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12/11	Thursday	7 PM	Nightly NLHE		\$135
12/12	Friday	12 PM	Event #1B: No-Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$100K	\$575
12/12	Friday	7 PM	Event #2: No-Limit Hold'em \$30/\$20 Re-Buy	\$10K	\$30
12/13	Saturday	12 PM	Event #1C: No-Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$100K	\$575
12/13	Saturday	7 PM	Nightly NLHE		\$135
12/14	Sunday	12 PM	Event #3: No-Limit Hold'em		\$135
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2/5	Thursday	5 PM	Event #2: Pot-Limit Omaha Eight or Better		\$365
2/6	Friday	11 AM	Event #1C: No-Limit Re-Entry	\$1 Million	\$580
2/6	Friday	7 PM	Event #1D: No-Limit Re-Entry	\$1 Million	\$580
2/7	Saturday	11 AM	Event #1E: No-Limit Re-Entry	\$1 Million	\$580
2/7	Saturday	5 PM	Event #3: H.O.R.S.E.		\$365
2/8	Sunday	3 PM	Event #4: No-Limit Hold'em		\$365
2/9	Monday	11 AM	Event #5: No-Limit Hold'em		\$365
2/10	Tuesday	11 AM	Event #6: No-Limit 6-Handed		\$365
2/11	Wednesday	11 AM	Event #7: No-Limit Hold'em		\$365
2/11	Wednesday	5 PM	Event #8: Turbo No-Limit		\$365
2/12	Thursday	11 AM	Event #9: No-Limit Hold'em		\$1,125
2/13	Friday	11 AM	Event #10A: No-Limit Hold'em Main		\$1,675
2/14	Saturday	11 AM	Event #10B: No-Limit Hold'em Main		\$1,675
2/14	Saturday	7 PM	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em Event		\$135
2/15	Sunday	10 AM	Seniors Event		\$250
2/15	Sunday	3 PM	Event #11: No-Limit Hold'em		\$365
2/16	Monday	11 AM	Event #12: Turbo No-Limit		\$365



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## It's time to give back

It's that time of the year when people feel charitable. If that includes you, you won't want to miss two special events this month that *Ante Up* is proud of which to be a part, and two more great events in January.

On Dec. 7, Daytona Beach Kennel Club in Florida hosts the annual Holiday Charity Classic. The smaller, yet still value-packed, sibling of May's Deep Stack Charity Classic, this event features **Mike "Mad Genius" Caro**, plenty of door prizes and top prizes that include an Ante Up World Championship travel package and Ante Up Poker Cruises. Proceeds benefit a number of local charities. Learn more at [holidaycharityclassic.com](http://holidaycharityclassic.com).

That same day on the opposite coast of Florida, Sarasota Kennel Club will host a tournament to benefit the Warrior Dog Foundation, which helps transition dogs trained to support U.S. special operations into postwar lives. An Ante Up Poker Cruise is among the prizes. Learn more at [warriordogfoundation.org](http://warriordogfoundation.org).

*Ante Up* is proud to be affiliated with these events and several more each year. But in 2015, we want to do something bigger to benefit all of the communities who have helped *Ante Up* grow into the publication and company it is today.

Our good friend **Kerry Karoutsos** of Blue Shark Optics is helping us make that dream a reality. And we hope you will, too.

On Jan. 19, we'll promote a series of poker tournaments in rooms all across the country called Restock the Shelves. The idea is to help local food banks and pantries "restock" on food and cash after the busy holiday season. We need your help to do it.

We hope you'll come out to support one of our events with a donation, but we're also looking for players who want to be even more involved by volunteering to represent Team Ante Up or Team Blue Shark Optics in your favorite room.

Please see Page 42 for more information on this event, as well as the televised Ante Up Chicago Charity Championship we'll be a part of in January, and visit [anteupmagazine.com/restock](http://anteupmagazine.com/restock) for more information.

Together, we can do a lot of good for people who need it in your community.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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## BEAU'S MILLION DOLLAR HEATER ON THE HORIZON

The next large tournament series is the upcoming Beau Rivage Million Dollar Heater (Jan. 2-14, see the ad on the facing page). If you haven't booked your rooms, I suggest making a reservation. At last count, they were very close to being sold out. Between now and the MDH, you'll have to rely on daily tournaments and cash games. Never fear, Biloxi has plenty of options for both.



**JENNIFER GAY**  
MISSISSIPPI

**BEAU RIVAGE:** For players seeking tournament action between big events, head over to the Beau Rivage. The first Saturday in December is a \$20K guarantee at noon. The \$330 buy-in

plus \$10 optional dealer add-on will get you an 8K stack. The structure is slow.

If you miss that tournament, on the third Saturday will be a \$15K guarantee. Alternating Saturdays offer up \$5K guarantees between the bigger ones. For regularly scheduled events, these are pretty massive guarantees. The fields always impress, people travel from far to compete and I have yet to hear of there being a massive overlay. You can view all of the Beau's tournament structures and promotions at [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com).

**GOLDEN NUGGET:** The Biloxi poker room has a few good promotions. For the remainder of football season, every Monday and Thursday, players will earn a square for every two hours of live hold'em play. Players, upon checkout, will receive their

squares and \$100 will be awarded each quarter to the player with the winning square. If there's no winner in any of the first three quarters, the money will roll over to the last-quarter final score. I love promotions like this because you have a chance at winning a nice cash bonus while watching the game and playing poker. You can't beat that.

Also at the Nugget from 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, it runs a Splash the Pot promo. Every table is splashed with a \$25 voucher randomly once an hour. A buzzer behind the poker podium will sound, indicating it's time to splash the pot. Tables receiving a rake reduction will not be eligible. Hold'em games must be running at least 30 minutes after the hour to be eligible. Splash the Pot incentives are great for keeping players in their seats, which keeps the game going.

**HOLLYWOOD TUNICA:** Last issue we neglected to get promotions information for this beautiful room in time to make deadline so we wanted to be sure to mention what's going on at Hollywood Tunica this time of year.

The poker room, in addition to its very affordable daily and weekend tournaments (most are \$10-\$40), has a bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha that surpassed \$50K as of press time. The qualifier is quads and you must be in at least a \$3-\$6 game.

— Email Jen at [jennifergay80@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifergay80@hotmail.com).



## Charity tournaments highlighting the holidays

The holidays are a time to give back, a time to remember that being able to play poker is a luxury many people aren't fortunate enough to enjoy. *Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics are partnering with cardrooms across the country with the Restock the Shelves initiative to help food banks by encouraging locals to come play a charity event at their favorite cardroom. For full details on this remarkable charity effort, please turn to Page 42.



**GARRETT ROTH**  
NORCAL

Northern California cardrooms have stepped up to the plate with three venues already participating in the Restock the Shelves event on Jan. 19: The 101 Casino (Petaluma),

Bankers Casino (Salinas) and Red Hawk Casino (Placerville). These rooms also have some great tournaments and promotions in December.

The 101 Casino is a great place to spread your holiday cheer with its monthly \$20K guarantee Dec. 19-21. This event has a \$240 buy-in, which gives you a 15K stack. The 101 Casino has amazing tournament structures with a fun atmosphere in its poker room and has also some great cash games and live promotions.

Bankers Casino has a fine tournament schedule with a Player

Points Challenge attached to each one of its events. The week-day events include a Monday \$65 rebuy event at 6 p.m. and a Tuesday \$45 rebuy event at 6 p.m. The weekend events are \$55 on Saturday at noon and \$100 on Sunday at noon. Players earn points for final-table finishes, which earn Player of the Season awards, freerolls and cash prizes.

Red Hawk Casino is hosting numerous HPT500 events throughout December. The HPT500 league features a point system and leaderboard with each participating location represented with a televised final table. Red Hawk's tournaments include the quarterly \$500 buy-in on Dec. 6-7 and \$75 weekly events for the weeks of Dec. 8-14, 15-21 and 22-28. The HPT500 national championship will be in January.

Make sure to support these Northern California cardrooms as they are taking steps to make a change to help those in need during the holiday season. Come play the Restock the Shelves events at your local room where you can bring donations and have fun while giving back to the community at the same time.

There will be a member of *Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics at each event. Yours truly will be the Ante Up representative at the 101 Casino event on Jan. 19 so come out and get involved in the betterment of your community.

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

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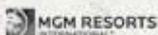
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	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 8 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$80	
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$150	
	Tue, Jan 13	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players earn entry into Event #1	\$95
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 8 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$80	
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$150	
Wed, Jan 14	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 8 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$80	
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$150	
	Thu, Jan 15	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$95	
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to Main Event \$540 Qualifier	\$150	
	1 Thu, Jan 15	4pm	Day 1A	\$200,000 GUARANTEED \$425
	Fri, Jan 16	4pm	Day 1B	\$425
	Sat, Jan 17	11am	Day 1C	\$425
	Fri, Jan 16	No Single-Table Satellites		
	Sat, Jan 17	No Single-Table Satellites		
	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	Sun, Jan 18	Noon	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
	Noon	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite TURBO - 1 in 4 players advance to \$540 Qualifier	\$150	
	1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 3 in 10 players advance to HPT Main Event Flight 1A on Thu, Jan 22	\$540	
	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
2	7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout 2x Bounty with \$50 bounties	\$150	

	Mon, Jan 19	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
		2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
3		11am	\$15,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Holiday Hold'em Event	\$125
		1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
	4	5pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Six Handed	\$235
		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	Tue, Jan 20	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$360 Qualifier	\$85
		2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	5	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED Omaha 8 or Better	\$150
		1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
		3pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 earn a \$300 entry to Event #6	\$70
6		5pm	\$40,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Black Chip Bounty with \$100 bounties	\$300
		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	Wed, Jan 21	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
		2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	7	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Escalator	\$150
		1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
		5pm	PLO with Two (2) Free Buys *12,000 in chips include free buys	\$200
		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	Thu, Jan 22	Noon & 6pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
		Noon & 6pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	9	11am	H.O.R.S.E.	\$150
		1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Main Event	\$360
	10	Thu, Jan 22	3pm	Day 1A
	Fri, Jan 23	11am	Day 1B	\$1,650
	Sat, Jan 24	11am	Day 1C	\$1,650
	Sun, Jan 25	11am	Day 2	Televised Final Table at Red Lantern on Mon, Jan 26
	Thu, Jan 22	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Main Event	\$360
		8pm	Open Face Chinese (Pineapple)	\$280
	Fri, Jan 23	10am-4pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$360 Qualifier	\$85
		10am-4pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
		1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
		5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	\$185
		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	Sat, Jan 24	1pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
		9-30am	Multi-Table Qualifier TURBO - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	12	Sun, Jan 24	1pm	NLHE Survivor - 10% of the field win \$2,000
13		7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout Bounty with \$50 bounties	\$150

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*Monday Night Football* Rack Attacks means when either team scores a field goal, three tables receive \$100 in chips. When either team scores a touchdown, five tables receive \$100 in chips.

There's also a Tailgate Party during the games so players can play poker, enjoy a free buffet and watch football.

**HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO:** The Gardens Classic series runs Dec. 12-21. The \$250K guarantee main event is Dec. 14. There will be two qualifying sessions per day through Dec. 17. Buy-in is \$150 and it's a re-entry event. Players who qualify for Day 2 more than once will receive \$1K. Top 10 percent cash

while the top five percent advance to the finals on Dec. 18. Single-table satellites start Dec. 12.

There will be 10 more events, including \$125 deepstack with a \$30K guarantee to kick off the series Dec. 12. A second \$125 deepstack \$30K guarantee will be Dec. 19. Both are one-day events.

On Dec. 13, Toys for Tots will be the big winners of a charity event. This \$10K guarantee has a \$70 buy-in and bringing an unopened toy worth \$10 or more will get you \$10 off your buy-in.

The Ladies International Poker Series will be on hand for the \$70 Ladies Poker Jingle \$5K guarantee Dec. 20.

The final events will be Dec. 21. The Senior Poker Tour (50 and older) is \$100, begins at 10 a.m. and sports a \$5K guarantee. Later in the day, is a \$165 bounty event with a \$20K guarantee. All undercard events have one \$50 optional add-on. Go to [thegardenscasino.com](http://thegardenscasino.com) for more details.

**PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA:** The Holiday Hold'em Deepstack Bounty event is Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. For \$330, players get 25K chips. Bounties will be \$100. Pre-registration started Dec. 1. For more info, go to [pventura.com](http://pventura.com).

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# Fiorenza dominates HPT at Daytona Beach

The Heartland Poker Tour returned to Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room with a bang in October and with it 343 of the South's finest players. The \$1,650 event garnered a \$512K prize pool and saw nothing but Sunshine State players at the final table.



**CHARLES ALLISON**  
NORTH FLORIDA

While no victory at a final table is easy, especially in a field as tough as the HPT, champion **Vincent Fiorenza** of Oviedo did his best to make it look like a cakewalk, eliminating five players en route to a \$122K payday.

Another notable at the final table was pro **Corey Burbick** of Davie, who made \$34K to push his live career earnings to \$721K.

There was another Corey at the table: **Corey Zarnoch**, who has been working toward playing poker for a living. He lost a monster hand to Fiorenza just before the final table that would have eliminated Fiorenza and left Zarnoch with 40 percent of the chips in play. Instead, he went home with his biggest career cash (\$17K).

**John Holley** was the first casualty of the final table before it even started, as the pro from Destin went out on a double-elimination the night before the recording of the televised final table. This made back-to-back HPT final tables for him at DBKC.

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World Poker Tour event, bestbet Jacksonville will host a Mid-States Poker Tour event (Jan. 15-25). The MSPT has run more than 50 events since its first in 2009 at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn. Bestbet will have high hands and satellites this month for the \$1,100 event, which sports a \$200K guarantee.

Next issue, I'll have all of the details of bestbet Jacksonville's fall series as well as coverage of the \$5K bounty scramble.

