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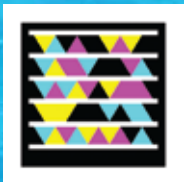
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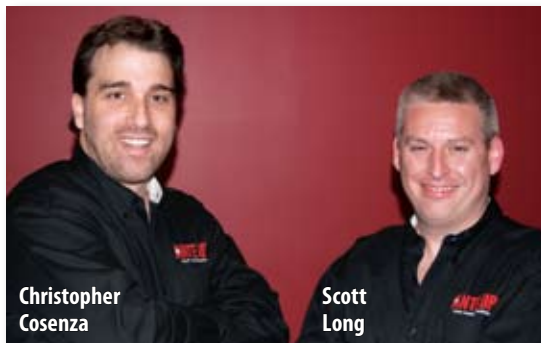


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Christopher Cosenza

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BLACK FRIDAY'S IMPACT

They call it Black Friday ... and for good reason.

On April 15, just as the May issue of *Ante Up* was on the press, the Department of Justice seized the domains of major poker sites and indicted their founders. As a result, PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker and Absolute/UB pulled out of the U.S. market and a multibillion-dollar industry was brought to its knees.

We've had a month to analyze the effects of those actions, and to be honest, we'll need quite a bit more time.

But for now, *Ante Up* is proud to provide you with several angles to consider. As proof of how far-reaching the actions were, you'll find coverage throughout the magazine. Just look for the Black Friday logo, and you'll get insight from an e-gaming lawyer, a professional player, a brick-and-mortar poker room manager, a lobbyist and more.

On Page 47, we've provided a ready-made letter to send to President Barack Obama and a lawmaker of your choosing. (Feel free to photocopy it and send it to many more legislators). We believe, as many of you do, that a regulated and taxed online poker industry is needed now more than ever. And if you're among those poker players who don't think you were affected by Black Friday or will benefit from regulated online poker, we encourage you to read the column on Page 50 by Elliott Schecter, Downstream Casino director of poker operations, who makes a compelling case for why even brick-and-mortar casinos and their players should mourn the disruption of online poker.

AND FINALLY... We send our warmest thoughts and hopes for a speedy return to normalcy for everyone affected by the flooding that has closed Tunica casinos and threatened many more along the Mighty Mississippi. Jennifer Gay, our Mississippi Ambassador, gives you a glimpse behind the heartbreaking photos that we've seen. We hope to see you back at the tables real soon.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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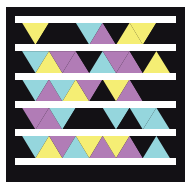
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Flooding of the Mississippi River from heavy rains in the north have devastated the casinos in Tunica, putting countless employees out of work and leaving poker players with nowhere to play. *Ante Up's* Jennifer Gay gives a first-person account of the experience, which included filling and stacking sandbags. **28**

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ANTE UP POKER CRUISE

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A long-time poker room in Manchester, N.H., has had a total transformation. Manchester Poker, now known as Manchvegas Poker, has moved to what once was a movie theater. The room has all new poker tables and chairs, as well as other table games such as blackjack, three-card poker and roulette.



KAY FITZPATRICK

What makes Manchvegas Poker unique is it adjoins a restaurant with a full-service bar and a gaming room with a video arcade and pool tables.

A short walk down a corridor is a bingo hall that seats 650 people.

In a previous incarnation, the room, known as Sharky's, was reputed to draw a rough crowd. That's no longer the case. Peter Jennings, senior shareholder of Manchester Poker, said dealers have had rigorous new training.

"Foul language or any antagonistic behavior will not be tolerated at the tables," Jennings said. "Violators will be timed out. We want our players to have a fun, enjoyable time while playing serious poker."

The room is offering new tournament formats, too.

"We've introduced some higher buy-ins that draw a more sophisticated crowd," manager Dan Katsekas said. "These tournaments have fewer participants but bigger prize pools. We're still offering the \$5 rebuys, too, so everyone has a chance to play. Plus, there are cash games, including Omaha."

The room has 11 strategically located TVs so players can watch their favorite sports teams. Players can take a break at Jokers Sports Bar & Bistro right next door. Executive chef Robert Bean, who has earned an outstanding reputation around town, is running the kitchen and adding a special touch to traditional pub fare.

"Jokers offers both gourmet and traditional pub foods, such as wings, but with new spices and flair," Jennings said. "Basically, it's upscale food at pub prices."

If visitors are looking for more than poker and good chow, they can adjourn to Club Intrigue, which features live entertainment and dancing.

"There will be different entertainment ev-



A look at the new Manchvegas Poker Room.

ery night," he said. "Besides dance bands, we have comedy, acoustic and Latin/salsa nights each week."

Manchester is often referred to as "Manchvegas" by locals, though no one seems to know the origins of the term (the comparison to Vegas seems a stretch for a small city with weather more like Moscow).

"Manchvegas Poker offers more of a casino experience," Jennings said. "There are a variety of entertainment options now, from gambling to dining to dancing. What happens in Vegas no longer stays in Vegas; it's here at Manchvegas Poker, too."

Manchvegas Poker is located at 1279 S Willow Street and is open seven days a week from noon to as late as 1 a.m. Call 603-668-6591 for more information.

MASS. POKER UNCERTAIN: The legal status of Bay State charitable poker gaming rooms seems a bit shaky after an investigation by Attorney General Margaret Coakley's office caused the poker room at Raynham Race-track to close in April. JRM Charitable Gaming, which ran the room, voluntarily ceased operations when the AG's office opened the investigation.

Under Massachusetts law, non-profit organizations can run three "Monte Carlo" nights per year to raise money. Compliance with law mandates a cap of \$25 for cash prizes, a five-hour limit and unpaid volunteers must run the games. Poker players know winnings typically exceed \$25 and serious poker games

need experienced dealers.

Several charitable gaming poker rooms operate in the state (South Shore Poker Room in Holbrook, Helping Hands Poker at the Vegas Lounge in Norwood, the Silver Fox in Everett and at the Portuguese National Club in Stoughton) and most have a rotating roster of non-profit sponsors.

Three weeks after Raynham closed, Legislature once again was debating legalized gambling, and the poker rooms were still open. When asked to comment, all venues declined, playing their cards tighter than a stone cold rock.

What makes legal compliance murky is jurisdiction over the events. The non-profit must get a permit from local authorities for the gaming event.

The AG's office summed it up this way:

"While our office continues to monitor this issue, some of these matters may be better addressed at the local level through the permitting process, and we are in the process of contacting communities to provide guidance about the laws relating to this issue."

According to the attorney general's spokesman, Harry Pierre, Raynham has closed permanently and no further action is planned. He could not comment on what prompted the Raynham investigation.

— **Kay Fitzpatrick is a journalist and avid player at New England poker rooms. She recently wrote a series of strategy blogs for Everest Poker, and is a dealer at the River Room in Milford, N.H.**

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Aug 26	Fri	4PM	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$300 + \$40
Aug 27	Sat	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$300 + \$40
Aug 27	Sat	4PM	Pot Limit Omaha/Re-entry	\$200 + \$30
Aug 28	Sun	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$200 + \$30
Aug 28	Sun	4PM	Heads Up No-Limit Hold 'Em (32 MAX)	\$500 + \$50
Aug 29	Mon	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em Seniors Event	\$200 + \$30
Aug 29	Mon	4PM	Pot Limit Omaha 1 Re-entry	\$200 + \$30
Aug 30	Tue	12PM	6 Handed No-Limit Hold 'Em Knockout Bounty	\$600 + \$60
Aug 30	Tue	4PM	Pot Limit Omaha/No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$200 + \$30
Aug 31	Wed	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em Multiple Re-entry	\$100 + \$30
Aug 31	Wed	2PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$1,000 + \$70
Sep 1	Thu	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em 1 Re-entry 1 Add-on	\$200 + \$30
Sep 1	Thu	4PM	American Cancer Society Charity Event/1 Add-on	\$100 + 20
Sep 2	Fri	12PM (1 Day)	No-Limit Hold 'Em Turbo	\$200 + \$25
Sep 2	Fri	2PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$1,500 + \$80
Sep 3	Sat	12PM (1 Day)	No-Limit Hold 'Em Turbo	\$300 + \$35
Sep 3	Sat	4PM (1 Day)	Rebuy Megasatellite	\$200 + \$30
Sep 3	Sat	8PM (1 Day)	Rebuy Megasatellite	\$200 + \$30
Sep 3	Sat Night	Midnight (1 Day)	Midnight Megasatellite	\$270 + \$30
Sep 4	Sun	10PM (1 Day)	Last Chance Turbo Megasatellite	\$300 + \$30
Sep 4	Sun	12PM	No-Limit Hold 'Em Championship	\$3,000 + \$125
Sep 4	Sun	4PM (1 Day)	No-Limit Hold 'Em Turbo	\$200 + \$25
Sep 5	Mon	12PM (1 Day)	No-Limit Hold 'Em Turbo	\$200 + \$25
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Event 2 • \$150 NLHE

