put up an amazing fight for the first-place prize of nearly \$129K, as did **Kevin Fleming** of Pleasanton, Calif., and **Daniel Harmetz** of Sacramento. The three-handed fight lasting nearly three hours, but in the end it was Harmetz who took the title and six-figure prize.

Fleming entered Day 3 with the shortest stack, and fought his way into second place, but exited the tournament in third

(\$58K) when his pocket 10s ran into Harmetz's kings. Once Heming was gone, it only took about 15 minutes for the winner to be decided, after Rinker went all-in with pocket fives and was counterfeited when the board showed two pair. Harmetz won his first ring and secured an entry into the national championship next spring.

Rinker most likely will be looking forward to facing him there, as he also won an entry to the championship for finishing atop the Harveys leaderboard and winning the title of Casino Champion.

Though the numbers weren't record-breaking like last year, poker room manager **Appollo Poth** believes the event always will attract large numbers "simply because of the amazing location and the fact that Tahoe is already a tourist destination," he said. "Players have faith that Harveys will continue to host an amazing series as they have done so in the past."

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## WSOP Circuit, Harveys Lake Tahoe, Oct. 25-Nov. 4



**Event 1 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 202 • Pool: \$60,600  
Iris Kuzu, \$15,757



**Event 2 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 284 • Pool: \$85,200  
Chris Swan, \$20,450



**Event 3 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 537 • Pool: \$161,100  
Ivin Arquiza, \$34,637



**Event 4 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 160 • Pool: \$48K  
Jed Hoffman, \$12,958



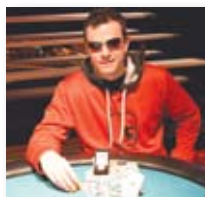
**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 195 • Pool: \$58,500  
Barry Raymos, \$15,210



**Event 6 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 191 • Pool: \$57,300  
Jose Esparza, \$14,899



**Event 7 • \$365 6-Max**  
Entries: 166 • Pool: \$49,800  
Austin Apicella, \$13,941



**Event 8 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 145 • Pool: \$72,500  
Paul Cookson, \$20,299



**Event 9 • \$365 PLO**  
Entries: 77 • Pool: \$23,100  
Cary Marshall, \$7,853



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
Entries: 390 • Pool: \$585K  
Daniel Harmetz, \$128,699



**Event 11 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 183 • Pool: \$54,900  
William Watchman, \$14,275



**Event 12 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 81 • Pool: \$24,300  
Ivan Holmes, \$7,776



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### Big events, big names in the PNW

By Philip Dobrikin

Two big November series wrapped up successful runs in the Pacific Northwest: the DeepStacks Poker Tour Oregon State Championships at Chinook Winds Casino Resort and the WSOPC at the River Rock Casino in Vancouver.

Many big-name pros attended the OSPC with one winning the \$1K main event. After being knocked out on Day 1A, **Tom Koral** re-entered on Day 1B and went on to win the event. Pro **Michael Mizrachi** of Team DeepStacks had knocked him out on Day 1A.

Other members of Team DeepStacks on hand: **Tristan Wade**, **Jennifer Leigh** and **Randal Flowers**, who made the final table. The

main event drew 157 entries, which led to a first-place prize of \$39,720.

What the WSOPC at River Rock may have lacked in big-name pros it made up in field size. The \$1,675 main event drew 865 entries over three starting days. While a 16 percent drop, it was still the fourth-largest WSOPC main event. The top two pros of any note to get close to the final table were **Tyler Patterson** (11th) and **Jesse Wilke** (13th). In the end, **Lincoln Milne**, a local from nearby Chilliwack, took home the title and \$253,015.

"I'm still kind of taking it in to be honest," a visibly moved and stunned Milne said after the victory. "This is my biggest cash by far. This is my first year playing big tournaments. I've played for a long time but this was my first real breakthrough."

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## MERCK WINS CHOCTAW'S FALL POKER CLASSIC

The Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla., hosted its annual Fall Poker Classic as **Sam Merck** of Weatherford, Texas, captured the main event, beating more than 553 players to collect \$112,650 for the win. Runner-up **J.B. Harrington** of Tuttle, Okla., earned \$69,674.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
OK.-KANSAS

In January, Choctaw hosts its annual World Series of Poker Circuit stop. The series runs Jan. 2-20 and features a \$1,675 buy-in \$1 million guarantee main event among the 12 ring tournaments.

• The Heartland Poker Tour's initial visit to Indigo Sky saw **Reginald "Shawn" Roberts** of Springfield, Mo., outlast Oklahoma City's **Bill Donnally** in a 97-hand heads-up match for his second HPT title and its \$52,237 first prize. Donnally earned \$31,342.

Look for Downstream Casino's Fish n Chips event and Hard Rock Casino's Hard Rock Poker Open to be covered in our January issue.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The poker room will host its Reindeer Games tournament series Dec. 6-15, featuring events with \$100-\$125 buy-ins leading up to a \$350 no-limit hold'em main event. Tourneys include ante only, double-

stack, \$15K guarantee deepstack, re-entry and rebuy, plus a crazy pineapple event.

**HOLLYWOOD KANSAS:** News is still expected regarding Hollywood Casino Kansas Speedway's involvement in the second season of the Hollywood Poker Open.

Last year, Hollywood Casino qualified players into a freeroll satellite event (based upon hours of monthly play) that qualified players into the June championship in Las Vegas. The HPO championship will return to the M Resort in Las Vegas in June.

**PLO/8 GROWTH:** Here is some interesting cash-game news. Boot Hill Casino's somewhat shared player base with Kansas Star Casino has driven demand for a pot-limit Omaha/8 cash game.

The game has caught on at Kansas Star in the past few months and now Boot Hill is spreading an uncapped \$1-\$2 game Thursday nights.

For its part, Kansas Star's growth in PLO/8 has been joined by successful interest in \$3-\$6 limit hold'em that frequently morphs into half-kill and even a limited dealer's choice game.

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**Reginald**  
"Shawn" Roberts



## It was a stellar year for local poker scene

As 2013 comes to an end, some of the region's highlights compared to last year show a definite raising of the bar in profits and expectations. In the past few years, poker has brought a continuing trend of increased tournament entrants and lucky new faces in the local field. It's no surprise most of 2013's momentous events in the area are likely to bring more popularity to the game in the future.



**JO KIM**  
A.C./PHILLY

This past year, Parx Casino launched four **Matt Glantz**-designed Big Stax Series. Also, World Poker Tour announced Borgata as its new championship locale, and the return of online gaming proceeded in New Jersey in late November.

The Borgata wrapped up the year with its Fall Open, which ran Nov. 12-27. The event began with four opening days for its most popular \$560 tournament for a guarantee of \$1 million. Among the 44 scheduled events, the \$2,700 championship had a \$1 million guarantee. The Winter Open will return in 2014 with the WPT for another televised championship event in mid January. The event will feature two Day 1s and a prize pool of at least \$3 million.

Big Stax IV returned with a slightly different schedule, featuring two main events with buy-ins of \$300 and \$1K. The \$300 event had 1,079 entries, doubling the guarantee to \$307,515. **Ray Ross** (Philadelphia), **Alfredo Sosa** (Paraguay) and

**Steven Sarmiento** (Queens, N.Y.), chopped the remaining pot as the last three players standing.

The \$1K championship drew 527 players for a prize pool of \$511,190. At the final table was **Mohammad Farah**, a local player from Philadelphia who has cashed at numerous tournament series in the prominent events around the region.

"Local tournament events such as Chester's PPO or Parx BigStax have become more popular with great designed structures," Farah said. "They've started to attract more poker players from all over the country."

Parx's hailing ambassador Glantz, who designed the tournament series, finished 17th. Two notable players from Brooklyn battled heads-up in Day 2 for the title. **Mike Dentale**, who won the Big Stax II Championship, lost his chance at his third trophy event final table with pocket kings against **Vimy Ha's** set of jacks. Ha went on to win the event, claiming the trophy and \$100K.

Harrah's Philadelphia held another Philadelphia Poker Open (Oct. 25-Nov. 4), made up of 17 tournaments, two of which featured a \$100K guarantees. The \$500 main event had 229 entrants to just hit the guarantee. **Jeff Wicker**, a frequent final-table player at Harrah's, finished ninth. **William Parker** (East Windsor, N.J.) took home the trophy and \$25K.

**WSOPC:** The circuit runs until Dec. 9 at Harrah's.

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## BILOXI PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS HEATING UP

There sure is a lot going on down on the Gulf Coast. The year begins with a bang at the Beau Rivage on Jan. 3 with the Million Dollar Heater. The schedule is condensed into 12 days, which should mean larger playing fields, bigger prize pools and more opportunities to make a big score.



**JENNIFER GAY**  
**MISSISSIPPI**

True to its name, the Million Dollar Heater will offer two events each guaranteeing at least \$500K. The first, which runs Jan. 3-5, offers two flights and a \$340 buy-in. The second is the main event, which runs Jan. 11-15, also offers two flights and has a \$2,600 buy-in. The rest of the 12-day roster is full of the usual events, with a few alternative games such as stud/8 and PLO for variety. Visit [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com) or call 228-386-7254 for more info or to book a room at the special rate for players.

The Golden Nugget will celebrate the grand opening of its poker room this month. At press time, the specifics of the promotions weren't yet approved by gaming. The bad beat (aces full of queens) is more than \$100K and increasing daily.

The IP casino features \$100 Aces Cracked (Wednesdays, 4-midnight). The IP also offers seven daily tournaments with swift moving structures and cheap buy-ins for those who want a quick mid-week poker fix. Tournament schedule, structure and buy-in information is available at the IP website.