**EBRO:** Ebro is making strides in big cash payouts for high hands. Every Monday through Thursday (9 a.m.-noon), any player lucky enough to hit a royal flush in spades will be paid \$4,999. The poker room also is giving out more than \$2,500 in guaranteed tournament entries. Tuesday high hands pay \$700 to the winner and \$200 to the table.

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
1/23	Fri	4pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	\$200,000
1/24	Sat	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	
1/25	Sun	11am	Main Event	Main Event Final Day		40/60 min		

**MSPT BESTBET JACKSONVILLE SERIES 2015**

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
1/15	Thu	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
1/15	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/16	Fri	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
1/16	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/17	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
1/17	Sat	3pm	#2	All-in or Fold Hold'em, w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
1/17	Sat	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
1/18	Sun	1pm	#3	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	3pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	12pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/20	Tue	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/20	Tue	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/20	Tue	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/21	Wed	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/21	Wed	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/21	Wed	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #5	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/22	Thu	12pm	#6	Event #6 Final Day				\$50,000
1/22	Thu	1pm	#7	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
1/22	Thu	3pm	#8	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	20 Seat Guarantee
1/22	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/23	Fri	12pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
1/23	Fri	4pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	\$200,000
1/23	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/24	Sat	12pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
1/24	Sat	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	
1/24	Sat	7pm	#9	No Limit Hold'em TURBO	\$240	15 min	10,000	
1/25	Sun	11am	Main Event	Main Event Final Day		40/60 min		
1/25	Sun	3pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	

All events will allow unlimited re-entries within the registration period. All events are one day events except for events #1, #6 and the Main Event. Event #1 is a four day event. There will be three starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent flights, as well as on the same day. Event #6 is a four day event. There will be five starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as on the same flight. Main Event is a three day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as on the same day. Main Event final table will be live streamed on MSPT.com and pokernews.com. Registration for the Main Event is open until the start of Level 10. Registration for all other events is open through the first break. Multi table super satellites start January 1, 2015. Single table satellites run daily. Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion/tournament at any time.



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# BRERETON WINS ISLE POKER OPEN MAIN

**L**uke Brereton of Manchester, England, who also owns a residence in Hallandale, captured the main event of the Isle Poker Open in late October as the Isle Casino Pompano concluded its major tournament series rotation for 2014.



**DAVE LEMMON**  
SOUTH FLORIDA

Brereton, who splits time between the U.K. and South Florida, said he loves the contrast between the locales and decided a couple of years ago to buy a place in the area mainly because of the great poker scene, which includes tournaments like this one. The event came down

to an extensive three-way battle between Brereton, **Barry Hutter** and **Javier Sarache** of Weston that lasted about 2.5 hours. ... and I do mean battle.

Play got a bit contentious after Sarache tried to negotiate a chop, but was rebuffed by both players. Sarache went all-in on six consecutive hands to force the other players to fold, something that put him in the lead.

However, things settled down and after about two more hours of play, Brereton, who won a World Series of Poker Circuit ring at Palm Beach Kennel Club in 2013, eliminated Sarache in third place (good for \$59K) for a substantial lead over Hutter. It took less than a dozen hands before Brereton's pocket 10s held up against Hutter's pocket sevens to give him the trophy and nearly \$155K, his biggest payday.

Hutter, who collected \$91K for second, took it in stride.

"That was one of the craziest three-handed games I've ever played," he said "Chips were going back and forth, there were a bunch of all-ins and a lot of up and downs for everyone."

The tournament, with a \$1,200 buy-in and a \$400K guarantee, drew 557 entries for a \$668K pool. The next big series at Pompano Beach will be the Isle Classic, which runs Jan. 7-27 with the main event Jan. 22.

**HIALEAH PARK:** The poker room has been the success story of 2014 in South Florida under director of poker **Nelson Costa**. The room has averaged around \$650K in revenue each month, the leader in Dade County for every month but two since it opened in August 2013. Thanks to that huge success, the room will be expanding before Christmas.

Since the 22-table room has been nearly full most of the

time, Costa is thrilled to offer more games and less waiting. The new area will include 11 more tables, including a high-roller table that can be used for tournament final tables.

A special tournament featuring a \$20K guarantee will be Dec. 23 with a field capped at 40 players, which will include the Top 10 point-earners from November who qualify for a free \$550 buy-in. For more information on the opening of the expanded area and for all upcoming promotions, go to [hialeahparkcasino.com](http://hialeahparkcasino.com).

**AUPT AT PBKC:** The Ante Up Poker Tour comes to South Florida on Dec. 11-14 with a \$575 main event featuring three starting days and a \$100K guarantee at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The winner of the main will appear on the cover of the February issue of *Ante Up* and get a seat into the 2015 Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Northern California, plus a personalized AUPT champion's jacket.

PBKC director of poker **Noah Carbone** is thrilled to be working closely again with *Ante Up*.

"We basically grew together from the infancy stage at the same time in 2010, for us with the expanded tournament rules and stakes and for *Ante Up* a move toward national distribution," he said. "Of course, we are both way past that now, but this is a culmination of our efforts working together to help grow poker in Florida, and it brings added recognition to both of our brands."

**BETTING FOR JUSTICE:** Everybody at the final table took home money and prizes, but it was **Joe Marchese** of Coral Springs who took home the most with a victory in the Betting for Justice charity tournament Nov. 2 at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood. Marchese took home the Miami Poker Society championship belt, an autographed **Barry Gibb** guitar, four Heat tickets, a one-night stay at the Hard Rock and \$2,250 in cash and other prizes.

**Angel Vu**, who captured Player of the Series honors at the Hard Rock Poker Open in August, took second place, while **Michael Ortiz** was third and **Tony Ruberto** was fourth. One of Ortiz's prizes was a guitar autographed by singer **Englebert Humperdinck**. I challenge you to find another tournament where you can win a prize like that.

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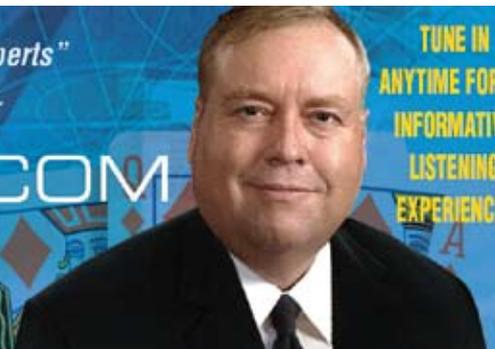
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**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

On Dec. 6, for those who are gun enthusiasts, there's an event where you can learn some Navy SEAL shooting training. This is the kick-off for the main event, the poker tournament at Sarasota Kennel Club. It sports a \$170 buy-in (\$100 to the pool, \$20 to the house, \$50 donation) and all add-ons will be 50-50 split between the prize pool and the charity.

Structure and add-ons for the event can be found at [skcpoker.com](http://skcpoker.com). Some special event prizes include, shirts, TVs (raffle), concert tickets, sporting-event tickets, books and an Ante Up Poker Cruise for two.

The second event that is coming up is the Restock the Shelves event that is happening across the nation. This event, co-sponsored with Blue Shark Optics, will take place Jan. 19 at many cardrooms around the country, including the Silks Poker Room in Tampa. We're hoping to add a few more venues to work with local food banks and have people donate a can of food to play in the event. Please see Page 42 for more info.

**HARD ROCK:** The Deep Stack Series featured three



The Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs will host one of the Ante Up/Blue Shark Optics Restock the Shelves events on Jan. 19.

events, and **Gregory McNealy** won two of them. He took down the \$150 tourney for \$11K and the \$560 event for \$64K. He's a former firefighter and is a regular at the Hard Rock.

The other event, the \$350 buy-in, went to **Bryce Mcvay** for \$36K. This series, which sported \$450K in guarantees, is a prelude to the Winter series, which runs Dec. 4-21 with a \$300K guarantee for the main event (Dec. 18-21, \$1,650).

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# SUGARHOUSE CASINO OPENS POKER ROOM

After much anticipation, SugarHouse Casino opened Philadelphia's first licensed poker room to the public on Nov. 1. The gigantic tent structure holds 24 state-of-the-art tables, valet kiosk and a snack bar on the south side of the building facing the Ben Franklin Bridge. The interim room is just a stepping stone to the beginning of a 13-month process toward building the permanent room connected to the main casino.



**JO KIM**  
**NORTHEAST**

The opening week brought enough action to occupy half the room's capacity on average. Many of the floor managers and staff are experienced as they come from nearby casinos in the area. The room allows a game feature of being able to straddle from any position.

This is only the beginning for Philadelphia's first poker room as the \$164M expansion will hold more tables and that means tournament opportunities. The new \$2.9M room will most likely open late fall.

Nearby competition is responding to SugarHouse's opening by running big promotions. Parx updated its tables to carry a cell-charging port in every seat.

**TAJ MAHAL:** Don't forget the legendary Atlantic City poker room is closing Dec. 12.

**WSOPC:** The World Series of Poker Circuit runs Dec. 11-22 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City. There will be 12 ring events (\$365-\$1,675).

**BIG STAX VII:** The Parx series ran Sept. 30-Oct. 20, drawing 428 players for the \$1,200 three-day main event. **Travis**

**Greenawalt** of Columbia, Pa., had a roller-coaster ride with his stack, chipping down to the shortest stack at one point, but he got heads-up with **Jacob Perry** of Branchville, N.J., and finally took home the trophy with J-J.

**POKER NIGHT IN AMERICA:** Two familiar Borgata players, **Andrew Hanna** and **Asher Conniff**, from Brigantine, N.J., will make an appearance in an upcoming episode of *Poker Night in America*. Both won seats into the show through an online satellite tournament. The win gave them a \$5K buy-in for the televised cash game that has a max buy-in of \$20K.

Hanna, who has been consistently cashing out ridiculous amounts at the Borgata cash games, plans on beginning the session with his own money in addition to his starting stack.

"People often ask me how I'm able to run up cash-game stacks in excess of 1,200 big blinds," he said. "The answer is ... the deeper I get, the more hands I can play profitably via implied odds, and the more money I make."

Hanna has been playing for five years, the past two as a pro. "I've watched my game morph from fish, to TAG, to LAG and now I'm at the point where I don't even know if I'm classifiable," Hanna said. "It's a great feeling when you finally attain comfort in your own skin. I look forward to trying to get better and challenge both mine and others' theories on what's considered conventional in poker."

Amongst the lineup will be **Phil Helmuth**, **Jen Tilly**, **Huck Seed**, **David "ODB" Baker** and **Matt Glantz**.

"I plan on tilting Hellmuth as much as I can," Conniff said.

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# Jaffe continues Foxwoods success with WPF win

By **Dave Lukow**

**Jonathan Jaffe** is a star on the rise. A resident of West Springfield, Mass., Jaffe, 23, outlasted 237 players to win the \$2,700 Spotlight Championship at the Foxwoods World Poker Finals. For the victory, Jaffe earned \$137,651.

No stranger to the money, Jaffe has cashed 30 times at live events, including 16 at the World Series of Poker. The win was his second at the WPF and third of his career.

He captured the top spot in Event 12 of last year's WPF for \$54,372. In 2012, he was fifth in a deepstack event at Foxwoods.

**Aaron Smith**, 32, of Plymouth, Mass., finished second to Jaffe, taking home \$84,841. **Spiro Mitrokostas**, also of Massachusetts, was third (\$54,829). Smith, with 31 cashes and one win, has career earnings of more than \$300K. Mitrokostas, 59, has cashed 58 times for more than \$540K in winnings.

Another Massachusetts resident, **James Campbell** of Marlboro, won \$45,018 for his fourth-place finish in the championship. The cash was his 30th.

**Tom Dobrilovic** of West Nyack, N.Y., took fifth (\$34,052). Overall, he cashed four times at this year's WPF to increase his career winnings to more than \$1.3 million. Of his 72 cashes, 10 have come in 2014.

The prize pool for Event 18 was \$577,150.

**Nicholas Palma** of the Bronx was first in Event 12, a \$1,650 tourney for \$41,500. He cashed three times in the series, boosting his total cashes to 32.

**Dominic Apostolico** of Cranston, R.I., was second in Event 12 (\$35,204). **Jimmy Nunez** earned \$20,258 for third, bringing his career cashes to 11.

**Jason Calnan** of Revere, Mass., earned \$22,619 for winning the \$1,100 Event 15. Also the winner of Event 4, Calnan cashed three times, increasing his career earnings to more than \$61K. New Hampshire's **Michael Farris** was second in the event, banking \$14K. **Tarun Gulati** of Connecticut was third.

**MEGASTACK CHALLENGE:** The popular Foxwoods series runs Dec. 6-15. Please see the ad on the inside back page for the full schedule and more details.

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**TALKING STICK RESORT:** The annual Christmas Toy Drive charity tournament is Dec. 20 at 11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday at 11:15 are tournaments with an \$80 buy-in. Monday-Thursday at 7:15 p.m. are \$130. The \$330 Big Stack event is Dec. 6 at 11:15 and Dec. 13 at 11:15 will be the \$220 Super Bounty tourney. There are football game promotions, sports event second-chance drawings, graveyard high hands and Aces Cracked, plus the \$50K Mega Omaha-stud jackpot has not been hit.



**CHRIS CRONIN**  
N. ARIZONA

**FORT MCDOWELL:** Monday-Friday at noon features a \$30 tourney. There are \$5 tournaments Saturdays at noon and 4 p.m. as well as Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday at 7. Saturdays at 7 and Sundays at noon you can play a \$50 deep-stack. Mondays at 7 is Omaha with a \$5 buy-in and \$5 rebuys. Thursdays at 7 is a \$60 event. A \$60 ladies event is Dec. 14.

**CLIFF CASTLE:** Monday-Friday (10 a.m.) there are \$30 shootouts and Wednesdays at 7 feature \$60 events. Splash Pots are from 8 p.m.-midnight. On Fridays at 7, there are \$25 shootouts with \$150 added per table, and on Saturdays at noon is a \$90 event with \$500 added to the prize pool.