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Mustafa Ali, Salisbury, MD
\$14,919



Event 3 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 208 • Prize Pool: \$60,528
Mark Hsu, Flushing, NY
\$14,525



Event 4 • \$150 PLO

Players: 91 • Prize Pool: \$10,829
Todd Collier, Paradise, PA
\$3,463



Event 5 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 184 • Prize Pool: \$35,669
Vincent Avallone, Hockessin, DE
\$9,638



Event 6 • \$150 Heads-Up

Players: 64 • Prize Pool: \$7,616
Kevin Schultz, Halethorpe, PA
\$2,513



Event 7 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 144 • Prize Pool: \$17,136
Ed Shtrahman, N. Brunswick, NJ
\$4,627



Event 8 • \$150 stud

Players: 83 • Prize Pool: \$6,308
Glen Englebert, Erial, NJ
\$2,018



Event 9 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 112 • Prize Pool: \$21,728
John Lindsey, Mohnton, PA
\$6,517



Event 10 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 134 • Prize Pool: \$15,946
Leo Donofrio, Old Bridge, NJ
\$4,783



Event 11 • \$100 O/8

Players: 125 • Prize Pool: \$9,500
Tammy Humphrey, Williamstown, NJ
\$2,848



Event 12 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 110 • Prize Pool: \$21,340
Charles Balint, Reisterstown, MD
\$6,401



Event 13 • \$100 HORSE

Players: 111 • Prize Pool: \$8,436
Nick Sheets, Newark, DE
\$2,530



Event 14 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 142 • Prize Pool: \$41,322
Dom Colonna, Wilmington, DE
\$11,156



Event 15 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 215 • Prize Pool: \$104,275
Frank Ward, Pocomoke, MD
\$25,027



Event 16 • \$150 PLO

Players: 79 • Prize Pool: \$9,401
Mike VanderVeer, Bel Air, MD
\$3,009



Event 17 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 172 • Prize Pool: \$33,368
Eric Suarez, Glen Mills, PA
\$9,007



Event 18 • \$100 Ladies

Players: 139 • Prize Pool: \$10,564
Denise Cerrone, West Chester, PA
\$3,168



Event 19 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 117 • Prize Pool: \$13,923
Larry Kolk, Levittown, PA
\$4,178



Event 20 • \$100 NLHE

Players: 70 • Prize Pool: \$5,320
Mike Gilbert, Baltimore
\$1,703



Event 21 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 120 • Prize Pool: \$14,280
Jay Johnson, Philadelphia
\$4,282



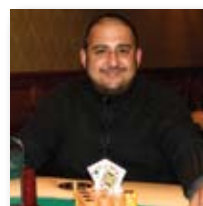
Event 22 • \$150 O/8

Players: 66 • Prize Pool: \$7,854
Derrick Henry, Washington
\$2,513



Event 23 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 84 • Prize Pool: \$16,296
James Burnett, Pasadena, MD
\$5,215



Event 24 • \$150 6-max

Players: 81 • Prize Pool: \$9,639
Nazir Tyrewala, Sevirn, MD
\$9,639



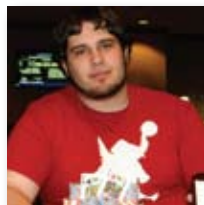
Event 25 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 93 • Prize Pool: \$27,063
Mustafa Ali, Salisbury, MD
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Event 26 • \$150 NLHE

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Chris Fisher, West Chester, PA
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Jul. 22 Fri.	3	3 P.M.	No-Limit Hold 'Em w/\$50 Rebuys	\$100 + \$30
Jul. 23 Sat. (2 day)	4	12 P.M.	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$300 + \$40
Jul. 23 Sat.	5	3 P.M.	Limit Omaha 8/B	\$200 + \$30
Jul. 24 Sun. (2 day)	6	12 P.M.	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$300 + \$40
Jul. 24 Sun.	7	3 P.M.	Ladies No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$200 + \$30
Jul. 25 Mon.	8	12 P.M.	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$200 + \$30
Jul. 25 Mon.	9	3 P.M.	7-Card Stud 8/B	\$200 + \$30
Jul. 26 Tue.	10	12 P.M.	No-Limit Hold 'Em	\$200 + \$30
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Jul. 27 Wed.	13	3 P.M.	Limit Omaha 8/B	\$200 + \$30
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Jul. 28 Thu.	15	3 P.M.	7-Card Stud	\$200 + \$30
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NEW YORK

POKER4LIFE RAISES \$150K AT CHARITY EVENT

By Cris Belkewitch

The Manhattan Automobile Company recently hosted the sixth annual Poker4Life charity tournament to benefit the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis.

Poker4Life invests in one key mantra: "The Positive Power of Poker." Founded in 2005 by Ethan Ruby and Jeremy Schwartz, the charity and those it touches has grown tremendously. With that in mind they are indeed a charity of charities whose efforts stretch beyond the admirable Buoniconti Fund. Poker4Life was created with a vision to assist all charitable organizations in their individual fund raising efforts.

Some terrific celebrities came out, including Golden State Warriors star David Lee, former Knicks great Jon Starks and ex-WPT hostess Sabina Gadecki, to take a seat for charity. The tournament has grown in popularity so rapidly that the amount of entrants had to be capped at 281 players.

A combined total of \$150,000 was raised for the Buoniconti Fund, which brings the total raised since the inaugural tournament six years ago to more than \$1,000,000. To really understand just how huge that number is, you have to go back to the humble beginnings of this charity.

Ultimately it was David Ostrow who captured the title, but the night was about so much more than that.



Winner David Ostrow poses with Poker4Life founder Ethan Ruby.

"Any time anyone plays in a tournament in the United States and hopefully the world," Ruby said, "I want there to be a registration category that says 'Yes I donate.' whether it be 1, 3, 5, 10 percent to the charity of my choice via Poker4Life. We want to be the charity face of poker."

For more info or to make a donation visit Poker4Life.org. To learn more about the Buoniconti Fund go to TheBuonicontiFund.com.

A.C.-PHILLY

A look at the Atlantic City-Philadelphia-area poker scene

East Coast re-emerging as a poker powerhouse

By Cris Belkewitch

The eyes of the poker world are focused on the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas for the next couple of months. The East Coast, however, will be hosting its share of action during poker's busiest time of the year. Not everyone who plays can make it out to the WSOP and thankfully Atlantic City will make sure they too can get their poker tournament fix.

The Borgata will be kicking off its Summer Poker Open on June 8 in what promises to be a great East Coast alternative to the WSOP. The Summer Poker Open is scheduled to run June 8-24. Get the schedule specifics at theborgata.com and be sure to block off those dates on your calendar.

As is standard operating procedure with the Borgata's "players first" approach, the poker room took to the Internet to get input and feedback from their players on what they would like to see included this year. One thing is for certain: The main event has a whopping \$500,000 guarantee.

Over on the boardwalk the Trump Taj Mahal has added a \$1,000-max buy-in \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em game that has been received well by the players. It's a juicy game with a lot of big pots as players look to increase their stack to well above 200 big blinds to optimize their play. Next door at the Showboat players continue to give positive reviews to the staff for a well-run room with many interesting things possibly on the horizon.

PENNSYLVANIA: With the WSOP Circuit stopping at Harrah's in Chester, Pa., the poker rooms were swamped with action. Harrah's

boasted a packed room spreading games for all comers. At its high point during the middle of the series there were four \$10-\$25 no-limit hold'em games running with close to \$300,000 spread across the four tables. As if that wasn't enough high-limit action, a \$200-\$400 mixed game was sparked at Parx one night mid-series as well as a \$75-\$150 limit hold'em game.

With higher limit games starting to run on the other side of the Ben Franklin Bridge as well as the ones still running in Atlantic City, the East Coast is slowly increasing its profile as a poker powerhouse again. With reports of high-limit games drying up in the Las Vegas desert the Atlantic Coast could continue to see growth in this area over time.

With a major tournament series finally hitting in Pennsylvania surely players will want more. Given the turnout at the cash tables during the series it would seem like a wise play to get the ball rolling on a late summer-early fall tournament series.