Back on Beach Boulevard at the Hard Rock, the poker room is paying \$5 comps for every two hours of play. After spend-

### Pearl River to award Ante Up Cruise for two

Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss., will award an Ante Up Poker Cruise package as the grand prize in its 12 Days of Poker holiday promotion Dec. 12-27. See the ad on Page 48. Every night from Dec. 16-27, the poker room will have at least one drawing for prizes that include computers, tablets and more. Players earn one ticket for every hour of live play from Dec. 12-27, and two tickets for every hour from midnight-8 a.m. The grand prize drawing is 9 p.m. Dec. 27, with the winner getting an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two on the March 30 sailing out of Los Angeles plus two \$500 gift cards. For more info, call (601) 663-1040.

ing the summer in Vegas, where comps are almost mythical, earning \$2.50 an hour sounds almost like a jackpot! The Hard Rock is the only poker room on the coast offering tournaments at 3 p.m., seven days a week. Its all no-limit mid-afternoon lineup leaves players who have busted from earlier tournaments elsewhere an opportunity to stay in the action. The room also splashes the pot with \$25 on all jackpot-eligible tables every 30 minutes, every day from 3-6 p.m., making this the official place to play in the afternoons.

Next month look for my preview of the WSOPC at Harrah's Tunica, a wrapup of the Gulf Coast Championship and I'll give details on the newly renovated Horseshoe Tunica room.

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## Charity rooms have new rules

Since June, about 60 charity events participating in the state's charity poker room fundraisers have been shut down for illegal practices. This has caused the Michigan Gaming Control Board, which oversees charity poker rooms in the state, to implement new rules.



**FRANK PANAMA**  
**MICHIGAN**

One of the most visible new rules is players can't tip dealers using the chips in play. The rooms used to have cups on the table that patrons could put chips in whenever they wanted to tip dealers. As in most poker rooms, it was customary for the winning player in every hand to tip the dealer.

Some patrons have now resorted to handing out dollar bills or using tokens to keep track of how much to tip dealers at the end of a session. Some dealers are reporting a significant downswing in their earnings because of the rules and there are reports some dealers have had to quit to find better paying jobs.

The rules do not affect any of the state's casinos, where you can still tip the dealers with chips in play. One of those casinos, MGM Grand Detroit, also takes a dollar from every pot toward a bad-beat jackpot, which has not been hit since October 2012, so it has grown to around \$340K at press time.

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## Potawatomi hosts Miracle events

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Miracle on Canal Street program at Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee.



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
**WISCONSIN**

The program seeks to create new and unique ways to help raise money for children's charities throughout the state. Now, the Potawatomi Poker Room is getting in on the action for the first time.

For select tournaments at Potawatomi, including those on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays, players will be offered an optional \$10 add-on. That money will be donated to charity through the Miracle on Canal Street program.

"We're pleased to help contribute funds to the Miracle on Canal Street program though this unique promotion in the poker room. The funds raised will support a number of basic needs for youth in our community," poker room manager Jeff Gemini said. "The generosity of our guests will certainly make a difference in children's lives."

The altruistic add-on will be offered in Potawatomi's Sunday 3 p.m. (\$165, limited to 50 players); Monday's 8 p.m. (\$110); and Friday's noon satellite (\$110). For more information, call the poker room at (414) 847-7605.

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	14-Jan	\$65 Mega Satellite to \$550 Main Event	7pm	Tues	1	\$55 + \$10
1	15-Jan	\$175 No-Limit Hold'em	11am	Wed	1	\$150 + \$25
2	15-Jan	\$230 Omaha Hi-Lo	3pm	Wed	1	\$200 + \$30
3	15-Jan	\$175 No-Limit Hold'em Survivor	7pm	Wed	1	\$150 + \$25
4	15-Jan	*\$550 SPT Championship Main Event Day 1A	11am	Thurs	4	\$500 + \$50
5	16-Jan	\$175 No-Limit Hold'em Green Chip \$25 Bounty	11am	Thurs	1	\$150 + \$25
6	16-Jan	\$230 Pot Limit Omaha	4pm	Thurs	1	\$200 + \$30
7	16-Jan	\$175 HORSE	7pm	Thurs	1	\$150 + \$25
4	17-Jan	\$550 SPT Championship Main Event Day 1B	11am	Fri	4	\$500 + \$50
8	17-Jan	\$230 No-Limit Hold'em	11am	Fri	1	\$200 + \$30
9	17-Jan	\$230 Stud Hi-Lo/ Omaha Hi-Lo Mix	4pm	Fri	1	\$200 + \$30
10	17-Jan	\$175 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max	7pm	Fri	1	\$150 + \$25
4	18-Jan	\$550 SPT Championship Main Event Day 2	Noon	Sat	4	
11	18-Jan	\$125 LIPS Ladies No-Limit Hold'em	11am	Sat	1	\$100 + \$25
12	18-Jan	\$230 No-Limit Hold'em Survivor	11am	Sat	1	\$200 + \$30
13	18-Jan	\$340 Omaha Hi/Lo Championship	4pm	Sat	1	\$300 + \$40
14	18-Jan	\$175 Tag Team - 1/2 Limit Holdem 1/2 Omaha Hi/Lo	7pm	Sat	1	\$150 + \$25
4	19-Jan	\$550 SPT Championship Main Event Final LIVE STREAMED	Noon	Sun	4	
15	19-Jan	\$230 No-Limit Hold'em	11am	Sun	1	\$200 + \$30
16	19-Jan	\$340 HORSE Championship	4pm	Sun	1	\$300 + \$40
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# OCCC DOING WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DOING

In October, I testified before the Ohio Casino Control Commission on behalf of the poker community, so to speak. I went there to try to put an end to absurd camera security coverage rules (one camera per table instead of the 2-to-1 ratio), which is a barrier to major poker tournaments, and to plead on behalf of those who work in the casino industry and would like to gamble in Ohio.



**DAN  
HARKENRIDER**  
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**Matt Schuler** is executive director of the OCCC and **Jo Ann Davidson** is the chair. While they may not be experts in poker, they feel our pain. They're looking to grow gaming revenues in the state and are simply enforcing the rules the casinos put into effect. Yes, these rules were written by the casinos in the enacting legislation or in the form of standard practices. It's fairly simple and misunderstood, even by those working at the casinos.

- Camera coverage is written into the state regulations and standards and was submitted by the casinos to the OCCC and approved by them. Perhaps poker was not consulted?

- On the issue of Ohio casino employees gambling in Ohio, there was some ambiguity on the language written into the state constitution, by Penn National and Rock Gaming as part of the enabling legislation that legalized gaming and set out the four casino locations. The OCCC sent a letter making the ban clear to all casino operators. But what was not communicated well to the dealers was that it was state-enacted in 2010. To get it changed requires a change to the Ohio constitution. I have read it and it's clear; good luck, my friends.

- The Rio loaned equipment for the Cincinnati World Series of Poker Circuit event so it did not have to buy additional tables. While a pain to put up, it was not an extra \$100K in costs to run the Cincy WSOPC.

They took time during my testimony and after to ask many insightful questions. Schuler is a highly capable executive and keenly aware of the needs and wants of poker players. Ultimately, change is at the feet of our casino operators.

**OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Don't forget Hollywood Columbus is hosting the Ohio State Poker Championship on Dec. 9-15, including a \$50K guarantee championship event beginning Dec. 13. See the ad on the facing page for more information.

## West Pa.

**RIVERS:** The Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh made a change in leadership a few months back and his name is **Jim Tinney**, who came from the Rio in Las Vegas and is enjoying Pittsburgh.

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# Failla wins World Poker Finals at Foxwoods

**Will "The Thrill" Failla** of Commack, N.Y., captured the World Poker Finals Main Event at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn., and earned \$128,306 and the crystal trophy, which he's kissing in the picture.

The \$2,700 no-limit hold'em main event is the signature event at Foxwoods, and was a staple of the World Poker Tour for years. Its 302 entrants generated a \$732,350 prize pool. Fifty-six returned at noon on Sunday for Day 3 action. Nine hours of final-table action culminated with the final three reaching an agreement that gave **Chris Orme** of Ashland, Mass., \$100K for third, **Tom Thomas** of Albertson, N.Y., \$120K for second and Failla notched the title and a special watch. The winners of the undercard events are below, including two NLHE titles won by **Dena Pearlman** of Providence.



## World Poker Finals, Foxwoods Casino Resort, Oct. 20-Nov. 3

### Event 1 • \$600 NLHE

Entries: 414 • Pool: \$212,838

Bradley Vincent, \$34K\*

### Event 2 • \$400 Stud

Entries: 67 • Pool: \$22,746

Arthur Milici, \$3,731\*

### Event 3 • \$300 Bounty

Entries: 333 • Pool: \$50,682

Aaron Belardo, \$4,302\*

### Event 4 • \$500 NLHE

Entries: 220 • Pool: \$93,896

Dena Pearlman, \$18,029

### Event 5 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 40 • Pool: \$13,580

Tashawn Fonville, \$2,716\*

### Event 6 • \$500 Seniors

Entries: 186 • Pool: \$79,385

Louis Cardillo, \$16,147

### Event 7 • \$400 PLO

Entries: 75 • Pool: \$25,462

Vincent Moscato, \$7,639

### Event 8 • \$300 NLHE

Entries: 535 • Pool: \$134,927

Joe Nelligan, \$25,502

### Event 9 • \$300 Bounty

Entries: 261 • Pool: \$39,775

Todd Flanagan, \$8,775

### Event 10 • \$400 PLO/8

Entries: 89 • Pool: \$30,215

William DelSanto, \$8,506

### Event 11 • \$300 Ladies

Entries: 194 • Pool: \$48,927

Christine Bell, \$10,162

### Event 12 • \$1,650 NLHE

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Jonathan Jaffe, \$54,372

### Event 13 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 442 • Pool: \$147,058

Dena Pearlman, \$29,559

### Event 14 • \$400 HOSE

Entries: 59 • Pool: \$20,030

Karl Tretter, \$5,324

### Event 15 • \$400 6-Max

Entries: 159 • Pool: \$53,980

Petko Tsakov, \$13,236

### Event 16 • \$1,100 NLHE

Entries: 122 • Pool: \$118,340

Bradley St. Vincent, \$31,716

### Event 17 • \$400 S/8

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Thursday, Dec 12	6:15pm	HHPT Ohio Ladies Championship	8,000+2,000	\$100/20
Friday, Dec 13	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Day 1A	15,000+5,000	\$400/40
Saturday, Dec 14	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Day 1B	15,000+5,000	\$400/40
Sunday, Dec 15	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Finals		

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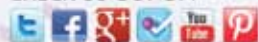
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**R**ocky Gap Casino Resort near Cumberland, Md., has added three poker tables. The tables are in the lobby of the 220-room resort.