Sunday-Friday features Aces Cracked and win \$100 with a

royal flush daily. The newest promotion is the Saturday High Hand from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. The high hand is picked four times a day, and if you win all four high hands you receive \$1K more.

**HON-DAH:** Monday night features football splash pots and pizza during the game. There are \$100 high hands Friday and Saturday for hold'em players. Aces Cracked wins players \$50 Sunday-Thursday 7 p.m.-close. Tuesdays at 6 p.m. is a \$15 tourney while Wednesday and Thursday feature \$25 double-stack events at 6 p.m. with a \$25 add-on. Friday is \$45 bounty tourney (6 p.m.) with \$10 rebuys and a \$10 add-on. Saturdays at 4 is a \$30 tourney with \$10 rebuys and a \$10 add-on. Sundays at 4 is a \$30 no-limit crazy pineapple event with \$10 rebuys and a \$10 add-on.

**BUCKY'S:** There are football splash pots Sundays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tournaments are Mondays (10 a.m., 6 p.m.), Wednesdays and Thursdays (6 p.m.). Ladies Night Tuesdays at 6 is just a \$20 buy-in. Omaha high hands Wednesdays and Fridays (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Fridays at 6 p.m. is a bounty tournament and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. is the Progressive Aces Cracked.

**TWIN ARROWS:** There are morning and evening splash pots, plus the first three players to get their aces cracked earn \$50. Sunday-Wednesday, the first jacks, queens and kings cracked receive \$50. Royal flushes using both hole cards will earn \$100. There's a \$40 tournament every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at noon is a bounty tourney. — Email Chris at [cronin@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:cronin@anteupmagazine.com).



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**FRIDAYS**

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# HARRAH'S AK-CHIN DELAYS WSOPC DEBUT

Poker fans in Arizona collectively cheered when the World Series of Poker released its circuit schedule for the 2014-15 season last summer. For the first time, the yearlong slate of tournaments across the country featured a stop in the Grand Canyon State, set for February at Harrah's Ak-Chin in Maricopa.



**BRIAN PEDERSEN**  
**S. ARIZONA**

But those cheers turned to boos not long after, when the WSOP announced it had pulled Ak-Chin from the schedule without explanation.

It turned out to be a matter of logistics, said **Mike Kintner**, Ak-Chin's director of marketing.

"We just didn't have the space to do it, and do it well," Kintner said. "We tried to do it in some ballroom space, which would have had room for 30 tables, but that wouldn't have given us any room for the sit-n-go (satellites)."

Ak-Chin's poker room has six tables while a part of the casino previously used for cards but now has video poker would only have provided room for 10 tables. That meant having to put tables in hallways to accommodate satellites and all of the ancillary action that comes with a circuit stop.

Much of this was known when the schedule was released in June, but Kintner said they put Ak-Chin on the list for mid February in hopes they could make it work. But they quickly saw it wasn't going to and the decision was made in September to swap that event out and rearrange the schedule.

"Because our calendar was so full with other stops, there was no way for us to rearrange Ak-Chin on the schedule and instead we just had to move forward without them this year," WSOP spokesman **Seth Palansky** said. "We will be at Harrah's Ak-Chin for a WSOPC event, mark my words."

Without the ability to hit a series of tournaments halfway between Tucson and Phoenix, Southern Arizona players looking for circuit action could hit the Harrah's Resort Southern California (previously known as Harrah's Rincon) outside San Diego from Dec. 4-15. After that, the remaining stops are in Oklahoma or further east, save for the Los Angeles stop in March.

Most will likely just wait until the WSOP returns to Las Vegas in the summer.

"We believe there is a strong poker market in Arizona, our WSOP Las Vegas numbers attest to that, so we'll get there as soon as we can be sure we have the space and time to put on a first-class event," Palansky said.

Kintner said he hopes to be on the 2015-16 schedule, but won't make any promises. He said the late-winter time frame would be a good one, despite it being in the middle of Ak-Chin's busiest season.

"They really want to be in Arizona and we really want them out here," Kintner said.

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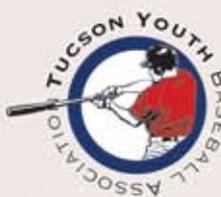
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## KUNOVIC WEARS MANY HATS AT CAESARS' NEW ROOM

Caesars Palace recently named **Frank Kunovic III** the manager of its new 16-table poker room. I spoke with him about the room and the future of poker at Caesars.

**Can you talk about the decision to close the old poker room?** We've got a beautiful new nightclub coming in, owned by the Hakkasan group. They take a lot of space. So we built this new beautiful poker room here at Caesars. Plus, we have a great product at our sister property, Planet Hollywood, with our PHamous Poker Series and the WSOP Circuit events.



**ROB SOLOMON**  
LAS VEGAS

**What's your goal with the new room?** We're creating a culture change here for Caesars Palace poker. In the coming months, our focus is going to be on really planting the flag to say, "If you like online poker, Caesars Palace is the place where you should play."

Dec. 7 we will be holding our grand reopening from 7 p.m. to midnight. We will be giving away cash and prizes to everyone in a game and at midnight we'll be giving away a main event seat for the 2015 WSOP.

We're going to be working with WSOP.com very closely. There will be satellites and cross promotions between our room and WSOP.com. This is going to be a different look for poker in the city of Las Vegas. The goal is to be the first true integrated poker room with online poker. We've now launched the Android app and the iPhone app for WSOP.com. You'll be able to play online here in the room.

**So, a whole new definition of multitabling?** Exactly. We encourage online poker. We love online poker. If you like online poker, Caesars Palace is the place you should be playing.

**You recently changed your \$1-\$3 no-limit game to \$1-\$2. Why?** The \$1-\$3 game had a \$500-max buy-in. We wanted to be competitive in the market with the \$2-\$5 game. A lot of our customers, instead of going into the \$2-\$5 game, would just sit in the \$1-\$3 instead. The \$2-\$5 had no cap on the buy-in and we got feedback that this was scaring away some of the casual customers; the tourists who were staying at the hotel. So we listened to that feedback and changed it to \$200 minimum, \$1,000 max on the \$2-\$5. We changed the buy-in for the \$1-\$2 to \$100-\$300. The intention is to drive more of that \$2-\$5 business, which really is a great game here at Caesars Palace.

**How often does the \$2-\$5 spread?** We usually get one every day. We're hoping to get more than one, though. And the goal is, if you want to play the higher limit game, we offer \$5-\$10 as well, with a \$500 minimum and no max. We have also been

spreading a \$25-\$50 limit game pretty consistently lately. We are focusing in on spreading more than just the \$1-\$2 game.

**Why play at Caesars?** A great location and this poker room has a lot of high-action games. If you're a good poker player, this can be a very profitable room for you. We pride ourselves on our customer service. We also offer a \$4 maximum rake and \$2 an hour comps, which is very competitive. Effective with the grand reopening, there will no longer be a \$1 jackpot drop.

**Tell me about your background.** I started at 18 in Chicago at Off Track Betting. Then in 2003, I came to Harrah's Las Vegas as a part-time sportsbook ticket writer. I worked my way up to become a supervisor. Then in 2004, they consolidated the sportsbook and the racebook and built a poker room there. I loved poker so I went to work there. I learned how to deal, then cashiered. I worked my way up to lead supervisor.

A position became available at Harrah's Laughlin in 2006 and I became the specialty games manager. I ran the poker room and the sportsbook because I had both backgrounds. I was there a year and then Harrah's bought the Imperial Palace (now the Linq). I came back to Las Vegas to oversee the poker room, sportsbook and keno room.

After some restructuring, I moved over to Bally's, overseeing the poker room there as well as the sportsbooks and keno there and at Paris Las Vegas.

Then we purchased Planet Hollywood. That was just natural (they're all located right next to each other) so my responsibilities increased and I added the poker room and the sportsbook at Planet Hollywood as well. And now my responsibilities have expanded just a little further, managing the Caesars Palace poker room.

The way my career path has gone, I like to tell people that, "There's opportunity. If I can do it, anybody can do it."

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Caesars recently changed its tournament schedule. The 10 a.m. has a \$100 buy-in, an 8K stack and a \$1,500 guarantee. The 2 p.m. is \$125 for a 10K stack and a \$2K guarantee. At 8 p.m., it's \$150 for 12K chips and a \$4K guarantee. All levels are 20 minutes.

**VENETIAN:** New Year's Extravaganza runs Dec. 26-Jan. 4. The house is offering \$300K in guarantees. The highlight is the \$300 RiverCard event Jan. 2, offering a \$100K guarantee.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** PHamous Poker Series VII will be Dec. 26-28. The \$500 main event has a \$200K guarantee and a \$40K guarantee for first.

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The Action Starts Here



## JACOBSON IS SWEDEN'S FIRST WORLD CHAMPION

It's quite fitting that in the year the Rio was celebrating the 10th anniversary of hosting the World Series of Poker and first prize was \$10 million, that the winner of the event would be holding pocket 10s.

**Martin Jacobson**, a 27-year-old pro from Stockholm (now living in London) captured the World Series of Poker Main Event crown to becoming his country's first world champion.

His 10s bested **Felix Stephensen's** A-9 on the final hand.

"It is surreal," Jacobson said shortly after the victory. "I have been so focused the past couple days. I felt comfortable and surprisingly calm. I don't know, it just felt like it was meant to be."



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## Yazdi wins MSPT for \$120,765

It's that time of the year when birds fly south for the winter, bears go into hibernation and poker players in Colorado hunker down for some early winter tournaments and cash games.



**HANS HOLLENBECK**  
COLORADO

Surely the most prominent tournament arriving with the cold season is the Mid-States Poker Tour at the Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk, Colo.

The acclaimed tournament, in its fifth season, ran Nov. 7-16 and featured a \$200K guarantee for its \$1,100 main event, which began Nov. 13.

**Reza Yazdi** of Denver bested **Wistar Holt** of St. Louis to capture the main-event title and \$120,765. The tournament attracted 500 players as Holt earned \$67,900 for second, followed by **Max Chrisp** of Arvada, Colo. (\$43,650), **Kevin Boudreau** of Colorado Springs (\$34,678) and **John Beuprez** of Denver (\$27,160).

The MSPT has made a previous successful appearance at the Golden Gates in March, with 453 entrants exceeding the guarantee and creating a prize pool of \$453,000, leaving the victory to **Dan Colpoys**, who bagged a nice \$114,156 return.

Up next at the Gates is the Colorado Championship, which runs until Dec. 15, and the \$100K guarantee Players Championship on Dec. 28-29.

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# Inn of Mountain Gods has place for its Losers

At the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, there's a new Friday night tournament called OneTwenty. And, on the last Friday of each month, this tournament morphs into pot-limit Omaha/8.



**MARY BRADLEY**  
NEW MEXICO

The buy-in is \$80, the tournament fee is \$20 and then there's a \$20 fee for the Losers Lounge. Altogether, it costs \$120, hence OneTwenty. There will be unlimited \$50 re-buys for the first three levels and alternates will be allowed until the end of the third blind level. The tournament begins at 6 p.m. with registration starting at 5.

Also, ask how you can earn bonus chips.

So, what's the Losers Lounge? Every player who plays in the Friday tourney and does not cash can return Saturday morning at 11 to play in the Losers Lounge event, with no further entry fee or buy-in beyond optional dealer bonus.

The Ho Ho Hold'em \$230 event is Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. If you take advantage of the early bird registration, which ends Dec. 5, you'll get \$50 free play, a \$99 room rate for Dec. 13 and two free buffet tickets for Nations Buffet. If you register Dec. 7-15 you'll get one buffet ticket and \$25 of free play.

**ISLETA:** The poker room has player-rewards drawings every Thursday in December from 5-11 p.m. for \$200 each. Players earn a ticket for each hour of live play. The room also is holding a freeroll Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. for players who qualify by playing 25 hours of live play throughout the month.

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** The poker room will have bounty tournaments Dec. 3 and Dec. 17 plus an Omaha/8 event Dec. 14. The Last Saturday of the Month deepstack will be Dec. 27 (\$150).

The annual Holiday Cash Giveaway drawings will be Dec. 11-24 when lucky players get to take home \$50-\$500.

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From an event that began July 5 with 6,683 hopefuls who each ponied up \$10K, Jacobson outlasted them all, capturing all 200,490,000 chips in play and winning the \$10 million first place prize and his first WSOP bracelet. The total prize pool up for grabs in the event was \$62,825,752.

The 24-year-old Stephensen of Oslo, also now residing in London, earned \$5,147,911 for second.

Netherlands native **Jorryt van Hoof**, 31, finished third for \$3,807,753. He was followed by **William Tonking**, 27, of Flemington, N.J. (\$2,849,763), **Billy Pappaconstantinou**, 30, of Lowell, Mass. (\$2,143,794), **Andoni Larrabei**, 22, of Spain (\$1,622,471), **Daniel Sindelar**, 30, of Columbus, Neb. (\$1,236,084), **Bruno Politano**, 32, of Brazil (\$947,172) and **Mark Newhouse**, 29, of Los Angeles (\$730,725).

The WSOP attracted a record 82,360 players from 110 countries to its 65 events, generating a prize pool of more than \$227 million, the most in the series' 45-year history. ♠



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# RENO HAS TOURNEYS AND EVEN SOME STUD

By Matthew Stuart

Reno is a great place to enjoy poker year round. Cash games and tournaments always are abundant. Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned veteran, Reno offers great action along with a really calm atmosphere. Feel free to contact me if you need further information regarding any specifics before you visit. Here is a look at what's going on right now.

**ATLANTIS:** The poker room boosted its \$50 11 a.m. daily tournament offerings by adding a minimum \$100 bonus for quads or better as well as the \$100-\$300 it adds to the prize pool. Cash games range from \$3-\$6 limit and \$6-\$12 limit to \$1-\$2 and \$3-\$5 no-limit hold'em. The poker room also offers seat requests via text messaging.