Poker on the East Coast has seen an ebb-and-flow balance over the years. Before the boom poker was huge along the Atlantic and while it grew in the immediate wake of the Moneymaker effect it hit a rough patch for a while with the exception of the Borgata.

Now with Harrah's Chester and Parx picking up steam and bigger games being added to the board the East Coast is once again positioning itself as a poker mecca. With Black Friday causing many online players to look elsewhere for a game the East Coast's re-emergence has come at the right time for poker.

— Cris Belkewitch is a professional poker player and writer from New Jersey. A member of Team Bustout, his insight can be found at thepokerjourney.net.

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The Borgata poker room brought back its spring tournament series for a second straight year, making thousands of players ecstatic, but none more than Russell Crane of Howell, N.J. Crane defeated nearly 450 players to win the \$2,700 no-limit hold'em main event and \$276,949. He defeated Adam Cook of Glen Burnie, Md., for the title after just two hands of heads-up play when his Q-Q bested Cook's 9-9. "I didn't want to play a huge pot," said Cook, who took home \$159,866. The victory was the second of the year for Crane: "I love playing at Borgata," Crane said. "I feel the most comfortable here and it's a lot of fun." The series has paid nearly \$4 million to date.

Event 1 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 727 • Prize Pool: \$254,450

1. Michael Dentale, Brooklyn, \$57,267
2. David Heck, Colts Neck, NJ, \$33,320
3. Mariano Perez, Hillsborough, NJ, \$20,362
4. James Hayduk, Johnstown, PA, \$16,784
5. John Zoldak, Staten Island, \$13,575
6. Andrew Klein, Ocean, NJ, \$11,107
7. Krzysztof Perka, Ridgewood, NY, \$8,885
8. Albertino Moriello, Springfield, NJ, \$6,787
9. Demetrios Georgous, Little Falls, NJ, \$4,690

Event 2 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 263 • Prize Pool: \$78,900

1. Gilbert Sacks, Bala Cynwyd, PA, \$21,429
2. Frank Gangemi, Long Beach, NY, \$12,628
3. Star Moore, Brooklyn, \$7,270
4. Kristopher Nunziata, Yonkers, NY, \$5,892
5. Jordan Zucker, E Atlantic Beach, NY, \$4,592
6. John DeGeorge, Toms River, NJ, \$3,827
7. Joseph Hanrahan, Amherst, NH, \$3,061
8. Pietro Ciampa, Elmont, NY, \$2,296
9. Daniel Chan, New York, \$1,531

Event 3 • \$350 stud

Entries: 47 • Prize Pool: \$14,100

1. William Munley, Throop, PA, \$6,154
2. James Paluszak, Bensalem, PA, \$3,419
3. Michael Duong, Flushing, NY, \$2,052
4. Joseph Loguidice, Atlantic City, \$1,368
5. Leonard Begelman, Cherry Hill, NJ, \$684

Event 4 • \$560 NLHE

Entries: 195 • Prize Pool: \$97,500

1. Marcella Keene, Maplewood, NJ, \$28,372
2. Chris King, Powder Springs, GA, \$15,604
3. Kimberly Edmonds, Toms River, NJ, \$8,984
4. Marc Lunenfeld, Virginia Beach, \$7,566
5. Tony Sinishtaj, Flushing, NY, \$5,674
6. Anthony Hill, Egg Hbr City, NJ, \$4,729
7. John Lee, Westwood, NJ, \$3,783
8. Nashaat Antonious, Red Shores, FL, \$2,837
9. Jonathan Sorscher, Lynbrook, NY, \$2,128

Event 5 • \$350 PLO

Entries: 64 • Prize Pool: \$19,200

1. Justin Zacks, New York, \$6,518
2. Jeremy Schofer, Washington, \$3,539
3. William McMahon, Cedar Grove, NJ, \$2,235
4. Hung Truong, Brooklyn, \$1,676
5. Josh Wasserman, Middletown, NJ, \$1,304
6. Anthony Luong, Brooklyn, \$1,117
7. Brian Eckstrom, Marlton, NJ, \$931
8. Bryce Fox, Pittsburgh, \$745
9. Andrew Klivan, New York, \$559

Event 6 • \$1,090 NLHE

Entries: 90 • Prize Pool: \$90,000

1. James Casement Jr, St. Charles, IL, \$30,555
2. Alex Torres, Cliffside Park, NJ, \$16,587
3. Jennifer So, Galloway, NJ, \$10,476
4. Paul Marzarella, Annandale, NJ, \$7,857
5. Joseph Liberta, Berlin, NJ, \$6,111
6. Mike Bitzelberger, Baltimore, \$5,238
7. Jacobo Fernandez, Bronx, \$4,365

8. Fotios Nicoles, Clifton, NJ, \$3,492
9. Jack Barnes, Brick, NJ, \$2,619

Event 7 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 440 • Prize Pool: \$154,000

1. Patricia Chou, Metuchen, NJ, \$38,166
2. Michael Buttacavoli, Ventnor, NJ, \$22,033
3. Joseph Lattarulo, Bronx, \$13,444
4. Gerard Campbell, Staten Island, \$10,830
5. Vincent Tanico, Holbrook, NY, \$8,515
6. Kalid Ali, Silver Spring, MD, \$7,096
7. Mohamed Radwan, Carteret, NJ, \$5,676
8. Bruce Frank, Montclair, NJ, \$4,332
9. Allan Taylor, Owings Mills, MD, \$2,988

Event 8 • \$450 NLHE

Entries: 477 • Prize Pool: \$190,800

1. Alek Givotovsky, New York, \$47,287
2. Sammy Elkasir, Ft. Lee, NJ, \$27,299
3. Matt Deluca, East Meadows, NY, \$16,657
4. Christopher Wilson, Vineland, NJ, \$13,418
5. Chris Valsamos, Melville, NY, \$10,550
6. Claudius Ferris, Hollis, NY, \$8,792
7. Richard Woodall, Edgewood, FL, \$7,033
8. Roland Israelashvili, Forest Hills, NY, \$5,368
9. Jarrod Fulton, Washington, PA, \$3,702

Event 9 • \$350 Omaha/8

Entries: 120 • Prize Pool: \$36,000

1. Carlos Santos, South Amboy, NJ, \$10,476
2. Douglas Zinneman, Sunnyside, NY, \$5,762
3. John Klodie, Sunnyside, NY, \$3,317
4. Vaughan Machado, Red Bank, NJ, \$2,794
5. Claud Beaudouin, Ozone Park, NY, \$2,095
6. Antoinett Pennington, Galloway, NJ, \$1,746
7. Thomas Bessior, New York, \$1,397
8. Farzad Rouhani, Brigantine, NJ, \$1,048
9. Allen Kessler, Las Vegas, \$786

Event 10 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 174 • Prize Pool: \$52,200

1. Craig Hunkele, Allison Park, PA, \$15,190
2. Joshua Weizer, Meadowbrook, PA, \$8,354
3. Christopher Cruz, Locust Valley, NY, \$4,810
4. Leonard Cologna, Union Beach, NJ, \$4,050
5. Carmen Fiore, Philadelphia, \$3,038
6. Wazir Baksh, Queens Village, NY, \$2,532
7. Athanasios Diakos, Jersey City, NJ, \$2,025
8. Scott Taleisnik, Elmont, NY, \$1,519
9. Barbara Rogers, Lock Haven, PA, \$1,139



Hollywood Dave Stann won the H.O.S.E. event.

Crane wins more than a quarter-million dollars.



Event 11 • \$350 H.O.S.E.

