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Dalton Still of Rocklin, Calif., wins the Ante Up Poker Tour award after the most thrilling final day of the race in AUPT history.

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3/5 - 3/10	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$1,100 entry	\$240				
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3/5 - 3/12	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$740				
Sat, 3/4	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 entry <b>5 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!</b>	\$125		5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry <b>15 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385
Sun, 3/5	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win a \$1,100 entry	\$125		8pm	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT-RT Entry <b>5 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385
	7pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 entry <b>5 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!</b>	\$125	Sat, 3/11	10am	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT-RT Entry <b>5 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385
Mon, 3/6	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT-RT Satellite	\$90	 <p><b>WPT</b> WORLD POKER TOUR <b>Rolling Thunder</b> AT THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT <b>MAIN EVENT</b> STREAMED LIVE FROM PANO HALL</p>			
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win a \$1,100 entry	\$125				
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Tue, 3/7	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT-RT Satellite	\$90				
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	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win a \$1,100 entry	\$240				
Wed, 3/8	12pm	Day 1A		Sat, 3/11	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$385 WPT-RT Satellite <b>10 WINNERS OF A \$385 ENTRY GUARANTEED!</b>	\$90
Thu, 3/9	12pm	Day 1B			5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry <b>10 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385
Fri, 3/10	12pm	Day 2 Final		Sun, 3/12	10am	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT-RT Entry <b>5 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385
Wed, 3/8	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT-RT Satellite	\$90		5pm	Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 entry to Event #4	\$240
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Thu, 3/9	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win a \$1,100 entry	\$125				
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	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry <b>5 - \$3,500 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!</b>	\$385		8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$550 entry to Event #5	\$125
Fri, 3/10	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT-RT Satellite	\$90	Tues, 3/14	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$550 entry to Event #5	\$125
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## Playing wild cards

In 2008, after **Barack Obama** secured the presidency, many poker players rejoiced at the prospect of having a leader who once hosted a regular home game. The hope was the President-elect would combat the conservative stranglehold the previous administration had on Internet poker after the underhanded midnight passing of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006.

But, as with most presidencies, much more pressing issues took center stage and online poker suffered another major setback when the Department of Justice stepped in on April 15, 2011, to shut down poker's three largest online sites.

As Obama's eight years passed, online poker slowly clawed its way back from Black Friday, being regulated in three states (Delaware, Nevada and New Jersey).

Other states continue to flirt with the idea of regulation, but it's safe to say online poker is a shadow of its former self.

There's a new leader in the White House now, and you may think it's too early to discuss national regulation of online poker, but we'd like to point to the letter 10 state attorneys general sent in November to the incoming Trump Administration, asking it to support the Restore The Wire Act, or RAWA as it is known, which potentially could ban all online gambling. Do not take this lightly.

**Donald Trump** is a former casino owner and while some casino owners likely support this letter, he may see the billions in revenue from taxing online poker as a harmless way to find new money. If nothing else, we need to counter the efforts of these attorneys general to make sure the new administration knows we have a voice and concerns.

The Poker Players Alliance is a grassroots organization to help you in this fight. Go to **theppa.org** to learn the issues we're facing and obtain the info you'll need to write your local politicians. After all, aggressive poker is winning poker.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# March 23 - April 2, 2017

Date	Day	Event Number	Time	Event	Entry Fee	Max Chips	Level Times
Mar 23	Thur		12pm	Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$40+ 10	6K	30
Mar 23	Thur	1A	6pm	No-Limit Hold'em Day 1 \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30,45
Mar 24	Fri		12pm	Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$40+ 10	6K	30
Mar 24	Fri		3pm	Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$40+ 10	6K	30
Mar 24	Fri	1B	6pm	No-Limit Hold'em Day 1 \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30,45
Mar 25	Sat	1C	11am	No-Limit Hold'em Day 1 \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30,45
Mar 25	Sat		3pm	Main Event Mega - 4 SEATS ADDED	\$90 + \$20	6k	30
Mar 25	Sat	1D	5pm	No-Limit Hold'em Day 1 \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30
Mar 26	Sun	2	10am	Seniors NL Hold'em	\$200 + \$30	10K	30,45
Mar 26	Sun		1pm	Event 1 Restart			
Mar 26	Sun	3	2pm	One Day Deepstack NL Hold'em	\$200 + \$30	15K	30
Mar 26	Sun	4	5pm	Pot Limit Omaha - Single Re-Entry	\$200 + \$30	10k	30,45
Mar 26	Sun		8pm	Main Event Super 2 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$70 + \$20 \$40 rebuys	4K	30,20
Mar 27	Mon	5	12pm	One Day NL Hold'em	\$125 + \$25	10K	30
Mar 27	Mon	6	4pm	Big O Single Re-Entry	\$200 + \$30	10K	30
Mar 27	Mon	7	6pm	NL Hold'em	\$90 + \$20	8K	30
Mar 27	Mon		8pm	Main Event Super 2 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$70 + \$20 \$40 rebuys	4K	30
Mar 28	Tues	8	12pm	Green Chip Bounty No Limit	\$165 + \$25	10K	30
Mar 28	Tues	9	4pm	Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$200 + \$30	10k	30
Mar 28	Tues	10	6pm	NL Hold'em	\$90 + \$20	8K	30
Mar 28	Tues		8pm	Main Event Super 2 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$70 + \$20 \$40 rebuys	4K	30,20
Mar 29	Wed	11	12pm	Deepstack NL Single Re-Entry	\$135 + 25	15k	30
Mar 29	Wed		6pm	Main Event Mega - 4 SEATS ADDED	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
Mar 29	Wed		8pm	Main Event Super 2 Main Event Seat Guaranteed	\$70 + \$20 \$40 rebuys	4K	30,20
Mar 30	Thur		12pm	MONSTER STACK	\$200 + \$30	30K	30
Mar 30	Thur		6pm	Main Event Mega - 4 SEATS ADDED	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
Mar 30	Thur		8pm	Main Event Super 2 Main Event Seat Guaranteed	\$70 + \$20 \$40 rebuys	4K	30,20
Mar 31	Fri		10am	Mega Satellite	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
Mar 31	Fri	12A	12pm	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
Mar 31	Fri		3pm	Mega Satellite	\$160 + \$30	8K	30
Mar 31	Fri	12B	6pm	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
April 1	Sat		10am	Mega Satellite	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
April 1	Sat	12C	11am	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
April 1	Sat	12D	5pm	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
April 2	Sun		1pm	Main Event Restart			
April 2	Sun	13	2pm	One Day Deepstack No Limit	\$165 + 25	15K	30

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# CRAMER TAKES SOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



After a three-way chop, **Tim Cramer** was declared the winner of the SoCal Poker Championships, a unique tournament collaboration between four SoCal casinos. Cramer earned \$351,240 and a Mercedes-Benz C Class, which served as the tournament trophy.

He qualified for the finals at the Gardens Casino. **Daniel Illingworth** of Carlsbad took second (\$316,405) and **Mike Eskandari** of Mission Viejo was third (\$293,345).

Each casino hosted eight Day 1s with two flights each at noon and 5:30 p.m. for a total of 64 starting flights. The Gardens hosted Day 1 flights Sept. 18-25. The Bike was Oct. 1-8, followed by Hustler Casino on Oct. 21-28 and the final round was at the Commerce on Nov. 5-12.

The \$3M guarantee, which featured a minimum of \$500K and the car for first, drew plenty of interest as the \$350 buy-in attracted 9,621 players, who were eligible to enter as many flights as they wanted. If players bagged chips in one flight, they could enter another session.

The top 10 percent of Day 1 received at least \$600, while the top 8 percent got a minimum of \$700, and \$800 or more was awarded to those in the top 6 percent. That 6 percent also moved on to Day 2. Rounding out the top 10 were **El Harrak Said** (Santa Clarita, \$138,600), **Jay Chavkin** (Capistrano Beach, \$103,660), **Sorel Mizzi** (Toronto, \$81K), **Chris Moorman** (England, \$64,200), **Jesse Sylvia** (West Tisbury, Mass., \$51,235), **Luan Phan** (Los Angeles, \$40,120) and **Upeshka De Silva** (Katy, Texas, \$29,250).

**WSOPC AT BIKE:** Local grinder **Nikhil Gera** came out on top of the 842-player field in the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event in mid-December to win his first ring and \$246,295, edging Los Angeles' **Paul Nguyen**, who won \$152,190.

"It feels great," Gera said. "I've been playing a lot recently and have a lot of good friends here who give me advice on hands, and on life and stuff. This one is for them, too."

**PALA CASINO:** **Brian Comestro** of San Marcos won \$4,999 at the Pala River Card tournament on Dec. 18. Comestro's pair of kings bested **Alan Ho's** J-2 after Ho went all-in. Ho of San Diego won \$3,126 for second. Comestro had placed second in six River Card tournaments at Pala. A total of 164 players vied for the \$19,540 prize pool and 16 finalists cashed. Rounding out the top 10 were **Robert Tornetto** (Indio, \$2,432), **Steve Alkema** (Fallbrook, \$1,563), **Roberto Rosales** (Fontana, \$1,367), **Rich Lanes** (El Cajon, \$1,123), **Dan Gonzales** (Carlsbad, \$1,025), **Joe Gonza-**



## MEET LOREN WATSON

**Loren Watson** has been a poker dealer at the Eldorado Casino in Reno for the past two years and has been enjoying pushing pot after pot to his customers.

**How did you get a job in the poker industry?** I didn't have any casino experience, but

luckily I was given a chance by Margie (Heintz), the poker room manager at Eldorado. I went in every morning before 6 a.m. to show my determination and practiced pitching cards for five hours. I also focused on providing quality customer service to our players during training sessions. Two weeks later, I was given an audition and was hired.

**What do you like most about working at Eldorado Casino?** I enjoy the human interactions. I've always wanted to work at a place that was basically *Cheers* and now I do.

**Why should people play at Eldorado Casino?** During the weekends and holidays, our poker room attracts all of the downtown tourists. Poker players that drive up 10 times a year, the local out-of-towners, as I call them, are welcomed in and treated like locals from the players as well as the staff.

**What is your most memorable poker experience?** Recently in a no-limit cash game, I had pocket queens vs. pocket jacks. We both had a set and all the money went in by the turn card. However, my opponent hit the case jack on the river and sent me home. I drove home steaming and all I could think about was that jack on the river. Well, as I arrived home, guess what I saw when I opened my front door?

Directly in front of me I saw about 20 Matchbox cars arranged on the floor in the shape of a big old J. My son had read my mind. — **Philip Chow**

**les** (Mira Loma, \$830), **Andrew Cook** (San Diego, \$635) and **Tony Galante** (Ramona, \$488).

The schedule for this month's \$130 River Card is Feb. 9 (Day 1A, 6 p.m.), Feb. 10 (Day 1B, 6 p.m.) and Feb. 11 (Day 1C, noon). Day 2 is Feb. 12. Re-entry will be until Level 6 and blinds will be 25 minutes. Ten percent of each day's players will advance to Day 2 and receive \$100. If a player qualifies twice, they receive \$500 from the prize pool and must surrender their smallest stack.

Another upcoming tournament is the LIPS Battle of the Sexes on Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. It costs \$95 and will have 20-minute blinds with re-entry allowed for the first three levels.

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# THUNDER VALLEY SWINGS IN NORCAL

Thunder Valley Casino Resort's Up the Ante Poker Room and the World Poker Tour held their California Swing Kickoff in Lincoln, Calif. It included a \$100K guarantee Action 8, a \$20K guarantee, the OneDay \$100K guarantee and a 20-seat-guarantee super mega-satellite with entry into this year's WPT Rolling Thunder main event in March.

The Action 8 event cost \$250 as 494 entries made the prize pool \$105K. Five players chopped the remaining prize pool with **David Valdez** and **Mike Postle** taking home the largest scores of \$14.5K each. The \$20K guarantee ended up with 184 entries, which exceeded the guarantee. **K.B. Liu** won the title and pocketed \$4.7K.

