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So long, Caveman

The poker world is a much sadder place today. Just as we were going to press, we learned our friend **Gavin Smith** had died at the age of 50. If you never knew of Gavin or never got to be around him, you missed out on one of the truly great ones.

He was so talented when it came to this fine game of ours, but he also was a dedicated father to two sons and a hilarious, generous friend. Before we launched our magazine in 2008, we had a playful poker podcast rivalry with Gavin and his many shows with **Joe Sebok** and **Joe Stapleton**.

When *Ante Up* became Florida's Poker Magazine, Gavin graced our cover in January 2009 as the "People's Champion," often visiting the Sunshine State to play in tournaments at One-Eyed Jacks in Sarasota, where his good friend, and ours, **Sam Minutello** was poker room manager. He later signed a bunch of those magazines so we could award them in contests for our readers and listeners. We admit to keeping two for ourselves because he was just that amazing.

Yes, today is truly a sad day, but we hope the joy he brought to so many will be remembered for a long time. We'll miss you, Caveman.

In lighter news, we decided this month to use our cover story to answer the No. 1 question our cruise director receives: "Is the Ante Up Poker Cruise a regular cruise?"

Perhaps it's on us. Maybe the nomenclature is a bit confusing. After all, "Ante Up Poker Cruise," does make it sound like that's it, that it's a poker-only cruise. But it's much more than that.

So, with this in mind, we have written a massive Q&A that we hope will help address any questions you might have that will encourage to become part of our poker cruise community.

We're also excited to have Running Aces in Minnesota and Rivers Casino in New York giving away cruise packages to our upcoming cruises, and, as of this writing, famed poker professional **JJ. Liu** will be sailing on our April cruise to Cozumel.

We'll see you at the tables, hopefully on the high seas.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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We've been running Ante Up Poker Cruises since 2009, but what does that mean?

Over the past decade or so, Ante Up Poker Cruises has treated thousands of players to the ultimate poker vacation at sea. This year, we have three more fantastic journeys for you. To help better understand how much fun our cruises are and what to expect when sailing with us, we've put together this list of the questions we get most often.

After reading it, if you have more questions, or are ready to book, visit AnteUpCruises.com or contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at (727) 742-3843 or cruises@anteupcruises.com.

What is a poker cruise?

Ante Up Poker Cruises transforms the conference centers aboard regularly scheduled Royal Caribbean sailings into a professionally staffed and equipped poker room, complete with cash games, tournaments and an open-bar cocktail party. In short, it's a mini-version of the poker room you frequent at home, but you're with a new group of friends and visiting exotic ports of call.

Is the ship made up of poker players?

As much as we'd love that, no. We are a small group, often between 50 and 150 passengers, on regularly scheduled sailings of more than 2,500 passengers. So that means you get a terrific poker experience when hanging out with us in the poker room, but get to enjoy all the fantastic things about cruising with passengers with a variety of backgrounds and interests.

What kind of poker can I expect?

In the mornings, we offer no-limit hold'em tournaments with \$20-\$100 buy-ins and we like to spice up our afternoon tournaments by running "survivor" events (all players with chips after two hours split the prize pool evenly) or bounty events. In the evening, we spread just cash games and offer them in the afternoon as well based on demand. We always offer \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em, but will spread any game at any limit if we have enough players willing to play. In the past, we've spread \$4-\$8 Omaha/8, \$3-\$6 limit and \$2-\$5 no-limit, among other games. Our rakes and entry fees are similar to what you'll see in land-based rooms and considerably more affordable than you'll get in the ship's casino.

Oh, so there is a casino on board, too?

Sure. Royal Caribbean runs a casino with all of your favorites, including blackjack, craps, Three Card Poker and slot machines. The ship's casino and the Ante Up Poker Room are separate entities, though.

Are we playing on those electronic tables?

No! We use professional tables, chips, cards and more, and our room is staffed by friendly and professional dealers and management that have worked in land-based poker rooms or



on the tournament circuit.

Are there pros sitting there ready to felt me?

While we accept bookings from anyone who wants to join us, even pro or semi-pro players, we purposely spread low-limit games and price our tournaments to attract recreational players. We like to say we're a home game at sea, friendly players making new friends, yet still in a properly managed environment.

Is the poker room always open?

For the most part, yes. Because of international regulations, the poker room must be closed while in most ports of call. That's OK, go out and get some sun and have some fun! We also close for about two hours every evening so our group can dine together, though you're welcome to dine on your own in one of the ship's speciality restaurants or at the buffet. In the evening, we stay open as long as we have a game going and shut down to get some sleep only when you are ready for us to close.

I like free stuff. Do you give us free stuff?

Hey, we're poker players, too. So, of course! For every hour of cash-game play you log, you'll get \$5 off your next Ante Up Poker Cruise. Log 40 hours, get \$200 off your next cruise with us! All players get a coin card cover from The Poker Depot uniquely designed for each sailing, a membership to AdvancedPokerTraining.com, the world's best online poker training site, and a poker odds card from Thomas Gallagher Casino Seminars. On the first night of the cruise, Ante Up treats all of our passengers to an open-bar cocktail party where you can mingle with other passengers and learn about the week ahead, and most days in the poker room, we offer free coffee, juice, water, pastries and cookies for our players.



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Can I bring my family?

Of course! Most of our passengers are couples where one spouse plays poker and the other just wants to enjoy a cruise. Depending upon whether you are a tournament or a cash-game player, you can plan to play with us in the morning, afternoon or evening while your spouse enjoys other activities on the ship, and then meet back up with them at other times to enjoy the cruise together. Several of our passengers have brought their children before, as the ships offer a ton of supervised activities for children of all ages, and even offer private or group baby-sitting in the evenings if both parents are poker players.

Do I have to bring a friend or can I sail solo?

Come on aboard! The great thing about sailing solo with Ante Up Poker Cruises is that you'll only be alone if you want to be. Our passengers make quick friends in the poker room and you'll most likely be invited to join a group for shore excursions and more. We also have a designated section in the dining room for our passengers, so you'll always have dining companions that you recognize.

Why Royal Caribbean?

While we have sailed on other cruise lines, most of our sailings have been on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and for good reason. First, no other cruise line "gets" poker groups as well as Royal Caribbean. They understand the product that we are striving to deliver to our guests and help us make that possible. Beyond that, it brings a level of class and service that no other mass-market cruise company does, meaning you get a top-notch experience at an affordable rate.

Can I win my way on board?

Yes! Right now, Rivers Casino & Resort in Schnectady, N.Y., Running Aces Casino & Race Track in Minnesota and Windy City Poker Championship in Illinois are running promotions where you can win an Ante Up Poker Cruise. Helix Poker and Poker League of Nations also offer ways for you to win a stateroom. Details at AnteUpCruises.com or on those poker venues' websites. If you'd like to win your way aboard in your favorite poker room, have the manager contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335 or scott@anteupmagazine.com so he can tell them about all the great media exposure Ante Up gives to our partner poker rooms.

When will your 2020 schedule be released?

We usually set our schedule in the late spring. If there's an itinerary you'd like for us to add, please let us know.

Do you have private cruises for small groups?

Yes, we do! If you have at least 16 passengers, we can arrange a private poker experience on most Royal Caribbean sailings. We'll provide whatever you need poker-wise, design a schedule and offer the games you want to play, and handle all booking for you and your friends.

Contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335 or you can email him at scott@anteupmagazine.com for more information. ♠

2019 schedule

GRAND CAYMAN/COZUMEL

WHEN: April 20

This five-night itinerary is always our most popular sailing, stopping in the always-fun Cozumel and stately Grand Cayman. The Ante Up Poker Room will be open at least 48 hours and features four tournaments.

SHIP: *Brilliance of the Seas*

NIGHTS: 5 **DEPARTURE PORT:** Tampa, Fla.

PORTS OF CALL: George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico.

RATES: Start at \$586 per person



BAHAMAS

WHEN: Aug. 5

This four-night itinerary is a great first cruise for new passengers or a quick getaway for more experienced passengers. And it offers weekends on either side so passengers can add-on a trip to Disney World or Orlando's other great theme parks. The Ante Up Poker Room will be open at least 40 hours and features four tournaments.

SHIP: *Mariner of the Seas*

NIGHTS: 4 **DEPARTURE PORT:** Port Canaveral, Fla.

PORTS OF CALL: Nassau, Bahamas, and Royal Caribbean's private island of Coco Cay, Bahamas.

RATES: Start at \$505 per person

EASTERN CARIBBEAN

WHEN: Oct. 26

This eight-night weekend-to-weekend itinerary is our first to the Eastern Caribbean, with added stops in relaxing Labadee and resurging Puerto Rico. The Ante Up Poker Room will be open at least 86 hours and features nine tournaments.

SHIP: *Adventure of the Seas*

NIGHTS: 8

DEPARTURE PORT: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

PORTS OF CALL: Royal Caribbean's private island of Labadee, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Philipsburg, St. Maarten.

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#1	Monday 2/4	6pm	NLH	\$160	25 min.	15K	\$10,000
#2	Tuesday 2/5	1pm	NLH	\$130 SENIORS (50+)	25 min.	15K	\$5,000
#3	Tuesday 2/5	6pm	NLH	\$130 MONSTER STACK	15 min.	40K	\$5,000
#4	Wednesday 2/6	1pm	NLH	\$130	20 min.	10K	\$5,000
#5	Wednesday 2/6	6pm	NLH	\$230 -\$50 KO's	25 min.	15K	\$10,000
Step 2	Thursday 2/7	12pm	Satellite	\$85 (opt. \$20 PP add-on)	20 min.	10K	every \$240 in PP wins a Main entry
Main Event	Thursday 2/7	6pm	NLH	\$250	30 min.	25K	\$60,000
Main Event	Friday 2/8	1pm	NLH	\$250	30 min.	25K	
Main Event	Friday 2/8	6pm	NLH	\$250	30 min.	25K	
Main Event	Saturday 2/9	1pm	NLH	\$250	30 min.	25K	
Main Event	Saturday 2/9	6pm	NLH	\$250	30 min.	25K	
Main Event	Sunday 2/10	1pm	NLH	\$250	40 min.		

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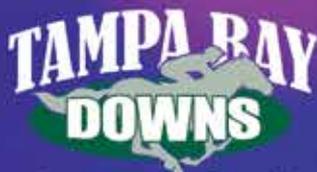
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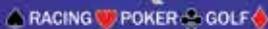
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JAMUL'S ROOM OPENS NEAR SAN DIEGO FEB. 15

Jamul Casino near San Diego will celebrate its 10-table poker room's grand opening with a star-studded celebrity bounty tournament at noon on Feb. 15.

The inaugural \$550 Golden Cap Tournament has a \$50K guarantee with bounties on local personalities, top poker pros and poker celebrities, including Ante Up publisher **Scott Long**. Registration begins on Feb. 11. See the ad on the facing page or visit jamulcasinosd.com.

Jamul's poker room, under the direction of **John Rochfort**, will feature tableside dining, full bar service and live games and tournaments using the latest equipment and technology.

BICYCLE CASINO: Local players dominated the first of two stops of the World Series of Poker Circuit here, amateurs and pros alike, as 11 of the 13 rings awarded throughout the 12-day series went to players who call Southern California home.



Steven Spunt earned his second ring and \$174,055 by taking down the \$1,700 main event. Spunt is an entrepreneur who gets to play 20-30 tournaments a year, but is hoping to retire soon and play a few more events.

Chris DeMaci got things started with his first circuit ring in the \$400 doublestack, earning \$38,215 for defeating the 539-entry field. **Jonathan Sherfy**, one of the top-ranked online sit-n-go players in the world, added a live title to his resumé. He won the first \$250 event for \$19,675.

Sean Yu showed he's more than just a NLHE specialist by winning his fifth ring in the \$400 HORSE event for \$9,600. It's his first WSOP victory in a non-hold'em event.

Brian Snell earned his first ring in at \$400 event and took home \$9,010.

Sohale Khalili got his second ring in another \$400 event, earning \$11,180. Khalili had one of the more epic heads-up tangles against fellow pro **Jared Griener**, lasting nearly three hours.

Frankie O'Dell won the \$400 Omaha/8 event for his third ring and \$9,600. O'Dell proved he truly is a force to be reckoned with in that variant. He has two WSOP bracelets in that game and two of his three rings. O'Dell and Yu are the only two ring-winners of the series to also have a bracelet.

Aaron Messmer captured the \$2,200 high roller on the last day for \$56,700. This was Messmer's second ring of his career, both coming this season and in high rollers. The 28-year-old pro won the high roller at Thunder Valley in September.

Entrepreneur **Harry Arutyunyan** won his third WSOPC title in the \$600 event for \$36,420. He won two rings last season.

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MEET NATALIE TEH



Natalie Teh has been on the rise in the poker scene after finishing fourth in the Aussie Millions Accumulator for \$36K. She always has viewed poker as a leisure activity, but that may change after her debut in the 2018 WSOP main event.

She placed 120th out of 7,874 entries and cashed for \$57K, so if you see her at your table, don't let down your guard.

You just started playing tournaments? I've been a recreational cash-game player for a few years and never really got into tournaments. Even after the Aussie Millions score, I still didn't take it seriously as it was just a fun hobby that happened to make me money. It just recently hit me that I wanted to give poker a real shot and the deep run in the main event was a pretty good kick-start to my attempt at a poker career.

Tell us about your main event. The whole main-event experience was pretty surreal. It's kind of everyone's dream just to play in it, so being a part of it was a win in itself. At first, the aim was simply just to make it through Day 1, then Day 2, then to be in the money and before I knew it I was one of the final two women and playing on the feature table. I really wanted a woman to at least make it to the final table and, of course, win it all whether or not it would be **Kelly Minkin** or myself. Guess that'll have to be next year.

Future plans? My current plan for the foreseeable future is to play full time for the next six months and re-evaluate from there.

I'll be hitting some notable stops while making visits to destinations like Philippines, Macau and Korea as well. It's just a trial run and, if all else fails, it'd just be a pretty expensive string of holidays. I'll just have to wait and see.

— **Philip Chow**

Leslie Scearcy, a dealer from Central California, won a \$250 tourney for \$16,090. **Robert Natividad** won the \$400 Monster Stack for the second biggest payday of the series (\$84,445), beating the 1,050-entry field.

Shane Martin, a local recreational player, bested nearly 120 players in the only turbo event of the series for \$11,585. And **Nancy Matson** took down the \$1,125 event for \$42,940.

