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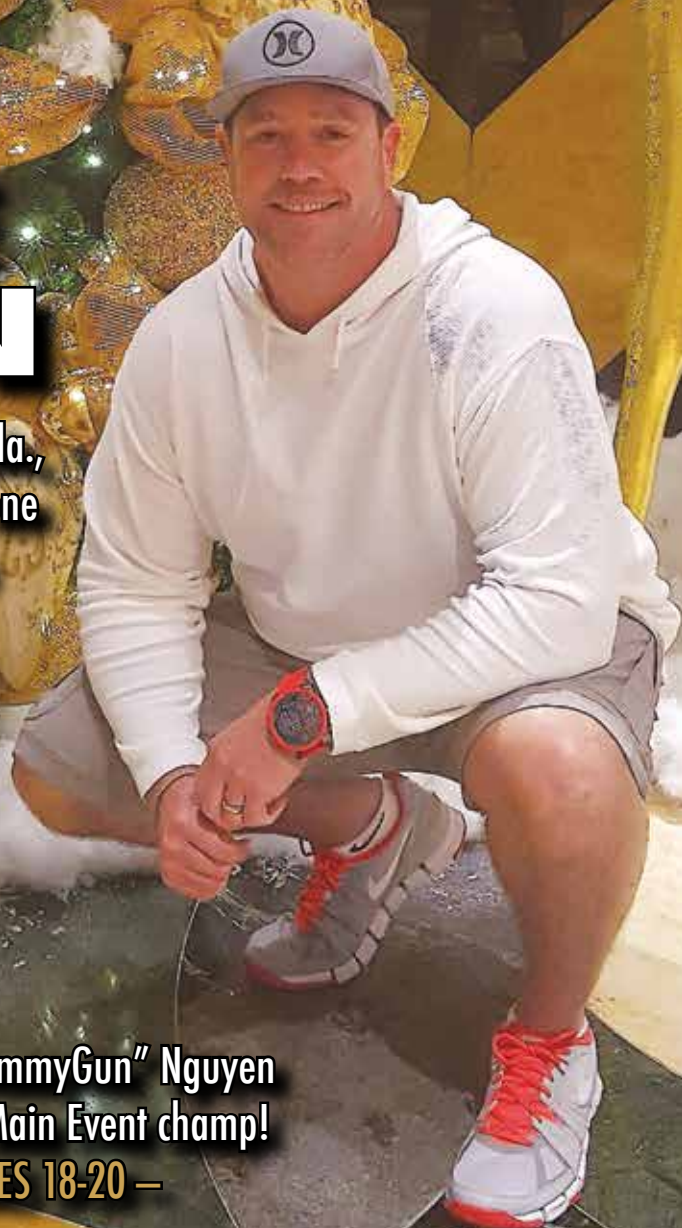
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Sun, Jan 29 TBD Single-Table Satellite - 1 winner of a seat in the Poker Night Live Televised Cash Game with \$5,000 Buy-In **ONE (1) \$5,000 SEAT AVAILABLE FOR LIVE CASH GAME** \$540

Sat, Jan 28 TBD Day 1 \$25 - \$50 BLIND NLH  
Sun, Jan 29 TBD Day 2 **LIVE TELEvised CASH GAME FILMING**

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

1 Thu, Jan 19 4pm Day 1A  
Fri, Jan 20 11am Day 1B  
4pm Day 1C  
Sat, Jan 21 11am Day 1D  
Sun, Jan 22 11am **MONOLITH \$250,000 GUARANTEED** \$425  
MONOLITH DAY 2 - FINAL

Sun, Jan 22 1pm **5 SEATS GUARANTEED** Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Poker Night in America \$1,100 Main Event \$250

2 7pm **\$10,000 GUARANTEED** NLH Knockout Bounty | \$50 Bounties \$155

3 Mon, Jan 23 11am **\$10,000 GUARANTEED** NLH \$125

4 5pm **\$10,000 GUARANTEED** NLH Six Handed \$155

5 Tue, Jan 24 11am **\$5,000 GUARANTEED** H.O.R.S.E. \$155

6 5pm **\$20,000 GUARANTEED** NLH \$235

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8 5pm **\$15,000 GUARANTEED** Omaha 8 or better \$235

9 Thu, Jan 26 11am **\$20,000 GUARANTEED** NLH - Main Event Preview \$340

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Fri, Jan 27 5pm **20 SEATS GUARANTEED** Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Poker Night in America \$1,100 Main Event \$250

10 Fri, Jan 27 11am Day 1A **THE FINAL \$250,000 GUARANTEED** \$1,100  
Sat, Jan 28 11am Day 1B  
Sun, Jan 29 11am Day 2 **MAIN EVENT**

Mon, Jan 30 12Noon **LIVE TELEvised FINAL TABLE FILMING - HOTEL LOBBY**

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



Christopher Cosenza

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## It's a win-Nguyen

We here at Ante Up would like to congratulate **Qui Nguyen** on winning the World Series of Poker Main Event and its \$8 million prize. You can find our WSOP November Nine coverage on Page 18.

Nguyen, born in Vietnam and now an American citizen living in Las Vegas, said he plans to donate a portion of his winnings to the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization for injured veterans and their families.

When we learned of Nguyen's pledge, it brought a lot of warmth to our hearts for so many reasons. We are of the mindset that world champions of this magnitude have a responsibility to represent positively their communities and vocations.



We're old enough to remember a time when world champions in other endeavors were ambassadors around the globe; **Muhammad Ali** springs to mind, devoting his life to the promotion of world peace, civil rights, humanitarianism and hunger relief.

While we aren't expecting Nguyen to follow in those huge footsteps, we are encouraged by his generosity and hope this inspires other to give back, too.

It's no surprise he's a Team Pro for Blue Shark Optics, our partner in the Restock the Shelves food-bank initiative on Jan. 16 in poker venues across North America.

Restock the Shelves has provided nearly 111K meals over two years, so please ask your local poker rooms and leagues to join our initiative so we can continue to help feed the hungry in your communities. You can learn more on Page 38.

Here's hoping history will look back at Nguyen's philanthropy as the start of something truly remarkable and that we'll remember him for his accomplishments off the felt, too.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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**Day 1C \$225 Buy-in**  
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Friday	Jan. 20	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1B	\$360	15,000	
Saturday	Jan. 21	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$360	15,000	
		5:00pm	Event #2 All in or Fold Hold'em w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
Sunday	Jan. 22	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Final Day			\$100,000
		1:00pm	Event #3 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000	
Monday	Jan. 23	12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000	
Tuesday	Jan. 24	12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #5	\$200	12,000	
Wednesday	Jan. 25	12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Final Day			\$50,000
		1:00pm	Event #5 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Thursday	Jan. 26	12:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$350	10,000	
		3:00pm	Event #7 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000	
Friday	Jan. 27	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1A	\$1,100	20,000	
Saturday	Jan. 28	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$1,100	20,000	
		3:00pm	Event #8 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #9 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sunday	Jan. 29	11:00am	Main Event NLH Final Day			\$200,000
		3:00pm	Event #10 NLH Six Hour Ironman	\$290	25,000	

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# Wilson!

Bryne Wilson had a long drive still ahead of him in the wee hours, so he offered a sweet deal to be crowned the Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Poker Open champ at Pearl River Resort.

By Scott Long

It was closing in on midnight; **Bryne Wilson** had to be at work at 6 a.m. and Tuscaloosa was a two-hour drive. His boss will be happy to hear the franchise sales manager for Buffalo Rock Pepsi was on time.

Wilson agreed to a generous three-way deal, though he was far and away the chipleader, to end the main event of the Pearl River Poker Open, an Ante Up Poker Tour series at Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss.

"They agreed to chop even. I got the cover (of *Ante Up*) and the Ante Up World Championship seat. That was a sweetener enough," Wilson said of the deal that scored all three players \$22,280 but will send Wilson to Thunder Valley Casino Resort in August and puts his photo on the cover of this issue. "The other two players were very good and both had more experience than me and it was going to be tough for me to win it straight up. Things can flip any time."

Wilson and the other two in the deal, **Jeremy Gaubert** and **Russ Head**, are all accomplished tournament players in the South, with a collection of major titles between them. After what was shaping up to be a lightning-quick final table, play slowed to a crawl when it got to three-handed. Players were trading chips until Head lost a decent hand to Wilson that ultimately laid the groundwork for a chop to be considered.

"I hate to chop, but I was pretty short-stacked. And Bryne had to be at work early in the morning," Head said. "It had to be even or I wouldn't have



## AAPT POY Leaderboard

1. Dalton Still, 1,512.09
2. **Bryne Wilson, 1,126.94**
3. Matt Boddorf, 1,125.93
4. John Mercer, 1,107.95
5. Joe Christman, 1,004.94
6. Bill Watchman, 887.6
7. George Cabrey, 829.11
8. Todd Graham, 786.7
9. Clive Berkman, 761.99
10. Marty Gorenc, 750.08

Bryne Wilson's two victories vaulted him into second place in the race for Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year.

chopped. I would have played until five in the morning."

"I'm exhausted," Gaubert said. "It was a decent deal. I was second in chips and was offered an even chop."

Wilson was dangerously close to not even being in the conversation for a deal

in the multflight event that attracted 200 entries and easily surpassed the \$100K guarantee. **Jonathan Wisbey** came to the final table with 1.23M in chips, more than double Wilson, who was second.

Early in the final table, the two leaders got it all-in, Wilson with A-K and Wisbey with K-K. But an ace came in the window.

"I didn't like it," Wilson said of seeing

Wisbey's pocket kings. "I was hoping the best he had was queens for a flip."

Wilson was due for a good flop. From the time the tournament got down to two tables, he said he doubled-up five players, each time having them dominated only to lose when the board ran out.

"I doubled-up five people and I still maintained a good chip lead and played well," he said. "I got lucky in a few spots but I also got unlucky in some spots. I had enough chips to sustain the damage."

Wilson started the series with the title in Event 1, also a multflight event with a \$100K guarantee. The two wins vaulted Wilson to second place in the AAPT Player of the Year race.

"I was the winner of the opener and the closer," he said. "I played







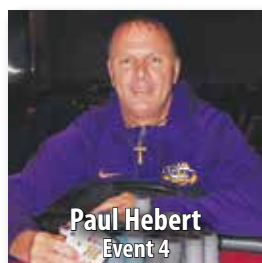
**Bryne Wilson**  
Event 1



**William Phillips**  
Event 2



**Ralph Reid**  
Event 3



**Paul Hebert**  
Event 4



**Paul Hebert**  
Event 5



**Herman Shumaker**  
Event 6



**Douglas Goolsby**  
Event 7



**Ephemium Shelton**  
Event 9

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the best poker of my life.”

The nine-event Pearl River Poker Open, well-run by **Paul Dutsch** and his crew that’s well-known in Mississippi and beyond, featured three multi-day events, including seniors and Omaha/8. **Paul Herbert** was a double-winner (Events 4 and 5) and cashed in Event 2, while 10 other players had two cashes each: Head, **Ralph Reid, Thomas Ballard, William Brock, Jerol Drane, Randall Smith, James “Mousey” Davis, B.J. McBrayer, Cody Pack** and **Jerry Giroir**.

The tournament was in the Time Out Lounge at Golden Moon, one of the two casino-resorts that make up Pearl River Resort. On weekends, Time Out Lounge is an upscale sports lounge, which made it a perfect place for football fans in the Pearl River Poker Open events. The room is largely closed off by glass from the casino so players got the excitement of the casino without much of the noise. With 12 large-screen TVs throughout the lounge, players never missed a touchdown. The lounge offers a full bar and tableside food service, giving players just about anything they could want in a poker tournament.

Just a short walk away from the tournament area was Pearl River’s poker room, where live play was hopping on weekends.

“The live action was great throughout the entire event,” said **Denise Dahl**, poker room manager. “We had plenty of action during the weekdays, but the room really came alive on the weekends with

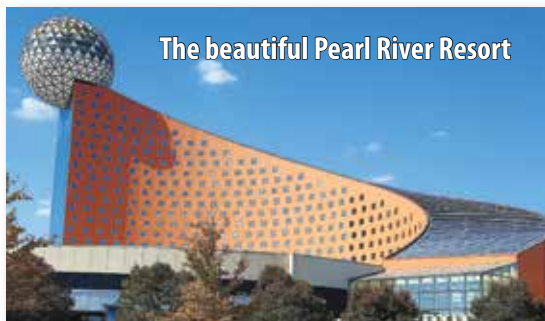
a great mix of games, including PLO and Big O. We also had several no-limit games, both \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 blinds, and several low-limit hold’em games. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many great people. The event was a great success.”

Owned and operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Pearl River Resort features two hotel-casinos, Silver Star and Golden Moon, that together offer more than 1,000 hotel rooms, 2,400 slot machines, 59 table games and a 14-table poker room, as well as the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Geyser Falls Water Theme Park and numerous dining and entertainment options.

The Pearl River Poker Open was the third major tournament series at Pearl River since the property made \$70M in renovations a little more than a year ago.

The next major poker series will be the Spring Poker Open from March 24-April 2. Be sure to visit [pearlriverresort.com](http://pearlriverresort.com) for details.