The OneDay \$100K had a \$400 buy-in and demolished its guarantee, reaching \$168K-plus from 482 entries. Since this was a one-day event, the final table went well into the early morning with **Darrel Dier** of Las Vegas winning the crown and taking home \$34K.

He outlasted **Frederic Soria**, who scored \$23K as runner-up. The other players at the final table were **Derek Johansson** (third, \$15K), **Philip Phongsaphonh** (fourth, \$11K), **Brian Olson** (fifth, \$8K), **David Rosenbloom** (sixth, \$7K), **Colomba Duffy** (seventh, \$6K), **Srinivas Jagarlamudi** (eighth, \$5K) and **Kelly Douglas** (ninth, \$3K).

**BAY 101:** The San Jose property hosts numerous mega-satellites this month for the WPT Shooting Star main event, which will be March 6-10. There are \$275 satellites Feb. 13-17 and Feb. 19-24. There will be \$550 satellites on Feb. 18, Feb. 25-28 and March 1.

The \$1,100 satellites will be March 2-4. All satellites start at 9:30 a.m. and players will be competing for their chance at a \$7,500 Shooting Star seat. The event always has been a fan and player favorite because of the fun atmosphere, huge prize pool and \$2,500 bounties on 50 superstars.

**STONES GAMBLING HALL:** The Spring Classic runs Feb. 24-March 5, including a \$125K guarantee on March 2 for \$450. Call the poker room for details.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**HOLIDAY CHAMPIONSHIP:** Portland Meadows and the Final Table Poker Club, both in Portland, hosted the four-event series Dec. 1-4 with \$90-\$160 buy-ins and guarantees of \$10K-\$30K. Two of the tournaments went to **Max Young** (Seaside) and **James Porter** (Portland), who placed second and first, respectively in overall points for all four tournaments. **Tony Strayer** (Portland) was third overall.

Portland Meadows (22 tables) and the Final Table Poker Club (15 tables) are operated as poker clubs, so there are no fees for their tournaments, no rake for their cash games, no salaries for their dealers. They only require a \$10 membership fee, which gets you all the play you want for one day.

Portland Meadows is following up its December event with the 11th annual Northwest Deaf Poker tournament series Feb. 24-25, with three events that have buy-ins of \$50, \$75 and \$100.

**CHINOOK WINDS CASINO:** Once a year, the property closes its sev-

en-table poker room and fills a meeting room next door with 20-plus tables for its PacWest Poker Classic, this year running Feb. 18-26.

Things start off with a \$330 six-max, which sports a \$50K guarantee and has two Day 1s on Feb. 18-19 and Day 2 on Feb. 20. Single-day events during the week will be a \$140 NLHE, \$120 seniors, \$150 Omaha/8, \$150 PLO/8, \$170 NLHE. The classic culminates in a two-day \$550 main event with a \$100K guarantee Feb. 25-26.

Chinook Winds in Lincoln, Ore., is the 13th-largest poker room in the region and routinely spreads \$1-\$3 NLHE and features Omaha on Tuesdays and stud on Fridays. The room is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays, just not during the PacWest event.

**MUCKLESHOOT CASINO:** The Spring Classic runs March 15-20 with five tournaments, a \$250 shootout and four NLHE events with lots of house-added money. More details will be reported in our March issue.

Muckleshoot is 31 miles southeast of Seattle in Auburn, Wash., and is the largest room in the region with 32 tables. It routinely spreads \$4-\$8 limit and Omaha/8 games and \$3-\$5 NLHE (subject to the state-mandated \$500 limit per bet, of course). Also, a \$15-\$30 Omaha/8 slugfest occasionally spreads. Promotions include \$55K paid weekly in high hands for both hold'em and Omaha games.

## RENO

**ATLANTIS:** Players will earn \$4 an hour in comps until March 31. Also, the \$40 tournament runs daily at 11 a.m. with 6K in starting chips.

**PEPPERMILL:** There's an updated feature on the poker room's website that allows players to look at the waiting list and the games spread in the poker room. Players also enjoy the convenience of receiving a text message as soon as seats are available. During the second Saturday of every month at noon, there's a \$235 tournament with 15K in starting chips.

**ELDORADO:** A new promotion for \$3-\$6 limit has been implemented from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during weekdays. The poker room manager will draw a seat twice per hour and the winner will receive \$20.

The Beat the Boss freeroll draws nearly 100 players on the first Friday of every month at 6 p.m. Players can qualify by logging 25 hours of live games in the previous month or by placing "in the money" in any tournament during the past month.

**GRAND SIERRA:** The poker room pays a high hand every two hours on Mondays and Tuesdays between 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Each winner can choose in \$100 free slot play or \$50 in cash.

**GOLDEN NUGGET:** Daily tournaments are at 10 a.m. for \$23 and 700 in chips.

**CLUB CAL NEVA:** The poker room is giving away \$768 for 10-high straight flushes or better during any of its daily tournaments.

**HARVEY'S LAKE TAHOE:** The \$40 tournament still runs daily at 10 a.m. There's also a popular tournament every Friday at 6 p.m. The buy-in is \$95 and draws around 50 entries.



# SHOT CLOCKS AT BELLAGIO IN VEGAS

The Bellagio poker room has added a 30-second shot clock to its daily tournament. It's the first regularly scheduled tournament in Las Vegas to feature the shot clock.

It works like this: As soon as it's a player's turn to act, the dealer will start the clock, which will be visible to the player. The player has 30 seconds to act. If the player hasn't acted at the end of the 30-second period, the player's hand will be dead, unless the player uses a Time Extension card, which gives the player 60 more seconds to consider the action. Each player is issued two of these cards at the beginning of the tournament.

Bellagio used this format for one of its Five Diamond events in December and it proved popular. That was a \$1,900 event that attracted 200-plus entrants, so the Bellagio feels players in their dailies will appreciate the quick pace.

The Shot Clock tournament runs daily at 2 and has a \$200 buy-in. The starting chip stack is 12,500 and the event has 30-minute levels.

Speaking of the WPT Five Diamond Classic, **James Romero** of Oregon took home nearly \$2M for first place in the championship event in December. Chicago's **Ryan Tosoc** grabbed \$1.1M for second and **Jack Schindler** of Pennsylvania locked up \$736K for third. The \$10,400 tournament had 792 entries and a \$7.6M prize pool.

**RIO:** The World Series of Poker Circuit comes through Feb. 17-28. The series starts with a \$365 event with six starting flights and a \$250K guarantee. A two-day mixed PLO-NLHE event starts Feb. 20. The \$250 seniors event is Feb. 21. PLO fans have their opportunity on Feb. 22 with a \$365 event. A \$365 HORSE event runs Feb. 23. The \$365 Monster Stack, with 20K in chips, is Feb. 24.

The \$1,675 main event has two starting flights beginning Feb. 25 and features a \$750K guarantee. The series ends with a \$2,200 high roller Feb. 27, finishing the next day.

**WYNN:** The Wynn Classic returns Feb. 23-March 12. The first of the three starting flights for the championship event is March 2. That event has a \$750K guarantee and a \$1,600 buy-in.

There's a \$400, two-starting-flight event Feb. 27 that has a \$100K guarantee. A \$600 tourney with three starting flights begins March 9 and offers a \$250K guarantee.

The \$600 seniors event with a \$50K guarantee runs Feb. 24. The PLO tournament is Feb. 26 and has a \$400 buy-in and a \$25K guarantee. Two \$400 Survivor tournaments with \$40K guarantees each are offered on Feb. 23 and March 8.

The Wynn is adding 25 tables to the Encore Players Lounge for the event.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** The Phamous Poker Series Goliath Warmup event runs March 24-April 3. There are 13 events offering a combined \$1M in guarantees. The five-day main event starts the first of its three starting flights March 30. This \$1,650 buy-in event starts players with a 30K stack and features 60-minute levels. The guarantee is \$529,850.

A smaller version of the main event kicks off things March 24. It has two starting flights and 40-minute levels, with the same 30K starting stack. The buy-in is \$600 and the guarantee

Daily events at Bellagio will have shot clocks.



is \$150K. There's also a \$4K high roller April 2.

**BALLY'S:** The mid-Strip room is offering progressive high hands. The royal flush of each suit will reset at \$500 each. Straight flushes of each suit reset at \$100. Each rank of quads resets at \$50. The payoff of each hand increases daily until each is hit.

Hourly high hands run daily from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. The payout is \$100. There's a \$20K monthly freeroll with 60 hours of live play during the period needed to qualify. The top-50 finishers in the freeroll each get \$400.

The main cash game is a lively \$1-\$2 NLHE with a \$100-\$300 min-max buy-in. A \$3-\$6 limit game with a \$30 minimum also gets spread.

Tournaments run daily at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m. They are all \$50 buy-ins with a 5K starting stack, 20-minute levels and a \$500 guarantee.

**FLAMINGO:** One of the busiest mid-sized rooms, the Flamingo is one of the few rooms on the Strip offering a \$2-\$4 limit game and it's almost always running. The minimum buy-in is \$20.

In addition, Flamingo spreads \$4-\$8 limit with a half-kill. It has a \$40 minimum buy-in. There's a free buffet to players for every six hours they play in this game. There's also a monthly freeroll just for players in this game, with 35 hours of play in the period needed to qualify. The first 20 finishers in the freeroll get \$250, the rest of the qualifiers get \$100 each.

Of course, the room spreads \$1-\$2 NLHE, which has a \$100-\$300 min-max buy-in.

Other promos include high hands (\$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$300 for royals). The payouts are doubled for that \$4-\$8 limit game. There are also two weekly freerolls (Monday and Friday). Eight hours in the half-week before each qualify. The top-10 finishers get \$250 each.

There are six tournaments a day, all starting with a 20K stack. At 10 a.m., it's a \$60 buy-in with a \$500 guarantee. At 1 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and midnight it's \$60 with a \$600 guarantee. All of these have 15-minute levels. The 4 p.m. is a turbo with 10-minute levels, a \$50 buy-in and a \$500 guarantee.

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at [robvegaspoker.blogspot.com](http://robvegaspoker.blogspot.com).



# WINTER CLASSIC IS FEB. 11-13 IN AZ.

The sixth annual Winter Classic returns Feb. 11-13, to the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., with two Day 1s. Surviving players will return to finish Feb. 13. The buy-in is \$400 and last year saw 366 players vie for a \$125K prize pool. Ask about satellites.

Also, the poker room hosted a charity event Nov. 19 as 317 players entered to raise \$7,925 for U.S. Food Bank Services. In December, 440 players donated toys for the annual Toy Drive.

Mad Money Monday has moved to Wacky Wild Wednesday: \$250 to the high hand every 15 minutes from noon-midnight. Dates are Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN RESORT:** The property will host its NFL Super Sunday Celebration on Feb. 5, opening at 7 a.m. High Hand Bash Splash runs before the game as qualifying hands are all quads and straight flushes. The table that hits the qualifying hand receives a \$25 splash pot. After the game, any qualifying hand not hit is worth \$50 and the hands that were hit before the game are worth \$25.

Anyone who plays cash games for two hours before 3 p.m. will receive a square for the Big Board. Any squares not covered will be filled in with \$25 and \$50 splash pots as \$25 will be paid for the player with the correct scores at the end of first, second and third quarters multiplied by their hours played. At the end of the game, the prize money is multiplied by three. The room also pays the reverse score at the end of the game for half the amount. During the game, \$100 will be splashed on each table after a touchdown or safety and \$50 per table for a field goal. At halftime, live-game players receives a raffle ticket and there will be random drawings for cash and splash pots.

**GILA RIVER WILD HORSE PASS:** The poker room has 25 tables with USB charging ports and player-tracking on the Bravo system. Players earn \$1 per hour for live games and tournaments. There are early morning high hands, Rolling Cash Fever drawings every two hours and 6-4 Cracked in Omaha along with Aces Cracked in hold'em around the clock.

