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## Restock all month

We're coming up on the most special time of the year here at Ante Up: Restock the Shelves month.

We created this food-bank initiative with our good friends at Blue Shark Optics four years ago, and thanks to the generosity of our poker venue partners and their players, we've fed almost 200,000 people over the past three years.

We want this year's event to be the biggest yet.

We call this Restock the Shelves because folks usually are most generous just before Christmas and that's always when

there seems to be the most need for this help. But people don't stop being hungry after the ball drops in Times Square, so the need remains but the shelves are empty.

All we ask of venues is that they do some sort of promotion in January to entice players to donate food or cash to benefit a local food bank. Some give players extra tournament chips or a raffle ticket for

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So how can you get involved? Check out the list of events on Page 37 and go to [AnteUpMagazine.com/Restock](http://AnteUpMagazine.com/Restock) for a more up-to-date list. If you don't see your favorite poker room listed, ask the manager to contact us. Plan to attend as many events as there are in your local area. Spread the word via social media and encourage friends to join you. In some cases, you don't even need to know how to play poker to make a difference.

Every effort, large or small, makes a difference.

We'll see you at the tables. Bring a can of food.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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# THIS TIME, HE WOULDN'T BE DENIED

Michael Monaghan redeems his devastating final-table outcome the last time he played the Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event at Pearl River Resort by earning the Pearl River Poker Open.

By **Scott Long**

The last time **Michael Monaghan** played an Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event at Pearl River Resort, he lost three big hands at the final table, went out eighth and watched as the final seven players chopped.

This time was better.

Monaghan came into Day 2 of the Pearl River Poker Open Main Event as the chipleader and ended the tournament the same way, besting **Trace Henderson** in a short heads-up match to win \$25K, a \$1,650 seat in the 2018 Ante Up World Championship Main Event, his photo on the cover of Ante Up and a personalized champion's jacket.

"When I get chips, I can run over a table. I play a lot of hands," said Monaghan, a regular in tournaments and games in Tunica, Biloxi and New Orleans.

Pocket queens shortly after the second break on Day 1 helped set up Monaghan with the chips he needed to run over tables, doubling his stack to 80K when an opponent committed all of his with pocket 10s.

"After that, I just ran good," he said. "On one big hand, I had pocket fours, I turned a four on a board of 3-4-5-8 with



Michael Monaghan pocketed \$25K for his victory in Mississippi.

three clubs. The button made it 13K and I shoved."

**Dallas Pirman** of Jackson, Miss., who final-tabled Event 1, was the leader when the final table began, with 1M chips, almost 40 percent more than Monaghan, who was second. Monaghan methodically worked his way through the field, showing almost no emotion along the way. A deal with the final four altered the pay schedule, guaranteeing each player at least \$16,247.

"I used to play a lot of tournaments on the Internet," he said. "It's hard to tilt me. I've been beat every way I can be beat. It would have to be something big to tilt me."



There were 210 players in the \$800 main event of the AAPT's Pearl River Poker Open in Mississippi.



The final table of the AUPT main event

**Byrne Wilson** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who won this event a year ago, made the final table, bowing out in sixth after his pocket sixes and didn't improve against **Dustin Stewart's** pocket 10s.

The Pearl River Poker Open kicked off with a \$340 multiflight event that attracted 407 entries, easily shattering the \$100K guarantee. The other events featured a variety of twists on no-limit hold'em, including a seniors event, a "mini main" event and, new this year, a Double Up event that let cashers taking double their winnings in non-negotiable casino chips instead of cash. Every player at the final table of the main event also received \$500 in non-negotiable casino chips.

**Jerry Giroir** won Event 4 and Event 9 and cashed in the main.

"The word is out," tournament director **Paul**

**Dutsch** said. "Mississippi's Pearl River Resorts tournaments continue to grow with each event. Unbelievable room rates, free tableside food service, guarantees and generous structures continue to be the drivers of these events."



Ante Up Super Fan Joe Borden, left, with Ante Up's Scott Long, drove from Central Florida to play (and cash in) the main event.

The series played out in the upscale Time Out Lounge, which features 12 TVs so players didn't miss any of the college football or NFL action while playing in a comfortable and private area.

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



Event 4 winner  
Jerry Giroir



Event 6 winner  
Alton Peterson



Event 8 winner  
Chris Williams



Event 9 winner  
Jerry Giroir

**\$800 Main Event**

- Entries: 210 • Pool: \$150,180**
1. Michael Monaghan, \$25K
  2. Trace Henderson, \$21K
  3. Dustin Stewart, \$19K
  4. Dallas Pirman, \$16,247
  5. Timothy Moore, \$9,762
  6. Byrne Wilson, \$8,260
  7. Jeter Brock, \$6,758
  8. Jon Hart, \$5,256
  9. Leo Boothe, \$3,755
  10. Lester Milligan, \$2,853

**Ev. 1 • \$340 NLHE**

- Entries: 407 • Pool: \$118,030**
1. Danielle Umberton, \$26,447
  2. Justin Kelley, \$14,164
  3. Dallas Pirman, \$9,442
  4. Oren Zweig, \$8,262
  5. John Gilham, \$7,082
  6. Michael Horchoff, \$5,902
  7. Jeremy Gaubert, \$4,721
  8. Morton Davis, \$3,541
  9. Donald Dove, \$2,361
  10. Chad Chisolm, \$1,770

**Ev. 2 • \$390 NLHE**

- Entries: 62 • Pool: \$25K**
1. Thomas Bak, \$7,750
  2. Tara Snow, \$4,500
  3. Jennifer Germany, \$3K
  4. Scott Lyons, \$2,250
  5. Robert Burton, \$2K
  6. Bradford Grant, \$1,750
  7. David Nicholson, \$1,500
  8. Noah Waits, \$1,250
  9. Dustin Stewart, \$1K

**Ev. 4 • \$290 Seniors**

- Entries: 64 • Pool: \$20K**
1. Jerry Giroir, \$6,200
  2. Scotty Lee, \$3,600
  3. David Garrett, \$2,400
  4. Chris Oberle, \$1,800
  5. John Humphries, \$1,600
  6. Jerry Venable, \$1,400
  7. Charles Griffin, \$1,200
  8. Thomas Bell, \$1K
  9. Thomas Bak, \$800

**Ev. 6 • \$190 NLHE**

- Entries: 31 • Pool: \$4,960**
1. Alton Peterson, \$1,985
  2. James Davis, \$1,190
  3. James King, \$843
  4. Donald Kelly, \$595
  5. Keith Collins, \$347

**Ev. 8 • \$230 NLHE**

- Entries: 39 • Pool: \$7,527**
1. Chris Williams, \$3,011
  2. James Thompson, \$1,806
  3. Bruce Soileau, \$1,280
  4. Michael Farlow, \$903
  5. Stanley Williams, \$527

**Ev. 9 • \$340 NLHE**

- Entries: 90 • Pool: \$26,100**
1. Jerry Giroir, \$8,091
  2. James Kortenber, \$4,698
  3. Bruce Soileau, \$3,132
  4. Tara Snow, \$2,349
  5. Bradley Warrington, \$2,088
  6. Robert Lemke, \$1,827
  7. Joe Mahan, \$1,566
  8. Herman Shumaker, \$1,305
  9. William Graydon, \$1,044

**Ev. 11 • \$190 NLHE**

- Entries: 38 • Pool: \$6,080**
1. Joshua Lewis, \$2,376
  2. Thomas Bak, \$1,520
  3. Richard Jentsch, \$912
  4. David Hayes, \$608
  5. Gladys Corbin, \$304

# MARDI GRAS REOPENS AFTER IRMA

There are many places to play poker in South Florida, but it's when one of your favorite places is taken away that you realize what you had been taking for granted. When the Big Easy Poker Room at the Mardi Gras Casino closed Sept. 6 to make preparations for Hurricane Irma, employees and regulars had hoped to get right back to normalcy in a week or so.

However, the facility suffered serious damage after getting hit by a tornado during the hurricane and couldn't re-open for poker and greyhound racing until Dec. 1, ending 12 weeks of inactivity. New carpeting, a brighter paint scheme, additional TVs and new felts on the tables have given the room a fresh look as most tables were full on a recent visit.

Players were happy to see the room back in action, including those who play at many South Florida venues.

"I'm very happy to see them open again," **Alan Singer** said. "You get attached to the dealers and waitresses, who are very friendly here."

**Harold Rudolph**, who plays at the Hallandale facility three or four nights a week, agreed. "I enjoy playing here for lots of reasons and it's the easiest game in town," he said with a smile.

**Paul Ray** said playing at Mardi Gras was his preference. "The games are relaxed and consistent, and I really like the staff."

Director of poker **David Litvin** said he hoped to have a tournament schedule in place by the New Year and talked about how many employees told him they missed interacting with the regular patrons. "Even the ones that get on our nerves sometimes," he said, jokingly.

**ISLE CASINO:** The Isle Classic runs Jan. 2-22.

**HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD:** If it's a major tournament series in sunny South Florida in late November, you can bet many of the world's top players will show up. Throw in the *Poker Night in America* show and it's a stone-lock guarantee. This was the case Nov. 15-29 as hundreds of recognizable faces filled the tables for Rock 'N' Roll Poker Open.

Local tournament regular **Michael Newman** stole the show by beating 584 players to take down the title and \$374K in his best live finish since a 12th-place showing in this same event in 2015. **David Peters**, **Jake Bazeley**, former WSOP champ **Joe McKeehen**, **Dan Colman** and **Shaun Deeb** were eliminated from the last 18 players. But that hardly diminished the star power. **Tom Marchese** and **Ari Engel** were the first two players knocked out under the bright TV lights, followed by SHR ambassadors **Sheddy Siddiqui** and **Darryll Fish**. **Matas Cimboldas** of Lithuania held the lead for much of the latter stages of play, but had a 7-to-1 disadvantage by the time he got head-to-head with Newman, who took

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## MEET GARY STEWART



**Gary Stewart** is almost ready to play more poker. Stewart of Slocomb, Ala., has been working on helicopters at Ft. Rucker, Ala., for 18 years after retiring from the Air Force. He enjoys cash games and especially excels at tournaments. He plays at the various cardrooms along the Gulf

Coast. A frequent winner at Ebro Greyhound Park, he recently finished 12th in a 1,200-player \$355 tournament at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Miss. After his upcoming retirement this year, Stewart plans on visiting more cardrooms and entering more tournaments.

"I really enjoy the challenge of tournaments," he said. "The mental toughness needed, the competition with other players and the satisfaction of making proper decisions at the right time are the things I love about poker."

He has been playing poker for 40 years and his recent successes have inspired him.

"Success breeds confidence and, in turn, confidence breeds success."

Stewart's wife of 43 years, **Jill**, has enjoyed some success by cashing in a handful of tournaments. A schoolteacher, she also is looking forward to future poker challenges.

"Playing poker is something I love to do and being able to share it with Jill makes it an even better experience," he said. — **Crash Martin**

just three hands to finish off Cimboldas.

After a restless night, Newman was running on adrenaline as he celebrated with friends.

"I didn't sleep, not even one second, last night," said the 48-year-old New York native who formally worked on Wall Street. "I was so excited about today. I played really well and my cards held and I won."

In earlier series events, titles went to **David Peters** (\$5K high roller), **Phillip Hui** (\$300 HORSE) and wheelchair-bound **Jeffrey Fogel**, the basketball coach who suffers from ALS. **David Shmuel** of Miami showed his versatility by winning two trophies, the \$360 PLO/8 tournament and a \$150 re-entry event, while **Francois Zayas** of Miami Springs got the series started by taking home \$107K-plus in the opening \$360 Ultimate Re-Entry, which attracted 3,570 players and more than doubled the \$500K guarantee. Next up is the Lucky Hearts Open series Jan. 11-24.

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# PETERSON WINS GAPT AT DAYTONA



**Milagros Peterson** won the Great American Poker Tournament at Daytona Beach Racing and Card Club in mid November. The tournament had a prize pool of nearly \$86K as Peterson took home \$18,829 and a coveted \$330 seat to the 2018 GAPT main event.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** This Panhandle property is offering more guarantee tournaments. Jan. 12 is a \$5K for \$120 and Jan.

16 is a \$2K for \$50. A \$300 megastack will be Jan. 24-28 with four starting flights. For details, go to goebro.com. Cash games have high-hand promos and royal-flush jackpots every day.

**CREEK GREYHOUND:** This poker room near Tallahassee is offering three guarantee tournaments this month: Jan. 6 is a \$2K for \$60 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 26 is a \$5K for \$120 at 7 p.m., and Jan. 26 is the monthly \$10K guarantee for \$270 at 1 p.m. High-hand promos run each day. See the ad on Page 45 for more.

**ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB:** This facility has aggressive daily high-hand payouts and expects to continue a Tuesday and Wednesday night tournament schedule. The long-awaited tournaments in this room started in November and may be revised as participation dictates.

**PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK:** **Michael Starr** won the monthly \$20K guarantee Nov. 26. This month's \$20K will begin with three Day 1 flights (Jan. 25-27) with Day 2 on Jan. 28. Satellites run multiple times each week. Also, \$2.5K guarantee events run Wednesdays all month. And there are Friday night tournaments at 7. A \$60 Omaha/8 tournament will be Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. Full house promos run all month for cash games.

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** The winter series has 11 events this month, including the \$200K guarantee main event, which begins Jan. 18 and ends Jan. 28. The \$1100 main event has satellites available Jan. 6, 12, 18, and 25.

**BESTBET ORANGE PARK:** **Sean Ingram** of Jacksonville won the November deepstack after a four-way split. Ingram outlasted a field of 255 players in a tournament that exceeded its \$30K guarantee by \$10K. The Orange Park facility has a full slate of tournaments and cash-game bonuses this month.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

**HARD ROCK TAMPA:** The \$150 November Little Slick saw 1,716 players take a shot at the \$100K guarantee prize pool, which ultimately topped \$205K. The top 170 cashed as **Troy Bercot** of Palmetto won the guitar trophy and nearly \$18K after a final-table deal. Other top finishers included **Raymond Dwyer** (second), **Quyen Hoang** (third), **Gerald Silva** (seventh) and **Garth Fudens** (eighth). On a quick side note, former Ante Up Ambassador **Andrew Malowitz** busted 45th for \$649. Stay tuned for results from the winter series, which was still running at press time.

In staff news, poker veteran **Randy Kiefer** is the new director of poker.

**SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB:** The One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room's

\$440 Fall Classic, which had a \$25K guarantee, more than doubled the prize pool (\$58K) as 145 players attended. The tournament ended with a three-way chop between **Randy Spain**, **Paul Spice** and **Sean Platt**.

**DERBY LANE:** The \$150 Accumulator ran Dec. 27-31 with a \$50K guarantee. If you read this in time, players get a 30K stack with the add-on and 20-minute blinds (30 minutes on Day 2). Look for results in a future issue.

**MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK:** The Club 52 Poker Room is hosting a series of tourneys that total \$100K in guarantees. There will be a \$25K guarantee on Feb. 2 and a \$75K guarantee Feb. 3. You can win your seat to the \$75K through satellites, which will run all month. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and 7 p.m. are \$85 satellites and every Saturday at noon is a \$130 chance. Call the poker room at 321-259-9800 for more details and see the ad on Page 43.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** The Silks Poker Room, open daily 10 a.m.-4 a.m., has a great view of the horse track's finish line. The room also has some of the best tournament structures in the bay area and, of course, spreads hold'em, Omaha and stud.

**TGT POKER:** The poker room at Tampa Greyhound Track doesn't just have your standard poker offerings. In addition to hold'em, Omaha/8, pot-limit Omaha and stud, the property has Open Face Chinese, Ultimate Hold'em and Three Card Poker. It's open every day 10 a.m.-2 a.m., except on Fridays and Saturdays when it closes at 3 a.m. See the ad on Page 51 and stay tuned for some new promotions.

## MISSOURI

**AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES:** The Heartland Poker Tour's Championship Open began as Ante Up went to press, but not before a few tourneys entered the books. Event 1, a \$350 tourney with three starting flights and a \$100K guarantee, had 819 entries for a \$245K-plus prize pool. **Chris Parsley** took home the HPT belt, which looked like it was on loan from the WWE, and \$34K-plus in a three-way chop. St. Louis local **Greg Radoosh** pocketed \$4,300 for ninth. Check back next month for results from the \$2,500 main event.

**RINGS IN CHOCTAW:** Two St. Louis-area pros won rings when the World Series of Poker Circuit made its biannual stop at Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., this past November. **Josh Turner** won his sixth ring in Event 3, a \$365 turbo, the same format in which he won his fifth ring, by topping a 383-player field and pocketing \$25K-plus. Turner also made the final table in two more ring events and finished 12th in another.

While **John Richards** was on the rail watching Turner win his sixth ring, Turner joked that Richards should watch him play so he could learn how to close out a tournament. It must have worked because Richards won his second ring a few days later, besting a field of 163 in the \$580 event. He defeated a final table that featured several tough opponents, including **Mario Silvestri**, **Steven Williams** and **Marshall White**, who was at his second straight final table after winning his fourth ring the day before.

Richards also finished sixth (\$8,023) in Event 10 (\$1,125 PLO), which was one of Turner's other final tables (he finished ninth for \$3,874).

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Buy-in	Chips	Guarantee
Thursday	Jan. 18	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1A	\$360	15,000	\$100,000
Friday	Jan. 19	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1B	\$360	15,000	
Saturday	Jan. 20	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$360	15,000	
Sunday	Jan. 21	5:00pm	Event #2 All in or Fold Hold'em w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
		12:00pm	Event #1 Final Day - <i>Live Streamed</i>			
Monday	Jan. 22	1:00pm	Event #3 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Deepstack	\$150	10,000	
Tuesday	Jan. 23	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Monster Stack - <i>Live Streamed</i>	\$350	20,000	
Wednesday	Jan. 24	3:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Thursday	Jan. 25	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH 6 Max	\$350	10,000	
Friday	Jan. 26	12:00pm	Main Event Day 1A	\$1,100	20,000	
Saturday	Jan. 27	12:00pm	Main Event Day 1B	\$1,100	20,000	
		3:00pm	Event #8 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #9 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sunday	Jan. 28	11:00am	Main Event Final Day - <i>Live Streamed</i>			\$200,000
		3:00pm	Event #10 NLH	\$350	10,000	

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# MILLION DOLLAR HEATER IS JAN. 4-15 IN MISS.

At the Beau Rivage, the Million Dollar Heater kicks off as the first tournament of the year. It runs Jan. 4-15.

This is the seventh year for the MDH, with each year generally being better than the last. This year's series promises \$1M in guarantees and 65 tables. This will go a long way toward reducing alternate numbers and congestion, but it's still recommended to preregister.

Opening weekend of this event sees huge crowds and long waits to get seated, despite some of the most efficient staff in the South. With a \$600K guarantee on the first event and just a \$355 buy-in, it's no wonder this is one of the most popular events of the year.

The \$2,700 main event features a \$300K guarantee. There are 14 events, some with buy-ins as affordable as \$155. Daily mid-afternoon alternative events such as Omaha/8, PLO and six-max mix things up and offer some variety from the standard NLHE lineup. Nightly NLHE events run for \$125, as well as a multitude of satellites.

A \$50K guarantee seniors event for \$290 is Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. Expect stiff competition for this great value. On Jan. 12, don't miss the \$1K PLO Championship.

The 2017 MDH set a state record for most entries in one event. It's no doubt 2018 will pack an even bigger punch as the popularity of the hospitable poker room continues to grow under poker room manager **Henry Garrison's** leadership.

Discount rooms are available, but as with any event at the Beau, they tend to sell out early. Call 1-888-567-6667 to make your reservations. For more information, including blind structures and formats, visit [beaurivage.com](http://beaurivage.com).

## LOUISIANA

**COUSHATTA CASINO:** The Winter Classic was still running at press time (Dec. 27-30) so check back for results. Promos include mini-bad-beat jackpot (\$2,500, aces full of kings) every day, quads bonus on Mondays (\$100-\$500) and Kings Cracked (\$100, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.). For more promos, call the poker room or see our Where to Play section in the back of this issue.

**GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES:** The bad-beat jackpot was approaching \$270K at press time. Other promotions include football squares. Visit the Golden Nugget website for official rules of all promos.

**BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS:** The bad-beat jackpot (quads) was at \$165K at press time. The room has a new \$65 Omaha/8 tournament on Mondays with registration opening at 5:30 p.m. and closing at 8:30.

**HARRAH'S CASINO NEW ORLEANS:** The bad-beat jackpot (aces full of queens) was \$132K at press time. Promos include Aces Cracked, football squares and high hands. A new promo called the Power Hand runs midnight until 4 a.m. A random hand his picked every hour and if you win with the exact hand you'll get \$200. Win with that hand in any suit and get \$100.

**L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES:** The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$235K at press time. Other promos include football squares, a descending bad beat and quads. Call the room for more promos and information.

**HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY:** The room has a mini-bad-beat

jackpot of \$5K for aces full of 10s beaten. There's also Aces Cracked, Splash Pots, football squares and high hands.

**ISLE LAKE CHARLES:** On Mondays (11 a.m.-11 p.m.), players earn \$150 for quads, \$300 for a straight flush and \$1K for royals. Both hole cards must play. Tuesdays are Aces Cracked (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Kings Cracked (4-10 p.m.). There are a ton of other promotions so call the poker room for details or see our Where to Play pages in the back of this issue.

## NORTH CAROLINA



**Charles Johnson beat nearly 1K players to take down the WSOPC main event at Harrah's Cherokee.**

**HARRAH'S CHEROKEE:** Charles Johnson outlasted a field of 957 players to collect his first ring and \$272,744 at the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event. He also earned a seat in the season-ending Global Casino Championship.

"We're here, man," the champ said after the win. "It's really a dream."

Johnson, 37, is the manager of a contact center in Atlanta but discovered poker four years ago. He plays in charity tournaments at the American Legion several times a week against tough competition.

"I feel like that got me ready to be here tonight," he said.

This victory came after one of the worst stretches he's experienced. "I went to Tampa. I was the chipleader late in Day 2. Dumped off my chips. Went to Jacksonville. Ran it up, dumped off my chips. You see the pattern here?"

The trip to Cherokee started off pretty poorly, too. Johnson bricked everything he played early in the series and he decided to leave town and head back home to get his head straight. He almost skipped the main event.

"It just wasn't happening for me," he said. "I'm like, I'm done."

After playing at the Legion, he decided to make the drive back to Cherokee to try to satellite into the main. "Ended up getting a seat, and that's all she wrote," he said.

Johnson's previous best score came in last year's Monster Stack event at the same venue. He made the final table, finishing in ninth place for about \$5,400.

The main event field was littered with bracelet-winners, ring-winners, and other tournament standouts. The final table included three former WSOPC winners: **Ryan Jones**, **Krzysztof Styaniewicz** and **David Jackson**. ♠

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# THUNDER VALLEY HOSTS WSOPC JAN. 11-22

Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., hosts the World Series of Poker Circuit from Jan. 11-22 with 13 ring events, enticing players from across the nation.

There will be a variety of events, including no-limit hold'em, Omaha/8, pot-limit Omaha and HORSE, with many having guarantees. The series kicks off with a \$365 NLHE event Jan. 11, which will no doubt have a huge turnout.

Other highlighted events are the \$365 Monster Stack on Jan. 16, which will have a \$50K guarantee. Another \$50K guarantee runs Jan. 17, but for \$580. The \$1,675 main event starts Jan. 19 with a \$500K guarantee. The series wraps up with a \$2,200 high roller Jan. 21. For info, go to [wsop.com](http://wsop.com).

**LUCKY CHANCES:** This Colma poker room continues to be one of the top places to play in the Bay Area with numerous promotions and daily tournaments. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, it hosts NLHE events that are guaranteed to pay \$3K to first. Tuesday has a \$4K guarantee for first; Thursday guarantees \$2.5K for first and Sunday has the largest guarantee for first at \$8K. All tournaments begin at 9:30 a.m.

As for promotions, there are multiple jackpots, high hands, which can pay \$300, royal flushes pay \$500 and Aces Cracked can pay \$300.

**ELK VALLEY CASINO:** The annual Jefferson State \$45K Poker Stampede runs Jan. 4-6. The buy-in is \$325 with a \$100 add-on and \$10 dealer add-on. See the ad on Page 20.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO:** The Fall Round Up ran Nov. 3-13 at the property near Pendleton, Ore., and this one had \$40K added to the prize pools.

Congratulations to all the winners: **Ryan Christopherson** from Colefax, Wash. (Event 1, \$17K), **James Morris** from Olympia, Wash., (Event 2, \$19K), **Michael Foti** from Tigard, Ore., (Event 3, \$8K), **Cornelio McLean** from Tacoma, Wash., (Event 4, \$10K), **Robert Mitchell** from Salt Lake City (Event 5, \$7K), **Jose Gomez** from Granview, Wash., (Event 6, \$5K), **David Mallett** from Point Roberts, Wash., (Event 7, \$14K), **Carl Oman** from Vancouver, Wash., (Event 8, \$16K), **Mel Hoelzle** from Boise (Event 9, \$14K), **Angel Iniguez** from Richland, Wash., (Event 10, \$28K), **Michael York** from Twin Falls, Idaho, (Event 11, \$45K) and **Randall Palazzo** from West Linn, Ore. (Event 12, \$4K).