"In recent years, poker has exploded in popularity and players have come to expect it at most major casinos," general manager **Scott Just** said. "Adding poker further enhances Rocky Gap Casino Resort as a complete gaming destination."



**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC

**HOLLYWOOD PERRYVILLE:** The Hollywood Casino at Perryville has added daily tournaments. On Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at noon and Saturdays at 4 p.m., the poker room will host a \$50 tournament. On Tuesdays and

Thursdays, there will be an \$85 Green Chip Bounty tournament at 4. There will be a \$200 Double Green Chip bounty at 7 on Friday nights.

**DOVER DOWNS:** Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Del., recently wrapped up its latest Ante Up Poker League and crowned six winners. Champions were **Gwen Bray, Dean Naturale, Valerie Daman, Lee Schut, Charles Dill** and **Asmeron Abbraha**. The league ran from May 1 through Oct. 30. All six earned an oceanview Ante Up Poker Cruise package on the Dec. 2 sailing and a personalized Ante Up League champion's jacket.

Also, Dover Downs will host a special tournament for Toys for Tots on Dec. 7 at 1:15 p.m. The \$45 buy-in, \$1K guarantee event usually provides 3K chips, but if you bring a new toy, you'll receive 9K chips. And something that's new, tournaments will be offering a tournament bad-beat jackpot, which is \$10K to the losing hand of aces full of kings or better. Tournament players are receiving the same comp dollars as cash players and are being rated. Dover Downs is the only casino in the Tri-State area rating tournament players.

The Royal Crown Poker Room has NFL Sunday Ticket. Every Sunday has splash pots and high hand bonuses at the end of every quarter of three games on Sunday plus Monday and Thursday nights.

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The Dover Downs Ante Up Poker League winners.

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#	Date	Time	Buy-in	Event	Guarantee	Chips	Levels
	Wednesday Jan 1	9am	\$60	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #1		7,500	12
1	Wednesday Jan 1	11am	\$340	DEEP STACK NL HOLD'EM	\$30,000	30,000	30/60
2	Wednesday Jan 1	3pm	\$120	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$8,000	15,000	25
	Wednesday Jan 1	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Thursday Jan 2	9am	\$30	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #3		7,500	12
3	Thursday Jan 2	11am	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	15,000	25
	Thursday Jan 2	12pm		RESTART EVENT #1			
4	Thursday Jan 2	3pm	\$150	LIMIT OMAHA 8 OR BETTER	\$8,000	10,000	25
	Thursday Jan 2	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Friday Jan 3	9am	\$30	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #5		7,500	12
5	Friday Jan 3	11am	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	15,000	25
	Friday Jan 3	3pm	\$75	Satellite into EVENT #6		10,000	20
	Friday Jan 3	7pm	\$75	Satellite into EVENT #6		10,000	20
	Friday Jan 3	10pm	\$75	Satellite into EVENT #6		10,000	20
	Saturday Jan 4	9am	\$75	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #6		7,500	12
6	Saturday Jan 4	11am	\$550	DEEP STACK NL HOLD'EM	\$50,000	40,000	45/90
	Saturday Jan 4	7pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$5,000	15,000	20
	Saturday Jan 4	10pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Sunday Jan 5	9am	\$35	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #7		7,500	12
7	Sunday Jan 5	11am	\$200	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$15,000	20,000	25
	Sunday Jan 5	12pm		RESTART EVENT #6			
8	Sunday Jan 5	3pm	\$150	NL HOLD'EM / POT LIMIT OMAHA	\$8,000	15,000	25
	Sunday Jan 5	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
9	Monday Jan 6	11am	\$100	DOUBLE STACK NL HOLD'EM	\$8,000	20,000	25
	Monday Jan 6	12pm		RESTART EVENT #6			
10	Monday Jan 6	3pm	\$150	SEVEN CARD STUD	\$8,000	10,000	25
	Monday Jan 6	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Tuesday Jan 7	9am	\$30	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #11		7,500	12
11	Tuesday Jan 7	11am	\$150	SENIORS NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	15,000	25
12	Tuesday Jan 7	3pm	\$120	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$8,000	15,000	25
	Tuesday Jan 7	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Wednesday Jan 8	9am	\$30	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #13		7,500	12
13	Wednesday Jan 8	11am	\$150	DOUBLE STACK NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	30,000	25
14	Wednesday Jan 8	3pm	\$150	H.O.R.S.E.	\$8,000	10,000	25
	Wednesday Jan 8	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Thursday Jan 9	9am	\$35	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #15		7,500	12
15	Thursday Jan 9	11am	\$175	NL HOLD'EM \$50 BOUNTY	\$10,000	15,000	25
16	Thursday Jan 9	3pm	\$120	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$8,000	15,000	25
	Thursday Jan 9	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Friday Jan 10	9am	\$30	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #17		7,500	12
17	Friday Jan 10	11am	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	15,000	25
	Friday Jan 10	3pm	\$100	Satellite into EVENT #18		10,000	20
	Friday Jan 10	7pm	\$100	Satellite into EVENT #18		10,000	20
	Friday Jan 10	10pm	\$100	Satellite into EVENT #18		10,000	20
	Saturday Jan 11	9am	\$100	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #18		7,500	12
18	Saturday Jan 11	11am	\$750	MAIN EVENT NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$100,000	40,000	45/90
	Saturday Jan 11	7pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$5,000	15,000	20
	Saturday Jan 11	10pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
	Sunday Jan 12	9am	\$35	Turbo Satellite into EVENT #19		7,500	12
19	Sunday Jan 12	11am	\$200	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$15,000	20,000	25
	Sunday Jan 12	12pm		RESTART MAIN EVENT			
20	Sunday Jan 12	3pm	\$150	LADIES NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$10,000	15,000	25
	Sunday Jan 12	7pm	\$65	NL HOLD'EM DEEP STACK TURBO		20,000	15
21	Monday Jan 13	11am	\$100	DOUBLE STACK NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$8,000	20,000	25
	Monday Jan 13	12pm		RESTART MAIN EVENT			

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# ENGEL SCORES BIGGEST WIN OF CAREER

**A**ri Engel, a Las Vegas pro, has more than \$1.16 million in earnings, but his \$142K victory at the Heartland Poker Tour's stop at River City Casino and Hotel in St. Louis was his biggest. The final table was top-heavy at the start as first and second place held more than half of the chips in play.



**DON MATUSOFSKY**  
**MISSOURI**

**Paul Fehlig** of St. Louis came in with only 7 percent of the chips but rallied to finish second (\$87,696), followed by **Jose Ivan Motes** (\$57,456).

The event attracted 420 players to generate a \$604,800 prize pool.

**Jacob Bazeley** of Cincinnati made his second HPT final table in a year and finished fourth (\$39,917), followed by **Joseph Sanfilippo** of St. Louis (\$29,635), **Peter Brooks** of St. Louis (\$22,982) and **Keith Brodie** of Columbia, Mo., (\$19,898). Local poker podcaster **Andy Kazen** finished eighth (\$16,330) and **Kyle Caslin** was ninth (\$13,306).

Returning champions **Greg Raymer**, **Will Failla**, **Stan Jablonski** and **Craig Casino** were in the main-event field. The tournament showed a 25 percent growth in main-event entries.

"The cash tournaments saw a 10 percent increase overall and qualifiers have drawn well," River City tournament direc-

**Ari Engel has more than a million dollars in career earnings, but this \$142K cash was his biggest.**



tor **Tony Russo** said.

Satellites played a big role in the final table as Montes won his entry in a \$60 satellite and Kazen won a \$160 satellite. More than half of the final-table players were from the St. Louis area.

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# Large U.S. charity event returns to N.D.

The Vegas Motel in Minot, N.D., hosts its 10th annual North Dakota Texas Hold'em Championship on Dec. 28-31. This is one of the largest charity tournaments in the United States, averaging more than 1,600 players the past four years. The Minot State University Alumni Association is the gaming charity and proceeds are slated toward a scholarship fund for marketing students.



**JOHN SOMSKY**  
MINNESOTA

Based upon 1,500 entrants, the prize pool will be \$172K with first place being \$50K and payouts to the top 100. There are four \$150 qualifying rounds with the top 100 players from each round advancing the championship. Players may play in two of the four qualifying rounds. Each qualifying round is capped at 450 entries, so preregistration is encouraged. Additional information can be found at [thevegasmotel.com](http://thevegasmotel.com) or see the ad on the facing page.



**FALL POKER CLASSIC:** Adam Dahlin of Maple Grove, Minn., beat Neng Vang heads-up to win \$90,035 and the main-event title at Canterbury Park's Fall Poker Classic in Shakopee, Minn. The \$1,100 event drew 395 entries (264 last year) and generated a \$383,150 prize pool. Dahlin was on fire for the FPC series, with another first, second, third and seventh in four other events for earnings of \$111,224.