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Sat. 2/9	5PM		
Sat. 2/16			
Fri. 2/22	11AM & 6PM		
Sat. 2/23	1PM & 7PM		
Sun. 2/24	11AM, 1PM & 7PM		
Mon. 2/25	2PM & 7PM		
Tue. 2/26	11AM & 7PM		
Wed. 2/27	11AM & 7PM		
Thur. 2/28	11AM & 7PM		
Fri. 3/1	11AM & 6PM		
Sat. 3/2	9AM	Multi-Table TURBO Satellite - 1 in 10 players win entry to the \$460 WPT ONE DAY \$100k on Sat. 3/2 and the \$540 WPT RT SUPER MEGA on 3/3 2 WPT PACKAGES GTD	\$120
	11AM	ONE DAY \$100K GUARANTEED 1st through 5th win entry to the \$540 WPT ROLLING THUNDER SUPER MEGA on Sun. 3/3	\$460
	5PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players win entry to the \$540 WPT ROLLING THUNDER SUPER MEGA on 3/3 5 \$540 WPT RT SUPER MEGA ENTRIES GTD	\$120
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	2PM	WPT Rolling Thunder SUPER MEGA 15 \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED 1 in 10 players win entry to the \$5,000 WPT ROLLING THUNDER MAIN EVENT	\$540
	7PM	KNOCKOUT \$50 BOUNTIES	\$160

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	
3/4 - 3/9	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 1 player wins a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$540	Sat. 3/9	10AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT - RT Entry 3 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550	
3/4 - 3/9	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$1,050	2 Fri. 3/8	NOON	Day 1A		
Mon. 3/4	11AM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$130	Sat. 3/9	NOON	Day 1B		
	3PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$250 WPT - RT Satellite 5 \$250 WPT RT SATELLITE ENTRIES GTD	\$65	Sun. 3/10	NOON	Day 2		
	6PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 5 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250	Mon. 3/11	NOON	Day 3		
Tue. 3/5	11AM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$130	Tue. 3/12	NOON	Final Table		STREAMED LIVE FROM THE POKER ROOM
	3PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$250 WPT - RT Satellite 5 \$250 WPT RT SATELLITE ENTRIES GTD	\$65	Sat. 3/9	1PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to the \$550 WPT - RT Satellite	\$125	
	6PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 5 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250		4PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder entry 3 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550	
Wed. 3/6	11AM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250		6PM	Nightly Turbo 20 Minute Levels	\$340	
	3PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to the \$550 WPT - RT Satellite	\$125	Sun. 3/10	11AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250	
	6PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder entry 3 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550	3	2PM	 THE KNOCKOUT \$500 BOUNTIES	\$1,100	
Thu. 3/7	10AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250		5PM	 Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$15,000 WPT Tournament of Champions Entry + \$500 Cash	\$1,600	
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2 Day Event Fri. 3/8	NOON			Mon. 3/11	11AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry 3 WINNERS OF A \$1,100 ENTRY GUARANTEED!	\$250	
	3PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to the \$550 WPT - RT Satellite	\$125	4	2PM	1 Day Event 	\$1,100	
	6PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder entry 5 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550		6PM	Nightly Turbo \$100 Bounties 20 Minute Levels	\$340	
Fri. 3/8	10AM	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT - RT Entry 3 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550	5	Tue. 3/12	11AM	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLH SERIES FINALE	\$235
	3PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to the \$550 WPT - RT Satellite	\$125					
	6PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$5,000 WPT Rolling Thunder entry 10 - \$5,000 ENTRIES GUARANTEED!	\$550					
	8:30PM	Multi-Table Step Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to the \$550 WPT - RT Satellite	\$125					

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ATLANTIS BRINGS BACK AAPT IN AUG.

After a successful first collaboration over the summer, the Ante Up Poker Tour returns to Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nev., Aug. 15-25.

“We don’t have a final schedule of events yet, but I can tell you it will have a good mix of exciting formats with prices for different size bankrolls,” said **Keith Dames**, poker room manager at Atlantis. “All no-limit hold’em events will use the big-blind ante. Our popular eight-game mix will return. We also have partnered with the Western Seniors Poker Series for two events on the schedule: a 50-plus event and the Battle of the Ages.”

As always, the winner of the main event will appear on the cover of Ante Up and get an entry into the 2020 Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Sacramento, just a couple of hours west of Atlantis.

“Working with the Ante Up Poker Tour provides not only support during the series, but a year-round outlet to promote our brand and our unique promotions,” Dames said. “I get calls all the time from poker players who see our ad in Ante Up and don’t believe that our comp rate is \$4 an hour. The Atlantis Poker Room also is home to the craziest mixed game you’ve ever seen. On Mondays, we spread a pot-limit dealer’s-choice game where you can play games like Double Board Omaha/8, Drawmaha and Tahoe Pitch and Roll.”

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa is a AAA Four-Diamond resort with a unique tournament setting that offers views of the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains. The poker room features outstanding comps and promotions and Atlantis has partnered with the relaunched iNinja Poker Tour for a series March 7-17.

“And our Sports Bar is close to the poker room and stocks *Ante Up* publisher **Scott Long**’s favorite scotch,” Dames said.

“Yes, I look forward to having a glass of Lagavulin and celebrating a second straight phenomenal Ante Up Poker Tour series with all of our new friends at Atlantis,” Long said. “Atlantis is an absolutely beautiful resort, with stunning views from the tournament tables. The series features unique events, like their own twist on the eight-game mix, and their staff works closely with our world championship partners at Thunder Valley to ensure a great experience for all of our shared guests.”

PEPPERMILL CASINO: Full House Tuesdays pays \$50 each hour to the best full house (noon-10 p.m.).

LAKE TAHOE HARVEYS: Mondays & Wednesdays hold’em tourney at 6 p.m. cost \$50 for 3K chips.

NUGGET CASINO RESORT: You can qualify for the next freeroll by accumulating hours. The date of this popular tourney will be announced shortly.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

THUNDER VALLEY RESORT: The World Poker Tour returns March 7-12 as the Rolling Thunder series features a \$5K main event, the largest buy-in tournament in Thunder Valley history. There’s a 10-day break after that, then WPT DeepStacks steps in March 22-April 8. The WPDTS takes place during the first anniversary of the TVPokerRoom.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: A \$100K guarantee Quantum Tournament is Feb. 4-10. The first seven flights feature a \$120 buy-in with 10K stacks and 10 percent of the field advancing. The next two starting flights are a \$240 buy-in (20K stacks, 20 percent advancing). There’s also a Day 2 direct-buy for \$900 as players begin with 100K. All players advancing to Day 2 receive \$250 if they bag a stack twice. Bag three times and receive \$900 for the third stack. In tournament results, **Ai Kiem Tran** and **Haisam Nijem** chopped the \$30K guarantee on the last day of 2018, cashing for \$8,933 each in the 193-entry event.

BAY 101 CASINO: Satellites (\$300 and \$600) continue on Wednesdays and Saturdays in February for players to win a seat in to the \$5,200 Bay 101 Shooting Star. The satellites become daily starting March 1. The series begins March 17 with a \$1,100 two-day event, followed by a one-day \$2,100 event. The Shooting Star features dozens of celebrity bounty players with a \$2K bounty each. The end-of-play Day 1 and Day 2 leaders receive \$5K each.

CLUB ONE CASINO: The Fresno poker room holds a \$7,500 guarantee deepstack each Sunday at 1:15. Players begin with 12K and play 20-minute levels. Hosts in the tournament have a \$100 bounty on them.

TURLOCK POKER ROOM: The cardroom is ramping up to celebrate its 15th anniversary this year. A celebration series is going to take place mid June. There are two Omaha/8 tournaments each week: a \$45 buy-in every Sunday at 11 a.m., and a \$25 buy-in Wednesdays at 1.

JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO: There’s only a \$2 rake on each daily tournament in the casino’s poker room. Along with hold’em tournaments, Jackson Rancheria features a \$40 PLO at 10:30 a.m. each Monday, a \$40 Omaha/8 on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and a \$30 crazy pineapple on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

LIVERMORE CASINO: Play the \$175 deepstack with a \$2K guarantee for first place the third Saturday each month at 10 a.m. There’s a \$120 buy-in with \$20 bounties for the final morning tournament each month and a \$1K guarantee for first.

FEATHER FALLS CASINO: The \$5K guarantee is the first and third Saturday each month for \$80.

Receive 2K extra chips for a \$5 staff gratuity. There are \$40 rebuys and the same \$5 add-on available in the first hour of play, with a \$20 add-on after Level 3.

WIN-RIVER CASINO: Lose with kings full and receive \$500 in hold’em games daily. The winning hand receives \$250 and the rest of the table receives \$40.

— **Dan Ross**, the Northern California Ante Up Ambassador, is owner of Hold’em Media Group, including Hold’em Radio Podcast Network and the Hold’em Live Updates reporting team. Email dan@holdemradio.com.

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DAY	TIME	DATE	EVENT	TOTAL BUY-IN	GUARANTEE
Thursday	5p	7-MAR	\$5k Warmup Bounty NLHE	\$200	
Thursday	7p		NLHE Mega Satellite to \$40K 1-5	\$70	
Friday	11a	8-MAR	NLHE \$40k Flight A	\$280	\$40k
Friday	5p		NLHE \$40k Flight A	\$280	\$40k
Friday	7p		NLHE Mega Satellite to \$40K 1-5	\$70	\$5k
Saturday	11a	9-MAR	NLHE \$40k Flight C	\$280	\$40k
Saturday	5p		NLHE \$40k Flight D	\$280	\$40k
Saturday	7p		Omaha-8	\$200	\$5k
Sunday	11a	10-MAR	NLHE \$40k Re-Start		
Sunday	12p		Resurrection	\$200	
Sunday	5p		Black Chip Bounty	\$140	
Sunday	7p		FREEROLL TO MAIN!		5 Seats
Monday	10a	11-MAR	WSPS Seniors NLHE \$10k GTD	\$200	\$10k
Monday	5p		\$5k GTD NLH	\$180	\$5k
Monday	7p		Satellite to Main 1-5	\$115	
Tuesday	10a	12-MAR	WSPS Seniors NLHE Re-Start		
Tuesday	11a		Battle of the Ages	\$260	
Tuesday	5p		8-Game Mix	\$160	
Tuesday	7p		Satellite to Main 1-5	\$115	
Wednesday	11a	13-MAR	6-Max NLH Bounty \$10k GTD	\$260	\$10k
Wednesday	5p		Satellite to Main 1-5	\$115	5 Seats
Wednesday	7p		Mega to Main 1-10	\$60	
Thursday	11a	14-MAR	Main Event 1A	\$500	
Thursday	5p		Squad	\$140	5 Seats
Thursday	7p		Mega to Main 1-5	\$115	
Friday	9a	15-MAR	Turbo to Main 1-5	\$500	
Friday	11a		Main Event 1B	\$500	
Friday	5p		Main Event 1C	\$500	
Friday	7p		Mega to Main 1-5	\$115	5 Seats
Saturday	9a	16-MAR	Turbo to Main 1-5	\$500	
Saturday	11a		Main Event 1D	\$500	
Saturday	5p		Main Event 1E	\$500	
Saturday	7p		NLH Bounty	\$200	
Sunday	1p	17-MAR	Main Re-Start		
Sunday	11a		Resurrection	\$200	
Sunday	5p		Mystery Swag Bounty	\$100	

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ORLEANS TOURNEYS CHANGE IN L.V.

The Orleans has revised its popular tournament schedule. In cases where buy-ins increased for an existing tournament, all of the increased amount goes to the prize pool. All NLHE tournaments feature big-blind antes. Tournaments run twice a day, at noon and 7 p.m.

A \$100 Super Stack runs Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, as well as Monday evening. It offers a 25K stack and 15-minute levels.

Monday afternoon and Thursday evening a \$100 Omaha/8 tourney is offered, with a 12,500 stack and 20-minute levels.

Wednesday afternoon is a \$100 Omaha/8-stud/8 event with 12,500 chips and 20-minute levels.

A \$100 PLO tournament runs Tuesday evenings with 12,500 chips and 20-minute levels.

Wednesday is the night for mixed-game enthusiasts with a \$125 eight-game-mix event. Players start with 15K chips and play 20-minute levels.

A \$150 bounty (\$50 bounties) is Saturday evenings as the starting stack is 15K and the levels are 20 minutes for the first four levels and 30 minutes thereafter.

Sunday evenings a \$125 HORSE tournament runs with a 15K stack and 20-minute levels.

And one of the most popular regular tournaments in town, the \$130 Friday night NLHE event has a \$15K guarantee. Players get 30-minute levels and start with 15K chips.

To go along with the new schedule, the Orleans will be giving away two tournament entries a week. Players receive an entry into the drawing for every tournament they enter. Winners can play any regular tournament they choose.

WYNN: In early December, **Roi Sasson** took home the \$75K first-place prize in the \$600 main event of the Signature Series. **Sebastien Grax** earned \$48K for second and **Sam Renshaw** received \$33K for third. The \$600 event drew nearly 800 players over three starting flights, resulting in a \$407K prize pool, easily surpassing the \$250K guarantee.

VENETIAN LAS VEGAS: The DeepStack Showdown's \$3,500 main event in December saw **Jon Turner**, of Las Vegas, pocket \$201K after making a deal with runner-up **Joe Kuether** from Wisconsin, who received \$198K. New Jersey's **Ryan Hohner** was third (\$110K). More than 340 players entered, creating a \$1M prize pool, doubling the \$500K guarantee.

BELLAGIO: The \$10,400 WPT Five Diamond tournament set a record for a WPT \$10K event as more than 1K players created a prize pool of \$9.7M. **Dylan Linde** from Idaho claimed the \$1.6M first-place prize, while Serbia's **Milos Skrbic** left with \$1M for second. New York's **Andrew Lichtenberger** was third (\$800K).

STATIONS CASINOS: Qualifying is under way for a huge, \$300K freeroll in April. Players need 120 hours of combined live play at the five poker rooms in the chain: Red Rock, Green Valley Ranch, Santa Fe Station, Boulder Station and Palace Station. Double qualifying hours can be earned daily (midnight-4 a.m. and 7-11 a.m.). On Mondays and Wednesdays, additional double hours run 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Players have until March 31 to qualify. The first place prize is \$50K and all players who qualify will receive \$120 when they enter.

Of course, all the Stations rooms have room-specific promotions to further entice you to play.

GREEN VALLEY RANCH: Players getting quads or better pick an envelope out of a drum with a prize worth between \$25-\$1K. Prizes double (\$400 max) 7-11 a.m. After a televised goal by the Vegas Knights, a drawing for a random \$100 winner is held. Flop quads on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and win \$500.

The regularly running cash games include \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$2-\$4 limit with a half-kill. Bigger games are spread often, including a \$5-\$10 NLHE. Mixed games frequently run on the weekends.

BOULDER STATION: The home for the popular \$4-\$8 Omaha game with a half-kill has gone all-in on the Knights, installing the team logo on the poker layouts. Every time the local team scores, two drawings for \$100 are held, one for Omaha and one for hold'em. On the last Friday of the month, there's a drawing for two tickets to a Knights game. Players earn tickets whenever a goal is scored. The room has added 11 new 55-inch TVs.

Hold'em players are eligible for three high hands of the day (10 a.m.-10 p.m.), worth \$99 each. There's a progressive Omaha bad-beat jackpot that figures to increase faster with the increased play by those trying to qualify for the freeroll.

SANTA FE STATION: Progressive high hands are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (10 a.m.-midnight), starting at \$50 and progressing \$50 every hour it's not hit. Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. is a drawing for \$100 to 10 players. Quad floppers for \$500 are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

RED ROCK: During Knights games, \$100 is awarded in a random drawing every time the Knights score. Quad floppers for \$500 run Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Royals are worth \$250. Friday night high hands (5-11) pay the highest hand each hour \$200 and second highest gets \$100.

PALACE STATION: Quad floppers for \$500 run every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. High hand of the hour for \$99 runs every hour 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is a \$5K single-table bad-beat jackpot. Royals pay \$250. Double comps (\$2 an hour) for all no-limit play. The main game here is \$2-\$4 limit.

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO: November saw the annual Fall Poker Round-Up with \$40K-plus in guarantees. Here are the winners: **Zach Bailie** (Event 1, \$15K), **Ricky Larson** (Event 2, \$11K and Event 11, \$24K), **Brian Lawrence** (Event 3, \$17K), **Ron Anderson** (Event 4, \$7K), **Bohr He** (Event 5, \$4K), **Kao Saechao** (Event 6, \$8K), **Zachary Schacher** (Event 7, \$5K), **Timothy Cureton** (Event 8, \$4K), **Bob Schulhauser** (Event 9, \$12K), **Richard Hampton** (Event 10, \$13K), **Mike Jutte** (\$500 main event, \$39K) and **John Gerritz** closed out the series victories (Event 13, \$5K). The next major event in Pendleton will be April 4-14.

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: The Lincoln City, Ore., property will see its annual winter series run Feb. 16-24. More info is available at chinookwindscasino.com. ♠

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WINTER CLASSIC IN AZ. FEB. 9-11

The annual Winter Poker Classic will be Feb. 9-11 at Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room in Scottsdale, Ariz.

There are two starting flights (Feb. 9-10) and the final is Feb. 11. The \$400 buy-in gets you 15K chips and play begins at 11:15 a.m. each day.