**ELDORADO:** In downtown Reno, this poker room offers not only hold'em but \$1-\$5 stud game. Tournament offerings include the new Terminator, where as you eliminate players you carry a \$25 bounty token as the tournament progresses. Daily events are \$30.

**GRAND SIERRA:** On the east side of Reno, Grand Sierra has daily \$25 tournaments alongside its \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$3-\$6 limit games. On Saturdays, there is an \$8-\$16 Omaha mixed game along with a \$100 bounty tournament.

**PEPPERMILL:** The poker room continues to offer everything from \$3-\$6 limit to \$5-\$10 NLHE in addition to afternoon and evening tournaments. It also finished up the Fall Challenge tournament series, but results weren't offered by deadline.

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# Munday dominates Pow Wow

Tulalip Casino recently hosted its Poker Pow Wow with \$17K added to its prize pool as **Lyle Munday** of Edmonds, Wash., led the way by winning Event 1 (\$7K) and Event 9 (\$4K). He also earned an extra \$3K as overall champ. Not a bad week for a guy one week shy of his 84th birthday.



JAY ZEMAN  
PNW

Here's a list of the other winners, all from Washington: **Per Cummings** of Arlington (Event 2, \$4K), **Torn Saechao** of Renton (Event 3, \$5K), **Glenn Konertz** of Montlake Terrace (Event 4, \$1K), **Jay Zeman** of Seattle (Event 5, \$5K), **Huong Lee** of Bellevue (Event 6, \$1K), **Allen Thorpe** of Green Acres (Event 7, \$5K), **Gennadiy Dvosis** of Bellevue (Event 8, \$1K) and **Dan Beecher** of Brush Prairie (Event 10, \$1K). **Nick Halvorson** of Vaughn and **Chaeng Yoo** of Seattle chopped the main event for \$35K each.

Tulalip is the second-largest room in the region with 20 tables. — Email Jay at [anteupjay@gmail.com](mailto:anteupjay@gmail.com).



## CAJUN COUNTRY HAS YOUR POKER NEEDS COVERED

Poker is alive in well in Louisiana with 11 poker rooms in Cajun Country. The 12th, the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles, should be open by the time you read this. The six-table room will be run manager **David Stewart**, formally of the Isle of Capri in Lake Charles.



**DANNY WADE**  
LOUISIANA

There's also some talk of Cypress Bayou Casino reopening its poker room after New Year's Day with a scaled-down version of its previous room at Shorty's Casino. Stay tuned for details as they unfold, but until then, here's a refresher of what you can find around the state.

All four corners are covered and offer plenty of live and tournament action. In the north is Horseshoe Casino and the Eldorado Casino. Every other Monday, Horseshoe Bossier City offers a World Series main event qualifier at 6 p.m. Check out its website or the Bravo app for details.

On the Southwest corner, there are several options at L'auberge Lake Charles, Isle and the Golden Nugget.

Central Louisiana is led by Coushatta Casino Resort and its 20-table room. The biggest tournaments outside of New Orleans are here. Also, Paragon Casino in Marksville and Jena Choctaw Pines just north of Alexandria round out this exciting hotbed of poker action.

Farther east in Baton Rouge, you'll find a couple of rooms near the state capital. L'auberge Baton Rouge leads the way with its seven-table room followed by the Belle of Baton Rouge's four tables. The Belle may be smaller, but it hosts the Mid-States Poker Tour. Go to MSPT.com for details on the next stop in Louisiana.

In the far east of the Pelican State is Harrah's New Orleans, which features the state's other 20-table room and is the busiest in the state. Also nearby, you can find Boomtown Casino New Orleans and its seven-table room with a great staff and promotions.

**TOURNAMENTS AND PROMOTIONS:** Coushatta hosts its \$15K Mystery Cash Giveaway on Dec. 15 and you can earn tickets for this drawing by making a flush or better in a cash game. There will be 16 gift boxes to choose from starting at 1 p.m. and every hour until 10 p.m. with a guarantee of \$500-\$2K. At 10, the final winner will collect all remaining boxes not chosen for a minimum prize of \$3,500. And don't forget Dec. 27 is Coushatta's \$550 Winter Blowout at 10 a.m. (See ad below.) The field is capped at 180 players plus alternates as registration opens Dec. 1. Finally, Harrah's New Orleans hosts its Winter Bayou Classic (Dec. 5-14) with buy-ins from \$135-\$1,125.

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This month there are a couple of chances for you to win your way aboard an Ante Up Poker Cruise.



## HORSESHOE BALTIMORE HOSTS HOLIDAY SERIES

Beginning Dec. 16, Horseshoe Baltimore will host its Charm City Holiday Extravaganza, a six-tournament series where each event has at least a \$10K guarantee. The series culminates with the \$100K guarantee main event Dec. 19. There will be satellites, single and multitable, into many of the events throughout the month.



**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC

One Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the April 10 sailing out of Baltimore has been added to the prize pool of the 7 p.m. Dec. 20 \$100 tournament. The poker room also is running \$200 Ante Up Poker Cruise satellites every Friday at 7 p.m.

In other big Horseshoe news, Feb. 26 is the date of the World Series of Poker Circuit. It will be the first time the WSOP will be played in Maryland. There will be 14 ring events with the \$1,675 main event March 6. Look for satellites leading up to the WSOPC.

**DOVER DOWNS:** The Royal Crown Poker Room will be giving away an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the April 10 sailing out of Baltimore on Dec. 10. The grand prize for the \$75 tournament will be the cruise, but after half of the field has been eliminated, all remaining players will have their \$75 buy-in returned to them.

On Dec. 27, there will be a \$15K guarantee for \$125.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** Running Dec. 15-21, the poker room will offer a series of \$100 tournament flights that lead to a final \$100K event. There also will be 12 Days of Holiday High Hands, which is a series of high-hand jackpots each day throughout the holiday season.

**ROCKY GAP:** The poker room has \$45 tournaments Monday-Thursday at 5:15 p.m. Players receive 7K chips and 2K more for an optional \$5 dealer add-on. On the last Saturday of each month 10:15 a.m. there will be a \$180 event (12K chips).

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** The Perryville room presents player-appreciation tournaments Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. A variety of affordable tournaments are most evenings to appeal to all levels of players. These tournaments are attracting large fields with sizable payouts for such buy-ins of \$35-\$45.

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## FIREKEEPERS SETS RECORD AS DYKHOUSE WINS

The Mid-States Poker Tour returned to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Mich., for its fourth event in the state, and it was a remarkable success. The \$1,100 main event drew a record-setting 517 entries to the MSPT tournament, which ran Oct. 11-19.



**SCOTT MILLER**  
**MICHIGAN**

**Ryan Dykhouse** of Grand Rapids, Mich., took home the title and \$125,400 after a heads-up battle with **Mark Johnson** of Warren, Mich.

**Adam Friedman** of Gahanna, Ohio, busted after three-bet shoving with K-5 and was snap-called by Dykhouse holding 8-8. The board didn't help Friedman, sending him to the rail with \$45K for third, pushing his lifetime earnings to \$1.677 million.

Dykhouse and Johnson battled for more than an hour. Johnson had a hard time getting any traction and Dykhouse just always seemed to have the goods, including flopping a straight flush but only getting one street of value.

Dykhouse chipped away at Johnson's stack knocking him down to about 14 big blinds before Johnson three-bet shoved with 10-3. Dykhouse called with A-2 and the board ran out clean to give Dykhouse the win.

Johnson made back-to-back final tables at Firekeepers during MSPT events in 2014. He collected \$75K for second to go along with his \$35,745 for third in May.

Firekeepers Casino hosts some of the largest tournaments in



**Ryan Dykhouse earned \$125K at Firekeepers, where 517 players ponied up \$1,100.**

the state, including a \$220 event on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. It also runs a Tournament of Champions quarterly, inviting the top scoring players from the daily, \$110 Sunday and \$220 tournaments.

The spacious 14-table poker room has a unique \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em game, which has a \$100-\$500 min-max buy-in to start. It's called Match the Stack, meaning after the first hand of a new game, players may buy up to the largest stack if that stack is greater than \$500. Other games include \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha, limit hold'em (\$3-\$6, \$4-\$8, \$10-\$20), \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$2-\$5 NLHE-PLO.

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## STILL TIME TO PLAY INDIGO SKY'S LEAGUE

Indigo Sky Casino will wrap up its Ante Up Poker League at the end of this month. Beginning Oct. 1, players could earn points for cash play and for entering or re-entering selected tournaments and making the final table. When the three-month period concludes, the top-nine point-earners plus one league-eligible player chosen at random will be invited to compete in a final freeroll.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
N. OKLAHOMA

The freeroll winner earns an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the Feb. 9 sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla., plus \$1,500 and a personalized league champion's jacket from Ante Up. The rest of the players will earn cash. There's still time to enter the league so don't delay.

Indigo Sky has \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha on Mondays beginning at noon. Numerous promotions are running, including free breakfast on Monday and Tuesday and \$300 high hands with no minimum qualifier every 30 minutes Saturday evenings.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** There's now a massage team to help players work out the knots as they grind away on the felt. During the holiday season, Dec. 26-30, the room will host a tournament every day at noon. New Year's Eve the regularly scheduled noon tournament will run. That tournament will lead into a New Year's Eve party with food, hot seat drawings and more. New Year's Day a tournament will run at 2. Dec. 26-30. The room's bad-beat jackpot is closing in on \$50K.

**CHEROKEE:** The Reindeer Games series returns again at West

Siloam Springs. Running Dec. 5-14, the series opens with a \$15K guarantee \$230 event with re-entries. There also will be ladies, survivor, ante only, deepstack and double-stack events that lead up to the two-day \$330 main event that features a \$30K guarantee. Players can satellite into the event by advancing through one of five \$50 (with \$10 rebuys) mega-satellites Dec. 10-13.

**HARD ROCK:** The Hard Rock Poker Open ran Nov. 11-13 and results will be in the January issue.

**DOWNSTREAM CASINO:** The poker room continues to offer \$100 hot-seat drawings for every touchdown and field goal on Sunday, Monday and Thursday night NFL games.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** The third season of the Hollywood Poker Open has kicked off and it will combine a series of tournaments at casinos around the country with regional seat qualifier promotions to send players to Las Vegas in June to compete in the Hollywood Poker Open championship at the M Resort. Hollywood at Kansas Speedway is qualifying players until April 30. The 20 players for each month (100 total) in terms of seat time will qualify into one of two May freerolls. The top four from each freeroll will win \$2,500 entries to the championship event in Las Vegas plus \$1,500.

December also brings the addition of a new regular tournament. On Wednesdays at noon a \$65 event, identical to the one on Monday evenings, will run. For those on bad-beat jackpot alert, Hollywood's was more than \$102K at press time.

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## Thompson pockets \$103K at Choctaw event

The fourth and final series of the year at Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla., is in the books and it was a man from Tulsa who captured the top prize. **Eric Thompson** won \$103,228 after defeating nearly 500 players en route to winning the \$1,100 main event, which had a \$300K guarantee and two flights.



**JOHN D SHORT**  
S. OKLAHOMA

It was another successful and well-run tournament event by **Jimmy Sommerfeld** and his Poker Executives crew. The series ran Oct. 23-Nov. 2, sporting 34 events that included money added, guarantees, Jack and Jill, Working Man's, pot-limit Omaha, ladies, seniors and satellites.

There truly was something for everyone.

The \$10K-added kickoff event drew 441 entries as Kathleen Gregory won the title and \$5,427. Event 2 was the popular Jack and Jill tag-team match as **Anne Medel** and **Robert Cote** took it down for \$1,928 each. My partner, **Thea Temple** (former Oklahoma ladies state champion) and I final-tabled, but we fell in 10th place.

Event 4 was the \$150K guarantee with four starting flights, a \$125 buy-in and liberal re-entry opportunities. It paid 5 percent of the field of a whopping 1,963 sitters, and when the dust cleared, **Mario Barrera** was the last man sitting, putting \$35,239

in his pocket.

The PLO event drew 63 players as **Justin Wainscott** earned \$4,155 for first.

Event 7 (\$350) had 50 entrants try to beat my good buddy **Brian Tolbert** and fail. He finally took down a series event instead of one of the daily or weekly tournaments, and this time it was to the tune of \$5,362.

The \$20K-added Monster Stack (Event 10, \$350) saw nearly 375 entries fall to **Larry Bramsey**, who won \$19,866.

**Helen Bivin** won the ladies tournament (Event 11) for \$2,038.

One of the more interesting formats in the series was the Working Man's \$240, which was contested over two days, starting at 7 p.m. to allow those with jobs to play during the week. It looks like an event name change might be in order since **Deborah Espe** won the first one for \$4,223. The second Working Man went to **Garland Thomas** (\$4,019) and **David Blow** won No. 3 and we hope he doesn't blow the \$5,211 he picked up for the victory.

The \$125 seniors (Event 20) saw 194 entries and **Randy Stewart** outlasted them all for \$4,891.

Finally, the last chance event (No. 34, \$350) saw **Walter Bell** best 80 players for \$7,542.

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# ANTE UP DEBUTS TIDAL WAVE TOURNAMENT

After positive feedback during a test run in October, Ante Up Poker Cruises will roll out its new Tidal Wave main event format for all upcoming sailings.

“We were definitely pleased by how much players liked the Tidal Wave on our cruise out of Galveston,” said **Scott Long**, who, with **Chris Cosenza**, owns Ante Up Poker Cruises. “Players gave us plenty of suggestions, which we used to tweak the format, and we’re looking forward to seeing what our future passengers think of this exciting tournament concept.”

The Tidal Wave gets its name from its accumulator aspect, an idea borrowed from Ante Up Poker Tour partner Derby Lane. Players may combine their three biggest stacks as they enter Day 2. But the format also tests players in single-table and multitable formats and creates a much larger prize pool than would be possible with a single-day, direct buy-in tournament.