The series offered 16 events and 11 "bonus" evening events

## Fall Poker Classic at Canterbury Park

### Event 1 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 427 • Pool: \$124,257  
Daniel Stanton, \$29,202

### Event 2 • \$175 NLHE

Entries: 370 • Pool: \$53,835  
Joel Doering, \$12,650

### Event 3 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 253 • Pool: \$49,082  
Carl Carodenuto, \$12,215

### Event 4 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 220 • Pool: \$42,680  
Jeff Doane, \$11,096

### Event 5 • \$230 O/8

Entries: 138 • Pool: \$26,772  
Alan Dejesus, \$6,959

### Event 6 • \$550 HORSE

Entries: 61 • Pool: \$29,585  
Amir Tavane, \$8,876

### Event 7 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 276 • Pool: \$80,316  
Aaron Johnson, \$19,997

### Event 8 • \$550 NLHE

Entries: 211 • Pool: \$102,335  
Matt Kirby, \$26,608

### Event 9 • \$175 NLHE

Entries: 237 • Pool: \$34,484  
Aaron Johnson, \$8,965

### Event 10 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 245 • Pool: \$47,530  
Jeff Skiba, \$11,835

### Event 11 • \$230 PLO

Entries: 117 • Pool: \$22,698  
Adam Dahlin, \$6,354

### Event 12 • \$550 6-max

Entries: 148 • Pool: \$71,780  
Ray Dickerson, \$19,380

### Event 13 • \$230 Stud

Entries: 54 • Pool: \$10,476  
Daniel Buckley, \$3,143

### Event 14 • \$550 NLHE

Entries: 157 • Pool: \$76,145  
Jonathan Kulkay, \$19,799

### Event 15 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 227 • Pool: \$66,057  
Joseph Melancon, \$17,172

**\$1,100 Main Event • Entries: 395 • Pool: \$383,150 • Adam Dahlin, \$90,035**

and had several other standouts. In addition to Dahlin, five players had earnings of more than \$30K. **Matt Kirby** had four cashes, including one win, for \$61,625. **Neng Vang** earned \$49,810 for his runner-up finish in the main event. **Alan Ahmann** had three cashes, including a first and a third, for \$42,278. **Daniel Stanton** had a win and two other cashes for \$31,998. **Aaron Johnson** had three cashes, including two first-place finishes, for \$30,174. Other impressive feats include **Terry Ore** with six cashes and **Edward Janezich** with five.

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# DORRANCE WINS RECORD WSOPC EVENT

Indiana was the place to be in October with World Series of Poker Circuit events at the Horseshoe's Hammond and Southern Indiana poker rooms. This year's 24 rings attracted 9,470 entries for a combined prize pool of 5.7 million while players from 38 states, Canada and Bulgaria cashed.



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
ILLINOIS/IND.

Horseshoe Hammond's main event was the circuit's largest in history (1,717 players, \$2.5 million prize pool) and even attracted Hall-of-Famer **T.J. Cloutier**. Penn State graduate **James Dorrance** never had cashed at a WSOPC event, but he walked away with a record \$418K and the title from the \$1,675 main event.

The tournament surpassed the previous main-event attendance record set in Hammond in 2011. That tournament drew 1,615 entries and saw local grinder **Bob Chow** go home with the almost \$400K first prize.

**Dorrance's** score bested Chow's and will go in the record books as the largest \$1,675 main-event first prize in WSOPC history. It didn't come easy for him, though.

He outlasted a final table that featured **Kevin Eyster**, who has a World Poker Tour title to his name, **Scott Anderson**, who had a deep run in the 2012 WSOP main event, and **Michael Oshana**, who won Event 3 at the Horseshoe, a \$365 no-limit hold'em event.

"I like to compete and it was a fun final table," Dorrance said. "There were a lot of creative and smart players."

The Hershey, Pa., native made his way to Indiana because of the \$2 million guarantee. With the record-setting field, it easily surpassed the guarantee and ended up with a prize pool of \$2,575,500 with 189 players earning a payday. The Horse-

shoe saw players travel from all over the country to come play the event and some of poker's biggest names made their way to the Chicago area.

**Diane Dines** became the first woman to make the main event final table here. Last year, **Claudia Crawford's** 10th-place finish fell short of the official nine-player final table. Dines, who won her seat playing at a \$1-\$2 cash table during a Horseshoe promotion, finished third (\$193K).

Horseshoe Southern Indiana's main event had 301 entries for a pool of \$451K. Chicago's **Zal Irani** won \$106K. At Hammond's 2012 WSOPC main event, Irani made the final table along with 2013 WSOP main-event champ **Ryan Riess**.

**Ralph Massey**, older brother to pro **Aaron Massey**, won the turbo NLHE event at Southern Indiana.

**BELTERRA:** The Heartland Poker Tour returned to Belterra Casino Resort in Florence. Poker pro **Adam Friedman** dominated the final table to win \$83K in record time.

"If I take my time and pick my spots, I have a chance at winning this event," he said before action began. Friedman has more than \$1.3 million in tournament winnings.

**Craig Casino** from Winfield, Ill., had a chance to get back on top of the HPT's all-time money list, held by **Greg Raymer**, but fell short, finishing ninth. Casino does, however, own the most cashes in HPT history.

**CHARITY WIN:** Windy City Poker Championship executive producer **Kirk Fallah** won Lake Area United Way's charity tournament that kicked off the WSOPC at Horseshoe Hammond. The final table featured pro Aaron Massey, who finished fourth.

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## WSOPC, Horseshoe Casino, Hammond, Ind., Oct. 17-28



**Event 1 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 2,496 • Pool: \$748,800  
Robert Georato, \$110,471



**Event 2 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 456 • Pool: \$273K  
Mark Morris, \$57,327



**Event 3 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 465 • Pool: \$139,500  
Michael Oshana, \$22,983



**Event 4 • \$365 PLO**  
Entries: 146 • Pool: \$127,900  
Kevin Meeusen, \$35,812



**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 469 • Pool: \$140,700  
Janchiv Enkhyam, \$30,250



**Event 6 • \$580 NLHE**  
Entries: 330 • Pool: \$165K  
Ben Keeline, \$41,246



**Event 7 • \$365 HORSE**  
Entries: 227 • Pool: \$68,100  
Jason Hill, \$17,706



**Event 8 • \$1,125 NLHE**  
Entries: 198 • Pool: \$198K  
Stan Barshak, \$51,479



**Event 9 • \$365 O/H**  
Entries: 204 • Pool: \$61,200  
Nick Orlov, \$15,914



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
Entries: 1,717 • Pool: \$2.57M  
James Dorrance, \$418,526



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



**Event 12 • \$365 NLHE**  
Entries: 264 • Pool: \$79,200  
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## LOUVIERE WINS HPT AT PRAIRIE MEADOWS

**C**hris Louviere from Bangs, Texas, captured the Heartland Poker Tour stop at Prairie Meadows Racetrack Casino Hotel in Altoona in October. The main event drew 125 players for a \$180K-plus prize pool.

**KEN WARREN**  
IOWA

Louviere took home \$54,225 when he called an all-in shove by **Rick Goulden** from Des Moines. Goulden's A-8 lost to Louviere's Q-10 when a queen landed on the flop. The victory also earned Louviere the MVP award for the HPT season. Goulden earned \$32,535 for second. **Terry Ring** from Durant pocketed \$21,690 for third.

**MESKWAKI:** The next week, Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel hosted the Mid-States Poker Tour in Tama, attracting 296 players to compete for the \$300K guarantee. **Jesse Spooner** from Easton, Mo., had a 9-to-1 lead over **Tom Tracy** from Apple Valley, Minn., to start heads-up play, but Tracy eventually took the lead for a bit before Spooner rallied to claim the top prize of \$81,060. Tracy collected \$43,425 for second.

**HORSESHOE:** Looking for something to do between Christmas and New Year's? Be sure to head to Horseshoe Council Bluffs for its Horseshoe Holiday Classic, which runs Dec. 26-30. There will be various events, including no-limit hold'em, Omaha/8 and PLO. Buy-ins are \$45-\$750 with satellites available. In addition to these great tournaments, there are always great cash games around these Horseshoe events, so there's surely something for everyone.

**RIVERSIDE:** On Oct. 13, **Tucker Stone** captured the Fallout Championship at Riverside Casino. Stone took home \$30K and the championship watch.

Ten days later, the bad-beat jackpot hit in a \$1-\$2 NLHE game. While the names of the players weren't released, it was a Riverside record of \$151,080. The secondary pot has kicked in, putting the new jackpot at about \$57K at press time.

This room also held its Cold Turkey Poker Showdown on Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Some of you may be lucky enough to see this story before this popular Southeast Iowa tournament kicked off. The buy-in is \$500 and there are satellites running the week before so there should be a large field once the main event begins.

— Email Ken Warren at [anteupken@gmail.com](mailto:anteupken@gmail.com).

# RIESS PROVES HE IS THE BEAST, WINS WSOP

When interviewed in July after making the November Nine, **Ryan Riess** said he would win the event. Turns out, the 23-year-old Michigan State grad is a man of his word.

Riess captured the World Series of Poker Main Event at the Rio in Las Vegas, outlasting a field of 6,352 players and earning a whopping \$8.36 million.

"This is a dream come true," Riess said after his victory, which came in his first WSOP. "Ever since I saw **Chris MoneyMaker** win this event in 2003, I knew it was something I wanted to experience, too. I'm surprised it came so quickly."

The event generated a \$59,714,169 prize pool with Riess also winning the \$500K WSOP bracelet.

Riess, from East Lansing, Mich., becomes the sixth consecutive player younger than 25 to capture poker's top crown. He also becomes the sixth consecutive poker pro to win the title.

This is the third time a player from Michigan has won the event, the most recent being **Joe Cada** of Shelby Township in 2009. Newly elected Hall-of-Famer and Grand Rapids native **Tom McEvoy** accomplished the feat in 1983.

Riess graduated with a business degree from Michigan State last year and burst onto the poker scene just a year ago when he finished runner-up in a WSOPC event at Horseshoe Hammond in Indiana, winning \$239,063 after being coaxed to par-

ticipate by a friend. It was Riess' first live tournament.

After surviving a talented final table that included poker legend **J.C. Tran**, Riess faced **Jay Farber**, 29, of Las Vegas, an amateur player and VIP nightclub host, for the WSOP title. Heads-up lasted more than three hours before Farber, who was card dead for most of the match, settled for second and \$5,174,357.

Rounding out the final table were **Amir Lehavot**, 38, of Weston, Fla., (\$3,727,823); **Sylvain Loosli**, 26, of Toulon, France, (\$2,792,533); Tran, 36, of Sacramento (\$2,106,893); **Marc-Etienne McLaughlin**, 25, of Quebec (\$1,601,024); **Michiel Brummelhuis**, 32, Amsterdam (\$1,225,356); **David Benefield**, 27, of New York (\$944,650) and **Mark Newhouse**, 28, of Los Angeles (\$733,224).