**TULALIP CASINO:** The Marysville, Wash., room hosts its Poker Pow Wow series Jan. 6-21, starting with a \$10K guarantee for \$120. Not big enough? Jan. 7 features a \$240 event with \$50 bounties and a \$20K guarantee.

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## MEET JASON SANBORN

The South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas recently named **Jason Sanborn** poker room manager.

**How did you get into poker?** I started working in a casino at 18 and shortly thereafter lessons to deal poker were offered and I jumped on the chance. After working a few years in Michigan, I moved to Vegas and have worked exclusively in poker ever since. After working as a dealer, floor supervisor and shift manager in many locations, the opportunity to lead my own room came up at the South Point and I couldn't be happier.

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**What do you do in your spare time?** When not on the clock, I like to golf, bowl and spend time with family. I have two great kids and a wonderful wife. Vegas truly has been good to me and I look forward to many more years here in Vegas and at the South Point. — **Rob Solomon**

Not into hold'em? There will be two Omaha events, both \$175: Omaha/8 on Jan. 8 and pot-limit Omaha on Jan. 9. For even more Omaha fun, there will be a four-game mix on Jan. 11 and a two-game mix Jan. 15. All events will have guarantees. The second weekend features a \$350 event with two Day 1s (Jan. 12-13) and a \$50K guarantee. Jan. 16 is a \$235 seniors event with a \$15K guarantee. The \$520 main event has \$100K guarantee and three Day 1s (Jan. 18-20).

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO:** The nine-table poker room in Grande Ronde, Ore., about an hour from Portland, features \$3-\$6 limit and \$1-\$3 NLHE. Monte Carlo board pays \$50 for quads, \$300 for straight flushes and \$500 for royals 8 p.m. to midnight except Saturdays. Sundays noon-8 p.m. also have \$100 high hands every half-hour. The bad-beat jackpot was approaching \$100K at press time.

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	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Mon, 1/8	11AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Tue, 1/9	11AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Wed, 1/10	11AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Thu, 1/11	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Thu, 1/11	11AM	1A	<b>\$300,000 GUARANTEED</b>	
	4PM	1B		
Fri, 1/12	11AM	1C		\$365
	4PM	1D		
Sat, 1/13	11AM	1E		
Sun, 1/14	11AM	Day 2 FINAL		
Thu, 1/11	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Fri, 1/12	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
	1PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Sat, 1/13	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
	7PM	♦ ♣ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♠	\$135	

DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	
Sun, 1/14	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
<b>2</b>	10AM	<b>SENIOR EVENT   1 DAY EVENT, SINGLE ENTRY</b>	<b>\$250</b>	
<b>3</b>	1PM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED NLH KNOCKOUT   \$100 BOUNTIES   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	7PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135	
Mon, 1/15	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
<b>4</b>	11AM	<b>\$25,000 GUARANTEED NLH   1 DAY EVENT, SINGLE ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
<b>5</b>	4PM	<b>\$25,000 GUARANTEED OMAHA 8   1 DAY EVENT, SINGLE ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
Tue, 1/16	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
<b>6</b>	11AM	<b>\$50,000 GUARANTEED MONSTER STACK   2 DAY EVENT, ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
<b>7</b>	4PM	<b>H.O.R.S.E.   1 DAY EVENT, SINGLE ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$580 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$100	
Wed, 1/17	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$580 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$100	
<b>8</b>	11AM	<b>\$50,000 GUARANTEED NLH   2 DAY EVENT, ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$580</b>	
<b>9</b>	4PM	<b>POT LIMIT OMAHA   1 DAY EVENT, ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	7PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135	
Thu, 1/18	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
<b>10</b>	11AM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED 6-HANDED   1 DAY EVENT, ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	6PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,675 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY <b>FIVE (5) \$1,675 WSOP MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$250	
Fri, 1/19	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,675 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY <b>FIVE (5) \$1,675 WSOP MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$250	
	6PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,675 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY <b>TEN (10) \$1,675 WSOP MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$250	
	9PM	MULTI-TABLE <i>TURBO</i> SATELLITE - \$1,675 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY <b>THREE (3) \$1,675 WSOP MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$250	
Fri, 1/19	12PM	Day 1A	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">\$500,000</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">GUARANTEED</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT</div>	
Sat, 1/20	12PM	Day 1B		
Sun, 1/21	12PM	Day 2		
Mon, 1/22	12PM	Final Table		
Sat, 1/20	9AM	<b>LAST CHANCE MULTI-TABLE <i>TURBO</i> SATELLITE - \$1,675 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY</b> <b>FIVE (5) \$1,675 MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$250	
	7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$2,200 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY	\$275	
Sun, 1/21	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65	
<b>12</b>	11AM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED NLH 8 HANDED   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	<b>\$365</b>	
	2PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$2,200 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY	\$275	
<b>13</b>	Sun, 1/21	4PM	<b>WSOP CIRCUIT</b> <i>High Roller</i> Final Table Mon, 1/22 • 12PM	\$2,200
	7PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135	
Mon, 1/22	12PM	<b>\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLH SERIES FINALE   CHIP LEADER BONUSES ON SELECTED BREAKS</b>	\$250	

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Raymond Ho poses with his friends after winning \$76K and the L.A. Poker Open title.

## HO TACKLES A HUGE FIELD FOR LAPO WIN

**R**aymond Ho outmaneuvered 698 players to take down the L.A. Poker Open Main Event at Commerce Casino in Los Angeles. Going into heads-up play, Ho and **Matthew Salnick** were fairly even in chips. On the final hand, Salnick got his stack in the middle holding K-9, trailing Ho's A-5. The board ran out with no help to Salnick, despite having quite a few outs on the river, and Ho earned the crown.

The final six struck a deal and agreed to play for the trophy and the \$10K seat to the L.A. Poker Classic Main Event. So, the payouts were Salnick, \$77,967; Ho, \$76,231; **Yasmine Hanane**, \$63,930; **Alex Rapoport**, \$51,840; **David "Dragon" Pham**, \$51,003 and **Brandon Zuidema**, \$47,415.

The 25th anniversary of the LAPC kicks off Jan. 9 with a \$1M guarantee for \$350. The series will run through March 1 with the final event being the \$120 Sendoff with a \$25K guarantee. There also will be four Player of the Series promotions with Commerce adding \$50K-plus: \$10K for the best NLHE player, \$10K for the best mixed-game player, \$10K for the best mega-satellite player and \$20K for the best overall player.

The series has a wide range of games, including stud, stud/8, Omaha and deuce-to-seven triple-draw with buy-ins ranging from \$175 to the \$25K high roller. Also, the Social Experiment event is back, with no electronics, hoodies or sunglasses allowed. Find the schedule of 67 events at [commercecasino.com](http://commercecasino.com).

**HUSTLER CASINO:** **Jorge Walker** won the \$200K guarantee at the Holiday Series in November. He took home \$54,294, moving his career tournament winnings past \$500K.

This \$250 event had four Day 1s, but players had the option to buy in for \$1,750 on Day 2 and receive 220K chips. There were 1,086 Day 1 entries and 49 Day 2 entries for a prize pool of \$292K. Rounding out the top three were **Jerome Courshon** (\$30,425) and **Al Homs** (\$20,310).

**Boghos Marashlian** won the \$50K guarantee, which had a \$230 buy-in with 353 entries for an \$81,190 prize pool. He received \$18K, followed by **Michael Gil** (\$11K) and **Michael Nia** (\$8,250).

**Emad Bastawros** captured the \$20K guarantee for \$5,800.

**GARDENS CASINO:** The Hawaiian Gardens poker room's Poker Championships runs Jan. 1-9.

**PALA CASINO:** There's a \$10K satellite Jan. 10-14 (\$175, 6 p.m.).

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Friday, February 9 | 10am

Day 1C | Age 49 and under only | 15% qualify | \$250 buy in

Saturday, February 10 | 10am

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# VENETIAN'S DSE RUNS JAN. 29-FEB. 25 IN VEGAS

The Deep Stack Extravaganza runs Jan. 29-Feb. 25. One of the highlights is the Mid-States Poker Tour Poker Bowl II, starting Feb. 1. The \$1,100 event has two starting flights and offers a \$500K guarantee. Players start with 20K chips and play 40-minute levels.

The \$1,600 main event begins Feb. 19 with a \$1M guarantee. Players start with 30K and play 60-minute levels. Registration is open through the first two levels of Day 2 on Feb. 22.

A few new events highlight the schedule. A two-day, \$400 SuperStack with a triple add-on starts Jan. 30. Players get 18K chips and during the first break, after Level 4, they may purchase a 12K add-on for \$100 regardless of stack size. Four levels later, they may purchase an 18K add-on for \$200. After another four levels, they may purchase a 24K add-on for \$300. The levels are 30 minutes and the guarantee is \$50K.

Also, a "progressive bounty" event is new. There are two price points for this format. On Feb. 6 and 24 at 7 p.m., the buy-in is \$200. The bounty starts at \$50. When the tournament is at the final 27 players, the bounty jumps to \$100. At the final table, the bounty is worth \$150. The guarantee is \$9K. A \$400 version runs Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. For this one, the initial bounty is \$100 and increases to \$200 when down to 27 players. The bounty at the final table is \$300. The guarantee is \$20K. All of these start players with 12K chips and have 30-minute levels.

As for the last DSE IV main event in November, **Eric Baldwin** of Las Vegas took down the \$114K first-place prize. **Christopher Moorman** of Great Britain earned \$70K for second and Las Vegas resident **Venerando Villarino** received \$51K for third. The \$1,600 event drew 345 players, resulting a \$498K prize pool.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** In November, the \$1,675 main event of the World Series of Poker Circuit drew 845 players and had a prize pool of \$1.26M. **Fernando Galvan** won it and earned \$247K. **Corey Hochman** was second for \$152K and **Chris Tham** scored \$112K for third.

**SAM'S TOWN:** On the east side of town on Boulder Highway, the popular locals room has added a 10 p.m., \$35 tournament to its schedule on Friday and Saturday. The starting stack is 5K and the levels are 20 minutes. An optional \$5 add-on is offered for 2K chips.

The daily 10 a.m. hold'em tournament is \$23 for 500 chips, with the starting blinds at 5-10. The first hour of the tournament is limit, then switches to no-limit. The daily 1 p.m. tournament is \$30 for a 3K stack with a \$5 add-on for 2K more. There's also a \$10 rebuy for the first hour for 2K chips. The levels are 20 minutes.

Sunday through Thursday at 7 p.m., the \$35 tournament has the same details as the new 10 p.m. tournament. The Friday 7 p.m. is \$25 for 1,500 chips, with a \$5 add-on for 1,500. It offers unlimited \$10 rebuys for 1K chips available any time a player has 2,500 chips or fewer. After the third level, a \$20 add-on for 6K is optional.

Tournaments alternate on Saturdays at 7 p.m. The first is a \$55 buy-in for 6K chips, \$5 add-on for 2K, 20-minute levels. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, it's a \$25 bounty tournament that has a \$105 buy-in. Players start

with 10K chips, there's a \$5 add-on for 2K chips and the levels are 20 minutes.

The main cash game is \$2-\$6 spread limit with a \$30 minimum buy-in and no max. A \$30 minimum buy-in Omaha/8 game frequently runs. The \$1-\$2 NLHE game (\$100-\$300 min-max) runs less frequently. And the \$2-\$10 stud game with a \$50 min. buy-in sometimes runs.

The promos vary each day. On Mondays and Thursdays, flopping quad aces is worth \$100. Also, Aces Cracked wins the amount of the pot. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the best full houses made win \$150, \$100 and \$50 twice a day. On Wednesdays and Sundays, players who win pots with all four flushes get \$150. And on Saturdays, the high hand of each hour wins \$50. The minimum high hand is aces full of deuces and if no hand qualifies the money rolls over into the next hour.

**WESTGATE:** The room is working with popular Vegas vloggers (that's video bloggers) to host games there. The Trooper, a.k.a. **Tim Watts**, hosts a regular game every Thursday at 6 p.m. It's \$1-\$3 NLHE with a \$100-\$300 min-max. **PokerKraut**, **Andrew Neeme** and **Brad Owen** have hosted games and Westgate is interested in regularly scheduling them. These games are well-attended and a lot of fun. They do come up with a few twists on regular poker rules for these games. Some of the ones have filled five tables. Westgate is more than happy to let the vloggers record the games for their vlogs. So if you show up to one, be prepared to appear on YouTube a few days later.

The Westgate hosts an industry freeroll Tuesday nights at 7. Casino workers are eligible to compete for a \$300 prize and there's no cost to enter.