**GILA RIVER VEE QUIVA:** There are 14 tables here and guests earn \$1 per hour while playing tournaments or live games. The Play Poker room offers Red & Black Aces Cracked, NBA and NCAA basketball Splash Pots, a morning high-hand promotion and payouts for quads or better.

## COLORADO

**BLACK HAWK:** At Golden Gates, the 17th Colorado Poker Championships saw some attendance woes because of inclement, but no events were canceled. Here are results: **Surya**

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## MEET KEVIN ANDERSON



Say hello to the Red Panda. At the Ameristar Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., where **Kevin Anderson** works, there are four Kevins, so nicknames are essential. He was aptly named for his red hair. He worked at the Isle as a dealer and prop before joining the Ameristar poker team as a dealer and now manager. Anderson conducts dealer auditions, performs reviews and scheduling.

He was involved in the rewrite of Colorado Gaming Commission Rule 10, which addresses handling mistakes on the flop (such as a four-card flop) for hold'em and Three Card Poker. Anderson said he's a poker player who enjoys live and tournaments with a favorite hand of pocket aces.

He recently won the employee tournament, knocking out his boss, **Andy Ormsby**. He has two brothers and two cats and spends his free time watching the NFL. — **Dick Stein**

**Ramjalt** won the Kick Start tournament for \$21,970; **James Morrison** took down the Employee Event (\$5,650); **Crestino Cisneros** won Omaha/8 (\$1,810); **Devon Hodgen** shipped the six-max (\$9,120). **Schuyler Thornton** earned \$55,409 for capturing the \$1,100 main event. **Steve Harvey** earned the most points (260), followed by **Shane Sloan** (258) and **Justin Enger** (240). Poker room manager **Nathan "Cage" Yanchunis** said, "The high-hand promotions have been very successful." Awards range from \$100 on weekdays to \$500 and \$600 on the weekends. The next Heartland Poker Tour starts Feb. 9. ... Ameristar poker room manager **Andy Ormsby** said: "We've had huge success with the Descending Progressive Bad Beat. It's all everyone has been talking about. The DPBB starts at \$25K and grows daily as the qualifier drops daily Monday through Friday. It's the first time in Ameristar history we went full spread to 22 tables on weekdays. The last DPBB got to kings full of queens beaten for about \$100K."

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** Midnight Rose's New Year's Day tournament had a \$2,017 guarantee and the field was capped at 45 players with 50 alternates for the five tables. Promotion-wise, the Faces Cracked pot-sized bonus has been retired. It sounded good, but was difficult to explain and administer. Replacing it, the Four Flush Award has been reinstated. Poker room manager **Jeff Peck** said the Colorado State Poker Championships series returns in April. Check the website soon for scheduling.

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# HARD ROCK TULSA SERIES IS FEB. 7

The Tulsa-based RunGoodGear.com Poker Series has announced its spring stops. The regional tour's Spring Brawl will have a stop at Harrah's North Kansas City.

But it kicks off at Tulsa's Hard Rock Casino on Feb. 7-12. The feature event is the \$675 buy-in, \$100K guarantee main event.

There will be three 10-seat guarantees offered to gain entry into the multiday event. Other events include Jack and Jill, pot-limit Omaha rebuy, a \$10K guarantee shootout and the traditional RunGoodGear Pro knockout. Book \$89 rooms using code RunGoodPokerFeb2017.

The World Series of Poker Circuit returns to the Hard Rock on March 16-27.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The casino's Reindeer Games Series ended Dec. 11 as Arkansas' **Ricky Gebhart** won the \$350 main event, defeating nearly 180 players for \$11,943. Another Arkansas player, **Matt Ellis**, won two \$135 events (bounty and rebuy) to collect \$4,100-plus. Siloam Springs' **Neng Lor** won the \$20K guarantee for \$4,757. Next up is the Ozarks Poker Championships on Feb. 17-26. Guarantees total \$77,500.

**WINSTAR WORLD CASINO:** This 46-table room's daily tournament schedule offers mid-week \$65 events. Weekend tournaments, including two bounty, run \$120-\$230. Cash games include \$1-\$2, \$1-\$3 and \$10-\$20 NLHE, \$4-\$8 limit, \$1-\$2 PLO and PLO/8 and \$2-\$5 PLO. Aces Cracked runs Tuesdays and Thursdays (11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 8-midnight).

**CHOCTAW CASINO:** This 30-table room in Durant, Okla., is running numerous bad-beat, mini-bad-beat, "Close one" bad-beat, early-bird-tournament-free-chips, high-hand and splash-pot promotions. The Jan. 11-23 WSOPC results will be reported in the next issue.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** This 12-table room continues to offer a monthly freeroll for players who qualify through a tournament leaderboard or 50 hours of live play.

The room also offers hourly high hands and a bad-beat promotion. On several days of the week, there's a featured game, including \$5-\$5 PLO, \$3-\$6 and \$20-\$40 limit, \$4-\$8 Omaha/8, \$25-\$50 limit mixed and \$2-\$5 NLHE.

**RIVERWIND CASINO:** A sister casino to WinStar World, this 17-table room is open 9 a.m.-3:30 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Players will find limit, NLHE and PLO commonly spread. Tournaments run Wednesday-Sunday with \$30-\$100 buy-ins. Splash pot, hot-seat drawings and other promotions are popular.

**DOWNSTREAM CASINO:** The 14-table room runs single-table tourneys and has a weekly tournament schedule with \$45-\$120 buy-ins. Games include crazy pineapple and a variety of NLHE such as bounty, seniors and deepstack. The room also offers monthly freerolls to qualifying players.

**GRAND CASINO:** The room offers a variety of tournaments with \$25-\$100 buy-ins. Games include bounty, rebuy and superstack. On specific days of the week, players can expect to find Aces Cracked and high-hand promotions. Bad-beat jackpots are in hold'em and Omaha.

**AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY:** A 13-table room, Ameristar offers fea-

tured games several days a week. Games included are \$3-\$6 limit, \$5-\$5 PLO, \$5-\$10 Omaha/8 and \$4-\$8 HO. Daily, the first five players who get Aces Cracked win \$100. The progressive bad-beat jackpot was \$185K-plus at press time.

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** **Adam Martinez** is the new poker room manager at this 13-table room. A \$10K quarterly freeroll has qualifying until March 3. Call for details. Daily games are \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$4-\$8 limit with a half-kill, \$1-\$2 PLO and \$10-\$20 mixed games. The weekly tournament schedule has \$30-\$80 buy-ins. A \$250 bounty event runs the last Saturday of each month. The bad-beat jackpot was \$130K-plus at press time.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** Known in the area for its crazy-pineapple tournaments, the eight-table room's schedule also includes PLO and NLHE with \$30-\$50 buy-ins. The room is closed Mondays.

**BOOT HILL CASINO:** Players will find four 10-handed tables in the pit. PLO/8 and NLHE are popular and have a reputation for playing big as buy-ins often are uncapped. Tables open at 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

## NEW MEXICO

**SANDIA CASINO RESORT:** There are regular weekly tournaments, with Sunday hosting a \$50 event at noon and a \$45 event at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can play a bounty tournament for \$75. The popular \$235 Big Dogs event is Feb. 18. Registration begins Feb. 6 with the house adding \$900 to the prize pool.

**ROUTE 66 CASINO:** Play in three tournaments every day. Most times are for NLHE, but there's a pineapple event each Wednesday, plus many tournaments include bounties.

Join the Player of the Year promotion to earn big bucks for finishing in the top five for the year. For a complete listing, visit the casino's website or read our Where to Play section in this magazine.

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT:** The \$150 last Saturday of the Month tournament starts at 1 p.m. The 6:30 tournament later that evening is a great consolation if you missed out earlier and because of the large numbers there's plenty of cash games in hold'em and Omaha.

In February, play in the special Big Game Day on Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. For \$30, you can jump in, with unlimited \$20 rebuys for the first hour and then a \$25 add-on at the end of the rebuy period. Start with 3,500 chips with 15-minute levels.

**SANTA ANA CASINO:** Every day at noon you can find a solid \$2-\$6 limit game in the table games area. Limit hold'em may be a lost art these days, but there's still plenty of money to win if you can make the adjustments.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** Big-money tournaments run every quarter. Experience some of the best live action hold'em in the state and each Friday is a \$120 tourney at 6 p.m. Every Sunday at 2 p.m. is a \$75 event.

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# A LOT IS GOING ON IN TAMPA BAY

Poker sure has been busy at the Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa, Fla. First, the Winter Poker Open, which ran Dec. 1-18 and had a little something for everyone: Omaha players, Classic Rockers (aka seniors), women and three weekend events that shattered expectations.

But the \$1,650 main event was the crown jewel of the series, sporting a \$300K guarantee that ended up being more than \$700K. Some big-name pros in the main event included **Greg Raymer**, **John Dolan**, **Sheddy Siddiqui** and **Allen Kessler**, plus local pros **John Racener**, **Justin Zaki** and Tampa ambassador **Wally Maddah**.

**David Bradshaw**, **Matthew Leecy** and **Josh Lowing** agreed to chop, giving Bradshaw the win, \$154K and a seat into the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open's \$5,250 main event. Leecy walked with \$120K and Lowing earned \$86.8K.

Others who made a splash in the series were Maddah, who made the final table of the \$360 event, and **John Holley**, who not only won the final \$250 turbo but had declared he would win a trophy in the series and waited until the last event to make good on that promise.

In other news, the Hard Rock opened its new poker room on Jan. 2. It gives players plenty of room at the table, comfortable chairs, USB chargers under each seat, a snack bar with fresh food, huge TVs and a fresh modern look.

**DERBY LANE:** Looking for a way to play in the World Series of Poker? The Derby Lane Poker League has a 20-week season that kicked off Jan. 12. It has sent at least 10 people to the WSOP main event. Last year, **Steve Trizis** made a fine run to cash in his first WSOP appearance, courtesy of his win in the league. There is still plenty of time for you to enter. The structure will send as many \$10K seats (plus expenses) to the series as it can. For more information, see Derby Lane management.

**SEMINOLE IMMOKALEE:** The second annual Seminole Immokalee Poker Challenge runs Feb. 21-26. The six-day festival is part of the Seminole Hard Rock Poker season and features two primary events headlined by the \$1,650 buy-in, \$200K guarantee. In all, the series will award more than \$250K.

The championship begins Feb. 24 and is eligible in the SHRP Player of the Year race, which awards prizes to the top three points earners and boasts a winning prize valued at \$32,450. The tournament features an added seat in the \$5,250 Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open Championship for the winner.

Last year's championship drew 127 entries and saw **Herbert Woodberry** of Winter Garden claim the top prize of \$51K along with a \$3,500 tournament entry.

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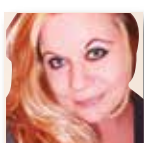
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## MEET VICTORIA NUNEZ



If you've played in many major tournaments, you probably will recognize **Victoria Nunez**, who has been a traveling dealer since 2011. She started in South Florida at Gulfstream Park in 2008. She has cut back on travel, but still finds plenty of work, mainly at the major events at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood. She hopes to become a tournament player someday. She chopped a ladies event heads-up at the Isle a few years ago in her first event.

**What was your introduction to the WSOP like?** My first WSOP job was in May 2011 at Harrah's in New Orleans then went straight to the WSOP. I thought the circuit events were big, but the World Series was just massive compared to anything I'd ever dealt.

**What do you like most about dealing all over the country?** My previous job before dealing was as an outreach counselor and there was a lot of traveling, so seeing new places was always a lot of fun, but best of all was the excitement because I love poker and being involved with it on a daily basis. Being able to pick and choose the tournaments I want to work is also great for me. When my mother was very sick a couple of years ago and I took care of her, I needed that flexibility that you can't have on a regular job. I'm also excited about working at the Hard Rock for its big events over the past few years because I've had a chance to see them build their brand up close.