A total of 648 players cashed in this year's WSOP main event. Players from 83 nations and ages ranging from 21-92 competed in the WSOP main event, including dozens of celebrities from the sports and entertain-

ment world.

Riess has \$8,658,488 in career WSOP earnings, which moves him into 10th place on the WSOP all-time money list.

The 2013 WSOP attracted a record 79,471 participants in 62 events, generating a prize pool of more than \$197 million. Participants in WSOP events hailed from 107 countries in 2013. ♠



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Members and friends of Team Fatty's are all smiles after Neil Lawson took down the title.

# FAT CHANCE!

Neil Lawson looked to be on the outside looking in when it came to participating in the Ante Up Poker Tour's Team Championship, but Team Fatty's recruited him and he earned the title.

By Christopher Cosenza

**A**ll for one and one for all ... it's not just for musketeers; it's the backbone of the Ante Up Poker Tour's Team Championship. And in the case of Team Fatty's, that "one" almost wasn't.

**Neil Lawson**, perhaps the most successful Ante Up Poker Cruise tournament player in history, thought he was set to be a member of another team as Ante Up's cruise to Bermuda left Cape Liberty in late October. But when it came to signing up for the event, he found out he wasn't invited to be on that team.

In a fortuitous turn of events, Team Fatty's needed a fourth for its second team, and Lawson, being friends with those players from a past cruise, gladly accepted, and promptly marched through the field and a series of heads-up matches to claim the title and cover of *Ante Up*.

"All week long I thought I was on another team," said Lawson, who also chopped Ante Up's Survivor tournament later in the week and has won another AUPT on a past cruise. "And then it turned out I wasn't on the team, so that's cool. ... and then I just kind of fell into this team."

Lawson's three teammates were **Chris DeBiase**, **Philip Carson** and **Bill Wachter**, a 92-year-old World War II veteran who was a

fixture in the Ante Up poker room all week.

"Coming on these cruises really is the highlight of my year," Lawson said. "I'm not used to playing much heads-up, but I love playing heads-up. ... It turned out to be great."

Fatty's is a poker club in the New York City area that brought a bunch of players on the cruise, increasing its odds of landing on the cover of the nationally distributed magazine.

"It's a private membership club, two days a week," said **Mike "The Nose" Castaldo**, who owns Fatty's Poker Club. "We play regularly and we run events and points tournaments for the World Series of Poker and Borgata. It's a regular poker club, but we're doing a reality show based on Fatty's, and the characters there are (featured in the show)."

This was the first AUPT Team Championship, which had the unique format of making each team member vie in their own tournaments to advance to the heads-up finals. This format guaranteed no collusion and ensured a quick event.

Lawson chopped the final prize pool with **Nick Rodriguez** from Team Virginia, but they played one heads-up match to determine who won the title.

"He was great," Lawson said of Rodriguez. "He was real enthusiastic and really wanted to get the win. ... good player."

But Lawson, on this day, was best. ♠





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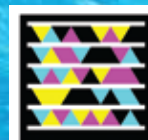
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# SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE IS AT FAULT HERE

I had the following situation come up at a daily tournament at my local casino.

I accidentally revealed my cards while awkwardly folding pre-flop. This resulted in a three-hand penalty for a first-time offense.



**JODY RUSSELL**  
CALL THE FLOOR

On my first penalized hand, the dealer dealt my cards to the middle of the table, preventing me from touching them.

On my second penalized hand, the dealer dealt my cards to me. Without looking at them, and even out of turn, I pushed them to the middle and said, "I'm still on penalty. I shouldn't have received these."

The dealer nodded and mucked my cards. The next hand, I received a hand again, but in a lapse of memory, I played them. I was short-stacked under-the-gun and shoved my nine big blinds with 5-5. There was one caller and I lost the hand.

I then remembered my penalty, and felt awkward even bringing it up as I knew the table would admonish me for only revealing this because I lost the hand.

The dealer scolded me and said, "Then you shouldn't have played them." The floor ruled the action stood and I was out of the tournament. I don't really have an objection to the ruling, as I shouldn't be rewarded for playing cards to which I had no right. But, it brings up two related questions:

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- What if I would have won the hand, which was null and void or would my double-up have stood?

- Whose fault is this situation? Are penalties expected to be self-policed or should the dealer have not given me access to the cards in the first place? — **Dan from Cincinnati**

**JODY SAYS:** TDA Rule 58, Penalties and Disqualification states, "During a penalty, the offender must remain away from the table."

The tournament director should have asked you to step away from the table. Since he didn't, the dealer should have called him back. That didn't happen so one of the players at the table should have mentioned it. Bear in mind that per TDA rules it's every player's responsibility to protect other players. No one did this and you had action. The action stands. If you had won, I would allow the action to stand.

— **Jody Russell is a veteran poker room manager. Email questions to [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).**

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## NOTHIN' BUT 'NET

A look at the online poker scene

# SIENA HOTEL GETS RENO'S FIRST LICENSE

In Reno, Siena Hotel Spa Casino has been granted the city's first online gaming license. The property will market its online site under HD Poker, and is being jointly worked on with Z4 Poker. The site is expected to go live in early 2014.



**JOEL GATLIN**  
**ONLINE POKER**

Also, WSOP.com is up and running in Nevada and is averaging more than 130 players per week. The WSOP brand has a lot to do with the early success, plus it didn't hurt that it came online within weeks of the WSOP final table in early November.

Other factors that contribute to its success is the software, which has the ability to earn WSOP points for tournaments played online as well as perks for players who return frequently.

**NEW JERSEY:** The ramp up of online gaming in New Jersey is approaching a fevered pitch. The first online site was expected to launch in late November, just after press time. In the several weeks leading up to the launch, no fewer than five major casinos were approved for online gaming licenses (Borgata, Golden Nugget, Trump Taj Mahal, Trump Plaza and the Tropicana).

All of the licensed operators were allowed to open their virtual doors on Nov. 21, during the state authorized trial period for the first five days of operation. If all went as planned during the trial period, then on Nov. 26, residents and visitors within the state were able to start gambling online.

**FULL TILT UPDATE:** Last month, I said the Garden City Group (selected by the Department of Justice to handle the remission of the funds to Full Tilt players) had sent out all of the emails to the registered players who were entitled to receive money back from the site.

There have been a lot of questions on how the Full Tilt Ironman Medals, Full Tilt points and other promotions would factor into the money allotted for the players. The GCG said those aren't being considered in the calculation, which means those points, medals and promotions will not be converted into money for players. This question and others are covered in detail at [fulltiltpokerclaims.com/faq.php](http://fulltiltpokerclaims.com/faq.php).

**ADELSON SPEAKS UP:** Sheldon Adelson, CEO of Las Vegas Sands Corp., recently commissioned a study to be done how the American voters feel about legalizing online gaming. Adelson has been vocal in the past of his opposition to online gaming. The study he paid for basically found that in California, Kentucky, Virginia and Pennsylvania, there was universal opposition to legalizing online gaming and online poker.

There were 2,216 telephone-pollled participants in the study. Ante Up Wisconsin Ambassador and PokerNews.com senior writer **Chad Holloway** wrote a great article on this, with the breakdown of each state's results as well as other key findings on how these "likely" voters felt on gambling in general. You can find his piece on [PokerNews.com](http://PokerNews.com).

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# LIPS: GOOD FOR MORE THAN KISSING

All of our sentiments are reflected in our bodies ... and the mouth is no exception. When we're strong, confident and relaxed, it shows in our lips as well as when we're weak or nervous. Good reason to keep an eye on your opponent's mouth ... and to cover yours.



JOE  
NAVARRO

The mouth is the primary means by which we pacify stress from the moment we're born. We suck our thumbs, touch our lips, rub them, pull on them, massage them or lick them. We do these things in real time to calm ourselves. As adults we can't really suck our thumbs, so we do other things with our lips and mouth that serve to soothe us. From biting pen caps, chewing our nails, smoking, biting straws or sipping on drinks, exhaling through pursed lips or excessive eating, our brain is soothed by these activities.

**FULL VS. DISAPPEARING LIPS:** When we're confident and content, our lips are full. They are puffy, normal and in full view, not concealed, tight or compressed against each other. When we're lacking confidence or are nervous, however, our lips tend to disappear.

When stressed, such as viewing a rag hand or diminishing chip stack, we show discomfort through our lips as they tighten, get smaller or become compressed. When a player looks at his hole cards his lips may be full upon seeing a pair of sixes, but then his lips disappear when three overcards come on the flop. This player has gone from comfort to discomfort and his lips



are sharing his story. In a real world example, watch people when they receive bad news.

**COMPRESSED LIPS:** When we press our lips together, it's as if our brain is telling us to shut down and not allow anything into our body because at this moment we're consumed with serious issues. Lip compression is a clear sign a person is troubled and something is wrong. It rarely, if ever, has a positive connotation.

**LIP-PURSING:** Look for individuals who purse their lips at the poker table. In the real world, this behavior usually means they disagree with what's being said or they're considering an alternative thought or idea. At the poker table, these same actions allow you to infer they don't like what they're holding or the community cards missed them by a mile.

**TONGUE DISPLAYS:** While keeping an eye on the mouth of opponents, note what they're doing with their tongues. When we're stressed, our mouths tend to dry up and, as a result, it's normal to lick our lips to moisten them. In times of discomfort, we tend to rub our tongues back and forth across our lips, to pacify and calm ourselves. Many poker players have been caught bluffing when the lips quivered when going all-in.

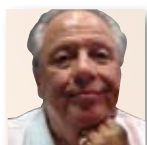
The mouth can betray you even if you don't notice what you're doing; it's just one more reason to be aware of what our mouths reveal without speaking.

— Joe Navarro is a former FBI agent and author of *What Every Body is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. Follow him on Twitter at @navarrotells.