**SANTA FE STATION:** The rebuy for the \$50 weekly Omaha/8 tournament costs \$20.

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

## RENO

**HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** The WSOP Circuit recently finished its annual visit to the property that's hosted the tour in each of its 13 seasons. The 12 ring events generated a total of 2,770 entries and awarded more than \$1.4M in prize money.

**Max Young**, a ring-winner last year in January in West Palm Beach, Fla., added another big victory in Lake Tahoe. The 32-year-old pro from Oregon outlasted a field of 458 entries in the main event, claiming the WSOPC's most-cherished ring and \$147,699. It's a career-best result for Young and it brings his total earnings across the \$500K mark.

As is the case for all stops on the WSOPC, there were two seats for the Global Casino Championship up for grabs. Young claimed one and the other went to **Daniel Lowery**, the player who accumulated the most points over the series to be Casino Champion. He had three cashes, making the final table each time, and he won Event 7 for his fifth ring, accumulating 110 points and \$32,237.

**CARSON VALLEY INN CASINO:** The poker room has four tables and features five TVs. The non-smoking room has free beverages, including self-serve draft beer and a variety of tournaments, games and promotions. It opens Monday-Saturday at noon and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For more details, call (775) 783-7763. ♠

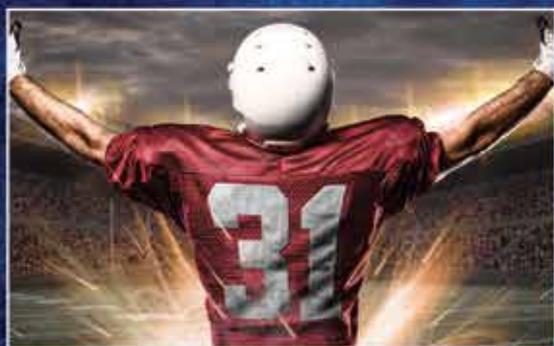
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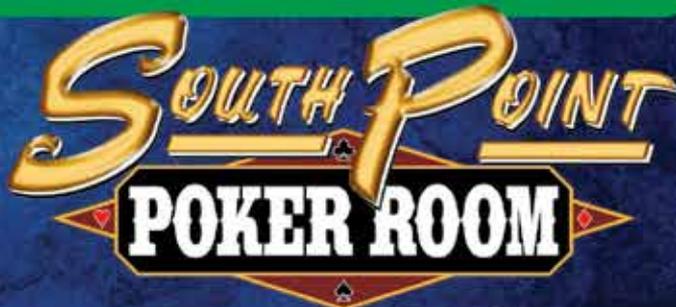
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# ARIZONA LADIES CHAMP IS HOWELL

The Arizona State Ladies Poker Championship title at Talking Stick Resort went to **Regina Howell**, who took home a nice trophy and \$6,548 after beating nearly 100 players. The other top performers were **Marilyn Christiano** (\$5,238), **Carol Bellemare** (\$3,929), **Keiko Yoshimine** (\$2,619) and **Marnie Seidman** (\$2,095).

**Salam Sarah** captured the Nov. 4 Big Stack (\$345 buy-in, 169 players) for \$11,591. **Luis Contreras** was second (\$8,974), followed by **Thomas Haurly** (\$6,107), **Itay Katz** (\$3,864), **Satish Andalamp** (\$3,066), **Dale Williams** (\$2,642), **Maurice Gingras** (\$2,243), **Carey Canella** (\$1,870), **Sean Farida** (\$1,521) and **Leonard Lwakbamba** (\$1,246).

**Michelle Hayes** and **Randy Toogood** chopped the top two spots of the Nov. 11 bounty event for \$2,472 each. The \$240 event featured \$100 bounties and drew 265 players. **Michael Moon**, **Darin Oremán**, **Gamaliel Abaqueta**, **David Brownworth**, **Micheal Berman** and **Debra Keller** each took home \$2,148.

The Scottsdale property's 15th annual Thanksgiving charity event (\$60) attracted 272 players to raise \$6,800 for U.S. Food Bank Services. **Eric Householder**, **Steven Howard**, **John Cramer**, **James Arrendondo**, **Jarret McMillan**, **James Buckner**, **Joel Goodell**, **Phillip Marcus**, **Bhasker Ravikanti**, **Steven Sckolnik**, **Clarence Chao**, **Murza Selmic**, **Matthew Diethelm**, **Johnathan Knox**, **Eli Clark** and **Charles Russo** chopped the top spot for \$712 each.

The \$160 End of the Month event (Nov. 25) had 422 players as **Azim Mahboob**, **Jeffrey DeWitt**, **Richard Counce**, **Marc Rangel**, **Michelle Woodward** and **Sean Wright** chopped for \$5,045 each. **Robert Greene**, **Floyd Roehrich Jr.** and **David Brownworth** won \$3K each for the final three spots.

**Chi Tang** took top honors at the Dec. 2 Big Stack for \$11,591. The \$345 event saw 169 players. Tang was followed by **Kay Weintraub** (\$8,974), **Tom Hanna** (\$6,107), **Jeremy Brown** (\$3,864) and **Raoul Encinas** (\$3,066).

TSR's Arena Poker Room hosts its next Staycation weekend Jan. 12-14. Friday is a \$200 event; Saturday and Sunday are \$300 buy-ins with Sunday having \$100 bounties. Players who register for all three days receive a free two-night stay Jan. 12-13, based on availability.

As for other promotions, Wacky Wednesdays continues twice a month, paying \$250 for high hands in hold'em and \$150 an hour for Omaha noon-midnight on select Wednesdays. The Big Game Blowout will be Feb. 4. This was a huge success last year so check with the poker room for details.

**GILA RIVER VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO:** The promotions are flowing at the Laveen poker room. The Quads or Better promotion

## MEET CANNON CONOLTY



Known as Jr., **Cannon Conolty** was given that nickname by his poker friends out of Colorado Springs.

Cannon is a relatively newcomer to Southern Colorado from Florida. He played online poker since he was 12. He and his father, **Kevin**, are almost inseparable on the poker scene and Cannon has joined Kevin as a licensed real estate agent to help in the brisk Colorado Springs market.

His biggest poker accomplishment was a first-place chop of a recent Heartland Poker Tour kickoff event worth \$27K in Black Hawk. His goal is to build his bankroll and become a pro. Sound familiar? His favorite hand is 10-9 suited. Why?

"Because it's super-connected and has always done well for me postflop," he said. "Every time I see it, I'm in there." Besides with his father and his sister, he spends a lot of time with his dog, a Maltese named Annabelle, and can be found daily at the gym pumpin' iron. — **Dick Stein**

continues as players can win \$50-\$3K. Lose with the same colored pocket aces and win \$100 along with a \$50 splash for your table. Monday-Friday (3:30 a.m.-10 a.m.) pays \$50 for high hands every half-hour along with \$50 splashed at your table. Fridays (6-midnight) pay the top three hands \$100 every half-hour. Alternating Fridays will have Poker Plinko. Check with the poker room for details.

Monday tournaments start at 7:30 p.m. and are eligible for TOC seats. Vee Quiva is adding \$200 for every table. All live players with a minimum of 20 hours get a free entry. A \$50 buy-in gets you 2K chips and a \$10 dealer add-on gets you 5K more, with unlimited re-entries for the first hour. A \$20 add-on at the break gets you 5K chips and early bird chips are available 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

**GILA RIVER WILD HORSE PASS:** High Hand days will be Jan. 6 and 20.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN:** The Sunday tournaments will return after the football season.

**CASINO DEL SOL:** The \$15K Guest Appreciation tournament is Jan. 4-6. Day 1A is Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.; Day 1B is Jan. 5 at noon. The event ends Jan. 6 at noon. Players qualify with 50 hours of live play or by finishing in the top 25 of any of the property's four poker leagues.

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The Ante Up Poker Tour will make its first appearance in Arizona when Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino hosts a multiday event March 22-24.

“Ante Up is a leader in the industry and brings innovation and prestige to poker,” said **Zach Lansing**, poker room manager at Vee Quiva in Laveen, near Phoenix. “We here at Gila River Casinos want to align ourselves with entities that set the bar in the industry and set it high.”

The event will be a \$300 tournament with four starting flights and a \$50K guarantee. Players can re-enter as often as they wish for the first 10 levels and satellites will be offered. The winner will appear on the cover of *Ante Up*, get a seat in the Ante Up World Championship Main Event in August and a personalized champion's jacket.

“This event will be the largest tournament prize pool to date for Gila River Hotels & Casinos,” Lansing said. “We here at Vee Quiva Poker Room have done extensive research of many other tournaments to provide what we think will be a world-class experience for not only local players, but for any players wishing to travel to the Phoenix area for this event.”

Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino is one of three casinos in the Gila River Hotels & Casinos enterprises, which is owned and operated by the Gila River Indian Community. Its casino features a 14-table poker room, 36 table games, more than 900 slot machines and a 550-seat bingo hall. The resort offers 90 luxurious hotel rooms, outdoor pool with poolside suites, event center, four bars and lounges and six restaurants, including a Ditka's Restaurant from the legendary Chicago Bears coach.

“Ever since we merged with *Southwest Poker News*, Ante Up Poker Media has enjoyed a terrific relationship with poker rooms in Arizona and throughout the Southwest,” said **Scott Long**, who publishes *Ante Up* with **Christopher Cosenza**. “We are excited to finally bring the Ante Up Poker Tour to the Grand Canyon State and to a beautiful AAA Four Diamond resort, which we know will provide a fantastic experience to all players at and away from the tables.” ♠



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## SOUTHWEST: COLORADO

### BEASLEY WINS MSPT AT GATES

At the Golden Gates in Black Hawk, Colo., Denver's **Jason Beasley** won the main event of the Mid-States Poker Tour. The \$1,100 tourney drew 413 entries and earned the 38-year-old roofing salesman \$88K.

**Mike Monetti** of Littleton, Colo., was second (\$54K), followed by **Jon Wurden** of Fisher, Minn., (\$40K), **Gerald Cunniff** of St. Paul, Minn., (\$29K), **Cooper Wanty** of Ann Arbor, Mich., (\$22K), **Terry Wheeler** of Denver (\$17K), **Will Mietz** of Black Hawk (\$13K), **Bruce Russell** of Loveland, Colo. (\$10K), **Nils Bardley** of Denver (\$8K) and **Andrew Geffen** of Westminster, Colo., (\$6K).

The series \$360 event saw a whopping 848 players attend. The top 10 were **Gerald Morrell** of Reno (\$34K), **Jacob Schroeder** of Aurora, Colo., (\$26K), **Mitchell Lekarczyk** of Denver (\$24K), **Eric Maier** of Littleton (\$21K), **Mike Colecchia** of Aurora (\$20K), **Ryan Dodson** of Centennial, Colo., (\$20K), **Jamal Sawaqdeh** of Aurora (\$8K), **William Black** of Cheyenne, Wyo. (\$6K), **Ralph Kingan** of Wright, Wyo., (\$5K) and **Sung Bae** of Aurora (\$4K).

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# HUGE CHOP ENDS ISLETA CLASSIC IN N.M.

The Isleta Fall Poker Classic at Isleta Resort and Casino in New Mexico ran two days and saw **Joe Rivera, Hass Aslami, John Chase, Augustine Armijo, Benji Benavidez, Landree Wauford, Starr Valdez, Gerald Medina, Jennifer Armijo** and **Paul Chenoweth** chop the prize pool.

Mondays feature a crazy pineapple tourney for \$15 at 2 and 7 p.m. Each Wednesday brings Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25. Thursday Beginners NLHE is \$15 at 7 p.m. Each Friday and Saturday, play in added-money tournaments for \$100 at 7 p.m. each day. Every Thursday, the room gives away \$50 in hourly hot-seat drawings 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**ROUTE 66 CASINO:** The Route continues its weekly offerings: Play in three tournaments every day. Most times are for NLHE, but there is a pineapple tournament on Wednesday, plus many tournaments include bounties.

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

Regular weekly tournaments feature Sunday's \$50 NLHE at noon and a \$45 NLHE event at 5 p.m. Monday brings the Sprint Tournament for \$50. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, can play a bounty tournament for \$75. Don't forget the \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series, featuring games such as stud, River Down, Big O/8, Ladies Night, pineapple, HORSE or Omaha/8.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** Each Friday is a \$120 event at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. is a \$75 tourney. Earn bonus chips when playing live-action poker before each tournament.

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT:** There's a new tourney lineup with events every night at 6:30. Buy-ins are \$30-\$75. Sundays and Thursdays offer unlimited rebuys for the first hour. Note on Thursdays: The game is Omaha/8. The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month tournament starts at 1 p.m. The 6:30 event later that evening is a great consolation if you missed out earlier and because of the large numbers there are plenty of cash games in hold'em and Omaha.