**Outside of that opening night bad beat, what is a top highlight of your career?** Meeting **James Woods** at my first WSOP. I'm a big movie buff and I love him as an actor. I wanted to get a photo with him, but since I was working at the table, I couldn't take my phone out right then. Three hours later, when I was on a break, he searched me out and said, "Do you still want that picture?" and I just melted. — **Dave Lemmon**

Preceding this year's \$1,650 championship is the \$350 buy-in, \$50K guarantee opener, which will feature an added \$1,650 championship seat.

With four starting flights, the event saw a strong field of 188 entries last year as **Brian Wilson** of nearby Cape Coral won (\$16,356). There will be daily satellites and side events.

The series schedule and event structures are available at [seminoleimmokaleepoker.com](http://seminoleimmokaleepoker.com).

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Saturday	Mar. 4	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$570	20,000	
		5:00pm	Event #3 All in or Fold Hold'em w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
Sunday	Mar. 5	12:00pm	Event #1 Final Day			\$100,000
		1:00pm	Event #4 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000	
Monday	Mar. 6	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000	
		7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000	
Tuesday	Mar. 7	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000	
		7:30pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #5	\$200	12,000	
Wednesday	Mar. 8	12:00pm	Event #5 Final Day			\$50,000
		3:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Thursday	Mar. 9	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH	\$570	15,000	
		1:00pm	Event #8 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000	
Friday	Mar. 10	12:00pm	NLH Main Event Day 1A	\$1,500	25,000	
Saturday	Mar. 11	12:00pm	NLH Main Event Day 1B	\$1,500	25,000	
		3:00pm	Event #9 Big O or Better	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #10 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sunday	Mar. 12	12:00pm	Main Event Day 2			
		3:00pm	Event #11 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #12 NLH Turbo	\$240	10,000	
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# WSOPC IN W. PALM BEACH FEB. 9

The seventh edition of the Palm Beach Kennel Club's February stop on the World Series of Poker Circuit begins Feb. 9 with a \$365 Monster Stack at noon. The series continues with its 12 Rings in 12 Days format, headlined by the \$1,675 main event, which will feature two starting sessions Feb. 17-18. Other ring events include PLO/8, a second Monster Stack and two new options, a six-max and an eight-max.

The past two main-event champions of this popular series were top local pros **Mukul Pahuja** and **Darryll Fish**.

**HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD:** The week after Christmas in South Florida isn't particularly known as a big poker week, but **Youssef Nassr** of Haines City, Fla., picked up some nice holiday cash by defeating a field of 148 at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood to capture the Fun in the Sun series main event on Dec. 30. The \$560 tourney easily met its \$50K guarantee and Nassr took home \$20,428 by defeating **Jose Castro** and **Adam "Roothlus" Levy**.

**Jeff Fogel**, who serves as a counselor and girls basketball coach at the **Michael Ann Russell JCC** in North Miami Beach, was second in chips as the tourney wound down to the final 10 players. After about an hour of play, Fogel suffered a bad beat when he turned a flush, got it all-in and groaned when the board paired on the river to give his opponent a full house and eliminate Fogel ninth. He laughed it off with a simple, "That's poker."

Fogel has battled far tougher challenges in life since being diagnosed with **Lou Gehrig's** disease in 2012. He was given about five years to live in 2015, but he has refused to let the disease rob him of the opportunity to inspire youngsters. He travels to schools and gives motivational speeches, showing children the 27-minute documentary of his life with the disease, *Who is Lou Gehrig?*

The inspirational film, written and directed by South Florida filmmaker **Gil Green** of 305 Films, has been shown at several film festivals and has received critical acclaim. Miami Heat player **Udonis Haslem** is one of the film's executive producers and has a small cameo in the movie along with several other Heat players.

At the felt, Fogel uses an elevated motorized wheelchair, but because he has lost the use of his arms and hands, he requires assistance to look at his cards and move his chips. Top players and good friends such as **Michael Moed**, **Steve Karp**, **Matt Waxman** and **David Kaye** have served as his assistant in recent events. He needs no help in making decisions, however, as evidenced by Fogel's amazing 158th-place finish in the inaugural Colossus at the World Series of Poker in 2015, which has 22K-plus entries.

**ISLE CASINO:** The Battles at the Beach runs Feb. 15-March 7. Call the poker room for details and schedule information.

**PPC UPDATE:** The Players Poker Championship Tour, based in Pompano Beach, is being accused of failing to pay prize money in its season-ending championship event in Aruba in early November.

Reportedly, the top finishers were paid \$10K at the event and promised to receive the remainder in a few days, but the funds were not forthcoming. Ante Up spoke briefly with **Bryan Oulton**, co-owner of PPC with **Sandy Swartzbaugh**, shortly after

Christmas, but he refused to comment on the situation on the advice of his lawyer. The tour's website has been reduced to a landing page.

The winner of the Aruba tournament, **Stephen Deutsch**, along with the fourth- and sixth-place finishers, **Michael Lerner** and **Joan Sandoval**, have retained poker attorney **MacVerStandig** to represent them in an effort to get paid. Reportedly, three of the top poker rooms who have hosted PPC events in the past, the Isle Casino in Pompano Beach, Tampa Bay Downs and Maryland Live have severed ties with the tour, and the Isle's scheduled series in early January was canceled. Sponsored pros **Ronnie Bardah**, **Mark Kroon** and **Chris "Fox" Wallace** have withdrawn their association with the tour. Bardah apologized on Twitter to those affected by the non-payments.

Please continue to read *Ante Up* for more details as they become available.

## NORTH FLORIDA

**NEW NAME AT DAYTONA BEACH:** The Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room has changed its name to Daytona Beach Racing and Card Club.

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

**CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA:** The poker room will have \$200 high hands hourly on Feb. 11 from 1-11 p.m. Also, there's a \$10K guarantee Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. for \$270 and a \$5K guarantee on Feb. 24 at 7 for \$120. There are \$60 satellites for the \$10K on select Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7. Call 850-875-6930 for details.

**PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK:** The \$20K guarantee (\$180) will have three Day 1s from Feb. 9-11 with Day 2 on Feb. 12. Satellites are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1. There is a \$70 bounty event Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. See the ad on Page 41 for more promotions here and for sister property Creek Entertainment Gretna.

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** **Rory McCoid** of Jacksonville won the \$50K guarantee in December. The \$200 event drew a huge field of 510 players, beating the guarantee with an \$81,600 prize pool. McCoid earned \$15K for the win. **Mike Frierson** of Honolulu and **Jermaine Gerlin** of Jacksonville chopped second and third for \$10,562 each.

In other news, the poker room's 700-plus employees ran a United Way campaign that led to more than \$25K in donations to the United Way of Northeast Florida.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** A lot of new promotions and tournament structures were introduced in 2016, so the staff wants to know what you think of the changes and wants ways to improve the poker room. Call 850-535-4048 ext. 180 or you can email [EbroPokerDirector@gmail.com](mailto:EbroPokerDirector@gmail.com) with your comments.





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# IN N.C., ALBRINCK WINS 2ND WSOPC RING



**Brad Albrinck** won the \$1,675 main event of the World Series of Poker Circuit on Dec. 5 at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina. He earned \$275K, besting **Jason Rivkin** of Eatontown, N.J., heads-up, for his second WSOPC main-event title.

Rivkin won \$170,639 for second. *Ante Up* Pacific Northwest Ambassador **Jay Zeman** made the final table and pocketed \$33,440. The main event drew 968 players for a \$1.452M prize pool. Albrinck won his first WSOPC title in September 2013 at the Horseshoe Casino in his hometown of Cincinnati.

"You know, I started the day pretty short-stacked, so it was maybe less expected. Especially because (Rivkin) had all the chips for a lot of the final table," Albrinck said.

Other winners were **Jarrett Mullins** (\$365 Event 2, \$101,190), **Sergiu Nagit** (\$365 Event 2, \$29,633), **Robert Reed** (\$580 Event 3, \$42,019), **Josh Reichard** (\$365 Event 4, six-max, \$34,188), **Phong Nguyen** (\$365 Event 5 PLO, \$19,945), **Michael Sanders** (\$365 Event 6, \$33,224), **Jason Maeroff** (\$365 Event 7 Monster Stack, \$56,106), **Teodoru Balan** (\$580 Event 8, \$33,600), **Robert Briggs** (\$365 Event 9, \$26,265), **Mohana Karella** (\$365 Event 11, \$23,138) and **Adam West** (\$2,200 Event 12 High Roller, \$60,598).

The next WSOPC here will be April 13-24.

## MISSISSIPPI

At the southern end of the state, there are plenty of big guarantees coming up you don't want to miss.

In the Big Slick Poker Room at Scarlet Pearl, there's a \$30K guarantee Feb. 9-12. For \$255, you get to compete for the massive prize pool, enjoy a buffet on Feb. 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and meet the Absolute Girls (also Feb. 11).

The structure sheet, which boasts a slow-moving layout, can be found at [scarletpearlcasino.com](http://scarletpearlcasino.com).

Also at the Pearl, Feb. 25 will be a 100-person shootout (10 tables of 10) for \$150. Each table winner earns \$1K. The winner of Round 2 receives a cruise package and entrance into a \$100K guarantee main event in St. Maarten.

For those of you who enjoy single-table satellites or thrive in smaller tournaments, this is a great opportunity to play something a little different and have a shot at both an awesome prize package and a nice cash bonus.

**BEAU RIVAGE:** The property runs two great monthly events with healthy guarantees. The first is a \$50K guarantee for \$355, which includes the \$10 dealer add-on 2K more chips. This tournament runs the first full weekend of every month with Flight 1A on Friday at noon, Flight 1B on Saturday at noon and the restart on Sunday at 10 a.m.

This tournament usually boasts a huge turnout with a prize pool in excess of the guarantee, making it a tremendous value for the investment.

On the third full weekend of the month, the Beau hosts a

\$25K guarantee. The \$245 buy-in includes a \$10 dealer add-on for 2K more chips. Flight 1A is Friday at noon, 1B is Saturday at noon and the restart is Sunday at 10 a.m. For more info, poker room rates and structure sheets, go to [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com).

## MISSOURI

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** If you're looking to broaden your horizons in 2017 by branching out beyond no-limit hold'em, Hollywood has you covered with its weekly \$2-\$6 spread-limit stud game. The action kicks off at 11 a.m. every Friday and has become popular, so you might want to call ahead to reserve your seat, which you can do two hours in advance.

Players can reach Executive Producer status and all the perks that come with it by logging 350 hours of live play between Jan. 1 and June 30. That tier is generally unattainable at a casino by playing nothing but poker, but it breaks down to about 14 hours a week, and the \$15 food voucher you'll receive for every four hours of live play (limit two per day) only adds to the value.

## LOUISIANA

**COUSHATTA CASINO:** The \$250 Winter Classic ran Dec. 27-30, drawing 368 players (100 on Day 1A, 96 for 1B and 172 for 1C) to generate a \$77,280 prize pool. **Alan Cramer** → of Beaumont, Texas, captured the title and \$13,140.



He was followed by **Logan Hewitt** (\$9,660), **Desmond Scott** (\$7,728), **James Thomas** (\$6,569), **Iain Mann** (\$5,410), **Brennan Benglis** (\$4,250), **Homer Hinson** (\$3,091), **Donna Taccone** (\$2,318), **Larry Lentschke** (\$1,932) and **Nelli Shteyn** (\$1,546).

The 20-table non-smoking room in Kinder has USB charger ports at its tables, 15 TVs, food comps and free Wi-Fi.

**BOOMTOWN CASINO:** Don't forget, the Heartland Poker Tour runs until Feb. 6. The \$1,100 main event has three starting flights Feb. 2-4 with Day 2 on Feb. 5. Call for details.

**ELDORADO SHREVEPORT:** The amount of promotions in this poker room is remarkable. Royals earn \$500 around the clock and straight flushes pay \$100.

Other promotions include a bad-beat jackpot (quad fives), Full House Frenzy, Splash the Pot, high hands and Aces Cracked (24-7).

Also, a Thursday freeroll promotion pays \$5K every other week. Qualifying began Jan. 30 so call the poker room for details. Info can be found in our Where to Play section at the back of the magazine.

