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JAIMIE HALETKY

The Pacific Grove, Calif., player avenges a second-place finish from last year's Ante Up Worlds to win the AUPT NorCal Classic, good for nearly \$50K and a return seat to the world championship.

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Online optimism

We here at Ante Up Poker Media are an optimistic bunch. We support our industry wholeheartedly and always try to find the good in poker people and their ventures.

When Black Friday darkened our poker lives on April 15, 2011, it hurt so many of us; we wondered if online poker would survive in America. It took some time, but a few states were progressive enough to recognize the value of having a regulated online poker market.

While we, of course, endorsed these efforts and applauded the states' ability to get legislation passed and enacted, pessimism crept into our thoughts because we were concerned about player liquidity. Could a small state such as Delaware (less than 1M people) truly thrive with such a small player base?

Though Nevada (3M) and New Jersey (9M) have healthier populations, it still was an uphill battle to achieve sustainability when you consider how many of those people are poker players, how many of *those* are willing to play online, etc.

These three states still host online poker and gaming, but things could be better. And that's why New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie**, Nevada Gov. **Brian Sandoval** and Delaware Gov. **John Carney** recently reached an agreement to allow their states to pool their players to increase revenue growth. It's a no-brainer, but red tape always has its sticking points, so to get this agreement truly is monumental.

Once the product is submitted for testing, it's expected to be approved easily. And as if on cue, Pennsylvania Gov. **Tom Wolf** signed a law to allow online wagering, too, just as we were writing this.

From Day 1, Ante Up has supported a federally regulated online poker market and we believe this is a huge step toward that goal.

Once the government sees this as the success it should be, and the revenue that comes with it, it's our hope other states will follow suit, just like Pennsylvania just did, until it's inevitable that Congress has to put together a comprehensive online gaming plan with regulations and protection before it misses out on an extremely viable tax-revenue stream.

We'll hopefully see you soon at the online tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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REDEMPTION!

After a close call at the 2016 Ante Up Worlds, Jaime Haletky finally has his AUPT title.

By Scott Long and Dan Ross

In August 2016, **Jaime Haletky** was one river card from being the Ante Up world champion. Alas, a six-outer felled the celebration and his opponent went on to win.

Fast forward 14 months and Haletky finally got an Ante Up Poker Tour title, outlasting **Justin Mackey** in a lengthy heads-up struggle to win the main event of the Ante Up NorCal Classic at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

"The tournament was a challenge. I was short on chips a number of times and had to come from behind to win a couple of times. I also had bad beats put on me every time I started to build a decent stack," said Haletky, a mathematician who designs and writes cryptography software. "It was really fun to actually play heads-up as most smaller buy-in tournaments are just about over when heads-up begins due to the blind size. I was just trying to slowly grind down Mackey, but after the break he really woke up aggression-wise and I was just lucky to actually pick up a strong hand."

Haletky of Pacific Grove, Calif., earned \$49,865 for the win in the \$1,110 event, which drew 204 entries to shatter the \$150K guarantee. He also gets a seat in the 2018 Ante Up World Championship Main Event and a champion's jacket.

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Kevin Swift



Barry Birdwell



Howard Tam



Thomas Carty



Eric Green



Osias Lacayanga



Mike Stanley



Patrick Lyons



Chris Hinchcliffe

Ev. 1 • \$160 NLHE
Entries: 208 • Pool: \$27,040

1. Kevin Swift, \$5,000
2. N/A, \$4,000
3. Deborah Wall, \$3,613
4. Jeremiah Niccum, \$3,613
5. Bohao Zhu, \$1,636
6. Chris MacKenzie, \$1,309
7. Hope Spencer, \$1,087
8. Jimmy Zeledon, \$871
9. Kao Saetum, \$652
10. Mark Blackshere, \$476

Ev. 2 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 53 • Pool: \$5,300

1. Barry Birdwell, \$908
2. Steven De Los Santos, \$908
3. Jack Friedlander, \$834
4. David Hahn, \$834
5. Gratchia Makarian, \$833
6. Mickey Friend, \$833
7. Martin Gomez, \$150

Ev. 3 • \$160 Change Up
Entries: 69 • Pool: \$10K

1. Howard Tam, \$3,100
2. Aaron Perkins, \$1,900
3. Gratchia Makarian, \$1,000
4. Shawn Hill, \$1,000
5. Gary Pisarek, \$450
6. Ryan Searles, \$450
7. Kiatoom Lor, \$450
8. Carrie Diggs, \$450
9. Lynda Hernandez, \$300
10. Thai Nguyen, \$300
11. Bohao Zhu, \$300
12. Christopher Penfield, \$300

Ev. 4 • \$125 Bounty
Entries: 89 • Pool: \$6,675

1. Thomas Carty, \$875
1. Jaime Lopez, \$875
1. Jeremy Chew, \$875
1. John Grisler, \$875
1. Chris Konright, \$875
1. Arnold Adicoff, \$875
1. Caleb Van Patten, \$875
8. Lynda Hernandez, \$234
9. Kevin Wildman, \$167
10. Tania Oloy, \$150

Ev. 5 • \$160 O/8
Entries: 74 • Pool: \$10K

1. Eric Green, \$3,000
2. Manju Gera, \$2,100
3. Youhwan Chun, \$1,350
4. Gerardo Gonzalez, \$1,000
5. Theodore Pantazis, \$750
6. Jeffrey Hart, \$600
7. Vien Chan, \$500
8. Robert Badour, \$400
9. Cesar Ragsac, \$300

Ev. 6 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 72 • Pool: \$7,200

1. Osias Lacayanga, \$1,341
1. Elissa Norman, \$1,341
1. Joseph Pena, \$1,341
1. Joseph Esparza, \$1,341
5. Zhaolei Xu, \$540
6. Albert Sanchez, \$432
7. Faithful Zaragoza, \$360
8. Jason Maat, \$288
9. Robert Fenley, \$216

Ev. 7 • \$235 NLHE
Entries: 127 • Pool: \$25,400

1. Mike Stanley, \$4,469
2. Charlito Aseberos, \$4,409
3. Wilton Alejandro, \$3,950
4. Osias Lacayanga, \$3,785
5. Anthony Lewis, \$1,702
6. Eyyal Altar, \$1,361
7. John Grisler, \$1,133
8. Ryan Rielley, \$907
9. Allan Lujan, \$681
10. Eric White, \$495

Ev. 9 • \$260 Action 8
Entries: 65 • Pool: \$14,300

1. Patrick Lyons, \$3,754
2. Kirk Redford, \$3,258
3. Carrie Diggs, \$2,286
4. Dermot Lyons, \$1,998
5. Robert Lew, \$1,037
6. Clinton Jones, \$822
7. Edward Miller, \$644
8. Eyyal Altar, \$501

Ev. 10 • \$160 Bounty
Entries: 66 • Pool: \$5,820

1. Chris Hinchcliffe, \$872
2. N/A, \$844
3. Itude Spencer, \$766
4. Kevin Weinmann, \$729
5. Ronald Malonzo, \$693
6. Arnold Adicoff, \$689
7. Gregory Pincombe, \$644
8. Charles Ciffin, \$429
9. Dylan Kubochi, \$144

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Oh, and did we mention it was his birthday? And it came two weeks before his wedding?

"It's a little surreal as I'm a mathematician and don't really believe in 'luck' or superstition, but it really seemed like I had good luck and it was just meant to be," said Haletky, who started playing poker in 2004 and progressed to playing 150 tournaments a day online before Black Friday.

"I have just been very slowly working my way up in stakes," Haletky said. "I want to be sure I'm one of the best players at each level before moving up."

The Ante Up NorCal Classic featured nine other events, kicked off with a 208-player field in Event 1 and ended with two events on the last day, which local favorites **Pat Lyons** and **Chris Hinchcliffe** won.

The series offered players a lot of variety, including an Omaha/8 event and modest price points, with only two side events having buy-ins greater than \$160. One interesting twist on no-limit hold'em was the Change Up, which started nine-handed and switched to six-handed shootouts when it got to 24 players and ended with a heads-up bracket won by **Howard Tam**.

"I would like to congratulate Jaime Haletky on winning the title," Thunder Valley director of poker **Ben Erwin** said. "The heads-up battle with Justin Mackey was full of action with both having their chances to be victorious."

The Ante Up NorCal Classic was the latest in a long line of successful tournament series at Thunder Valley Casino Resort,

a AAA Four Diamond luxury resort that features a Las Vegas-style casino, 300 oversized and well-appointed guest rooms, a spa with complimentary steam room and sauna access for hotel guests, and a wide variety of restaurants, bars and entertainment venues, including the signature High Steaks Steakhouse, to keep players entertained when away from the poker table, as well as plenty of cash-game action in the poker room.

"The sixth annual NorCal Classic was another great week of poker at Thunder Valley Casino Resort," Erwin said. "Players appreciated the small changes made to the main event. Playing to the money on Day 1 was a hit. It was a long day, but players that advanced and those who were eliminated were pleased with the design. This format will definitely be something that we will use going forward."

Next up for Thunder Valley Casino Resort is the WPT DeepStacks Championship, which runs through Dec. 5, and 2018 will feature two Ante Up Poker Tour series, bookending the World Series of Poker.

The Ante Up NorCal Classic moves to May and will be followed by the Ante Up World Championship, which for the first time will begin and end in July.

"The Ante Up NorCal is the first stop in the 2018-19 season and we look forward to welcoming all of the future season champions as we work toward the Ante Up Worlds in July back here at Thunder Valley," Erwin said. ♠

\$1,100 Main Event
Entries: 204 • Pool: \$197,800

1. Jaime Haletky, \$49,865
2. Justin Mackey, \$33,496
3. Paul Richardson, \$20,114
4. Hieu Le, \$12,245
5. Moshe Gavrieli, \$9,458
6. Nick Kolich, \$7,830
7. Thomas Emerson, \$6,672
8. Robert Padeb, \$5,750
9. Gregory Pincombe, \$4,827
10. David Valdez, \$4,199
11. Jimmy Zeledon, \$4,199
12. Wilton Alejandro, \$4,199
13. Richard Elson, \$3,571
14. Dave Larson, \$3,571
15. Christina Prescott, \$3,571
16. Timon Rooney, \$2,943
17. Tom Spruitenberg, \$2,943
18. Joe Nguyen, \$2,943
19. David Bertlesen, \$2,355
20. Justo Avalos, \$2,355

OAKS HOSTS 2 DECEMBER NORCAL EVENTS

The Oaks Card Club in Emeryville, Calif., is offering two special tournaments this month. The first event, Dec. 9, is a \$200 Omaha/8 tournament at 11 a.m. The second is a \$1,500 no-limit hold'em tournament at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16. Oaks also has numerous jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud where the payouts reach \$100K-plus. Call the poker room for details on all events.

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT: The Up the Ante Poker Room in Lincoln has the WPT DeepStacks Championship until Dec. 5. While there are many variations in this 13-event series, the jewel is the \$2,500 main event Dec. 2 with a massive \$1M guarantee. There's also a high roller Dec. 4 for \$3,500.

BAY 101: There's a new look to the San Jose poker room, customizing the player experience by creating a contemporary design with luxurious amenities and high-end glass and wood accents around the 24-7 casino.

The poker room still offers a complete spread of hold'em, Omaha, stud and tournaments. For tournaments, there's a \$150 event Monday-Thursday at 9:30 a.m. And the property will continue to host the WPT Shooting Star event, which brings players from all over the country to attend the unique tournament series.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: A variety of weekly tournaments at the Citrus Heights cardroom includes a \$50 event Monday-Friday at 10 a.m., a \$150 Saturday deepstack at 11 a.m. and a \$100 Sunday six-max at 11 a.m. There are also evening tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday, which have \$100 buy-ins and start at 6:30.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the month, the room hosts a \$300 event, which starts at 10 a.m. and has its final table broadcast via its live-streaming station.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TULALIP CASINO: The Marysville, Wash., poker room (36 miles north of Seattle) will have its Poker Pow Wow series Jan. 6-21, starting with a \$120 event with a \$10K guarantee. Jan. 7 is a \$240 event with \$50 bounties and a \$20K guarantee.

Not into Hold'em? There will be two Omaha-only events, both \$175: Omaha/8 on Jan. 8 and pot-limit Omaha on Jan. 9. For more Omaha fun, there will be a four-game mix on Jan. 11 and a two-game mix Jan. 15.