The Wacky Wednesday promotion will be Feb. 13 and 27. Call for details.

In tourney results news, 526 players entered the Toy Drive event, which ended in a 15-way chop for \$750 each. Players brought in hundreds of toys for children throughout the valley. **Vincent Kent** won the \$160 event Dec. 22 for \$3,200, followed by **Daniel Allen** (\$2,500) and the next 13 players pocketed \$1,686 each.

GILA RIVER VEE QUIVA: The Ante Up Poker Tour returns to the property March 25-31. Look for details in an upcoming issue.

BUCKY'S CASINO: The Northern Arizona Hold'em Championship will be in March. Qualification rounds will be Sundays starting March 3 at 2 p.m.

FT. MCDOWELL CASINO: The second quarterly \$10K guarantee Winner's Circle freeroll was Dec. 22. There were numerous ways to qualify, including finishing first or second in any a weekly tournament, or by playing 25 hours of live games. The list of winners include **Chris Phan, Andre Henning, Robert Whitworth, Joseph Fox, Reno Garcia, Michael Jaycox, Michael Janashvili, Randall Humphreys, Terry Beahm** and **William Palmer**.

The next WCF tournament will be March 23 as players qualify through March 22.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: The WSOP qualifiers are Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 5. These satellites will be \$80 and at least a \$500 seat will be guaranteed with a minimum of five players. More players means a more valuable seat.

In March, the poker room's March Madness bracket craziness returns. The top 16 players by hours earned will be assigned a team in the March Madness tournament and will win money based on how well their team does.

TEXAS

TEXAS CARD HOUSE: Stars **Andrew Neeme** and **Brad Owen** hosted a \$5-\$5 meet-up game Jan. 22 and a \$5K guarantee event Jan. 23. Just like their September 2018 visit to Texas Card House, the turnout of players was impressive for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

"This is proper no-limit hold'em," Neeme said. "This was some proper action. These games are playing a lot bigger than

MEET TERRY KING



One of the pioneering players of the 1970s, **Terry King** is the 1978 stud WSOP bracelet-winner and a Tulsa native.

How did you get started in poker? I graduated high school and my friend's aunt lived in Las Vegas. I moved there spur of the moment. She played poker and taught me how.

Tell me about your early playing years. The Golden Nugget had a 25-cent ante \$1-\$5 five-card draw game. Stud became more popular so I switched to playing \$1-\$3 stud. At the time, I was working as a legal secretary. A friend I'd met at the Nugget, **Natalie**, and her husband taught me how to play better. I was able to quit my job and played for a living for several years before finally turning 21 and tried dealing. I worked at Silver City Casino from '74 to '78.

You dated Chip Reese for five years. How did he affect your game? I started going with Chip in '78. He really helped my play. I quit working and went back to playing. I played \$800-\$1,600 stud with **Larry Flynt** at the WSOP.

You and Chip were engaged before parting amicably, remaining lifelong friends. When you eventually left Vegas, what did you do? I went to California in '84. I worked at the Bicycle Casino before running the poker room at Hollywood Park Casino.

What led you to go full circle and return to Tulsa? My mother, who has since passed, was getting older and so I returned a few years ago to be near her. By the time this appears, I'll have moved back to Las Vegas.

What's RealGrinders? RealGrinders.com was started by **Ray Davis** as a way to give attention to the Average Joe player instead of big shots. It's a subscription site with poker room, forums, coaching, and the RealGrinders Lounge in Vegas. He has a lot of street credibility and respect for and from the old school. — **Robert Kelly**

the typical \$5-\$5 games."

TCH runs \$5K guarantees each Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Sundays feature \$10K and \$20K tournaments. Find all the details at tch.cards/calendar

CELEBRITY CARD CLUB: The MoneyMaker Tournament Series visits Feb. 4-9. Special hotel rates are available at the MCM Elegante. Get more info by contacting the club.

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Spriggs goes back-to-back in Okla.

The final stop for the RunGood Gear Poker Series season concluded Dec. 9 at Downstream Casino in Quapaw, Okla. Local **Rodney Spriggs** had back-to-back wins. Spriggs earned \$4,733 of the \$17K prize pool in the kickoff \$135 bounty event. He then took down the 374-entry field \$180 event, which had a \$52K prize pool.

So many bullets fired in the pot-limit Omaha event as 45 entries generated 416 rebuys. Congratulations to **Thomas Stastny** of Columbia, Mo., for his first victory and a \$3,947 payday. **Simon Webster** of McKinney, Texas, fought back from a massive deficit to defeat RG ambassador **Daniel Lowery** to win the main event and \$44,391.

CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT: The WSOPC returned with a 20-event schedule. **Jared Hemingway** and **Anthony Bogard** made three final tables, each taking home one ring.

Hemingway topped the 255-entry field in Event 5 for \$20,616 of the \$84K prize pool. In the \$250 opener, Hemingway fell to **Schuyler Thornton**, who came to the final table with the lead and earned his first ring and \$21,806.

Hemingway was heads-up again in the main event, but lost to **Max Young**, who took home his fifth WSOPC ring and \$263,815. Hemingway earned \$163,024 and both gained a spot in the Global Casino Championship.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: The royal-flush promotion pays \$623-\$2,923, depending on the suit. A \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha game runs Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

RIVER SPIRIT: This 12-table room hosts daily 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. tournaments with a seniors event on Wednesday at 5. A variety of games spread and there are several promotions, including high hands and freerolls.

RIVERWIND: This enclosed 17-table room offers \$50 high hands Mondays, \$100 splash pot Tuesdays (1-5 p.m.) on \$2-\$5 games and \$100 high hands Wednesday and Thursday at select times. There are several weekly tournaments culminating with a last Saturday of the month \$330 re-entry.

HOLLYWOOD KANSAS SPEEDWAY: There's a \$25-\$50 mixed game on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in this 12-table room. Also, look for high-hand rollovers and a variety of other games.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: **Charles Chadwick** won the Reindeer Games' \$330 170-entry main event.

HARD ROCK TULSA: The 14-table non-smoking room spreads a variety of NLHE games and \$1-\$2 and \$5-\$5 pot-limit Omaha on select days. The WSOPC visits March 14-25. The 13-event series will include \$1M main-event guarantee.

AMERISTAR: Players earn \$1-an-hour comps with a \$15 food voucher for four consecutive hours of play in the 13-table room. Promotions include a mini-bad-beat, earning the loser a minimum of \$250.

WINSTAR WORLD: The 55-table room hosts the Presidents Day River Series this month in Thackerville, Okla., though schedule details weren't final at press time.

GRAND CASINO SHAWNEE: The poker room hosts the Grand Championship series March 1-3. Super mega-satellites are Feb. 9, 16 and 23. This 12-table room offers \$50 high hands and \$300 Chase the Quads on selected times and dates.



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SOUTHWEST

Nguyen, Cohen chop main event of Colorado Poker Championship

The results are in for Golden Gates' Colorado Poker Championship, which ran Dec. 1-19 in Black Hawk Colo.

Khoa Nguyen and **Jonathan Cohen** chopped the \$1,100 main event for \$46,291 each, followed by **Paul Holder** (\$23K), **Stephen Zipprich** (\$17K) and **Chris Tryba** (\$13K).

In the \$2K high roller, **Matt Bond** (\$23K) was first in a chop with **Sergio Sanchez** (\$22K) and third went to **Hung Mai** (\$13K), followed by **Albert Hart** (\$7K). The HPT returns Feb. 6-18.

BLACK HAWK AMERISTAR: The room has charging ports at every table. Four hours of play in one day qualifies you for a rate in the hotel. The bad-beat jackpot (quad sevens) was \$358,852 at press time and the mini-bad (\$25K) was aces full of deuces.

CRIPPLE CREEK MIDNIGHT ROSE: Manager **Jeff Peck** offers one of the best sets of tournaments for deepstack weekends. Saturday at 12:30 features the Fast & Furious Freezeout for \$65 and 30K chips (no re-entry). Sunday is the Meganormous Stack with an escalating blind structure (\$120 for 50K chips). Play four hours of live action Monday-Thursday and stay the night free.

NEW MEXICO

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: The poker room held a \$50 food-drive tournament on Dec. 13. All 112 players started with a 6K stack with the chance to earn more by bringing in canned goods. **Jose Cordova** and **Erik Salaiz** chopped the title for \$6,250 each. St. Joseph's Apache Mission was the charity food bank that benefited from the tournament.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT: On Feb. 3 at 1 p.m., there's a \$30 tournament with 3,500 chips. The Outlaw Country Bounty Tournament is Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. for \$107 (7,500 chips) with \$107 bounties on **Kidd Corona** and possibly five others.

The Presidents Day \$30 event is Feb. 18 at 2. Players get 3,500 chips and unlimited \$20 rebuys for the first hour and a \$25 add-on at the end of the first hour.

The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month deepstack is Feb. 23 at 1 (15K chips, 20-minute levels).

The poker room has daily splash pots (9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) as well as Night Owl Splash Pots on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (8-11). The room also pays high hands (quads or better) and gives out \$20 to the first nine players seated and playing by 10 a.m. with a \$40 buy-in.

ISLETA CASINO: Daily tournaments are \$10-\$50 and at 2 or 7 p.m. The room hosts its \$1K tournament Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. The buy-in is \$100 (15K chips, 20-minute levels) and \$1K is added to the prize pool. There are \$50 satellites Feb. 2, 9 or 16 at 7 p.m.

SANDIA CASINO: All weekday events start at 7 p.m.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: Daily \$28 tournaments with a \$5 add-on run at noon, 3 and 7. The events on Monday, Wednesday and Friday pay bounties. There's a tournament bad-beat jackpot for all events. The player-of-the-year promotion focuses on performance in tourneys throughout the year at Route 66. The room dedicates about \$5K to the top qualifiers and hosts a freeroll for the top 50 players. Don't forget about Aces Cracked, which pays \$50 for same-color pocket aces losing and \$25 for mixed aces. ♠

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ASHKENAZI STAYS HOT IN S. FLA.

Most venues shy from big tournaments over the holidays, with many players visiting friends and family and getting away from the felt. However, if you're one of the nation's largest properties in a sunny vacation destination, why not try to attract players who may be in town to celebrate the holidays in South Florida? Enter the Fun in the Sun Poker Open at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla.

Red-hot **Ido Ashkenazi** of Davie won the opener, a \$250 Big Stack re-entry tourney that drew 465 players. Ashkenazi made the final table at the Hard Rock Poker Open Main Event in August, took second in an October deepstack there in late October and picked up a huge victory just days later at the Isle in Pompano Beach at the main event of the Isle Open (\$70K).

He concluded his great year with a heads-up chop in the Big Stack with **Ory Hen** of Cooper City for \$22K, plus a \$2,500 entry in January's Lucky Hearts series.

Later in the week, it was **Alcides Gomez** who capped off the year by taking down the \$560 Fun in the Sun Main Event after making the final table at the same event in 2017. Gomez defeated **Paul Tran-Hau** for \$26K. Other winners during the five-event series were **Jairo Velasquez**, **Dwayne Harrison** and **Jason Prest**.

ISLE POMPANO BEACH: The \$1,100 Isle Poker Classic Main Event, played for the second straight year in December after seven years in January, saw several local stars make a loaded final table as **Jeff Trudeau** of Orlando defeated 233 opponents to win the \$55K first prize.

South Floridians **Nancy Birnbaum**, **Tom Gity**, **Matthew Smith** and **Scott Baumstein** were among those eliminated late on Day 2, leaving three players to come back the next day to finish the event. Trudeau made quick work of that with his sizable lead, eliminating **Hunter Cichy** of Ft. Lauderdale and Coon Rapids, Mich., on the second hand and then knocking out **Elliot Zaydman** less than 20 minutes later to take home the trophy.

SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK: The World Series of Poker Circuit returns Feb. 7-18. This year's series opens with a \$400 one-day tourney, followed by a \$400 event with a \$300K guarantee and featuring four opening sessions Feb. 8 and 9. A \$3,250 high roller will be Valentine's Day, followed by two opening days of the \$1,700 main event with its \$1M guarantee, which concludes Feb. 18.

MISSOURI

HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS: The HPT visits March 7-18. The schedule includes \$500K in guarantees spread across 12 events, including \$100K for the \$350 opener featuring three starting

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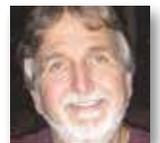
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MEET JAMES SALMON

James Salmon is a South Florida pro who has improved steadily over the past five years, cashing in the World Series of Poker Main Event in 2015 and 2017 (142nd place for \$53K). This past summer, he finished 17th in the Monster Stack at the Rio and followed it up with a fourth at the \$1,100 event in the SHRPO Big 4, earning \$39K.

What was your path toward playing professionally? I was a product of the Moneymaker effect, so I picked up poker in 2003 when I was in college at FIU and we started playing in the dorm rooms. I think I just had a natural inclination for the game and I became addicted to playing it. But after a few years of not being a winning player, I got a job for about five years at a cruise line before rehashing my poker dream and returning to full-time cash games and tournaments.

You've been running deep in some big tournaments. Is it the confidence that has been building? A good mental state helps, believing in yourself and having confidence, but there's no substitute for working on the technique of getting better at the game. Today that means using solvers so you can learn (game theory), running simulations and going over spots; it takes work to get to the next level.

You must be pleased to get the opportunity to play so many big tournaments in your hometown. It was kind of a secret for a while, but South Florida is the best place to play poker and it's turning into one of the biggest markets in the country. I feel blessed to be living here as a poker player, a lot of events, big tournaments with big turnouts and large prize pools.

What are your long-term goals? I want this to be a breakout year. I've grinded my way to \$700K in earnings, which is fine, but I haven't had that year where I've become a household name, for lack of a better term.

I've been studying on my game and playing well but I'm still waiting for that breakthrough win. This is a good start and I'm grateful for the success I've had.

— **Dave Lemmon**

flights. The \$1,650 main has a \$300K guarantee and there will be a seven-game mix that consists of HORSE plus no-limit hold'em and pot-limit Omaha. This is HPT's first time at the property so the tour's organizers are expecting a big turnout.



\$400,000 IN EVENT GUARANTEES

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SATELLITES START FEBRUARY 1

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	GUARANTEE
Friday	March 1	12:00PM	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$360	
Friday	March 1	6:00PM	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$360	
Saturday	March 2	12:00PM	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$360	
Saturday	March 2	5:00PM	#2	All in or Fold Hold'em w/\$50 Bounties	\$200	
Saturday	March 2	6:00PM	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$360	
Sunday	March 3	12:00PM	#1	Final Day - <i>bestbetLIVE Stream Final Table</i>		\$100,000
Sunday	March 3	1:00PM	#3	No Limit Hold'em w/\$100 Bounties	\$350	
Monday	March 4	12:00PM	#4	No Limit Hold'em Deepstack	\$150	
Tuesday	March 5	12:00PM	#5	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	
Wednesday	March 6	12:00PM	#6	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	
Wednesday	March 6	3:00PM	#7	No Limit Hold'em Ladies Only Powered by PLON - <i>bestbetLIVE Stream Final Table</i>	\$240	
Thursday	March 7	12:00PM	#8	No Limit Hold'em Short Deck	\$350	
Friday	March 8	12:00PM	ME	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,500	
Friday	March 8	5:00PM	#9	K9s for Warriors Charity Event No Limit Hold'em w/\$40 Re-Buys	\$220	
Saturday	March 9	12:00PM	ME	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,500	
Saturday	March 9	3:00PM	#10	Big O 8 or Better	\$350	
Saturday	March 9	7:00PM	#11	No Limit Hold'em Turbo w/\$50 Bounties	\$240	
Sunday	March 10	12:00PM	ME	Day 2		
Sunday	March 10	1:00PM	#12	No Limit Hold'em w/\$100 Bounties	\$350	
Sunday	March 10	7:00PM	#13	No Limit Hold'em Turbo	\$240	
Monday	March 11	2:00PM	ME	Final Day		\$300,000



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SILKS BRINGS AUPT HOME TO TAMPA

The six-event series runs Feb. 4-10 at Tampa Bay Downs, just minutes from Ante Up Headquarters.