## OKLAHOMA/KANSAS/MISSOURI

**HARD ROCK CASINO:** Daniel "Wretchy" Martin captured the Run-Good Poker Series Main Event for \$37,238 as the series ended Nov. 19. **Billy Reid** (bounty), **John Heckencamp Jr.** (deepstack) and **Lauren Bunch** (pot-limit Omaha with rebuys) won the preliminary events. The Jack-n-Jill tournament resulted in a four-way chop. To conclude reporting of results of October's Oklahoma Championship of Poker, **Eric Bunch** won the main event for \$44,544. Other event winners were **Tyler Young, Ruth Hall, Miles Taylor, Vernell Hoskins, Steven Laxton, J.D.** and **Debi Ontiveros, Bryan Unkenholz, Dylan Lew, Alan Demeter** and **Nikhel Bihl**.

Looking ahead, the World Series of Poker Circuit returns March 16-26. The first appearance of the tour last year, according to poker room manager **Byron Long**, drew more entries than all but three other WSOPC stops. The main event will feature a \$1M guarantee. During the series, a shuttle will run to nearby hotels as the Hard Rock's hotel sells out quickly. Three

new hotel properties are being built in the immediate area.

**CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT:** Daniel Lowery overcame more than 900 entries to win the \$1,675 WSOPC main event. In earning his sixth ring, Lowery won \$258,784. Other ring winners were **Steven Williams** (Monster Stack); **Trung Pham** (\$500K guarantee); **Joshua Turner** (NLHE); **Robert Cote** (Big O); **Marshall White** (NLHE); **Michel Dumas** (NLHE); **John Richards**, (NLHE); **Brett Murray** (six-max); **Jeffrey Trudeau** (NLHE); **Maxx Coleman** (PLO) and **Virgil McVicar** (\$100K guarantee).

The WSOPC returns Jan. 3-15 and kicks off with a \$365 buy-in, \$300K guarantee and ends with a \$250 seniors event.

**DOWNSTREAM CASINO:** The RunGood Poker Series, which ran Dec. 12-17, hadn't concluded at press time. Look for results in a future issue. The poker room continues to offer a \$5K freeroll (\$1,500 for first) with a 40-hour cash-game play qualifier. There's also a Pigskin Payout promo during some NFL games.

**AMERISTAR CASINO:** The 13-table room continues to offer several long-running promotions, including \$100 busted bullets for the first five players, \$100 high hands Monday-Thursday and a unique progressive bad-beat jackpot promotion. Some games are featured on specific days, including \$4-\$8 HO, \$4-\$8 and \$5-\$10 half- and full-kill Omaha/8. Call for a schedule. Comps are \$1 an hour and \$15 food vouchers can be earned with four hours of live play.

**GRAND CASINO:** This 13-table enclosed poker room on the casino's second floor continues to offer bad-beat jackpots for hold'em and Omaha, high hands, royal flushes and Aces and Kings Cracked promotions. Comps are \$1 per hour (100 points) and there are double-point-rated-play hours Mondays and Tuesdays. Poker player hotel rates are available (\$59 weekdays, \$79 weekends).

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The annual Reindeer Games series ran Dec. 8-17 and results will be in a future issue.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** The poker room, closed Mondays, offers a diverse tourney schedule. Buy-ins are usually \$50 or less. Games included are crazy pineapple, seniors, freezeout and mystery bounty. Thursday tournaments have a \$500 guarantee with a 10-entry minimum.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** This eight-table room is having a \$350 New Year's Day tournament. It offers a \$15K guarantee and will have 20-minute levels. Registration opened Dec. 1. The room's tournament structures have a good reputation relative to the levels and players will start with 10K chips.

Jan. 13 is the quarterly \$10K freeroll. The top 40 tournament qualifiers will compete. The room's bad-beat jackpot was \$122K-plus at press time.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** The \$35K guarantee quarterly freeroll, featuring a \$10K first-place prize, is Jan. 13. Players qualified through 150 hours of cash-game play or by being in the top 25 of the tournament leaderboard. All qualifiers must have played a minimum of 15 hours of live play on bad-beat jackpot eligible tables. Several games are featured throughout the week including \$5-\$5 PLO, \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$4-\$8 half-kill Omaha/8, \$20-\$40 limit, \$25-\$50 and \$50-\$100 mixed. ♠

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# ELIAS CONTINUES BPO SUCCESS IN A.C.

The Borgata Fall Open, which ran Nov. 7-23, saw **Darren Elias** capture the main event for \$293K. The series featured 19 tournaments, including the \$2,700 championship that had a \$1.18M prize pool and 473 entries.



In 2014, Elias had his biggest cash here, taking first in the World Poker Tour Borgata Championship for \$843,744. Borgata being his home casino, Elias finds it extra special to make the final table near his home.

“You will see me at almost all of Borgata’s main events when (for its) seasonal and WPT series. ... I generally stick to North America, which are mostly WPT and (World Series) events,” said Elias, who was on his way to Las Vegas for the Bellagio Five Diamond series. “I consider myself a relatively low-volume player in that I only play around 50 live tournaments a year and try to focus on quality over quantity. I believe players can easily get burnt out by playing too many events and I would rather play fewer and be at my best.”

Though his home is in New Jersey, Elias has been playing less online recently as he finds it more enjoyable to play in a live setting. “I dislike the ecosystem of online poker in today’s day and age,” he said. “Perhaps if the U.S. is able to share liquidity and link together a few big-market states, then you may see me on the online felts again.”

Elias will be spending the next few years mainly playing in North America, particularly the PartyPoker live series featuring \$5M and \$10M guarantees.

**CHARITY:** Anna Khait won the annual WPT charity event for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia on Nov. 30. The \$2,500 (plus \$1K add-on) event raised \$800K-plus from more than 200 entrants, including pros, celebrities and high-end clientele. All proceeds went to CHOP, specifically brain-tumor research.

Khait has been a strong advocate of charity events for the past six years despite her busy schedule on Survivor and traveling as a poker pro.

“The CHOP All-In for Kids WPT charity tournament is such an amazing event for raising money toward a life-changing

## MEET GREGORY “FISH” FISHBERG



**Most players in the Philadelphia area are drawn to you for the poker action you provide. Do you think you’ve been able to utilize your image for profit in cash sessions or tournaments?** Before 2015, I was primarily a cash-game player. From 2005-10, I was a fixture at the Borgata’s \$5-\$10 NLHE game. Then Harrah’s (Philadelphia) opened, so I played there till Parx opened while running multiple underground poker rooms during that time. I had to shut those down when the casinos opened in (Pennsylvania). During that time, I played less than 10 tournaments a year. In 2015, I started playing tons of events and less and less cash.

I utilize my image in tournaments well. I get paid and stack people off in crazy spots because of my style. However, my cash game suffers now and I’m working hard on being able to adjust back and forth. My cash-game style is night and day now compared to back then. I’m too loose and just all around play worse, but I’m working on that. I prefer tournaments now. I love the idea of putting up a small dollar amount for the opportunity to win a lot.

**What turned you on to poker?** I’ve been a gambler my entire life. I used to bet sports with a bookie since high school and played in an illegal blackjack place until I could get in casinos. I also played poker with my friends growing up, but not hold’em back then. I played mostly stud games and fun seven-card games with wild cards. Finally, I got sick of losing piles vs. the casino in blackjack, so I tried to take back an edge by playing vs. players and took it more serious.

**What’s your biggest loss vs. biggest win?** My biggest loss in poker was in pot-limit Omaha when I sat for a session in a huge game (\$10-\$10-\$20-\$40). I was playing above my head because at that point I was still learning PLO. I’m much stronger in no-limit, especially in tournaments. My biggest win came from tournaments. I guess the biggest was a little over \$100K, but I also have multiple \$60K, \$70K, \$80K and \$90K scores. — **Jo Kim**

cause,” Khait said. “The WPT does such a wonderful job with this event and I couldn’t be more excited to have won it this year.”

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## NORTHEAST

### RAPPAPORT EARNS \$13K, FOXWOODS TITLE IN CT.

**Jonathan Rappaport** won the \$400 tournament of the Black Friday Weekend Special at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket. The Massachusetts resident earned \$13,566. **Michael Hashim**, who was second, won \$12,997. The event had 355 entries, driving the prize pool to \$119,489. Overall, 45 players cashed. **David Pimentel** (third) added \$11,730 to his bankroll while **Brad Noonan** (fourth) earned \$10,404 and **Robert Holtz** was fifth (\$10,273).

Up next is the \$100K guarantee MLK Holiday Special event Jan. 13-15. Call for details.

#### NEW YORK

**SENECA NIAGARA:** **Chris Damick** got by **Blake Napierala** to win the \$200 Fall Classic Warm-up and \$18,934. Napierala got \$11,685 for second. **Matt Marcinkiewicz** was third (\$7,656).

There were 499 entrants, creating an \$80,587 prize pool. Canada's **Alex Avdelopoulos** banked \$5,319 for fourth, while **Karla Bow** (fifth) took home \$3,949 and **James Girdlestone** (sixth) collected \$3,062.

**TURNING STONE:** The Winter Poker Meltdown runs Jan. 4-7. The \$50K-guarantee main event costs \$250. See the ad on this page. Also, at press time, the Verona poker room's Jumbo Bad Beat Jackpot was approaching \$500K.

**DEL LAGO RESORT & CASINO:** Players and fans can keep track of all poker action via the InTurn Poker app. For more information, go to [dellagoresort.com/casino/poker/](http://dellagoresort.com/casino/poker/).

Spokesman **Steven Greenberg** downplayed reports the newest upstate casinos, including del Lago and Rivers Casino & Resort, haven't met financial projections. "They're new entities," Greenberg said. "You've got to give this some time."

#### MID-ATLANTIC

**LIVE CASINO:** The Maryland poker room hosts a 16-event tournament series Jan. 4-14 and is highlighted by a \$1,100 main event. The three-day main event begins Jan. 12 and boasts a \$200K guarantee. Other tournaments include a \$360 kick-off event with a \$100K guarantee, a \$400 black-chip bounty event and a \$500 double black-chip bounty tournament. The series has something for everyone with poker variations such as HORSE, pot-limit Omaha, Omaha/8 and stud/8.

Live Casino hosts two Ante Up Restock the Shelves events Jan. 25-26. The events will be Jan. 25 at 7:15 p.m. (\$150 double green-chip bounty) and Jan. 26 at 12:15 p.m. (\$200 eight-max). For each can of food donated, players receive 1K extra tourney chips (10 cans max).

And finally, see the ad on Page 31 for the January \$20K Quad Challenge and the multiple high-hand specials.

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO:** Three NLHE tournaments, including one with a \$25K guarantee, will run Jan. 26-28. Here's the schedule: Jan. 26, 11:15 a.m., \$10K guarantee, \$125 buy-in, 25-minute blinds; Jan. 27, 11:15 a.m., \$25K guarantee, \$200 buy-in, 30-minute blinds; Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m., \$5K guarantee, \$65 buy-in, 20-minute blinds. ♠

# RESTOCK THE SHELVES

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# STAMMEN POCKETS \$87K, HPT TITLE IN IND.



**K**evin Stammen, a pro from Coldwater, Ohio, with more than \$5M in career earnings, won the recent Heartland Poker Tour Main Event for \$87K at Belterra Casino Resort in Florence, Ind.

“Everything went pretty well,” he said after the tournament. “I’m going to try to hang on to (the money). Maybe put it in some other tournaments.”

Early on at the nine-handed final table, Stammen faced an all-in bet on the river for his tournament life with three of a kind. His opponent, runner-up **Bill Horsman**, had the nut flush. After tanking for several minutes, Stammen made the disciplined fold and left himself with less than six big blinds. From there, he doubled up several times and took a commanding lead and never lost it.

Chicago native **Gary Herstein**’s seventh-place finish helped him take over the HPT Player of the Year top spot with one tournament left. The main event had 399 entries for a prize pool of \$383K-plus.

Stammen also outlasted 484 entries to win \$27K in the \$300 Monster Stack opener. With those two HPT wins, he moved ahead of **Greg Raymer**, becoming Belterra’s all-time money-winner.

**INDIANA NEWS:** Caesars Entertainment will pay \$1.7B for Anderson and Shelbyville racing and casinos along with three off-track parlors. Both casinos opened with electronic Poker-Pro tables, but only Shelbyville is still operating poker.

**BLUE CHIP:** The poker room is paying high hands Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. You need quads or better to win and payouts start at \$300. Every 1.5 hours \$150 is added to the prize pool. Both cards must play. Call the poker room for details.

**HARRAH’S JOLIET:** Look for a Cover All Board promotion soon, pending approval. It starts with players winning \$50 for having a straight flush or quads, then the hand is removed from the list and prize is increased \$50. Both cards in hand must play and the promotion is reset every two weeks. Call the room for details.