The second weekend will feature a two-day \$350 event with two Day 1s (Jan. 12-13) with the final day Jan. 14. This one will have a \$50K guarantee. Jan. 16 is a \$235 senior event with a \$15K guarantee.

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MEET GERRY BOONE



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How did you get started in poker? My father and grandfather were avid poker players. They would let me sit in on their home games when I was young.

They mostly played lowball. My dad made me memorize, "Roses are red; violets are blue; don't draw to an eight and don't draw two." I have been at the Suncoast for almost six years and in my current position for three.

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The \$520 main event has a \$100K guarantee and three Day 1s (Jan. 18-20). Survivors will return Jan. 21 for Day 2.

Tulalip is the fifth-largest poker room in the region with 12 tables, routinely spreading \$1-\$3 and \$3-\$5 NLHE and \$2-\$2, \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10-\$25 PLO.

ELSEWHERE: If you're in the Seattle area, don't overlook the non-tribal cardrooms. The newest is Red Dragon in Montlake Terrace, a Washington Gold Corp. casino.

In October, Washington Gold discontinued poker in two of its area properties (Club Hollywood in Shoreline and the Royal in Everett) to create a centrally located 15-table room to better compete with the bigger rooms in the three tribal casinos in the Seattle area.

Red Dragon offers \$45 tournaments with \$500 guarantees at 9 a.m. and noon. For hold'em cash players, there are \$400 high hands every 30 minutes Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 3 p.m. until midnight. Don't feel left out, Omaha players; there are \$100 high hands every half-hour 3 p.m.-midnight Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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DE SILVA EARNES \$70K AND A WPTD TITLE

Upeshka De Silva, two-time World Series of Poker bracelet-winner, topped a field of 325 players to win the WPT DeepStacks San Diego Main Event at Ocean's Eleven Casino. De Silva earned his first WPT DeepStacks title and \$70,675, which included a \$3K package to the season-ending WPT DeepStacks Championship.



"That was a pretty nice feeling," he said. "I busted on Day 1B for one bullet, but then I re-entered and ran it up pretty quick, and I had the lead the whole way. I ran a lot better than I played, but that's all it takes sometimes."

De Silva came into the final table as chipleader and he never relinquished his lead.

"It was a pretty nice situation," he said. "There were a lot of short stacks, so I just kept raising. There was a lot of pressure at pay jumps. I didn't have to deal with any big flips or big showdowns. I was just able to chip away at them. It worked out very conveniently."

The tournament came down to De Silva vs. **Arthur Hahn** for the title, but it didn't take long. Heads-up play took just one hand.

"It was pretty funny, the very first hand I had aces and I had been shoving on him for the past three hours," De Silva said. "And then I limp and he goes all-in. It was nice."

De Silva had earned \$198,720 for had place at the Legends of Poker at the Bike in September 2016.

Hahn earned \$47,430 for second, followed by **John David** (\$30,500), **William Santos** (\$22,585), **Edward Guergis** (\$16,945), **Louis Schaffer** (\$13,555), **Veronica Daly** (\$11,275), **Mateus Lessa** (\$9,035) and **Craig Walrop** (\$6,770).

PALA CASINO: **Alan Gomez** of San Diego won the River Card Championship for \$2,317 on Oct. 29, beating nearly 70 players. His three jacks topped Carlsbad's **Juan Duff**, who had a pair on the final hand. Duff earned \$2K, followed by **Rodney Clarida** of Temecula (\$1,219), **Danette Smith** of San Clemente (\$896), **Mark Burry** of Lakeside (\$768), **Dave Connell** of Rancho Cucamonga (\$679) and **Dwayne Copeland** of Fallbrook (\$587).

BICYCLE CASINO: The WSOPC runs Dec. 1-12.

CHARITY EVENT: The third annual City Summit Celebrity tournament will be Jan. 7 at the Hotel Intercontinental in Los Angeles. The buy-in is \$500 and re-entry is allowed through first hour. There also will be an optional \$250 add-on at the first break. Proceeds will benefit Conscious Capitalism, Project Now, My Life Poker, Brilliant Futures Foundation, Fulfilled Families, Fire Life, the Child Liberation Foundation, Already Always Amazing and Feed a Billion Foundation. For more info go to CitySummit.Co.



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WYNN TOURNEMENTS INCREASE, INCLUDING SENIORS

The Wynn is hosting the Wynn Signature Weekend through Dec. 3. If you read this in time, the highlight is a \$600 tournament with a \$250K guarantee that has three starting flights beginning Nov. 30.

Dec. 3 is a \$300 survivor tournament with a \$20K guarantee. It has a payout of \$2,500 for one in every 9.65 players.

A \$400 senior event, which runs Nov. 29, offers a \$25K guarantee, 30-minute levels and a 15K starting stack. The next dates for this senior event will be Jan. 3, Jan. 31, Feb. 28, April 4 and May 2.

The regular schedule for Wynn offers a daily noon tournament. Monday-Thursday is a \$140 tourney as players get a 10K stack and 30-minute levels. On Fridays and Sundays, the buy-in is \$200 and there is a \$10K guarantee. The levels are 30 minutes. Players start with 10K chips and there's an optional \$100 add-on for 5K chips at the end of the fourth level.

The Saturday tournament offers a \$25K guarantee for a \$225 buy-in. The levels are 40 minutes and the starting stack is 10K. Unlimited \$200 rebuys for 10K chips are available through the first four levels. Players must have 5K or fewer chips to rebuy. There's also an optional \$100 add-on for 5K chips during the first four levels.

Matt Affleck from Las Vegas won the \$1,600 main event at the Wynn Fall Classic, earning \$139K. Arizona's **Christopher Sova** took home \$90K for second and **Keith Ferrara** from Las Vegas received \$60K for third. The event drew 447 players for a prize pool of \$650K, easily surpassing the \$500K guarantee.

SOUTH POINT: Check out the ad on Page 11 for the poker room's Flop-A-Palooza promotion.

VENETIAN: The next Deep Stack Extravaganza runs Jan. 16-21. The featured tournament costs \$250 with five starting flights. The levels are 30 minutes on Day 1 and 40 minutes on Day 2. The top 10 percent of each starting flight will be in the money, with the final 5 percent advancing to Day 2.

The room is running a daily high-hand promotion until Dec. 17. The high hand of the half-hour will win \$300 between noon and midnight. The high hand of the half-hour will win \$100 between 4-8 a.m. Venetian announced a series of senior events. The buy-in is \$400 and the guarantee is \$25K. Players start with a 15K stack and play 30-minute levels. The dates are Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3.

The winner of the main event of the October DSE was **David Vu** from San Jose, earning \$38K. Australia's **Harald Petschnig** grabbed \$23K for second and **Marcel Vonk** of the Netherlands took home \$17K for third. The \$340 event attracted 673 players resulting in a prize pool of \$188K, exceeding the \$100K guarantee.

TREASURE ISLAND: There are three daily tournaments; all have \$77 buy-ins and feature 20-minute levels with 15K starting stacks, and offer a \$500 guarantee. The 12:30 p.m. offers a \$10 dealer add-on for 10K chips. The 6 p.m. and the 10 p.m. have a \$5 dealer add-on for 5K. The tourneys have a progressive bad-beat jackpot (quads) that starts at \$1K and increases weekly.

The main cash game is \$1-\$3 NLHE with a \$100-\$500 min-max buy-in. The room sometimes spread a \$3-\$6 limit with a

\$30 minimum and no max.

Promotions include a Get Paid to Play program. Players get \$50 for playing 10 hours a week and can earn \$599 for 60 hours. Those who have participated in the Get Paid to Play program can refer new players to the room and get paid \$25 if that person plays 20 hours in the first week (\$150 for 60 hours). The new player can get a one-time bonus of \$50 (or a free tournament entry) for 30 hours of play or \$100 for 60 hours. There's also a tournament referral program. Players bringing in new tournament players receive free tourney entries.

The Weekly Tournament Leaderboard competition pays the player who cashes the most money in tournaments \$500. Also, players receive \$2 an hour in comps.

WESTGATE: The six-table room, the newest in town, has added a number of promotions: Aces Cracked pays \$50; high-hand bonuses pay \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$150 for royals. The daily high-hand promo pays \$50 four times a day (3, 6, 9 p.m. and midnight). Monday through Friday, the first 10 players to start the first game of the day receive \$20. There's a weekly loyalty bonus for the three players with the most hours of live play between Monday 10 a.m. and Friday 10 p.m. First place gets \$200, second place gets \$100 and third place gets \$50.

Players earn \$2 an hour in comps Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The rest of the time it's \$1. The main game is \$1-\$2 NLHE with a \$50-\$200 min-max.

The room hasn't settled on a regular tournament schedule, but it has been running \$40 tournaments at 11 a.m. and \$60 tournaments at 6 p.m.

BINION'S: The new 1 p.m. Saturday tournament is \$150 with 30-minute levels. The starting stack is 20K.

Sunday through Friday at 1 p.m., and every evening at 6 p.m., the buy-in is \$60 for 20-minute levels and a 10K stack. There are unlimited 10K optional add-ons available for \$20 any time a player's stack drops is less than 10K. There's an optional \$20 add-on available at the first break (at the end of the fourth level) for 10K chips.

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at robvegaspoker.blogspot.com.

RENO

CAL NEVA: Every year, the poker room sends a player to the \$10K World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas. Players qualify by playing in the daily \$10 tournaments. Where else can you become a millionaire for only \$10? The daily tournaments start at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call the poker room for details at (775) 785-3203.

GRAND SIERRA: Receive a free tourney entry with two hours of live play. Entry is valid for \$25 tourneys Sunday-Thursday at 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The vouchers must be printed at the kiosk.

SILVER LEGACY: A \$40 bounty runs daily at 10 a.m. and a \$45 deepstack with bounties runs Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6.

CARSON VALLEY: The poker room has four tables, five TV screens, adjustable chairs and complimentary beverages, including self-serve draft beer. It's open Monday-Saturday at noon and Sunday at 9 a.m.

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HOLIDAY EVENTS FLOOD THE DESERT

Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room has several results to report from October. The Big Stack title went to **Ian Clark**, netting him \$10,640. **Eric Saikin**, **Heng Hong** and **Randy Schatz** each won \$5,136, while **James Pausch** and **Norman Behrens** took home \$4,636.

The Fall Poker Classic had three events over one weekend. The Friday event saw an 11-way chop worth \$3,372 each. Finalists were **Jonathan Renstrom**, **Ahmad Sahak**, **Tyler Hancock**, **Joseph Testa**, **Ryan Schulze**, **Richard Lane**, **Martin Shea**, **Robert DeFabrizio**, **Luis Contreras**, **Ronald Morenz** and **Laurence Fulop**.

John Vouras and **Philip Seplow** split top honors in the Saturday event, each receiving \$11,185, with **Guy Cannon**, **Troy Sprungl** and **Kiley Scott** taking home \$9K each. The weekend wrapped with a five-way chop on Sunday, with **Craig Gacom**, **Mary Williams**, **Mark Babekov**, **Jason Lane** and **Jeff Puskar** earning \$4,033 each.

The End of the Month tourney saw **Mark McGaffin** and **Keith Yocum** take home \$4,700 each.

Dec. 16 is the room's 15th annual Holiday Toy Drive. Buy-in is one unwrapped toy (\$10 value or more) and a \$35 service fee. This event will have a \$12,500 prize pool, paying 40 spots. Jan. 12-14 is a Staycation Weekend. Players who sign up for all three days will be eligible for a free two-night stay at the resort Jan. 12-14.

Other promos include Wacky Wednesdays on Dec. 6 and 20 from noon until midnight, when \$250 high hands will be awarded every 15 minutes for hold'em and \$150 high hands every hour for Omaha.



HON-DAH CASINO RESORT: **Marcel Beaudoin** is the newest Tournament of Champions winner. In promotions, High Hand Trio will pay the top three hands of the night on Fridays and Saturdays, \$100 each and \$50 for high hands every weekday. The room also pays bonus cash for quads or better.

GILA RIVER WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO: The Super High Hand promotion runs Dec. 9 and 23. And save the date for Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino's Ante Up Poker Tour event coming in March over St. Patrick's Day weekend. This will be one of the biggest tournaments in Arizona.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: Weekly tournaments run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30. Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. is a Christmas toy drive.

One unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more is the buy-in. There's an optional \$10 dealer add-on and for a second new unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more you'll receive more

MEET ED GONZALES



Few people in New Mexico are as passionate about poker and feel a sense of responsibility to grow the sport as **Ed Gonzales**.

He's friendly and knowledgeable about all forms of poker and has a realness to him that is hard to find.

Where do you work and what's your position? Sandia Resort and Casino and I'm a dual-rate floor and shift supervisor.

How did you get into poker? Initially, I was introduced to poker by my older brother. I started playing at about age 16.

What are some of your biggest poker success stories? I cashed for \$20K-plus at the New Mexico State Championship at Isleta Casino in 2010. Since then, I've had several large cashes but no big first-place wins.

These days, I don't play nearly as much as I used to because of my three sons, who keep me pretty busy.

How did you get into the poker industry? I just fell in love with poker so it made sense to work in an industry that I love. I'm very happy where I am right now at Sandia.

What are you doing to help grow poker in New Mexico? I'm trying to get some notable tournaments going, something that can help put New Mexico on the poker map.

Nowadays, it's hard to find a tournament with a good structure and prize pool (here), and I'm striving to fix that and make New Mexico an actual poker destination not only for locals, but for circuit players.

What are some of your non-poker hobbies? I'm a full-time father and husband now, so I coach my kid's soccer team. I golf a couple of times a week and hang out with my wife as much as possible.

— **Donovon Livingston**

starting chips. Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. is a Tag Team Toy Drive tourney.

Buy-in is \$90 and two new unwrapped (\$10 value or more) toys with a \$10 optional dealer add-on. If you don't wish to bring toys, you can enter for \$125. Teammates share the same stack and tag out every 15 minutes.

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OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMP IS YOUNG

The Oklahoma State Championship of Poker, which ended in early October at the Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa, saw the first three events result in chops. **Gary Hammond** won Event 4 (seniors) for \$2,103.

But the big story was when **Tyler Young** overcame nearly 600 entries to win the \$100K main event, earning \$25,157. **Clarence Eldridge** was second (\$15,567) and **Brandon Skala** finished third (\$11,379).

Looking ahead, the World Series of Poker Circuit returns March 15-26.

GRAND CASINO: This 13-table enclosed poker room is on the second floor. It has a drink station and offers soft-serve ice cream. Numerous promotions include bad-beat jackpots for hold'em (quads) and Omaha (quad 10s).

Other promos include high hands, royals, and Aces and Kings Cracked. Also running is Monday Night Football squares. Rake is 10 percent to \$4 with \$1 jackpot drop. Comps are \$1 per hour (100 points) and there are double points hours Mondays and Tuesdays.

Tablesides food service is offered. Games that typically run include \$1-\$3 NLHE with \$500 max buy-in, \$3-\$6 limit and, on a few nights, a group of regulars get a \$4-\$8 mixed game that may include Big O, razz, stud, stud/8, Omaha and Omaha/8.

Dec. 9 at noon is a \$220 tournament with 30-minute levels and limited seating. Poker-player hotel rates are available. Weekdays the rate is \$59 while weekends are \$79.

AMERISTAR CASINO KANSAS CITY: The Heartland Poker Tour concluded Oct. 16 with **William McCracken** capturing the \$1,650 main event for \$91,123.

The veterinarian outlasted a field of 279 entries for his first HPT title.

"I'm just happy. It's been a long time," he said "I've had several friends who have won."

The Bolivar, Mo., resident had nine previous cashes on his HPT resume, dating to 2009, but never finished better than eighth. It's the largest victory of his career.

Springfield's **Travis Hiteshew** went heads-up for the title with McCracken for nearly an hour before getting it all-in on a flop of 6-2-2. McCracken, who was covered, held 7-6 for top pair and Hiteshew had A-K. The sixes held and the tournament was virtually over. McCracken took the remaining chips on the next hand to make it official. Hiteshew collected \$58,238 for runner-up.

"You can never give up. As long as you've got chips in front of you, you've got a reasonable chance," McCracken said.

When play began, notable pro **Nick Jivkov** held a commanding lead over his eight opponents. At times, the Des Plaines, Ill. resident looked poised and ready to capture his first HPT title. But he was sent to the rail in third place with \$39,024.

Local purchaser **Christopher Juul** has played in several HPT events, but this was his best finish by far, as the Kansas City man wound up fourth for \$27,535.

Jay McVeigh of Shawnee, Kan., was fifth for \$20,601.

Daniel Thomas, a real estate investor from Lincoln, earned \$16,640 for sixth. Just before Thomas' exit, **Beau Wilshire** lost to McCracken, finishing seventh place for \$13,866. Wilshire played his way to the final table for just \$200.

Local **Joseph Maggio** also qualified for just \$200. The airline employee got tangled up early on in a huge hand with Jivkov. They got it all-in for the lead with Maggio holding pocket aces to Jivkov's queens. Maggio was in good shape until the board brought a straight for Jivkov. That hand ended the day for Maggio. He took home \$11,489 for eighth.

Michael Hahn of Indianapolis was the lone HPT champion at the final table, but he started the day as the short stack. He shoved on the first hand and lost, going out ninth for \$9,944.

CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT: The WSOPC still was running at press time so look for results in the next issue. And don't forget, the WSOPC returns Jan. 3-15.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The annual Reindeer Games series runs Dec. 8-17. The first two days are \$5K guarantees for \$125. Dec. 13 brings a \$75 re-entry, \$1K guarantee.

On Dec. 14 is a \$135 event with \$20 rebuys.

There will be three flights for the three-day \$350 main event, beginning Dec. 15. If that's too steep for you, look for \$60 mega-satellites run throughout the series with two scheduled most days. Call 800-754-4111 for information about discounted hotel rooms.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO: The RunGood Poker Series runs Dec. 12-17. Call 918-919-6000 and use code RUNGOOD to get 40 percent off of your hotel room. This place has sold out its rooms in the past, so don't wait.

The series opens with a satellite into the \$560 main event and a bounty tournament. The rest of the series consists of a deepstack and partners tournament as well as additional satellites.

RIVERWIND CASINO: This 17-table room opens daily at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday promotions include high hands, hot seats and splash pots. Games typically spread are \$1-\$2, \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE and \$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: The 46-table room routinely spreads \$1-\$2, \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$4-\$8 limit, \$1-\$2 PLO-PLO/8 mix and \$2-\$5 PLO. Aces Cracked runs Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 8 p.m.-midnight.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: Qualification into the \$10K January freeroll concludes at the end of this month. Thursday nights are football-splash-pot nights. Each table is assigned home or visitor and are splashed with amounts that differ depending on type of score.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: Player feedback has resulted in \$1-\$3 NLHE being spread as a nine-handed game. Qualification into the next quarterly \$35K freeroll concludes Dec. 31. The tournament will be Jan. 13.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: The room's \$10K freeroll qualification runs through Dec. 11. The bad-beat jackpot was \$104K at press time.





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ROUTE 66 OFFERING PLENTY OF EVENTS

With the closing of Santa Ana Star Casino's poker room in Bernalillo, some of the traditions and innovations it fostered are being kept alive at the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque. The popular women's tournaments are back, with the next one Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Buy-in is \$65 for 7,500 chips, with an optional \$10 add-on for 2,500 more. The poker room is adding \$300 to the prize pool for extra incentive.

There are three events every day at Route 66, mostly NLHE, but there's a pineapple tournament each Wednesday, plus many tournaments include bounties. Join the Player of the Year promotion to earn cash for finishing in the top five for the year.

ISLETA CASINO RESORT: There are a lot of great new tournaments here. Mondays feature crazy pineapple for only \$15 at 2 and 7 p.m. Each Wednesday brings Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25. Each Friday and Saturday you can play in added-money tournaments for \$100 at 7 p.m.

New to the game? Isleta has you covered with beginners tournaments every Thursday at 7 p.m. with a reasonable buy-in of \$15 with an optional \$5 add-on. It's a great way to experience real tournament poker in a live setting without risking too much money. Isleta will be hosting its normally scheduled tournaments during the holidays.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT: Tournaments run every night at 6:30 with \$30-\$75 buy-ins. Sundays and Thursdays offer unlimited rebuys for the first hour.

On Thursdays, they play Omaha/8. The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month tournament starts at 1. The 6:30 p.m. tournament later that evening is a great consolation if you missed out earlier, and because of large numbers, there are plenty of cash games in hold'em and Omaha.

SANDIA CASINO RESORT: There are two big tournaments this month: Santa's Deepstack is Dec. 16 at noon for \$235 with an optional \$10 add-on. Santa will be adding \$900 to the prize pool. Players who donate a new children's coat will receive 3K more in chips. Then the New Year's Eve Tournament is \$217 with an optional \$10 add-on. The house will be adding \$2,018 to the prize pool, so expect some big payouts.

The Big Dog series starts registration Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. This event will sell out, so plan ahead. Buy-in is \$235, with a \$10 add-on for 3K in bonus chips. The poker room will add \$900 to the prize pool, so mark your calendars.

As for regular weekly tournaments, Sunday is a \$50 event at noon and a \$45 tourney at 5. Monday brings the Sprint Tournament for \$50. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can play a bounty tournament for \$75. The \$60 Wacky Wednesdays events feature either stud, River Down, Big O/8, women's, pineapple, HORSE or Omaha/8.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: The \$20K Texas Ho-Ho-Hold'em tournament is Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. Buy-in is \$230 and registration is Dec. 2-10. On Fridays, look for the \$120 tournament at 6 p.m., and every Sunday at 2 p.m. you can play \$75.

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\$711K BAD-BEAT JACKPOT GETS HIT IN BLACK HAWK

The Ameristar Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., saw its bad-beat jackpot hit for \$711K on Oct. 25.

There were only seven players at the table, which delivered an amazing \$42.5K to those not in the hand. The winning hand received \$213K and the beaten hand got \$283K.

This jackpot reset to \$474K so it's off to the races again for huge payouts. Status on the bad-beat jackpot can be followed on the Bravo app.

GOLDEN GATES CASINO: Look for results of the Mid-States Poker Tour event and the CPC Winter Series in a future issue. Poker room manager **Nathan "Cage" Yanchunis** said business has been booming.

CRIPPLE CREEK: At the Midnight Rose, the bad-beat jackpot of \$90K will be run off. The unusual twist is that the runoff will be in four parts of \$22.5K each on separate weekends, including Dec. 9, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10.

The mini-bad-beat jackpot was discontinued after its final runoff in early November.

Ultimate High Hand awards (amounts vary) are in play one weekend a month and the Four Flush promotion is Sunday-Wednesday.

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BALZANO WINS ISLE OPEN IN S. FLA.

Three players who made last year's Isle Open final table returned to Pompano Beach again in late October to try to capture the title.

But it was local grinder **Paul Balzano** of Sunrise who flipped the 2016 results as he took home the trophy and \$112K after being knocked out in ninth place last year.

Defending champ **Edward Novak** was the first player eliminated from the final table when his flopped trips lost to **William Valladares** of Costa Rica, who picked up a full house on the turn. Valladares, who finished third, also eliminated the white-hot **Sam Panzica** in ninth place. Panzica entered the event after arriving from bestbet Jacksonville, where he finished runner-up in the World Poker Tour main event a year after winning the title there.

Panzica, who finished fourth in this event last year, also won the WPT event at Bay 101 in March and final-tabled the High Roller at the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open in August.

But it was Balzano who had the last laugh at the Isle after defeating **Michael Aron** of West Palm Beach in heads-up play to bring home his biggest career victory since winning the main event of the 2014 Wynn Summer Classic in Las Vegas. The Bronx native has been on a roll with three final tables at the Hard Rock, including a six-handed event in the WSOPC in September, the \$2,650 event in the Big 4 at SHRPO and the main event of the Lucky Hearts Open in February.

Other South Florida stars who picked up trophies at the Isle Open series included **Alex Turyansky** and **Maurice Hawkins**.

HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD: The Seminole property unveiled plans for a new 450-foot tall guitar-shaped hotel, which should be completed by summer 2019 and will feature an 18,000-square-foot poker room.