## BETTING ERRORS

# I'M NOT MUCH OF A TECHNOLOGY GUY

Not being into technology, I seldom spend time on the Internet. With so much going on in the world, I find my time is better spent playing rather than surfing.



ANTONIO  
PINZARI

Enjoying cash games more than tournament play, I've found my time spent at the table serves me more beneficially. How often I've heard, "He played 63 million hands online." My question is, how does that equate with the hand you're playing now?

In other sports, practice is important. How do you practice to play against pocket aces? Better still, how do you practice to play pocket aces? I maintain you can't do either even if you played 63 million hands online. I also enjoy hearing a player say, "I have a game plan and I'm going to play my game." Doesn't that depend on the cards you get? Try winning a hand with 8-2 off. How does that fit into your game and your game plan? Have you practiced bluffing?

There are established principles when playing poker. There's

a pecking order in live play. There are visible tells that are live and influence the hand now; how did the 63 million hands prepare you for now?

All of us who have written books, taught seminars and write strategy columns will have to admit (if we're honest) nothing is better than live play. All the training still comes down to the hand right now.

I doubt there are many people who receive an income from training that will agree with my assessment of paying for knowledge. With all of the written material available, paying for training may not be the way to go. Playing in a live game is real-time experience; no training can simulate live play.

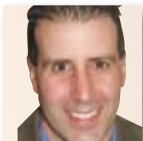
This is just one player's opinion on learning to play and understand the game hand-by-hand, which can be enjoyed at your local poker room.

— Antonio Pinzari has been playing professionally since the '70s. He's the creator of *23 Poker* and *Wild Tallahassee Poker*, which you can learn more about at [WildTallahasseePoker.com](http://WildTallahasseePoker.com).

## INTROSPECTIVE POKER

## PLAY DOWN TO THE COMPETITION

I recently played a daily tournament at the Venetian, which I thought might provide a good hand or two for an article. It didn't take long for me to get a good one.



DAVID  
APOSTOLICO

In the first orbit, this hand occurred. Blinds were 25-50 with 8K starting stacks. Everyone had close to starting stacks. I raised to 200 with A-K. The button player and big blind called. The flop came K-3-5 rainbow. The big blind bet 500. I called, as did the button. The turn was an ace.

The BB bet 1K. I called and the button instantly went all-in. The BB folded. What did the button have and what should I have done?

Let's start with the flop. After the button called the preflop raise, the BB was getting proper odds to call with a lot of hands. His lead-out bet on the flop could easily signal a hand such as K-J, where I have him dominated.

Typically, I would have raised here, but against poor players and with a benign board, I just flatted in hopes of inducing another bet on the turn. I was a little surprised and a little concerned with the button call behind me. I decided to be more aggressive on the turn. Surprise, surprise, the turn brought an ace. The BB was not yet ready to give up on the hand despite two callers and an overcard coming on the turn. Either he was

stronger than I thought or he fit the profile of the typical player at these daily tournaments.

Since he was willing to fire two bullets and I now had top two pair, I decided to flat again to give him the chance to fire his third bullet. No sooner had I called, then the button went all-in. The BB folded, confirming my read on him. Now, I took my time so I could properly analyze the hand, the potential ranges of my opponent and think everything through to make a good decision. The only hand that really made sense was a set of threes or fives or the same hand as mine. In a high buy-in tourney against better players, I probably would have folded here. But this was a daily with a re-entry and the play is so poor that it's an easy call.

The button rather proudly turned over A-4, top pair with a gutshot. He seemed somewhat shocked to see my hand. In his mind, he wasn't bluffing. He honestly thought his hand was good and he was protecting it. My hand held, but the takeaway from the story is that while you don't play down to the level of your competition, you have to understand it.

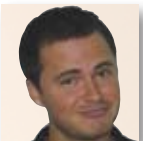
During my moment of reflection before the call, I reminded myself of that. I don't claim to be able to get in the head of a donkey, but I do know when I'm playing with one.

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

## OMAHA

## STRADDLING IN PLO CASH GAMES

There are different types of straddles in cash games, such as under-the-gun, which means the first player to act preflop, and a Mississippi straddle, which means straddling on the button. But I'm going to focus on the strategies for UTG.



JAY  
HOUSTON

Let's say you're playing a full-ring (nine players) \$1-\$2 PLO cash game, and you have the option to straddle to \$5 UTG. Typically, this is a terrible decision for a few reasons:

**POSITION:** You're in the worst position at the table and position in PLO is very important.

**DON'T PLAY POOR HANDS MULTIWAY:** In PLO, your mistakes preflop are amplified postflop. Even if no one raises your straddle and a few players limp in, you're still up against better hands most of the time. Why put yourself in poor situations?

**TYPICALLY FOLD TO MOST RAISES WITH A RANDOM HAND:** That means you're just giving people free money and preventing losses is key. Those \$5 straddles can add up. If you buy in to the \$1-\$2 game with \$200 and straddle \$5 every time you are UTG for a 10-hour session, at 30 hands per hour that will cost you \$150.

Save your buy-in.

However, there are situations where straddling can be advantageous to your overall strategy:

**HOME GAMES:** Getting invited back to the game should be No. 1 on your agenda. A player who's constantly straddling shows a lot of gamble and is usually welcomed back with open arms.

**SHORT-HANDED:** If you're playing six-handed or less and you have weak players on your left, straddling can be an effective tool to control the game and get everyone to play passively toward you.

**STACK SIZES:** If you know people make poor decisions with a certain stack size, increasing the stakes can change the game. This is more of an advanced strategy, however, and should be implemented with caution.

All of these decisions can drastically affect the outcome of your session and shouldn't be taken lightly. Oh, and one more thing: If everyone at the table agrees to straddle and you can handle the variance, you absolutely should. It puts you at no disadvantage whatsoever since everyone else is doing it. Just remember to muck the trash. Good luck at the tables. ♠

# HERE ARE WAYS TO DEAL WITH POKER BURNOUT

Recently, I saw the documentary *Bet Raise Fold* and listened to several poker pros talk about the disconnect between money and reality, as well as what inevitably happens to players when they face long, drawn-out bad runs.



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I realized the phenomenon they were discussing is burnout. Last issue, I provided some overview to what burnout is. A poor attitude, loss of joy, a sense of dread, insurmountable obstacles, lack of satisfaction, appetite changes and self-medication are all burnout symptoms that demand attention. The real question to ask yourself is: Are you prepared to accept the inevitable results of long losing streaks and what they do to you?

Pro **Phil Galfond** said it best in the movie: "It is a fear that you won't come back, that you can't overcome."

It seems like you have lost "it" and are afraid you won't regain it. It's also true this burnout may have nothing to do with how skillfully you're playing. A good poker player, recreational or pro, understands you can play your most skillfully and still lose. So counter to putting your nose to the grindstone, learn and succeed instead; put in the time and effort and you'll succeed. This is so counter to our culture. We expect to do well if we do our jobs skillfully, but the job of poker involves so many factors outside your control (cards, other people, luck, variance) that it's not always possible.

Some folks would tell you to play through it; others to get away for a while; others to find something else you enjoy.

I'll tell you sometimes getting away from the game/job doesn't help. You might not want to go back. At work, you don't have this option, but in recreation you do. Remember, intervention is not without consequence.

Instead of going away, analyze what's happening and then intervene and decide if you're willing to accept this as part of "poker life."

If the variance is getting to you, the only thing you can do is get better at accepting variance because it's part of the game. If you have gone broke, you may decide you don't want to invest any more money, but then you have take a realistic look at why you were playing.

If you play to make money, then you need to put more at stake. If you're playing recreationally, you have to decide how much you're willing to pay for recreation. Maybe all you need to do is decide "How much am I willing to pay for this recreation?" But there's the rub: Most think they're going to win. For recreational players, winning is a perk, not the only reason to play. If you're a recreational player, find the level where the losses won't affect your desire or ability to play. Here's hoping you can keep your head in the game.

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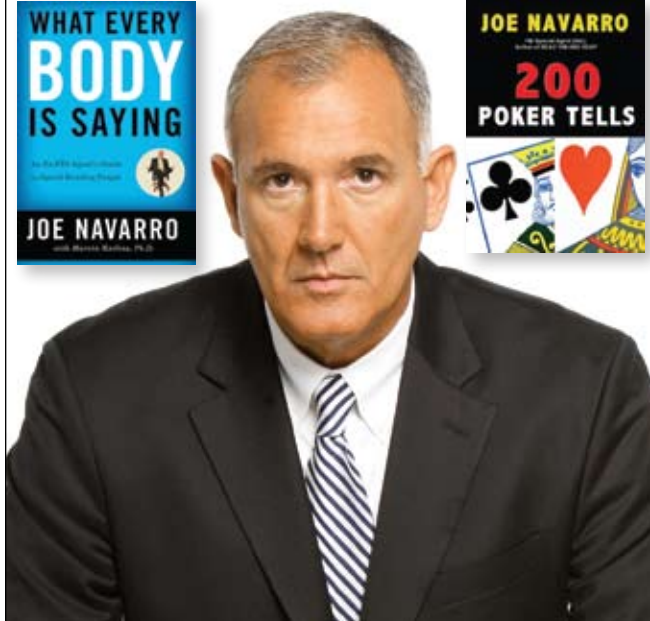
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# ADJUSTING YOUR GAME IS KEY

By Matthew Gregoire

Over the years, I've coached many players. It's one of my favorite things to offer friends, family and students. I'm honored to have enough knowledge to offer tutelage. The one thing I realized early on is you can't have one recipe for success for each player. In other words, everyone has specific goals and objectives in the game.

Some players enjoy being in a lot of pots and always try to outclass opponents. In this case, I would suggest this person play tournaments to put their newly acquired knowledge to the test.

I also had a group of players who were content with trying to stay comfortable in the game, to understand the situations unfolding in front of them. With these players, I normally would suggest cash games to find success. I would start out by providing hand selections and try to make them understand the importance of thinning the field and playing in position. This article is dedicated to my favorite student and will hopefully prove an important point.