By Scott Long

The Ante Up Poker Tour returns to its home state of Florida with a championship series Feb. 4-10 at the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs in Tampa.



The six-event series kicks off with a \$10K guarantee for \$160 and concludes with a \$60K guarantee main event, which features an affordable \$250 buy-in, five flights and will put the winner on the cover of Ante

Up and in the Ante Up World Championship Main Event in July.

“We hoped to add some value to the main event by putting together a main event that would draw a diverse group of players at a price point that could work for all players,” Silks director of poker **Patrick Murphy** said. “The hope is to blow past the \$60K guarantee.”

Value is on display not just in the main event, but throughout the series, as the five preliminary events have buy-ins of \$130-\$230 with \$35K in guarantees, for a total of \$95K for the series.

“The series was designed for all players with affordable events but still with attractive guarantees on the prize pools,” Murphy said. “Some unique events in the series are a \$5K guarantee seniors for players 50 and older, a \$5K guarantee Monster Stack with 40K starting chips and a \$10K guarantee with \$50 knockout bounties.”

But the best value in the series starts several weeks before the event, as Murphy put together aggressive promotions throughout the month of January to give daily tournament players numerous chances to win satellite seats or main-event seats.

“The satellites and giveaways leading up to the event create a buzz and help the tournaments success in meeting and exceeded the guaranteed prize pools,” Murphy said.

For every tournament in January, the first five flushes won a \$30 seat in the next satellite, the high hand in Level 2 won a seat in the Feb. 7 Step 2 satellite and the high hand in Level 3 won a main-event entry. Also, players getting four of a kind won a \$55 tournament voucher good for any tournament; players with a straight flush won an Event 1 entry and players getting a royal won a main-event seat. During the series, two step satellites will run. The first is \$25 and awards seats in the Step 2 event, which is \$85 and awards main-event seats.

Tampa Bay Downs is one of Florida’s premier thoroughbred racing tracks, with live racing running December to May, a luxurious 23-table poker room, great dining options and a golf facility. The poker room runs cash games and tournaments daily.

“On a daily basis, we offer \$1-\$1 NLHE, \$1-\$2 NLHE, \$1-\$3 NLHE and \$2-\$5 NLHE. We also spread \$5-\$5 pot-limit Omaha and \$5-\$5-\$10 NLHE a few days a week,” Murphy said. “We have four designated-player games: Ultimate Texas Hold’em, Three Card Poker, Crazy 4 Poker and High Card



Schedule

For more information, including satellite and promotion schedules, visit AnteUpMagazine.Com/Silks. All events are no-limit hold’em.

- Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Event 1:** \$160 (\$10K guarantee)
- Feb. 5, 1 p.m., Event 2:** \$130 seniors (\$5K guarantee)
- Feb. 5, 6 p.m., Event 3:** \$130 Monster Stack (\$5K guarantee)
- Feb. 6, 1 p.m., Event 4:** \$130 (\$5K guarantee)
- Feb. 6, 6 p.m., Event 5:** \$230 KO (\$50 bounties, \$10K guar.)
- Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Main Event DAY 1A:** \$250 (\$60K guarantee)
- Feb. 8, 1 p.m., Main Event DAY 1B**
- Feb. 8, 6 p.m., Main Event DAY 1C**
- Feb. 9, 1 p.m., Main Event DAY 1D**
- Feb. 9, 6 p.m., Main Event DAY 1E**
- Feb. 10, 1 p.m., Main Event Day 2**

Flush.”

Silks also offers a number of amenities to players.

“Enjoy complimentary soft drinks, dining and cocktail service while you play, tableside massages and plasma TV screens airing live sporting events and simulcast racing from across the country and a view of the racetrack finish line from almost every table,” Murphy said.

And Tampa Bay Downs is only a few miles from Ante Up headquarters.

“The Silks Poker Room tries to offer our players a wide range of daily tournaments, promotions and the chance to compete in tournament series and events with bigger guarantees,” Murphy said. “The Ante Up Poker Tour was a natural fit, being a locally based company and having a long relationship of working together to help advertise our room.” ♠

JOHNSON WINS WSOPC IP IN MISS.

The WSOPC at the IP Biloxi wrapped up Dec. 17, resulting in a handful of new champions. The \$1,700 main event drew 382 contenders and a prize pool of \$578,730. Many well-known players fought hard, coming down to **Matt Johnson** of Memphis and **Luke Graham** of Port St. Lucie, Fla., for the title. Johnson didn't sweat the pressure: "It was already the most I've ever won, so it was all a freeroll." Johnson took the title and \$127,319. Graham earned \$78,678.

Benjamin Thomas of Baton Rouge finished fourth in the main, which, combined with his overall solid results for the series, was enough to award him the title of Casino Champion. He joined main-event winner Johnson in earning this series' seats into the Casino Championship.

HORSESHOE TUNICA: Don't miss the Big Game promotion where you can win plenty of cash and a 70-inch Sony Smart TV or a Nintendo Switch/PlayStation.

On Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3), two 100-square boards will be used in a squares promotion. To qualify for a square, you need to be actively playing in a live game that day.

The first quarter will award two \$500 prizes. Halftime will award two \$500 prizes plus choice of a Nintendo or PlayStation system. The third quarter will award two \$500 prizes and the final score will award two \$500 prizes plus two 70-inch Sony Smart TVs.

BEAU RIVAGE: In Biloxi, every Friday and Sunday play the new Win Place Show high-hand promotion. From 1 p.m. to 2 a.m., every two hours the three highest ranking hands will qualify for a cash prize. Hands must be greater than aces full of deuces to qualify. First place each time period will award \$300, second will be \$200 and third is \$100. Unclaimed money will roll over to be added to the prizes later in the day.

Beginning Feb. 1, the Beau will offer a frequent-player promotion. Each month, players who earn 50 hours or more will be eligible for cash drawings. For every additional 25 hours, you'll be awarded another ticket.

On the second and fourth full weekends of the month, drawings will begin on Saturday at 2 and continue every 20 minutes until 2 a.m. Three drawings per hour will award \$200 each. Additional money will be awarded for the players with the most hours per month and all players who play 200-plus hours will receive an additional \$50 per winning ticket.

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LAUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE: The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was a property-record \$349K at press time. Players receive \$1-an-hour in comps 10 a.m.-2 a.m. and that doubles when playing 2 a.m. to 10 a.m.

COUSHATTA CASINO: Splash pots, Sets Cracked, Kings Cracked, straight flushes and high hands are just some of the fine promos offered at this Kinder property. Also, the bad-beat jackpot was \$104K at press time.

LAUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES: High hands are paid here, including \$100 on select days for aces full and \$100 for straight flushes and \$200 for royals. The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$140K at press time.

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: Promotions include \$200 for royals and \$100 for straight flushes.

HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY: The mini-bad-beat jackpot (aces full of 10s) pays \$5K and Aces Cracked earns \$100.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

HARD ROCK TAMPA: The first-time Super 7s tournament, played Dec. 28-30 with a \$777 buy-in, drew 178 entries and re-entries to smash the \$100K guarantee for a \$124,600 prize pool. Thirty-two players advanced to Day 2, with the tournament paying 18 places.

Pro player and gambling consultant **Hunter Cichy** of Ft. Lauderdale, by way of Michigan, took down the \$32,645 first prize and a guitar trophy. Cichy is the author of *Advanced Concepts in No-Limit Hold'Em*. His best live cash was \$123K for first in a no-limit event in the Dominican Republic in 2015.

The Hard Rock's Tampa Classic will be Feb. 20-March 6. The \$360 opening event, a two-day deepstack with six flights, carries a \$200K guarantee. The series also offers two Omaha/8 events and a PLO/8-Big O mix. The \$1,650 main event has a \$300K guarantee, with three Day 1s starting Feb. 28. Satellites starting at \$75 will run daily Feb. 20-March 2.

DERBY LANE: The Tuesday 6 p.m. Player Appreciation event, with a \$207 entry and \$5 add-on, carries a \$10K guarantee and features the big-blind-ante structure and nine-handed tables.

MELBOURNE GREYHOUND TRACK: Club 52 hosts a \$100K guarantee Feb. 19-24. There will be multiple Day 1 flights with the final day being Feb. 24. See the ad on Page 42. The room also has added a high-hand promotion, paying \$300 hourly for high hands Monday-Friday (5-7 p.m.). High hands using both hole cards pay \$300; for one hole card, \$150.

NORTH FLORIDA

EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: Evening tourneys begin at 6 and Sunday afternoon at 1. The cash tables pay high hands daily. See the calendar at goebro.com for dates and times.

CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNALAKE: In the November \$10K, **Tim Wade** took first place and \$2,225. Gretnalake hosts a \$10K each month and runs satellites multiple times each month. The cash tables pay high hands daily and has a lively Omaha cash game.

BEST BET JACKSONVILLE: **Scott Kehr** won the December \$100K event for \$28,224 as nearly 400 players played for \$117,600.

A monster stack event drew 52 entries as **Gregory Anderson**, **Robert Woodward** and **John Pappas** chopped for \$3,474 apiece.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK AND POKER ROOM: Tournaments are daily, including a \$20K guarantee the last weekend of each month. The December event drew 222 entries and paid 23 places. **Robert Seely** took first and \$4K out of a \$26K prize pool. Bad-beat jackpots are in play in Texas Hold'em and Omaha. See pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com for details.

DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB: The GAPT \$10K guarantee is Feb. 9. There's also a \$200 WSOP qualifier Feb. 22 (the first of nine). The Championship Series, which runs Feb. 7-10, has seven events over five days, culminating in a \$50K guarantee \$500 main event. ♠

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2019 SPRING POKER CLASSIC

DATE	DAY	TIME	SESSION	EVENT	ENTRY FEE	MAX CHIP	LEVEL TIMES
Mar 14	Thur	12pm		Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$50	6K	25
Mar 14	Thur	6pm	1A	Gulfcoastpoker.net Event 1 1K Double Bag Bonus \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30, 45
Mar 15	Fri	12pm	1B	Gulfcoastpoker.net Event 1 1K Double Bag Bonus \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30, 45
Mar 15	Fri	6pm	1C	Gulfcoastpoker.net Event 1 1K Double Bag Bonus \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30, 45
Mar 16	Sat	11am	1D	Gulfcoastpoker.net Event 1 1K Double Bag Bonus \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30, 45
Mar 16	Sat	5pm	1E	Gulfcoastpoker.net Event 1 1K Double Bag Bonus \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30, 45
Mar 16	Sat	8pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 17	Sun	12pm		Event 1 Restart			
Mar 17	Sun	12pm	2	One Day NL Holdem 10k Guaranteed	\$250	10K	30
Mar 17	Sun	5pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 18	Mon	12pm	3	20K Guaranteed MONSTER STACK	\$350	40K	30
Mar 18	Mon	5pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 19	Tues	12pm	4	Seniors NL Holdem One Day	\$250	10K	30
Mar 19	Tues	5pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 20	Wed	12pm	5	NL Holdem One Day 20K Guaranteed	\$200	10K	30
Mar 20	Wed	5pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 21	Thur	12pm	6	Monster Stack 9 Main Event Seats Added	\$350	20K	30
Mar 21	Thur	5pm		Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guaranteed	\$110 / \$40	4K	30, 20
Mar 22	Fri	2pm	7A	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$850	20K	40, 60
Mar 22	Fri	7pm		Mega Satellite	\$200	6K	25
Mar 23	Sat	10am		Last Chance Mega	\$200	6K	20
Mar 23	Sat	11am	7B	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$850	20K	40, 60
Mar 23	Sat	5pm	7C	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$850	20K	40, 60
Mar 24	Sun	1pm		Main Event Restart			
Mar 24	Sun	3pm	8	One Day Deepstack No Limit	\$200	15K	25



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Running Aces in Columbus, Minn., near Minneapolis, will award 11 Ante Up Poker Cruise packages for the eight-night Oct. 26 sailing aboard Royal Caribbean's *Adventure of the Seas*, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with port stops at Royal Caribbean's private island of Labadee, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; and Philipsburg, St. Maarten. Each package is good for two people and includes \$1,200 in travel money.

The 10 players clocking the most hours of live poker Feb. 1-28 will get a seat into the Sail Away Poker Tournament on March 3. That event will be live on Twitch using Running Aces' RFID table, with the winner getting the cruise package. If any of the players can't make the tournament, a drawing will be 30 minutes before the start of the tournament. Players will get one drawing ticket for every poker tier point earned Feb. 1-28.

Table-games players will get a drawing ticket for every table games tier point earned. Cruise drawings will be Feb. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 and 28. One cruise package will be awarded each day, with two being awarded Feb. 28.

For more on this promotion, visit Running Aces' website and for more on Ante Up Cruises, go to AnteUpCruises.com or contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at cruises@anteupcruises.com or (727) 742-3843.



In tourney news, **David Gonia** of St. Paul, Minn., earned \$32,053 after winning the \$280 Cold Hard Cash event. Gonia had other tough competition at the final table, including second-place finisher **Robbie Wazwaz**, **Tony Lazar** (sixth) and **Saad Ghannem** (ninth). There were 674 entrants for a \$140,507 prize pool.

CANTERBURY PARK: The Mid-States Poker Tour ended the year with a bang as the \$1,100 event drew 977 entrants for a \$977K prize pool and broke the record for the largest tournament with a \$1K-plus buy-in in Minnesota history. **Andy Rubinberg** of Chicago took home \$179,776 after winning this event. Rubinberg is no stranger to MSPT final tables as he won in Wisconsin in 2016.



He began the final table second in chips (2.9M) behind leader **Jesse Rockowitz** (5.4M). Rockowitz played aggressively, but exited in fourth. By that time, Rubinberg had gained the lead and never relinquished it. **Ronnie Lamb** finished



MEET NICK ZACNY

Majestic Star Casino recently named **Nick Zacny** poker room manager. Starting at the Showboat in East Chicago, he has spent almost two decades managing poker rooms in Northwest Indiana.

What are your plans for Majestic Stars poker room? The supervisors, executive team and I have a pretty clear vision of what we want for Majestic poker: to deliver a great experience for players from when they walk into the room until they leave. Players are going to see continuous improvement in promotions, tournaments, cash games, food and events. So far, we have added a couple of larger feature tournaments, Fall Bash, Turkey Run, that will run annually. There are even larger scale tournaments in the works.

What person do you most admire that you worked with? (Daytona Beach Racing and Card Club manager) **Dom Niro**. We met working at Showboat in the late '90s when he worked in poker. We became friends, he taught my poker class that was instrumental in making sure I got that first dealing gig. There is not anyone out there that is more loyal, hard-working, honest and caring than Dom. He was best man at my wedding for a reason. Not only is he my best friend, I couldn't ask for a better person to emulate. — **Joe Giertuga**

second.

Canterbury Park then closed the year with a \$450 Monster Stack that drew 281 entrants for a \$109K prize pool. **Rob Maier** of Little Canada, Minn., took home the top prize of \$25,024.

MSPT POY-HOF: **Aaron Johnson** of Red Wing, Minn., won MSPT Player of the Year. Johnson earned 10 cashes and three final tables in 2018, giving him 28 MSPT main-event cashes and six final tables overall, which earned him entry into the MSPT Hall of Fame. Remarkably, Johnson also won the Heartland Poker Tour POY. Johnson had a win, another final table and two other cashes during the HPT season.