Next up is the Fun in the Sun Poker Open, a five-day series between Christmas and New Year's Eve. The \$560 main event is Dec. 30 and features a \$50K guarantee. Two of the earlier events will give players a chance to win a seat in the \$1,100 WPT DeepStacks event \$130. The \$350 Black Chip Bounty tournament offers a spot in the \$3,500 Seminole Hard Rock Showdown's main event in April.

MARDI GRAS CASINO: Plans to re-open the casino and its Big Easy Poker Room after extensive damage from Hurricane Irma have been pushed back indefinitely.

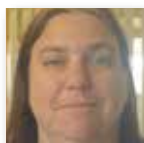
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB: **William Wynant** got \$31K from the bad-beat jackpot when his quad 10s lost to the straight flush of **Rocco Laso** of Boynton Beach. Laso collected \$15,534 while the other seven players at the table each took home \$2,219.

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BOBBY HARRINGTON: 1971-2017



The poker world lost a mainstay recently when New Orleans native **Bobby Harrington** died. He started his career in the poker business in January 2006 when he graduated from Crescent City Gaming and started working in the poker room at the Silver Slipper Casino, where he met his wife, **Jessica**. Harrington stayed there until

2013, when the casino closed the poker room.

After that, he dealt for a few poker circuits until settling down as a dealer for the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Miss., in 2016. This afforded Harrington the chance to be close to his family and work at a premier.

He was a consummate family man and had only just married Jessica, the love of his life, two months before his death. When he wasn't dealing or spending time with family, Harrington was playing in a tournament somewhere or shooting pool with friends. He will be missed. — **Ron Hope**

MISSOURI

FINE PERFORMANCES: St. Charles' **Matt Paten**, who won the Heartland Poker Tour Main Event at Ameristar St. Charles in the beginning of October, was only three places shy of making consecutive HPT final tables.

He finished 12th in the \$1,650 main event at Ameristar Kansas City for \$7,726, just two weeks after the St. Charles event, bringing his career cashes to just shy of \$150K. Deep runs by other St. Louis locals included **Neil Patel** (19th, \$4,137) and **Greg Radosh** (26th, \$4,160).

Patel also final-tabled Event 8 (\$1,125 NLHE) at the ensuing World Series of Poker Circuit in Hammond, Ind., where he finished sixth for \$7,252, a day after cashing 18th in Event 7 (\$580 six-max). Hammond is consistently one of the biggest WSOPC stops, having set several records throughout the years.

This year's main event drew 1,247 entries, generating a prize pool of \$1.87M. **Paul Fehlig** finished 39th and **John Nguyen**, from neighboring Fairfield Heights, Ill., went out 44th. Nguyen also cashed in Events 4 (\$365 NLHE) and 5 (\$365 Monster Stack). Both players received \$6,191 from the main. **Andros Loakimides** made it all the way to the final two tables before busting 17th for \$17,751, the second largest cash of his career, bringing his lifetime tournament earnings to \$92,262.

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PETRAGLIA EARNS WPT TITLE IN JAX

Paul Petraglia of Jacksonville won the main event of the latest bestbet Jacksonville World Poker Tour stop, which ran for three weeks, featured 24 events and culminated Oct. 25. Petraglia earned a whopping \$300K-plus by beating 322 players, who created \$1.5M prize pool.



He also had a top-five finish in Event 12 (\$240 NLHE). Other notables include **Kam Razavian**, a recent deepstack winner at bestbet Orange Park, winning the \$200 Event 5, **Ben Scrogins**, winner of the Heartland Poker Tour at Daytona Beach in October, cashing in Event 17, **Olivier Busquet** winning Event 18 (\$25K high roller) and WSOP bracelet-winner **Daniel Heimiller** capturing Event 22 (\$570 heads-up).

CREEK GREYHOUND: The Oct. 21 \$10K guarantee, which cost \$270, ended in a three-way chop as **Renea Kever**, **Brynn King** and **Mary Darnell** each won \$2,668 in outlasting a field of 58. Call the poker room for more details and see the ad on Page 45.

The next \$10K event will be Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Satellite tournaments are each Sunday, Thursday and Saturday for this monthly event. Other tournaments are played each Friday and some Wednesdays. Cash games offer high-hand bonuses and Dec. 9 boasts a \$200 high-hand promo 1-11 p.m. Creek Gretna also spreads Omaha games regularly.

ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB: The poker room will soon announce its tournament schedule.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK: **Stephen House** won the Oct. 29 \$20K guarantee, earning \$4K. The \$180 buy-in event drew 144 and paid the top 15 spots.

This month's \$20K begins after Christmas with Day 1A, 1B and 1C on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, respectively. New Year's Eve will be the final day of this event. Satellites are available all month. An Omaha/8 tournament will be Dec. 9. Call the poker room for more details and see the ad on Page 45.



EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: The Emerald Coast Poker Championship ended Oct. 29 with **Allen Franklin** of Birmingham, Ala., winning the main-event bracelet after a three-way chop. The prize pool reached an Ebro record \$83,750 and paid 35 spots, including about \$42K split among the top three. **James Starling** and **Illia Shtondenko**, both of Panama City, were part of the chop and Shtondenko earned the points-championship trophy.

Bracelets were awarded in seven events as 937 entrants, including a record 335 in the main event, participated in the property's signature series. The main event's final table streamed

live on the Ebro website.

"We've received a ton of positive response to the live table feed and will continue to make it a part of our program in future tournaments," Ebro poker room manager **Keith Moore** said.

December's calendar finds high-hand bonuses daily, the regular slate of weekly tournaments and a \$5K guarantee for \$110 on Dec. 15.

DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB: The Heartland Poker Tour wrapped Oct. 30 with **Ben Scrogins** of Neptune Beach, Fla., winning the title and \$94,515. The main event drew 282 players for a \$414K prize pool.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The Silks Poker Room's Halloween tournament ran Oct. 19-22 and had a \$50K guarantee as **Jeff Kimball** won the title and \$9,638. Two others, **Tonia Williams** (\$8,991) and **Daniel Ramirez** (\$8,199) were involved in the three-way chop.

DERBY LANE: The popular Accumulator event, which had a \$50K guarantee, drew 526 players. In the end, nine players chopped for \$4,515 each. They were **Michael Nadu**, **Adam Smith**, **Quan Phui**, **Timothy Brenner**, **Chad Bell**, **Brian Torok**, **August Crotty**, **Ray Lambert** and **Carol Hambley**.

SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB: The One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room hosts the Fall Classic Dec. 1-3. There will be Day 1s on Dec. 1-2 with Day 2 being Dec. 3. It's a \$440 buy-in with 25K starting stacks. Also, to get in, you can do it for as little as \$60.

One other note: The room is opening at 7 a.m. on Fridays and is open until 2 a.m. Monday.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: The Seminole property hosts the Winter Poker Open (Dec. 7-18) with \$1M guaranteed.

While the structures weren't announced by press time, the series will boast a \$570 opening event with a \$300K guarantee, a \$350 event with a \$100K guarantee mid-week, a \$20K guarantee PLO event and then a \$1,650 main event that guarantees \$500K, starting Dec. 14 with multiple flights. The final table will be Dec. 18. Satellites begin Dec. 13 for the main for as little as \$200. Also, use code WINT17 for \$109 room rates at two nearby hotels.

NAPLES-FT. MYERS POKER & RACING: The Holiday Poker Series runs Dec. 11-17 and features \$100K in guarantees, including \$75K for the \$350 main event (Dec. 15-17). The main has four starting flights, 25K chips and 30-minute blinds.

There will be \$35 satellites to the main every day during the series at noon, followed by undercard events at 6 p.m. See the ad on Page 5 for more details.

SEMINOLE IMMOKALEE: There's some sad news to report as this poker room, which had done some great things for poker over the past decade, is closing. The room, run by longtime poker industry leader **Rick O'Connell**, hadn't set a specific date as of press time, but O'Connell said it could be closed by the time you read this. If you were planning to visit this poker room, be sure to call first to see if it's still open.

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE: The WSOPC runs until Dec. 4, including two starting flights for the \$1,675 main event Dec. 1-2.

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"There's nothing Ante Up has done that I'm more proud of than Restock the Shelves," said **Scott Long**, who publishes Ante Up with **Christopher Cosenza**. "When my friend, **Kerry Karoutsos** of Blue Shark Optics, and I sat down over dinner a few years back and came up with this idea, I knew it was something that would continue to grow year over year and I hope this year is our best yet.

"Over the past three years, we've tried to consolidate events on **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, kind of one big 'day of giving,'" Long said. "But we never wanted to discourage poker rooms that aren't open on Mondays not to participate, because this is all about feeding people. So we always let poker rooms schedule their event whenever worked best for them. And because of that, some rooms have scheduled multiple events or even collections all month long. So this year, we've designated the entire month of January for Restock events, and we look forward to how this new freedom can help poker venues to feed even more people than ever before."

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Dec. 8 is another day of single-table satellites and turbo super satellites. The real fun starts at 7 p.m. with Day 1A of the \$225 buy-in \$25K guarantee. For those who need a second or third shot, Dec. 9 offers all of the satellites you could want along with two more \$225 flights (11 a.m. and 6 p.m.). Those who make Day 2 will restart Dec. 10. Even if you don't go the distance, be sure to hang around and enjoy the cash action.

On Dec. 10, the poker room will do drawings throughout the day for cash and future seats. Rooms are booking quickly so make your reservation. Visit pearlriverresort.com for more information. And don't forget, next month will be a recap of the highly successful Ante Up Poker Tour Pearl River Poker Open.

BEAU RIVAGE: The Million Dollar Heater runs Jan. 4-15. This is the best winter series in the state and is guaranteed to draw huge crowds. More information, as it becomes available, can be found at beaurivage.com. Rooms for this event book early and fill up fast, so if you're planning a visit go ahead and make your reservation through the poker room by calling 228-386-7092.

LOUISIANA

COUSHATTA CASINO: The mini-bad-beat-jackpot (aces full of kings) pays \$2K. Other promos include getting paid for quads, Aces Cracked, Kings Cracked, Sets Cracked, Spin to Win and straight flushes. All rules and details are posted in poker room.

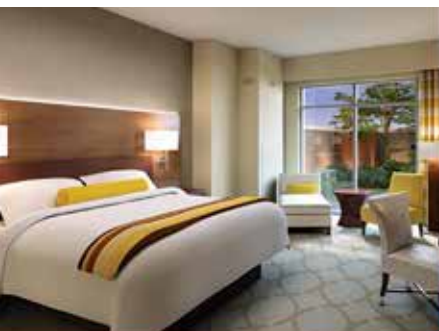
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: Promotions include football squares for the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games. Each quarter is worth \$250 and the final score pays \$500.

L'AUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE: Qualifying for the \$20K Fall Festival Freeroll continues until Dec. 31, when the top 60 hourly players will qualify for entry into the tournament.

BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The room has a new \$65 Omaha/8 event Mondays. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 8:30. The bad-beat jackpot was \$160K at press time.

HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS: Promos this month include Aces Cracked (\$100), Big Slick, and something new called the Power Hand in hold'em. Two random cards are drawn every hour midnight-4 a.m. Win with those cards during that hour and get \$200 suited and \$100 offsuit. Also, the bad-beat jackpot was \$134K at press time.

L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES: A \$25K freeroll is Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. for those who were one of the top 48 players by hours played Oct. 29-Nov. 30. Football squares for the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games continue. Each quarter is worth \$250 and the final score pays \$500. Also, the bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$225K at press time. ♠



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LIU NABS WPF AT FOXWOODS IN CT.



Jia Liu topped 200-plus entries to win the \$2,500 World Poker Finals Main Event at Foxwoods Casino in Mashantucket, Conn. The victory paid the Brooklyn man \$114,356.

Nick Pupillo of Arizona was second (\$73,596) as the prize pool was \$452,894, surpassing the \$400K guarantee.

Evan Paushter (third) earned \$46,648, while **Arthur Ohannessian** (fourth) took home \$37,363 and **Brian Landesman** was fifth (\$28,306).

Robin Boutaud won Event 8 (\$1,200 NLHE) for \$39,104, outlasting 137 players. **David Lombardi** was second (\$25,533), followed by **Timothy Reilly** (\$17,071). The prize pool (\$145,907) crushed the \$100K guarantee.

Liam He got by **Parker Drew** to take Event 1, earning \$91,729 and beating more than 950 players. Drew, a New York resident, pocketed \$51,443 while **Dale Beaudoin** was third (\$36,990) and **Kevin Currey** was fourth (\$25,722).