“We are very pleased with the continual growth of players choosing to come to the Ante Up Poker Tour events at Pearl River Resort,” director of table games **Neal Atkinson** said. “We know they have a lot of choices and hope the experience they had will show that we are committed to great quality events. The No. 1 thing that I am proud of is the wonderful comments and appreciation of the players for what we have worked so hard to accomplish. We value the poker player at our resort and I think the way we ran this event from the structures to the state-of-the-art tournament room and amenities prove that.” ♠



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## \$800 Main Event

**Entries: 200 • Pool: \$143,750**

1. Bryne Wilson, \$22,280
2. Jeremy Gaubert, \$22,280
3. Russ Head, \$22,279
4. Jonathan Wisbey, \$10,925
5. Robbie Matthews, \$9,344
6. Ralph Reid, \$7,906
7. Lyle Walker, \$6,469
8. B.J. McBrayer, \$5,031
9. Chip Ervin, \$3,594

## Event 1 • \$340 NLHE

**Entries: 265 • Pool: \$100K**

1. Bryne Wilson, \$24,500
2. Susan Hazelgrove, \$13,000
3. Corey Harrison, \$9,000
4. Randy Tackett, \$7,600
5. Randall Hollis, \$6,500
6. Richard Tenhet, \$5,500
7. Dustin Stewart, \$4,500
8. Lacey Coffey, \$3,500
9. Jeffery Mullins, \$2,500

## Event 2 • \$160 NLHE

**Entries: 70 • Pool: \$9,520**

1. William Phillips, \$2,951
2. Rodney Jackson, \$1,714
3. Christopher Harrison, \$1,142
4. Paul Hebert, \$857
5. Christopher Nunnally, \$762
6. Michael Cantrell, \$666
7. Matthew Higgins, \$571
8. Lewis Blakeney, \$476
9. Bradford Grant, \$381

## Event 3 • \$230 Seniors

**Entries: 72 • Pool: \$13,968**

1. Ralph Reid, \$4,331
2. Dean Hoffman, \$2,514
3. James Davis, \$1,676
4. Charles Kenny, \$1,257
5. William Brock, \$1,117
6. Steve Humphries, \$978
7. Ronnie Pittman, \$838
8. Thomas Ballard, \$698
9. David Cox, \$559

## Event 4 • \$120 NLHE

**Entries: 35 • Pool: \$3,395**

1. Paul Hebert, \$1,358
2. William Higginbotham, \$815
3. Randal Smith, \$577
4. Jerol Drane, \$407
5. Vernell Hoskins, \$238

## Event 5 • \$120 NLHE

**Entries: 16 • Pool: \$1,552**

1. Paul Hebert, \$776
2. Justin Sharpe, \$466
3. Jerol Drane, \$310

## Event 6 • \$120 O/8

**Entries: 21 • Pool: \$4,074**

1. Herman Shumaker, \$2,037
2. Larry Lemming, \$1,222
3. Stephen Diprima, \$815

## Event 7 • \$230 NLHE

**Entries: 75 • Pool: \$14,400**

1. Douglas Goolsby, \$4,464
2. Cody Pack, \$2,592
3. Kenneth Jones, \$1,728
4. Russ Head, \$1,296
5. Vernell Hoskins, \$1,152
6. Delsad Meraler, \$1,008
7. Renee Willis, \$864
8. Clinton Carney, \$720
9. Joshua Huie, \$576

## Event 9 • \$160 NLHE

**Entries: 49 • Pool: \$6,664**

1. Ephemium Shelton, \$1,510
2. Lemuel Nix, \$1,510
3. Tara Snow, \$1,509
4. Lee Breeland, \$1,509
5. Christopher Torres, \$426
6. Jerry Giroir, \$200

# NOVAK WINS ISLE OPEN IN S. FLA.



The main event of the final major tournament series of the year at the Isle Poker Room in Pompano Beach, Fla., was won on Halloween by **Edward Novak Jr.**, who took home \$166K. The \$1,500 event easily met its \$500K guarantee by attracting 466 entries.

**Isaiah Goldman**, a cash-game player who finished as runner-up in the Florida State Poker Championship at the Isle in late July for his first major cash, also finished second here.

"I guess this is my lucky casino," Goldman said. But when asked if he was making final tables in tournaments a regular proposition, he said, "I'm about 0-for-6 since that last one, so this is just my second cash. I guess I just run good here."

There are a few noteworthy events running this month, too. On Dec. 5 and Dec. 18 will be the \$150 Structure Beast, which has a \$20K guarantee, 30-minute levels and 12K chips. There also will be a \$20K guarantee on Dec. 12 and Dec. 26 for \$130. But the big event is the \$75K guarantee Dec. 14-18, which costs \$130 and has 10 starting flights with Day 2 at noon on Dec. 18. Call the poker room for details.

**WSOP:** South Florida resident **Jerry Wong** was the second player eliminated from the World Series of Poker's November Nine, but collected \$1.1M for his eighth-place finish. Originally from Brooklyn, the Coconut Creek resident was knocked out by **Vojtech Ruzicka** when his pocket jacks ran into Ruzicka's pocket queens about four hours into the action on Oct. 30.

Wong was the chipleader at the end of Day 5 in July when there were just 80 players left in a tourney that started with 6,700-plus entries.

Known primarily as a cash-game specialist, Wong's previous best cash came at the 2013 PCA main event in the Bahamas (third, \$725K). He also recently finished ninth in the \$2,650 event at the Hard Rock Open in August (\$25,575).

Wong, 31, sported a Knicks jersey for the November Nine, which led to a hilarious exchange before the final table. An usher asked for his ticket as he entered the Penn & Teller Theatre and Wong replied, "No, dude, I'm playing!"

## MISSOURI

**AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES:** The Heartland Poker Tour returned Oct. 26-Nov. 7, marking the 11th time the HPT has hosted an event in the St. Louis area. The \$1,650 main event drew 407 entries over three flights, for a prize pool of \$577,940.

**Matt Donaldson** of Kansas City earned the first main-event



## MEET JIMMY GORMAN

Most who work in poker got into the industry because they love playing the game; **Jimmy Gorman** is no exception. He dealt the first poker hand in River City's now-closed poker room, which he managed from 2010-14. He then moved on to his current position as poker room manager of Lumiere Place, but his poker career began in 1984, dealing a home game in Denver at age 19, filling open seats late at night and becoming proficient in Omaha/8.

**What was your greatest career highlight?** I made **Phil Hellmuth** throw a chair into a wall during the 1995 WSOP at Binion's. He flopped sixes full of twos and I turned sevens full. I crippled him, and yes, he called me everything in the book and then proceeded to spin around several times hurling his chair at a wall in a lobby area adjacent to the poker room. It was satisfying and we all laughed at him for hours.

**How did you transition from poker pro to poker room manager?** I played for a living from 21 to 43, when I found out I was going to be a dad, I felt it was time to become more responsible.

**And how has that affected your goals in poker?** I want to build the room I want to retire into. I plan on playing until I can't. My daughter is a cancer survivor and this has changed the way I look at things. She is the only real goal I have. I'm planning out her educational funding and spending all of my free time with her while she's young. She will be 8 this month. — **Todd Lamansky**

title of the season and \$132,917, the largest score of his career, after defeating popular pro **Ari Engle**. Local player **Mary Sturges** was the first eliminated from the final table, falling victim to Engle, who later knocked out local **Nick Weber** in eighth and sent **Derek Schroeder** of Illinois to the rail in fifth.

**Andrew Eisen** of Ballwin, Mo., finished fourth for \$37,855. **Nicholas Constatin** of Illinois, who eliminated Eisen and was the oldest player at the table, was third (\$54,615).

Engel and **Donaldson** entered heads-up play with roughly the same amount of chips and it wasn't long before they got it all-in pre-flop in a five-bet pot. Donaldson would make a flush for the title, awarding Engel \$82,067 for second.

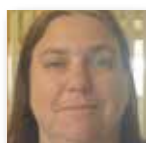


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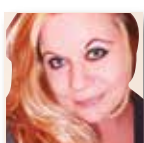
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The senior tournament is Jan. 10 with a \$250 buy-in. Though overlays are rare at the Beau, this might be a great value for mid-week players.

This also is the case with the \$355 Monster Stack, which starts on Jan. 11. With a mid-week start, this could turn out to be an exceptional value.

Another exciting addition is the \$245 Big O tournament. There aren't many opportunities to practice your Big O game outside of Las Vegas and California, and it's even more rare to see it in a tournament format. The MDH also features a six-max event, PLO event and an O/8 tournament.

The \$2,700 main event guarantees a \$300K prize pool and has two flights, one each on Jan. 14 and Jan. 15. Don't let the large buy-in scare you; there are plenty of mega-satellite opportunities scattered throughout the event roster.

The Beau Rivage is a gorgeous resort with top-notch guest service. Good rates for a hotel room always are available during events but they book up fast. Visit [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com) for more information on how to make your reservation.

After the MDH, you can look forward to the World Series of Poker Circuit stop in Tunica on Jan. 19-30. Look for details to that series in our next issue.

**HORSESHOE TUNICA:** Every Saturday is a \$10K guarantee for \$150. Players start with 10K chips and can get 2K more for an optional \$10 add-on. Call for details.

**PEARL RIVER RESORT:** Bryne Wilson won the Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Open Main Event after a three-way chop. Our complete coverage of this series is on Pages 8-9.

## LOUISIANA

**COUSHATTA CASINO RESORT:** The \$440 Fall Blowout ran Oct. 21-23, attracting 141 entries as **Michael Thibodeaux** of Lafayette, La., won the title and \$12,214.

**Ronnie "Capt. Ron" Hope** was second (\$8,142), followed by **James Beetz** (\$6,514), **Derrick Sonnier** (\$4,885), **Jordan Hollier** (\$4,342), **Richard Margolin** (\$3,799), **Jacob Seale** (\$3,257), **Donna Tacone** (\$2,714), **Leyton Brown** (\$2,171) and **Greg Degenhardt** (\$1,628).

On Dec. 27-30, there will be a \$250 three-flight event with the finals on Dec. 30. Call the poker room for more details.



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# PANZICA SURVIVES WPT IN JAX

**S**am Panzica became the latest World Poker Tour champion on Oct. 18 when he won the bestbet Bounty Scramble title, earning a spot on the WPT Champions Cup.

Panzica earned \$354,335 after beating nearly 380 players and scored a seat into the season-ending Tournament of Champions.

Panzica and **Richard Malone Jr.** played heads-up for several hours and nearly 150 hands as Panzica overcame a 10-1 chip deficit to send Malone home in second (\$237,616). **Ankush Mandavia** was third (\$152,766), followed by **Tyler Patterson** (\$100,643), **Noah Schwartz** (\$77,499) and **Paul Balzano** (\$64,183).

**DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB:** Ms. Amy's \$10K guarantee "Gift Giver" event runs Dec. 4 at 1:10 p.m. The \$80 buy-in gets you 15K chips and 20-minute levels. Call for more details.

**ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB:** The facility is set to open in January. Calling itself "Orlando's Closest Poker," this location is an extension of the Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room. It has a 33-table poker room, simulcast wagering and a sports bar. The poker room will have the same games and events as DBKC, with hourly high hands, special promotions and tableside dining.



**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** Christopher Taylor won the \$30K guarantee Emerald Coast Championship main event. Taylor, by virtue of a three-way chop, pocketed \$7,833



Sam Panzica earned \$354K for his win in Jacksonville, Fla.

and a gold championship bracelet. The \$280 buy-in event of Ebro's signature series drew 203 players to easily pass its guarantee, generating a prize pool of \$50,750.

Up next for Ebro will be a megastack event Jan. 27-29 followed by the Emerald Coast Spring Classic in April.

If you're a weekend warrior, you should know the Panhandle poker room hosts three tournaments on Saturdays (1 p.m., \$20; 6:30 p.m., \$110; 8:30 p.m., \$25) and a \$220 deepstack on Sundays for \$220 (2 p.m.).

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### HARD ROCK TAMPA'S DEEPSTACK ROLLS ON

It's a common occurrence for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tampa to host its deepstack series, which sports \$350 and \$560 weekend events with a few \$150 and \$250 tourneys thrown in. What's remarkable is that time and time again these events destroy the guarantees.

The recent \$350 had a \$150K guarantee that saw 638 players enter as **Tom Nguyen** took top honors (\$45,954) and the guitar trophy.

Usually these events see a chop deal but not this time. Nguyen eliminated second-place finisher **Danny Lobato** (\$25,839). **Brian Blanchard** was third (\$16,239), **Bryce McVay** finished fourth (\$13,207) and **Amelio Amato** was fifth (\$10,527).

Others of note were **Karl Manouchakian** in seventh, **Michael Laake** in 13th, **Pamela Buzzetto** in 45th and **Dr. Marvin "Duckman" Karlins** in 53rd.

Not to be outdone, the \$570 event had a \$200K guarantee and saw a star-studded field enter. **Justin Zaki**, **Allen Kessler**, November Niner **John Dolan**, **Brian Reinhart** and World Series of Poker main-event runner-up **John Racener** joined the local faithful looking for the \$60K-plus first-place prize.

**Alex Ivan** and **Amie Martini** chopped \$49,200 but Ivan was declared the winner. **Daniel Griggs** took third (\$22,770), **Anthony Asarita** was fourth (\$18,090) after finishing seventh in the \$350, and Manouchakian was fifth (\$14,168).

Others of note were **Chrissy Holubeck** in 14th, **Anthony Pellegrini** in 18th, local poker ambassador **Wally Maddah** in 26th and **Steve Trizis** in 27th.

Up next is the Hard Rock's Winter Poker Open, which runs Dec. 1-18 and has nearly \$750K in guarantees.