Here’s how it works: Any time the Ante Up Poker Room is open, six-handed single-table “Day 1s” with a \$75 buy-in will start whenever six players are ready to go, testing players’ abilities in a short-handed, turbo format. All players with chips remaining after the first six levels will bag them and advance to Day 2. Players can enter multiple Day 1s and combine their three largest stacks. They can continue to try to add to those stacks knowing that they’ll receive \$75 from the prize pool for every stack beyond three.

Day 2, held on the final day of the cruise, will feature a slower, more traditional tournament structure and will be nine-handed, giving players yet another challenge to navigate through toward the championship.

“The format rewards players who can adapt their game to different formats, while also giving all players a shot at a nice prize pool for just a \$75 buy-in,” Long said. “And, of course,

## Devonshire wins AUPT cruise main event



**Bryan Devonshire** of Frisco, Colo., won the Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event aboard the Ante Up Poker Cruise from Oct. 19-26 out of Galveston, Texas.

Devonshire earned \$2,250 for the victory in the \$65 AUPT event, which featured the new Tidal Wave format with 139 entrants and a \$6,375 prize pool. **Anthony Ciorciari** of Henderson, Nev., was runner-up in the main event, but won Event 1 and finished third in Event 2. **Danny Wade** of Kinder, La., won Event 2. Full results are at [anteupmagazine.com](http://anteupmagazine.com).

players have the option of playing as often as they like to put themselves in the best position for success on Day 2.”

In addition to the Tidal Wave, all Ante Up cruises feature its fast-and-furious \$20 rebuy tournament on the first sea day, as well as traditional single-table tournaments. On sailings with three or more sea days, a \$100 “yellow-chip” bounty tournament also is featured and other tournaments are frequently added to the schedule while on board based on demand.

Ante Up Poker Cruises transforms the conference centers aboard regularly scheduled Royal Caribbean and NCL sailings into a professionally staffed and equipped poker room, with cash games, tournaments and an open-bar cocktail party.

Sailings in 2015 leave from Port Canaveral, Baltimore, Boston and Tampa, with a Los Angeles sailing planned for early 2016. For the complete schedule and more information, including how to book, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com). ♠



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# Jikov wins nearly \$105K at Meskwaki event

**Nick Jikov** won \$104,974 by besting a record field in the Mid-States Poker Tour event at Meskwaki Casino on Nov. 9. The field of 426 players meant a prize pool of \$426K.

Jikov, a 2014 World Series of Poker bracelet-winner, is from Des Plaines, Ill. He had a great run at the final table, eliminating most of the players before facing **Mike Lang** heads-up for the title. Lang earned \$60,600.

I attended the MSPT event and found several tables of pot-limit Omaha cash games and several levels of no-limit hold’em. The MSPT returns three times in 2015.

**HORSESHOE:** During the second week of October, the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs held its annual Fall Classic. The \$660 main event went to **Kipp Smith**, earning a few bucks shy of \$20K. This event had 122 entries for a \$71,370 prize pool.

There were a few other events, too. **Eric Rodawig** won \$2,112 in the \$200 PLO triple chance. Courtney Slott, **John Waugh**

and **David Hengen** chopped the \$200 bounty event for \$2,398 each. Mohammed Nuwwarah took down the \$250 six-max for \$5,212. The \$200 Omaha/8 event ended in a four-way chop for \$1,280 each to **Kelly Vandemheen**, **Terry Stork**, **Duster Ellis** and **Linn Shoemith**. The Horseshoe hosts its Holiday Poker Classic on Dec. 26-Jan. 1 with a variety of events, including NLHE, Omaha/8 and another PLO triple chance.

**LAND HO:** Rhythm City Casino in Davenport is moving onto land and will be near the I-74/I-80 intersection. It will be a year before the build is complete, but current plans are to include an eight-table poker room. Area players will appreciate the additional options and I’ll have more information as the grand opening approaches.

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The Heartland Poker Tour returns here the first week of December. The \$1,650 main event will run Dec. 5-8. There also will be a \$150 PLO event and a couple of smaller buy-in NLHE events.

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**KEN WARREN**  
IOWA



## KIRBY DOMINATES FALL CLASSIC AT CANTERBURY

**Matthew Kirby** of Bemidji, Minn., delivered a dominating performance during the Fall Poker Classic at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn. Kirby started off with a bang by winning the first event. He then placed sixth in Events 9 and 13 and ended the series by winning the main event for \$84,502. His four cashes earned him \$122,912 for the series. Kirby also won the “King of the Classic” for the daytime events, which earned him an Ante Up Poker Cruise package as well as a \$1,100 main-event entry.



**JOHN SOMSKY**  
MINNESOTA

The main event drew 363 entries for a \$352,110 prize pool. The 16 daytime events and 12 bonus events drew a combined 5,680 entrants for more than \$1.5 million in prize pools.

**Muneer Ahmed** cashed in six events for \$11K and **Matt Alexander** cashed four times, which included a victory in Event 3 and two more final tables, for just more than \$36K. **Justin Heilman** had four cashes in the evening events to earn “King of the Classic” and an Ante Up cruise package. **Dan Hendrickson** also had three cashes for \$39K.



**MN POKER HALL OF FAME: Mike Schneider** of Minneapolis became the second inductee. Schneider, widely recognized as one of the toughest limit hold'em players around, has been a successful

### MISSOURI

#### Culberson wins St. Charles HPT for \$129,147

**Matt Culberson** bested a record field of 383 players to capture the Heartland Poker Tour event at Ameristar St. Charles. He earned a \$129,147.

“This tournament has the largest participation of any HPT this year and the biggest ever in the state of Missouri,” Ameristar St. Charles GM **Ward Shaw** said.

Culberson was followed by **Mike Ross** (\$78,450), **Jeffrey Brin** (\$52,446), **Ron Amos** (\$36,592), **Matt Cannella** (\$27,444), **Shawn Roberts** (\$21,525), **Joshua Turner** (\$18K), **Johnny Masters** (\$15,067) and **Matthew Mueller** (\$12,915). — **Don Matusofsky**

online player since the early 2000s and in 2006 became the youngest person to win the Party Poker Million for a \$1 million payday at the age of 22.

**ULTIMATE OVERLAY: Chad Ogle** of Maple Grove, Minn., won \$22K after defeating 800 entrants for the Ultimate Overlay Tournament that preceded the FPC at Canterbury Park.

**HALLOW-SCREAM: Shawn Nelson** of Cloquet, Minn., took home more than \$34K after besting 612 entrants for the Halloween tournament at Running Aces Harness Park.

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# JOHNSON, COVENTRY WIN HORSESHOE TITLES

**Gregory Johnson** won Horseshoe Southern Indiana's largest World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event in history. A Columbus, Ind., pediatric dentist, **Johnson** won \$124K in the Midwest's longest running WSOPC, earning the 63-year-old father of seven his first WSOPC cash.



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
ILLINOIS/IND.

Finishing sixth, **Charles "Woody" Moore**, who was seen leaving with the latest edition of *Ante Up*, earned Casino Championship honors with three cashes, including two final tables and a ring. Moore is the only person to qualify for the WSOP national championship all four years.

**Bob Chow** picked up another ring by winning Event 8. Chow, the 2011 WSOPC Hammond main-event winner, had last year's main-event winner, **Zal Irani** at his final table. Winning \$14K, Chow has 11 career WSOPC cashes.

**Rob Coventry**, a 31-year-old options trader from Cary, Ill., won Hammond's WSOPC main event for \$313K. For the amateur who had no sleep, faced pros **Yiet Vo**, who was runner-up, and **Steve Billirakis**, who won Hammond's inaugural WSOPC main event in 2008.

After a three-handed marathon, **Coventry** expressed admiration for his opponents. He plans on using the winnings for his 2-month-old son's college fund.

**Robert Hankins** won the WSOPC re-entry opener (\$92K). This is the Nashville pro's third ring, topping 1,959 entries. He won his other rings in Tunica.

Las Vegas pro **Ari Engel** won the HORSE event for \$17K and his seventh ring.

"It definitely doesn't get old," Engel said. "It's nice to get a

win. It's been a little bit of time. I spend a lot of time grinding and you only very occasionally actually get a win. I'm trying to savor the moment."

**Ron Slucker** outlasted two-time ring-winner **Chris Karambinis** in a five-hour heads-up battle, winning \$37K in the six-max event. Karambinis won the Chicago Poker Classic opener this year.

"It's pretty amazing," Slucker said. "You go in there with 292 people and just hope you can be one of the last men standing."

With increased competition in the Midwest, this year's WSOPC and Chicago Poker Classic at the Horseshoe Hammond experienced declines in attendance. This year's CPC opener had 2,073 fewer players than last year's 5,165 entries. The WSOPC opener was down 437 and this year's WSOPC main event entries were the worst for a \$1,675 event.

**AMERISTAR EAST:** Popular manager **Jeremy Smith** is running Ameristar East Chicago's poker room.

"We're currently in the planning stage with many new daily promotions that will be starting Dec. 16," he said. "The new promotions are going to be awesome."

The poker room has \$18K in weekly tournament guarantees. The \$5K Saturday freeroll is always a big success as \$25K was given away in November.

Every Sunday, \$1-\$1 no-limit hold'em games start at noon and players entering before 2 p.m. will receive a free buffet after one hour of play.

**ANTE UP CHICAGO CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP:** Please see Page 42 for a preview to this \$1,100 charity tournament that runs Jan. 31 at Tinley Park and benefits Shady Oaks Camp.

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# Berlowski takes down Ho-Chunk Mid-States title

The Mid-States Poker Tour recently returned to Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, attracting 349 entrants for a \$349K prize pool as **Ben Berlowski** of Janesville earned the title and \$90K. The event drew accomplished players from around the Midwest, including two-time MSPT-winner **Jason Zarlenga**, MSPT Team pros **Kou Vang** and **Matt Kirby**; Mark "Poker Ho" Kroon and Wisconsin PPA director **Steve Verrett**. The final table was an eclectic mix, including **Rob Wazwaz** (10th, \$4,364), who made the final for the second time in as many years, and MSPT Player of the Year contender **Ken Payne** (eighth, \$9,902). However, in the end it came down to



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
WISCONSIN

**Berlowski** and **Andrew Rubinberg**.

In the final hand, Rubinberg pushed his last 500K holding J-10 and Berlowski called with A-3. Rubinberg picked up flush and straight draws on the flop, but he bricked out and settled for second place (\$50,351).

That left Berlowski hoisting the trophy, not too shabby considering he registered for the tournament at the last second on Day 1B.

Here's the rest of the top 10: **Nick Kost** (\$31,318), **Michael Ross** (\$25,175), **Nick Pupillo** (\$19,805), **Anselmo Vilareal** (\$16,280), **Kraig Benson** (\$13,091), **Ken Payne** (\$9,902), **Erich Ponath** (\$6,713) and **Wazwaz** (\$4,364).

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## BIG EVENTS COMING TO THE OHIO VALLEY

This fall has seen lots of action start to build in the region. The biggest action on the cash-game front is running at Rivers, where \$25-\$50 is played regularly. There's much more \$5-\$10 being played again, highlighted by a game that's consistently running in Toledo.



**DAN  
HARKENRIDER**  
OHIO AREA

Players from Detroit and Northeast Ohio are routinely showing up in these games. Overall, the games are coming back as players turn from the lakes, rivers and mountains to football and poker.

Across all casinos, we're seeing increased play on the cash side and a variety of tournament action.

There are major events on the horizon, on the heels of the November PPO series at the Rivers that includes *Poker Night in America*. There's much talk of March's World Series of Poker Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati and a Hollywood Poker Open series for the early parts of 2015.

But first, the Ohio Poker Championship at Hollywood Casino in Columbus runs this month (Dec. 12-14). The \$440 event gets you 15K chips and an optional \$10 dealer add-on gets 5K more. Tournament play begins at noon and registration began Dec. 1 at the cashier cage. For more info, please see the ad at the right, or call the poker room.



**PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:** Jack Schanbacher, who calls Rivers Casino home, has been a pro since 2005. He's primarily a cash player but enters big tournaments as they come. In 2008, he was a top 10 World Poker Tour player while playing less than 30 percent of the events of the average top-10 player. In 2009, he hit the road and experienced the brutal nature of touring and variance. Since then, he has settled into life as a high-stakes player. His favorite events are the PCA in the Bahamas, Borgata Opens and various WPT and WSOPC events and plays cash and main events. He was married in May 2013. I had a chance to chat with him recently.

**What's your best advice for up-and-coming players?** Making the big fold, right or wrong, is about making the correct decision in the moment and not tilting off about it. Over the long term, you're giving yourself the best chance to win.

**What's it like being a featured pro on *Poker Night in America*?** It's humbling and exciting being on the same stage as Phil Hellmuth and Matt Glantz. It's truly an honor when people walk up to me and wish me the best. Being from Pittsburgh, you can really sense the support and energy from the local poker community that I respect and enjoy being part of. This region is part of who I am."

**What's your favorite venue:** Borgata.

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Poker players know they don't play their best when they're hungry. But for more than 49 million Americans, hunger is a part of daily life.

*Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics are teaming to promote Restock the Shelves, a unique series of events nationwide on Jan. 19 to get those people the meal they so desperately need. All poker rooms and players are invited to help make the events a success.

Poker rooms are being asked to designate one of their existing tournaments on that day as a Restock the Shelves event. Rooms do not have to take any portion of the prize pool or add-ons for charity to participate; they just need to simply allow representatives of a local food bank, pantry or organization to be present onsite to collect donations of nonperishable food or cash from players who wish to contribute to help restock the shelves after the heavy demand of the holiday season.

"It's important to us that we make participation in these events as easy as possible for poker rooms and poker players," said **Scott Long**, who publishes *Ante Up* with **Christopher Cosenza**. "We're asking very little of poker rooms and players, but collectively, we can do a great amount of good if we all band together on one day in January."

The idea for the event came out of a dinner conversation with Long and **Kerry Karoutsos**, founder of Blue Shark Optics, the leading manufacturer of poker optics.