The World Poker Finals closed with Event 20, a \$300 big stack that went to **Laurel Hilton**. Playing out of West Simsbury, Conn., Hilton earned the trophy and \$6,236 in a four-way chop, but **Mark Walsh** of Chelsea, Mass., was the top-earner (\$9K) despite finishing second. There were 162 entrants for a \$40,856 prize pool.

Other winners included Boston's **Curt Kohlberg** in the \$400 high rollers (\$31,331), **John Barucci** of Stoughton, Mass., in the \$250 superstack turbo (\$8K) and **Joe Starratt** of Middleboro, Mass., who chopped \$300 freezeout for \$3,500 and the trophy.

MOHEGAN SUN: The Holiday Hangover Tournament runs Dec. 26-29 and sports a \$50K guarantee.

The \$230 event has multiple flights (Dec. 26, 11 a.m., Dec. 27, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 28, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.) with Day 2 being Dec. 29 at noon. See the ad on the facing page for special room rates and more details.

NEW YORK

TURNING STONE RESORT AND CASINO: **James Willey** won Event 1 (\$250 NLHE) of the October Weekend Poker series in Verona. Willey earned \$15K for beating nearly 400 players. **Aiman Abbassi** collected \$12,042 for second and **Adam Foster** was third (\$12,042) after the chop. The prize pool was \$83,790.

John Corning got \$1K for winning the bounty event and **Marek Rozwood** was second (\$800).

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MEET ANNA ANTIMONY



Anna Antimony is a full-time East Coast tournament pro who also plays in Florida and Las Vegas.

With an increase in tournaments since the Moneymaker Era, players have more options with variability in buy-ins, fields, guarantees, locations, structures, etc. Is there a tournament you particularly enjoy playing in your annual poker schedule or does it change depending on what's available? The Parx series is definitely my favorite local tournament to play because nothing can beat that value and structure. Obviously my favorite tournament of the year is the World Series main. I've only played it twice, but there's really nothing else like it.

You recently refused to chop a Borgata Poker Open tournament and took home the trophy. You've also chopped a BPO tournament this year. What are some of the influences in your decision-making? I feel like tournaments are long and grueling, back-to-back days and to make a final table is always an accomplishment. So a lot of times when you make it that deep and you're playing for so much money, especially in the faster structure tourney where the average stack is like 20 big blinds, you're aware of how much luck is involved and you're just exhausted, so making a deal just seems to make sense sometimes. With the last tourney during the BPO, I had a huge lead and the structure is so good so I knew we would actually be able to play.

Also, I feel like the six-max always attracts all the best players so being able to win it outright was just an accomplishment I wanted to achieve. Nobody can take first place away from you.

What do you do in your spare time? Nothing special. I like to spend time with my non-poker friends and not talk poker. I enjoy attending baseball games, going to the gym and watching the ID channel. It's all real-life stories about murder and I'm really into that stuff. Is that creepy? Oh, I've also really gotten into cooking lately. I love food, so it's fun to look up random recipes and have them come to life. — **Jo Kim**

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO AND HOTEL: The Fall Poker Classic was running at press time. The bad-beat jackpots were \$39,180 for hold'em, \$9,381 for stud and \$10,447 for Omaha.

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The wait has come to an end. Pennsylvania, after four years of legislation struggle, has become the fourth state in America to regulate online gambling. Gov. **Tom Wolf** signed the gambling expansion bill in late October.

The Pennsylvania tax revenue is projected to exceed \$400M in five years, with an estimate of \$154M in the first year while reaching nearly \$275M in the fifth year.

Though New Jersey online gaming tax revenue increases monthly, most of the money comes from the casino rather than poker play. The next step in reviving online poker for the region is in the works to combine the Jersey player base with Nevada and Delaware.

"Pooling players with Nevada and Delaware will enhance annual revenue growth, attract new consumers, and create opportunities for players and Internet gaming operators," New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie** said in an Oct. 13 news release. "This agreement marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter for online gaming, and we look forward to working with our partners in Nevada and Delaware in this endeavor."

SUGARHOUSE: *Poker Night in America* returned to the Philadelphia poker room for a third time Oct 24-29. The series kicked off with four sessions of Locals Live \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em where five players are randomly drawn for each session to play with two designated pros. SugarHouse Pro **Joe "Worm" Palma** and Ante Up Ambassador **Jo Kim** were among the pros in the lineup.



"*Poker Night in America* tries to cater its production to the preference of the local players in the area," said **Matt Glantz**, PNIA's producer and SugarHouse's Poker Ambassador. "So when we come to Philadelphia, we rely on the poker room manager, **Vicki Sims**, to guide us with what format would work best for her room. Her concept of \$2-\$5 Locals Live has received a tremendous response and I would definitely expect to run Locals Live again next year."

The event also featured King of the Hill, a heads-up crowning match between **Daniel Colman** and **Brandon Adams**, who defeated **Olivier Busquet** and **Scott Blumstein**, respectively.

"I really enjoyed the experience of working and playing on a PNIA production," said 2017 WSOP champion **Blumstein**, who also commentated on the live stream. "Any time poker is getting exposure on a broad level, it's a good thing for the game. So to be able to battle with some great players and provide entertainment to poker fans was something I really enjoyed doing."

The filming crew wrapped with PNIA's \$25-\$50 cash game featuring **Glantz**, **Doug Polk**, **Brad Garrett**, **Mike Siegel**, **Jeremy Kaufman**, **Andrew Micali** and **Ryan Miller**.

Coinciding with PNIA, the \$100K SugarRush tournament (\$250 buy-in) concluded in a nine-way chop, with **Norman Rogers**, **Nasim Tukhi** and **Linh Dinh** as the top three players paid

\$13,448, \$12,214 and \$10,527, respectively. There were 511 entries for a \$114,766 prize pool after eight starting flights.

SugarHouse welcomed its new poker director, **Tom Bates**, from Hard Rock Tampa in November. Bates has worked on the East Coast before at the Borgata.

PARX: The Big Stax \$1,200 main event drew 543 entrants for a \$579,381 prize pool. After three days of play, **Mark Perry**, **Will Corvino** and **Joe Liberta** chopped for \$100,680, \$89,784 and \$79,180 respectively.

"The win feels really good and to make it through a final table of that level makes it even better," said **Perry** of his biggest career tournament cash. "Hoping to top this one very soon."

T.J. Shulman, who entered Day 2 with 10 big blinds, was fourth (\$35,632). Shulman, a Florida pro, cashed in three events.

"The Big Stax Series is, by far, the best structure of tournaments I've played," Shulman said. "While Borgata is great with guaranteed prize pools, Big Stax is the best in the country that doesn't offer guarantees." Big Stax returns with a \$225 event Dec. 4-10.

MARYLAND

MGM NATIONAL HARBOR: The room's first series, the Potomac Poker Open, runs until Dec. 4 and features more than \$1M in guarantees. The \$2,700 main event, which has a \$500K guarantee, begins with two opening flights, Dec. 1-2 each at 11 a.m., with Day 2 being Dec. 3.

There's also a \$50K guarantee on Dec. 3 for \$365 at 11 a.m., followed by a \$1,080 turbo event at 3 p.m. On Dec. 4, the series wraps with a pot-limit Omaha events at 11 a.m. for \$1,120.

NAME CHANGE: The Maryland Live Casino in Hanover has changed its name to just Live Casino and has a hotel and spa slated to open in early 2018.

DELAWARE

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO: Two December tournament weekends feature more than \$51K in guarantees at the poker room. Eight NLHE events, including a \$20K guarantee and the popular black-chip bounty event, are on the schedule: Dec. 15, 11:15 a.m., black-chip bounty (\$115); Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., \$10K guarantee (\$125); Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m., \$2,500 guarantee (\$45); Dec. 28, 7:15 p.m., \$3K guarantee (\$45); Dec. 29, 11:15 a.m., \$10K guarantee (\$125); Dec. 30, 11:15 a.m., \$20K guarantee (\$200); Dec. 31, 11:15 a.m., \$3K guarantee (\$45), and Jan. 1, 11:15 a.m., \$2,500 guarantee (\$35).

In tournament results, the Hallowed Hold'em series, which had \$55K in guarantees, ran Oct. 7-8. **Matt Shoup** won the \$175 event, which sported a \$15K guarantee. He bested 60-plus players for \$3,827, chopping with **Casey Montag** (\$3,819) and **Travor Payton** (\$3,153).

Ty Purnell won the \$225 event, which had a \$30K guarantee. He pocketed \$3K for first, followed by 18 players who chopped for \$1,500 each. The event drew 118 entries. **Mike Scotece** won the \$85 event that had a \$10K guarantee. He earned \$2,800. ♠



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BOGGS, BATTAGLIA TAKE WSOPC MAINS IN IND.



Justin Boggs won the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at Horseshoe Southern Indiana for almost \$140K. It was the self-proclaimed recreational player's first ring, though the health-and-fitness teacher from Ohio admitted he once entertained the idea of being a poker pro.

"First of all, the final table was just crazy," Boggs said of the skill level among the nine finalists. "It makes me definitely feel more confident about my game." He faced **Scott Montgomery**, who made a WSOP main-event final table in 2008, two-time ring-winner **Chris Carey** and **Wendy Freedman**, whose runner-up finish was the best for a woman in a main event here.



HORSESHOE HAMMOND: **Blake Battaglia** captured his first WSOPC ring in a big way by winning the main event at his home casino, receiving \$332K. The pro from Chicago outlasted 1,247 entries, creating a prize pool just short of \$1.9M.

The victory is a tremendous boost to 31-year-old Battaglia's career. The father of three formerly worked as an electrician, but recently transitioned to playing poker for a living.

"It hasn't hit me yet. It's unreal," Battaglia said after his momentous score.

Jonathan Tamayo outlasted 2,349 entries to win the \$365 NLHE opener for \$101K-plus. The 31-year-old Texan owns three WSOPC rings. Tamayo's road to victory was a long and grueling one. He broke through Flight C with a solid stack, then had a day off before entering, what would be, an extensive Day 2. The final table took five-plus hours to complete.

"I just process everything and then time flies. I see the clock, but I don't feel the time. I've done it too long," said Tamayo, whose lifetime earnings are almost \$1.5M.

Will Berry and his group of poker-playing friends have a saying: "The key is that you have to want to win." Berry accomplished his goal by taking down the high roller for \$280K.

"I enjoyed this high roller a lot," he said. "I think the structure was great. I actually think this was more enjoyable than the main. Not just because I won, but the people were pretty friendly throughout. It's just a looser atmosphere."

The 25-year-old pro from Oklahoma has established himself as a force on the circuit. He won his first WSOPC ring in March at the Hard Rock Tulsa's main event.

HARRAH'S JOLIET: The Mega Bad Beat Jackpot was hit Oct. 15 for \$378K. Combine that with the \$780K paid in May and

MEET RICHARD BREITENBACH



Richard Breitenbach, 31, grew up in Horicon, Wis., and moved to the Wisconsin Dells area when he was 16. In his free time, Breitenbach, who has two brothers, enjoys playing baseball, pool, poker and doing anything on the water.

How did you come to work in poker? I played softball with one of the poker supervisors and was always asking him about it. As soon as there was a class available, I jumped on the opportunity.

What do you like most about working in poker? The people. I've met so many great people working in the poker room, both players and employees.

What's your favorite memory when it comes to your work and why? I have so many great memories in the poker room, but I would say my favorite would be seeing all the players' faces light up with joy when I dealt them the bad-beat jackpot. — **Chad Holloway**

it marks the first time an Illinois casino has paid \$1M with bad beats in a year.

OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS: The Ohio Championship runs until Dec. 10, including the \$250K guarantee main event, which has two starting flights (Dec. 8-9) and costs \$550. Call 614-308-3333 for details.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO: The \$6-\$12 fixed-limit OE game is still going strong. This variation features Omaha and Omaha/8, alternating between the games round-by-round. The blinds are \$4-\$6 and every time a player scoops a pot of \$60 or more, a kill goes into effect, increasing the stakes to \$10-\$20 for the next hand. Comps are \$2 per hour. This featured game runs Mondays at 4 p.m., and Thursdays at 5.