Dec. 1-4 is the \$350 event with a \$150K guarantee; Dec. 2 is the \$150 ladies event; Dec. 7 is a \$250 pot-limit Omaha event with a \$15K guarantee; Dec. 8-11 is the \$560 with a \$200K guarantee. Dec. 13 is the \$180 Classic Rockers (50-plus) with a \$15K guarantee, and the \$1,650 main event, which has a \$300K guarantee, runs Dec. 15-18.

**DERBY LANE:** The Fall Pokerfest, featuring the popular Accumulator, was still running at press time. Look for results in a future issue. As for promotions, Derby Lane is running its Morning Madness, where if you show aces full in any jackpot eligible cash game, you'll receive a tournament voucher that can be used toward any tournament and is valid until the second Sunday from issue date.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** The Silks Poker Room's \$30K guarantee Halloween event drew 186 players to generate a nearly \$60K prize pool. **Kelvin Foster** won the title and \$15,088, followed by **Dan Johnson** (\$9,321) and **Joseph Parrish** (\$6,730). Other notables: **Ari Prostack** was sixth, **Anthony Pellegrini** was eighth and **Brian Montgomery** finished 11th.

On Dec. 24 from noon until midnight, the room is running its huge annual Xmas Eve Cash Giveaway. See the ad on Page 15 for more details. ♠





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**Michael LeMay** of Dunedin, Fla., won the main event, taking home \$1,670 and a personalized Ante Up Poker Cruise champion's jacket. Also winning tournaments were **David Watt** of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and **Mike Otwell** of Clearwater, Fla.

And the good fortunes will continue for **Norm Johns** and frequent Ante Up Poker Cruiser **Heather Mae**. Johns won a stateroom aboard Ante Up's 14-night sailing from Tampa to Barcelona on April 17, and Mae won a stateroom aboard the next Ante Up Poker Cruise on March 20 out of Tampa, sailing to Grand Cayman and Cozumel.



Norm Johns

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Villages, FL, \$515

Norm Johns,  
Bloomington, IL, \$375

Tim Stump,  
Dover, DE, \$280

Kelly Lively,  
Orlando, FL, \$180

# NGUYEN IS WSOP WORLD CHAMP



The string of twenty-some-things winning the World Series of Poker Main Event is over as 39-year-old Las Vegas resident and Saigon, Vietnam, native **Qui "TommyGun" Nguyen** is the world champion of poker. Nguyen took the lead on the first hand of the final table and rode that momentum to his first World Series of Poker bracelet and \$8M.

"Thank you to all of my friends and family," he said after the victory. "I'm so excited. I don't know what to say. I just tried to remind myself to never give up, to never give up. It was tiring, it was tough, but I wanted to stay aggressive and never give up and thankfully for me it worked out."

His heads-up match with San Francisco's **Gordon Vayo** lasted until 3:20 a.m. in the Rio's Penn & Teller Theater. Vayo, 27, earned \$4.66M for second.

"It was a little frustrating at times, but he played phenomenal," Vayo said. "I didn't get a lot of hands heads-up, but all the credit to Qui; he played great."

Nguyen is a married father of a 4-year-old son and once owned a nail salon in Alaska. He is the second Vietnamese-born world champion after Poker Hall of Famer **Scotty Nguyen**, who won in 1998.

Playing an aggressive style, and arguably the least accomplished player at the table coming in, Nguyen did the unimaginable by constantly playing pots, applying pressure and putting his tablemates to tough decisions. In the end, the combination of cards, fortitude and aggression led Nguyen to poker's ultimate championship. For a more personal look at this event, see the story on Page 20.

Nguyen came to the Rio with one WSOP cash, a 54th-place finish in a \$1,500 event in 2009 for \$9,029.

On the final hand, Nguyen raised to 8.5M and was re-raised all-in by Vayo for his last 53M chips. Nguyen called quickly. Vayo had J-10 and Nguyen had K-10. Nguyen flopped a pair of kings and they held for the title.

**Cliff Josephy**, 50, of Syosset, N.Y., was looking to become the event's oldest winner since the November Nine era began in 2008. But he finished third for \$3.4M, his largest career cash.

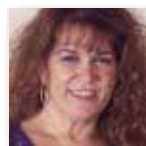
He was followed by **Michael Ruane** of Hoboken, N.J., (\$2.57M),

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## MEET LENA EVANS



As an ex-pro blackjack player, **Lena Evans** was introduced to poker 10 years ago and loved the competitive aspect of playing against others. She became a high-stakes player but recently shifted her focus to the tournament landscape.

"I consider myself a part-time professional poker player," she said. "Poker is not my sole source of income, but I do it equally to other revenue-generating activities. I was proud of my performance at the WPT Legends of Poker series at the Bicycle Casino in August. I went deep, final-tabled or cashed a significant amount of the events I entered."

She owns a company called m8trix Poker, but her life's passion is philanthropy. Integrating her love of poker into her other endeavors was a natural fit.

Evans has organized and hosted many celebrity charity tournaments to benefit many varied organizations such as the March of Dimes, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the YMCA. She also serves on the boards for Rady Children's Hospital Rancho Santa Fe and Links to Freedom, a rehabilitative golf program for wounded service members.

"My most important 'hobby' outside of poker are my two amazing sons," she said. "I love to play golf, travel and enjoy the arts, including symphony, theatre and ballet."

— **Kittie Aleman**

**Vojtech Ruzicka** of the Czech Republic (\$1.93M), **Kenny Hallaert** of Belgium (\$1.46M), **Griffin Benger** of Toronto (\$1.25M), **Jerry Wong** of Coconut Creek, Fla., (\$1.1M) and **Fernando Pons** of Spain (\$1M).

**SOUTH POINT:** The \$160K Holiday Hold'em Freeroll is Dec. 12-13 at 6 p.m. with the finals on Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. Players who logged 100 hours of live play through Nov. 30 will get 10K chips. First pays \$35K, second is \$15K and third is \$10K.

**VENETIAN:** The Weekend Extravaganza runs Dec. 7-11 and features \$176K in guarantees. The featured event is the \$340 doublestack, which has three flights (Dec. 8-10, 6:50 p.m.) and has a \$100K guarantee. For more, go to [venetian.com](http://venetian.com)

**ARIA:** The poker room has a new feature called Protection Poker. Tables with this feature have unique rules whereby if you're on a receiving end of a nasty bad beat, you'll still receive a portion of the pot. Call for details or go to [arialasvegas.com](http://arialasvegas.com).

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# BRUSH WITH POKER ROYALTY

I should've known this was going to be a wild trip to Las Vegas when a guy named Super Mario met me at the airport and took me to the World Series of Poker Hall of Fame banquet. Within an hour of arriving in Las Vegas, I was snapping selfies with **Doyle Brunson** and **Scotty Nguyen**. I even went over to Scotty's house the next day and played chess with his son; it was surreal.



**STEVE  
BLAY**

My suite at the Palms had a bar, fireplace, sauna and hot tub in one of the three bathrooms and seven TVs that I was able to count, though there might have been a few more I didn't find.

How did this all come about? This story begins when PokerNews asked if I could use the patented software on my website, **AdvancedPokerTraining.com**, to write a computerized simulation of the November Nine. We ran the surprising results in a series of four articles: **Qui "TommyGun" Nguyen** was winning, much more often than expected. Vegas had him at 10 to 1, everyone was calling him the amateur, the wild gambler and yet he was winning. Through our agent, **James Sullivan**, we made a deal for me to fly to Vegas and help TommyGun prepare for the big event.

And so I did. I crafted a special simulation for Qui in which he could play out the final table over and over again, against digital representations of his opponents. And I continued to run more simulations, making small adjustments to the personalities of each opponent, to determine an optimal strategy.

During the match, Qui would come over to the rail and we'd talk strategy. Longtime poker pro **Young Phan** mostly communicated with Qui in Vietnamese, because he was on a microphone all the time. One thing became clear really fast: This kid called TommyGun was the real deal. The simulations had been right and everyone else was wrong. He wasn't an amateur; he had exceptional poker talent.



Steve Blay poses with the money he helped his student win.

The ESPN crew was in awe. I heard **Antonio Esfandiari** say TommyGun was "dominating the table in every aspect" and "I couldn't get a read on this guy if my life depended on it." During one of the breaks, I heard someone say, "The poker books are being rewritten tonight; poker will never be the same."

By now you probably know the rest of the story, so I'll skip ahead to the final moment. After eight hours of heads-up play, **Gordon Vayo** finally went all-in with **J♠-10♠**. TommyGun had him dominated with **K♣-10♣**. When a king came on the flop, the TommyGun crowd erupted. No help came for Vayo on the turn or river and the rest is a blur.

Confetti started flying through the air. I tried to jump over the wall to get to Qui and maybe tackle him, but after eight hours of standing there, my legs just wouldn't work.

Finally, one of his family members dragged me across; I still have bruises. There were reporters everywhere and flashes going off. Everyone was jumping up and down, hugging each other and snapping pictures with the big pile of money. At some point, I got pulled off the stage and security guards took me with Qui's family into some secret tunnels at the Rio. They hurried us into an enormous freight elevator. The doors opened

and we were on the 51st floor of the Rio in the Presidential Suite. The suite had an enormous balcony overlooking the city and there was a giant hot tub, which I passed on because I saw something that interested me even more: a bartender and mountains of food! I realized it was 4 a.m. and I had had nothing but a strawberry pastry and a banana all day.

To say we partied all night wouldn't exactly make sense, because the night was almost over. Everyone was really tired anyway, so the party was a little subdued. I got to have a really nice one-on-one conversation with Qui's father, and this is one of my secret favorite moments of the trip. He seems like a simple man, a humble man.

He said he still spends a lot of his time back home in Vietnam. I doubt he was wealthy before. I wonder if he can fully comprehend the \$8M his son just won.

I didn't ever want to leave, but at some point I looked out over the balcony and I could see the first signs of light on the horizon. In Las Vegas, the sunrise is the official announcement that the party's over. What comes next, I have no idea. All I know is, overnight I went from poker wannabe to personal coach to the world champion.

— **Steve Blay** is vice president of operations at **AdvancedPokerTraining.com**.



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# IN NORCAL, ANOTHER HINKLE MAJOR

Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., recently hosted the Heartland Poker Tour in October as the \$2,500 main event had a \$500K guarantee. Thunder Valley displayed again why it's one of the top poker rooms in the nation, as entrants nearly doubled the guarantee (\$971K), which was one of the largest prize pools in HPT history.

The field started with 437 entries and after a fierce final table, **Blair Hinkle** from Kansas City took the title and \$223K. He defeated **John Sheehan** from Navato, Calif., who earned \$137K.

"It's been a long one. It's been a grind for sure," Hinkle said with a smile on his face after the win.

Other players at the final table included **Derrick Geliberte** from Elk Grove, Calif., (third, \$91K), **Saurabh Patel** from San Jose (fourth, 63K), **Daniel Maor** from San Jose (fifth, \$48K), **Lance Donnell** from Reno (sixth, \$37K), **Marty Verdegaaal** from Hanford, Calif., (seventh, \$31K), **Hoang Vang** from Fresno, Calif., (eighth, \$25K) and **Ian Kalman** from San Francisco (ninth, \$21K).

Sheehan had nice things to say about Hinkle after the event ended.

"I'm a little tired, a little disappointed," he said. "I had a lot of fun. Blair's a fabulous player." Hinkle is no stranger to six-figure scores or seven-figure scores for that matter. This was his sixth live six-figure victory of his career. His total live earnings have grown to a whopping \$4M and first overall on Missouri's all-time money list.

He has a 2008 World Series of Poker bracelet in the \$2K event, good for \$507K. He also won two WSOPC rings and made multiple WSOP final tables.

However, none of these amazing wins even touch his largest score, which was from the 2013 Hard Rock Poker Open in Hollywood, Fla., where he won the event for \$1.7M.

Hinkle also was an online poker legend, winning countless tournaments, including the Full Tilt Online Poker Series XIX Main Event for \$1.1M-plus, which was regarded as one of the most prestigious events in online poker.

Up next for Thunder Valley's Up the Ante Poker Room will be the WPT California Swing in early January. But there will be a host of \$100 satellites in late December for this event. See the ad on Pages 2-3 for all of the details and the schedule to the *Poker Night in America* series in January.

**STONES GAMBLING HALL:** Saturdays in December feature a \$130 deepstack tournament at 11 a.m. Player start with 15K chips and there is unlimited entry through the first six levels.

## RENO/LAKE TAHOE

**ATLANTIS CASINO:** All this month, cash-game players earn \$4 an hour in comps.

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**GRAND SIERRA RESORT:** The poker room has introduced a new event called the First Saturday of the Month \$5K Guarantee. It begins at 11 a.m. and costs \$100. Rebuys for \$100 are allowed through the first three levels and there is an optional \$100 add-on. Players begin with 5K chips and can get 5K more with an optional \$10 dealer add-on.

**PEPPERMILL CASINO:** The poker room often adds money to prize pools for its weekly tournaments. It also has an Omaha event on the last Saturday of the month at noon that costs \$150 for 15K chips. A \$10 optional dealer add-on gets you 5K more.

**HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** **Michael Pearson** beat 475 players over three days of poker to win the World Series of Poker Circuit main event and \$153K. The \$1,675 event was the first ring for the 29-year-old player from San Francisco.

"It's a good tournament," he said. "Tahoe is great; a great place to be for a weekend."

Pearson said he started playing as a hobby when he was 17 but only recently hit the live poker scene.