"We are privileged as well as fortunate to be able to participate in this effort," Karoutsos said. "The poker community has time and time again shown that it is comprised of individuals and companies that care, and it has greatly contributed to a multitude of worthwhile causes throughout the years. I believe that once again we will be able to make a difference by participating, in any capacity, in this great event and I would like to thank everyone who gets involved."

*Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics are seeking volunteers to help coordinate events in their favorite poker rooms and represent the two brands in a "Team Ante Up vs. Team Blue Shark Op-

### Ante Up Chicago Charity Championship is Jan. 31

Poker players in or visiting the Chicago area on Jan. 31 will have a unique opportunity to appear on a tournament video-streamed live to the Internet while helping out local charities.

The Ante Up Chicago Charity Championship, sponsored by *Ante Up* and Windy City Poker Championship, will be Jan. 31 at Southwest Community Services Inc. in Tinley Park, Ill. One table from the start of the event to its conclusion will be outfitted with RFID technology and will broadcast live to the Internet on a 15-minute delay and edited later for television broadcast, giving all players who enter the \$1,100 event an opportunity to appear on the broadcast, co-hosted by *Ante Up* publisher **Scott Long**.

Players who prepay by Jan. 17 will save \$100 on the buy-in. Players start with 40,000 units and 30-minute blinds and rebuys for \$500 will be offered through the first eight levels. Top 10 percent of field will cash in this tournament, which benefits Shady Oaks Camp in Homer Glen, Ill.

For every 25 players who enter, a \$3K Windy City Poker SNG Championship seat will be paid out from the prize pool, which adheres to Illinois Charitable Games Act regulations.

Other tournaments and cash games will be offered the same day. For more info, see the ad on the next page, or to register, visit [windycitypokerchampionship.com](http://windycitypokerchampionship.com) or call **Kirk Fallah** at (708) 935-2861.

tics Last-Longer Challenge," as well as sponsors willing to offer prizes for players who donate during the events.

For more details on how to participate in or sponsor the event, including a list of participating poker rooms, be sure to visit [anteupmagazine.com/restock](http://anteupmagazine.com/restock). ♠

Here's a list of who's participating thus far in the Restock the Shelves initiative. If your venue would like to host an event on Jan. 19, please contact **Scott Long** at 727-331-4335. For more information, go to [anteupmagazine.com/restock](http://anteupmagazine.com/restock).

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# Conditional statements aren't binding in poker

A question came up at a home game recently and while it was resolved amicably, it made us all wonder what would have happened at a casino. Two players were heads-up. Player 1 checked the river; Player 2 picked up some chips but hadn't made a forward motion or any declaration. Player 1, thinking Player 2 had moved the bet forward, said, "I call whatever he bets." If Player 2 then had said, "all-in," would Player 1 be bound to his statement and obligated to call that bet? Or can he get out of it because he spoke (took action) out of turn? — **David Bloomberg, via email**



**SAM MINUTELLO**  
**CALL THE FLOOR**

**SAM SAYS:** This is what we like to call a conditional statement. The old "If you ... then I will" is not one of my favorite scenarios. It usually causes a lot of tension at the poker table. I make the exact same ruling every time in this scenario. The conditional statement is non-action. Just because I don't bind a player to what they've said doesn't mean I don't pull that player aside and inform them of the disarray they've just caused and that if the conditional statements continue that they will be packing their things and calling it a night.

...  
I was in a \$3/\$6 limit game at a casino. After the river fell, the small blind threw Q-5 over the betting line and on top of the muck face up for a pair of queens. I interpreted this as a muck, so I bet out. The button folded and I asked if the small blind mucked. The dealer told me that his cards were live and not mucked. The small blind, realizing he might have the winner, called. I asked for the floor. The dealer told me the floor was just going to make the same decision and told me to turn over my hand. I insisted on calling the floor. The dealer then explained his decision again, and I just repeated "call the floor." The floor came and quickly ruled the hand stood as played. I'm fine with the ruling, but I didn't like that I had to argue with the dealer to get that ruling. — **Kaveh Saidi, via email**

**SAM SAYS:** This is what makes my job tough at times. I apologize for you having to deal with a dealer who refused to call the floor. You have every right to ask for a floor decision and it should've been done on the first request. I hope this doesn't discourage you from playing elsewhere in the future.  
— **Sam Minutello is the director of poker at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. Email questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.**



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# LITTLE TOURNAMENT

# BIG SUCCESS

The Ante Up Poker Tour and Derby Lane in St. Petersburg, Fla., collaborated on a \$150 buy-in, \$250K guarantee main event that drew 2,300-plus entries and Tampa's Gerald Silva took it down.

By Andrew Malowitz

Two weeks of excitement came down to one Sunday evening when Derby Lane crowned a new Ante Up Poker Tour champion on Nov. 16, and his name is **Gerald Silva**. The 69-year-old Tampa resident showed the patience of a seasoned veteran en route to a \$26K payday over a staggering field of 2,325 entrants in the \$150 buy-in event.

He squared off with **David Muscarella** heads-up for the title for nearly two hours as Muscarella displayed just as much patience as Silva, even doubling through the chipleader once. But he succumbed to Silva's 10-10 when his K-9 could only pair the nine on the river on the all-in preflop final hand at the poker room in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Typically, I'm more aggressive, but I noticed he was passive so I wanted to be careful," Silva said of Muscarella, who got as close as a 3-to-1 chip deficit before finally falling. "I thought he was waiting for me to make a mistake. So I wanted to be cautious and not make any huge bets and get into trouble."

The final eight players agreed to a chip-equity chop, with Silva, who has been playing poker for about eight years, getting the most and the rest earning about \$15K each. But that still left up for grabs the \$1,650 Ante Up World Championship Main Event seat at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in California, a Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two, a custom AUPPT champion's jacket and a spot on the cover of Ante Up's December issue. And just like he did during chop negotiations, Silva landed on top, winning the packages.

The seven-event Derby Lane Fall PokerFest series culmi-

nated with the accumulator main event, which was dubbed the Best Little Tournament in the USA and combined 18 Day 1 flights into 197 players for Day 2 and 37 players then returned for Day 3 to battle for the \$52K first-place prize.

The accumulator is a unique concept where players can play as many flights as they want but unlike a traditional re-entry tournament, when they bag, players could combine their five

biggest stacks for Day 2. Every player who advanced from one of the Day 1 flights was immediately paid \$150 from the prize pool, allowing them to re-enter another flight or bank their money.

"It was so unique and one of the best I've played," said Silva, who tried six times to advance to Day 2, bagging 74K chips from one flight.

The 2,325 entries generated a prize pool of \$327,340 from a \$150 buy-in, easily surpassing the \$250K guarantee. The player reaction was incredibly positive.

One of the chipleaders entering Day 2, **Matthew Musset**, said he was a fan of the play and the ability to get back cash and play again.

**Jean Miccio**, a member of the Derby Lane Poker League, bagged four out of seven attempts.

She rode the 700K stack to a 10th-place finish and loved the idea of playing multiple times to come back to a larger stack. Other players traveled to St. Petersburg, getting hotel rooms so they could make multiple attempts to increase their stacks.

Some of the players who started Day 2 on the short stack played their way to the final table. Muscarella started Day 2



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The final table agreed to chop when it reached eight-handed play.

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with 28K and **Bret McCown** with 106K. These two turned those short stacks into five-figure paydays.

Six undercard events tested players in a number of different formats, including six-max, high roller, pot-limit Omaha and Open Face Chinese Pineapple. They attracted big names such as **John Dolan**, **Justin Zaki** and **John Racener** and great locals such as **Chris Hyden** and **Michael Raimon**.

"I looked to make sure that all players not only got value in the first days of the tournament, but also when they came back," said **Jeff Gamber**, Derby Lane director of poker operations. "We didn't want a traditional payout structure that you felt was unworthy of what you already did. I wanted to make sure everyone got the best they could." ♠

— **Christopher Cosenza** contributed to this report.

The final table of the main event finished as follows, but the final eight agreed to a chip-equity chop and then played for the prize packages.

1. Gerald Silva, \$26K
2. David Muscarella, \$15K
3. Demarco Dennison, \$15K
4. Chad Pease \$16,500
5. Stanley Holley \$15K
6. Michael Dalton \$15K
7. Bret McCown \$13,500
8. Raymond Del Cueto \$15K
9. Terry Smith \$3,925
10. Jean Miccio \$3,200



**Event 2 • \$340 6-max**

1. Carlos Loving, \$4,908
2. Michael Laake, \$4,908
3. Paul Stanechewski, \$4,908
4. Mike Dickerson, \$2,635
5. Gil Levy, \$2,200
6. Fillip Khavin, \$1,430
7. Chrissy Holubeck, \$988



**Event 3 • \$1,020 NLHE**

1. Jeff Trudeau Jr., \$17,165
2. Marv "Doc" Karlins, \$13,300
3. Toan Trinh, \$7,615
4. Kevin Gugliotta, \$6,530
5. Jacob Nauman, \$5,440
6. Carlos Loving, \$4,348



**Event 4 • \$560 OFCP**

1. Ryan Carter, \$4,200
2. Shannon Stash, \$1,800



**Event 5 • \$340 PLO**

1. Ivan Alexandro, \$3,920
2. Toan Trihn, \$3,920
3. John Brennen, \$3,920
4. Andrew Hildago, \$1,765
5. Karen Longfellow, \$1,175



**Event 6 • \$530 NLHE**

1. Manelic Minaya, \$14,550
2. Michael Laake, \$8,590
3. Julio Novo, \$5,965
4. Lyle Vincent, \$4,650
5. Michael Raimon, \$3,700
6. Christopher Hyden, \$3,100
7. Alex Hernandez, \$2,505
8. Lucinda Martinez, \$1,910
9. Richard Barone, \$1,550
10. Ryan Pickett, \$1,192



**Event 7 • \$440 NLHE**

1. Lucinda Martinez, \$5,400
2. Charles Nickum, \$5,400
3. Filipp Khavin, \$2,698

NO THIN' BUT 'NET

A look at the online poker scene



# POKERSTARS, FTP PART WITH PROS

There has been a recent trend with online poker sites parting ways with their sponsored pros. Just within the past couple of months, PokerStars announced it had canceled the sponsorship contracts with Latin American players **Humberto Brenes**, **Angel Guillen** and **Jose "Nacho" Barbero**.



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

Now comes word three more high profile pros have been released: two-time World Series of Poker bracelet-winner and 2009 WSOP main event champion **Joe Cada**, the "Flying Dutchman" **Marcel Luske** and **Alex Kravchenko**.

Cada tweeted the following shortly after the announcement was made: "If everyone is wondering what happened with PokerStars and myself, it's pretty simple. I asked for 100 percent rake back; they said no."

Full Tilt Poker made similar announcements regarding its online sponsored pros dubbed the Professionals. In a major move, online superstars **Gus Hansen** and **Victor "Isildur1" Blom** were released.

Full Tilt said it made the decision to "move away from the pro-centric advertising to focus on the experiences and stories of the vast majority of our players."

This announcement comes on the heels of the announcement that **Tom "Durr" Dwan** had decided not to continue his relationship with the Professionals.

**EVERLEAF EXECS ARRESTED:** Everleaf Gaming, which is no lon-

ger in business, was one of the online sites that kept servicing and accepting funds from U.S. players after Black Friday on April 15, 2011. It wasn't until February 2012 that Everleaf stopped accepting U.S. deposits when the feds seized around \$27K from one of its online payment processors.

In the past several months, two of the site's executives have been arrested in Malta for misappropriation of player funds. The most recent arrest being Everleaf director **Jean Pavili**, charged with misappropriating about \$1 million from players and failing to pay fees of close to \$125K.

Pavili was released on bail and personal guarantees of almost \$25K, plus more than \$1.1 million of his assets in Malta and other countries have been frozen until the outcome of his trial.

A couple of months earlier another Everleaf director, **Michael Zwi Oros**, was arrested on charges similar to that of Pavili. He also posted bail and is awaiting trial.

**ULTIMATE POKER:** The fledgling online poker site, which was the nation's first legally regulated real-money site and began in Nevada, has folded after just 19 months for lack of profitability. Station Casinos was the majority owner and Ultimate Poker also had a marketing partnership with Ultimate Fighting Championship. Ultimate's closure leaves Nevada with two online sites WSOP.com and Real Gaming.

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# DON'T THUMB YOUR NOSE AT THIS TELL

If I had one body part to look at for poker tells, it most likely would not be what you think. No, it's not the face, though that's where most players will look. Yes, the feet are the most accurate part of the body and reveal true emotions, but that's still not it. Men and women have two of these so that means it's not the neck, though that is an important area for tells (ventilating, touching, covering of the dimple when we're weak or worried). Any idea yet? Just look at your hands and focus really well on those thumbs.



JOE  
NAVARRO

Yes the thumbs. Why? Because they reveal a lot of information. In some ways our thumbs are like telegraph machines for the brain. When we are content, the thumbs move away from the index fingers. When we're scared, they tend to hug the index finger and remain there, close by, analogous to how dogs tuck in their ears when they are scared or frightened.

We don't want an appendage sticking out in case we have to run or fight. And so it is in poker, what the face conceals, those thumbs reveal.

But that's not all; it gets better. Some players hide their thumb when they are marginal or weak by tucking them into their pocket or inside the waistband of their pants. It means the same thing and it certainly does not communicate confidence. Others, when they realize just how bad their hand really is or when they are bluffing, will put on a really good facial appear-

ance, but when you look at their thumbs, they have literally tucked them in under their fingers. Thumb hiding, which I first observed as an FBI agent doing interviews, says so much: at best it's lack of confidence and at worse it says I fear detection. Where do we see that? When players are bluffing or about to lose their bankroll.

If that were it, that would be enough, but there's more. As a player gains confidence based on the community cards, you may see that thumb distancing itself from the index finger and becoming territorial. In positive anticipation, you may even see the thumb tapping (bouncing up and down), much as we do when we strum our fingers when we want things to move along because we are excited for something exciting to happen. That tapping thumb is like happy feet, and it tells us the individual is excited.