Entries: 74 • Prize Pool: \$22,200

1. Dave Stann, Los Angeles, \$7,537
2. John Reiss, Omaha, \$4,091
3. Sharad Mehta, Cherry Hill, NJ, \$2,584
4. Ken Kavovras, Staten Island, \$1,938
5. Matt Frankowski, Mt. Ephraim, NJ, \$1,507
6. Ronald Durante, Hainesport, NJ, \$1,292
7. Michael Somma, Middle Village, NY, \$1,077
8. Philip Michael, Anolomink, NJ, \$861
9. C.J. Mucciaccio, Middle Village, NY, \$647

Event 12 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 900 • Prize Pool: \$168,300

1. James Morgan, E Aurora, NY, \$36,731
2. Evan Sober, Elkridge, MD, \$21,630
3. Amine Chabane, France, \$13,060
4. Meikat Siu, New York, \$10,937
5. Julian Miranda, Union City, NJ, \$8,979
6. Joo Kim, Alexandria, VA, \$7,265
7. Martin Belous, Brooklyn, \$5,795
8. Will Vanwagner, Campbell Hall, NY, \$4,408
9. Alon Shahar, Fresh Meadows, NY, \$3,020

Event 15 • \$1,090 NLHE

Entries: 146 • Prize Pool: \$146,000

1. Jesse Yaginuma, Silver Spring, MD, \$42,486
2. Michael Tauman, Metuchen, NJ, \$23,367
3. Steven Russell, Coolville, OH, \$13,454
4. Andrew Egan, Hickessin, DE, \$11,330
5. Dwyte Pilgrim, Brooklyn, \$8,497
6. Richard Geyer, Austin, TX, \$7,081
7. Travis Allen, Suffield, CT, \$5,665

8. Gordon Eng, Cliffside Park, NJ, \$4,249
9. Matthew Iles, Atco, NJ, \$3,186

Event 16 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 316 • Prize Pool: \$94,800

1. Eric Siegel, Bellmore, NY, \$24,828
2. Saad Ghanem, Rosedale, MD, \$13,793
3. Eric Miller, Seaford, NY, \$8,552
4. Hung Truong, Brooklyn, \$6,897
5. Joseph Lee, Cresskill, NJ, \$5,333
6. Eric Beringer, Bryn Mawr, PA, \$4,506
7. Ryan McCarney, L. Hopatcong, NJ, \$3,632
8. Chris Costa, Baltimore, \$2,713
9. Allen Chou, Metuchen, NJ, \$1,839

Event 17 • \$1,090 6-Max

Entries: 114 • Prize Pool: \$114,000

1. Frank Bonacci, Pittsburgh, \$33,174
2. George Medrano, Rego Park, NY, \$18,245
3. Brett Fox, Long Beach, NY, \$10,505
4. Nicholas Lowry, New York, \$8,846
5. Iverson Snuffer, Milton, WV, \$6,635
6. Nathaniel Marmur, New York, \$5,529
7. Alan Lipson, Cary, NC, \$4,423
8. Benjamin Earley, Chester, VA, \$3,317
9. James Procaccini, Trumbull, CT, \$2,488

\$2,700 Main Event

Entries: 447 • Prize Pool: \$1,117,500

1. Russell Crane, Howell, NJ, \$276,949
2. Adam Cook, Glen Burnie, MD, \$159,886
3. Aleksandr Bolotin, Brooklyn, \$97,558
4. David Stefanski, East Lyme, CT, \$78,588

5. Jason Deutsch, Staten Island, \$61,787
6. Adam Levitan, Philadelphia, \$51,489
7. Bartley Dowling, New York, \$41,191
8. Salah Siraj, New York, \$31,435
9. Matthew Matros, Brooklyn, \$21,680

Event 19 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 78 • Prize Pool: \$27,300

1. Jeffrey Kaplow, New York, \$3,500
2. Arthur Bressler, Manalapan, NJ, \$3,500
3. Robert Israeli, Short Hills, NJ, \$3,500
4. Jonathan Rago, N Babylon, NY, \$3,500
5. Jules Mencher, Commack, NY, \$3,500
6. Stephen Spence, Chester, NY, \$3,500
7. David Kim, Silver Spring, MD, \$3,500
8. Brian Meinders, Jackson, NJ, \$1,981

Event 20 • \$560 6-Max NLHE

Entries: 168 • Prize Pool: \$84,000

1. Reggie Franklin, Park Forest, IL, \$24,444
2. Wazir Baksh, Queens Village, NY, \$13,444
3. Donald Thompson, Zanesville, OH, \$7,741
4. William Kleivit, New York, \$6,518
5. Jonathan Albis, Glen Allen, VA, \$4,889
6. Mark Ioli, Bayside, NY, \$4,074
7. Scott Collins, Chester, NJ, \$3,259
8. Richard Murnick, Montclair, NJ, \$2,444
9. Brett Jungblut, Culver, CA, \$1,833

Event 21 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 603 • Prize Pool: \$102,510

1. Tod Liang, Brooklyn, \$23,874
2. David Grandieri, Danbury, CT, \$13,423
3. Joel Cartun, Livingston, NJ, \$8,451
4. S. Suryawansi, Manassas, VA, \$6,861
5. Ali George, Staten Island, \$5,469
6. Rene Battiston, Clifton, NJ, \$4,524
7. Shawn Busse, Maasaapequa, NY, \$3,629
8. Leanne Rosenblatt, Brigantine, NJ, \$2,734
9. Abraham Grace, Springfield, VA, \$1,889

Event 22 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 236 • Prize Pool: \$47,200

1. Brian CorRero, Mt Laurel, NJ, \$12,820
2. Cornelius Dever, Brees Pt., NY, \$7,554
3. Alan Cohen, Brooklyn, \$4,349
4. Nicholas Quinto, Williamstown, NJ, \$3,525
5. Peter Antenucci, Clifton Park, NY, \$2,747
6. Jay Johnson, Philadelphia, \$2,289
7. Jordan McMahon, Cedar Grove, NJ, \$1,831
8. John Harvilla, Minersville, PA, \$1,374
9. Nicholas Berglund, Sudan, \$916

Event 23 • \$280 NLHE

Entries: 305 • Prize Pool: \$76,250

1. Eliano Mesquita, Toms River, NJ, \$19,969
2. Paul Colwell, Mountain Lakes, NJ, \$11,094
3. Kerry Small, Ventnor City, NJ, \$6,878
4. David Grandieri, Danbury, CT, \$5,547
5. Allan Lubin, Watchung, NJ, \$4,290
6. Donald Matusow, Bryn Mawr, PA, \$3,624
7. Alex Torres, Cliffside Park, NJ, \$2,922
8. Silvio Mantuano, F. Meadows, NY, \$2,182
9. Wei Wang, Holmdel, NJ, \$1,479

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Ring Event 1 • \$345 NLHE

Entries: 244 • Prize Pool: \$71,004

1. Rocco Luciano, Philadelphia, \$16,888
2. Mohammad Farah, Philadelphia, \$10,433
3. Anthony Flanagan, Ridgeley, WV, \$7,538
4. Zemzem Mustefa, Tem. Hills, MD, \$5,548
5. Reggie Franklin, Park Forest, IL, \$4,156
6. Paul Dolderer, Havertown, PA, \$3,167
7. Tom Patterson, Wilmington, DE, \$2,454
8. Trevor Deeter, Philadelphia, \$1,932
9. Chris Kusha, Staten Island, NY, \$1,545
10. Leszek Peterwas, Lansdale, PA, \$1,255



Ring Event 6 • \$345 H.O.S.E.

Entries: 86 • Prize Pool: \$25,026

1. Kenneth Fischer, Annapolis, MD, \$7,494
2. Donald Jacoby, Philadelphia, \$4,631
3. Antonio Walker, Willingboro, NJ, \$3,242
4. James Downend, Media, PA, \$2,361
5. John Cernuto, Las Vegas, \$1,737
6. Roland Isra, Forest Hill, NY, \$1,298
7. Peter Ippolito, East Meadow, NY, \$1,041
8. Michael Gabarick, Easton, PA, \$868
9. Wendy Rosenthal, Philadelphia, \$746



Ring Event 2 • \$555 NLHE

Entries: 176 • Prize Pool: \$83,130

1. Matthew Lope, Mt. Laurel, NJ, \$22,447
2. Gordon Eng, Cliffside Park, NJ, \$13,871
3. Todd Shackle, Moon Township, PA, \$9,985
4. Tim Bryan, Centreville, VA, \$7,318
5. Larry Kolk, Levittown, PA, \$5,458
6. Julius Krewina, Wilmington, DE, \$4,142
7. Peter Kang, Broomall, PA, \$3,197
8. Tony Marioni, Mt. Ephraim, NJ, \$2,508
9. Trevor Keller, Souderton, PA, \$2,000
10. J. Muckelvene, U. Marlboro, MD, \$1,620



Ring Event 7 • \$345 6-handed

Entries: 185 • Prize Pool: \$51,930

1. Tuan Bui Le, Newport, TN, \$13,505
2. Christopher Wolfe, Rolla, MO, \$8,340
3. Mike Epperson, King George, VA, \$6,022
4. Phil Eustrasio, Swarthmore, PA, \$4,423
5. Ari Kestler, Baltimore, \$3,304
6. Ricardo Franco, Philadelphia, \$2,511
7. Matt Iles, Atco, NJ, \$1,940
8. Kenneth Moyer, Hatfield, PA, \$1,523
9. Peter Ippolito, East Meadow, NY, \$1,215
10. Kobi Waldfogel, Elkins Park, PA, \$985