**ISLE LAKE CHARLES:** Each day of the week in the poker room has a promotion or event assigned to it. For instance, Sundays are Splash the Pot, Mondays have King's Cracked, Tuesdays feature Hot Seats, Wednesdays are bounty events, Thursdays have progressive quads, Fridays are Aces Cracked and Saturdays feature tourneys. Call the poker room for specifics.

**HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS:** The World Series of Poker Circuit dates will be May 11-22, but the event schedule hasn't been finalized. ♠



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# WAGNER WINS SUPERSTACKS IN N.Y.

**D**aniel Wagner outlasted 308 players to win the Superstacks Hold'em Series Main Event at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, N.Y. For the victory, Wagner of West Seneca earned \$29,853. The showing capped an impressive year for Wagner, who had two wins and 15 cashes. He was 11th in the \$1,100 event of the 2016 WPT Fallsview Poker Classic (\$11,625).

**Chris Meyers** was second at Turning Stone (\$28,396), while **Kladji Lika** earned \$15,218 for third.

**Allison Schultz** of New York was fourth (\$10,738), followed by **Fred Bartlett** (\$8,034).

The prize pool for the \$570 main event was \$154,500.

**SENECA NIAGARA RESORT & CASINO:** The Western New York Poker Challenge runs March 31-April 9. Stay tuned for more information as it is made available.

**FALLSVIEW CASINO RESORT:** The World Poker Tour's Fallsview Poker Classic is Feb. 17-24 at the Niagara Falls, Ontario, venue. More than \$4.4M will be awarded. The series features two preliminary tourneys, a \$1,500 shootout, and the \$5K main event.

**FOXWOODS CASINO RESORT:** **Seunghwan Lee** grabbed the top spot in a three-way chop of the \$1,650 Mega Stack Challenge Championship in Ledyard, Conn., good for \$53,351. **JeWook Oh** and **Steven Berkowitz** also each earned \$53K in the chop. **Kyle Carey** took home \$25,841 for fourth. The prize pool was \$323,010.



But the biggest event of the series turned out to be the \$600 tournament. **Michael**

**Dobbs** got past **Jayaram Kovoor** to win the title. Dobbs made \$97,845 while Kovoor pocketed \$62,497. **Darrell Blodgett** was third (\$45,117), followed by **Anthony Lanteri** (\$31,546), **Stephen Lapoint** (\$22,022) and **Vito Masi** (\$17,261).

With an impressive 1,158 entries, the prize pool was a whopping \$595,328.

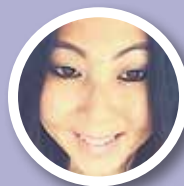
## MID-ATLANTIC

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO:** This month's Getaway Weekend will run Feb. 10-12 with prize-pool guarantees every day.

On Feb. 10 at 11:15 a.m. is a \$10K guarantee for \$115, giving you 25-minute blinds and a 30K stack.

Later that day (7:15) is a \$1,500 guarantee for \$35 (20-min-

## MEET ESTHER TAYLOR-BRADY



**How would you describe your first year of representing Parx as Poker Ambassador?** It's been great and I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity.

I've been able to travel to a lot of tournament stops and represent Parx Poker Room and our Parx Big Stax series.

I'm excited for our partnership with WPT DeepStacks in February for more record-breaking numbers.

**You made several deep runs at the World Series. How did your summer turn out?** My summer was amazing; I was really lucky and I took shots in some bigger tournaments because I felt I had the momentum on my side.

I really just tried to enjoy the ride and be in the moment. I've played tournaments for a while now and I know that so many things have to go right to make it to these final tables. I was just really grateful for the opportunities and made sure to learn from mistakes made for next summer.

**What is the future layout for your poker career?** I still have many goals I'm working toward. The greatest part of poker to me is there is no cap to how good you can be. Therefore, you're always learning, trying new things, failing, picking yourself back up and trying again.

I'll continue to play tournaments when I can, but most important, represent Parx Poker Room to the best of my ability. — **Jo-Kim**

ute blinds, 30K stack).

There's a \$25K guarantee Feb. 11 (11:15 a.m.) for \$200 with 30-minute blinds and 30K chips. Later, at 7:15 is another \$1,500 guarantee for \$35 (15-minute blinds, 30K stack).

The final event is Feb. 12 at 11:15 a.m. with a \$2K guarantee (\$35, 20-minute blinds, 15K chips).

For cash-game players, Dover Downs has a new player-rewards promotion. In addition to the \$1-per-hour comp, you will earn \$2 per hour for the first 29 hours and \$10 per hour for every hour after 30. See the poker room for details.

**CHARITY POKER:** All In Enterprises has its annual World Series of DC Charity Poker series with a lead-up event Feb. 4 and the main event Feb. 12. Go to [allinenterprises.org](http://allinenterprises.org) for details.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** Cash players who play 50-plus hours per week will be awarded \$500. See the poker room for details.

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## CSOP RAISES MONEY AT BORGATA IN A.C.

The Charity Series of Poker kicked off 2017 at the Borgata during the Winter Poker Open in January. The \$220 turbo brought high profile players who had come for the BPO's main event. Each buy-in sent \$100 to Support the Kid, a volunteer-based children's cancer charity.

CSOP has been running strong for three years in three regions: Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., and the Borgata in Atlantic City. The charity group has made \$160K geared toward numerous organizations, including Three Square Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

"While it's amazing to be able to play a game I love for a living and have so much freedom," said pro and CSOP founder **Matt Stout**. "I ended up feeling like I wasn't contributing anything productive to society."



**Mike Frazin** and **Matt Savage** quickly joined the initiative as CSOP board members.

"I created the CSOP as a way to not only raise money and awareness for causes I believe in, but to give other poker players an easy and accessible way to give back and make a real impact on someone else's life," Stout said. "It's also a great reminder that we can have a ton of fun doing it and that helping the less fortunate doesn't have to be a chore."

The 10th CSOP event is tentatively scheduled for July. More info can be found at [charityseriesofpoker.org](http://charityseriesofpoker.org).

Look for results of the BPO in our next issue.

**TEN:** Atlantic City's Revel is scheduled to reopen soon and will be renamed Ten. The venue was recovered from bankruptcy in 2014 by **Glenn Straub**, who purchased the location for \$90M.

Straub recently recruited executive staff members from the Taj Mahal after its closing, one of whom will be running the poker room. Ten is looking forward to its opening and possibly forming a partnership with tournament organizations.

**HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA:** The Chester property ran its third \$100K guarantee (\$120 buy-in) in December.

There were 18 starting flights that played down to 10 percent of the field. Players who made Day 2 cashed for the minimum while hoping to win a seat to this year's World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas.

The winner was **Andrea Salamone**, who earned \$22,642 and the coveted seat. The last four players standing were upgraded of Diamond status on their Total Rewards account.

The event drew 1,279 players. "It's great value," said **Eric Suarez**, who finished second for \$13,982. "It gives people who would normally never play a bigger buy-in tournament a chance to not only win a substantial amount of money, but also a chance to fulfill a dream of playing in the WSOP main." ♠

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# HPT TITLE GOES TO HUGAN IN INDIANA

**B**ruce Hugan outlasted 345 entries to win the Heartland Poker Tour Main Event in early December at Belterra Casino in Indiana. The attorney from Indianapolis who had only 20 big blinds left at one point, won \$75K. **Craig Casino** and **Greg Raymer** were in the field that generated a prize pool of \$332K.

**Michael Gray** won the \$300 Monster Stack for \$10K as 428 players competed for the \$109K prize pool. **Douglas Holland** won the \$200 seniors for \$5,861 and **Leo Whitt** won the \$150 seniors (\$1,007). The HPT returns here March 10-19.

**HARRAH'S JOLIET:** The bad-beat jackpot had reached a whopping \$700K (quad eights) at press time.

**HOLLYWOOD AURORA:** **Ryan Scully** came out on top of 65 eligible players to win the Tournament of Champions for \$6,716. The real estate developer-investor was last year's runner-up.

The bad-beat jackpot at press time was \$392K (quad fives).

**MAJESTIC STAR:** The poker room is the first in the Midwest to use PokerAtlas. "Our sole focus at PokerAtlas is to provide poker players with the best information and playing experience, while offering poker rooms innovative and affordable solutions to manage and improve their operations," PokerAtlas CEO **Jon Friedberg** said.

Also, the seniors tournament has been switched to the first Sunday of the month, starting Feb. 5 at noon with a 10-player minimum needed and 20 players will make a \$5K prize pool.

## OHIO/WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**JACK CASINO CLEVELAND:** Pineapple and crazy-pineapple cash games are offered in a \$2-\$20 spread-limit format. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Good Morning Splash promotion runs every half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to noon (\$150 splash to the table with the best five-card hand). Then from 8 p.m. to midnight, the Flushball promotion awards \$150 every hour to the player with the highest flush of each suit. On Wednesdays, the Hump Day High Hand pays \$220 every 20 minutes from 11:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH:** In cash games, various high-hand promotions are on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$200 Hot Seats on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Sundays feature Puck Drops every other hour between noon and midnight. Look for more details on the poker room's website. At press time, the bad-beat jackpot was \$196K.

**THE MEADOWS:** From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, \$300 will be awarded every hour for the high hand of the qualifying period. A total of \$4,500 will be awarded. Also, a royal flush wins the progressive jackpot; see the poker room for amount.

## MIDWEST AMBASSADORS



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## MEET ANDY FABER

**Andy Faber**, a married father of four, spent six years working as a poker dealer at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells before being promoted to a floor, a position he's held for four years. The Central Michigan University Sociology-Criminology graduate took some time to answer a few questions.

**How did you come to work in poker?** I started in the casino as a security officer and enjoyed watching the table games. Poker especially interested me. I began watching it on TV a lot and probably spent more time "securing the poker room" than I should have. When the opportunity came to transfer in as a poker dealer, I jumped on it.

**What do you like most about working in poker?** I enjoy the people in poker more than anything else. Whether the players, the dealers, the visitors for our larger tournaments or anyone else, I enjoy interacting with poker people. Sure, there are a few bad apples, but it seems most are logical, thoughtful people, some who are very passionate about their poker life. I very much enjoy being a part of that community.

— **Chad Holloway**

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBUS:** Did you know there is a poker room line? Call 614-308-4655 to join a game or to find out about some great promotions for cash games. Details also can be listed on the room's Facebook page.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO:** The room has been paying high hands every 30 minutes on Thursdays (4 p.m.-midnight a.m.), Fridays (4 p.m.-2 a.m.), Saturdays (noon-2 a.m.) and Sundays (noon-10 p.m.). The minimum qualifying hand is aces full of deuces and both hold cards must play. Other cash-game promotions include Hollywood Awards, where players win by making any of the 29 qualifying hands. Also, there's a "3 for \$30" in which you play three consecutive hours between 3 a.m. and noon to receive \$30 in chips added to your stack (qualify twice and receive \$60).

## MINNESOTA

**CANTERBURY PARK:** **Jon Kim** of St. Louis Park, Minn., earned \$107,659 after winning the season-ending Mid-States Poker Tour event in Shakopee. This cash more than doubled Kim's career earnings and was more than 10 times larger than his second largest cash. He held one of the big stacks for most of the

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## MIDWEST

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final table and played it aggressively. Kim, **Sam Hanson** and **Jason Bender** battled three-handed for about 40 minutes. After Kim took out Bender, Kim held a 10-to-1 lead over Hanson. After just a few hands, Kim, with K-K, got it all-in against Hanson's A-K and it held to win his first MSPT tournament.

"It's been a long time coming," said Kim, who qualified for the tournament via a \$250 satellite. "I've been playing the MSPT since the beginning, but this is actually my first MSPT cash. It's pretty cool."

The event had a \$1,100 buy-in, drew 464 entrants and generated a \$448,580 prize pool.

There was a tough fight in the MSPT Player of the Year race. Before the event, **Carl Carodenuto** of Bloomington, Minn., held the top spot after two first-place finishes this season. Richard Alsup of New Hope, Minn., needed to finish at least 27th to take the lead and he did, finishing 26th to earn Season 7 MSPT POY. Alsup had six cashes, including a second and a fourth, in 2016 to earn him 3,900 points.