In addition, the room is offering \$500 high hands every 30 minutes on Dec. 1 (6 p.m.-midnight), Dec. 23 (3-midnight) and Dec. 31 (11 a.m.-7 p.m.).

JACK CASINO CLEVELAND: The \$100K Pigskin & Poker promotion runs through Dec. 31. Cash-game and tournament players will earn drawing tickets by making big hands (aces full or better) from noon until midnight. Each Sunday during the promotion, one ticket will be drawn every hour from noon until 8 p.m., with each winner receiving \$500. On the final Sunday (New Year's Eve), prizes will range from \$500 to \$10K.

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FIREKEEPERS SETS ANOTHER MICHIGAN RECORD

The FireKeepers Casino poker room set a record for the largest tournament field in Michigan history while hosting the Mid-States Poker Tour (Oct. 7-15). A player pool of 1,067 played to create a prize pool of \$1M-plus. **Chris Meyers** of Buffalo took the title and \$191,196.

On the final hand, Meyers flopped middle pair with 7-5 offsuit on a Q-5-2 flop. After two checks, the turn brought a seven, improving Meyers to two-pair. **Millard Hale** of Kalamazoo had flopped top pair. They got it all-in and Meyers won the title.

Michigan locals ran deep in this one as Hale took second, **Altat Motiwala** (Kalamazoo) was third, **Jerry Delisle** (Hazel Park) grabbed fourth, **Jake Reeser** (Davison) was fifth, **Djon Palushaj** (Oakland) took seventh, **James Miller** (West Olive) took eighth, **Santa Zawaideh** (Birmingham) was ninth and **Spencer Wright** (Jeddo) finished 10th.

The MSPT returns here in May.

MOTOR CITY: The bad-beat jackpot (quads) was \$935K at press time.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK:

Dennis Stevermer of St. Paul, Minn., took down the top prize of \$85,477 at the Fall Classic Main Event.

Stevermer tangled with a stacked final table as notables included **Todd Melander**, **Saad Ghanem**, **Max Havlish**, MSPT champ **Paul Cross**, and Minnesota Poker Hall of Famer **Tony Hartmann**.

This was Stevermer's second largest career cash, behind \$243K for a fifth-place finish in this year's WPT Bay 101 Shooting Star event. It brings his career earnings to \$637,487.

The \$1,100 main event generated a prize pool of \$363,753 and attracted 375 entries, which was a tad less than last year's 389.



Adam Dahlin of St. Paul won the \$2,500 high-roller event, taking home \$43,857 after beating 52 of Minnesota's toughest competitors. **Dedric Henderson** of



Chris Meyers of Buffalo won the record-setting MSPT event at FireKeepers Casino.

Minneapolis cashed in four events for \$42,448 total. And **Josh Damm** of Forest City, Minn., cashed in five events, more than any player. The series included 30-plus events, resulting in a combined 5,736 entries and \$1.4M in prize pools.

RUNNING ACES CASINO:

Alex Moua of Lake Elmo, Minn., took home \$24,623 after outlasting 676 entrants in the Hallow Scream tournament.

Moua got the most of an eight-way partial chop and got another \$6K and the trophy when he was the last player standing. The \$280 event featured six Day 1 flights. If players made it to Day 2 from multiple flights, their smallest stacks were bought for \$1,200 each.



IOWA

RIVERSIDE CASINO AND RESORT: **Joe Villhauer** won the WPT DeepStacks \$1,100 main event for \$29,875 and a \$3K WPTD championship package at Thunder Valley Casino in California. Villhauer is an Iowa City native but has retired to Tennessee. He was one of the top stacks going into Day 2 and had the lead when final-table play began. **Andrew Leopard** was runner-up after losing a 5-to-1 advantage when heads-up play began. His bite of the prize pool was \$20,921. **Scotter Clark** was third (\$13,453).

PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO: The Altoona poker room will host a \$200 deepstack Dec. 17. Also, keep an eye on the bad-beat jackpot. It has exceeded \$107K.

DIAMOND JO CASINO: The bad-beat jackpot was \$150K at press time.

HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS: The Horseshoe Holiday Poker Classic runs between Christmas and New Year's Day. Check with the poker room for more details.

WISCONSIN

REICHARD GETS NO. 8: In early October, Janesville's **Josh Reichard** topped a field of 292 players to win the World Series of Poker Circuit's \$365 Monster Stack at Horseshoe Southern Indiana for \$21,024 and his eighth gold ring.



The win tied him for rings with the likes of **Ari Engel**, **Robert Hankins** and **Chris Reslock**. Two others have nine rings, while Florida's **Maurice Hawkins** is the all-time leader with 10.

FPC WINNERS: At the beginning of October, Wausau's **Paokee "PKX" Xiong** topped a field of 249 entries to win the Canterbury Park Fall Classic's Event 2 (\$180 NLHE) for \$9,321.

Also, Oshkosh's **Anthony De Jesus** topped a field of 72 to win the \$340 HORSE title for \$6,221. Waukesha's **Lisa Seamans** came out on top of an 84-entry field to win the \$125 women's event for \$2,285. ♠



Paokee "PKX" Xiong captured Event 2 in Canterbury Park's Fall Poker Classic.

THE FINAL WORD ON A 162M-CHIP POT

A year after **Qui Nguyen** exhibited the power of aggression at the World Series of Poker Main Event final table, **Scott Blumstein** reminded everyone just how successful this strategy can be. He exhibited repeated success with marginal or weak holdings and consistently outmaneuvered other skilled pros.



STEVE
BLAY

For the second year in a row, I've had the opportunity to get insight from the main-event champ. Of course, Qui and I wrote a book together that was just released via D&B Publishing, in which we review 170-plus hands from the 2016 final table. Now, I've had the privilege of working with Blumstein in the form of 10 video hand analyses that are being released one at a time on Advanced Poker Training (advancedpokertraining.com).

The most memorable hand of the final table involved the affable amateur **John Hesp**. Under the gun, Blumstein looked down at pocket aces, raised and Hesp called from the big blind. The rest, as they say, was history. As Blumstein described, "Just the old A-5-7 rainbow flop, like I drew it up." Both players got tricky and checked the flop and what ensued when a 10 hit the turn was Blumstein's dream scenario: He bet, Hesp raised, Blumstein reraised, and Hesp jumped out of his seat and uttered "the two words I couldn't believe, all-in." Hesp revealed A-10 and was drawing dead. "You can't really explain what it's like to win that kind of pot on that stage. Probably the best moment of my life," he told me.

He also takes issue with the critiques of Hesp's approach. "I

2017 WSOP Main Event, Hand #47

Scott Blumstein



John Hesp



think that's a tough situation for anyone. He had top two pair on a dry board. That's a really good hand." Rather, he thinks this hand needs to be viewed in a greater context: "John doesn't claim to be some poker wizard. For an amateur, that's a tough position to be in. I've spent five years in this game trying to get to the point where maybe I could get away from A-10 there, and I don't even think I would."

I think everyone will enjoy his thoughtful commentary, revealing a man who has worked at his craft and developed into a savvy player by the age of 25. If you want to watch his video commentary on this hand, you can find it in our forum at advancedpokertraining.com/forum, under the Scott Blumstein's Hand Reviews category. This one is available for free, though some will be for members only. ♠

POKER INSIDER

GETTING STARTED IN LIVE PLAY, PT. III

Editor's note: This is the final part of a three-part series.

Sometimes, as a beginner, you may have a question or need a little more time to make a decision. Simply say "time" so the dealer can hear you. This freezes the action and allows you to get an issue resolved or for you to make a final decision. Don't abuse time requests. Here are some other things to consider.



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ACTING IN TURN: Wait until it's your turn to act. Don't attempt to muck your cards or make a bet before your turn. It's impolite and provides information and an advantage to someone yet to act. And if your river bet is called, you're required to turn over your cards.

DON'T DISCUSS HANDS WHILE IN PLAY: Any discussions of a hand should be done after the hand has ended. Never talk about or show your cards to anyone while the hand is in progress.

TIPPING: It's common practice for the winner of each hand to tip the dealer. In most games, the dealer receives a dollar or two from the winner. There are players who tip well; you're not required to match their generosity. You should contribute

something to the dealer, though you're not required.

CASHING OUT: When you're ready to leave, tell the dealer to deal you out. Put your chips into an empty chip rack and head to the cashier cage or the podium where you purchased them.

COMPS: Find out before playing if you can earn complimentary credit for playing a certain number of hours. Some casinos provide you with a meal "comp" and when booking a room, call ahead and always check with the poker room for a poker room rate. Again, based on daily play, you may save a tremendous amount of money for your room and meals.

Being prepared to play poker means you're not distracted, feeling ill or playing with the rent money. You should have a positive attitude, be mentally alert, know the rules, play solid aggressive poker and know when to quit. Having read this three-part series I hope some of the initial fears of playing live have been quieted by the knowledge you now bring with you to the cardroom.

— **Al Spath** live broadcasts on TwitchTV: ([PositivePokerInsiders](https://www.twitch.tv/PositivePokerInsiders)), and streams from JaoPoker.com (signup using referral code: [ppiposse](https://www.jaopoker.com/signup?ref=ppiposse)). Contact Al directly at alspath@alspath.com with questions and coaching inquiries.

WHEN IS IT MOST PROFITABLE TO PLAY?

The holidays are upon us and it's always Christmas at the poker table. Our adversaries hand us gifts, red- and green-colored chips, all day and night, with visions of plum-colored chips dancing in our heads.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

Of course, not all poker tables are equal and it's important to touch on the best (and worst) ways to make sure you receive the most gifts during your poker-playing experience.

PLAY: New poker rooms are the biggest opportunity you can find, especially if they're the first in the area.

Whenever poker becomes new to an area, the games are packed with amateurs and the players that have been beating those amateurs in home games. None of these players holds a candle to a pro and it makes for an amazing mix of games.

The craziness diminishes as the room gets older, but consider moving to the area for a six-month period if your bankroll allows it.

AVOID: A huge tournament series can provide a great venue for a lot of novice players to take a shot at winning a title for a small entry fee, but it makes small-stakes cash games worse. This doesn't apply to the big games, which might only run during these events, but the small buy-in level suffers. There are

many players who descend upon a casino that are extremely competent and you end up with a much larger percentage of overall winning players per table this way.

PLAY: The best time to be at the poker table is the prime time for everyone else to be partying. This is a sacrifice you need to make to continue to play as a pro.

At certain casinos, missing a Friday or Saturday night after a **Chris Rock** show might mean giving up on double your normal hourly rate. It's irresponsible to be away from the tables when recreational players are most likely to be there and probably drunk.

AVOID: The nicest, prettiest, room in an area will have the tightest cash games.

This is because the smarter players think like you when they make a decision as to which room to play. Games are pretty bad in Vegas in general, but the finer properties always have been extreme.

PLAY: When you're comfortable, make sure you play. All of the rest of this advice doesn't matter if you aren't comfortable playing in a room.

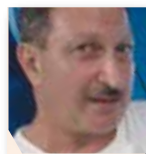
Play in a place where you like being, at a time you like playing and at whatever stakes you know you can beat.

— **Brent Philbin is a poker pro who lives in South Florida. You can reach him at Brent.Philbin@gmail.com.**

COACH'S CORNER

RANGE PLAYS HUGE ROLE IN YOUR ACTION

Once upon a time, poker hands were analyzed in terms of the hand in question. Villain shoves and Hero calls with pocket jacks and the discussion would revolve around whether the jacks represented a good call. In today's game, advanced players examine a hand in question in terms of range. Furthermore, range is pegged to stack size and stack size is measured in terms of blinds.



**MARK
BREMENT**

Often, after exiting a tournament and on the long drive home, we're left with a nagging feeling on whether we played it "right." All you have to do is call three experts and you guessed it, you'll get three different answers. That's frustrating. Now you're really confused. Let's delve into a complex yet simple problem and see if we can get a better handle on what makes a poker decision right or wrong.

You're in a satellite, in the big blind and blinds are 2K-4K with no antes. Of note, 22 seats will be awarded and 27 players remain. A short stack shoves for 7K and it folds around to you. All you have to do is call 3K chips and because you have 19K, a call here is a no-brainer.