**HOLLYWOOD AURORA:** Justin Turner won a \$10K package that included an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two. The \$25K freeroll awarded cash and 10 Ante Up Poker Cruise packages.

**TROPICANA EVANSVILLE:** The Mid-States Poker Tour regional visits Jan. 13-21. The \$100K guarantee buy-in is \$350.

**WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP:** Ed Blazer won the league points title and David Schultz won the championship tournament for a second time.

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## MEET HEIDI ROGGENKAMP



Originally from Minnesota but now living in Fargo, N.D., **Heidi Roggenkamp** is one of the most competitive recreational players in the North Star State.

She’s a mother of two adult children and owns a mom-and-pop-style diner, but at the table she’ll keep you smiling while taking your chips. She was voted the best female player at the Minnesota Poker Awards in 2014 and 2015 and won *M/N Poker Magazine*’s Female Player of the Year in 2011.

**How did you start playing poker?** I learned card games as a kid from my grandpa. I guess I got into hold’em during the “boom” when it was on TV and the bar leagues started.

**What do you like most about poker?** I love the diversity and social aspect at the table. You get players from every demographic, social circle, income bracket and age group. People who would never interact with each other all come together for a common interest and end up becoming friends. It’s great.

**What is your biggest poker achievement?** My HPT final table on TV. I ended up placing second but I had a blast.

– John Somsy

## MINNESOTA



**RUNNING ACES CASINO:** Leo Fussy of St. Cloud, Minn., took home \$22,340 after winning the \$500 Big Turkey Tourney in Columbus.

This is a repeat victory for Fussy, having won this event in 2015. He faced some tough competition at this final table, including **Robert**

**O’Connell, Erick Wright** and **Saad Ghanem**.

This was Fussy’s third largest career cash, behind his win here in 2015 and a fifth-place finish in an MSPT event at Canterbury Park in 2014. It brings his career earnings to \$215,511. The Big Turkey Tourney drew 202 players (169 last year) and generated a \$88,173 prize pool.

**HOF:** The Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame committee plans to induct **Bryan Mileski** of Lakeville, Minn., as its newest member. In 2009, Mileski founded and subsequently grew the Minnesota State Poker Tour and *Minnesota Poker Magazine*.

“I am extremely humbled and honored to be inducted into the Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame,” he said.





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# FIREKEEPERS' TOC JAN. 27, PAYS \$20K FOR FIRST

The FireKeepers Casino poker room in Battle Creek, Mich., hosts its Tournament of Champions Grand Finale event on Jan. 27 for qualified players who were at the top of the leaderboard for 2017.

This freeroll has a \$55K guarantee and pays \$20K for first. The TOC is a point-system competition where three tournament buy-in levels can qualify. See the poker room for details.

FireKeepers alternates between a \$120 tournament the first and third Sundays of the month, a \$240 deepstack the second and fourth Sunday, and a \$400 deepstack every fifth Sunday of the month.

**MGM DETROIT:** The poker room has introduced \$50 Splash Pots every 15 minutes. The promotion runs Monday-Thursday 5 a.m.-4:45 p.m. The poker room also hosts two bounty tournaments each week: a \$220 event on Saturdays at 2 and a \$120 event on Sundays at 2. The bad-beat jackpot was \$128K at press time.

**MOTOR CITY:** The bad-beat jackpot (quads) was a whopping \$983K at press time.

## OHIO/WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**JACK CASINO CINCINNATI:** A new schedule for regular weekly and monthly hold'em tournaments begins Jan. 1. The first Saturday of each month (11:15 a.m.) will be a \$400 event with a \$50K guarantee.

The remaining Saturdays will feature an \$80 deepstack turbo. The same event will run Friday evening at 6:15.

In addition, \$80 turbos will be at 11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday and 6:15 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays.

There will be a \$160 tournament with a \$10K guarantee twice a week: Sunday mornings at 11:15 and Wednesday evenings at 6:15. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:15 p.m. will be a \$120 tournament with a \$4K guarantee.

**JACK CASINO CLEVELAND:** On Jan. 25-28, the Cleveland Open will have a \$1,100 event with a \$200K guarantee. Look for \$260 satellites and \$65 super-satellites through Jan. 24.

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

**MEADOWS CASINO:** The Heartland Poker Tour visited the Washington, Pa., property Oct. 26-Nov. 5. The main event was a \$1,100 tournament with a \$200K guarantee, which was shattered when 462 entrants turned out, bloating the prize pool to \$448,140. On the final hand, **Austin Wentling** of Monroeville, Pa., held a pair of deuces and **John Yocca** of Venetia, Pa., was all-in with A-Q. Yocca was pleased when the turn brought an ace. But, like a true Monroeville zombie, Wentling "came back from the dead" with a deuce on the river to complete his set and claim the \$102,248 top prize. Yocca won \$62,502 and third place went to **Josh McFall** of Pittsburgh (\$41,431).



## IOWA

**MESKWAKI CASINO:** In the first week of November, the MSPT made its third stop of the year here and **Max Havlish** from Coon Rapids, Minn., took home the top prize of \$90,152. In the runner-up spot was **Victor Hoffman** of Onslow, Iowa. Hoffman received \$55,730 for second. This event drew another large crowd with 424 entrants. The prize pool blew by the \$300K by nearly 50 percent. The MSPT will return with another \$300K guarantee in March.



**RIVERSIDE CASINO:** The annual Cold Turkey Poker Showdown drew 144 entries for the main event and **Chad Willett** claimed the top spot and the \$7,102 prize. **Jim Martin** won the Omaha/8 tourney and **Bryan Bresler** won the bounty event.

**DIAMOND JO CASINO:** The main bad-beat jackpot at the Worth property was \$150K at press time.

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The bad-beat jackpot was \$127K-plus at press time.

**HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS:** The Holiday Poker Classic's \$350 main event runs until Jan. 7 with a \$50K guarantee. Call the poker room for satellite and schedule details.

**Q CASINO:** The Dubuque property is hosting a \$330 tournament Jan. 27.

## WISCONSIN

**POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO:** In early November, Illinois' **Rich Bai** topped a field of 701 entries to win \$139,086 at the MSPT Wisconsin State Poker Championship in Milwaukee. It marked the largest major tournament (\$1K-plus buy-in) in state history.



**HOLD'EM FOR LITERACY:** The latest charity event at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells attracted 105 entries, which meant 10 spots were paid. The top three players chopped with **Joe Scarpelli** and **Mary Ryan** each getting \$867, while **Darrell Peterson** got \$866. Through the buy-ins, \$10,500 was raised for charity, but with the silent auction items, \$12,500 was raised for the Madison Reading Project. **Troy Taylor** busted celebrity guest and former Green Bay Packers receiver **Antonio Freeman** and received an autographed football.



**EXPANSION CONTINUES:** A federal judge dismissed the Ho-Chunk Nation from a lawsuit filed by rival tribe Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, owners of North Star Casino Resort. The latter tribe was seeking to stop expansion of Ho-Chunk's casino in Wittenberg by citing gaming compact violations.

**OBIT:** Ex-Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells poker room floorman **Shawn Poellinger** died Oct. 31.

# GIVE BACK TO THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

The annual Restock the Shelves food-bank initiative that Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics partner on each year is in full swing, with several events scheduled throughout January.

Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics encourage poker venues all across North America to designate one or more of their tournaments in January as Restock the Shelves events or to host other in-room promotions designed to get their players to donate food items or cash for a food bank that serves their local community. Some poker rooms offer tournament chips or raffle tickets to

encourage donations, which are intended to help “restock the shelves” of food banks after supplies are depleted during the holiday season.

Over the past three years, Restock the Shelves has fed nearly 200,000 people. Please participate as much as you can and invite your friends to join you.

Details on the events that were scheduled by press time are below, but please visit [AnteUpMagazine.Com/restock](http://AnteUpMagazine.Com/restock) for an up-to-date list of participating venues and details.

## ARIZONA

### HON-DAH RESORT CASINO

**Charity and event:** TBA

## CALIFORNIA

### JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT

**Charity:** Interfaith Food Bank

**Events:** 7 p.m., Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. \$60 tournament with an optional \$10 add-on, \$20 bounties and \$1,500 guarantee. Get 500 bonus units for every food item donated for a maximum of 2K units.

### LUCKY CHANCES CASINO

**Charity:** North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City

**Event:** 9:30 a.m., Jan. 15. \$120 tournament with a first-place guarantee of \$4K. Players get 3K more units with a \$20 optional donation and 1K units for donating a food item. (Players are encouraged to donate as many food items as they can, but will only receive 1K units).

### PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

**Charity:** Community Mission of Hope

**Events:** Jan. 1-31. Bingo players who bring in two food items get one free early bird game pack with their buy-in for matinee and evening sessions any day in January. Poker tournament players get 500 bonus units in any Monday-Friday tournament for donating two food items, and 1,000 bonus units for donating three or more items. At 7 p.m. on Jan. 24, the buy-in for a \$1,500 guarantee tournament will be \$10 and five food items.

## CANADA

### ORANGEVILLE POKER TOUR

**Charity and event:** TBA

## CONNECTICUT

### FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO

**Charity:** Gemma Moran Food Bank

**Event:** 10 a.m., Jan. 15, a \$400 tourney with a \$50K guarantee. For donating a food item, players get one entry into a drawing

where three will win a \$200 satellite seat for the \$1,200 Winter Deep Freeze Championship with a \$200K guarantee on Feb. 10.

## FLORIDA

### MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK

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## ILLINOIS

### WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP

**Charity:** Feed Chicago Sheridan Carroll Food Pantry

**Events:** Check the WCPC website for details and schedule of ongoing events.

## MARYLAND

### LIVE CASINO HOTEL MARYLAND

**Charity:** Anne Arundel County Food Bank

**Events:** 7:15 p.m., Jan. 25 and 12:15 p.m., Jan. 26. First event will be a \$150 Double Green Chip Bounty tournament and the second will be a \$200 eight-max tourney. Players get 1,000 bonus units for each food item they donate (max of 10).

## MICHIGAN

### FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL

**Charity:** Kendall Street Pantry

**Events:** Jan. 15-17. Players in the noon and 6 p.m. tournaments each day that donate a food item will get 200 bonus units (max five items) and 2K bonus units for donating \$10. (Max 3K bonus units per player per tournament). Cash-game players who donate \$10 get an entry into a \$500 drawing at 10 p.m. Jan. 17, with no limit on donations.

## MISSISSIPPI

### PEARL RIVER RESORT

**Charity:** Mississippi United Methodist Chahta Mission

**Events:** Through Jan. 31, for each food item cash-game players donate, they get one ticket for a drawing on Jan. 31, where five winners will get \$100 each. For each food item tournament players donate, they get

1K units and one ticket for a drawing on Jan. 31, where four players will each win a seat in a regular weekly tournament.

## NEW MEXICO

### INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS RESORT & CASINO

**Charity:** Mescalero Food Bank

**Event:** 6 p.m., Jan. 14, \$50 tournament. Players donating three food items get 1K bonus units, donating five cans get 2,500 and donating eight or more items get 5K.

## NEW YORK

### SENECA NIAGARA RESORT & CASINO

**Charity and event:** TBA

## NORTH CAROLINA

### HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT

**Charity and event:** TBA

## OHIO

### JACK CLEVELAND CASINO

**Charity:** Greater Cleveland Food Bank

**Events:** Noon, Jan. 13-14, \$90 tournaments with \$10 optional bonus buy and \$10K guarantee prize pool. For each food item donated, players get 3K more units (max five items).

## OREGON

### BEND POKER ROOM

**Charity:** Bethlehem Inn

**Events:** 1 and 6 p.m., Jan. 15. Players get bonus units for donating a food item or cash. Both tournaments will have an add-on that goes to the charity. Also, every Friday in January players will get bonus units for donating food items or cash.

## WISCONSIN

### HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN DELLS

**Charity:** TBA

**Event:** 1 p.m., Jan. 14, \$85 tournament with optional \$5 add-on. Players get 500 bonus units for each food item donated, (max 5K units).

# WHEN I SAY TREAT IT LIKE A JOB, I MEAN IT

Many times in past articles, I've mentioned how to treat playing low-stakes cash games as a job. I've even given examples. Here is a roadmap of how to track everything, taken from my days of playing \$2-\$5 no-limit for a living.



**BRENT  
PHILBIN**

**PAY YOURSELF AN HOURLY RATE:** Don't just come up with this number out of thin air. You should know your hourly win rate in the games you're playing. My win rate always was around \$50 an hour in a \$2-\$5 game. Never pay yourself more than half of your expected win rate, but you also will want to leave some money set aside for

high variance plays, which I'll cover below. I paid myself \$15 an hour because I wanted to grow my bankroll aggressively and I could live off of that money each month when I played 120-160 hours. Adjust this to fit your needs and pay yourself enough so that you're not tempted to take out any extra.