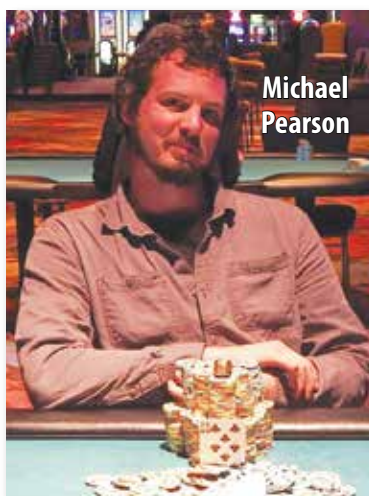
"I guess I started playing three years ago, more live," he said. "Mostly cash, but I'm liking tournaments a lot more now."

He was chipleader after Day 1A but had a tough final table on Day 3. He said a pivotal point in play came against **Valerie Hanley**. There was almost 360K in the pot and two diamonds on the flop when Hanley bet 200K. Pearson held the king and queen of diamonds and made his move.

"I think at that point I just have to go with it. If there's any chance she is folding I have to ship it. If I have any fold equity I have to try to take it," he said. "Then she ends up having the very worst thing for me to see."

Hanley called Pearson's shove and turned over her A-J. Pearson's tournament life was on the verge of being extinguished. Then, a queen came on the river, giving Pearson a pair and new life.

Later, he went heads-up with **Michael McDonough**, who put up a good fight but couldn't overcome Pearson's lead. Pearson also earned a seat at the Global Casino Championship in late 2017.





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# KAPLITZ WINS RIVERCARD IN SOCAL



**M**ichael Kaplitz of San Diego won \$4,846 and got his name on the RiverCard trophy after a two-way chop Oct. 30, in the Pala RiverCard Halloween weekend tournament.

Kaplitz held the most chips and he and **Howard Mazer** of Mission Viejo, Calif., agreed to the chop after four days of poker action. Mazer won \$4,845.

There were 216 players to generate a \$31,350 prize pool. Rounding out the top five were **Mac Sohrabi** of Encinitas (\$3,500), **Eric Fuston** of Murrieta (\$3,500) and **Leonard Gutierrez** of Chino (\$1,833).

**BICYCLE CASINO:** The World Series of Poker Circuit returns Dec. 1-20, offering 20 events with buy-ins of \$150-\$3,250 and 12 ring events. Nightly satellites (\$150) run Dec. 1-8 for the main event. Guarantees on some events range from \$10K-\$500K.

The \$1,675 main event begins Dec. 10 at noon with its first flight. There will be a second flight on Dec. 11 at noon, too, with Day 2 being Dec. 12.

One of the interesting non-ring events on the schedule is the pot-limit stud/8-Big O/8 tourney with a \$10K guarantee on Dec. 7 at noon for \$240.

Be sure to go to [thebike.com](http://thebike.com) or [wsop.com](http://wsop.com) for the full schedule and more details.

**PECHANGA RESORT:** Look for a variety of promotions in December. Monday-Thursday between 3-9 a.m., all live players receive a square and additional squares may be earned with specific hands. Random drawings will be every 30 minutes in those six hours. The player holding the winning square's number wins \$50.

During Monday night football games, \$100 hot-seat drawings start at 2 p.m. Four drawings for \$400 happen each quarter and nine \$100 drawings kick off after the game. Tickets are distributed each quarter.

Tuesdays are high-hand days. From 1-10 p.m., the winner takes home an extra \$250, second receives \$150 and the Omaha winner pockets \$100. Thursdays and Sundays also offer high hands with the same prize money and run 1-11 p.m.

The \$15K Mega Cash Giveaway on Dec. 17 starts at 1 p.m. and runs until 3 a.m. One winner each hour gets \$1K. Guests earn entries Monday-Friday in live games starting Dec. 1. Play 15 hours or more on Wednesdays during December to earn \$100 gift cards. Finally, Dec. 31 will feature drawings every 15 minutes from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. for mystery cash envelopes (\$25-\$1K).

**HARRAH'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** The Dash for Cash promo runs Dec. 1-29. The top-10 hour-earners for the month (150-hour minimum) will win big money. The top five earn \$2K and

6-10 earn \$1K.

**HOLLYWOOD PARK:** The \$100K End Zone Challenge runs every week through Jan. 1. During the first and last football games on Sunday, Monday and Thursday, cash pots will be added to two tables for touchdowns and field goals (\$50), fumbles lost (\$60), two-point conversions (\$75), kickoffs or punt returns (\$100) and a safety (\$125).

**COMMERCE CASINO:** The L.A. Poker Open was running when Ante Up went to press, but **Lori Wheeler** of Los Alamitos was declared the winner after a four-way chop of the \$175 opening event. She pocketed \$6,245 while **Cole Hayashida** of Los Angeles was second (\$5,025). **Randall Holland** of Winnetka earned \$3,760 for third and **Samkyu Chung** was fourth (\$3,630).

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**SNOQUALMIE CASINO:** This property is 28 miles east of Seattle and has five tables, the smallest of the three poker rooms in tribal casinos in the immediate Seattle area. It starts the day with a \$35 event at 10:30 a.m. with \$300 added and routinely spreads NLHE games with \$3-\$5 and \$5-\$10 blinds. High hands are as much as \$300 per hour on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and royals are \$500.

**CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT:** The poker room, now on the second level of the casino, features a \$40 tournament at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays. Players get 3K chips and you can pay the optional \$20 add-on at the break for 3K more. Also, Omaha cash games begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**TULALIP RESORT CASINO:** The Last Sunday of the Month event moves to Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. because the last Sunday is Christmas. It will have a \$220 buy-in for 10K chips. If you pay the optional \$10 dealer add-on you'll get 2K more.

**WIZARDS CASINO:** If you're in the Seattle area, don't overlook the non-tribal cardrooms. If you're into tournaments, Wizards Casino in Burien (12 miles south of Seattle) has added-money tournaments at noon daily, \$35 buy-in with \$500 added (\$40 buy-in on Sundays). They are popular with the locals.

Wizards is a 15-table cardroom with four tables featuring \$2-\$20 spread-limit. In addition to added-money tournaments, promotions include Double Monte Carlo Mondays, high hands Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and a monthly \$4K freeroll for players with more than 40 hours of cash play.

**B.C. POKER:** Looking for a big score but not into tournaments? Head Northwest to the River Rock or Hard Rock casinos in British Columbia to catch a piece of their humongous Super Bad Beat jackpot (quad eights beaten), which was nearly \$600K Canadian at press time.

River Rock is a 10-table room in Richmond, B.C., featuring \$3-\$6 limit and \$1-\$3 or \$3-\$5 NLHE. Not surprisingly, no one at the River Rock wants to play any tournaments until the jackpot is hit so they have suspended their tournament schedule. The Hard Rock is a five-table room in Vancouver with more emphasis on NLHE and pot-limit Omaha, though it's getting fewer PLO games with the hold'em jackpot being so huge. ♠



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# INN'S HO-HO HOLD'EM IS DEC. 18

The Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino and Resort's popular Texas Ho Ho Hold'Em tournament is Dec. 18. It's a \$230 one-day event and players are encouraged to call 575-464-7777 for more info. Poker squares and weekly tournaments are on Fridays and most Sundays, as well as daily cash games in this beautiful resort.

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO:** On Dec. 17, it's the 107.5 Outlaw Country Bounty tournament with bounties on Big Bad Jack and possibly five other players ((\$107 buy-in and \$107 bounties). The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month deep-stack is Dec. 31.

**ROUTE 66 CASINO HOTEL:** Three tournaments are featured almost daily. Wednesdays bring a pineapple tourney and Mondays have live \$1-\$3 NLHE and \$2-\$6 NLHE. The regular 7 p.m. Monday tournament is on hiatus.

**SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO:** Santa's \$235 deepstack is Dec. 17 at noon. An optional \$10 add-on gets you 2,500 more chips and the casino will add \$900 to the prize pool. Registration begins Dec. 12.

## ARIZONA

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** The Fall Classic ran Oct. 14-16 and the weekend included three events. The \$200 event saw 223 players compete for a prize pool of \$37,910. The top 20 players cashed with the final eight each taking home \$3,836. Those eight players were: **Eli Clark, Elizabeth Chu, Mark Babekov, Marcus Shoub, Robert Runke, Ryan Johnson, James Ellwood and Terry Cusick.** **Maurice Sova** (\$1,156) and **Ronnie Hendricks** (\$948) rounded out the final table.

The \$300 tourney had a prize pool of \$67,840 with 256 entrants. While 31 participants cashed, another chop determined the top several spots. Taking home \$8K each were **Monhammad Akhtar, William King, Mark Babekov and Gerald Teague.** The rest of the final table were **James Propes** (\$6K), **Eric Garcia** (\$5K), **Jeffrey Buyse** (\$4,495), **Justin Riches** (\$2,442), **Joshua Cobin** (\$1,866) and **Sarah Minsterman** (\$1,289).

The weekend wrapped with a \$300 bounty event (\$100 bounties) as 192 players generated a purse of \$50K-plus. The final table was **Matthew Hernandez** (\$5,150), **Douglas May** (\$5,100), **Moussa Haddad** (\$3,907), **Oscar Villalobos** (\$2,500), **Salam Sarah** (\$2,500), **Matthew Albee** (\$2,500), **Mark DeFusco** (\$2,500), **Yang Shenyan** (\$1,188), **Sean Farida** (\$966) and **Jarret McMillan** (\$792).

The Fall Point Challenge tournament is Dec. 4 at 11:15 a.m. It has two divisions: day tournament players and nights-weekend players. Players received one point for every final-



## MEET ARLENE NATAN

**Arlene Natan** has been with Hon-Dah Resort Casino since 1993 and has worn many hats.

"I originally wanted to deal because the money was good," she said, "but I have made many friends that are very dear to me. Also, (poker manager) **Teri Kleifgen** is awesome and the entire atmosphere is very laid back."

When Natan isn't dealing, she spends most of her time raising her 14-year-old son and grandchildren.

So what makes Hon-Dah's poker room unique? "We are all about making our guests feel welcome. It's really an environment where we try to make you feel like family. We even have pot-luck dinners and tournament buffets."

She said being a good dealer takes many skills: "Obviously, customer service is at the top of the list, but you have to be good at multitasking, keep the pace of the game moving and know how to deal with each person."

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table appearance. All players that received at least two points qualify to play Dec. 4. The fee to play is \$50 and the prize pool is \$40K, paying 40 spots. Also, the top 15 players in each division will share another \$40K paid out before the tournament. The next point challenge runs until March 25.

Dec. 17 is the 14th annual Toy Drive tournament at 11:15 a.m. Players need to bring one unwrapped toy worth at least \$10 and pay \$35 for 3K chips. There will be a \$12,500 guarantee. Last year, 593 players participated.

**HON-DAH RESORT CASINO:** The Big Game Hunt promotion runs until Dec. 21. Try to become the Master Hunter by filling the most Big Game Poker Cards during the promotion.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN CASINO RESORT:** Two toy drive tourneys are this month, so call the poker room for dates.

**WILD HORSE PASS:** Football splash pots run through Jan. 1. During select televised game, tables will be drawn for a splash pot any time there is a score. The splash pot amount will be determined according to the type of score: \$50 for field goal, \$100 for touchdown, \$200 for safety. The more tables that are open, the more tables will be splashed.

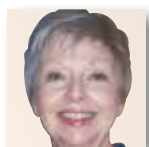
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The WPT DeepStacks series wrapped up its first visit to Downstream Casino on Nov. 7. **Reginald Roberts** beat 165 players in Quapaw, Okla., for \$50,765 and a \$3K championship package. The final table of the \$1,100 main event lasted a little longer than two hours. **Daniel Lowery** took the lead into heads-up play against Roberts. But on the first hand after the break, Lowery got it all-in preflop with A-K. Roberts, who had Lowery covered, called with pocket nines and the board brought no help for Lowery.

**AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY:** Play four hours each day at this 13-table room and receive a \$15 food comp. Also earn \$1 an hour in comps for each hour of live play.

**HARD ROCK CASINO:** New to this 14-table room is a \$160 buy-in \$10K guarantee on the first Sunday of each month.

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** This renovated 13-table room has found its bad-beat jackpot climb over \$115K at press time. The weekly tournament schedule has \$50-\$75 buy-ins with a \$120 Super Stack tournament on Saturdays.

**CHOCTAW CASINO:** Poker Night in America ran its series here Oct. 20-Nov. 7. **Johanssy Joseph** won the \$1,080 main event that had a \$1M guarantee. He earned \$210,737 by edging **Adrian Buckley** for the title as 1,224 players entered the tournament for a \$1.1M prize pool.

Other notable results include **Chad Smith** of Plano, Texas, overcoming a field of 1,751 to capture the \$125K guarantee, collecting \$32,248 from the \$125 event.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The Fall Deepstack series concluded Oct. 23. **Kyle McConnell** of Rogers, Ark., beat nearly 225 players to win \$5,245 from the \$30K guarantee event. Through Dec. 26, the room is offering football splash pots during primetime NFL games on Sunday, Monday and Thursday. Field goals will be \$50, touchdowns \$100 and safeties \$150. Also, \$500 will be added to first place for the Wednesday 7 p.m. weekly re-entry tournament.