Ring Event 3 • \$355 NLHE

Entries: 194 • Prize Pool: \$54,522

1. Burak Temel, Falls Church, VA, \$14,176
2. Oliver Entine, Philadelphia, \$8,757
3. Joseph Libert, Berlin, NJ, \$6,323
4. Ruibing Lin, Flushing, NY, \$4,644
5. Christopher Wolfe, Rolla, MO, \$3,469
6. Jarrod Fulton, Washington, PA, \$2,636
7. Robert Gallagher, Philadelphia, \$2,036
8. Trevor Deeter, Philadelphia, \$1,599
9. Anthony Vitale, Cantonment, FL, \$1,276
10. David Bradley, Gordonsville, VA, \$1,034



Ring Event 8 • \$555 NLHE

Entries: 194 • Prize Pool: \$91,520

1. Steven Reese, Sewell, NJ, \$23,795
2. David Rittmeyer, Baltimore, \$14,699
3. Daniel Wellborn, Fairfax, VA, \$10,614
4. James White, Ormond Beach, FL, \$7,795
5. Leo Whitt, Louisville, \$5,823
6. Trevor Deeter, Philadelphia, \$4,425
7. Samuel Renauro, Bridgeport, NJ, \$3,418
8. Everett Carlton, St. Paul, MN, \$2,684
9. Robert Scott, Dallas, \$2,142
10. Oliver Entine, Philadelphia, \$1,736



Ring Event 4 • \$345 Omaha/8

Entries: 110 • Prize Pool: \$30,330

1. Brent Keller, Horsham, PA, \$9,097
2. Mark Wileczek, West Chester, PA, \$5,624
3. Dale Pinchot, Trenton, NJ, \$4,004
4. Marc Saia, Chesterbrook, PA, \$2,909
5. William Munley, Scranton, PA, \$2,155
6. Ray Jamison, Phoenixville, PA, \$1,627
7. Timothy Fiorvanti, Commack, NY, \$1,251
8. Doug McFarlane, West Nyack, NY, \$980
9. Paul Zelikov, South Hampton, PA, \$781
10. Gregory Wolfe, Newark, DE, \$634



\$1,580 Main Event

Entries: 269 • Prize Pool: \$391,395

1. Kenny Nguyen, Lynwood, IL, \$94,901
2. Robert Scott, New York, \$58,639
3. Ramana Epparla, Reading, PA, \$42,366
4. Alan Engel, Las Vegas, \$31,179
5. Sean Knitter, Philadelphia, \$23,358
6. Edward Cotter, River Vale, NJ, \$17,799
7. Robert Hwang, Barnegat, NJ, \$13,790
8. Ryan Waddell, Downingtown, PA, \$10,858
9. Huy Nguyen, Norman, OK, \$8,685
10. Michael Rocco, Las Vegas, \$7,054



Ring Event 5 • \$345 NLHE

Entries: 185 • Prize Pool: \$53,835

1. Jonas Wexler, Southampton, PA, \$13,505
2. John Hinds, Greenville, NC, \$8,340
3. Shahriar Kashani, Marietta, GA, \$6,022
4. Peter Malkoun, Brookhaven, PA, \$4,423
5. Andrew Bollinger, Drexel Hill, PA, \$3,304
6. Patrick McKenna, Philadelphia, \$2,511
7. Dan Kotowski, Spotsylvania, VA, \$1,940
8. David Clark, Dallas, \$1,523
9. Matt Deluca, East Meadow, NY, \$1,215
10. Mark Sykes, New Haven, CT, \$985



Ring Event 10 • \$345 NLHE

Entries: 149 • Prize Pool: \$42,912

1. Eric Breuer, Downingtown, PA, \$12,015
2. Allen Kessler, Las Vegas, \$7,426
3. Ahmet Kose, North Brunswick, NJ, \$5,361
4. Burak Temel, Falls Church, VA, \$3,939
5. Elon Diamond, Encinitas, CA, \$2,945
6. Bryan Bindert, Wenonah, NJ, \$2,239
7. Kim Edmonds, Toms River, NJ, \$1,731
8. Nadir Babck, Mechanicville, NY, \$1,359
9. Daniel Higgins, Easton, PA, \$1,085
10. Chris Arnenk, Wallingford, PA, \$880



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PAYING ATTENTION TO THE JACKPOT RAKE

My phone rang, and I saw it was Scott Poole calling.

The director of poker operations at Gulfstream Park sounded incredulous.

“Have you heard that some rooms have gone to a \$2 jackpot rake?” he said in that call many months ago.



SCOTT LONG

I told him I had, and that several rooms around the state had made the leap. We shared our views on it, and commiserated over what the effects might be.

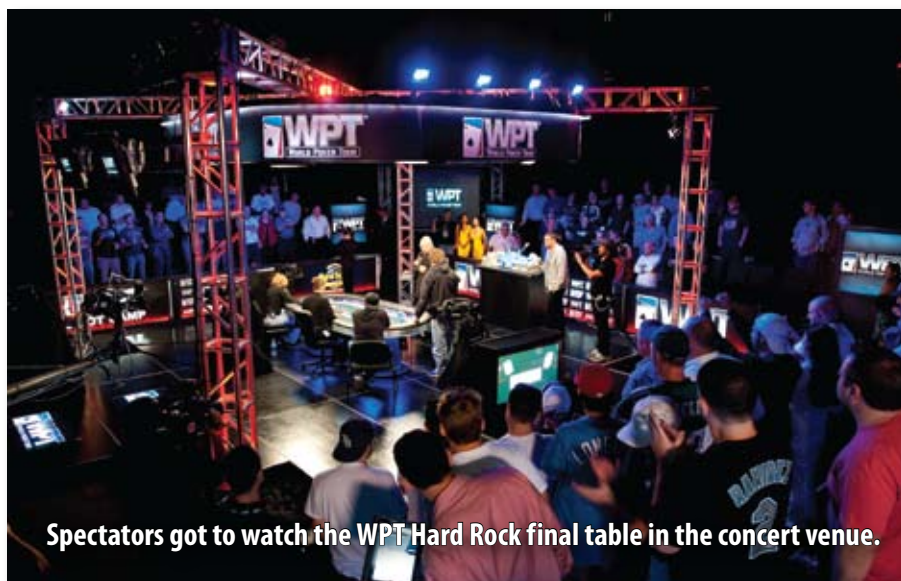
So imagine the chuckle I had when I stopped by his office on a quick trip to South Florida in late April and he told me, “Scott, you’re going to laugh, but we’re going to a \$2 jackpot rake on May 1.”

Laugh I did, but I also had empathy for Poole and the handful of other Florida poker room managers who have told me they begrudgingly doubled their jackpot rake in the past year or so to keep up with the Joneses. Without the promotional money that the extra dollar provides, rooms are hard-pressed to compete in what one manager appropriately described as the “renting” of players. Rooms try to outdo themselves with ever-better promotions, only to run out of money and watch those players move on to another room until the war chest is built up again so they can lure those same players back.

“I guess I’m old school and need to adapt, but it’s my feeling that a true poker player would want as much money as possible to stay in the pot,” Poole said. “In an aggressive market, sometimes your competitor will force you to do things that you normally wouldn’t do. In South Florida, four of the five poker rooms in our immediate area have \$2 jackpot rakes and therefore could offer some really attractive promotions. The market has spoken, and it seems this is what our player is asking for.”

Poole’s argument against the \$2 rake is the same one I’ve argued in this column before. If you believe poker is a game of skill (and you should), then why would you want \$1 (and now \$2) of every pot that you’ve won by skill to be awarded to someone else based purely on luck?

I remain opposed to bad-beat jackpots,



Spectators got to watch the WPT Hard Rock final table in the concert venue.

which lock up the promotional money for long periods of time and reward almost all of it to just two people (possibly even tourists) with little hope that much of it will return to the poker economy from where it was vacuumed. But I have made my peace with easier-to-hit high-hand promotions. While those jackpot dollars add up for a skilled player, the promotions they pay for without a doubt increase business. Poole agrees.

“I don’t believe there are as many ‘chasers’ of these high-hand promotions as there are large bad-beat jackpots, but the high-hand promotions definitely move the needle,” he said.

And that increased business, generally speaking, is composed of players who are there to, as Poole says, “chase” the jackpot. Thus, they aren’t likely to be strong players. So while skilled players watch a dollar (or two) drop down the Slot O’ Luck each hand, they need to recognize the increased pool of softer players the promotions provide may in the end be profitable for them. That’s hard to quantify, but we’re kidding ourselves if we don’t try.