**PUT A PORTION INTO A TAKE-A-SHOT FUND:** This fund will be for all tournaments or any games you "take a shot" at that are outside your bankroll. If you don't have the funds set aside, you shouldn't be playing a high-variance game. This is where any of my degenerate gambling came from: craps, sports betting, etc. It would be best if you did NONE of that, but if you decide to play these games, it comes out of this part of your bankroll. This allocation plus the hourly that you pay yourself

shouldn't equal more than 60 percent of your total expected win. I paid myself \$15 per hour and I allocated \$15 per hour to this fund. The smaller this number is, the less likely you'll go broke.

**DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH BIG WINDFALLS:** Maybe you've won a tournament, hit a bad beat or one of your craps sessions lasted 45 minutes in the Bahamas. Decide on where that money goes and stick to it. When I hit these scores that were at least equal to 500 big blinds of the game I was playing, I would give myself 20 percent, put 20 percent into my retirement account and then split the rest between the bankroll and the take-a-shot fund at 30 percent each. It's important your bankroll grows with your skill level, so it may be tempting to put this all into your bankroll and move up in stakes. It's possible you're not ready yet. Get there the hard way!

**FINAL TIPS:** Segregate your bankroll. I had a safety-deposit box at my local casino and I'd only remove \$300 for every 20 hours I played, keeping track of the balance on a spreadsheet. Stick to a schedule, but don't force yourself to do something you don't want to do. Take the day off if you don't feel right. If your bankroll goes below the amount you should have to play your game, step down in stakes. This system corrects itself if you're not beating the game for enough money.

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## COACH'S CORNER

# RESOLUTIONS FOR 2018: HABITS DIE HARD

I'm absolutely positive anyone who reads this column is destined to have a winning year, so of course this column will address poker resolutions. They are made to correct bad habits, designed to plug leaks in our game. One can make a case that poker leaks are linked to tilt.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

Tilt is defined as anything less than our best. Don't confuse tilt with anger. Understand that when we're separated from our money, our brains get fogged up. Also, brains get fogged when we're happy. Tilt can occur off the table, on the table and in 101 ways, if not a million. So again, let's get back to accepting the idea

that tilt is anything that is less than our best. Make sense? I have a few ideas to help you with your resolutions:

**MENTAL PREPARATION:** Create a checklist before you play. Clear your mind of any distractions. Treat your brain like it's your poker-winning machine and do what it takes to get your breathing in order. Cardio is a great way and there are other options.

**HAND ANALYSIS:** Make sure to write down hands and be prepared to break them down later. Accuracy is important. Know how many players called and pot size and stack sizes and all pertinent information. Accurate hand breakdowns will help identify leaks. Use your phone or take some index cards to en-

sure accuracy. There is a caveat here. If you jumble the facts, then you will come up with a wrong conclusion. It is painfully obvious to me when a student is sharing a hand and the information is not clear.

It's also OK to use examples from books and there are many apps that can help us with the math. But again, be careful; there are many ways to misinterpret information. Of note, realize if your recall is not up to par, then some form of tilt is in progress. Should I say it again? Take care of your brain.

**EAT RIGHT:** As long as I'm carrying around my extra poundage, I'm going to spare you any pontificating on diet. That said, before I play a tournament, I'm careful about my intake and I always plan a workout.

**OLD HABITS DIE HARD:** Most of the time we resort to old habits. Again, I'll spare you the psychology as to why humans are inclined to behave this way and perhaps I'm setting up the next column.

As your coach, I'll resolve to get you past your unwanted habits; I'll ferret out your leaks and get you to "tiltnessness." There are many players out there who will attest to this. Signing off with a shaking hand and wishing you a happy New Year. — Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima CC. Email him at [brementmark@gmail.com](mailto:brementmark@gmail.com).

# TYPICAL SIGHTS, SOUNDS OF A POKER ROOM

Dim lighting, loud slot machines and a floorman making the occasional inaudible announcement over the loudspeaker are common in most small poker rooms that dot America.



AL  
SPATH

Though some days and times are better than others, most times you can find at least a \$1-\$2 NLHE game or a small buy-in tournament. Most players are friendly and there are many “grinders” who frequent the room daily and they will have nicknames.

The makeup of the table is usually older men, a sprinkling of young studs, a woman or two and the occasional fish.

There are some classic comments made at the tables and one that stood out recently was indeed the funniest I’ve heard in years: “I brought enough money tonight for the \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 no-limit game, but not nearly enough for these damn \$1-\$2 tables!”

We all remember **Phil Hellmuth** saying if people didn’t get lucky against him, he would win every time. Well, all poker rooms have a Phil. He’s the one you’ll call on the river and he asks you what you have, then mucks his hand quickly and says,

“I was ahead until the river,” and never shows his cards when he loses.

There’s the old guy who sits for hours, small stack in front of him, logging hours to qualify for daily freerolls and is amused by the TVs and the cocktail waitresses.

He’s usually a decent tournament player and does quite well, but his cash game suffers from everyone knowing he never has enough money to provide implied odds and you just know he has a big hand.

Then there are those who are better than decent players but hop up from their seats like on a Pogo Stick to bet the ponies or dogs at the adjacent kiosk. Their game suffers but they say they make up for it wins from the track.

In conclusion, most of you who play outside the big card-rooms of Las Vegas, California and places such as Foxwoods, the Hard Rocks or Borgata, will relate to the sights and sounds I’ve described and the colorful host of characters.

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## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

# SKILL VS. LUCK? AGE-OLD DEBATE LINGERS

Someone recently asked me if there really was a difference between him and players who are making big money. We went through the typical variables: larger stakes, more play, bigger bankrolls, being staked, etc. He said he was a competitive college athlete, so I asked him what the difference was between an elite runner and one who doesn’t make it to the next level. The answer: talent.



STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD

There always is a vigorous debate on the role of luck vs. skill in poker. After Black Friday in 2011, the debate escalated. If it could be shown that poker was a game a skill, then online play might be regulated. I came across

an interesting study: *The Role of Skill vs. Luck in Poker: Evidence from the World Series of Poker*, by **Steven D. Levitt** and **Thomas J. Miles**.

This study examined performance in the 2010 WSOP. It found players identified as highly skilled achieved a better return on investment than other players. They concluded: skill.

Luck, talent, skill? Psychology generally has taken the path of peak performance. We can help people achieve their highest level of performance, but that won’t make them an NBA star if they are 5-foot-6 and weigh 140 pounds.

The questions generally resolve as:

- In the long run, luck evens out and you can’t be short-term results-oriented.

- Talent is innate, but it has to be nurtured.
- Skill can be developed and people can perform at their optimal or peak performance.

Actually, skill is the only area we can control. Skill is developed in any field by putting in the work. It has been said to master a skill one needs to put in 10,000 hours.

No one has answered if that 10K is playing or learning; it’s a lot of time. One has to learn the math; be adaptable to change.

And we can work on ourselves. We can learn reading skills; we can enhance our performance by following proven techniques: visioning, mindfulness, goal-setting and relaxation.

The question that has to be answered is: Do I want to put in the time?

First, we have to define who we are in poker: recreational player; avid recreational; 30-40 hours a week grinder; retired and like the competition; grinder who wants to move up, etc. Once you know how you define yourself, you can set the appropriate goals. Is this work or play? What is the meaning of my bankroll?

One can always work on peak or optimal performance. Part of the equation is how much time to put in; that is defined by a close look at who you are in the poker world and who you want to be.

As always, keep your head in the game.

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## ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BLUEWATER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>BUCKY'S CASINO</b> (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Wednesday & Thursday (6p); Saturday deepstack (noon); last Sunday Omaha/8.	No promotions.
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • talkingstickresort.com	Monday-Friday (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p); Staycation Weekend Classic, Jan. 12-14. See ad on Page 25.	Splash pots.
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tuesday freeroll (7p); Thursday \$5K guarantee (\$120); Saturday (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sunday (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Players earn \$1 per hour during live play.
<b>CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 6:30p); Saturday (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$70, 11a).	High hand bonus; Aces Cracked.
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Monday & Thursday (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 7p).	Splash Pots.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins between \$10-\$80 and games vary, call for specifics).	Aces Cracked; high hands; football promotions pay \$100.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. 0/8 (\$25, 7:30p); Wed. (\$80, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p); Ladies, Jan. 6 (\$75, 3p); Restock the Shelves \$600 prize pool, Jan. 13.	\$25 Splash Pot Bonanza (daily, every half-hour); Football Splash Pots; 6-4 Cracked wins a Rack; Aces Cracked wins \$50.
<b>HON-DAH</b> (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad on Page 26.
<b>VEE QUIVA HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Monday (\$50, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Saturday (varies, 11:15a); Sunday (\$30, 11:15a). See ad on Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Quads or better board; Red or Black Aces Cracked; Graveyard High Hand; Sports Splash Pot.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Monday-Thursday (\$30, noon); Tuesday-Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3:30p). See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

## ARKANSAS

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

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

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<b>BAY 101 CASINO</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Monday-Thursday (\$150, 9:30a).	No jackpots.
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p); M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p.	Numerous jackpots (call for details).
<b>BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL</b> (707) 668-9770 • bluelaquecasino.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$30); Wednesday & Thursday (\$40); Friday-Sunday (\$50).	Players earn points for cash promo tickets.
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	No tournaments.	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); 1st Saturday (\$100, 11a); 2nd Saturday (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sunday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Monday (\$200, 7p); Tuesday (\$160, 7p); Sunday (\$300, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Monday-Saturday (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Monday-Friday (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Saturday Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 1:15p)..	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>ELK VALLEY CASINO</b> (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. Omaha (\$45, 6p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$45, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. Big O (\$45, 6p); Fri. freeroll (\$10 rbs, 6p); Sat. KO (\$125, 4p); Sun. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See the ad on Page 20 for details on the \$45K Poker Stamped.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • flb365.com	Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p).	Players get paid \$120 for a \$100 buy-in (Friday).
<b>GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Monday-Friday (1p & 6:45p); Saturday (10a & 1p); Sunday (2:15a & 1p); Poker Championships, Jan. 1-9.	Daily jackpots; Aces Cracked.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega hold'em jackpot; Omaha jackpot.
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive Bad-Beat Jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsmcon.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$35, 8p) Saturday & Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, noon); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 8p); Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; monthly cash drawings.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, Jan. 7 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Monday-Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday (\$185, 7p); Thursday KO (\$185, 7p); Friday (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	M \$1.5K guar. KO (\$60, 7p); T O/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); W (\$30, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); Th crazy pinee (\$30, 11a) & sats (\$50, 7:30p); F \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); S KO (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Monday-Thursday & Saturday (\$20 w/rbs, 10a); Thursday \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Friday KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sunday \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rbs, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CASINO</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon. & Wed. (\$45, 7p); third Saturday (\$175, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday (\$120, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Thursday (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tuesday (\$25 w/\$20 rbs and add-on, 10a & \$90); Thursday \$2K guar. (\$65, 10a); Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sunday (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Friday \$3K guar. (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guar. (\$15, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Monday KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thursday \$1.2K guarantee (\$55, 7:15p); Friday \$2K guarantee (\$40, 7:15p). Ask about \$10K satellite on Jan. 10-14 (6p, \$175).	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Monday & Wednesday, 10a-7p).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a) & (\$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday freeroll (1p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat in HE (aces full) and Omaha (quad 8s); PLO (Wed., 2p); high hand for Omaha/Big O; buy-in bargain for HE & Omaha/Big O w/free meal; royal-flush bonus in hold'em.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Monday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Tuesday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Wednesday \$2K guar. (\$25, 10a); Thursday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Friday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive bad-beat; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; High Hand Bonus (Fri.-Sun.); Straight Flush, Quads, Ship Wrecked (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Spot Bonus.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live hold'em events; call for details).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a). See ad on Page 21.	Rack Attack; Aces Cracked.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Mon.-Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$10, 10a) & (\$40, 6:30p); Sat. (\$30, 10a) & (\$40, 6p); Sun. (\$70, 6p). Events have rbs & add-ons.	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha and stud.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP satellite (\$225); last 2 Sat. WSOP satellite (\$50). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); Wed. O/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$160, 6p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); WSOPC, Jan. 11-22.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad on Pages 18-19 for WSOPC schedule and details.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 2p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; high hands.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

# COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$140, 7p); CPPT, Jan. 19-21.	High hands pay up to \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour; Friday pays \$500 & Saturday pays \$600.
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$120, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$65, 12:30p); Sunday (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot and mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

# CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 6p); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$20K guar. (\$300, 11a); \$100K guarantee MLK Special, Jan. 13-15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Tue.-Fri. (\$35, 11a & 7:15p); Mon. (\$35, 11:15a & \$25, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$10, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); ask about January guarantee events.	High hands; bad-beat hands; \$100 High Card.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/ rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.