**RUNNING ACES:** **Duane Nelson** of Ogilvie, Minn., took home \$32,835 after winning the Cold Hard Cash event in Columbus. Nelson earned the title by eliminating local tournament powerhouse **Rajae "Robbie" Wazwaz**. The \$280 tournament drew 113 entries for a \$126,290 prize pool.



**HARTMANN HONORED:** **Anthony Hartmann** of Shakopee, Minn., was inducted into the Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame. He has been part of the Minnesota poker community since the 1980s and has \$1M-plus lifetime tournament earnings.

"I'm more about the players than the game. I love the characters," Hartmann said. "I also love how poker has afforded me the ability to spend more time with my wife and kids."

"He's the last of a dying breed," said **Michael Hochman**, Canterbury Park's VP of casino operations. "Here's a guy who came up from mucking pan in home games, to hustling gin players three times his age, to showing triple-digit tournament success and continued live-poker success, locally and nationally."

Hartmann joins **Meehan, Blake Bohn, Mike Schneider** and **Lyle Berman** as members of the Hall.

## IOWA

**HORSESHOE CASINO:** A four-way chop ended the Horseshoe Holiday Poker Classic \$240 main event in Council Bluffs. **Jeffery Fielder, Michael Fick, Raymond Rife** and **Joshua Meyer** shared equally the \$43,226 payout. This yearly event drew 426 entrants. The Horseshoe hosts the RunGood Poker Series, which includes several events and main-event satellites, Feb. 21-26. The main event is \$555 on Feb. 25.

**WINNAVEGAS:** The Sloan poker room has free tournaments on Sundays at noon with a \$400 guarantee.

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The poker room in Altoona will have monthly World Series of Poker main-event satellites, including one at noon on Feb. 19. Registration begins at 10 a.m. for the \$200 buy-in event that will give you a chance at winning a \$10K WSOP seat in Las Vegas this summer as well as \$2K for expenses. Check with the poker room for more details.

## WISCONSIN

**WSOPC WIN NO. 5:** At the end of November, Janesville's **Josh Reichard** topped a field of 518 players in the World Series of Poker Circuit Harrah's Cherokee Event 4 (\$365 six-max) to win his fifth career gold ring and \$34,188.

**POTAWATOMI CASINO:** Speaking of the WSOPC, it visits here Feb. 2-13. The \$1,675 main event has two starting flights (Feb. 10-11 at 11 a.m.) and sports a \$750K guarantee. The \$365 opener has four starting flights between Feb. 2-3 and has a \$100K guarantee. Go to [wsop.com](http://wsop.com) for the schedule.

**HO-CHUNK WISCONSIN DELLS:** The annual \$300 Holiday Knockout tournament drew 56 entrants plus local radio celebrity **Johnny Danger**, who had a \$400 bounty on his head. **Peter Ruskiewicz** collected that bounty, while **Todd Adler** and **Dave Grandin** chopped the event heads-up for \$4,035 each. The tournament raised \$670 for the local fire department.

**OBIT:** **James W. "Big Daddy" Kroon**, age 78, died Dec. 29. The father of pro **Mark "Poker Ho" Kroon**, the elder Kroon was a beloved member of the Madison Poker Community and a familiar face at the famed Players Sports Bar.

**LAWSUIT:** Wisconsin's **Joan Sandoval** is one of several players who sued the Players Poker Championship Poker Tour, an organization facing allegations of racketeering and operating a Ponzi scheme. Sandoval, who finished sixth in the 2016 PPC Aruba World Championship for \$21,390, is seeking \$11,390 of unpaid prize money. ♠

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# STILL THE ONE

Dalton Still of Rocklin, Calif., holds off Matthew Boddorf at Thunder Valley Casino Resort to become our 2016 Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year.





## By Scott Long

Going into the final day of the 2016 Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year race, **Dalton Still** knew he was in for a fight to win the title. And that's exactly what he got from **Matthew Boddorf**.

"Matt is a very determined guy and I knew it would mean a lot for him to win this title, so it was by no means over," Still said of that November day at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif. "We both made Day 2 of the (Ante Up NorCal Classic) Main Event and I figured it was pretty much a last longer for the title."

But it was a series of last-longers that decided the champion, with Still emerging on top in the most exciting final day in Ante Up's POY race history. Still had built a mountain of chips in the main event, only to see them evaporate in the span of a few hands.

"I'm not going to lie; I was pretty devastated and thought it might be all over," said Still of Rocklin, Calif. "I went and had a beer at the bar, decompressed and thought about what was happening. I realized that the next tourney had unlimited re-entries so I decided that I was going to register and play as aggressively as I could to either build a stack early and rebuy as many times as I needed to. Luckily, I got a quick double on my first bullet and said to myself, 'This isn't over yet.'"

Boddorf exited the main event just shy of overtaking Still for the points lead and a frantic fight to the finish was on. Boddorf got ousted from the afternoon event and, with Still chipping up, had to put his fortunes into the final tournament of the season. But that night tournament proved to be the third heartbreak of the day for Boddorf as Still claimed the title without needing the points he would later earn for yet another final-table appearance.

"After Matt busted both events without cashing, he came over and congratulated me," said Still, who describes his play as tricky-aggressive and extremely perceptive. "It was a great experience and am glad that I got to share it with Matt."

Next up for Still will be this summer's World Series of Poker, but he said he'll be "putting poker on the back burner" to focus on trading stocks and options, which he's been doing for about six years.

"I have a passion for it as I once did for poker," he said. "I'm 34 years old now and the thought of still grinding poker when I'm 40 scares me."

For Still, the title meant validation for an endeavor into which he has put so much effort.

"The variance of tournament poker can be agonizing, almost to the point where you question yourself for dedicating so much time toward it," said Still, who started playing in 2002 and was forced to figure out live play after Black Friday. "The money comes and goes so it's nice to have small accomplishments along the way to reinforce to yourself that you haven't been completely wasting your time. It's a good feeling to have these type of accomplishments to show your family that you aren't just some 'degenerate gambler.' It's funny how something like this can transform the opinions of people close to you from gambler to a slightly more respectable poker player."

Not that Still needs to do much convincing with those who know him best.

## 2016 AUPT POY Final Standings

Dalton Still, Rocklin, CA, 1,946.98
Matthew Boddorf, Lincoln, CA, 1,740.48
Bill Watchman, Sparks, NV, 1,364.12
Bryne Wilson, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1,126.94
John Mercer, Indian Wells, CA, 1,107.95
Rafael Gonzalez, Modesto, CA, 1,042.89
Joe Christman, Pacifica, CA, 1,004.94
Michael Loncar, Roseville, CA, 939.86
Todd Graham, Chico, CA, 889.89
George Cabrey, Elk Grove, CA, 829.11
Kathy Stahl, Manteca, CA, 794.18
Sean Drake, Citrus Heights, CA, 790
Clive Berkman, Irvine, CA, 761.99
Marty Gorenc, Reno, NV, 750.08
Ying Vang, Sacramento, CA, 717.65
Gary Pisarek, Auburn, CA, 713.99
Jaime Haletky, Walnut Creek, CA, 702.42
Darrell Cain, Fair Oaks, CA, 678.17
Phillip Phongsaphonh, Roseville, CA, 668.92
James Starr, Roseville, CA, 664.58
Dawn Wilensky, 660.57
Jae Pak, El Dorado Hills, CA, 640.17
Kachittavong Soukha, Rhode Island, 611.26
Juan Ramirez, Redding, CA, 610.18
Andrew Duffy, Grass Valley, CA, 605.67
Matthew Kramer, Rancho Cordova, CA, 588.37
Vikram Bhatia, Sunnyvale, CA, 580.87
Kao Saevang, Sacramento, CA, 580.78
Amber Chatwin, Kelseyville, CA, 580.2
David Valdez, Vacaville, CA, 552.48
Mohammed Diryise, Sacramento, CA, 548.43
Apollo Wallace, San Francisco, CA, 542.63
Dalvinder Bains, Yuba City, CA, 537.33
Tommy Vann, 535.18
Brent Philbin, Hallandale Beach, FL, 520.04
Craig Gold, Belmont, CA, 508.22
Daniel Evans, Chico, CA, 507.28
Masoud Shojai, El Dorado Hills, CA, 505.86
Walter Robertson, San Jose, CA, 502.47

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Boddorf



Watchman



Loncar



Gorenc



Wilensky



Philbin

"My mother is the hardest-working person I've ever known in my life and through thick and thin has always stood by my side," he said. "I am also very grateful to have such a great girlfriend, **Donna Delfin**. She has two World Series of Poker Circuit rings, so she knows all about the ups and downs in poker. She has put up with so much that most women would not have. I've learned so much about life and people from her."

But there's one other person with whom Still wishes he could share this success.

"I wish my dad were still around to see how far I've come in this game. He was always my biggest fan," he said. "He passed away back in 2009 and always believed in and supported anything I did. We had the same birthday and I miss him every single day." ♠

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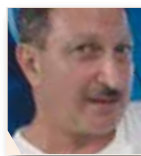
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## SHOULD YOU CHASE AT THE POKER TABLE?

To chase or not to chase? That is the question. The term “chaser” or “chasing” in poker refers to a player who doesn’t have a made hand and needs to hit a card to complete the hand. Often enough in hold’em, this player is trying to hit a straight or a flush.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

I find it odd that as players we have attached a negative connotation to a player who chases.

Avoiding chasing is part of Loss Aversion Syndrome, a disease in poker where a solid player is priced in, but chooses to fold.

This might be the invisible leak in your game, which is causing your hourly rate to suffer.

Maybe the fish who chased you down yesterday is not quite as fishy as you believe him to be. Maybe consider hiring a certified coach named Mark, who has been playing since he was mere lad, is worth consideration.

In my last column, and if you missed it go to AnteUpMagazine.com and check it out because it’s a must-read, we explored situations at the table where we’re priced in to play a speculative hand preflop.

When we play a speculative hand preflop, this is a form of chasing as we’ve decided to play because the price is right. Let’s take a look at examples where chasing is a winning play.

**EXAMPLE 1:** We’re in the late stages of a large deepstack event. In the big blind we hold 7-4 offsuit. There’s 21K in the pot. It’s folded to the button, who pushes all-in.

His range is 100 percent, which gives our hand a 40 percent chance to win.

We have 30K chips. We fold because 7K is a large percentage of our stack. In other words, we make a decision not to chase.

This is a huge blunder as passing up a 40 percent chance to win when we’re only paying a third means we’re priced in.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Johnny is playing \$4-\$8 limit. He’s in the BB and, after limpers, correctly calls a preflop raise with A-3 suited. But, one of the limpers now reraises in a seven-way pot, which cost each player \$16.

There’s \$112 in the pot preflop. A dry flop arrives with only one of his suit. There’s a bet and Johnny folds. Much to his chagrin, the cards come runner-runner to his suit and it would’ve been his biggest pot of the year. Folding here is an epic fail.

Poor Johnny had a 5 percent chance to win. You do the math. Sometimes what appears to be a loose fish at the table is indeed a fox in the henhouse.

Sometimes you know you’re behind and you’re priced in to chase.

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- How dominating Nguyen's performance was.
- How much armchair quarterbacking there was going on backstage.



**STEVE  
BLAY**

**HAND 101:** Nguyen doubles-up **Michael Ruane**.

**BLAY** It's the start of Day 2 with blinds 500K-1M with a 150K ante. Nguyen open-raised for 2.35M on the button and Ruane shoved for 23.1M from the big blind. Nguyen called with 6-6. Ruane had 8-8, which held.

I heard someone say Nguyen had a “meltdown” here. Once Ruane shoved, there was 26.7M in the pot and it’s \$20.75M more to call. So he needs to win 43.7 percent of the time to make this call right.