While Poole and other managers have come to grips with the need for the jackpot rake, the real concern is how high jackpot-rake inflation will go. Players obviously weren’t happy with promotions that came from a \$1 rake, which is what promoted managers to go to \$2. What happens when players are no longer satisfied with the promotions that are made possible with a \$2 rake?

“I hope we are not heading away from traditional poker, and moving toward a ‘draw some cards and play the lottery mentality,’” Poole said. “I would be extremely surprised if our players were ever receptive to a \$3 jackpot rake. However, we are talking Florida poker, so let’s wait and see.”

Florida hits the big time

Florida is not yet one year removed from having stifling restrictions on buy-in and bet limits removed, but we’re seeing robust tournament numbers for marquee events. Fresh off visiting the record-setting World Series of Poker Circuit event at Palm Beach Kennel Club, I flew to South Florida to check out the events that followed.

I found a packed house at Isle Pompano for its annual Battles at the Beach events, including some elusive limit cash games that have yet to take hold in most of Florida’s rooms. And Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood had impressive fields, too, for Florida’s first World Poker Tour event. The casino moved much of the later action to the nearby Hard Rock Live concert venue, which provided a great experience for spectators.

One other nice touch: All tournament structures were printed in a thick booklet that included a copy of the TDA rules that govern most major tournament these days. That’s a great item that will likely find a home in my backpack for future events.

— Scott Long is co-publisher of Ante Up. Email him at scott@anteupmagazine.com.

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Event #1 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 376

1. Robert Perez, Weston, \$34,331
2. Julian Conde, Sunrise, \$30,000
3. Mark Kerness, Delray Beach, \$30,000
4. Geddes Cooper, Lauderdale, \$11,585
5. Scott Leventhal, Delray Beach, \$8,275
6. Farid Jattin, Miami, \$7,117
7. T.J. Shulman, Boynton Beach, \$5,462
8. Gerald Blum, Boca Raton, \$3,972
9. Larry Berg, Las Vegas, \$3,807



Event #2 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 168

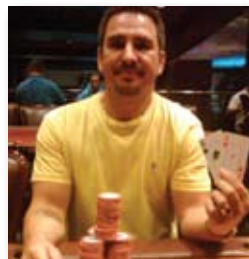
1. Moh. Siddiqui, Pem. Pines, \$25,620
2. Paula Holder, Lighthouse Point, \$14,784
3. Mark Collins, Pompano Beach, \$9,744
4. Tom Schillo, Royal Palm Beach, \$6,300
5. Tom Milmore, Stony Point, NY, \$4,620
6. Bernhard Schmidt, Naples, \$3,780
7. Jorge Salgado, Sunrise, \$2,772
8. Adel Jo, Miami, \$2,016
9. David Sale, Ft. Lauderdale, \$1,932



Event #3 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 96

1. Billy Wilson, Boca Raton, \$5,036
2. Brandon Terry, Corpus Christi, TX, \$5,036
3. Larry Lederhandler, Lake Worth, \$2,477
4. Drew Dumanski, Dallas, \$1,824
5. Justin Levy, Boynton Beach, \$1,363
6. Agop Rustemoglu, Ft. Laud., \$1,037
7. Jon Ogden, West Palm Beach, \$806
8. Evan McBride, Boca Raton, \$653
9. Jean-Sebastien Laurent, Naples, \$526



Event #4 • \$150 Bounty

Players: 234

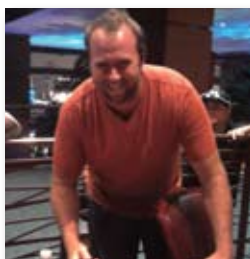
1. Gerard Benoit, Pompano Beach, \$3,000
2. Rene Garcia, Boca Raton, \$2,209
3. Jean-Sebastian Laurent, Naples, \$2,208
4. Mark Gaudino, Plantation, \$2,208
5. Sokunthea Voir, Boca Raton, \$2,000
6. Marina Koles, Ft. Lauderdale, \$755
7. Patricia Case, Parkland, \$570
8. Tom Telemonde, Boca Raton, \$395
9. Marc Fineman, Delray Beach, \$386



Event #5 • \$550 NLHE/PLO

Players: 107

1. Nigel Murray, Miami Gardens, \$14,500
2. Robert Perez, Weston, \$8,230
3. Monty Dweck, Boca Raton, \$8,230
4. Brian Lindsay, Coral Springs, \$8,230
5. Casey Kaplan, Sunrise, \$8,230
6. Abraham Levy, Coral Springs, \$4,500
7. Ernest Wa. Gulfport, MS, \$2,400
8. Stuart Newman, Weston, \$1,920
9. David Jacobs, West Palm Beach, \$1,620



Event #6 • \$230 NLHE

1. Will Underdown, Boca Raton, \$4,235
2. Joash Corvera, Lauderdale, \$3,531
3. Dustin Bradley, Wellington, \$3,531
4. Michael Tait, Hallandale, \$3,531
5. James Locklar, Ft. Lauderdale, \$3,531
6. Aaron Robbins, Coconut Creek, \$3,531
7. Jorge Aristizabal, Coral Springs, \$3,531
8. Brittany Darvin, Davie, \$744
9. John Rodriguez, Miami, \$713



Event #7 • \$225 NLHE

1. Joe Ryan, Troy, NY, \$5,500
2. Arthur Morris, Colleyville, TX, \$3,725
3. Gerard Donaghy, Jupiter, \$3,724
4. Charley Bury, Boca Raton, \$1,881
5. Raymond Nalbandian, Tamarac, \$1,406
6. Mark Tarich, N. Miami Beach, \$1,069
7. Marc Kropf, Miami, \$832
8. Courtney Henry, Coconut Creek, \$673
9. Adam Rose, Dallas, TX, \$535



Event #8 • \$1,600 Bounty

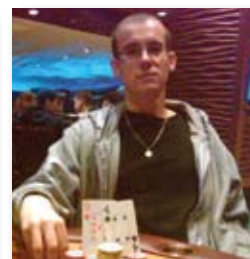
Players: 131

1. Amir Ashmawy, Boca Raton, \$35,000
2. Daniel Turcotte, Boca Raton, \$24,000
3. Herode Sinterce, W. Palm Beach, \$22,613
4. Hans Winzeler, Miami, \$11,004
5. Ory Hen, Cooper City, \$8,122
6. Kyle Bowker, Walton, NY, \$6,288
7. Yesniel Pulido, Pembroke Pines, \$4,716
8. Rick Leger, Lighthouse Point, \$3,144
9. Jeff Cohen, Parkland, \$3,013



Event #9 • \$225 NLHE

1. Vasile Schita, Oakland Park, \$1,440
2. David Bell, Parkland, \$1,440
3. Tony Gee, Bahamas, \$1,240
4. Kenneth Bruno, Lake Worth, \$1,240
5. Robert Mullen, Indianapolis, \$1,240
6. Theo Lawson, Miami, \$1,240
7. Steve Raeman, Pompano Beach, \$1,240
8. Marina Koles, Fort Lauderdale, \$1,140
9. Joseph Ryan, Troy, NY, \$1,140



Event #10 • \$150 Bounty

Players: 234

1. Jean-Sebastian Laurent, Naples, \$1,508
2. PJ Whritennour, Boynton Beach, \$1,400
3. Louis Vazquez, Long Island, NY, \$1,400
4. Monty Dweck, Boca Raton, \$1,400
5. John Evans, Oakland Park, \$1,400
6. Jorge Aristizabal, Pem. Pines, \$1,400
7. Lindsey McAdams, Coconut Creek, \$1,400
8. Jasmine Schofield, Ft. Lauderdale, \$1,400
9. Randy Zane, Montreal, \$1,400



Event #11 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 196

1. Marsha Wolak, Sarasota, \$22,653
2. Kyle Bowker, Walton, NY, \$22,653
3. Derrick Askev, Tamarac, \$10,835
4. Rickey McColley, Las Vegas, \$6,895
5. Rob Salaburu, San Antonio, TX, \$4,925
6. Keith Ingham, Boca Raton, \$4,236
7. Robert Fava, Homestead, \$3,251
8. Nguyen Phan, Jacksonville, \$2,364
9. Joseph Smith, Plantation, \$2,266