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

# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p); bestbet Winter Open, Jan. 18-28. See ad on Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; \$500 high hand every 15 min. (call for details).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYHOUND</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	High hands. Last Sunday of the Month is a \$15K guar. (\$200, 12:10p).
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	 Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program. Call for details on Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$30, 8:30p); Fri. (\$120, 6:30p); Sat. (\$25, 1p), (\$60, 6:30p) & (\$30, 8:30p); Sun. (varies).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces.
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500 every half-hour; royals pay \$1K.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p); Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a); Isle Classic, Jan. 2-22.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM</b> (786) 787-2575 • kingscourtkey.com	Open Sunday-Thursdays, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a.	\$200 hourly high hands; \$100 high hands pay every half-hour.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands.
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Poker reopened in December, see story on Page 10 for details.	Call for information.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Monday (\$60, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$70, 7p); last Friday of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sunday (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins vary); 1st & 3rd Sat. KO (\$290, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500.
<b>OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
<b>ORANGE CITY RACING &amp; CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • orangecitypoker.com	Monday (\$75, 7:10p); Tuesday (\$100, 7:10p).	\$100K Bad Beat High Hand Bonus; high hands.
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Daily, including Sun. (\$100, 12:15p, but 1st & 3rd Sun. is \$230 deepstack; \$55, 6:15p); Mon. (\$30 seniors, 11:15a) and Last Sat. of month (\$150 NLO/8, 11:15a).	High-hand jackpot in hold'em.

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## FLORIDA (Continued)

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<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Monday-Friday (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Saturday (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sunday (varies, 11a & 6p); Lucky Hearts Open, Jan. 10-24.	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K. See ad Page 15.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgttpoker.com	Monday (\$50, 7p); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$55, 7:30p); Saturday (\$55, 7:30p); Sunday (\$35, 7p).	High hands. See ad on Page 51.

## ILLINOIS

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

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Monday (\$125, 6:15p); Tuesday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:15p); Thursday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon); MSPT regional, Jan. 18-21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## IOWA

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

## KANSAS

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



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Wednesdays at 7pm

### **\$60 BUY-IN \$2K**

### **GUARANTEED TOURNAMENTS**

Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm

### **FULL HOUSE PROMOTIONS**

Monday - Friday at 9am

Saturday and Sunday at 8am

### **\$180 BUY-IN \$20K**

### **GUARANTEED TOURNAMENT**

January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Day 2 • January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### **FULL HOUSE PROMOTIONS**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm until midnight

### **\$20K SATELLITES**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm • Sundays at 1pm

### **\$60 BUY-IN OMAHA HI-LO SPLIT TOURNAMENT**

January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm



## LOUISIANA

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

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	M & T (\$75, 11a); T O/8 (\$100, 7p); W (\$235, 11a) & (\$75, 7p); Th KO (\$150, 11a & 7p); F (\$150, 11a) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$250, 11a); Su KO (\$150, 11a) & (\$150, 7p).	High hands; get paid for royal flush.
<b>LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary so call for schedule. See the ad on Page 31.	Late night high hands pays \$500 every hour up to \$1.5K; CPJT, Jan. 4-14.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a).	Royals pay \$500.

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p); Saturday KO (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thurs. No Frills (\$70, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon. (\$35, 10:30a & \$150, 6:30p); Tue. (\$55, 10:30a & \$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & vaives, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Quads Board (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Tuesday & Wednesday); Aces Full (Wednesday).
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details); Million Dollar Heater, Jan. 4-15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/ Bonus Splash the Pot.
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Monday-Thursday (\$50, noon & 7p); Friday (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, noon); Sunday (\$90, noon); WSOPC, Jan. 18-29.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Monday (\$35 w/rebuy and bounty, 7p); Friday (\$50, 2p); Saturday (\$50, noon) & (\$125, 5p). See ad Page 11.	Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri.); Hot Seats (Wed. & Thurs.); Sunday Drawings pays \$1K in prizes; high hands in hold'em (Mon. & Tue.).
<b>SCARLET PEARL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Mon. (\$35, noon); Tue. (\$35, noon); Wed. (\$50, noon) & satellite (\$40, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, noon); Fri. (\$35, noon) & satellite (\$40, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, noon).	Cash giveaways.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Friday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsknc.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$60, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$85, 11a & \$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpot (daily).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Monday-Friday varies (1p & 7p); Friday (\$60, 11p); Saturday (\$75-\$300, noon & 7p); Sunday (varies, noon & 5p).	\$2.5K in special high-hand jackpots available (daily); bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.



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

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

NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure.	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Open Friday-Monday (10a) and at 4p on Thursday.	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Thursday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Friday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots during tournaments.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked; football promo draws for winner based on field goals (\$50), touchdowns (\$100) and safeties (\$200).
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$70, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$60, 10a & 4p); Friday \$6K freeroll; \$15K freeroll (monthly).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$1K guarantee (\$50, 10a); Monday (\$50, 6:30p); Monday & Wednesday Mystery Bounty (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hand cash prizes.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahsvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p).	High Hands; Hot Seats; Shift Specific Rolling High Hands 3X (daily).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guarantee (\$80, 15K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$60, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Day (daily, 4a-11a & 4p-11p); Playoff Push football promotion (Sunday, Monday & Thursday).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Call for details.	Call for details.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.scdv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Saturday & Sunday \$2K freeroll (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
<b>SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p).	High hands. See the ad on Page 23.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday-Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour from live play.
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily at noon and other times with various buy-ins.	No promotions; New Year's Extravaganza runs until Jan. 7; DSE, Jan. 16-21. Dailies suspended during special events/series.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WESTGATE LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 732-5111 • westgateresorts.com	Monday-Saturday (\$40, 11a); Friday (\$60, 6p & 10p); Saturday (\$60, 6p & 10p); ask about freerolls.	Player rewards.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); seniors, Jan. 3 (\$400).	No promotions.

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

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Monday, Wednesday & Sunday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$55, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$40, 3p); Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee (\$65, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$350.
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT Borgata Winter Open, Jan. 28-Feb. 2.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily, times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room. Last Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, 12:15p).	High hand; Splash the Pot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wednesday & Sunday (\$65, 8:15p); Saturday (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	High hands; Splash Pots.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT</b> (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad on Page 27.	Call for promos.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDIA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

## NEW YORK

<b>RIVERS CASINO &amp; RESORT</b> (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a).	High Hand Jackpot pays 6 times daily (Monday-Sunday).
<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	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).	High hands pay up to \$500.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TIOGA DOWNS</b> (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Monday-Wednesday). Winter Poker Meltdown, Jan. 4-7. See ad on Page 32.

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); T (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); W (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); Th (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); F (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sa (\$360, 4p); Su (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players.
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Monday & Thursday \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Friday \$5K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Saturday \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sunday \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JACK CLEVELAND CASINO</b> (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>JACK CINCINNATI CASINO</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K; Cleveland Open, Jan. 25-28.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeecasino.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 10a); Tuesday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Friday KO (\$60, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn player reward points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. KO (\$115, 1p & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$60, 3p); WSOPC, Jan. 3-21.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon); room open Sunday-Thursday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO</b> (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot coming soon.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tuesday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$75, 7p); Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sunday crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a & \$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$35, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$90, 4p); Sun. (\$70, 4p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com)	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & deuces wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Monday (\$50, 7p); Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday KO (\$75, 7p); Wednesday seniors (\$25, 5p) & (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$65, 7p); Saturday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Monday-Friday (\$40, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a); Sunday (\$115, 11a); Monday-Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thursday & Saturday (\$90, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Monday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$100, 4p); Saturday (\$95, 2p); Sunday (\$80, 6p); closed Wednesday-Thursday.	Splash Pots; tournament royal flushes pay \$200.
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a & 7p); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hands; Wheel Spin.
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tuesday (\$35, 6:30p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sunday \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand.

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahshchester.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; Mon. (\$55 & \$75); Tue. (\$65 & \$75); Wed. (\$65 & PLO \$85); Thurs. (\$65 & \$95); Fri. (\$55 & \$65); Sat. (\$55 & \$65); Sun. (\$65).	High hands.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	High hands.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN POCONO</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	M (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); T (\$50, noon & 7p); W (\$50, noon & \$60, 7p); Th (\$50, noon & 7p); F (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sa (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Su (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot.
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • presqueisledowns.com	Thursday (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Saturday (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Saturday (\$230, 2:30p); Sunday (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Friday-Sunday, 4p-midnight).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Mon., Tue. & Thur. (\$50, 12:15p & 7:15p); Wednesday (\$50, 12:15p & \$100, 7:15p); Friday (\$70, 12:15p & \$125, 7:15p); Saturday (\$50, 9a, \$260, 12:15a & \$100, 7:15p).	High hands.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Monday (\$100, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$100, 7:15p); Saturday (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sunday (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hands.

## RHODE ISLAND

<b>TWIN RIVER CASINO</b> (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	No tournaments.	Player rewards.
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## SOUTH DAKOTA

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

## TEXAS

<b>KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Tuesday \$500 added (\$25, 7p); Thursday (\$45, 7p); Sunday (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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## WASHINGTON

<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Royal-flush jackpot.
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Monday (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Tuesday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$45, 7p); Thursday (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$110, 7p); Saturday KO (\$35, 5p); Sunday Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Saturday-Sunday, noon-3p), (Monday-Wednesday, 9p-mid.) & (Monday-Friday, noon-4p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday & Thursday (\$65, 7p); Friday (\$35, noon); Saturday (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sunday of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thur. (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a); Pow Wow series, Jan. 6-21.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>UBET CASINO</b> (360) 501-4328 • ubet360.com	Daily tournaments available (call for details).	No promotions.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

## WISCONSIN

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

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#### MAYWEATHER SIGNS WITH WILD POKER

Boxing champ **Floyd Mayweather** signed a deal to be the face of a new social gaming site called Wild Poker.



**SCOTT SAID:** We've talked about what might get new people into poker in the past and I think this might be one of those things that gives us that crossover appeal from other types of celebrities. Typically in the poker world, when someone signs a celebrity, it tends to be a B-list, and they have their own little niche. Like **Aaron Paul** from *Breaking Bad*. Great guy, and I'm not dissing him for being on the B-list or C-list or whatever, but he's not going to change the face of poker by playing in the Global Poker League. But Floyd Mayweather is a pretty big name in a different world.



**CHRIS SAID:** Anything that can introduce people to poker, whether it's from the boxing world or not, is good. He's a very polarizing figure, you either love him or hate him. Anything that brings poker to the forefront in any capacity at all at any time will always give us a step forward. And social gaming has the potential to reach millions.

#### AI POKER CHAMP HONOR?

The artificial intelligence victory in Texas Hold'em is up for Science Breakthrough of the Year, and poker pro **Liv Boree** has spoken about the AI things not connected to poker that could be affected by this research.

**SCOTT SAID:** I have to admit, I got a D in chemistry. I was on the honor roll and cum laude, but I do not understand science and math. So I looked at the big list and I was like, "I don't know what any of this stuff is, so, yeah, I'm going to go with the poker thing, because I know what that is."

**CHRIS SAID:** That's a lot of basket-weaving classes to still become cum laude without science and math. What I like most about this is that scientists actually recognized how fascinating this was that this computer won.



#### CRYPTOCURRENCY PROLIFERATION

Poker pro **Rafe Furst** has a new venture called the Crypto Company, where people can invest in Bitcoin and the various smaller cryptocurrencies that are developing.

**CHRIS SAID:** We've talked about Bitcoin (before) and I still can't wrap my head around it. It's remarkable. I don't mind it, but I don't see the stability in it. For as many circles in which I see this is a great thing, I see the same number that say it's bad. I just don't get in on the ground floor of things. I don't make as much, but I also don't lose as much.

**SCOTT SAID:** This might be the first time you have something in common with **Warren Buffett**, Chris. Oh, I shouldn't say that. He also has a reputation for being pretty cheap even though he's the richest man in the world. Why it is so great for poker right now is that it avoids the UIGEA because U.S. financial institutions are not facilitating the movement back and forth because it's a largely unregulated currency economy. So in the short term, that's a good thing for poker. But how stable is cryptocurrency? I don't know who's right and who's wrong.

#### WIRE ACT REVISTED?

Two U.S. senators, **Lindsey Graham** (R) of South Carolina and **Dianne Feinstein** (D) of California, wrote a joint letter to the DOJ, urging it to reconsider an interpretation of the 1960s Wire Act.

**CHRIS SAID:** It seems as if this Congress, no matter what, they won't give up. When you lose, you move on. But they won't give up. This is driving me crazy.

**SCOTT SAID:** There are bigger fish to fry now. The government could be shut down by next week, but we're worried about this 60-year-old law and new interpretations of it.



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