Is that it? No, there's one more. Keep your eyes on the thumbs when the fingers are interlaced and sitting on top of the hole cards. Watch them carefully and notice how they react to the unfolding scene at the center of the table as the community cards are unveiled and how they respond to calls and raises. If you see those thumbs suddenly pop up on Fifth Street, fold; someone just got dealt a monster hand and those thumbs are shouting as much.

— Joe Navarro is a former FBI Special Agent and is the author of *What Every BODY is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. He writes about poker tells exclusively for *Ante Up Magazine*.

## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

# ACT LIKE THE HOUSE TOWARD OPPONENTS

There is an old saying in the poker: "Don't tap the glass on the aquarium." What it means is don't scare the "fish."

It amazes me regulars criticize and sometimes even embarrass the guy at the table who's out for a night of recreational play.



STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD

Imagine as a regular you are the house. What does a casino do when a so-called fish comes to the craps, roulette or blackjack table? It welcomes the fish with open arms. The house doesn't say, "How could you play that hand?" or "I don't believe you played your hand that way."

What's the point? What's the psychology behind this kind of behavior? The casino understands it's in the business of making money and the best way to make money is to make the customer happy.

But many regular poker players aren't in the business of making money. Some are there to feel good, others to show their skills or because it's their life.

Many people only feel good when they "best" someone and let them know. I'm talking about self-centered, narcissistic behavior and not the self-confidence that goes with peak perfor-

mance.

For many people, the poker table is another place to show off, whether it's with "daring" play or rolls of hundreds they don't care about losing. These are the people, who "teach at the table." They're not the people who keep light-hearted banter going, who accept a win without commenting on others' play, who don't let their sense of self worth get caught up in getting sucked out on.

Everyone at the table is there for a reason. It's time for some "regulars" to get a handle on why they're there and that their reasons are no different than the guy who drops in for a fun night. But the regular, if interested, might consider seeing himself as the house instead of someone driving away the guy who is willing to spend some money. If that's his goal and your goal is to grind out a decent profit, treat him like a good customer. Remember he can win in the short term, but if you're as good as you think, you should win in the long run.

It's important to not only know why you play but why everyone else at the table is playing. You have to keep your head in the game.

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# BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE

There are many common sports phrases that often serve as accepted wisdom. For instance, “defense wins championships” or “the best offense is a good defense.” Longtime readers will know I often use analogies from sports and business to make a relevant poker point. With that said, in poker the best offense is a good offense.



DAVID  
APOSTOLICO

What do I mean by that? A friend of mine lost a big pot when he went all-in postflop with top two pair and was called by an opponent holding bottom pair with a flush draw. In a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em cash game, our friend opened-raised to \$5 in early position with K-J at a six-handed table. He was called in three spots. The flop came K-J-8 with two spades. The big blind led out for \$15. Our friend had \$100 behind and went all-in. He was called by the big blind with 8♠-6♠.

The turn was a spade and our friend lamented his play. Specifically, he thought he should have played defense and just called the flop. Now, there are a few things wrong with that way of thinking but I see it all of the time at the poker table. Players think they can limit losses by not committing too many chips until all of the cards are dealt and they know they have a winner. They believe by playing “defense” they’ll decrease their

variance in a game notorious for fluctuations.

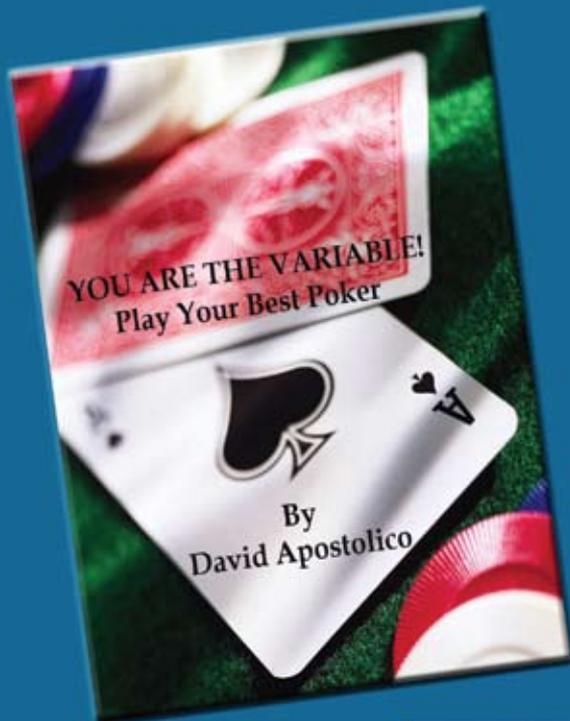
This way of thinking will only serve to increase losses and variances. The best offense is a good offense. I asked my friend if he would’ve been lamenting his decision if his hand held. Next, I asked him what if he played defense, just called the flop and then his opponent bets the turn? Are you going to fold because a potential flush has hit? By playing defense, you have shifted the burden of decision-making from your opponent to yourself.

When you have the opportunity, you want to be the one to exert pressure on your opponent and not vice-versa. By taking the offense, you maximize your ability to control the outcome and limit variance.

Yes, you will get called sometimes and lose but that’s okay if you have forced your opponent into making a call in the first place by pricing him out of his draw. The alternative is not to price your opponent out and give him free or cheap cards where it is correct for him to continue in the hand. That will increase your variance overall and makes for losing play. In poker, the best offense is the best offense.

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# PLAY SNGS TO WORK ON YOUR GAME

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

A poker student of mine recently downloaded my columns from the past year and wrote me a nice note of appreciation. He asked me a few questions regarding tournament play and he said he started a weekly poker think tank, something I advised in my last column.



**MARK BREMENT**

Practice is your best friend when it comes to tournament play and finding an online venue to play single-table tournaments is a great way to get ready for live tournament action. But first, a few caveats:

Tournaments at local cardrooms have 15-, 20- or 30-minute rounds with blind structures that seem designed to end tournaments quickly so the house can get back to spreading cash games.

If you're playing online and are multitabling but are frustrated by your lack of scores at live events, this might be a leak, even if you're showing a profit.

Playing SNGs and focusing on early, middle, late, bubble and first-place, second-place and third-place statistics will reap rewards. To do this properly, we must play one game at a time and shut down the multitabling.

This may hurt your hourly win rate in the short run. However, the leaks you're sure to plug will more than make up for any deviation from your daily grind.

The obvious place to begin this series is by examining our early play (the first three blind levels 10-20, 15-30, and 25-50). Note that starting stacks are 1,500 and we're playing at a normal speed. We are not playing turbos. A first-place finish will take about 45 minutes and might even go for an hour.

In the early stage, I advocate a "catch flops" style (loose). We will chip up to 1,900 or more. This is more than a 20 percent increase in chips. Remember, if we are hoping to hit some home runs on the live circuit (\$100K paydays):

- We must overcome our fear of flops.
- We must learn to chip up.
- We cannot rely on patience.
- We must avoid all-in confrontations, hence the term chipping-up.
- We must improve our ability to change gears. This is based on our stack size.

So now we are getting somewhere. That "a-ha" moment is kicking in. The first three rounds in the SNG represent, depending on the tournament structure and how many players have entered, the first six hours of play in your live event.

Wow, 21 minutes online and this simulates six hours of live play.

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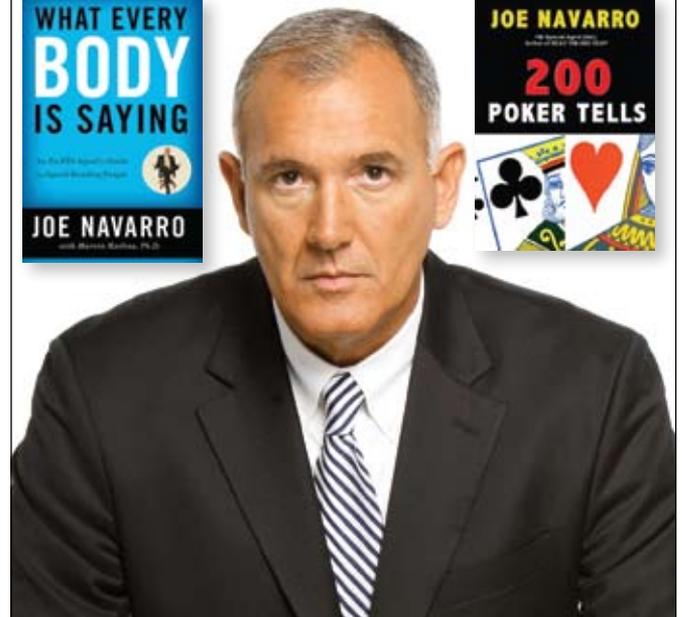
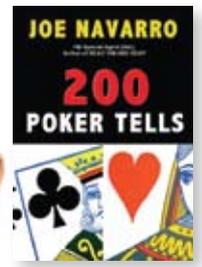
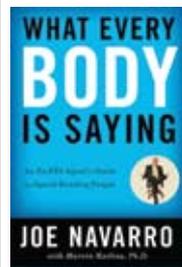


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# THEIR MISTAKES WILL BE YOUR PROFITS

By Sean Hansen

If there were only two things I would suggest to any player who wants to take their poker game to the next level, they would be:

- Know and play the right frequency of hands preflop for the game you're in.
- Pay attention to when opponents' frequencies get out of whack and bury them for it.

We won't talk about the first one right now because it's a long discussion. Assuming, however, you know what a solid preflop range set looks like, you should be able to tell when an opponent is playing too tight or too loose. We can all identify the tightest player in the game and the loosest. What are the implications of that, however, and how do we exploit errors?

In a tournament, for example, your tight player is going to fold too often preflop. He's making a mistake, so abuse his blinds, so long as you don't stray too far from your correct ranges, otherwise *you* become exploitable. The player who opens too many hands? He's also making a mistake. His range is too wide, so he'll fold too often to three-bets or he's going to miss most flops.

One of the things I like to do when I figure out an opponent's mistake is to ask myself why he's making that mistake.

For the tight player, is he timid? Is he money-jumping? For the loose player, does he have an obvious ego? Does he lack discipline? Is he on tilt?

You can, with practice, watch an opponent and figure out his motivation for why he's playing badly. And that will clue you in to how he will continue to play poorly on later streets. The super-timid player can be barreled off of remarkably strong hands sometimes; you often don't need a hand. The egomaniac will hang himself if you provide the rope; often second pair or even less is plenty to call down with against this player.

See how that works? Their mistake affects their ranges, which in turn affect what ranges we can use to exploit them.

Once you really are sure you have a good idea of what a good set of preflop ranges looks like (get help on this from someone who knows, don't assume you have this locked up), you should be able to:

- Notice when someone is outside of those ranges
- Figure out why they're playing incorrectly
- Develop a plan to exploit their mistakes on each street

Make sure to keep stack sizes in mind and when you hold a big hand, don't forget what their mistakes are. It's easy to look down at A-A and forget to play the player. Feel free to shoot me a question on Twitter @BigSlickAcademy. ♠



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<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$55, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a).	Mega bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hands; Moonlight High Hands (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$51, 8p); Sat. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$36, noon); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 8p); WSOPC, Dec. 4-15 w/main event Dec. 12 (\$1,650).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Double High Hand (Mon.-Thurs., mid.-close); Pay for Play (\$5/hour); monthly cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p). Gardens Classic, Dec. 12-21.	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.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; Stud Progressive Jackpot; Larry Flynt's Holiday Classic runs until Dec. 14.

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# CALIFORNIA (Continued)

<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; 25 hours of live play in a month gets entry into monthly \$5K freeroll.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon. (\$57, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$57, 11a); satellite tournaments are \$22 and run on Mon. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (10a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LODI CASINO</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (varies, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (4p).	Prize wheel; Mini & Super Bad Beat Jackpots; Aces Cracked; Full House Cracked; high hands; royal-flush bonus. See ad Pages 2-3.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$10-\$60); Tue.-Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Low Drop & lucrative promotions (Mon.-Fri.); call for details.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Mon. KO (\$50, 5p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 5p); Sun. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	\$100K cash and prize giveaway; Lucky Table Lucky Seat \$20K (Sun.-Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); call for details.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$160, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$70 w/\$50 rebuys, 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	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p).	High hand pays \$100 & \$75 in Omaha (Mon. & Wed., 10a-3p); Flush Marathon (Mon., 3p-3a).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 11a & 7p); Wed. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Fri. & Sun. \$5K guar. (\$405, 11a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Early Bird High Hand (Tue., 9a-11a); Free Money Fridays (2p-9p); Cruzin' with Cash & Car giveaway (earn entries Mon.-Fri.).
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pventura.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	Sun.-Fri. (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:15p); Sun.-Mon. & Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal-flush jackpot; progressive bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings or better; high-hand bonus (Fri. & Sat.); quads, straight-flush bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K events held regularly, qualify by collecting stamps for 10s full or better (queens full or better in Omaha); call 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	No tournaments.	No promotions.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 11a); last Sun. of month \$20K guar. (\$225, 11a)	High-hand bonus (quads, straight flushes and royals); six jackpots.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha (quad eights); Spin City; Cash Splash; Yahtzee; football promo (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); 1st Sat. WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a); last Sat. WSOP super satellite (\$50, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; \$500 Football Frenzy; Triple High Hands; Progressive Hourly High Hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K (\$60, 11a); Fri. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K (\$75, 11a), (\$200, 5p), (\$125 Survivor, 8p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>WIN RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Call for information.	Gameday Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); Aces Cracked; progressive straight flush and quads (call for details).

# COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • golden casinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p; deepstick Fri.-Sun. (\$160-\$210, noon); Colorado Championship XI runs until Dec. 15 (call for details).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details); Players Championship w/\$100K guar., Dec. 28-29 (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 10s; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier; Monte Carlo High Hand Jackpot (call for details).
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.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.
<b>SKY UTE CASINO RESORT</b> (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$85, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. NL Omaha (\$55 w/re-entry, 2p); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
<b>UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Sun. (\$10, 3p).	Call for information.
<b>WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK</b> (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 4p); Sat. HPT500 (\$75 weekly, 4p/\$200 monthly, 4p/\$500 quarterly, 2p) & Sun. Survivor (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot run-off (last Sun. of month); High Hand Extravaganza Jackpot w/\$500 high hands once jackpot reaches \$6K.