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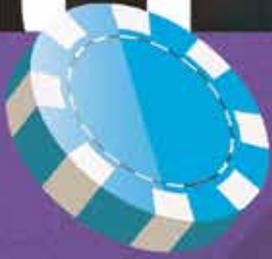
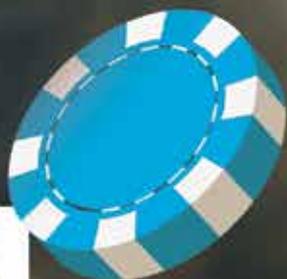
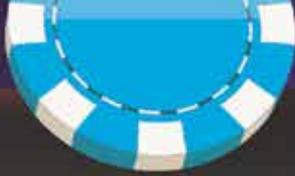


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YIM WINS OHIO POKER CHAMPIONSHIP, \$39K

The Ohio Poker Championship ended Dec. 9 at Hollywood Casino in Columbus, Ohio, as **Hae Yim** won the \$550 main event for \$39K. The 668 entries beat the \$250K guarantee with a \$317,740 prize pool.

Yim bested second-place finisher **John Childs** (\$32,763) and Columbus' **Blake Robinson** (\$24,505), who came in third.

Other event winners included **Bryant Madison** (\$250 NLHE, \$5K); **Ryan Kalb** (\$200 NLHE, \$6,995); **Jeff Maiden** (\$200 NLHE, \$6,377); **Saem Kim** (\$200 PLO, \$9,375), and **Kwynn Richards** (\$60 NLHE, \$5K). The \$350 event, \$200 seniors and \$200 women's event ended in chops.

The HPT visits April 18-29. The buy-in for the main event will be \$1,650.

MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO: The Washington, Pa., property hosts the HPT April 4-15, with a \$1,100 main event.

CHICAGOLAND

HOLLYWOOD AURORA: **Bob Peppe** won the Tournament of Champions for nearly \$8K after defeating 66 players. The TOC is Illinois' longest running tournament. In promo news, the bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$283K at press time.

HOLLYWOOD LAWRENCEBURG: The Heartland Poker Tour debuts here March 21-April 1.

HOOSIER PARK: Caesars Entertainment plans on having poker with live dealers in 2021.

PAR-A-DICE: The next Super Sunday Bounty event is April 28.

It has a \$355 buy-in, starts at noon and pays \$50 bounties.

CASINO NEWS: Terra Haute has surfaced as a new location for a casino. Rising Star Casino wants Indiana lawmakers to allow it to move its unused games to a new facility there. One of Majestic Star's licenses is considering making the move, allowing its current location to develop as a transportation hub.

IOWA

The RunGood Poker Series returns Feb. 5-10 to Horseshoe Council Bluffs with two guaranteed events. The smaller is a \$185 tourney with a \$20K guarantee (Feb. 6-7). Then there's the \$100K guarantee main event with a \$575 entry (Feb. 8-10).

While not a guaranteed payout, there is a pro bounty event where special guests hold bounty envelopes with various prizes (Feb. 5). Great cash games and many satellites are available.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS: The popular WSOP main-event satellites are returning. The first is Feb. 17. For \$200, you can compete for a chance at the \$10K main-event seat and \$2K for expenses. While you're there, you might win the bad-beat jackpot, which was closing in on \$115K at press time.

DIAMOND JO: The bad-beat jackpot was \$232K at press time.

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MPC: On Dec. 30, the Madison Poker Community hosted a \$500 event that drew 89 runners. MSPT champ and WSOPC ring-winner **Craig Trost** took it down for \$11,350, while **Mike Hanson** was runner-up (\$7,290).

OBITUARY: **Spendi Rusitovski**, a familiar cash-game player from Oak Creek, died of coronary artery disease in December. He was 46. While known for his cash-game prowess, Rusitovski managed 17th place in an MSPT Potawatomi \$1,100 main event for \$4,301, his lone tournament score.

POTAWATOMI: Outgoing Gov. **Scott Walker** reached a deal with the Potawatomi Tribe to reduce its payments to the state by about \$250M from \$500M if new casino competition should cut into its revenue. The deal must be approved by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MICHIGAN

BILL VETOED: Just when it looked like the Great Lakes State would get regulated online poker, lame-duck Gov. **Rick Snyder** vetoed the bipartisan bill, which legalized Internet gambling and likely would have paved the way for sports gambling in the state.

GUN LAKE CASINO: The Wayland poker room hosts a \$55 tournament every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. On Thursdays, there's an \$80 tournament at 6:30 p.m. (registration begins at 2:30) and there's a \$100 bounty event on Saturdays at 11 a.m. (7 a.m. registration) with \$25 bounties.

FIREKEEPERS CASINO: In Battle Creek, qualifying for the Tournament of Champions has begun. The prize pool for this series of events is \$81K-plus. Each qualification period can see 90 players compete in a \$6,500 guarantee as first and second place will win \$1,500 and a seat in the \$55K grand finale. The first qualifying period ends March 31 with the guarantee tourney being April 6 at 2 p.m. The finale, which pays the winner a minimum of \$20K, will be Jan. 25, 2020. For more details, go to the firekeeperscasino.com. ♠

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Hot Seat Drawings for cash-game players will be at 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Feb. 8, 9 and 23, and at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 24. Players need to be seated for at least 30 minutes before the drawing to qualify.

For more info on this promotion, visit the property's website, and for more on Ante Up Poker Cruises, be sure to visit AnteUpCruises.com or contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at cruises@anteupcruises.com or (727) 742-3843.

TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO: On Feb. 3, the 32-table poker room hosts a Big Game giveaway that includes high hands, hot seat drawings and free food. It also has poker rates for hotel rooms if you plan to spend the night. There are plenty of high-hand promotions and tournaments during the week and a bad-beat jackpot.

DEL LAGO RESORT CASINO: The poker room offers daily high-hand promotions, a bad-beat jackpot and a variety of tournaments. For more info, see our Where to Play section in the back of this issue.

SENECA NIAGARA: On the last Saturday of the month, the poker room hosts a \$150 tournament that features a \$10K guarantee. It also has daily tournaments and bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO: The Winter Deep Freeze Challenge runs Feb. 6-11 with a \$300K guarantee. The opening event, which has two flights that day (11 a.m. and 4 p.m., 30-minute levels), is a \$500 Blizzard Stack where players get 100K chips and a \$100K guarantee. Players making Day 2 (40-minute levels) are in the money.

The \$1,200 main event (\$200K guarantee) has two flights Feb. 9 (11 a.m. and 4 p.m., 40-minute levels) and a 40K stack. Day 2 has hour-long levels.

The seven-event series features a senior event (\$300, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.) and an Omaha/8 event (\$300 Feb. 10, 11 a.m.). Also, there are satellites for the opener and main event. See foxwoods.com for more details on the other events and the tournament high-hand promotion.

Speaking of promos, Monday Madness is Feb. 4 (10 a.m.-

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MEET DOMINIC SANCHEZ



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What got you interested in poker as a career?

I was working table games at the casino. A friend who worked with me switched positions and started working in the poker room. He suggested I give it a try so I transferred to poker, worked hard and moved up to become poker room supervisor.

What's the most unique experience you've seen? Two players who often bickered and didn't like each other were cracking wise. One of them called the other out because of his ratty shoes. The person with the ratty shoes sold one of his shoes to the first player for \$3. The person who bought the shoe went to bathroom, poured water on the shoe, then returned the shoe to the original owner saying he peed on it. The player who sold the shoe went berserk demanding retribution but none was to be had since the shoe was sold in front of many witnesses and the new owner had the right to do what he wanted with the shoe.

What are some events or promotions in your poker room? We have a number of high-hand promotions, a royal-flush jackpot and a big tournament on Saturdays. — **Deron Grabel**

10 p.m.) where \$36K will be awarded. Players can earn \$1K every hour and half-hour and \$500 every quarter of and quarter past the hour.

MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: The 42-table room spreads a variety of games and tournaments and pays high hands every three hours.

MAINE

HOLLYWOOD CASINO HOTEL & RACEWAY BANGOR: The state's only live room has progressive high hands on Tuesday and Thursday, \$100 high hands on Fridays and a \$500 royal-flush jackpot. On Saturday, there's a \$100 re-entry tournament with 25K chips and 20-minute levels.

MASSACHUSETTS

MGM SPRINGFIELD: The poker room has a hot-seat, hot-table promotion, a bad-beat jackpot, a variety of tournaments and royal flushes are paid \$1K.

ATLANTIC CITY-PHILADELPHIA

PARX: The Big Stax series runs Feb. 4-March 4 near Philadel-



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phia. The four big events are the \$300, \$500, \$1,100 and \$2,500 buy-in. The first flight of the 300 begins Feb. 6, the first flight of the 500 is Feb. 14, the first flight of the 1,100 is Feb. 22 and the main event begins March 4. Throughout the month, there are other events, too, so see the schedule at the Parx website.

BORGATA: The Deepstacks Challenge ran Dec. 26-30 as the events had \$160K guaranteed over five events.

In the opener, **Rosario Simone** earned the title with his monster stack after a multi-way chop, earning \$8,320 and the trophy. Other cashers included **Bobby Brown** (\$5,926), **Steve Jorgensen** (\$5,082), **David Bergenback** (\$4,995), **April Motola** (\$4,601) and **Jason Grubard** (\$4,008).

Event 2 went to **Mike Roberts** after an 11-way deal for \$9,617. Other cashers were **Philip Davis** (\$7,813), **Samuel Levy** (\$7,696), **Antonio Benito** (\$6,892), **Wazir Baksh** (\$5,378), **Greg Joslyn** (\$5,274), **Laura Gerken** (\$4,883), **John Perrico** (\$4,472), **Tommy Cheung** (\$4,112) and **Joseph Fragale** (\$3,360).

Other winners included **Arty Nelson** after an eight-way chop (Event 3, \$9,605); **Jacob Millstein** won the largest event of the series for \$22,202 after a three-way chop with **Diane LePara** (\$19K) and **Ming Ng** (\$17K), and **Robert Brobyn** beat **Ryan Arnold** for the Event 5 title and \$10,309. They got it all-in preflop with Brobyn holding 3-3 and Arnold with A-J. The board ran clean for Brobyn and Arnold settled for \$6K.

MID-ATLANTIC

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO: The Delaware property will host four tournaments Feb. 15-18 with \$67,500 in guarantees, including one with a \$40K guarantee.

The tournaments begin 11:15 a.m., opening with a \$10K guarantee. The \$40K main event follows on Feb. 16, then the \$15K guarantee is Feb. 17. The series concludes with a \$2,500 guarantee Feb. 18.

There are two \$39 super-satellites for the main event as one player out of every 10 on Feb. 13 at 7:15 p.m. and Feb. 14 at 7:15 p.m. earn an entry into the Feb. 16 event.

LIVE CASINO: February is full of promotions in the D.C.-area poker room. Look at the ad on Page 35 to learn about the \$100 high hands, including Late Night High Hands where you can win \$100 every 30 minutes, Lucky Seats, where you can win \$500, and Triple Comp Tuesdays. ♠



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A DIFFERENT WAY OF FIXING TELLS

What is the first thing that comes to mind after you read the word “tells?” It’s likely you thought about clues given by players that might give you an edge. But that only covers half of the story. You should think about your tells, too.



WILLY NEUMAN

I discovered I was guilty of only looking for tells from others, but then something happened.

A player on my right whispered, “I knew you were going to fold, and that’s why I raised, because that narrowed it down to just one possible caller.”

So I asked how he knew.

“You always place three chips on your cards and you hold them between your thumb and first finger with your left hand. But when you’re going to fold after the river card comes, you place the chips back on your stack. You obviously haven’t made your draw, so you no longer feel the need to protect your hand.”

Not long after this happened, another player said, “I knew you had aces.”

He was right, but since my hand was not shown, how did he know?

“I knew it as soon as you looked at your hole cards. You usually look for about one second right before it’s your turn to act and then you decide what to do. But this time you looked

at your hole cards for just an instant and then immediately snapped them down. Then your eyes shifted up for another second as if you were thinking ‘I can’t believe this!’

“Then after another fraction of a second you looked at your cards again, very briefly, as though you needed to confirm that you really had aces. All of this took place in less than four seconds, but you might as well have turned them face up as far as I’m concerned.”

My first thought was to respect how acutely aware this player was, but then I felt ashamed that I could give so much away without even knowing it.

Finally, I decided I had better get to work on my tells, instead of just looking for tells from others.

- Do everything identically.
- Never look at your cards until the action comes to you.
- Place card markers on your cards the same way every time.
- Look at your hole cards for the same amount of time.
- Reach for your chips or pick up your cards to fold, only when it is your turn to act.

I’ve noticed there are few players who practice these rules consistently. I’m trying to become one of them, and I hope you will as well.

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COACH’S CORNER

HOW TO PLUG THOSE PESKY POKER LEAKS

When we strive to improve our game performance, I call this plugging leaks. Some leaks are big and others, not so big. Often, when a winning player is making an effort to play better, the leaks are subtle. I have a few ideas on this:



MARK BREMENT

• Leak 1 is subtle and involves playing the blinds. Defending the blinds is an art. Many players lean toward defending their blinds for two reasons:

First, they feel priced in. In a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold’em game when you have to complete the small blind for a buck, many players feel compelled to play.

For those of you who think this is an auto-call, think again. We can play any two and flop a strong hand and lose our stack.

Make a plan for which hands you’re going to play your blinds with and stick to your guns.

You’ll save money in the long run. Your hourly profit will be sure to increase.

Noteworthy is top players lose money in the blinds. Hold’em is a position game and any time we play a hand from the blinds, after the flop we’re out of position.

Another leak from the blinds comes from a psychological

standpoint when we feel we’re protecting our blind. This is a big leak. When you post your blind, it’s no longer yours; it belongs to the pot. Players who defend their blinds too often cannot recoup their blind losses and are destined to show a negative hourly rate.

If you’re a solid hold’em player and understand we always can do better, look at your blind play. Most often, tightening up your game in this spot will reap rewards.

• Leak 2 also is subtle. Table awareness is an area we always can and should improve. Imagine you’re playing cards for several hours.

You decide to take a break. Are you able to visualize all of the players and remember how much each opponent has in chips? There are many ways to be focused at the table. Try this little game the next time you play and see how well you score.

Paying attention at the table is the mark of the best players. This is why some players find themselves in the winner’s circle in the big tournament events where the competition is ferocious.

To make the best decisions, we must know our opponents’ stack sizes.

— **Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima CC. Email him at brementmark@gmail.com.**

THREE UNKNOWN GUYS WHO CRUSH

You've heard of the people who end up on TV crushing tournaments, but there are hoards of players in local casinos who are crushing the game while staying under the radar.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

I want to talk about a few of those players I've known in my life and why they're good at their craft. You should be able to take some pointers and apply them to your careers.

PETAR IVANCEVIC: I met Petar in 2006 and he'd been crushing the game for a long time. His most notable accomplishment was being in a picture in **Barry Greenstein's** *Ace on the River*. However, Petar was an absolute master at crafting a game with a group of fish and making each one of them love him. He knew their names, he knew where they were from, he knew the kind of dog that they owned. He'd never stand for a player berating them and he always knew how to introduce fun aspects of the game. He played well and they loved him for it. He's since retired, but was a force in his time.

BEN STARK: If you've heard of Ben, it's probably from a game called Magic: The Gathering. There are a bunch of poker players that have ported over, but I don't think any of them have low key made as much money as Ben. His strength is in his game selection. He has no issue playing any stakes in the

room. He knows he might not be the best player in a game full of good players, so he keeps his ego out of the decision and plays the game where he can easily exploit opponents' weaknesses. If he had a bankroll for \$50-\$100 no-limit, you might easily see him playing \$2-\$5, because he plays the game where the risk of ruin is low and hourly rate is high.

MIKE MINETTI: When you think "good poker player," you have an image of who that might be. Backpack, hoodie, vape pen, holding their left shoulder with their right hand for some reason, something like that, right? Mike exhibits none of those traits and I would guess he's made more money than anyone I know in his lifetime.

He's been crushing for 30 years, is one of the Gen Xers that still continues to learn the game daily. He's always the perfect gentleman at the table and fish and pros love him.