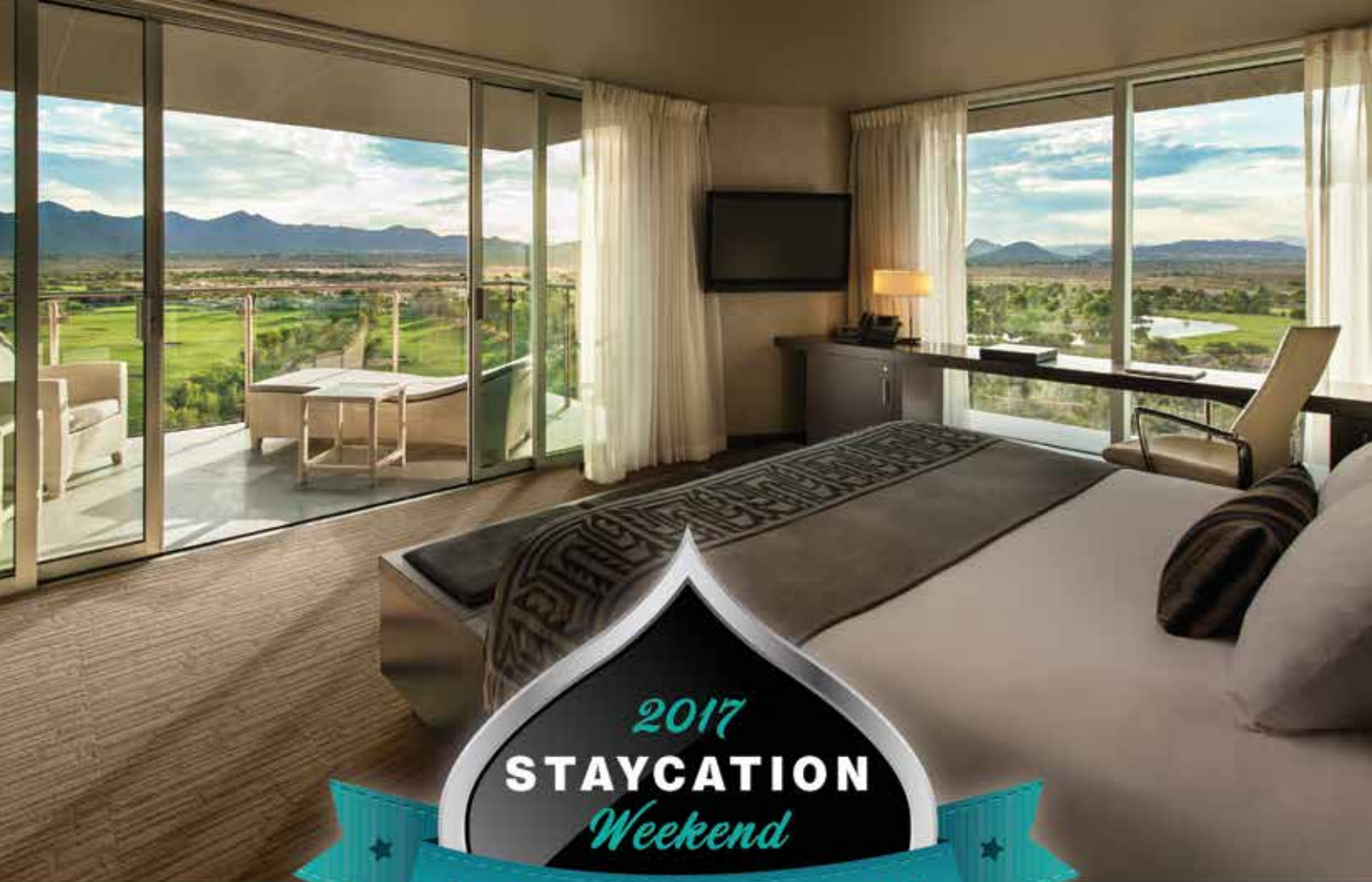
**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** December is the last month for players to get into the top 40 in points to qualify for the quarterly tournament, a Jan. 17 \$10K freeroll.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** Continuing to offer perhaps the most diversified weekly schedule of tournaments, December's schedule includes crazy pineapple, Omaha, seniors, deuces wild, mystery bounty and traditional NLHE events with \$25-\$50 buy-ins. A New Year's Eve Spectacular will offer \$4K in high hands 5 p.m.-midnight.

**GRAND CASINO:** The room offers a variety of tournaments ranging from \$30-\$115. Promotions include Monday \$50 hot seats every hour, Aces Cracked of varying amounts four days a week and Wednesday and Sunday \$50 high hands.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** At this 13-table room, players each month can qualify for a \$15K freeroll with 50 hours of live play on eligible tables or be in the top 10 of the tournament leaderboard. Check the casino's website for more.





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At Ameristar Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., **Andy Ormsby** was promoted to poker room manager when **Matt Lindberg** moved to a casino operations manager position.

Ormsby is up to his old modus operandi as there are some great promotions coming, but to implement them the primary bad beat needs to hit first. To that end, the qualifier to the jackpot, which was \$300K-plus at press time, will decrease every day until it hits. Once it hits the new promotions will include \$500 high hands every hour.

Also, the progressive bad beat starts at aces full of kings for \$25K and the qualifier drops daily while the amount goes increases daily. By the time it gets to kings full it will be for around \$100K. This jackpot is only offered Monday at 8 p.m. through Friday at 5 p.m.

The Buffet with Play for 50 tier points (2.5 hours of poker play) gets you a free buffet Monday-Thursday and that promo is going through Dec. 29.

**GOLDEN GATES:** High hands award a minimum \$50 every hour, but at noon-10 p.m. that kicks up to \$100. On Saturdays, only \$600 is won between noon and 10 p.m. Also, there's the Bad Beat Insurance for Quads promotion. The loser gets \$2K and the winner gets \$1K.

**RESERVE CASINO HOTEL:** There's has a Monte Carlo board and a Saturday drawing for \$100 per hour from noon to 9 p.m. There are daily high hands and \$2-per-hour comps can be converted to \$1 cash with a minimum of two hours played.

**ISLE OF CAPRI:** The popular decreasing qualifier bad beat starts at aces full of 10s for 10 percent of \$178K. Simultaneously, 50 percent is possible for quad deuces losing and 75 percent for quad eights. A Monte Carlo board is coming soon similar to one at their sister casino's Lady Luck poker room.

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** At the Midnight Rose, the Beat the Boss tournament series was a huge success featuring 21 events and a freeroll where casino bosses played with bounties on their heads. The popular Ante Only and Crazy Pineapple were mixed in with many deepstack events. **Robert Evans** bested 27 players in the main event for \$5K-plus. **Tim Domboski** took down the freeroll, which seated top series points players and leading live-hour patrons. A new promotion, Aces and Faces Cracked, awards the same amount as the pot to the losing hand. Qualifications step down from A-A to J-J on each occurrence.

**SOUTHWEST COLORADO:** If you get to the Durango/Cortez area, head a little further south to visit the Sky Ute Casino. Besides its Monday, Thursday, Saturday tournaments, the room offers splash pots at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Omaha is spread on Thursdays.

### TEXAS

**KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings. The poker room awards \$100 hourly high hands and 7 p.m. tournaments run on Tuesdays (\$35 with first-hour rebuys) and Thursdays (\$50). ♠



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# BIG DAY IN A.C. FOR ACOSTA, STARS



Jason Acosta earned \$38,220 for his win in the first \$1,100 PokerStars Festival Main Event.

The inaugural PokerStars Festival debuted in Atlantic City at the Resorts Casino Hotel on Oct. 29-Nov. 6 and **Jason Acosta** won the \$1,100 main event, topping a field of nearly 210 players. He defeated **Mike Gagliano** heads-up for \$38,220. The 30-year-old recreational player from Little Ferry, N.J., qualified for the event on PokerStars, parlaying 500 StarsCoins into the largest payday of his tournament career.

"I thought the event was run really well," he said. "The floor people were good, the dealers were good and the set-up is great. I've won tournaments online before, but nothing for this amount of money. It was a really tough field. There were a lot of solid players. This the top for me."

The schedule also featured the third annual **Chad Brown** Memorial charity event with a large group of PokerStars pros attending, including **Daniel Negreanu**, **Chris Moneymaker**, **Jason Mercier**, **Vanessa Selbst** and **Barry Greenstein**. The \$200 event with unlimited \$100 rebuys raised \$20K for the **T.J. Martell** Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer and AIDS research.

Team PokerStars Pro **Jason Somerville** took the top spot, earning \$4,290 and a \$5K PokerStars Championship Main Event seat. Somerville beat **Jen Shahade**, who picked up \$3,225 along with a PPC main-event seat. Rounding out the top three was former TV reality show Survivor star "**Boston**" **Rob Mariano**, who took home \$2,425.

A lack of advertising and publicity meant low turnout. The \$340 PokerStars Cup event opener got 107 entrants for a prize pool of \$31,137. **Je Wook "Mikey" Oh** won the event and \$6,520.

"Honestly, I came on Sunday to play the \$2,200 six-max," he said. "But I only saw five registrants, so I jumped in the \$340. ... I'm so glad to win this event despite the small turn-

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## MEET JASON TRZEBNY



**Jason Trzebny** is a deaf poker player from Washington. He plays regularly throughout the area, but his main expertise is tactile and close-vision interpreting for deaf-blind consumers, emergency legal-police interpreting and some conference interpreting. He has been interpreting professionally since 2001.

**How long have you been involved with poker?** I actually didn't learn poker until college. It was a great addition to my college experience; I would be going to house games and hosting a lot. It was also when I was introduced to online poker. There used to be regular deaf members-only tournaments (online). Playing online poker taught me a lot about how to play and removed communication barriers.

**Where do you usually play?** Locally, there aren't a lot of home games lately, but when I can, I go to charity tournaments in the D.C. area (allinenterprises.org). I haven't won one of those charity tournaments yet. As for casinos, I go to Maryland Live and the Horseshoe in Baltimore. I'm looking forward to going to the new MGM National Harbor. The last time I won a tournament, it was a few years ago for almost \$5K at the Showboat in Atlantic City.

**What is your involvement in the deaf poker community?** Poker is active in the deaf community. There are regional and national tournaments in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. All kinds of tournaments: women only, deaf-hard-of-hearing and tournaments open for anyone as long as they know sign language. Info can be found at deafpokerworld.com.

— **Michael Young**

out. A win is a win."

**PARX: Michael Gagliano** took down the Big Stax \$1,100 main event for \$104,999 after going heads-up with **Tom Thomas**, who won \$66,572. Other prominent players at the final table were **Aaron Mermelstein**, **Mike Linster** and **Jeff Izes**. Gagliano, a 2016 WSOP bracelet-winner, adds to his poker resume at \$1.4M.

The next Big Stax is Dec. 5-19. Parx will run two trophy events this time with buy-ins of \$340 and \$550. The series will include a special Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association charity event in memory of **Carlos Juarez**, a well-respected notable local player who died from complications of CMT. A donation of \$25 from each \$175 buy-in will go toward the CMTA.

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# FOXWOODS' WPF MAIN CHOPPED

**Constantine Moustakis** and **Je Wook Oh** chopped the \$2,700 World Poker Finals Main Event at Foxwoods Casino Resort in Mashantucket, Conn., as each earned \$108,651. The event had 226 entrants for a \$548K prize pool. Moustakis earned the trophy and was followed by **Matt Wantman** (\$54,257), **Gennadiy Kostrov** (\$43,844) and **Brad St.Vincent** (\$32,883).

**Jiqiang Tong** outlasted nearly 960 entrants to win the \$600 event. Tong, playing out of Connecticut, collected \$74K.

**Emanuel Failla** received \$65,151 for finishing second. It marked the 192nd time Failla, who has made more than \$5.1 million playing live, has cashed. **Gennadiy Kostrov**, who was third, earned \$38,282. Of his 18 cashes, 16 have come at Foxwoods. You can find all of the results at foxwoods.com.

The property hosts the \$975K guarantee MegaStack Challenge from Dec. 2-12. Featuring 11 events, the challenge includes the \$1,650 championship, which starts Dec. 10. The tournament has a guaranteed prize pool of \$250K. The series gets under way with a \$600 tourney with \$500K guaranteed. A \$400 event with a \$100K guarantee begins Dec. 7.

**MOHEGAN SUN:** The \$230 Holiday Hangover Tournament runs Dec. 26-29 with a \$50K guarantee. See the ad on Page 33 for the multflight schedule and room rates.

The poker room also hosts guarantees every Wednesday (\$120, 6 p.m.). Seating is limited, so players are urged to register early. There will be no tournaments on Christmas, but there is a special; \$330 event on Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. with a \$30K guarantee. It will have 30K chips and 30-minute blinds.

## NEW YORK

**TURNING STONE RESORT & CASINO:** **Steven Song** edged **Taylor Dean-Lipson** to win the \$570 tournament at the October Poker Weekend, earning \$32,927.

Dean-Lipson of New York earned \$20,787 and **Joshua Colwell** was third (\$12,957).

**Collin Reilly** finished fourth, adding \$9,152 to his bankroll. **Robert Colao** picked up \$6,624 for fifth.

Overall, 232 players entered the event, which brought the prize pool to \$116K.

**Nicola Piccirillo** was first in the \$230 bounty for \$1,489. **Sahar Khalavi** was second (\$1,093) and **Amin Khalavi** ended up third (\$1,010). With 37 entrants, the prize pool was \$5,550.

**SENECA NIAGARA FALLS:** The poker room in Niagara Falls is hosting \$5K 12 Hours of Christmas on Dec. 12 and Dec. 14.

From noon until 6 p.m., the room will be paying \$500 high hands and \$100 hot seats every half hour.

This poker room has 23 tables and offers free drinks, player rewards, 13 big-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi.

**SENECA SALAMANCA:** The poker room's First Saturday of the

Month tourney is Dec. 2. Buy-in is \$160 for the 7 p.m. event and that gets you 15K chips and 30-minute blinds.