What range of hands do we put Ruane on? Given Nguyen's constant assault on the blinds, he'll certainly shove with any pocket pair, except perhaps A-A or K-K, because he might try to trap with those. Ruane might shove any ace, but to be conservative we'll say A-10 or better. As you can see in the below chart, Nguyen wins 49 percent of the time against that range. So he was right; it's an easy call.

He later told me he wanted to start off Day 2 by re-enforcing the message from Day 1: “Don’t even think about raising me; you’re going to get called.” Or four-bet, as **Cliff Josephy** found out on Hand 1! Given the table image, Nguyen had worked so hard creating on Day 1, what message does it send if he folds here? Table image is an ongoing process that requires constantly re-energizing and it played no small part in his victory. This added factor makes his call even more compulsory.

So, do you have what it takes to battle the champ? Come on over and become a member of [AdvancedPokerTraining.com](#) to test your skills against the Qui Nguyen Bot, a bot designed through conversations with him to play with his style. We also have material coming out on the site in which he will be reviewing other key hands like the one above. ♠

AA	AKs	AQs	AJs	ATs	ASs	ABs	A7s	ASs	ASs	ASs	ASs	ASs
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AQs	KQs	QQ	QJs	QTs	QSs	QBs	Q7s	QSs	QAs	QAs	QJs	QBs
AJs	KJs	QJs	JJs	JTs	JBs	JBs	J7s	JBs	JBs	JAs	JJs	JBs
ATs	KTs	QTs	JTs	TT	Ts	TBs	T7s	TBs	TAs	TAs	TJs	TBs
ASs	KSs	QSs	JSs	TSs	59	58s	57s	56s	55s	54s	53s	52s
ABs	KBs	QBs	JBs	TBs	88	87s	86s	85s	84s	83s	82s	81s
A7s	K7s	Q7s	J7s	T7s	97s	87s	77	76s	75s	74s	73s	72s
ASs	KSs	Qs	Js	Ts	96s	86s	76s	66	65s	64s	63s	62s
ASs	KSs	Qs	Js	Ts	95s	85s	75s	65s	55	54s	53s	52s
ASs	KSs	Qs	Js	Ts	94s	84s	74s	64s	54s	44	43s	42s
ASs	KSs	Qs	Js	Ts	93s	83s	73s	63s	53s	43s	33	32s
ASs	KSs	Qs	Js	Ts	92s	82s	72s	62s	52s	42s	32s	22

Michael's Range: QQ-22, AT+

Michael's Equity: 50.9%

Qui's Range: 6d-6h

Qui's Equity: **49.1%**

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# RESOLUTIONS FOR LOW-STAKES PRO

Yes, I realize it's February, so it's a little late to be talking about resolutions, but I thought it was a great way to remind low-stakes pros about some things we all too easily forget.

Many of these are my resolutions, too.



**BRENT  
PHILBIN**

**KEEP BANKROLL AND LIFE FUNDS SEPARATE:** Every year I need a little reminder of this as funds become co-mingled as the year progresses. The best system I found was having a deposit box at my local casino and only removing funds that were supposed to be removed. Any method works, but it's extremely important you don't overextend your spending with your bankroll,

or vice versa.

**FUND IRA WITH THE MAXIMUM:** There's no pension for a poker player; you'll only have what you've saved for yourself. Putting \$100 per week into an IRA will get you \$5,200 of the \$5,500 maximum allowed. Prioritize this as highly as you can; even some of the most successful pros I know don't have this savings. I know I've mentioned this before, but it's extremely important.

**ELIMINATE GAMBLING WITHOUT AN EDGE:** This means no more blasting away at Ultimate Texas Hold'em after a losing session; no betting sports just to "make it interesting" and no parlaying hard eight at the craps table. Since we're predisposed to long

hours of gambling, it's easy to find yourself playing Pai Gow for six hours. You're lighting money on fire doing these things.

**CONTINUE TO LEARN:** It's so easy to become complacent in your ability to win at a certain rate and feel as if you have all the knowledge and tools necessary to continue to win. It's extremely important to keep learning new concepts, even if they're loosely related to poker. Reading *Ante Up* is a great start. If you'd like some homework, Google "Dunning Kruger Effect" and think about how that could apply to the poker you play and the poker those around you play.

**IMPROVE HEALTH:** This is a whole other can of worms, but as it's related to poker, give yourself a couple of easily achievable goals. Your mind will improve along with your overall health. Perhaps you resolve to do jumping jacks when you wake up, take the stairs rather than the escalator to the poker room or something more drastic such as lose 100 pounds. Anything is better than nothing and you will see the results on your bottom line.

Just like your normal New Year's Resolutions, make sure your poker resolutions are achievable, because if the task is too daunting you might find yourself making excuses.

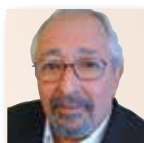
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## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

# WE ALWAYS DO THINGS TO BE REWARDED

Psychologists try to figure out what rewards people. Historically, psychology realized that until we know a person's baseline, we really could not tell what an individual considers a reward. Some people are rewarded by wins, others (strangely) by losses. We really don't know what someone considers a reward until we know that person.

Reinforcement, on the other hand, refers to anything that increases the likelihood that a response will occur. Reinforcement is defined by the effect it has on behavior; it increases or strengthens the behavior. Think Pavlov's dog.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

Reinforcement might involve praise (the reinforcer) immediately after a child puts away toys (the response). By reinforcing the desired behavior with praise, the child will be more likely to perform the same actions again.

The applications to poker are numerous. I will discuss two: fixing (extinguishing) your leaks and encouraging (reinforcing) opponents' leaks.

Stacking a win is likely reinforcing, even if the hand was played wrong. Reinforcing their wrong play favors us, so we want to reinforce it. You might say, "Good hand, Sir. Nicely played," when an opponent played 9-2 off and rivered a flush.

You play a marginal hand, hit the flop, hit the turn and value-bet the river and win. Great, you now have a new favorite hand. You keep playing this hand and you win irregularly and

unpredictably; you have been reinforced on a variable or interval schedule of reinforcement. You keep doing this as you go broke. The wise choice is to play correctly and not magically. Extinguish your leaks!

People and poker are complex; we try to simplify things, to manage the enormous number of inputs attacking our senses.

Researcher discovered the schedule with which reinforcement arrives is more important than the reinforcements. When reinforcements arrive at irregular intervals with unpredictable frequency, they're the strongest. My examples seem simple, but the schedule of reinforcement is important. The strongest reinforcement is variable, partial or interval. You don't win every time you play your favorite hand, you win unpredictably and you keep playing it.

The paradox and the draw of poker is this variable-partial-interval reinforcement schedule. We continue to play because we win once in a while.

We can increase the number of times we win by training, but for now look at the interval-variable reinforcement you get from playing your favorite hand, especially if it's marginal and decide if you want to fix that leak. If you keep playing wrong and you win once in a while, you might enjoy yourself but you might also go broke.

As always keep your head in the game.

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# ROCK SOLID OR A ROCK HEAD?

So the debate rages on, do I play solid-aggressive poker or do I play with reckless abandon? I sometimes think the answer lies somewhere in between the two.



**AL  
SPATH**

I strive to teach beginners to play solid-aggressive or tight-aggressive poker and avoid the natural tendency to get involved often playing any two cards.

When you start with good holdings and raise, you have a better chance of winning more hands, a time-tested strategy for success.

I also believe beginners should see the flop only around 12-18 percent of the time, which may not be a lot but it's more manageable for them to play solid hands while gaining table experience.

After a few months, this should increase slightly to about 15-23 percent, which is an excellent range.

You see, as players become table savvy, reading more, working with a mentor, taking more risks as they learn position and how to read other players, their game rapidly expands.

The intermediate and advanced players certainly don't play as beginners with solely a solid-aggressive style of play.

They know when to open up their game, against whom and the why. That's what sets them apart from the pack; they can change speeds and cause problems for opponents.

On the other hand, Rock Heads might begin playing for the enjoyment of busting someone's chops, for entertainment value or for a chance to become a champion and win some money. But they think they can do it their way and aren't open-minded to hear or read about the instructional materials available.

This can be frustrating at times and you certainly wouldn't want an overabundance of these type players at your table, but rather have them spread out at various tables so all of us can have an opportunity to match our skills against them.

Not all of them are as silly and maniacal as you think. Many have a reason for the way they play and though we might not always agree or see why they played a hand a certain way, we need to better understand them to find out why they're scooping such big pots.

If you don't understand why your opponent is outplaying you, then it's your fault that you're losing so often.

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## ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BLUEWATER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/\$20 early-bird rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/\$20 early-bird rebuy, 7p).	\$50 for straight flushes and quads (Wed.); royals pay \$200 (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
<b>BUCKY'S CASINO</b> (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. ladies night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Fri. (6p).	Splash Pots (Sun., 11a-9p); Omaha high hands (Wed. & Fri.); Progressive Aces Cracked.
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$125, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$145, 7:15p); Fri. (\$200, 7:15p). See the ad on Page 13.	Football events with splash pots (Thurs., Sun. & Mon.).
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tue. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$120); Sat. \$200 added (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sun. (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Player comp credits pay \$1 per hour.
<b>CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 6:30p); Sat. (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Sat. (\$70, 11a).	High-hand bonus; Aces Cracked (Sun.).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcaz.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. & Wed. (\$35, 7p); charity event, Feb. 10-12 (\$200).	Splash Pots.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily, usually at noon and 7p. Call for schedule.	High hands; Aces and Faces Cracked hourly.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahskachin.com	2nd Mon. (\$60, 7:30p); Tue. & Wed. WSOP sat. (\$80, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. (\$50, 12:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p).	Morning High Hand Contest (Mon.-Fri.); Splash Pot Bonanza (Sat.-Sun.); steel wheel and royals pay \$50.
<b>HON-DAH</b> (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).	\$100 high hand; Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100.. See ad on Page 32.
<b>VEE QUIVA HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Tue. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Sat. (varies, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for quads or better; Splash Pots.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue.-Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Sun. (\$30, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha; Rolling Cash Fever.

## ARKANSAS

<b>OAKLAWN PARK RACING AND GAMING</b> (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	Tue. \$1K guar. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Payday (\$20, 2p); Thurs. Ladies Freeroll (7p); Fri. Bounty Hunter (\$30, 2p); Sun. deepstack (\$50, 2p).	Progressive and mini bad-beat jackpots; high hands; Splash the Pot; Omaha Spin.
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## CALIFORNIA

<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); Sat. (\$100 w/\$50 rebuys, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75 w/\$25 rebuys, 6:30p).	Splash the Pot.
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Mon. (\$28, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 11a); Wed. HA (\$50, 6:45p); Thurs. (\$48, 11a); Sun. (\$49, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays up to \$100K; Bad Beat Double Hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Wed. Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$60 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Sat. (\$55, 11a).	Aces Cracked.
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Sat. (\$60, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; get paid for quads or better.