Not so fast. Stay with me, I want to make this a learning moment. We freeze the clock and jump into our computer and plug in every entrant's stack size and there are eight stacks in the

3K-8K range, which is very short, and guess what? This changes the decision from a 60-percent call range to 10 percent. So, you go against your instinct to call and fold, which turns into quite a bit of table banter. Seat 1 said it's a 100-percent call. Seat 2 chimes in that he can't imagine what you folded. This scenario happened to me.

Are you still with me? If this were a tournament that paid 15 spots, yes, it's an auto-call. If the big blind had 33K chips then it's an auto-call. Chips lose their value as time moves forward and blinds increase, so 19K chips may sound like a decent stack but risking 3K at this point in a satellite turns out to be a blunder.

It's your job at the late stage of a tournament to understand your calling-range. A 10-percent range, (my range) is A-A to 6-6, A-K suited to A-9 suited, A-K offsuit through A-J offsuit, K-Q (suited and offsuit) and K-J suited.

In review, it's important to understand what your range is to call. You have leeway to expand or tighten ranges based on observation. However, in this example, the key number that greatly altered our calling range was awareness of all of the short stacks at the other tables. After all, it was only nine minutes later that I was at the cage collecting my tournament ticket.

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CALL THE FLOOR

YES, THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT

In a \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em game at a local poker club, a straddle is on and there are six callers. The dealer thinks the straddler checked his option, but before the dealer could turn over the three flop cards in his palm, the straddler said he was wanting to raise and raised to \$25.



**ELLIOTT
SCHECTER**

Another player asked if he saw what was on the flop before he made the raise and the raiser said he had not.

All other players said they have not seen any of the cards. The dealer then put out the flop, burned a card and put the turn face down, then burned another card and put the river face down.

He said he would then shuffle the cards and spread a new flop, but the turn and the river would remain the same should action progress to that point.

Action then proceeded with everyone having the choice to call the \$25 preflop raise by the straddle. Action would then resume once the new flop is shown.

My question is, why would he lay out the flop to begin with? If the issue is that there were the potential a player had seen one of the cards, why would he not just shuffle the cards then?

Since nobody had seen them or potentially just one or two people could have, by simply shuffling the cards you've eliminated any potential advantage someone could have had.

It slowed down the action laying everything out like that and created a ton of confusion on the table on why we were play-

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ing in "preflop" action, when a flop was on the table.

By laying out the flop, he's shown everybody what they "should have seen" and it will only create negative emotions in the players seeing what should have been.

— Isaac Brown, via email

ELLIOT SAID: The flop is being replaced because it seems like the poker room staff believes one or more players may have both seen the flop and not yet acted on all of the preflop betting.

If that is the case, that flop must be exposed so that all players yet to act will have the same information available to them as the other players that were able to bet with that information.

Negative feelings about the situation are irrelevant. Fairness for all players in the betting is the primary concern and allowing only one or two players the use of that information is too big of a disadvantage for the players that didn't have a chance to see those cards.

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

POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

PRIDE IS OK, JUST DON'T LET IT HURT YOU

It's good to be proud of yourself, your skills and your game. Without pride, you can't be competitive. But hubris and pride can be destructive.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

False pride is a huge problem. Some players attribute positive outcomes that were lucky to skill, and some attribute negative outcomes to bad luck and not enough skill.

Poker's clearly a combination of variance, or luck and skill. Skill is a long-term measure, while luck evens out.

Don't let excessive pride lead to destruction by misjudging your sessions when you judge luck to skill.

Pride also figures into good laydowns. Can you lay down pocket aces on the turn or river when the villain jams and pushes you? Or do you let pride get in the way and blame "stupid luck."

You sit at a table in your regular room at your regular stakes and don't recognize many of the people. You're a regular and

have pretty good long-term results, so you think these folks will be easy, a table full of fish. You sit back, watch your iPad or iPhone, and all of a sudden you're down two buy-ins. Your pride or hubris kicked in, but in an unhealthy manner. You ignored betting patterns, tells and the flow of the game. Maybe you learned something.

You made a prideful assumption that you were better than them, without knowing them.

There is good pride. It's based upon introspection and an honest evaluation of your skills and ability.

There is bad pride. This is an excessive belief in your skills and abilities that's unrealistic. You start playing games that are too tough to beat. You start making bad decisions, thinking you can control the cards.

The solution is to know yourself, get honest feedback and keep up the self-analytics. If it gets out of control, get help.

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

— Dr. Stephen Bloomfield is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. Email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Monday-Friday (noon); Wednesday & Thursday (6p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • talkingstickresort.com	Monday-Friday (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p). See ad on Page 19.	Splash pots.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tuesday freeroll (7p); Thursday \$5K guarantee (\$120); Saturday \$200 added (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sunday (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Players earn \$1 per hour during live play.
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 6:30p); Saturday (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$70, 11a).	High hand bonus; Aces Cracked.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Monday & Thursday (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 7p).	Splash Pots.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins between \$10-\$80 and games vary, call for specifics).	Aces Cracked; 6 hours of \$100 high hands; football promotions pay \$100.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. KO (\$45, 7:30p); Wed. turbo (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p).	Morning High Hand Contest; college and pro football splash pots.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad on Page 21.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Monday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Saturday (varies, 11:15a); Sunday (\$30, 11:15a). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Monday-Thursday (\$30, noon); Tuesday-Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3:30p). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

ARKANSAS

SOUTHLAND PARK GAMING AND RACING (870) 735-3670 • southlandpark.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$45, one table, 7p); Tue. (\$10, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$10, 9p); Sat. (\$40, 3p); 1st Sun. freeroll (3p); 2nd-last Sun. (\$40, 3p).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; Handemonium pays up to \$300 (Fri. & Sat); Wheel of Wonder (Tue. & Wed.).
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CALIFORNIA

AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sunday-Friday (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); Saturday (\$100 w/\$50 rebuys, 11a); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75 w/\$25 rebuys, 6:30p).	Splash the Pot.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Monday (\$28, 11a); Tuesday (\$25, 11a); Wednesday HA (\$50, 6:45p); Thursday (\$48, 11a); Sunday (\$49, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Wednesday Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Monday (\$65 w/\$60 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Tuesday (\$45 w/\$40 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Saturday (\$55, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat and royal-flush jackpots.
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tuesday \$1.2K guarantee (\$40, 6:30p); Saturday & Sunday \$1.2K guarantee (\$40, 10:15a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.

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BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p; M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p.	Numerous jackpots (call for details); WSOP Circuit, Dec. 1-12.
BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL (707) 668-9770 • bluelakecasino.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$30); Wednesday & Thursday (\$40); Friday-Sunday (\$50).	Players earn points for cash promo tickets.
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wednesday (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Friday KO (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sunday KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); 1st Saturday (\$100, 11a); 2nd Saturday (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sunday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Monday (\$200, 7p); Tuesday (\$160, 7p); Sunday (\$300, 5p).	No jackpots.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Monday-Saturday (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Monday-Friday (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Saturday Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. Omaha (\$45, 6p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$45, 6p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$45, 6p); Fri. freeroll (\$10 rebuys, 6p); Sat. KO (\$125, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • flb365.com	Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p).	Players get paid \$120 for a \$100 buy-in (Friday).
GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Monday-Friday (1p & 6:45p); Saturday (10a & 1p); Sunday (2:15a & 1p).	Daily jackpots; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega hold'em jackpot; Omaha jackpot.
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (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.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsincon.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$35, 8p) Saturday & Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, noon); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 8p); Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; monthly cash drawings.
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, Dec. 3.	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Monday-Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday (\$185, 7p); Thursday KO (\$185, 7p); Friday (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	M \$1.5K guar. KO (\$60, 7p); T O/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); W (\$30, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); Th crazy pineapple (\$30, 11a) & (\$30, 7:30p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sa KO (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon. & Wed. (\$45, 7p); third Saturday (\$175, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Monday & Wednesday-Saturday (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tuesday (\$25 w/\$20 rbs and add-on, 10a & \$90); Thursday \$2K guar. (\$65, 10a); Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sunday (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Friday \$3K guar. (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guar. (\$15, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Monday KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday of month (\$340, 11a); special tournaments, Dec. 9-16.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thursday \$1.2K guarantee (\$55, 7:15p); Friday \$2K guarantee (\$40, 7:15p).	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Monday & Wednesday, 10a-7p).
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a) & (\$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20p); Sunday freeroll (1p).	Progressive jackpots.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat in HE (aces full) and Omaha (quad 8s); PLO (Wed., 2p); high hand for Omaha/Big O; buy-in bargain for HE & Omaha/Big O w/free meal; royal-flush bonus in hold'em.
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (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.
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PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (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.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live hold'em events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (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 Attack; Aces Cracked.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Sun. (\$60, 10a); Tue. (\$10 w/rb, 10a); Wed.-Sat. (\$30 w/rb, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Sat. (\$40 w/rb, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rb, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha and stud.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP satellite (\$225); last 2 Sat. WSOP satellite (\$50). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); Wed. O/8-PL0.8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$160, 6p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); WPTD until Dec. 5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. Ad Pages 2-3.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; high hands.
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$140, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour; Friday pays \$500 & Saturday pays \$600.
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hands.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$120, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$65, 12:30p); Sunday (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot and mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); MegaStack Challenge, Dec. 1-11; New Year's Holiday event, Dec. 30-Jan 1.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p). See ad for Holiday Hangover Tournament on Page 31.	High hands pay up to \$600.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (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.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Tuesday-Friday (\$35, 11a & 7:15p); Monday (\$35, 11:15a & \$25, 7:15p); Saturday (\$100, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); Sunday (\$10, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p).	High hands; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/ rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.

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

FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). See ads on Pages 24-25.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; \$500 high hand every 15 min. (call for details).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon). See ads on Pages 24-25.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	High hands. Last Sunday of the Month is a \$15K guar. (\$200, 12:10p).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	 Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program. Call for details on Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tuesday (\$30, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$110, 6:30p); Thursday (\$30, 6:30p) & (\$25, 8:30p); Friday (\$110, 6:30p); Saturday (\$20, 1p) & (\$25, 8p); Sunday (\$220, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p); Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompapark.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.
KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM (786) 787-2575 • kingscourtkey.com	Open Sunday-Thursday, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a.	\$200 hourly high hands; \$100 high hands pay every half-hour.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands.
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Closed for renovations.	Closed for renovations.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Monday (\$60, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday turbo (\$70, 7p); last Friday of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sunday (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins vary); 1st & 3rd Sat. KO (\$290, noon). See ad Page 5 for the Holiday Poker Series.	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500.
OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
ORANGE CITY RACING & CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K Bad Beat High Hand Bonus; high hands.
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Daily, including Sun. (\$100, 12:15p, but 1st & 3rd Sun. is \$230 deepstack; \$55, 6:15p); Mon. (\$30 seniors, 11:15a) and Last Sat. of month (\$150 NLO/8, 11:15a).	High-hand jackpot in hold'em.

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PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasinocom	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Monday-Friday (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Saturday (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sunday (varies, 11a & 6p); Fun in the Sun Open, Dec. 26-30.	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampacom	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. 7-18.
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands.

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjolieta.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125, 7p); Saturday varies (\$125, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$40K freeroll; Splash the Pot (Sun.-Tue.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Call for details.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125-\$140, 7p); Saturday (\$125-\$140, noon); call about Sunday events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday turbo (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash (call for details).