Also, Dec. 9 is the second annual Holiday High Hand-Out Jackpot. All told, the promotion pays \$2,500 as one \$500 high hand is paid during five payout sessions: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 5-8 p.m., 8-11 p.m. and 11-2 a.m. There is no minimum to qualify, merely the highest hand during the session earns the cash.

## ONTARIO, CANADA

**NIAGARA FALLSVIEW CASINO RESORT:** The Niagara Falls property hosts the WPT Fallsview Poker Classic from Feb. 17-24.

## DELAWARE

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO:** The Dover, Del., property hosts a Getaway Weekend on Dec. 9-11. On Dec. 5 and Dec. 7 at 7:15 p.m. there are \$25 satellites for the \$15K guarantee on Dec. 10. One in 10 wins a seat into the \$15K.

On Dec. 9 at 11:15 a.m., there's a \$10K guarantee for \$125. The starting stack is 20K with 25-minute blinds. The \$15K guarantee is Dec. 10 at 11:15 for \$150. The blinds are 30 minutes and you'll start with 20K chips. To wrap up the weekend on Dec. 11 at 11:15, there's a \$2,500 guarantee for \$45. The blinds are 15 minutes and you start with 10K chips. Dec. 29-Jan. 1, there will be a series of guarantees: Dec. 29 (\$2,500 guarantee), Dec. 30 (\$30K), Dec. 31 (\$2K) and Jan. 1 (\$2K).

Dover Downs also is running the best cash-back promo in the country with \$400 a week available for cash play. This cash back is in addition to one comp dollar for each hour of play. See the poker room for details.

## MARYLAND

**MARYLAND LIVE:** Late Night High Hands and Holiday High Hands highlight the promotions this month.

Late Night High Hands will pay \$300 every 30 minutes from 2 a.m.-7 a.m. But the poker room takes it a step further with its Holiday High Hands. Players will earn \$500 for high hands every 10 minutes Dec. 7-11 from 2 p.m.-2 a.m.; every 15 minutes Dec. 11-16 from 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; every 20 minutes Dec. 17-22 from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and every 30 minutes Dec. 26-30 from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Call the poker room for more details.

**MGM NATIONAL HARBOR:** The property will have a 39-table poker room when it opens Dec. 8. **Johnny Grooms**, who used to run the Beau Rivage poker room, will oversee this room.

"We plan to host daily tournaments beginning in January, offering multiple game types and buy-ins to appeal to both the recreational poker player and the seasoned pro," Grooms said. "Poker promotions such as high hands are scheduled to begin in February and we also are in the early stages of planning a large poker series that could change the landscape of tournament poker on the East Coast." ♠



Constantine Moustakis chopped the World Poker Finals but got the trophy.



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# MICHIGAN STATE TITLE IS BLACKWOOD'S

The Michigan State Poker Championship at FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Mich., was once again a record-breaking affair. At the final table, all eyes were on pro **Aaron Massey**, who was looking to go back-to-back in Mid-States Poker Tour FireKeepers main events (the two largest tournaments in state history). However, at the end of a long day, it was 27-year-old **Brett Blackwood** who captured the title and a \$188,314 first-place prize.

"It feels fake right now, right now it just feels like a dream," Blackwood said after the win. "I was all-in 14 or 15 times, often behind, and just ran spectacular. Heads-up, I hit the river twice to stay alive. It feels great. I like the trophy. I'll put the money in the bank. The (pot-limit Omaha) bankroll was all right, but it just got a whole lot healthier, you know what I'm saying."

Blackwood, who was playing in just his eighth tournament, is a painter by trade but spends much of his free time playing \$5-\$10 PLO in Detroit. He decided to play three \$250 satellites for the MSPC and managed to win a seat. From there, the story was survival as time and again Blackwood was on the ropes, but nary an opponent could finish him off.

He was followed by **Cy Church** of East Lansing (\$114,701), **Griff Woodman** of Portland (\$74,641), **Vinh Ho** of Midland (\$51,701), **Jimmy Ray** of Indiana (\$37,663), **Lars Cole** of Ada (\$28,932), **Massey** of Chicago (\$23,882), **Satish Thakur** of Farmington Hills (\$19,944), **Josh Marvin** of Sterling Heights (\$16,007) and **Nevada Saad** of Dearborn Heights (\$12,241).

The \$1,100 event drew 884 entrants, made it the largest tournament in Michigan history, surpassing 820 runners from May's event, and became the largest MSPT event in the Midwest. The \$300K guarantee was shattered (\$884K).

## CHICAGOLAND

**HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA:** **Robert "Skinny" Hankins** needs to use both hands to display all of his rings after winning the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event. The 28-year-old pro from Nashville is only the ninth in history to win six.

"This feels awesome," Hankins said after winning \$146K. The prize pool was \$648K with 432 entries.

**HORSESHOE HAMMOND:** **Dylan Linde** won the WSOPC main event for \$348K. The 35-year-old pro from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, grew up playing video games and strategic card games, making the move to poker a relatively easy transition.

"This is fantastic," Linde said. "It's nice to finally win a live tournament. I haven't really had that much success live. I've had a lot of, like, eighth-through-18th-place finishes."

The prize pool fell just short of \$2M with 1,308 entries.

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## MEET JOHN DOYEN



**John Doyen**, who cites fishing and playing poker as his two favorite hobbies, hails from a small town in Wisconsin and is shift manager at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee.

**How did you come to work in poker?** I started dealing blackjack at the age of 18 in a small casino in the upper peninsula of Michigan. I transitioned to poker when they opened a small room. I enjoyed dealing as well as playing the game. I started at Potawatomi as a floor supervisor after they expanded their room in 2008.

**What do you like most about working in poker?** I love the atmosphere. It's a very relaxed place to work compared to other areas of the casino. I also really like working with the guests, most of which are very pleasant. I really like talking to them.

**What's your favorite memory when it comes to your work and why?** My favorite memory, to this point, has been working with the Mid-States Poker Tour. It really opened my eyes to the potential of what our room can be. It's been a great experience to be a part of. — **Chad Holloway**

## MINNESOTA

**CANTERBURY PARK:** **Ervin Bjerga** of Motley, Minn., took home \$75K after winning the \$1,100 Fall Poker Classic Main Event in Shakopee. This is Bjerga's second biggest career cash, just behind a first-place finish in a Mid-States Poker Tour event in February 2015. Bjerga battled second-place finisher **Robert Garcia** for more than an hour before they agreed to a chop, giving Garcia \$62K.

The final table wasn't easy for Bjerga as it featured several tough players. Fifth-place finisher **Ben Marsh** had won an MSPT event and has more than \$200K lifetime earnings. Minnesota Poker Hall of Famer **Mike Schneider** was 10th. The main event drew 389 entries to produced a \$377K prize pool.

**Rajae "Robbie" Wazwaz** of Brooklyn Park, Minn., defended his title of the high-roller event. Wazwaz took home \$36K for the win. The event drew 41 players and had a prize pool of \$93K. The buy-in decreased from \$5,250 last year to \$2,500 this year.

**Alan Carty** won Event 1 (\$340 NLHE) for \$22K. **Gregory Lee** won Event 4 (\$235 seniors) for \$9,432. **James Johnson** won Event

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## MIDWEST

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8 (\$340 HORSE) for \$7,595 and **Lucas Mernin** won Event 9 (\$550 NLHE) for \$26,100.

**RUNNING ACES:** **Matt Alexander** of Minneapolis beat 754 entrants to win the Hallow Scream event in Columbus. Alexander took home \$38,978 of the \$154,332 prize pool, increasing his lifetime earnings to \$797K.

### IOWA

**MESKWAKI CASINO:** **Ken Komberec** from Grafton, Wis., won the Mid-States Poker Tour Main Event in Tama on Nov. 7. He topped the respectable field of 405 players for \$93,922. The event beat the \$300K guarantee (\$405K) and it looks like the MSPT will return here four times in 2017.

**HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS:** The poker room will host its annual Horseshoe Holiday Poker Classic with an expanded schedule. The long line of events kicks off Dec. 26 and will run until the \$240 main event champion is crowned Jan. 8.

**DIAMOND JO CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot continues to climb at the Worth poker room, surpassing \$220K at press time.

**JUMERS CASINO:** The bad beat was \$207K at press time.

### OHIO/WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBUS:** The room has been doing some great promotions for cash games, giving away \$15K every Friday and Sunday as 10 \$500 winners play a \$10K Cold Hand at 10:15 p.m. each Friday and Sunday. Winners are selected by random drawings at the top of every hour from 1-10 p.m. and entries are earned at one entry each hour played (2X entries from 10 p.m.-6 a.m.).

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO:** The room has been paying high hands every 30 minutes on Thursdays (4-midnight), Fridays (4-2 a.m.), Saturdays (noon-2 a.m.) and Sundays (noon-10 p.m.). The minimum qualifying hand is aces full of deuces, and both hold cards must play. The bad-beat jackpot was \$110K at press time.

**RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH:** High-hand promotions are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$200 hot seats are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Million Dollar Bad Beat requires a hold'em player holding 10-9 suited to flop the low end of a straight flush, losing to a player who holds A-K suited for a royal. Also, at press time, the bad-beat jackpot for hold'em was \$179K.

### WISCONSIN

**BRZOWSKI MISSES OUT ON GOLD RING:** **Johnny Brzowski** of Winneconne nearly won a gold ring at the WSOP Circuit Horseshoe Hammond stop. Brzowski finished fourth in a field of 221 players in Event 2 (\$580 NLHE) for a career-nest score of \$9,190.

**SUN LEADS MSPT POY RACE:** With just four stops remaining in 2016, Milwaukee's **Hao "John" Sun** led the Mid-States Poker Tour Season 7 Player of the Year race with 3,300 points. That was just ahead of Chicago pro **Aaron Massey**, who had 2,900 POY points.

**CLOSINGS:** Bad River Lodge & Casino closed its poker room Sept. 28 and Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa will close its room Dec. 31. ♠

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## ARIZONA

### HARRAH'S AK-CHIN

**Charity:** To be announced

**Event details:** To be announced

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**Charity:** The Love Kitchen

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**Charity and event:** To be announced

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**Charity and event:** To be announced

### PARKWEST CASINO SONOMA

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### RED HAWK CASINO

**Charity** El Dorado County Food Bank

**Event details:** 6:15 p.m. Jan. 16 (registration at 5:15 p.m.) \$60 buy-in (first 12 players to register get 1,000 bonus chips). Players who donate a minimum of \$1 or a food item get 2,000 bonus chips.

## CANADA

### GEORGETOWN (ONTARIO) POKER

**Charity:** Salvation Army Oakville Community Church

**Event details:** Players donating at least one food item during satellites for the Fallsview Classic that start Dec. 3 will be eligible for prizes donated by Georgetown Poker.

## FLORIDA

### DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB

**Charity and event:** To be announced

### DERBY LANE

**Charity and event:** To be announced

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**Charity and event:** To be announced

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**Charity and event:** To be announced

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## ILLINOIS

### WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP

**Charity and event:** To be announced

## INDIANA

### HORSESHOE HAMMOND CASINO

**Charity:** To be announced

**Event details:** Jan. 23 (more to come).

## MINNESOTA

### MINNEAPOLIS ROUNDERS

**Charity:** To be announced

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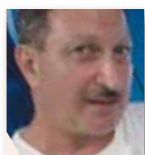
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# YOU MUST KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS

**A**nte Up readers beware: At this time of the year, one is likely to come up against players who have made their New Year's poker resolutions. I have a good one for you: Keep accurate records.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

Keeping records should be more than just recording wins and losses on scrap pieces of paper. One must be able to review your results and assess, adjust and strategize. I hope it's not lost on you just how much is at stake. Here are a few tips:

- Get your results on a spreadsheet. Record time, date, game hours, money won/lost and keep separate columns for different games. Set up a different page for tournament results.

Also, make sure you have a notebook in your car or use the notes feature on your smartphone to get exact details down right away, so when you transfer your numbers, you'll have accuracy.

False information might do more harm than no information. Is this starting to sound like work? Make this a labor of love. Have some fun with it. Just commit to 15 minutes daily. Having the information in front of you will assist you in finding leaks.

- Keep a few extra columns for variables. Bluffing is a record-keeping column that should be a must. Imagine a player

who bluffs with success; he tends to increase his bluff frequency. Before long, opponents have wised up and our player starts getting caught and after taking a few big hits, he stops bluffing.

Without realizing it, he has gone from a winning player to negative and he has no idea why. Accurate records are a great tool. I can't imagine running a business without records. If you take me on as a coach, I will insist on record keeping.

This is your job; make it fun. Poker is fun. Winning poker is really fun.

- Notes on opponents. Players who scout adversaries possess strong table awareness. They are more likely to pick up on patterns and even physical tells. Pitted against a player they have never faced, they have the uncanny ability to slide their opponent into a category that makes their decision process superior.

Try using your phone to take a few incognito photos. Once again, if you make this a fun endeavor, you will reap the rewards.

What is most hard to understand is how much information one misses while playing cards. By exercising your observation skills, you cannot help get better as you go.

Make improved record keeping your poker resolution and watch your profit margins grow. Hire a coach.

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## POKER INSIDER

# GOOD PLAYERS ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVE

**D**o you have a reason for playing poker? What's your plan of action to be successful?

I challenge you to write your 10 greatest fears, doubts and worries. Some of you might need more paper to write them all down, but I said 10.



**AL  
SPATH**

If you had the courage to write them, this is what you will find. Seven or eight have happened or never can happen.