He knows the right time to step in when a player is causing problems, either for the game or for the staff, and you can count on him to wear a ridiculous costume or two over the course of the year.

These players are unique, they have something to teach and their stories include important information we can reflect on when looking at our game.

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

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS OF POKER

I made the mistake for a long time of trying to compare live tournament poker to live cash games and online tournaments.



**MICHAEL
LAAKE**

Both of those focus a lot more on your potential for hourly rate. This is a recipe for disaster in live tournaments.

Late registration is unacceptable to me and every hand missed is a missed opportunity and reduces your overall return on investment, but it does so without reducing your hourly rate.

Late registration often will be appealing for winning players that want to convince themselves that hourly rate is important.

Take this scenario you may encounter in a common Florida \$360/\$X00K re-entry event, where play will last about 14 levels and about 20 percent of the field will move on to Day 2, usually on Sunday and usually with a 30-40 big-blind starting stack.

If you register after Level 8, you only need to "survive" six more levels to bag chips for Day 2. If you do this 20 percent of the time where you play a style that ends up averaging a 5X stack in the bag — this is where I think I fell short, the style I played while late-registering didn't allow me to accumulate chips the way I was used to when I arrived on time — then this

is a good idea.

What you forget about is you can sustain many blows before busting early on.

One important detail I took for granted: Early levels can be a valuable resource-gathering phase. More so than just seeing how your opponents play, but more specifically, how they want to play today.

Something we occasionally forget, nobody plays the same style or same way every day. Many outside factors influence decisions and poker is a game of trading punches.

When two UFC fighters step into a ring with one another, the first punches don't start until they establish how they want to attack this fight.

Just because we accept poker is a game of skill, don't take your skill for granted.

Part of that skill requires showing up on time if you want to maximize your expected value as a winning player.

If you want to show up late and try to land a haymaker, more power to you.

I see the value, but I think as poker continues to get tougher, more "dojos" begin popping up all over the Internet and as the game evolves more, I think these details are more relevant.

— **Michael Laake is a Florida dealer and tournament grinder since 2005. Email him at Allthingzpoker@gmail.com.**

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CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • talkingstickresort.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p); PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; splash pots. See the ad on Page 21.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$20, 9a) & (\$40, noon); Sun. (\$40, 11a). PROMOS: Players earn \$1 per hour during live play.
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	EVENTS: Monday-Friday, (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday hold'em/Omaha shootout (\$30, 6:30p); Friday shootout \$100 added per table, (\$25, 7p); Saturday shootout (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$100, 1p). PROMOS: High hands; Aces Cracked; splash pots; Omaha 6-4 Low Cracked; Thursday Red Chip.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcaz.com	EVENTS: Monday & Thursday \$1.7K guar. (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday \$2K guar. (\$35, 7p). PROMOS: Splash Pots.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 12:15p); Tue. & Wed. (\$55, 7:15p) Fri. & Sat. (\$85, 7:15p) Sun. Bounty, (\$40, 12:30p); quarterly \$10K freeroll, (Sat, 11:15a & 4:15p). PROMOS: Aces Cracked can pay \$400 24/7; high hand pays \$100/hr. 9a-noon Mon.-Fri; earn \$1/hr. playing live; half-price menu.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	EVENTS: Tue. deuces wild (\$55, 7:30p); Thurs. bounty (\$125, 1:30p); Fri. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p). WSOP qualifiers, Thurs. (\$80, 7:30p) & Sun. (\$80, 5:30p). PROMOS: Splash Pot Bonanza; Aces Cracked; 6-4 Cracked.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	EVENTS: Mon. doublestack, (\$25, 6p) w/add-on; Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p) w/rb & add-on; Sat. (\$30, 4p) w/rb and add-on; Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30, 4p) w/rb and add-on. PROMOS: Call for info. See ad on Page 23.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	EVENTS: Wed. (\$40, 7:15p) w/rb; Sun. (\$30, 11:15a) /\$20 add-on; 1st Sat. Super Stack, \$5K guar. (\$110, 11:15); Sun. freezeout, (\$30, 11:15a); TOC, Feb. 23. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; red/black Aces Cracked, \$100; quads or better win \$50-\$1K daily. See the ad on Pages 6-7.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11a); Tue. & Wed. (\$90, 7:30p); Sun., bounty (\$125, 11a); Feb. 16, \$40K guar. (\$400); Feb. 17, \$10K guar. (\$150); AUPT, Nov. 11-16. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha; Big Game Bonanza, Feb. 3 (10a-4p).

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AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	EVENTS: Sunday-Friday (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); Saturday (\$100 w/\$50 rebuys, 11a); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75 w/\$25 rebuys, 6:30p). PROMOS: Splash the Pot; Sunday afternoon high hand.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	EVENTS: Wednesday Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 6p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	EVENTS: Monday (\$65 w/\$60 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Tuesday (\$45 w/\$40 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Saturday (\$55, 11a). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	EVENTS: Tuesday & Wednesday \$1.2K guarantee (\$40, 6:30p); Saturday & Sunday \$1.2K guarantee (\$40, 10:15a). PROMOS: Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
BAY 101 CASINO (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$180, 9:30a) w/1 re-entry; Tue. & Thurs. (\$180, 9:30a) w/1 re-entry; Wed. (\$200, 9:30a) w/1 re-entry; Fri. (\$200, 9:30a) w/no re-entry; Sat. (\$280, 9a) w/1 re-entry; Sun. (\$200, 9a) w/1 re-entry; last Sat. (\$550, 9a); Shooting Star, March 17-22, \$30-\$600 mega satellites. PROMOS: No jackpots.

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BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	EVENTS: Nooners (Mon.-Fri., noon); Quantum Reload (Tue. & Wed., 5p & 6:30p), (Fri., 4p, 5:30p & 7p), (Sat., noon, 2p & 4p) & (Sun., noon, 1:30p & 3p); Nooners Nites (Mon. & Thurs. 5p); Mexican Poker (Thurs. 8p); Late Nite Madness (Thurs.-Sat., 10p); WSOPC, March 3-14. PROMOS: Numerous jackpots.
BLACK OAK CASINO (877) 747-8777 • blackoakcasino.com	EVENTS: Thursday (\$40, 10:30a), (\$60, 7p); Friday (\$40, 10:30a); Saturday & Sunday (\$45, 10:30a). PROMOS: High hands \$50 Aces Full, Mon. & Wed. (9a-11p), Thurs. (2p-11p); Cash Giveaway, Tue. (10a-midnight);
BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL (707) 668-9770 • bluelakecasino.com	EVENTS: Monday & Tuesday (\$30); Wednesday & Thursday (\$40); Friday-Sunday (\$50). PROMOS: Players earn points for live play.
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: \$5K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	EVENTS: Sunday (\$50, 10:30a). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	EVENTS: Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); 1st Saturday (\$100, 11a); 2nd Saturday (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Saturday \$3K guarantee (\$60, 11a); Sunday \$3K guarantee (\$60, 11a). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO 8MATRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: None.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	EVENTS: Monday & Tuesday (\$20). PROMOS: Aces Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	EVENTS: Monday-Friday (\$40, 10:15a); Monday (\$10, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$40, 7p); Friday (\$150, 7:15p); Saturday (\$120, 1:15p); Sunday (\$100, 1:15p). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	EVENTS: Monday-Friday (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Monday-Friday (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Saturday Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 1:15p). PROMOS: Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	EVENTS: Call for schedule. PROMOS: Call for promotions.
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	EVENTS: Sunday Omaha, (\$40, 6p); Monday (\$20, 6p); Tuesday (\$30, 6p); Wednesday (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll (6p); Saturday (\$45, 6p); WSOP satellites, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6 May 4 & June 1. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad Page 5.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • flb365.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p). PROMOS: Players get paid \$120 for a \$100 buy-in (Friday).
GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$30-\$150); Monday-Friday (1p & 6:45p); Saturday (10a & 1p); Sunday (2:15a & 1p). PROMOS: Daily jackpots; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	EVENTS: Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p). PROMOS: Mega hold'em jackpot; Omaha jackpot.
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	EVENTS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$60, 10a); Monday KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$35, 10a); Sunday KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Saturday (\$550). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahshrinc.com	EVENTS: Friday \$1K guarantee (\$35, 8p) Saturday & Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$35, noon); Saturday \$2.5K guarantee (\$55, 8p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$35, 7p). PROMOS: Bonus Wheel; high hands; pay for play.
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$60); Monday-Friday (noon & 7p); Saturday (noon & 7p); Saturday Big O event (\$60, 3p). PROMOS: \$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	EVENTS: Monday-Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday (\$185, 7p); Thursday KO (\$185, 7p); Friday (\$100, 7p); Sunday (\$250, 3p). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	EVENTS: Mon. \$2K guar. KO, (\$60, 6p); Tue. 0/8 (\$40, 10:30a) & \$500 guar. (\$30, 6p); Wed. (\$30, 10:30a) & \$500 guar. (\$30, 6p); Thurs. crazy pineapple (\$30, 10:30a) & \$500 guar. (\$30, 6p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. \$1.5K guar. KO (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 10:30a). PROMOS: Earn a seat in the 2020 WSOP main event by playing in 2019.

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JAMUL CASINO (619) 315-2250 • jamulcasinosd.com	EVENTS: The poker room's grand opening is Feb. 15 and there will be a \$550 event at noon with a \$50K guarantee. See the ad on Page 13 for more information.
LAKE ELSINORE (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday & Saturday (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thursday NLH \$2500 guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Friday KO (\$30, 10a); Saturday call for schedule, (1:20p); Sunday Poker Society, \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p) w/rebuys & \$10 add-on. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	EVENTS: Monday (\$45, 12p); Monday & Wednesday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday-Thursday (\$45, 11a); Friday (\$100, 10a); Sunday (\$100, 7pm); Saturday & Sunday (\$100, 11a); 3rd Saturday (\$175, 11a); Last AM of the Month (\$120, 11a). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	EVENTS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (\$120, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a); PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
LUCKY LADY CARDROOM (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$23, 7p); Thursday (\$10 rebuys, 7p); Friday (\$45, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 5p); Sunday (\$10 rebuys, 1p). PROMOS: Aces Cracked wins \$100 in hold'em (1a-9a & 5p-9p every other hour).
LUCKY LADY CASINO (310) 352-3400 • luckyladyla.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	EVENTS: Saturday \$3K guarantee (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sunday (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Foot Frenzy & high hands.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday (\$340, 11a). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	EVENTS: Friday \$2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p) w/ re-entry & \$20 add-on; Saturday super deepstack (\$125, 1p) w/ re-entry. PROMOS: All quads, straight & royal flushes paid Mon; hourly \$100 High Hand Insurance; Sat. & Sun, \$5K High Hand Frenzy every half-hour; Progressive High Hand, Mon-Fri; Cash Wheel, Tue. & Thurs.
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: \$5K Mini-Bad Beat Jackpot.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a) & (\$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday freeroll (1p). PROMOS: Progressive jackpots in hold'em.
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasinoc.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$25, 6p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$25, 11a); Sunday (noon). PROMOS: Live splash pots; cracked hands; high hands every hour.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	EVENTS: Monday \$2K guar. (\$25, 10a); Tuesday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Wednesday \$3K guar. (\$50, 10a); Thursday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Friday 6K guar. (\$70, 2p). PROMOS: Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha. See ad on Page 39.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tuesday (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wednesday (\$130, 11:45a); Thursday KO (\$70, 7p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p). PROMOS: None.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	EVENTS: Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live hold'em events). PROMOS: Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); Sun. turbo (\$100); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a). PROMOS: Double jackpot for limit.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	EVENTS: Mon. Tue. Wed. & Thurs. (\$30, 10a) w/ \$5 rb; Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$40, 6p); Tue. & Wed. (\$10, 6p) /w \$5 rb; Thurs \$1.5K guar. (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$15, 10a) w/rb & (\$120, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 10a) w/\$5 rb & (\$15, 6:30) w/rb); Sun. (\$70, 6:30p) w/\$50 rb; all PM events canceled when bad beat is \$30K-plus. PROMOS: Progressive jackpots.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	EVENTS: Monday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Wednesday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Friday (\$50, 11:15a); Saturday, WSOP main-event qualifier till May, (\$225). PROMOS: Aces Cracked; mini-bad-beat jackpot; high hands. See ad on Page 40.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Wed. rotation (\$100, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 11a & \$100, 7p); WSOPC, Jan. 10-21. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Pages 14-15.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	EVENTS: Daily (9a w/re-entry, \$20-\$30); Mon. (\$30, 6p); Tue. bounty (\$30, 6p); Wed. Omaha (\$25, 1p & bounty \$40, 6p); Thurs. Mexican poker (\$30, 5p); Fri. (\$85, 5p); Sat. (\$30, 5p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11a) & (\$70, 4:30p). PROMOS: High hands, royals.
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	EVENTS: Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K deepstack (\$55, 4p). PROMOS: Progressive straight flushes.

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AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$60, 10a); M-Th (\$80, noon); F & Su (\$200, noon); Sa (\$300, noon); Su survivor, (\$120, 7p) M-Th KO (\$100, 7p); F & Sa (\$140, 7p); HPT, Feb. 6-18; MSPT, April 3-14; WPTDS, May 9-13. PROMOS: High hands can pay \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour; Fri. pays \$500 & Sat. pays \$600.
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hands.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	EVENTS: Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	EVENTS: Fri. Big Blind Ante League, (\$125, 4p) & last Fri. (\$250, 4p); Sat. Fast & Furious Freezeout, turbo (\$60=25K, \$65=50K, 12:30p); Sun. Meganormous Stack, (\$110=40K, \$120=50K, 2p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Happy Hour Hands, (Mon.-Wed.); Throwback Thurs; Free Zs, play 4 hours and stay for free, (Mon.-Thurs.).

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FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a-6p); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 6p); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$20K guar. (\$300, 11a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad eights.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p). PROMOS: High hands can pay \$600.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$45-\$100); Monday-Wednesday (noon & 7p); Thursday (noon & 7p); Friday (noon, 7p & 10p); Saturday (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sunday (9a, noon, 3p & 7p). PROMOS: Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$30, 7:15p); Sun. Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 7:15p); Wed. (\$45, 7:15p); Fri. (\$85, 7:15p) Sat. (\$65, 11:15a), (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$30, 11:15a). PROMOS: High hands, \$100 High Card.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	EVENTS: Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p). PROMOS: High-hand giveaway; Aces Cracked.

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	EVENTS: Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 25.
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BIG EASY CASINO (877) 557-5687 • thebigeasycasino.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: \$500 high-hand jackpot every half-hour (2-10p).