# 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).	Mega Stack, Dec. 6-15 w/\$300K guar. main event, Dec. 13-14 (\$1,650). See ad on Page 63 for schedule. Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives; daily high hand promotions (see website for details).

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Daily (\$45, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$50, 7:15p); Fri. (\$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$75, 7:15p); Sun. (\$25, 6:15p). See ad Page 35.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash back rewards.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Visit website for schedule. Please see the ads on Pages 18-19 for information on the MSPT schedule and the Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways.	Bad beat in HE (uncapped); \$250K+ in holiday high hands, Dec. 12-23 (noon-mid.); \$500 high hands & \$100 table share, Dec. 25; \$1K high hands/\$500 table share, Dec. 27 (2p-mid.).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); \$200 deepstack Turbo w/\$50 bounties, Dec. 30 (\$200, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); half-hour high hands (daily); \$500 high hands, Dec. 6 (2p-mid.).
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREINA</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 57.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Mon. (\$45, 3p & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 3p); Wed. (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p, \$115, 7p); Sun. (\$190, 1p & \$50, 6p).	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-11p & Fri., noon-mid.); Holiday Charity Classic, Dec. 7 (\$165, 1p); call for details.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p & 6p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, 8p & midnight).	Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways, call for details. See ad Page 11.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. KO (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. & Sun. (\$70); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$50 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half-hour (Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 1p-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Daily (noon and 7p, buys range from \$40-\$125); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$100, 7p); Sun. (\$65, noon & \$75, 7p).	High hands (hourly); \$20K royal and \$10K bad beat.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening. Isle Poker Classic in January. See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	\$1.5K guar. freerolls at 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and Sun. (call for type of tourney); Fri. & Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	Daily, noon-10p; high hands pay up to \$599 every 30 minutes.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Early Bird High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Twilight High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Weekend High Hand (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$55, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Dec. 18 (\$75, 7p).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. varies; Fri. varies; Sun. (\$35, 4p).	Big High Hand varies day to day (call for details). See ad Page 46.
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; Ante Up Poker Tour, Dec. 11-14 w/\$100K guar. main event (\$575); call for details. See ad Page	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high hands every 15 minutes (call for details); 23 Days of Christmas prizes every 30 minutes (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Bull's Eye Bounty (Wed., 2p-2a); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.).

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FLORIDA (Continued)

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ILLINOIS

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INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Includes entries for Ameristar East Chicago, Belterra Casino Resort, Blue Chip, Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, Horseshoe Hammond, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, Majestic Star II, Tropicana Evansville.

IOWA

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KANSAS

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Includes entries for Boot Hill Casino, Hollywood Casino, Kansas Star Casino.

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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 RENOV</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$10 add-on, 11a) w/added money and bonus hands depending on number of entries (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; quads-royals pay bonuses; 2X comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; Monday Football Squares (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$65, 9a, 11a, 2p, 5p & 8p) w/\$1K guaranteed prize pools.	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p); WPT Five Diamond Poker Classic, Dec. 5-20 w/main event starting Dec. 15 (\$10,400) and WPT Alpha8 starting Dec. 18 (\$100K).	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 prog. bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; high hands (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a), (\$85, noon), (\$85, 7p), (\$85, 10p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games; Pro Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue.-Thurs. deepstack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a; \$45, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	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>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot starts at \$20K; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$500); \$5K freeroll (Fri.).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; Monthly Midnight Madness \$5K freeroll; play live on Tue. & Sat. and get paid \$500 for flopping quads.	Multiroom bad-beat jackpot (loser receives \$40K, winner gets \$20K and the rest of the live players qualify for splash pots); progressive high hands (daily).
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60-\$100, 6K chips, 10a, 3p, 8p & 1a) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p); \$6.5K weekly freeroll on Sat. (12 hours to qualify).	High hands; \$50 high hand of the hour (daily, 3a-10a); royals pay \$500 and straight flush pays \$100.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>LIQUOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 634-6441 • caesars.com/liquor	Daily (\$40, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Sat. w/10 hours of live action play.	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500).
<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.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays anywhere from \$100-\$2K.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Prog. high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (M-W-F) pays to flop it (\$300), turn (\$200) and river (\$100); Football Rolling pays \$100 per quarter (M-Th-Sun.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$35 w/\$5 rebuys, 11a), (\$50, 2p), (\$80, 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays up to \$2K and up to 10 winners each drawing (every four hours, daily); \$10K weekly invitational (Sun., 10a); football promo (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
<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).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; call for details on additional monthly promotions.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Royals pay \$250; bad beat pays \$40K to loser, \$20K to winner w/\$1K table share; flop any quads on Tue. & Sat. and get paid \$500; football promo (call for details).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p).	High hand; get paid for straight flushes and royals; player comps (120 hours of play earns \$2.50/hour; 30 hours of play earns entry into \$10K monthly freeroll).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$1.5K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p); Mon. PLO \$1K guar. (\$65).	Call for details. Phamous Series VII, Dec. 26-28 (call for details).
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 10a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. (\$100, 10a) & (\$50 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. KO (\$100, 10a); Sat. KO (\$230, 10a); Sun. (\$230, 10a) & (\$60, 6:30p).	Jumbo jackpot pays up to \$40K; bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings and progresses to aces full of deuces; quad aces progresses daily to quad deuces.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$50 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$70) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon; \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); Tue. KO (\$200, 7p); Th. (\$200, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon; \$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, noon; \$125, 7p).	New Year's Extravaganza, Dec. 26-Jan. 4 (call for details).
<b>WESTGATE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (call for details).
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
<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). \$100K guar. weekend, Jan. 22-25	Call for details.

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



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# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 11:30a); Fri.-Sat. (\$50, 11:30a); Mon. & Wed. PLO (\$50, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$75, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$500 Player Reward Bonus; Big Hand Payout pays up to \$200 for royals (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpcn.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. KO (\$120, 11:15a); Sat. (\$200, 11:15a); Sun. (\$120, 11:15a) & KO (\$120, 7:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 10:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasinoc.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st & 3rd Sat. PID Poker Series (\$100, 2:30p); \$5K HU freeroll, 2nd Sat.	High hand jackpot (daily); Game Starters (Mon.-Wed.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Call for information. See ad Page 25.	Call for information.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

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

# TEXAS

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

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>LUCKY EAGLE CASINO</b> (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
<b>SWINOMISH CASINO &amp; LODGE</b> (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. (\$80, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	\$500 high hands; 12 Fan Hawks Splash Pot pays \$100 per TD; football \$50 Hot Seats (Mon.).

# WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Mon. KO (\$125, 7p); Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. KO (\$125, noon & \$225, 7p); Sat. (\$250, noon & \$150, 7p); Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).
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# WISCONSIN

<b>BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO</b> (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-1:30a) & Saturday (6p-1:30a); tournaments on Wednesday (6p).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
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<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$38, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Call for promotions.
<b>LAKE OF THE TORCHES RESORT CASINO</b> (715) 588-7070 • lakeofthetorches.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 5p); HPT500 league (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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# WYOMING

<b>WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$50, 4p) w/ \$1K add.	Call for information.
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\* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com

# F5 poker

EVERYTHING POKER. ALWAYS REFRESHING.

By Jeff Walsh

Here is just a sample of what you can find at Pokerfuse.Com's F5 Poker:

## THE MOUTH WALKS, TALKS

**Mike Matusow** recently had spinal surgery in Las Vegas and there were some unexpected complications. After months of "feet pain and muscle weakness," he decided to have surgery, but when things didn't go as planned, Matusow stayed in the hospital longer than expected. But with some physical therapy, Matusow will be up and around again soon. "It was a very difficult week," he said, "but everything points to me walking again and making a full recovery with a lot of physical therapy on the horizon on learning how to walk again."



## HONEY, LET'S BE ON TV

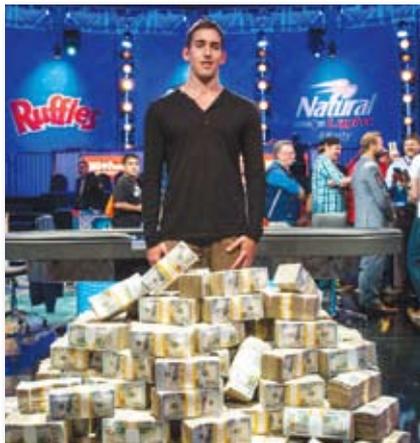
**Phil Hellmuth** is notorious for doing whatever he can to get a little extra publicity, but it turns out his wife isn't so keen on it. The 13-time bracelet-winner reportedly had an off to appear on ABC's *Wife Swap*. While Phil was, of course, ready to ship his wife off for a couple of weeks to get some airtime, **Katherine**, a Stanford psychologist, put her foot down and declined the offer (for now).

## PHIL IVEY: HIGH ROLLER

The Las Vegas City Council recently approved a number of city marijuana permits for those looking to open medical marijuana dispensaries and one name on that list stuck out: **Phil Ivey**. The man who's arguably the No.



1 player on the planet is rolling up his sleeves and branching out. To put it bluntly, Ivey's getting into the weed game. As of the time of this writing, he's not yet pot-committed as there's more red tape to get through before he can open up shop.



## THE HEATER CONTINUES

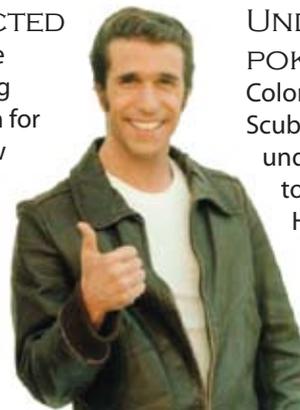
Young poker anti-hero **Daniel Colman** dominated the World Poker Tour London Alpha8 title for \$957,396. While that would be a career victory for 99 percent of players, it's but a drop in the bucket for Colman, who has amassed more than \$22 million in 2014. Without question, Colman is having one of the sickest, most successful years of any player.

## BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS

Six one-time Tennessee cops are in deep water after allegedly using their positions of power to escort large amounts of money from an illegal high-stakes poker game. The officers, who were paid to move and protect about \$1 million, were at times dressed in uniform and used police vehicles. Each officer reportedly was paid around \$500 for services and now, because of the extortion charges, they each face 40 years in the slammer.

## CALM, COOL, COLLECTED

According to a study from the University of Helsinki, winning players have "a predisposition for emotional stability" and know how to keep cool under pressure. So if you're a raging tilt monster at the table, it's likely you're also losing money while you're there. But if you're like **Fonzie**, then you'll clean up at the table.



## UNDERWATER

**POKER CHARITY**  
 Colorado's High Plains Scuba recently hosted an underwater tournament to benefit Veterans Helping Veterans Now. You didn't need to be a certified diver in order to play; just a willingness to get wet and go all-in.

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# MEGASTACKCHALLENGE

DECEMBER 6 - 15, 2014

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT #	TYPE OF EVENTS	GUARANTEED	BUY-IN ENTRY FEE	STARTING CHIPS / TIME PER LEVEL
SATURDAY	12/6	11AM	1	\$600 NLH with Re-Entries Two Day Event	\$125,000	\$530/\$70	20,000 1 - 23 • 40 min 24+ • 50 min
SUNDAY	12/7	11AM	2	\$230 NLH Bounty with Re-Entries	\$20,000	\$150/\$30 \$50 Bounty	15,000 25 min
SUNDAY	12/7	1PM	3	\$230 Omaha Hi-Lo 8+	\$10,000	\$200/\$30	10,000 25 min
MONDAY	12/8	11AM	4	\$300 NLH with Re-Entries Two Day Event	\$100,000	260/\$40	15,000 30 min
TUESDAY	12/9	11AM	5	\$230 NLH with Re-Entries	\$20,000	\$200/\$30	15,000 25 min
WEDNESDAY	12/10	11AM	6A	\$400 NLH Multi Flight Event with Re-Entries Two Day Event	\$100,000	\$350/\$50	20,000 1 - 12 • 30 min 13+ • 40 min
WEDNESDAY	12/10	5PM	6B				
THURSDAY	12/11	11AM	7	\$230 NLH Bounty with Re-Entries	\$20,000	\$150/\$30 \$50 Bounty	15,000 25 min
THURSDAY	12/11	1PM	8	\$230 PLO Hi-Lo 8+ with Re-Entries	\$10,000	\$200/\$30	10,000 25 min
FRIDAY	12/12	11AM	9	\$300 NLH Big Stack with Re-Entries	\$30,000	\$260/\$40	30,000 1 - 25 • 20 min 26+ • 30 min
SATURDAY	12/13	11AM	10A	\$1,650 NLH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT Multi Flight Event with Re-Entries Three Day Event	\$300,000	\$1,500/\$150	30,000 1 - 12 • 40 min 13+ • 60 min
SATURDAY	12/13	5PM	10B				
SUNDAY	12/14	11AM	11	\$300 NLH Big Stack with Re-Entries	\$30,000	\$260/\$40	30,000 1 - 25 • 20 min 26+ • 30 min

DATE/TIME	DAILY EVENTS	GUARANTEED	BUY-IN ENTRY FEE	STARTING CHIPS / TIME PER LEVEL
DECEMBER 6 • 6PM DECEMBER 13 • 7PM	\$230 NLH with Re-Entries	\$20,000	\$200/\$30	20,000 20 min
DECEMBER 7 - 9 & 11 • 6PM	\$160 NLH with Re-Entries	\$10,000	\$135/\$25	15,000 20 min
DECEMBER 6 - 12 • 8:30PM DECEMBER 14 • 8:30PM	\$100 NLH Bounty with Re-Entries		\$55/\$20 \$25 Bounty	10,000 15 min

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