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • belterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Monday (\$125, 6:15p); Tuesday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:15p); Thursday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (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.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tuesday (\$45, 7p); Thursday (\$65, 7p); Friday turbo (\$30, 2p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$65, 2p); 2nd & last Saturday of the month (\$160, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and was \$250K-plus at press time; straight-flush jackpot.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Monday Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wednesday (\$40, 1p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$60, noon); Sunday (\$100, 1p).	High hands.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$65, 10a); Tuesday (\$65, 7p); Thursday KO (\$100, 7p); Saturday (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	Win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
Q CASINO (563) 585-2964 • qcasinolandhotel.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
RHYTHM CITY CASINO (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Tuesday (\$30, noon); Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinolandresort.com	Monday limit Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tuesday (\$25, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 6p); Friday Big O (\$30, 11a); Saturday (\$30, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 2p); last Saturday (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tuesday & Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$25, 7p); first Saturday (\$125, 2p); Sunday \$400 freeroll (noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Monday (\$65, 11:15a); Tuesday (\$65, 7:15p); Thursday (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$125, 11:15a); last Sunday of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tuesday (\$100, 7:00p); Wednesday (\$45, noon); Friday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



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\$200 HIGH HAND EVERY HOUR

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December 16th at 1pm

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\$60 SATELLITES

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December 28th through December 30th at 1pm

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\$70 BUY-IN BOUNTY TOURNAMENT

December 16th at 1pm

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SPLIT TOURNAMENT**

December 9th at 1pm



LOUISIANA

BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p).	High hands.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). See ad Page 28.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wednesday (\$145, 6:30p); Thursday (\$165, 6:30p); Friday (\$130, 6:30p); Saturday (\$120, 11a); Sunday (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsnorleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands pay \$100.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoclawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatorouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Player promotions for live hold'em.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (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.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	M & T (\$75, 11a); T O/8 (\$100, 7p); W (\$235, 11a) & (\$75, 7p); Th KO (\$150, 11a & 7p); F (\$150, 11a) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$250, 11a); Su KO (\$150, 11a) & (\$150, 7p).	High hands; get paid for royal flush.
LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary so call for schedule. WPT Maryland Live, Sept. 22-Oct. 4. See the ad on Page 31.	Late night high hands pay \$500 every hour up to \$1.5K.
MGM NATIONAL HARBOR (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a); Potomac Open runs until Dec. 4 w/\$500K guarantee, Dec. 1 (\$2,700).	Royals pay \$500.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (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.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Friday & Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p); Saturday KO (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thurs. No Frills (\$70, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon. (\$35, 10:30a & \$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & \$80, 5p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Omaha & stud; quads board (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Tuesday); Aces Full (Wednesday). MSPT, Dec. 8-10.
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (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; Aces Cracked.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details). See ad on Page 29 for January's Million Dollar Heater series.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/ Bonus Splash the Pot.
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Monday-Thursday (\$50, noon & 7p); Friday (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, noon); Sunday (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Monday (\$35 w/rebuy and bounty, 7p); Friday (\$50, 2p); Saturday (\$50, noon) & (\$125, 5p). See ad Page 23.	Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri.); Hot Seats (Wed. & Thurs.); Sunday Drawings pays \$1K in prizes; high hands in hold'em (Mon. & Tue.).
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Mon. (\$35, noon); Tue. (\$35, noon); Wed. (\$50, noon) & satellite (\$40, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, noon); Fri. (\$35, noon) & satellite (\$40, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, noon).	Cash giveaways.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Friday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; HPT Championship, Nov. 30-Dec. 12.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (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.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$60, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$85, 11a & \$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpot (daily).
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. (\$60, 11p); Sat. (\$75-\$300, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	\$2.5K in special high-hand jackpots available (daily); bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.



Indicates this property is hosting an Ante Up event. To host an event, contact Scott Long at (727) 331-4335.

MISSOURI (Continued)

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

NEVADA

ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (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).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure; WPT Five Diamond Classic runs until Dec. 10.	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Open Friday-Monday (10a) and at 4p on Thursday.	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CLUB CAL NEVA RENO (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked; football promo draws for winner based on field goals (\$50), touchdowns (\$100) and safeties (\$200).
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$70, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$60, 10a & 4p); Friday \$6K freeroll; \$15K freeroll (monthly).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$1K guarantee (\$50, 10a); Monday (\$50, 6:30p); Thursday Omaha (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hand cash prizes.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahsLasvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MANDALAY BAY 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p).	High Hands; Hot Seats; Shift Specific Rolling High Hands 3X (daily).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guarantee (\$80, 15K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$60, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (daily); Football Parlay Cards (Sunday, Monday & Thursday).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
THE ORLEANS (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.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Call for details.	Call for details.
RED ROCK CASINO (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.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Saturday & Sunday \$2K freeroll (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p).	High hands. See the ad on Page 11.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday-Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (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.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour from live play.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily at noon and other times with various buy-ins.	No promotions; Deep Stack Extravaganza, Dec. 21-Jan. 7. Daily tournaments suspended during special events and extravaganza series.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WESTGATE LAS VEGAS (702) 732-5111 • westgateresorts.com	Monday-Saturday (\$40, 11a); Friday (\$60, 6p & 10p); Saturday (\$60, 6p & 10p); ask about freerolls.	Player rewards.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Wynn Signature Weekend, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.	No promotions.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$50, 5:30p); W (\$50 w/rb & add-on, 5:30p); Th (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p); Su (\$50 w/add-on, 1p & \$100, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
MANCHESTER POKER ROOM (603) 668-6591	Tuesday KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thursday \$50/\$50/\$50 (5:30p).	High hands; Bad Beat Sundays (call for details).
RIVER CASINO (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Monday (\$10, 6p); Wednesday (\$5, 6p); Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$50, 6p); Friday (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Saturday (\$20, 12:30p); Sunday (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Monday, Wednesday & Sunday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$55, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$40, 3p); Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee (\$65, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (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 in hold'em.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily, times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room. Last Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, 12:15p).	High hand; Splash the Pot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wednesday & Sunday (\$65, 8:15p); Saturday (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO (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).	High hands; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad on Page 20 for Texas Ho-Ho-Hold'em event.	Call for promos.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (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.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

RIVERS CASINO & RESORT (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a).	High Hand Jackpot pays 6 times daily (Monday-Sunday).
SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$125, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a & \$225, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 10a & \$125, 6p).	High hands (Mon., & Wed.-Sat.).
SENECA SALAMANCA (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.
TIOGA DOWNS (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
TURNING STONE RESORT (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 (Monday-Wednesday).

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); T (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); W (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); Th (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); F (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sa (\$580, 7p); Su (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players; WSOPC runs until Dec. 4.
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Monday & Thursday \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Friday \$5K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Saturday \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sunday \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$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.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (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 and Omaha; high hands.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeecasino.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 10a); Tuesday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Friday KO (\$60, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn player reward points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. KO (\$115, 1p & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$60, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon); room open Sunday-Thursday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot coming soon.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tuesday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$75, 7p); Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sunday crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a & \$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$35, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$90, 4p); Sun. (\$70, 4p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & deuces wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Monday (\$50, 7p); Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday KO (\$75, 7p); Wednesday seniors (\$25, 5p) & (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$65, 7p); Saturday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Monday-Friday (\$40, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a); Sunday (\$115, 11a); Monday-Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thursday & Saturday (\$90, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Monday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$100, 4p); Saturday (\$95, 2p); Sunday (\$80, 6p); closed Wednesday-Thursday.	Splash Pot; tournament royal flushes pay \$200.
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a & 7p); 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 hands; Wheel Spin.
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tuesday (\$35, 6:30p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sunday \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; Mon. (\$55 & \$75); Tue. (\$65 & \$75); Wed. (\$65 & PLO \$85); Thurs. (\$65 & \$95); Fri. (\$55 & \$65); Sat. (\$55 & \$65); Sun. (\$65).	High hands.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	High hands.
MEADOWS CASINO (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.
MOHEGAN SUN POCONO (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	M (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); T (\$50, noon & 7p); W (\$50, noon & \$60, 7p); Th (\$50, noon & 7p); F (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sa (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Su (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • presqueisledowns.com	Thursday (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Saturday (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Saturday (\$230, 2:30p); Sunday (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Friday-Sunday, 4p-midnight).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Monday (\$100, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$100, 7:15p); Saturday (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sunday (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hands.

RHODE ISLAND

TWIN RIVER CASINO (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	No tournaments.	Player rewards.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Monday (\$20, 7p); Tuesday (\$20, 7p); Wednesday (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 7p); Sunday (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon. (\$12, 6:30p); Tue. (\$23, 6:30p); Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$34, 6:30p); Fri. (\$34, 6:30p); Sat. (\$23, 1p); Sun. (\$111, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$221, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Wednesday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.net	Saturday (\$125, 6:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3p).	Spin the Wheel.

TEXAS

FTNPOKER (469) 634-1481 • ftnpoker.com	Membership fees range from \$5 (daily) and \$40 (monthly); call for details.	Special events available.
KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Tuesday \$500 added (\$25, 7p); Thursday (\$45, 7p); Sunday (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

WASHINGTON

CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Royal-flush jackpot.
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Monday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tuesday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$45, 7p); Thursday (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$110, 7p); Saturday KO (\$35, 5p); Sunday Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Saturday-Sunday, noon-3p), (Monday-Wednesday, 9p-mid.) & (Monday-Friday, noon-4p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday & Thursday (\$65, 7p); Friday (\$35, noon); Saturday (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sunday of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Monday-Friday (\$20, 10:30a); Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday (\$80, 7p); Wednesday (\$80, 7p); Thursday (\$150, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 11a); Sunday (\$50, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
UBET CASINO (360) 501-4328 • ubet360.com	Daily tournaments available (call for details).	No promotions.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday (\$38, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Splash the Pot.

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

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FERGUSON WINS WSOP POY

Chris Ferguson, formerly of Full Tilt Poker, has won the World Series Player of the Year title, and many players are taking to social media to criticize Ferguson for never apologizing for what happened with Full Tilt.

SCOTT SAID: How long does this guy have to go before people let it go? I'm not saying people should be excited that he won, or happy or tweeting selfies with him, but are people going to hold this grudge forever? Howard Lederer tried to apologize, I know people didn't like how he did, but at least he tried, and he still got brutalized. So I guess I understand why Ferguson might not want to apologize.

CHRIS SAID: Chris "Jesus" Ferguson, from messiah to pariah. It looks like the poker community isn't ready to turn the other cheek just yet. I think an apology, rather than defiance, would go a long way toward being forgiven. Obviously, he has game, but not a social one. Players, we're a loyal bunch. People took their hard-earned money and put it on a website and said, "I'm going to trust you with my money." And when you hire someone who doesn't do right by your people, you need to stand up and say, "I'm sorry this happened."

POKER IN THE OLYMPICS?

The International Federation of Match Poker, an organization that promotes a team version of poker, has been granted "observer status" by Global Association of International Sports Federations, a first step toward possibly being included in future Olympics.

SCOTT SAID: We're not talking about actual poker, like we normally play, making it as an Olympic sport, but some version of it. Now, the chances of that are very miniscule, but ... you're saying there's a chance?

CHRIS SAID: If this happens, I'll know the true meaning of bittersweet, because I'll be ecstatic for our sport, our company and our industry, but I'll be super pissed because we're still waiting for my favorite sport (bowl-ing) to become an Olympic sport. I'd love to see poker get in, but what's next, daily fantasy sports? Pole dancing is also part of this "observer status." Pole dancing!



HOW DARE THEY POST RESULTS!

Calvin Ayre recently posted a column, saying Israeli poker players are not fans of sites such as Hendon Mob, which post winnings from tournaments, as it provides information to tax authorities in Israel that he believes is misleading, since buy-in, rebuys and other expenses of being a poker pro aren't deducted.

SCOTT SAID: I always find it interesting when people get upset when the taxman is going to get his cut. None of us likes to pay taxes, but to say, "Hey, don't put my results on there because that means I'll have to pay the taxes that I'm supposed to be paying." That's not a good enough argument for me. "Life was going great. I was totally cheating my country, but now I can't!"

CHRIS SAID: We post those results. We've gotten those emails, too, with people asking us to take them down because they're going for a job interview. Sorry, buddy, you played in a public tournament in a public event and these results are recorded. You chose to play in this event. You chose to become a poker player and if you want to hide that from your boss, then that's on you, not me. Don't enter the tournament.

PROP BET TO LEARN MANDARIN

Poker pro **Joey Ingram** has taken a prop bet to become fluent in Mandarin in one year. To collect \$45K, he needs to post a 30-minute YouTube video speaking in fluent Mandarin, or he loses \$7,500. The pro plans to watch movies, listen to music and spend several months in China, expecting that it'll take him 2K hours of work to become fluent.

SCOTT SAID: It's roughly \$22 an hour, which is not a great hourly rate for a poker pro. But here's the thing I like about it: We talked about the chicken-nugget guy a little bit ago, and some of these other wild bets, and there was nothing positive coming out of the bet. With this, even if the guy fails, he'll probably come pretty close to fluent. So he's learning a skill.

CHRIS SAID: If he loses, he spends \$7,500, which he could probably buy eight or nine of those Rosetta Stones. But he could also have someone who speaks Mandarin write out a phonetically-sound speech, practice it and use that on YouTube to get his money.

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