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CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	EVENTS: Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p). PROMOS: Numerous jackpots and promotions.
CASINO FORT PIERCE (772) 464-7500 • casinofortpierces.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110 or \$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekenertainment.com	EVENTS: Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p). PROMOS: Earn up to \$3/hour for live play. See ad Page 43.
DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com	EVENTS: M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p or 8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1-10p); last Su \$15K guar. (\$200, 12p); Feb, 9 GAPT \$10K guar. (\$100, 1p); Feb, 14 (\$65, 7p); Feb, 24 \$20K guar. GAPT (\$250, 12p); \$50K Champ. Feb. 7 & 10; WSOP qualifiers.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$10-\$500) at 10a, 1p & 6p. PROMOS: Player Rewards Program.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	EVENTS: Tuesday & Thursday Turbo, (\$40, 6p); Wednesday & Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday (\$60, 6p); Sunday deepstack, (\$200, 1p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	EVENTS: Daily (7p); Mon. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50); Sun. (\$70). PROMOS: High hands; royals pay \$1K.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	EVENTS: Monday \$5K guarantee, free buffet (\$75, 6p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p). PROMOS: High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPAHO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompanopark.com	EVENTS: 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). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM (786) 787-2575 • kingscourkey.com	EVENTS: Open Sunday-Thursday, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a. PROMOS: \$200 hourly high hands; \$100 high hands pay every half-hour.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	EVENTS: Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p). PROMOS: Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$70, 7p); Friday (\$60, 7p); Sunday (\$130, noon); last Friday PLO (\$70, 11a); \$10K guarantee first Saturday of month. PROMOS: Straight flushes \$150; royals \$500. See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	EVENTS: Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p). PROMOS: High hands; Splash the Pot.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	EVENTS: M. (\$60, noon), KO (\$125, 7p); Tu (\$75, noon) & (\$100, 7p); Th KO (\$125, noon) & (\$150, 7p); F KO (\$125, noon), \$5K guar. (\$130, 7p); Sa (\$150, noon); Su (\$130, noon, (\$100, 7p) KO, Feb. 12. (\$80, 7p); ESPN, Feb. 19. (\$80, 7p). PROMOS: Big Slick Royal \$10K guar., royals pay \$500; high hand, Fri.-Sun. pays up to \$70 every 30 mins., Sat. \$500.
OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p). PROMOS: High hands; get paid for quads and straight flushes.
ORANGE CITY RACING & CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • orangecitypoker.com	EVENTS: Mon. GAPT, (\$100, 7-10p); Tue. GAPT, (\$125, 7-10p); 1st Thurs. 101.1 event, (\$65, 8-10p); 2nd Thurs. \$1,650 freeroll, (8-10p); 3rd & 4th Thurs. GAPT, (\$150, 7-10p). PROMOS: Bad Beat High Hand Bonus.
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	EVENTS: Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple. PROMOS: High-hand jackpot.
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Tue. (\$70, 12:15p & 6:30p); Wed. (\$100, 12:15p & 6:15p); Thurs. bounty (\$125, 12:15p & 6:30p); Fri. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$40, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$40, 6:30p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands in cash room.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	EVENTS: Sunday-Monday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 7p) & Sunday (\$60, 1p); Friday-Saturday (\$60, 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha. See ad on Page 43.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$45, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40, 1p & 6:30p); Wed. (\$70, 1p & 100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$60, 6:30p); Fri. (\$220, 1p & 45, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 6:30p); Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p). PROMOS: Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay.

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FLORIDA (Continued)

SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekasino.com	EVENTS: M NLH/PLO, (\$80, noon), (\$130, 6p); T & Th Survivor (\$60, noon), T (\$80, 6p); W O/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon), Survivor (\$80, noon); Sa CP (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p). PROMOS: High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$150, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$150, 11a & 6p); Sun. (\$130-\$390, 11a & 6p); WSOP Feb. 7-18. PROMOS: High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Thurs. (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); Fri. (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sat. (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$110, noon); WPTDS, June 13-17. PROMOS: High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); hot seats (Fri.-Sun.).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	 EVENTS: Daily (\$25-\$225) w/guarantee from \$1K-\$10K, see website Events Calendar for details; AAPT Feb. 4-10. PROMOS: Cash payouts up to \$4,999. See ad Pages 10-11
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	EVENTS: Tuesday & Thursday \$1.5K guarantee (\$50, 7p); Wed. every other, \$25 satellite for Sun.; last Sunday \$6K guar. (\$125, 1p). PROMOS: High hands.

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, when \$70K is reached, \$20K added; daily high hand, \$500, 8:30a-6:30a; Royal Flush in \$10-\$20 & \$20-\$40 limit, win \$1K; Royal Flush Rollover, start \$1K, Mon. & Tue.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	EVENTS: Thursday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$125, noon) PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em
HARRAH'S METROPOLIS (618) 524-2628 • caesars.com/harrah-metropolis	EVENTS: Sunday (\$80, 1p) limited to 40 players. PROMOS: Bad beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$125, 1p). PROMOS: Bad-bet jackpot in hold'em
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$40, 7p), w/\$5K starting chips. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradisecasino.com	EVENTS: Sunday (\$125, 11a); Super Sunday Bounty, April 28, July 28 & Oct. 27 (\$355, noon) w/\$50 bounty. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p). PROMOS: Quads and hourly drawings win cash.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	EVENTS: Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, midnight); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p). PROMOS: Splash the Pot.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	EVENTS: Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p) w/\$20 rbs; Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Sat. (\$40, 2p) w/\$20 rbs; Sun. (\$80, 12:15p); final tables earn points toward freerolls. PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em; high hand, state \$300, Mon.-Fri. (9a-6p) \$150 every 3 hours w/\$1,200 cap; Monster Quads & straight flushes bonus, weekends & after 6p daily.
FOUR WINDS CASINO SOUTH BEND (866) 494-6371 • fourwindscasino.com	EVENTS: Sun. (\$100 w/1 re-entry, 2p); Wed. (\$60 w/1 re-entry, 7p); Sat. SNG (\$100, noon) PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot (quads); \$500 daily high hand, noon-midnight; \$150 hour comp.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • hollywoodindiana.com	EVENTS: Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p); HPT March 21-April 1. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	EVENTS: Call for information. PROMOS: Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	EVENTS: Mon. Tue & Thu (\$60, noon); Mon. (\$70, 7p); Wed. (\$70, noon), (\$110, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri (\$90, noon), midnight \$10 bounty (\$70, midnight); Sat (\$90, noon); Sun. \$91, 3p); Last Sat. (\$220, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR CASINO (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	EVENTS: M (\$50, 11a); T (\$80, 7p); W (\$50, 7p); F bounty (\$150, 7p); Sa (\$50, noon) & (\$150, 7p); Su (\$100, 3p) 2nd Sa \$10K guar. (\$250, 5p); 2nd Su PLO \$5K guar., \$50 bounties (\$250, noon); Last Su \$5K guar. (\$150, noon); tournament player of the month, 1st Su; MSPT, Aug. 16-18. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$50, noon). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (freeroll, 7p); Thursday KO (\$65, 7p); Friday (\$30, 2p); Saturday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$65, noon); 2nd & last Saturday (\$160, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight flush jackpot.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	EVENTS: Monday Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wednesday (\$40, 1p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$60, noon); Sunday (\$100, 1p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of 10s).
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); RGPS, Feb. 5-10; WSOPC, March 28-April 8. PROMOS: 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p); MSPT, March 22-24, July 26-28 & Nov. 1-3. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	EVENTS: Sun. & Tue. (\$50, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em.
Q CASINO (563) 585-2964 • qcasinoandhotel.com	EVENTS: Call for information. PROMOS: Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	EVENTS: Monday Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tuesday bounty, (\$50, 6p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday NLHE Certificate Tournament (\$30, 1p); Saturday (\$80, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 2p); last Saturday (\$200, 1p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	EVENTS: Tuesday & Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$25, 7p); first Saturday (\$125, 2p); Sunday \$400 freeroll (noon). PROMOS: Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$70, 11:15a); Tue. (\$70, 7:15p); Wed. turbo (\$55, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$70, 11:15a) & bounty (\$90, 7:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. (\$240, 11:15a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high-hand rollover, (8a-noon) & (10p-2a); Race for High Hand, \$100/\$75/\$50 (4p-8p).
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	EVENTS: Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed & Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot & secondary jackpot.

LOUISIANA

BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p). PROMOS: High hands.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinosort.com	EVENTS: Tue. bounty (\$80, 7p); Wed. rebuy (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Uber stack (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. super bounty (\$100, noon). PROMOS: Daily (24/7); bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; royal & straight flush prizes.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshrevert.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (\$70, 6:30p) w/re-entry; Thursday turbo (\$40, 6:30p); Friday turbo (\$70, 6p) w/re-entry; Sunday (\$130, 3p) w/ re-entry & add-on. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	EVENTS: Monthly freerolls. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahneworleans.com	EVENTS: Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a); WSOPC, May 9-20. PROMOS: High hands.

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

LOUISIANA (Continued)

HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	EVENTS: Monday \$5K guarantee, (\$80, 6:30) w/rebuys; Wednesday (\$110, noon) 1 rebuy; Saturday \$10K guarantee, (\$250, 11a); RGPS, March 26-31. PROMOS: Aces Cracked; high hands.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, 4p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. Thurs. high hand; Fri. Hot Seat; royal \$100.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	EVENTS: Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a). PROMOS: Player rewards for live play in hold'em.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	EVENTS: Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MAINE

HOLLYWOOD CASINO BANGOR (877) 779-7771 • hollywoodcasinobangor.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Wed. (\$80, 6p) w/rb till Level 6; Sat. (\$100, noon) w/re-entry till Level 6; Sun. (\$80, noon) w/rb till Level 6. PROMOS: Royal flushes, \$500 (10a-3a); Sun., Mon. & Wed, early bird \$50, (10a-noon); Tue. & Thurs. high hands \$100-\$1K (10a-3a); Fri. high hand \$100, (6p-2a).
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MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	EVENTS: 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). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	EVENTS: Mon. & Tue. (\$75, 11a); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$235, 11a) & (\$75, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$150, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$150, 11a) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$250, 11a); Sun. KO (\$150, 11a & 7p). PROMOS: High hands; get paid for royal flush.
LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	EVENTS: Tournaments vary; deepstacks series, March 22-25. PROMOS: Late night high hands pay \$500 every hour up to \$1.5K. See ad on Page 35.
MGM NATIONAL HARBOR (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a). PROMOS: Royals pay \$500.

MASSACHUSETTS

MGM SPRINGFIELD (413) 273-5000 • mgmspringfield.com	EVENTS: Call for Information. PROMOS: Call for information.
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MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	EVENTS: M-F (\$40, noon); M-W (\$40, 6:30p); Th PLO (\$40, 6:30p); F (\$40, noon); Sa (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Su (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Su (\$240, noon); Fifth Sunday Five-Hundred, March 31, (\$500, 10a); MSPT May 16-19 & Oct. 10-13. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
GUN LAKE CASINO (269) 792-7777 • gunlakecasino.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Wed. (\$55, 11a); Thurs. (\$80, 6:30p); Sat. \$25 bounty (\$100, 11a); Last Sunday of the month, \$100 bounty, (\$340, 11a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; \$1/hour comp; free Wi-Fi USB chargers at every seat. See ad on Page 31.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	EVENTS: Saturday KO (\$210, 2p); Sunday KO (\$110, 2p); Wednesday KO (\$120, 6:30p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; Splash Pot & On the Quarters giveaways during the week.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$35, 10:30a & \$150, 6:30p); Tue. (\$75, 10:30a & \$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & varies, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a); Feb. 22 & 23. (\$100, 6p); MSPT, Feb. 14-17. PROMOS: Bad-beat in hold'em, Omaha & stud; Quads & Aces Full Board; Aces Cracked.
FORTUNE BAY RESORT CASINO (218) 753-2611 • fortunebay.com	EVENTS: Call for information. Closed Sundays. PROMOS: Call for information.
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$75 bounty, 10a & freeroll, 6p); Tue. (\$30, 10a & \$150, 6p); Wed. (varies, 10a & \$60 PLO, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 10a & \$50, 6p); Fri. (\$60 KO, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. (\$40, 10a), bounty (\$150, 6p); Sun. (\$30, 10a), (\$150, 1p) & (\$50, 6p). PROMOS: Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; tournament bad beat. Ask about Ante Up Cruises.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	EVENTS: Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p). PROMOS: Aces Cracked wins up to \$200; Flop Flush Friday up to \$75; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100, quads pay \$44.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	EVENTS: Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p). PROMOS: Player rewards for live play.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	EVENTS: Daily (varies). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; Aces Cracked.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	EVENTS: Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Wed. (\$65, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$100, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$10K guarantee (\$165, noon); Sun. (\$135, 2p); RGPS, March 5-10; WSOPC, April 25-May 5. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: High hand of the hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$35 w/rebuy and bounty, 7p); Friday (\$50, 2p); Saturday (\$50, noon) & (\$125, 5p); Spring Classic, March 14-24, two \$100K guar. PROMOS: Splash the Pot \$50-150 (Mon.-Fri, 8a-2p); high hands in NLHE \$100 (Mon. & Tue, noon-5p). Drawings Sundays 9a-5p; Heart Seat Drawings (Wed. & Thurs. 3p-11p). See ad Pages 28-29.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	EVENTS: Tue. \$1K guarantee turbo, (\$40, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$100, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); second Sat. \$5K guarantee (\$170, noon) & last Sat. (\$160, noon); first Sun. KO (\$175 w/\$50 bounty, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot, primary & mini; high hands.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$85, 7p); Friday-Saturday (\$65, noon); Sunday (\$100, noon); last Saturday (\$160, noon); first Sunday (\$175, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsknc.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Thurs. All-In or Fold (\$40, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$65, 11a); Sat. KO (\$85, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p). RGPS, April 23-28. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpot.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	EVENTS: Monday-Friday varies (1p & 7p); Friday (\$60, 11p); Saturday (\$75-\$300, noon & 7p); Sunday (varies, 1p & 5p); HPT, March 7-18. PROMOS: \$2.5K in special high hands; bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	EVENTS: Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 1p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	EVENTS: Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Aces Cracked.