My girlfriend and I first met through a poker forum when she was looking for an Omaha/8 coach. After years of being together, she not only soaked up all of the information I provided, she has succeeded to the point where she no longer

needs a job.

Whenever she puts her mind to something that she wants, she persists until she gets it, and it is inspiring. I have never had a student who was so consistent at final-tabling her game of choice (pot-limit Omaha/8) while also being a consistent winner in cash games. After almost four years of being together, I still wake up almost every day to her studying online or reading a poker magazine. She is not only able to consume new information with ease but also offer me new outlooks and help me improve as a player.

If a person is looking to achieve something in life, there's no substitute for hard work, dedication and discipline. One of the things that makes poker so beautiful to me is your lessons can be applied to your life as well.

Some people may have more difficulty than others when it comes to learning something new, but nothing is too difficult. In the process of applying yourself, you will really learn a lot about dedication and bring inspiration into your life. Many people always claim they want to have a different path in their life, but only one person can make it happen. Get out there and make things happen.

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • <a href="http://casinoaz.com">casinoaz.com</a>	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); last Sat. of month (\$150, 11:15a); Toy Drive Tournament, Dec. 21 (\$10 unwrapped toy and \$25, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a); Football promos and Second Chance Drawings (Mon. & Thurs.). See ad Page 19.
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • <a href="http://casinodelsol.com">casinodelsol.com</a>	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 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 • <a href="http://ddcaz.com">ddcaz.com</a>	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a) & \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Random Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • <a href="http://fortmcdowellcasino.com">fortmcdowellcasino.com</a>	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$30, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of 10s and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$100.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • <a href="http://harrahsakchin.com">harrahsakchin.com</a>	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$15 w/rebuy and add-on, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30p).	Morning Start-Up; Aces and Faces Cracked; Baseball Splash Pots; Professional Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); College Football Splash Pots (Sat.).
<b>TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT</b> (928) 856-7200 • <a href="http://twinarrows.com">twinarrows.com</a>	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • <a href="http://wingilariver.com/vee-quiva">wingilariver.com/vee-quiva</a>	Wed. (\$15 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys & add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$30, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads; royals pay \$200; Aces Cracked (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot (quad 7s or better beaten).
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • <a href="http://wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass">wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass</a>	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 777 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s or better); Rolling Cash Fever; Money Wheel.

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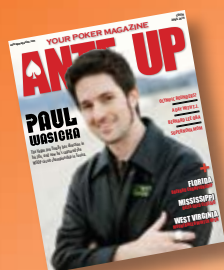
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<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); 1st Sat. of the month (\$295, 1p); 1st Sun. of the month w/\$5K added (\$40, 9a)	Numerous bad-beat jackpots; Aces Cracked; Splash Attack (hourly, 12:30p-12:30a); progressive royal flush bonuses; \$80 gets \$100 playing limit (daily, 8a-8:30a). High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$599; quads \$100; straight flush \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$35, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican Poker \$1.5K guar. (\$55, 6p); Sat. \$500 added (\$40, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Quads Bonus Hands; high hands.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BAY 101</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 9:30a); Fri. (\$180, 9:30a); Sat. (\$230, 9a); Sun. (\$180, 9a); second Sat. of month (\$550, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Daily Nooner (\$40, noon); Daily Quantum Reload (\$40, 4p); Mon. Omaha 8 (\$75, 2p); Thurs. Mexican Poker (\$30, 8p); Thurs.-Sun. (\$50, 10p).	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
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<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
<b>CASINO ROYALE</b> (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. & Tue. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a) & (\$25, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high hands; progressive royal flush; Quantum Quads (call for details).
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sun (\$40-\$70, 1:15p); Mon.-Fri. (\$40-\$70, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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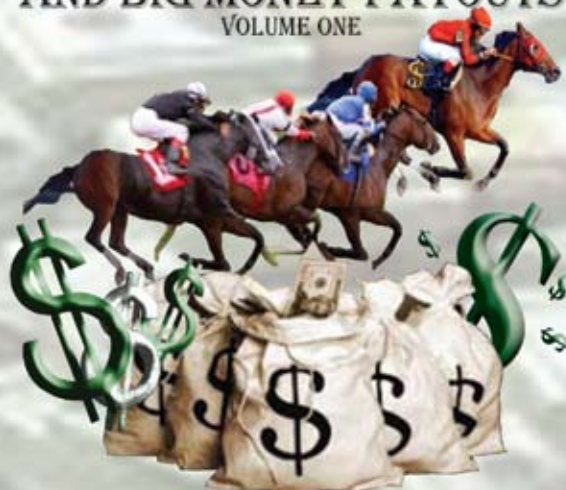
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<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p); Gardens Poker Classic, Dec. 6-15 w/\$300K main event, Dec. 7 (\$150).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (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.
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<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>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$150, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$330, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Tue. & Wed. \$750 guar. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$65, noon).	High hand pays \$100 (Wed., 10a-7p); Flush Marathon (Mon., noon-mid. & Fri., 10:30p-10:30a).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. KO (\$30, 10a); Tue. limit hold'em/Omaha (\$25, 10a); Wed. freeroll (11a & 7p); Thurs. Survivor (\$40, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. varies (2p); Sun. (\$30, 11a).	High hands (Sun., Tue., Thurs.); Holiday Gift Grab; MNF promo; mega/mini jackpots; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
<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	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:15p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; mini bad-beat jackpot; high-hand bonuses (daily); progressive royal-flush jackpot; quad bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<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 (aces full); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); 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); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Car Giveaway; Poker Yahtzee; X Marks the Spot (call for details).
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$120, 11:15a).	Progressive Big Hand Bonuses (daily); \$2K Player Loyalty Bonus Drawing (Sun.).
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$40, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$75, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details). See ad on Page 9.
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); call for details.

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLD CREEK CASINO • CRIPPLE CREEK</b> (719) 689-5449 • facebook.com/goldcreekpokerroom	Closed for renovations.	Closed for renovations.
<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	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10's; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 3p & 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon & 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks.
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	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 RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives.

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



## DELAWARE

### DELAWARE PARK

(302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com

### DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO

(302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com

### HARRINGTON RACEWAY

(888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com

Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p). See ad Page 31.

Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p). See ad Page 30.

Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll.

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards.

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; Football Splash Pots pay \$400 (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.).

## FLORIDA

### BESTBET JACKSONVILLE

(904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com

### BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB

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### CALDER CASINO

(305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com

### CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI

(305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com

### CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN

(850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com

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(954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com

### DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB

(386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom

### DERBY LANE

(727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com

### EBRO GREYHOUND PARK

(850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com

### FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER

(772) 464-7500 • jai-alai.net/poker.php

### GULFSTREAM PARK

(954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com

### HIALEAH PARK CASINO

(305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com

### ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK

(954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com

### MAGIC CITY CASINO

(305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com

### MARDI GRAS CASINO

(877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com

### MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK

(321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com

### MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING

(877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com

\$50K guar., Dec. 12-15 (\$200); five starting flights; satellite into \$50K guar., Dec. 9-12 (\$55); call for details. See ad on Page 15.

Call for information.

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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.

Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$75, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$75, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies (\$100/\$150, 7p); \$10K guar., 1st Sat. of month (\$250, 1p).

Closed until 2014.

Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).

Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad on Pages 2-3 for 12 Days of Christmas Series (\$120K in guarantees).

Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad Page 14.

Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).

Daily (6:30p); Mon. KO, Fri. (\$2.5K guar.) & Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. KO (\$20); Sat. (\$40 w/\$10 rebuy). Tue. \$3K guar. (7p); Wed. KO (7p); Thurs. \$5K guar. (7p); tournaments vary so please call for details.

Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening; PLO and PLO/8B on select Saturday nights (8p). See ad on Page 33.

Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).

Mon. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p).

Mon. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p).

\$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.

Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); high hands pay \$1K (Dec. 28, 2p-mid.); high hands pay \$1.2K-\$2.3K every hour (Dec. 12-23, noon-mid.).

Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); high hands pay \$500 (Dec. 7, 2p-mid.); royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); half-hour high hands (daily). Call for information.

Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Tue., 10a); free play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Fri.-Sun., hourly). Closed until 2014.

Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-midnight).

Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.

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).

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).

High hands (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$500/half hour with power hours paying \$750 at noon, 4p, 7p & 10p (Sun.-Wed., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500. See ad Page 23.

Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.

Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.

Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).

Daily, 10a-noon; high hands pay \$500 every half-hour; get paid for full houses (10s full or better) (\$50), quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).

Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand (Thurs.-Tue.); Full House Frenzy (Mon.-Thurs.). See ad below.

Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).

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High Hand  
Hours  
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Cracked  
Aces  
Wed

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Quad  
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Everyday

**\$7,500 Super Stack Hold'em**  
**Saturday, December 14th @ 1pm**  
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**\$20,000** DEC 28TH @1PM

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**17K Starting**

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1pm Start on 18th, 20th, 21st, & 27th • 7pm Start on 15th, 21st, 22nd, & 29th

See our listing above for weekly tournament schedule. Management reserves the right to modify or cancel any promotion without notice.

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## FLORIDA (Continued)

<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, noon); Sun. (\$115, noon) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad on Page 45.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; Player of the Month points for every tournament, \$8K for top 5 and \$25K freeroll for top 100 (call for details). See ad Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details); CPPT, Dec. 5-15.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$75, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$75, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 1st Sat. of the month \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); Double Points (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hands (Sat.).
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$120); Fri. (\$220, 1p) Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$120, 2p); Thanksgiving Classic runs until Dec. 8 (hold'em, Omaha, OFC, heads-up and more).	Jackpot high hands (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Monday (\$20, 7p); Wednesday (\$20, 7p).	Progressive spade royal in hold'em; progressive bad beat in hold'em; high hands (Fri.-Sun.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.); Bonus Hand Prize Board (Mon., Tue. & Thurs.).
<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-\$560); guaranteed prize pools (call for details); Fun in the Sun Poker Open, Dec. 26-30 (call for details). See ad Page 11.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); Play, earn, and redeem (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30-7p); WPT Regional Tampa Bay Open, Dec. 12-15 (\$1,500).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$50, 1p & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. rake-free (\$115, 7p). See ad Page 16.	High hands (\$50-\$100) every 2 hrs (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-11p & Fri.-Sat., 11p-2a & 2a-4a pays \$199-\$500); progressive royals and bad beat; \$199 every 2 hours (Sun.).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; freerolls (Sun.-Thurs., 10a). See ad Page 17.	\$40K December Jingle Bell Jackpots (call for details); high-hand cash w/table share payouts (Tue., 1p-7p & 9p-1a); Splash the Pot; \$599 high hand (Fri., 1p-mid.).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.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).