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<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (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; \$50K freeroll, March 2 (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sun. KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; high hand (Mon.-Sun.); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hand pays \$50 (Mon.-Sun., 2a-10a).
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot starts at \$140K; Sun. \$1K High Hand Payouts.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); 1st Sat. (\$100, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 7p) w/\$2.5K to first place (minimum 60 players).	No jackpots.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	M-F (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Th. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. \$3K guar. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. 0/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
<b>COLUSA CASINO</b> (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>ELK VALLEY CASINO</b> (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6p); Tue. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. KO (\$50, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Deep Freeze (\$80, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 4p); Sun. 0/8-HE (\$30, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wed. (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Sat. \$1K guar. (7p).	Friday Night Special pays players \$120 for a \$100 buy-in.
<b>GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Daily jackpots; high hand; Aces Cracked.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$45, 6:15p); Wed. (\$80, 6:15p); Fri. (\$45, 10:15a); Sat. (\$65, 12:15p); Sun. KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega and Omaha jackpots.
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Sat. & Sun. \$1.75K guar. (\$35, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$1.75K guar. (\$35, 8p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; Big Game Frenzy; Pay for Play pays \$5/hour; Monthly Cash Drawings.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, Feb. 5 (\$230, noon).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$30, 11a); Th. Crazy Pine. (\$30, 11a); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a); 2nd Sun. \$5K guar. (\$220, 1p).	\$50K bad-beat jackpot.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CASINO</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No daily tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. (\$200, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue. & Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Thurs. (\$65, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Lucky Hand Bonus.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Fri. \$3K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); River Card \$25K, Feb. 9-12; LIPS, Feb. 18.	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed., 10a-7p); Cash Prize Wheel; Chase the Dough (call for details).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasi.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$25, 10:20a); Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Sat. (\$25, 10:20a); Sun. (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); PLO (Wed., 2p); Omaha high hand and buy-in bargains; hold'em bargain gives players \$100 for \$80 buy-in.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 10a); Tue. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$45, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$80, 11a); Sun. \$4.5K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; quads bonus; high-hand bonus; shipwrecked bonus.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. (\$350, 11a); Spring Classic, Feb. 24-March 5 w/\$125K guar., March 2 (\$450).	Rack Attacks (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); M-W qualifiers (\$50, 6:30p); Th (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F KO (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa KP (\$46 w/bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Saturday WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 37.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W O/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); F-Su (\$40 w/\$20 rbs and add-on, 11a); Fri. (\$155, 6p); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad on Pages 2-3.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$15, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 6p); Tue. KO (\$25, 6p) Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$25, 6p); Fri. satellite (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 6p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11:00a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Mon. \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tue. \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wed. \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sun. \$1K guar. Deep Stack (\$55, 4p).	Aces Cracked; progressive straight flushes.

## COLORADO

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

## CONNECTICUT

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<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

## DELAWARE

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



# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). See ad on Page 17 for WPT DeepStacks series in March.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; Mystery High Hand (Mon.).
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guar. (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guar. (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wed. \$2.5K guar. (7p); Fri. & Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Full house promo; earn cash towards free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 41.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$50, 3p); T (\$50, 3p); W (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (varies); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 10a, & \$125, 7p); 1st Sun. \$10K guar. (\$80); last Sun. \$15K guar. (\$200).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); high hands. See ad on Page 18.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	High hands; bad-beat jackpot is quad 7s; royals pay \$250.
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Wed. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 7p); Sat. (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sun. (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 47.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7p); Wed. \$10K guar. (\$100, 6p); Sat. \$5K guar. KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • 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; Battles at the Beach, Feb. 15-March 7 (call for schedule).
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands; weekly draw down (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); last Fri. of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tue. & Thurs. freeroll (7p); Sat. Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sun. freeroll (2p).	High hands (Fri.-Sat.); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	M (\$60, noon & \$75, 7p); T (\$75, noon & \$70, 7p); Th (\$75, noon & \$60, 7p); F (\$105, noon & \$130, 7p); Sa (\$130, noon); Su (\$130, noon & \$75, 7p); 1st & 3rd Sat. (\$290, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays min. \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); David Moulton celebrity event, Feb. 16 (\$80, 7p).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hand (Wed. & Fri.); quads and straight flush (Mon.).
<b>ORANGE CITY RACING &amp; CARD CLUB</b> orangecitypoker.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High hands.

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<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (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; high hands; WSOPC, Feb. 9-20.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full-house promotions. See ad on facing page.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (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.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasinom.com	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 (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (varies, 11a & 6p).	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampam.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Sat. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$115, 4p); Poker Challenge, Feb. 21-26.	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-close.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$25-\$210) at 1p & 7p.	High hands; cash giveaways.
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands; late-night promotions.

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (daily).
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Tue. (varies, 7p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100-\$150, 2p); ask about the WSOP League.	Spin the Wheel.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 1p); tournaments offer re-entry up to first break.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Daily (\$35, 2p), (\$65, 4:30p), (\$35, 6:30p) & (\$120, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash.

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (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 (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.).
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$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 (call for times).
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon); MSPT regional, Feb. 23-26 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## IOWA

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

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Monthly \$15K freeroll; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100+ hourly high hands (daily).
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (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.
<b>PRAIRIE BAND CASINO</b> (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand.	High hands.

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<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wed. (\$145, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$165, 6:30p); Fri. (\$130, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri.); Aces Cracked; Flush Frenzy.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon. & Wed. (\$125, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 11a); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$350, 11a).	Splash Pots; cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary. See ad on Page 25.	Late night high hands (daily, 2a-8a) pays \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Call for details.	Call for details.

## MICHIGAN

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

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); T (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); W (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Th (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); F (\$50, 10:30a); Sa (10:30a) .	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards; Quads Beat and Flop-A-Royal tournament jackpots; MSPT, Feb. 17-19.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 10:30a); Sun. (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300 (Thurs. & Sun., noon-10p); quads pay \$44; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

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

## MISSOURI

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



# NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 1p); Mon.-Sun. (\$125, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$240, 11a); High Roller, Feb. 2 (\$25K); High Roller, Feb. 3 (\$25K); Super High Roller, Feb. 4 (\$50K).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); progressive bonus hands in tournaments.	EZ Way Bad Beat; Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; daily tournament high hand pays \$250.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$75, 1p); nightly (\$55, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$160, 1p).	Earn \$400 per week playing poker.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.); Omaha Double Jackpot (Wed.).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guar. (\$100, 10a), \$2K guar. (\$125, 2p), \$2K guar. (\$125, 6p), \$2.5K guar. (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); freeroll on the first Fri. of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$15K freeroll.	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (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.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Quads for Cash: All four-of-a-kind hands can win \$250 (call for details).
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahsลาสvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. \$500 guar. (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guar. Fri.-Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300); Colossus Giveaway (Mon., 1p).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands; Rolling High Hands 3X daily during 3 hours each shift (call for details).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guar. (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Power Hour; Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri., 5a-10a).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Fri.-Sun. (\$120, 11a); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 11a), KO (\$40, 3p), (\$50, 7p) & KO (\$40, 11p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$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).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guarantee.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a); WSOPC, Feb. 17-28.	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstowndlv.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.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$45, noon); Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wed. & Sun. (\$100, 6p). See the ad on Page 9.	High hands; pro football squares (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo; earn up to \$12/hr, including food and beverage comps.
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T (\$200, 7p); Th (\$125, 7p); F (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza runs until Feb. 27. Daily events suspended during DSE.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$10, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. \$1K guar. (\$50, 8:30p); Sun. (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon).	Wynn Classic, Feb. 23-March 12 w/\$750K guar., March 2 (\$1,600).

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

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>HAMPTON FALLS</b> (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$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 & \$50 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>MANCHESTER POKER ROOM</b> (603) 668-6591	Tue. KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thurs. \$50/\$50/\$50 (5:30p).	High hands; Bad Beat Sundays.
<b>RIVER CASINO</b> (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel.

## NEW JERSEY

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

## NEW MEXICO

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

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Daily, call for schedule and buy-ins.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad deuces); high hands; Western NY Poker Challenge Warm-Up, Feb. 24-26.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for royal and straight flushes.
<b>TIOGA DOWNS</b> (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Players club promotions (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.).

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Tue. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Wed. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Thurs. (\$80, 7p & 10p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$580, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players (call for details).
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$69, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; poker promo fund (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
<b>JACK CLEVELAND CASINO</b> (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>JACK CINCINNATI CASINO</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M-F (\$75, 12:15p); M (\$75, 6:15p); T & Th (\$110, 6:15p); W (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 12:15p); 1st Sat. \$50K guar. (\$390, 11:15p); 2nd-5th Sa (\$75, 11:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrewards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. Ante Up (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p). See ad on Page 15.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon)-extra chips available with cash donation; room open Sun.-Thurs. (noon-2a) & Fri.-Sat. (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 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.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seats; Splash Pots pay \$25.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$175, 11a); Sun. KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



## OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p); closed on Wed.-Thurs.; PacWest Classic, Feb. 18-26.	Splash Pot; royal flushes pay \$200 during tournaments.
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hand (Sun.); Wheel Spin (Sat.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand (Wed.).

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; (buy-ins vary, call for details).	High hands (Fri. & Sat.); \$10K Winter Wonderland Drawing, Feb. 24.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Sat. & Sun. (\$120, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$100, 12:15p); Big Stax, Feb. 6-March 1.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri.-Sun., 4p-mid.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Mon.-Fri. (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sun. (mid., 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Hot Seats; high hands.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Mon. (11a); Tue. (7p); Wed. (11a); Fri. (11a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 7:15p); Wed. (\$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sun. (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hand giveaway (Fri.); \$400 high hands (Sat.); 3X Twos-Days pays \$200 (Tue.).

## RHODE ISLAND

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

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

## TEXAS

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## WASHINGTON

<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot.
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. O/R (\$35, 5p); KO event, Feb. 11 (\$150, 11a).	High hands (Sat.-Sun., noon-3p), (Mon.-Wed., 9p-mid.) & (Mon.-Fri., noon-4p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands; High Hand Insanity.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guar. (10:30a); Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at \$10K.


## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$150, 7p) and Sun. (\$150, noon & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7:30p); Wed. (\$55, 10:30a) & KO (\$75, 5p); Fri. (\$55, 10:30a); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	High hand; early bird specials.

## WISCONSIN

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<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); WSOPC, Feb. 2-13.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 10s).

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

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**SCOTT:** It was ... and then you call me up and tell me, "I'm going to bowl in it!" I love that Jason Hawley and I went through all this effort to create a soccer jersey for you ... so you could bowl in it.

### CAN A COMPUTER WIN AT NLHE?

Four pros recently entered into a 20-day match at Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh against Libratus, a computer programmed by Carnegie-Mellon University researchers to play NLHE.

**SCOTT:** If you go back two years when we had this on the show, I think we had the same thoughts: It's not nearly as impressive that a computer can beat you at limit, which is very mathematical. We both said, "Hey, color us impressed when you do this with no-limit." Well, apparently they listened to us. I think this is going to be very fascinating.

**CHRIS:** In no-limit hold'em, if the computer does win, I think you have to also look at the hands and HOW it won to determine whether this was some massive step forward in artificial intelligence. There's definitely luck involved in this game, so does that mean those two guys got it all-in good and lost and all of sudden the computer is a genius? Or did the computer actually outplay them?

### POKER CENTRAL CHANGES DIRECTIONS

Poker Central, poker's best hope for a 24/7 television network, ceased its TV operations on Dec. 31 but will continue to produce programming available for streaming on the Internet.

**SCOTT:** What they realized was this TV model just wasn't going to work, but there's an interest in original programming and they can reach those people who want to watch on the Internet without the costs and hassles of television, which is what I thought might happen.

**CHRIS:** Don't things usually die when they go this way? Like when magazines go strictly digital and just fade away. It's a downward thing. And even though it's not completely bad news, it just doesn't seem like it's going to be as successful if it was getting a national audience.

### PPC ARUBA DELAYS PAYING WINNERS

PPC Aruba, which has run tournament series throughout the United States for several years, sending the winners to a championship in Aruba, has allegedly not paid in full the prize money won by the top seven finishers in its November championship, prompting a lawsuit to be filed against the tour's owners.

**SCOTT:** Obviously, there's a severe problem here. When you win in a tournament, or cash in a tournament, you should not have to wait to be paid that money. This is a sad day for poker, because once again, it's a black mark on poker. And what is particularly galling to me is that you and I decided long ago that we weren't trying to be flashy. We could have gone the route of other folks and got some investors and grown really big really quickly and live the good life. But we purposely chose not to do that. And when you make that choice, you are forced to grow smaller. And that's fine. The problem now is, and we'll wait to see what the fallout is, but I've already had one phone call from a potential client who said, "We're not interested in sending our players to any kind of events, even your cruises, because we just can't trust folks anymore." And that hurts me, because we've done nothing over our eight-plus years but be completely ethical.

**CHRIS:** That's painful to hear. Sometimes you see the fallout from other things and you think it's terrible that it happened, but it's really not going to affect us, but something like this is directly affecting us. It's not right and it's terrible.





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