NEVADA

ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday (\$140, 1p); Monday-Thursday (\$140, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a, \$140, 7p); BB ante on all dailies; U.S. Open, Feb. 13-23; WPT Aria Summer Championship, May-27-31. PROMOS: None.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$20 w/\$15 rebuys, 11a), earns points for quarterly freeroll. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands; win cash on the Monday night Money Poker Party Board; Thursday night, hot seats for wheel spins. See ad Page 17.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	EVENTS: Daily; \$500 guarantee (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guarantee (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guarantee (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guarantee (\$75, 8K chips, 8p); WSOPC, Mach. 21-April 1. PROMOS: High hands.
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$130, 2p) w/big blind ante, 15K stack, register until Level 5. PROMOS: No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	EVENTS: Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p). PROMOS: High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royals.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	EVENTS: Open Thursday (4p), Friday-Monday (10a). PROMOS: Quads pays \$25/\$50, straight flushes pays \$100 and royals pay \$250; bad-beat jackpot \$500; Trip Aces Cracked \$75/\$50//\$25.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: Omaha high hands pay up to \$500.
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	EVENTS: Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p); Sunday (\$50, 12:30p) PROMOS: Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot; Four Flush; Progressive Monte Carlo (quads, straight flush & royals); high hands.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	EVENTS: Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p). PROMOS: Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500)
CLUB CAL NEVA RENO (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Friday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday (\$50, 4p). PROMOS: High hand progressive jackpots during tournaments.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p). PROMOS: Aces Cracked; royal pays \$500 using both cards; \$100 hourly high hand, Tuesday-Thursday (2a-6a) w/rollover, qualifier aces full of 10s; Golden Knights score at home, \$50 seat is drawn, 2nd goal two seats, 3rd goal three seats, etc.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	EVENTS: Daily \$500 guar. (\$65, 10a, 1p, 9p, & midnight); turbo (\$55, 4p); bounty with \$700 guar. (\$80, 6p); Fri. (10a) player-appreciation tournament, \$19K prize pool, 18 hours to qualify. PROMOS: High hands: quads \$100, straight flush \$200, royal \$500; Late Night Special (mid.-6a) \$75 drawing.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$125, 11a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	EVENTS: Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p). PROMOS: Aces Cracked.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$80, 10:15a & bounty \$80, 6:45p); Tue. 0/8, (\$60, noon & Casino Industry Night, \$40, 10p)w/unlimited \$20 rebuys; Wed. seniors (\$60, 11:15a & \$120, 6:15p); Thurs. ladies (\$60, 11:15a & turbo \$60, 6:15p); Fri. (\$80, 10:15a & HORSE (\$120, 4p); Sat. (\$50, 10:15a & \$120, 3p); Sun. turbo (\$60, noon & PLO \$230, 5p). PROMOS: Call.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahsLasvegas.com	EVENTS: Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Saturday. PROMOS: High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MANDALAY BAY 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	EVENTS: Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p). PROMOS: Jacks full of better guaranteed payout; rolling high hands daily, see poker room for details.
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	EVENTS: All tournaments feature a guaranteed prize pool; (\$100, 25K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$65, 15K chips, 2p & 10p). PROMOS: Grand Pyramid payouts are \$100-\$3K; Grand Giveaway, Mon.-Fri., 4:30a-10:30p.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 11p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$100, 2p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (8a-3p); daily drawing; high hands.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	EVENTS: Mon. Omaha/8, (\$100, 12:05p) & Super Stack (\$100, 7:05p); Tue. Thurs. Fri. Sat. & Sun. Super Stack, (\$100, 12:05p); Tue. PLO, (\$100, 7:05); Wed. 0/8 & 5/8, (\$100, 12:05) & 8-game mix, (\$125, 7:05); Thurs. 0/8, (\$100, 7:05); Fri. \$15K guar. (\$130, 7:05); Sat. \$50 bounty, (\$150, 7:05p); Sun. HORSE, (\$125, 7:05). PROMOS: Progressive BBI.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	EVENTS: None. PROMOS: High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Friday (\$45, noon); Saturday (\$120, noon); Sunday (buy-in varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$235, noon). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sdlv.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); Fri. (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p). PROMOS: High hands.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	EVENTS: Daily \$500 guarantee, (\$65, 10a), (\$65, 1p), (\$65, 4p), (\$65, 9p); nightly (\$55, 1a); WSOPC, Feb. 15-26; WSOP May 28-July 16. PROMOS: Royals pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntnlv.com	EVENTS: Daily, (\$25, 10a), (\$35, 1p, w/1 re-buy); Sun.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. deepstack bounty (\$110, 7p). PROMOS: Amazing Aces.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	EVENTS: Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p). PROMOS: Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid for flopped quads.
SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45 w/re-entries, 6p); Friday \$500 added (\$45, 6p). PROMOS: Progressive Bonus Hands; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	EVENTS: Daily NLHE (\$60, 10a); Mon. & Fri. NLHE turbo (\$60, 2p); Tue & Thurs. 0/8 (\$60, 2p); Wed. & Sun. crazy pineapple (\$60, 2p); Sat. (\$130, 2p); Mon. HORSE (\$125, 6p); Tue. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 6p); Wed. \$6K guar. (\$125, 6p); Sun \$9K guar. (\$125, 6p). PROMOS: High hands & freerolls.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	EVENTS: Monday-Sunday (\$50, 7p). PROMOS: Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
VENETIAN LAS VEGAS (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	EVENTS: M (\$150, noon) & KO (\$125, 6p); T (\$150, noon) & KO (\$200, 6p); W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); Th (\$150, noon) & KO (\$125, 6p); F (\$200, noon) & KO (\$600, 6p); Sa (\$340, noon) & (\$125, 6p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 6p); DSE \$3M guar. until Feb. 25. PROMOS: BBI; random table giveaway, Feb. 3-28 (noon-midnight). See ad Page 19.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	EVENTS: Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p). PROMOS: Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WESTGATE LAS VEGAS (702) 732-5111 • westgateresorts.com	EVENTS: Tuesday (\$25, 7p). PROMOS: Early bird Special, \$20 to first 10 players in the room before 11:30a; \$50+ high hands hourly, (11a-2a) w/full house or better.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$30K guar. (\$230, noon); seniors, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3 & May 8; big blind ante for all events; Wynn Classic, Feb. 19-March 17. PROMOS: None.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	EVENTS: Tue. & Thurs. \$2K guarantee, (\$55, 7p); Fri. Sat. & Sun. \$1K guarantee turbo (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$4K guarantee, (\$65, 7p). PROMOS: High hands pay \$150 half-hour, \$100 added, Aces full of 10s qualify (noon-midnight).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$100, 11a & 7p); Tue. (\$100, 11a & 6p); Wed. (\$120, 11a & 6p); Thurs. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	EVENTS: M Tu & Th \$3K. (\$80, 11:15a); M Industry Night \$2.5K (7:15p); Tu & Th \$3K (\$85, 7:15); W \$2K (\$60, 7:15); F \$2K (\$60, 1:15p) & \$6K (\$125, 7:15p); Sa \$5K (\$105, 12:15p), last Sa \$10K (\$180, 12:15p) & \$500 survivor, (\$65, 7:15p); Su \$2.5K (\$80, 12:15p), \$2K guar. (\$60, 6:15p) PROMOS: High hand; splash pot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	EVENTS: Wed. & Sun. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. (\$65, 1:15p); WSOPC, March 7-18. PROMOS: High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	EVENTS: Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$30 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 5p); last Sat. (\$150, 1p). PROMOS: High hands; Early Bird (9a); Splash Pots (9:45a).
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingodscasino.com	EVENTS: Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll), must play Friday event; Sunday (\$75, 2p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 22.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • isleta.com	EVENTS: Su \$100 added (\$25, 2p); Su M & W (\$10, 7p); M (\$20, 2p); Tu (\$20, 7p); W (\$15, 2p); Th (\$15, 7p); F \$300 added (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$100 added, (\$25, 2p), Sa Classic Satellite, \$100 add (\$50, 7p); Feb. 23, \$1K added. PROMOS: Bad beat in hold'em & Omaha; spin the wheel & Aces Cracked on W; Joker Poker.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	EVENTS: daily (\$28, 3p); Sun. Mon. Wed. & Fri. \$5 bounty, (\$28, noon); Sun & Sat (\$28, 7p) \$100 added; Tue.-Thurs. (\$28, noon); Tue. Wed. & Fri. (\$14, 7p) unlimited rebuys; Fri. 7p & Sat. noon (\$33) mystery bounty. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

RESORTS WORLD CATSKILLS (833) 586-9358 • rwcatskills.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a). PROMOS: \$250 high hands (every half-hour, Monday, 9a-5p); \$250 high hands (every half hour, Friday, 11a-9p); top 20 hours accrued in cash games earn \$500 each.
RIVERS CASINO & RESORT (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	EVENTS: Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a); Sunday, (\$125, 11a). PROMOS: \$130K giveaway, call room or visit website for details. Ask about Ante Up Poker Cruises.
SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$160, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a & \$150, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 10a & \$125, 6p). PROMOS: High hands pay up to \$1K.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Wed. \$2K guar. (\$100, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$45, 10a) & (\$45, 7p); Wed. (\$80, 10a); Thurs. (\$60, 10a) & (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a); Sat. \$1K guar. (\$20, 10a) & (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 10a) & \$2500 guar. (\$125, 6p); 1st Wed. (\$160, 7p); Last Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 11a). PROMOS: Bad beat jackpots; daily high hands, Feb. 18. \$1 every hr.
TIOGA DOWNS (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	EVENTS: Sun. Tues. Fri & Sat. (\$55, 7p); Wed. senior (\$55, 12:30p). PROMOS: bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	EVENTS: Mon.-Thurs. (\$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). PROMOS: Cash giveaways; high hands (Monday-Wednesday).

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahsherokee.com	EVENTS: Mon. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Tue. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Wed. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Thurs. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Fri. (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sat. (\$250, 11a); Sun. (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p). PROMOS: Player rewards for tournament players.
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45, 12:15p); Tue. \$3K guar. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7:15p); Wed. League (\$80, 7:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p); HPT April 18-29. PROMOS: None.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	EVENTS: M-F \$1K guar. (\$60, 10:15a); M \$1.2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); T (\$60, 7:15p); W \$1.2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Th \$1.2K guar. KO (\$65, 7:15p); F KO (\$120, 7:15p); Sa \$2K guar. (\$80, 11:15a) & \$2K guar. (\$25, 7:15p) w/\$10 rebuys; Su \$1.2K guar. KO (\$65, 11:15a); Sa (\$80, 3:15p) rotates HORSE, PLO w/KO & POE. PROMOS: Bad beat in hold'em; high hands.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	EVENTS: M (\$100, 11:15a); T & Th (\$120, 11:15a & 6:15p); W (\$100, 11:15p) & NL (\$160, 6:15p); F (\$120, 11:15a & \$100, 6:15) Sa (\$120, 6:15p); Su KO (\$150, 11:15a); M 1st & 3rd PLO (\$150, 6:15p); 2nd & 4th O/8 (\$100, 6:15p); Sa 11:15a, 1st \$50K (\$400), 2nd \$15K (\$200), 3rd \$10K (\$160), 4th \$5K (\$125); Jack Open, Feb. 7-18. PROMOS: Call.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$30-\$120) with guarantees; MSPT Aug. 1-4. PROMOS: High hands; Splash Pots.
SHARK TANK POKER CLUB (614) 459-2678 • sharktankpokerclub.com	EVENTS: Mon. & Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Thurs. (\$70 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$65, noon) & (\$80, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 6p). PROMOS: None.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeecasino.com	EVENTS: Daily (\$30, 7p) w/rebuys; Monday seniors (\$40, 6p); Tuesday (\$30, 7p) w/rebuys; Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p) w/rebuys; Friday KO (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$70, 5p); Sunday (\$75, 2p). PROMOS: Earn player reward points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	EVENTS: Monday-Thursday (\$60, 1p & 7p); Friday KO (\$115, 1p & 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$180, noon); Sunday (\$60, 3p); WPT, May 17-20. PROMOS: \$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot.
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	EVENTS: Room opens at noon; Saturday (\$50, 12p) /w \$20 rbs & \$10 add-on to double stack; Sunday Short Deck, (\$20, 1p) w/\$10 add-on to double stack. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, qualifier descends at \$25K.
COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	EVENTS: Poker room opens at noon daily; Saturday (\$50, 2p) /w \$20 rebuys & \$10 DA to double stack; Sun. bounty (\$75, 2p) w/\$10 DA to double stack. PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em & Omaha.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	EVENTS: Friday seniors (\$50, noon); Friday \$1K guar., (\$60, 7p); Saturday \$3K guar. (\$120, 5p); Sunday turbo (\$60, noon). PROMOS: Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Pigskin Payouts Hotseats for all NFL games, Sun. Mon. & Thurs. \$50-\$400 every touchdown, field goal & defensive score.
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PENNSYLVANIA

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LET YOUR HAND DO THE TALKING FOR THE POT

Here's a question that seems basic but came up at a recent home game and caused an argument so maybe it's not that basic.



ELLIOTT SCHECTER

All cards are out and the betting is done. One player tables his hand. A player across the table can't see exactly what the first player has and asks, "Is that a flush?"

The dealer doesn't answer but pushes up board cards that make the hand, showing that it isn't a flush.

The second player realizes he has the better hand and shows. Afterward, the debate began.

Is the dealer supposed to answer a question asked of him in that situation? The hand has been tabled, so I say yes, same as if a player had asked how much a bet was. Others say no, the dealer doesn't have that obligation. I think that's crazy. — **David Bloomberg, via email**

ELLIOTT SAID: In public poker, that is, poker played in casinos and cardrooms, "cards speak" is the rule for showdowns at the completion of the betting.

"Cards speak" is short for "The cards speak for themselves." In practice, this means the dealer, along with the players at the table, are obligated to read and identify all live hands that are correctly tabled at the showdown.

Correctly tabled means the hand is face-up with the backs of the cards on the table. When the dealer is asked to read a tabled hand at showdown, the hand is supposed to be read.

Silently pushing up the board's cards to indicate which cards are being used by the other live player isn't reading a tabled hand. If the dealer isn't supposed to announce a hand's value, what is the dealer supposed to do with the pot? Is the pot going to be awarded to an unannounced winning hand?

If the pot is about to be pushed to a player, can another player just announce a higher ranked hand and get the pot redirected? The whole point of "cards speak" is to eliminate the kind of situation you've described.

The playing of a hand of poker ends when the final action is made that closes the betting. From there, the pot is pushed to the player who made an uncalled bet or the showdown begins and the pot is pushed to the player with best identified hand.

You have some responsibility here

I was at a \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em table at an Ohio casino in late position and sitting in Seat 10. Four players went to the flop, the small blind bet and the other two players folded.

I double-checked the board and thought for a few seconds. I was looking down at my chips and cards with a decent calling hand, maybe a raising hand. My hand was covering my face from the perspective of the small blind, as he was in Seat 3.

I raised my head after only about 10 seconds and the flop was

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gone and pot was being pushed to the small blind, who still had his cards with a \$1 chip on top.

I quickly stated I was still in the pot. The small blind tossed his cards onto the muck. The floor asked the small blind if he could identify his cards, which he denied.

Other players stated he threw them in after I said "Wait." Thank you, honest people!

He claimed he didn't realize it. Ultimately, the floor asked the dealer how much was in the pot and had the small blind pay me half. I'd only been there a short time and wanted to keep it friendly so I let it drop. Was this right? I still had a hand and he mucked. — **Jim "Voodoo" Gilson**

ELLIOTT SAID: From *Robert's Rules of Poker*: "To retain the right to act, a player must stop the action by calling 'time' or an equivalent word. Failure to stop the action before three or more players have acted behind you may cause you to lose the right to act."

Not only did your opponent not realize you were in the pot, apparently the dealer didn't realize it, either.

You raised your head after only 10 seconds to look up and see the action. In that not so brief period of time, you failed to protect your spot in the betting order and keep the dealer from pushing the pot.

It appears as though three players and the dealer had time to act before you looked up. I feel you were quite fortunate to have been awarded half of the pot.

Declaring your hand dead in this situation is not unreasonable. Just because you possessed a hand, and the bettor didn't, doesn't mean you had a rightful claim on this pot.

You may not have intentionally hidden your cards, but at least two people, Seat 3 and the dealer, didn't notice your cards. If I were making the ruling here, I likely would've ruled the pot belonged to Seat 3.

Protecting your place in the betting order is an important part of protecting your hand. Protecting one's hand is understood to be one of the primary rules of public poker. You did not appear to credibly protect your hand nor did you appear to call the bet that Seat 3 made to get the dealer to push them the pot.

Being in possession of your cards here is not enough to sway the decision.

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



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UNPRECEDENTED

Aaron Johnson of Minnesota has won the Player of the Year titles in the Heartland Poker Tour and the Mid-States Poker Tour.

CHRIS SAID: Every time someone tries to say there is a lot of luck in poker, this is the type of guy I point to. What, does he have a rabbit's foot around his neck and a clove of garlic in his pocket? Clearly, this is a quality player who is using a serious amount of skill to get it done.

SCOTT SAID: For recreational players, those are the two titles best to go for. He played very well. He had 15 cashes, and only one championship, so he did it the old fashioned way with a lot of cashes.



MACDONALD FRIES

Comedian **Norm MacDonald** recently said in an interview that after online poker largely dried up, those still playing are so much better that "the difference between a very good recreational player and a pro is indistinct."

CHRIS SAID: I agree and I disagree. When he says there are no more amateurs, I disagree, but to say a very good recreational player and a pro are pretty indistinct now is probably true. There are a lot of guys who make a living at \$1-\$3 and \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5.

SCOTT SAID: The line between good recreational players and pros, and a lot of pros will agree, that line has gotten a lot closer. If you go to your local \$20 tournament, you're still going to see some bad play, but in the world that he is playing in, he's probably right.



What's the norm, Norm?

VETOED BILL

Outgoing Michigan Gov. **Rick Snyder** surprised many by vetoing a bipartisan online gambling bill, sending the matter back to the state's Legislature this year. Snyder said it wasn't a good time to expand gambling in the state.

CHRIS SAID: He's leaving. Why does he care? I just can't see how this is not a good deal for the state and, on top of it, it was bipartisan.

SCOTT SAID: These outgoing governors or presidents or anybody like to hold on to power until they drag them out of office, so it doesn't mean that they are just going to roll over and sign everything that is put on their desk.



WSOP SCHEDULE

The World Series of Poker released its schedule recently, but not all at once, which prompted the podcast hosts to speculate as to why.

CHRIS SAID: Doesn't this seem like WikiLeaks is announcing this year, with the drip, drip, drip of information?

SCOTT SAID: This is a tried-and-true public-relations strategy. You get a bump every time you share more. When you're talking about the World Series, you have a lot of information to digest, so if they just vomited over our email everything, some of that stuff would get lost and that doesn't do any service to players.





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