Event #12 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 163

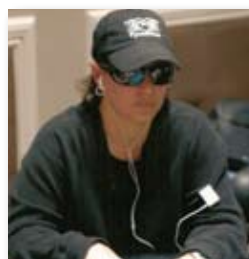
1. Atanael Thomas, Ft. Lauderdale, \$6,907
2. David Azoulay, Boynton Beach, \$5,000
3. Mordecei Benowitz, Lake Worth, \$5,000
4. Jacob Nelson, Lauderdale, \$5,000
5. Billy Franzese, Coral Springs, \$1,793
6. David Dubin, Plantation, \$1,467
7. Jay Feierstadt, Coral Springs, \$1,076
8. Brandon Terry, Corpus Christi, TX, \$782
9. Michael Tait, Hallandale, \$750



Event #13 • \$200 w/rebuys

Players: 81

1. Juan Tambolini, Pompano Beach, \$4,162
2. John Magnetta, Boynton Beach, \$4,162
3. Eric Riley, Deerfield Beach, \$4,000
4. Lion Lacker, Plantation, \$4,000
5. Jerry Kaminsky, Pompano, \$4,000
6. Steve Karp, Miami Bch, \$4,000
7. Matt Waldron, Jackson, Mo, \$4,000
8. Anna Wilson, Boca Raton, \$1,090
9. Tim Morgan, Pompano Beach, \$908



Event #14 • \$150 HHPT

Players: 39

1. Lisa Teebagy, Lighthouse Point, \$2,500
2. Marina Leboff, Coral Springs, \$1,187
3. Diane Linke, Delray Beach, \$713
4. Patricia Basilio, Ft. Lauderdale, \$475



Event #15 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 137

1. Robert Salaburu, San Antonio TX, \$4,298
2. Bobby Demetrio, Ft. Lauderdale, \$4,298
3. Anthony Narula, Miami, \$2,072
4. Todd Poiter, Lauderdale, \$1,439
5. Rich Kellher, Coral Springs, \$1,062
6. Woody Bonarto, Pompano Beach, \$822
7. Alfonso Perez, Coconut Creek, \$617
8. Antonio Colon, Homestead \$411
9. James Lynch, Lake Worth, \$394

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WPT, JAX JOIN FORCES FOR SEASON X EVENTS

Jacksonville Greyhound Racing & Poker announced simultaneously that it anticipates opening the Jacksonville Poker Room this year (adding to its popular Orange Park and St. Johns facilities), and has signed a deal with the World Poker Tour to host three new tournaments during Season X.

Jax Poker is the newest WPT partner; as its poker rooms will host a televised WPT Main Event, the first domestic non-televised main event and one regional event during the Season X schedule.

Event dates will be announced closer to the start of Season X. First up will be the non-televised main event, which will crown an official WPT champion, count in the WPT Player of the Year standings and will award the winner a \$25,000 buy-in to the Season X WPT World Championship.

Housing more than 70 tables at their Orange Park and St. Johns poker rooms, Jax Poker is home to two of the largest rooms in the world. The Jacksonville Poker Room will be the largest and Jax Poker's crown jewel facility and will host a televised WPT Main Event in the spring.

"Florida is a growing poker market with a huge imprint on the U.S. poker scene. The WPT is focused on growth and we are very excited about our new stops in North Florida," WPT CEO Steve Heller said. "The Jacksonville Poker Room promises to be one of the pre-eminent rooms in the country. (Its) commitment to providing world-class service to players is exactly what WPT was looking for when selecting a home for a new event."

"Jacksonville Greyhound Racing & Poker could not be more excited to join forces with WPT," Jacksonville executive director of poker operations Deborah Giardina said. "Large-scale, large buy-in events are new to Florida. We are committed to remaining a market leader during this Florida poker boom. To that end, we sought out the best in class poker partner, the WPT, to help us build a world-class series of poker events."

MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK



- The Budweiser Bash, a \$15K guarantee in April, attracted about 120 players and was chopped 12 ways. The final 12 players also received prizes such as steins, tool kits, shirts and hats.

- On April 16 hundreds of eligible players filled Club 52 in anticipation of the Harley-Davidson drawing, but it was Eugene Chomor of Melbourne who won the 2011 "Rocker C" motorcycle.



"It's always great to see these kinds of crowds and the excitement that comes with our big promotions," GM Pat Biddix said.

"I was surprised to hear my name called and it took a few seconds to realize that it was my name they called," Chomor said. "I play at Club 52 quite a bit and love the atmosphere, the players and staff."

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Event #16 • \$120 NLHE

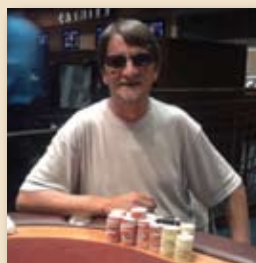
Players: 121

1. David Bell, Parkland, \$1,678
2. Shane Guici, Coral Springs, \$1,673
3. Dan Kolchikov, Pompano, \$1,673
4. Ralph Notaro, Coral Springs, \$1,673
5. Lawrence Strenk, Delray Beach, \$1,673
6. Juan Tambolini, Pompano, \$1,673
7. Joe Hedleston, Tamarac, \$448
8. Mike Filippidis, Coral Springs, \$339
9. Bruce Cample, Boca Raton, \$278

Event #17 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 148

1. Aliko Meyer, Boca Raton, \$7,326
2. Larry St. Jean, Salisbury, MA, \$7,326
3. Tom Schillb, Royal Palm Beach, \$3,493
4. Mark Kerness, Delray Beach, \$2,427
5. Joel Gossett, Lake Worth, \$1,806
6. Morty Benowitz, Lake Worth, \$1,391
7. Jeff Charleton, Lake Worth, \$977
8. Tony Beluahi, Sunrise, \$710
9. Ed Phillips, Boca Raton, \$681



Event #18 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 66

1. Rodney Tullock, Afton, TN, \$4,182
2. Mark Madorsky, Boca Raton, \$3,500
3. Andrew Conroy, W. Palm Beach, \$1,901
4. Kevin Spires, West Palm Beach, \$1,320
5. Adel Jo, Miami, \$964
6. David Padilla, Ft. Lauderdale, \$739
7. Robert Perez, Weston, \$594



Event #19 • \$220 PLO

Players: 104

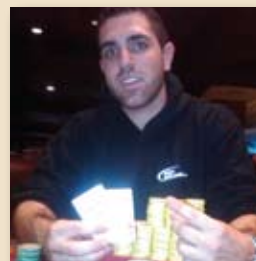
1. William Beasley, Hollywood, \$11,480
2. Mike Spiegel, Lighthouse Point, \$10,480
3. Anna Calder, Toronto, \$9,480
4. Robert Morris, Texas, \$4,367
5. Stephen Wood, Palm City, \$3,251
6. John McCaffrey, Boynton Beach, \$2,523
7. Dave Recke, Boynton Beach, \$1,941
8. Adam Berman, Hollywood, \$1,553
9. Steve Raeman, West Palm Beach, \$1,310



Event #20 • \$1,100 Heads-Up

Players: 64

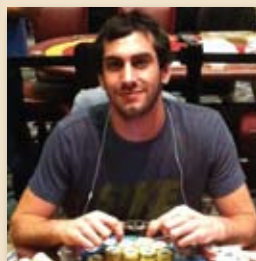
1. Kyle Bowker, Walton, NY, \$21,000
2. Rob McLaughlin, Washington, \$19,000
3. Matt Ezrol, Coconut Creek, \$6,000
4. Mike Coberly, Boca Raton, \$6,000
5. Tony Lessel, St. Louis, \$3,000
6. Darryl Fish, Hallandale Beach, \$3,000
7. Dry Hen, Cooper City, \$3,000
8. Michael Winnette, Cooper City, \$3,000



Event #21 • \$150 Bounty

Players: 246

1. Adam Miriliss, Dallas, \$5,166
2. Josh Palmer, Daphne, AL, \$2,952
3. Bruce McPhillips, Tampa, \$2,030
4. Ernesto Mohr, Miami Beach, \$1,199
5. Alan Cohen, Hallandale Beach, \$876
6. Floyd Clements, Boca Raton, \$793
7. Tony Sodano, Lantana, \$600
8. Jorge Salgado, Sunrise, \$415
9. Matt Gernstadt, Boca Raton, \$406



\$3,200 Main Event

Players: 203

1. Tony Spinella, Plattsburg, NY, \$174,870
2. Evan Dollinger, Coral Springs, \$102,510
3. Matt Brady, Havertown, PA, \$66,330
4. Adam Katz, Delray Beach, \$42,210
5. Allen Bari, West Orange, NJ, \$30,150
6. Mike Tait, Hallandale, \$25,929
7. Gunnar Rabe, Sweden, \$19,899
8. Micah Smith, Jupiter, \$14,472
9. Brian Hawkins, Ft. Myers, \$13,869