## ILLINOIS

<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 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (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 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.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>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Call for information.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Four MTIs offered at every event; <b>SNGs</b> : \$30 and \$60. See ad Page 49.	Rakeback cash drawings three times daily; NL cash games \$4 rake.

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • belterracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$40, 7:15p); Tue. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & KO (\$150, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p) & (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$85, 11:15a); Sun. (\$40, 5:15p).	Call for information.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-4p) 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.-Fri. (\$100, 11a); Mon. & Tues. KO (\$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, 11a).	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); HPT runs until Dec. 8 w/main event, Dec. 6 (\$1,650).	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. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 5s; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; progressive jackpots for straight flushes.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Call for information on future promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Mon. varies (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$80, 7p); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$125) and last Sat. (\$235). See ad Page 38.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand; get paid for royals (\$300), straight flush (\$200) and quads (\$50).
<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.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdbq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 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); KO event on first Thursday of every month.	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. & Fri., Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. PLH/O (\$40, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. (\$30, 4p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. of month (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Call for information.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$85, 7p); freeroll, 1st Sunday of the month (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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<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 Page 32.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO</b> (800) 284-4386 • cypressbayou.com	Wednesday (6p); call for details.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. (\$55 w/\$20 rebuys); Tue. (\$105 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 2a-2p); tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<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 (daily).
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoclawpinescasino.com	Tournaments run on Wed., Fri., Sat., and twice on Sun. (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s.
<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 • ldllcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Thurs.); Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal flush jackpot.

## MARYLAND

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

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$70, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 6:30p); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$110, noon); second Sunday of month (\$220, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 11a & 7p); last Sat. of month (\$340, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; earn tickets every day for drawings (Tue. & Fri.) - call for details.
<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	No tournaments.	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); 1st Fri. of month (\$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 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<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); Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$1.5K Cash for Quads Board (Thurs., 8a & 5p).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	M-F at 11a, plus Mon. (freeroll, 6p); Tue. (\$150, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$150, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 9:30a & \$150, 6p); Sun. (\$30, 11a), (\$250, noon) & (\$80, 6p).	Tiered Rakeback Rebate: earn up to \$10/hour playing in a cash game; Aces Cracked (Wed. & Fri., 1p-6p) & (Sun.-Thurs., 1a-9a).
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Island Cup deepstack on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-2a & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule). See ad on Page 5 for details to the Million Dollar Heater.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
<b>GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT</b> (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon., Fri. & Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/rebuy, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy and bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); high hand (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 10a-mid.); Aces Cracked/Lucky Seat (Mon. & Wed., 10a-mid.).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$40, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands (daily); Splash the Pot (Thurs.-Mon.); Set over Set (Sun.-Tue.); high hand (Tue. & Wed.).
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahsunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Win \$25 every half hour with \$4-\$8 Hot Seat (call for details).
<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); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	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); WPT Regional IP Fall Classic runs until Dec. 8 w/main event, Dec. 6 (\$1, 150).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$50, 2p) & 2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 11a) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p).	\$1.5K freeroll (Sun., 3p) w/15 hours of play each week; call for details. See ad on Page 48 regarding an Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaway.

## 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. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, noon); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a & 7p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$80, 7p).	High hands (17 jackpots); 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.
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$65, 3p).	Bad-beat in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better and has multipliers; Coverall Board promo.



## NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 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 (\$60, 11a, 2p & 8p) w/\$500 guarantee first prize.	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$335, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); WPT Five Diamond World Classic runs until Dec. 11 w/main event, Dec. 6 (\$10K).	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).
<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.). Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily; \$500 guarantee (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<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).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$80, 6:30p); Pot of Gold Winter Series, Dec. 5-15 (call for details).	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>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; Omaha freeroll (10 hours min.); call for details.	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; 20 hours for \$20K freeroll (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahlasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 6K chips, 10a & 3p) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Pro Football Pick'em promo; food comps available based on play (call for details).
<b>LVH HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	High hands (daily); Poker Payout Plus, \$1.5K automatic chop (Tue. & Thurs., 6p); \$2K automatic chop (Sun., 2p); call for details.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays \$100-\$2K; Football Madness.	Bad beat (Tue., Thurs. & Sat.); prog. high hands (daily); high hands (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Football Bonus.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 6p), (\$50, 11p).	Night football promo (Sun. & Mon.), win up to \$500 for each score; Prog. High Hand of the Hour; Grand Giveaway pays up to \$3K/four hours; hourly limit high hand pays \$100.
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a & \$50, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; \$150K freeroll qualifying; hourly \$100 cash or card drawings; Quadzilla progressive four of a kind (call for details).
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	Multiroom prog. bad-beat in hold'em (quad 6s) and pays \$100K guar.; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands; quads pays \$25 (24/7).
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	Call for information.	\$105K Holiday Cash Giveaway; high hand every half-hour; Aces Cracked; Football Home Team Cash Giveaway; Splash Pot Bonuses.
<b>PALMS CASINO</b> (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	No tournaments.	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
<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).	Mega-beat progressive jackpot, one hand loses, everybody wins.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1K guar. to first place; Planet Hollywood Series on the Mezz, Dec. 26-30 (call for information).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K.
<b>QUAD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
<b>RIO CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.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).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
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<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$55) at 11a, 2p, 7p and \$1K guar. at 10p.	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added) runs during daily tournaments only; New Year's Extravaganza, Dec. 27-Jan. 5 (call for details).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & Survivor (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon).	Four high hands every four hours (24/7); highest flush, full house, aces full and quads or better.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Tue., Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8p); Fri. (\$50, 8p); Sat. (\$100, 6p); re-entry allowed during the first hour.	\$50 cash for every 10 hours of limit hold'em (runs through Dec. 31).
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	

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<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>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 • harrahschester.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); last Sat. of month (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
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<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON</b> ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. (\$33, 1p); Wed. (\$55, 7:30p); Fri. (\$55, 7p); 1st & 3rd Sat. of month PLO (\$33, 2p); 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat. of the month (\$33, 2p); Sun.-Tue. (midnight).	Rackback Bucks (call for details).
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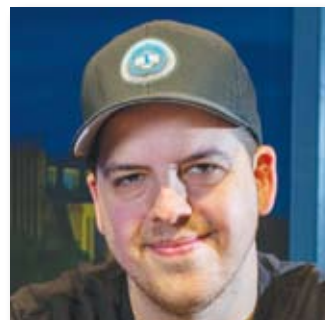
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WITH NOAH SCHWARTZ



Noah Schwartz, 30, is a poker pro who lives in Sunny Isles, Fla. He has been on the poker scene since 2006, but despite several final tables, didn't capture a major title until last year at the WPT main event in Jacksonville. He collected a WSOPE Mixed-Max bracelet in October in Paris. Two days after arriving home from France, he was back in action at the Isle Open main event in South Florida, finishing sixth. Our Dave Lemmon talked to him during a break.

**Winning a bracelet is a goal of all poker players; are you going to wear it?** No, I was considering giving it to my mom . . . then I'll have to go out and win one for myself.

**When you won the WPT event a year ago in Jacksonville, you exclaimed, "Finally!" Is this another "finally" for you?** Absolutely, this is another check mark off my list of goals. This summer, I got heads-up at the WSOP in PLO and I found a way to basically just throw it away; that really took a toll on me. So, to come back and win a bracelet so soon, it's an awesome feeling. . . . When I got heads-up with **Ludovic (Lacay)** in Paris he had me 2-to-1, so the pressure was off me in that spot. He's a talented player, so if I came in second, maybe it was meant to be. I decided to play slow, try to win some small pots and things worked out in my favor. I got lucky.

**In the first Mixed-Max event at WSOPE this year, you got to the final four players, then got knocked out on the first hand of that heads-up match. What happened?** In that tournament, I was playing the eventual winner (**Darko Stojanovic**) and he open-shoved and I had 20 big blinds. I looked down and had pocket nines, so I'm going to have the best hand 90 percent of the time. He had A-5. For me, I got a little unlucky, but I'm still very thankful. I'm playing a game that I love and meeting a lot of amazing people; that's poker and with the law of averages, things even out.

**You ended up playing with a serious bout with food poisoning. Poker**

**doesn't seem like a lot of physical activity, but there are physical challenges to overcome sometimes.** Absolutely, it takes a toll mentally and physically sitting at a poker table for many hours concentrating so hard. In a foreign country, I ate some chicken that was undercooked; I had one meal after that over a 72-hour period while I was playing the event I actually won the bracelet in. Maybe it was good luck for me to eat some undercooked salmonella.

**Tell me a little about the foundation you recently started.** Well, it's in the infancy stages and I'm working with a few companies so I'm trying to build a team to guide me on where we need to go, but it's called the Schwartz Foundation and will be similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, helping terminally ill children experience their goals in their final days.

I want to focus on underprivileged kids, because I grew up poor and lost my father at 16, so it really hits home. If I can positively impact the lives of a few children it would mean the world to me. I also want to hook up with the One Drop Foundation, because I really believe in what **Guy (Laliberte)** is doing.

**What are your immediate poker plans?** After the first of the year, I will be at the PCA then maybe Australia and I have plans to play the \$1 million One Drop next summer to get a chance to redeem myself there. Then I might scale back a bit and concentrate on the charity and maybe travel more leisurely. Things are all coming together for me; I couldn't be happier. ♠

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