Out of the two or three remaining, you have no control over one or two of them. And finally, you will find that you have control over one, maybe two.

So, does it make sense to spend energy over a list of things you can't control instead of focusing your energy on one or two things you can handle effectively?

Since the obvious answer is no, why do we continue focusing on unsolvable problems and worries?

The answer is simple: We're creatures of habit; we like routine and when our routine is changed, we get upset. And one the most destructive habits is griping, complaining and moaning. Some would rather complain than succeed.

Think I'm wrong? Eliminate the complaining and see if you don't succeed regularly. Eliminate the negative expectations, stop griping, set a plan of action and an attainable goal, wheth-

er at the poker table or just in life general, and see how easier it is to achieve success.

The worst thing you can do is to replay a bad beat over and over in your head or repeatedly telling others about negative results. Move on, spend that energy learning from it and not repeating it, but don't dwell on negative outcomes; they will destroy your game and mind-set.

Many of you might have a four-letter word to describe your game, U-G-L-Y. So I propose you start getting in a winning frame of mind by blocking out the distractions surrounding you.

Focus on the task at hand, expect to succeed, string small victories together and let others do the complaining as you stack their chips. As I pointed out above, most fears or doubts are not worth the bother.

Once you figure that out and concentrate on the skills and experience you have, you will succeed at a better pace. There's nothing stopping you but yourself and now you know you can beat that opponent, too.

— **Al Spath is the former Dean at Poker School Online and continues to teach poker online and live. His free YouTube Poker Channel (Al Spath) has hundreds of instructional videos to view. Al's live broadcasts are on TwitchTV: follow (PositivePokerInsiders). Contact Al directly at [alspath@alspath.com](mailto:alspath@alspath.com) with questions coaching inquires.**



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# FAKING POSITIVITY CAN WORK

Even faking a smile can improve your mood. Seriously, Google it. When you're playing a game that's constantly adversarial, sometimes it's hard to stay positive even when you're winning or doing well in a tournament.



**BRENT  
PHILBIN**

During the World Series of Poker Main Event this summer, we were on the second break of Day 2. I'd lost a pot during the level and I had just paid \$10 for a milkshake, so positivity wasn't at the forefront of my mind.

As usual, when you see your friends you ask how things are going, offer words of encouragement to those who are short and talk about how nice it must be to have all those extra chips.

When I asked one of my friends how he was doing he said, "I've got a starting stack so I'm fine." Starting stack actually wasn't too far below average at this point. After a noticeable pause, he added, "from last year," and grinned ear to ear. This year's starting stack was 50K, last year's was 30K. Maybe he was faking it, but remember faking it works, too. He had a

much smaller stack than I did and was certainly more positive.

While playing poker, you are subjected to constant negativity. You're not winning most hands that are dealt, players are trying to take every chip you have in front of you and someone is always telling a bad-beat story.

We've touched on the importance of being as neutral as possible with your emotions and this advice is part of the way to achieve that balance. With the massive amount of negativity facing you at all times, it's an uphill battle.

Do whatever mental gymnastics you need to do to keep yourself positive while you're playing. You can be critical of yourself afterward, but in the moment, your decisions always will be better overall with a positive outlook.

Compliment other players when you can, give compliments to the dealers and the floor staff. You want to be so positive that it's almost annoying.

By the way, that friend that I talked to on break? **Jerry Wong.** — **Brent Philbin is a poker pro who lives in South Florida. You can reach him at [Brent.Philbin@gmail.com](mailto:Brent.Philbin@gmail.com).**

## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

# GET TO KNOW WHAT THIN-SLICING IS

There are quite a few books that are a must-read for poker players and **Malcolm Gladwell's** second book, *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*, is one of them. I actually think it's as important as game theory has been.

Gladwell presents, in easy to understand, a condensation of behavioral science's discussion of rapid-fire mental processes.

It discusses being seeing patterns from small bits of information to big decisions under circumstances that are typically thought of as uncertain.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

Given enough experience, practice and playing what seems like uncertainty becomes "thin slicing."

It doesn't condone stereotyping but it operationalizes what we call going with our gut.

Thin-slicing is the ability to find patterns based upon what seems to be limited information. It's when we make quick inferences that seem to be done subconsciously but is the end product of grinding hours at the table, studying people at the table and learning the probabilities.

The book shows that often the expert can make quick judgments based on what seems like limited information and the outcomes are similar to judgments made on much more information.

We all know that poker is a game wherein we make decisions on incomplete information; it's a game that moves fast and often is one of the best examples of making decisions under stress and uncertainty.

This thin-slicing idea, however, is deceptive. It doesn't mean

just playing hunches or on feel. It means working to understand patterns of play. Play of opponents and tables lets us see these patterns. Remember, I am saying, "seems to be limited information" because it's the accumulated experience you have at poker.

Once you thin-slice, you take advantage of the situation, make your move and make an accurate decision with a little amount of money.

We talk about this in different ways. In tournaments, we know that some people are playing to make the next level; some people want to make it past the break; some people don't want to lose all of their chips. For these people, good players have learned to strategically push.

There's no time at the table to assess the situation so we have to thin-slice. I played a \$350 WPT tournament a few years ago, was the short stack at the final table and wound up third. I did this not by getting the nuts or being a genius player. I thin-sliced.

I knew the big stacks would try to bust out the short stacks and when two medium stacks got all-in it was time for me to fold. I had decided I was too short-stacked to win, so I would move up as much as possible.

I didn't have time to weigh all the factors, I had to thin-slice based on the players, my goals, my experience in tournaments and the like.

If you want to keep your head in the game, this is a must read.

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# DON'T RELY ON THE FLOOR TO READ YOUR MIND

The flop had three suited cards, and I was first to act. I said, "Quick suit check," as I peeked at my cards again. Dealer called out "Check!" and moved on to the next player. I questioned this since I was checking my cards, not my action. The floor was called and he backed the dealer's decision. Is this valid? Does this account for all poker words used in a sentence obviously not in the context of your action? — **Mr. Qwimper**



**ELLIOTT SCHECTER**

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** If I were dealing this the game or I were the floorperson making the decision, I would have counted this as a check, too. Most floor decisions are made based on the following principal: If you put the floorperson in a spot where he has to read your mind, you cannot win.

The only part of your statement that was truly clear was check. "Quick suit check" also could have been understood to mean that since the flop came down all one suit, you couldn't check fast enough.

Improbable maybe, but not implausible. Your words in this situation were ill-chosen.

## All players are responsible

We're at a local tournament. The clock switches from the 100-200 to the 150-300 level in the middle of a long hand. During that hand, the dealer announces that on the next hand the blinds will increase. But the hand takes more than three minutes and everyone forgets by the time the next hand rolls around.

So the blinds put out 100 and 200 and the dealer doesn't notice. The under-the-gun player raises to 500. Only then does another player notice the blinds should've been higher. If that's the case, the raise should be to 600, which is now only a min-raise. The floor rules that substantial action has occurred and it wouldn't be fair to the raiser, so the action stays at the lower blind level. But my thought is all players had the responsibility to know blinds were up, so the blinds should've been forced to increase and the raiser should have had to raise to 600. Who's right? — **David Bloomberg**

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** The ruling to play on with the 100-200 blinds was correct. If all of the players are responsible for knowing the blinds were supposed to go up, then they must also collectively be responsible when the blinds fail to get correctly changed when the hand starts.

Let's assume the blinds were corrected mid hand after the other player pointed it out after the opening raise in the hand you described. What does the raise get corrected to now that 500 is no longer a recognized raise? Is the 600 you suggested because that's the minimum available number or because it is simply the big blind plus 300 as the 500 bet was (200 plus 300)?

Is it now 750 because that is 2.5 times the big blind as the

original 500 raise was 2.5 times the big blind of 200?

Do we let him take back the raise now that the action, namely the size of the blinds and bet, has changed in front of him? The fairest way to rule in this situation is to play that last hand at 100-200 and change the blinds the next hand.

## Four-card flop? Scramble them like eggs!

We're in a \$1-\$3 no-limit cash game at my local casino when the dealer accidentally dealt out a four-card flop. Some players thought the hand should be declared a misdeal and others believed that since the dealer puts the flop out the same way every time, it would be easy to determine which three cards were the flop, which one was the burn card and then the hand should continue.

The floor told the dealer to reshuffle all of the cards not being held by the players in the hand and then put out a new flop. What should the ruling have been? — **Rodney Hostetler**

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** For a four-card flop, the four cards are scrambled and the supervisor draws one card that will become the second burn card.

Everyone knows the four cards put down by the dealer are the top four cards of the deck. This has become standard for tournaments and cash games.

## Three strikes and you're out!

The final board reads K-8-6-3-K with three players left. The first two check and the third bets. The first player says, "call" and the third says, "I've got three of a kind" at the same time. Player 3 makes a motion as if he's about to turn over his cards but is stopped by the dealer and is reminded there's still action left. Player 1 says, "I can't beat that, but I said call," and throws in his chips. Player 3 folds A-A face up. We all look at Player 2 waiting

for him to show a king, but he flips A-6 and says, "I have two pair" Player 1 turns over an eight and scoops the pot. The floor is called, the situation is explained and two players say they've seen the player pull this before. Even the floor said he's warned this player for this before and gives him a warning. Shouldn't he get more than just a warning because the floor knew he had done this before? — **Reed Perkins**

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** Three bites a the apple is way too much. I agree the villain has been amply warned about his breach of etiquette and protocol. In a multiway pot with a player yet to act, his early and intentional false declaration is to be considered nothing less than outright cheating. Ejection from the room for a period of not less than 30 days is rightly called for. If he comes back after that time and attempts this yet again, permanent banishment from that poker room is justified.

— **Elliott Schecter is poker room manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo. Email questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.**



## ARIZONA

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<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$100, 7p); Sat. \$200 added Omaha/8 (\$15 w/\$5 rbs and add-on, 9a); Sun. (\$45, 11a).	Summer Thunder League (Sun. & Tue.); Summer Omaha/8 League (Wed. & Sat.); Summer Lightning League (Mon. & Sat.).
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<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$45, 6:15p); Wed. (\$80, 6:15p); Fri. (\$45, 10:15a); Sat. (\$65, 12:15p); Sun. KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega jackpot; Omaha jackpot.
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive Bad Beat Jackpot; Aces Cracked; Early Bird Special; Omaha Special.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Sat. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 8p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 8p).	Aces Cracked & High Hands (24/7); Pay for Play (\$5/hour); Monthly Cash Drawings.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); 1st Sun. of month (\$230, noon); Sunday Special, Dec. 4 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$30, 11a); Th. Crazy Pine. (\$30, 11a); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a); 2nd Sun. \$5K guar. (\$220, 1p).	\$50K bad-beat jackpot.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CASINO</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals bonus; Aces Cracked.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. (\$200, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is \$100K, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked; Rack Attack.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 \$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Fri. \$3K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p).	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed.); Cash Prize Wheel.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasi.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. KO (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10:20a); Sun. \$1K guar. FR (1p).	Super Bad Beat Jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); Spin to Win pays up to \$200 (daily); PLO (Wed., 2p); Omaha high hand and buy-in bargains.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 10a); Tue. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$45, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$80, 11a); Sun. \$4.5K guar. (\$50, 10a).	No-limit, limit and Omaha jackpots; high hands.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Mon. & Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue., Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; Progressive Royal Flush Jackpot; \$100 high hand bonus; \$50 quads, \$75 straight flush bonuses.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed., noon-mid.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a).	Rack Attacks (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su. (\$25 w/rls, 10a); M-W (\$50, 6:30p); Th. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Su. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Saturday WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 45.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; Rack Attacks; high hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W O/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); F-Su (\$40 w/\$20 rbs and add-on, 11a); Fri. (\$155, 6p); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad on Pages 2-3.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$15, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 6p); Tue. KO (\$25, 6p) Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$25, 6p); Fri. satellite (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 6p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11:00a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Mexican Poker \$100 High Hand (Thurs.-Sun.); royal flush progressive jackpot; Omaha high hand (Wed. & Sat.).
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Mon. \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tue. \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wed. \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sun. \$1K guar. Deep Stack (\$55, 4p).	Aces Cracked; Progressive Straight Flushes.

## COLORADO

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

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Mega Stack Challenge, Dec. 2-12 w/\$250K guar., Dec. 10 (\$1,650).	Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy (Sun. & Tue., 9a-9p & Fri. & Sat., 2p-2a) with \$500 paid every 30 minutes.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegan.sun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p); \$50K guar. Holiday Hangover, Dec. 26-29 (\$230, ad Page 33).	High hands pay up to \$600.

## DELAWARE


<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$35, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$35, 7:15p); Fri. (\$45, 7:15p); Sat. (\$35, 3:15p & 7:15p); Sun. (\$35, 3:15p & 7:15p).	Royal flush bonus; bad beat hands pays \$300-\$600.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 1p).	High hand giveaway (Mon. & Fri., 11a-4p), (Tue. & Wed.) & (Sun.); Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Fri.); quad jacks or better pays \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).



# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$150 (noon & 7p). See ad on Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mon. (\$200-\$1K); \$400 high hands (Thurs.).
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Saturday \$1K guar. (\$45, 1p); Sunday \$1K guar. (\$45, 1p & 6p). See ad on Page 11.	Four of a Kind Triple Rollover (daily, 5p-7p & 11p-2a); quads win \$300, \$600 or \$900 w/table share.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wed. \$2.5K guar. (7p); Fri. & Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Full House Promo (Tue. & Thurs., 7p-mid. & daily at 9a); earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour (Mon.-Thurs.). See ad on Page 49.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$50, 3p); T (\$50, 3p); W (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (varies); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 10a, & \$125, 7p); 1st Sun. \$10K guar. (\$80); last Sun. \$15K guar. (\$200).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-10p & Fri., noon-mid.); high hands.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p. See ad on Page 41.	Player Rewards Program; Morning Madness (daily).
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at noon) & (Sun., mid.-noon); bad-beat jackpot is quad sevens; royals pay \$250.
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Wed. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 7p); Sat. (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sun. (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 55.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7p); Wed. \$10K guar. (\$100, 6p); Sat. \$5K guar. KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; \$75K guar. multiday event, Dec. 14-18 (\$130).
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands; weekly draw down (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; high hands. See ad below.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tue. & Thurs. freeroll (7p); Sat. Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sun. freeroll (2p).	High hands (Fri.-Sat.); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	M (\$60, 1p & \$75, 7p); T (\$75, 1p & \$70, 7p); W (\$70, 1p & \$130, 7p); Th (\$75, 1p & \$60, 7p); F (\$105, 1p & \$130, 7p); Sa (\$130, 1p); Su (\$130, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum \$10K; all others pay \$500; 1st & 3rd Wed. high hand can pay \$2K per hour (9:45a-1a); \$500 high hands every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hand (Wed. & Fri.); quads and straight flush (Mon.).
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High hands.

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<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p). Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full-house promotions (Tue., Thurs., Sat. & Sun.). See ad on facing page. Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com		
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. (\$80); Wed. (\$30); last Sat. of month \$4K guar. (\$130).	Hourly high hands can pay \$100/hour; get paid for royals.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W O/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (varies, 11a & 6p); Fun in the Sun Open, Dec. 26-31.	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); Winter Open, Dec. 1-18 w/\$300K guar., Dec. 15 (\$1,650).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Sat. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$115, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-close.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$25-\$210) at 1p and 7p with guarantees. See ad on Page 15.	High hands.
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands; late night promos (daily).

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	No tournaments.	Power Points and cash back for live play; call for details.
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Tue. (varies, 7p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100-\$150, 2p); ask about the WSOP League.	Spin the Wheel (Mon., Wed. & Fri.).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 1p); tournaments offer re-entry up to first break.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Tournaments offered at 2p, 4:30p, 6:30p & 8p.	\$2-\$5 NLHE cash-game action with \$200-\$600 or table captain max.

## INDIANA

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

## IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p); 2nd & last Sat. of the month (\$150, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight-flush jackpot.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for royal flushes (\$500) and straight flushes (\$200); win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; Aces Cracked.
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquedbq.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; 10 jackpots; call for details.
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RHYTHM CITY CASINO</b> (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big O (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tue. & Wed. \$500 guar.; Fri. (\$25, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; hourly high hands.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$100, 7:00p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRAIRIE BAND CASINO</b> (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Call for info.	High hands.

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<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tue. (\$10, 11a); Wed.-Thurs. (\$35, 7p).	Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; high hands.
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). See ad on Page 12.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wed. (\$145, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$165, 6:30p); Fri. (\$130, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri.); Aces Cracked; Flush Frenzy.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the hour.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon. (varies); Wed. (\$105, noon); Thurs. turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is descending.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; high hands.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thurs. (\$18, 1:30p); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$150, 11a).	Splash Pots.
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$500, times vary, call poker room for schedule). See ad on Page 35.	Late-night high hands (daily, 2a-8a) pays \$500-\$1.5K hourly; PPC Championship runs until Dec. 4.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Opens Dec. 8 and tournaments begin in January.	Opens Dec. 8 and promotions such as high hands should begin in February.

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. (\$30, 11:30a); Sun. (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13, 6:30p); Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increases daily.
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 2p); first Sat. of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); T (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); W (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Th (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); F (\$50, 10:30a); Sa (10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; MSPT, Dec. 2-11 w/\$200K guar., Dec. 9 (\$1,100).
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards; Quads Beat and Flop-A-Royal tournament jackpots.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300 (Thurs. & Sun., noon-10p); quads pay \$44; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details); Million Dollar Heater series, Jan. 5-16 w/\$1M in guarantees (See ad Page 13).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. \$1K guar. KO (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p); Tue. \$1K guar. (\$60, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 2p); Sun. \$2K guar. (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, stud, and tournaments; \$50 Splash the Pot; high hands pay \$100 w/\$100 rollover.
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p). See ad on Page 5.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p).
<b>SCARLET PEARL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Mon.-Sun., noon & Wed-Thurs., 6p); Beat the Boss event, Dec. 16 (call for details).	High hands; Splash the Pot.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; \$1/hour player comps for live play.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights or better; progressive high hands for all straight flushes and royals.
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (varies, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot and high hands in hold'em; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
<b>ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU</b> (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; high hands (daily); Aces Cracked; \$2 per hour player comps.



# NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 1p); Mon.-Sun. (\$125, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$240, 11a).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); progressive bonus hands in tournaments.	EZ Way Bad Beat; Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; earn \$4/hour in poker comps (daily); progressive bonus hands.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p); WPT Five Diamond Classic runs until Dec. 11.	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$75, 1p); nightly (\$55, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$160, 1p).	Earn \$400 per week playing poker.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Hourly High Full House Giveaway; quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.); Omaha Double Jackpot (Wed.).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$100, 10a), (\$125, 2p), (\$125, 6p), (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	1st & 3rd Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); freeroll on the first Fri. of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked; Regal Royals pay \$555.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$8K freeroll (Fri.).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); hourly high hands, \$50 (8a-8p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvallयरanchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Quads can win \$250.
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. \$500 guar. (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); Fri.-Sat. KO \$1K guar. (\$100, 7p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300) 2x2 freeroll every Tue. (\$2K) and Sat. (\$2K) at 5p; Colossus Giveaway (Mon., 1p).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands; Big Slick Royal Progressive Bonus starts at \$500.
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guar. (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	\$25K biweekly invitational (30 hours of live play to qualify); Cash Card Jackpot starts at \$1K; High Hand of the Hour weekday mornings (5a-10a).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Fri.-Sun. (\$120, 11a); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; Football High Hands.
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$65, 6p) & (\$40, 11p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guarantee.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces; Best Full Houses; Tag Team event, Dec. 7 (\$100, 7p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$45, noon); Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wed. & Sun. (\$100, 6p). See the ad on Page 23.	Earn \$1 an hour in comps; high hands; pro football squares (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo; earn up to \$12/hr, including food and beverage comps.
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T (\$200, 7p); Th (\$125, 7p); F (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	December Weekend Extravaganza, Dec. 7-11 w/\$176K in guarantees. New Year's Extravaganza, Dec. 22-Jan. 8 w/\$695K in guarantees. Dailies suspended during DSE.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$10, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. \$1K guar. (\$50, 8:30p); Sun. (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); First Wed. seniors event (50-plus) \$12.5K guar. (\$300, noon).	No promotions.

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

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>HAMPTON FALLS</b> (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$100, 1:30p & \$50, 5:30p); W (\$70, 5:30p); Th. (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p & \$60, 8p); Su (\$50, 1p & \$100, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>MANCHESTER POKER ROOM</b> (603) 668-6591	Mon. (\$60, 8p); Fri. (\$40, 5:30p & \$60, 8p); Sat. (\$40, 12:05p).	Player rewards.
<b>RIVER CASINO</b> (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel; Match Play.

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hand (daily) pays up to \$350.
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad tens in hold'em.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily, times and buy-ins vary. Last Saturday of the month is a \$10K guarantee (\$180, 12:15p).	High hands (daily); Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat (daily); Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly; limit hold'em high hands.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p); \$20K guar., Dec. 18 (\$230, 11a). See ad Page 30.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, noon & \$45, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDIA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p); Santa's Deepstack, Dec. 17th (\$235, noon). See ad on Page 27.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F (\$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad deuces); high hands.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for royal and straight flushes.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.); Superstacks Hold'em Series runs until Dec. 4.

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Wed. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Fri. (\$135, 6p); Sun. (\$80, 10a & \$250, 2p); WSOPC runs until Dec. 5.	Player rewards for tournament players (call for details).
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodeolumbus.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$120, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$140, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Ohio Poker Championship, Dec. 1-11 w/\$200K guar., Dec. 9 (\$550).
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodeasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
<b>JACK CLEVELAND CASINO</b> (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>JACK CINCINNATI CASINO</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M-F (\$80, 12:15p); Mon. (\$160, 6:15p); Wed. (\$160, 6:15p); Sun. (\$160, 12:15p); 1st Sat. (\$400, 12:15p); 3rd Sat. turbo (\$300, 12:15p); last Sat. \$5K freeroll (12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. Ante Up (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon)-extra chips available with cash donation; room open Sun.-Thurs. (noon-2a) & Fri.-Sat. (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. KO (\$90, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked; Splash Pots.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 5p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Wild Wed (\$25, 7p); Thurs. w/\$10 bounty (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$65, 7p); Sun. crazy pine. (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$175, 11a); Sun. KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



## OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p); closed on Wed.-Thurs.	Splash Pot; royal flush bonus.
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hand (Sun.); Wheel Spin (Sat.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand (Wed.).

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); W (\$60, 11:30a & PLO \$60, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & \$90, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$60, 11:30a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Sat. & Sun. (\$120, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands pay up to \$1K.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
<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. (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad sixes.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri.-Sun., 4p-mid.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Mon.-Fri. (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (9a, 12:15p & 7p); Sun. (mid., 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Mon. (11a); Tue. (7p); Wed. (11a); Fri. (11a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 7:15); Tue. PLO (\$85, 7:15); Wed. (\$70, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Thurs. (\$80, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Sat. (\$40, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Sun. (\$55, 12:30 & \$85, 7:15).	High-hand jackpot (daily).

## RHODE ISLAND

<b>TWIN RIVER CASINO</b> (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	Poker room open daily (call for details).	Player rewards.
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## SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Tournament every day at 1p (\$15).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon. (\$12, 6:30p); Tue. (\$23, 6:30p); Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$34, 6:30p); Fri. (\$34, 6:30p); Sat. (\$23, 1p); Sun. (\$111, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$221, 2p).	Triple Poker Points (Wed., Fri. & Sat.).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Wed. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Sat. (\$125, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Spin the Wheel.

## TEXAS

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## POKER TV EDITION

### FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO LAUGH



**Ryan Firpo**, who made the movie *Bet Raise Fold*, has completed a pilot for a poker TV comedy

called *Luckboxes*. Set in 2009, it follows two brothers coming out of the recession looking for a new source of income.

**CHRIS:** One of the things I always have trouble with in these kinds of shows is it being marketed toward being a poker show. I think it's going to be hard to sell. If you go the other way with it and highlight the funny stuff and make it appealing to a broad audience and, oh by the way, they find out these guys are poker players, (that could be what) brings them in. (If) you're only going to get a poker audience, that's not a big enough audience for a television show. I like it ... but I'm biased. I'm a poker player.

**SCOTT:** I think you need to hit that *The League* kind of vibe. They developed those characters into something more than fantasy football players and some episodes there was barely any fantasy football in it. That's the key. It has to have enough poker in it to get "pokerheads" to watch it and be realistic about the poker, but to get a wider audience, it has to go beyond that so people are interested enough by the poker to stick with it and not be bored by something they don't know.

### FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE ANNOYED

It's the World Series of Poker hand all players were talking about. Trash-talker **Will Kassouf** and mild-mannered Blue Jays fan **Griffin Bengier** got into it. Bengier called Kassouf a "verbal bully" and got him to commit his chips with K-K against Bengier's A-A. The aces held and all players who desire civility in poker rejoiced.

**CHRIS:** I have to admit while I watched it I had a pit in my stomach when the cards were coming, because you wanted to see the aces hold, and they did. I don't know how I feel about this. I applaud Griffin for standing up to him. But (Kassouf's) in it for his tournament life, too, so in this one instance, if he wasn't a jerk the whole time and did this one thing, I wouldn't think it was a big deal. People weren't even shaking his hand at the end. This opens up another conversation about how to act at the table. Where's the line between table talk and verbal bullying?

**SCOTT:** I think the most telling thing for me was Kassouf saying, "Hey, I'm just trying to get a read on him," and another player at the table said, "Yes, but you've been doing that the entire hand and he hasn't said a thing to you. It's not working! You're just wasting everyone's time." I admit it. I don't like people who talk in the middle of a hand and I don't like any kind of bullies at all, particularly at the poker table, so I'm predisposed to be on Team Bengier here. But at some point, when you keep needling someone and it's clear they know what you are doing, you need to give up on it.



### FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GO BEHIND THE SCENES

A documentary series called *Life of Cards* has debuted on Insight.TV. Each 50-minute episode goes behind the scenes of the life of poker pros, including **Joe Hachem**, **Vanessa Selbst**, **Liv Boeree**, **Faraz Jaka**, **Bertrand "Elky" Grospellier**, **Antonio Esfandiari**, **Daniel Negreanu**, **Chris Moneymaker** and others.

**CHRIS:** I love documentaries. I'm a big fan of them, so this combines two of my favorite things: documentaries and poker. So I think I'll enjoy it. It's like those World Series segments on steroids. Instead of a five-minute peek into their lives, this is a nice 50-minute look.

**SCOTT:** I thought the clips were pretty good; I'm with you. I'm a big documentary guy. I do think it would be interesting to see an entire episode on one player and get to know them a little better, particularly if they show us stuff outside of the poker table.





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