Event #23 \$120 Turbo

Players: 136

1. Eric Goldfeier, Delray, \$2,000
2. Vladimir Sulla, Coconut Creek, \$1,171
3. Eric Reilly, Deerfield Beach, \$1,171
4. Emil Debs, Brooklyn, \$1,171
5. Don Gordon, Boynton Beach, \$1,171
6. Jan Schoone, Ft. Lauderdale, \$1,171
7. Ariel Rosello, Hialeah, \$1,171
8. Ronald Sorci, Parkland, \$1,171
9. Andres Mizerak, Avenel, NJ, \$1,171



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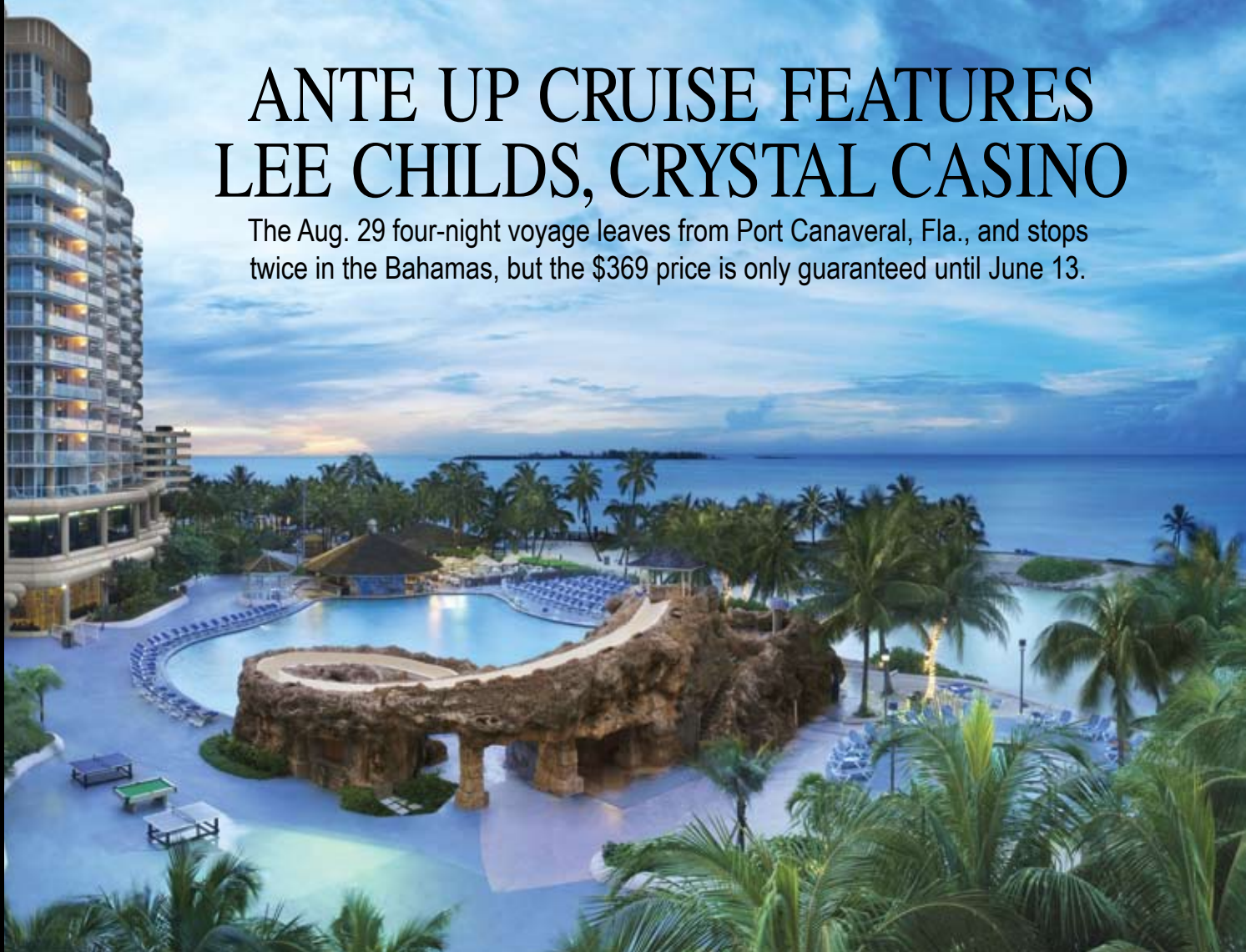
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ANTE UP CRUISE FEATURES LEE CHILDS, CRYSTAL CASINO

The Aug. 29 four-night voyage leaves from Port Canaveral, Fla., and stops twice in the Bahamas, but the \$369 price is only guaranteed until June 13.



Lee Childs, a poker professional with dozens of major tournament cashes, will be the on-board professional for Ante Up's 2011 poker cruises, and the Crystal Palace Casino in Nassau, Bahamas, will offer a special package for all passengers on the summer cruise.

Childs burst on to the poker scene by making the final table of the 2007 World Series of Poker Main Event, and has racked up an impressive series of cashes in major tournaments since, including a World Series of Poker Circuit victory.

Also an accomplished cash-game player, Ante Up strategy columnist and founder of poker training company Acumen Poker, Childs has the one-two punch of being not only a top-notch professional player but also a gifted teacher who can quickly and effectively elevate every player's game.

Childs, who lives in Virginia with his wife and young son, will teach a free, two-hour advanced poker strategy class on the summer and winter cruises, and will be available for additional individual and group instruction on-board.

Each cruise also includes free Poker 101 and Introduction to Omaha/Stud courses taught by *Ante Up* publishers Scott Long and Chris Cosenza.

Crystal Palace Casino put together a package for every passenger on Ante Up's summer cruise. The cruise will call on Nassau, Bahamas, on Aug. 31, and while in port, passengers who sign up for the casino's free Passport Rewards card will get \$10 in free play, a free drink and 10 percent off at the SeaSide Buffet or Tiki Hut Bar & Grille. Passengers

also can buy a day pass to use the resort's pools and beach for just \$40, which includes a free buffet. A limited number of passengers also will get free roundtrip transportation to and from the resort.

The Ante Up Poker Cruise transforms the conference center on board Royal Caribbean cruise ships into a professionally staffed and equipped 10-table poker room. Each cruise features cash games and limits for all level of players, multitable and single-table tournaments, free poker classes and a free open-bar bon voyage cocktail party. No electronic tables are used, and the rake is 10 percent to a max of \$5 per hand.

Two cruises remain for 2011:

SUMMER: Sailing Aug. 29-Sept. 2, the four-night cruise leaves from Port Canaveral, Fla., and calls on CocoCay, Bahamas, and Nassau, Bahamas. Rates start at \$369 per person, based on double occupancy. Rates for this cruise are guaranteed through June 13. After that date, bookings will be made based on availability and prevailing rates.

WINTER: Sailing Dec. 10-17, the seven-night cruise leaves from New Orleans and calls on Cozumel, Mexico; Falmouth, Jamaica; and George Town, Grand Cayman. Rates start at \$619 per person, based on double occupancy.

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A look at the Mississippi-area poker scene



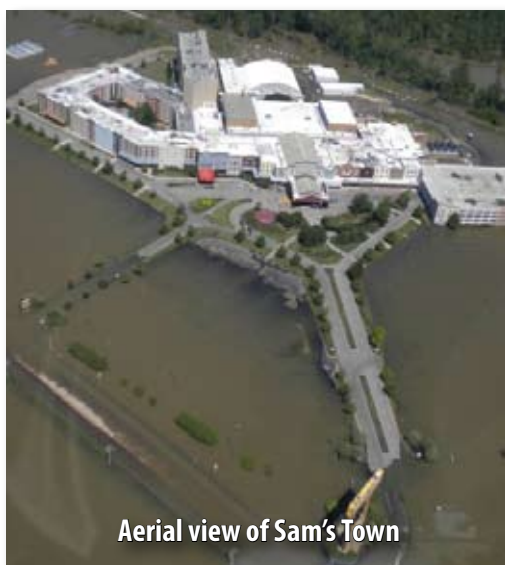
One of the entrances to Harrah's



Fitz Casino



Aerial view of Harrah's Casino



Aerial view of Sam's Town

A SLOW AND STEADY DEVASTATION IN TUNICA

April 27 was a dreary, overcast day, otherwise unremarkable when I woke up from a lengthy post-graveyard-shift nap to dozens of text messages from poker players and co-workers. The casinos in Tunica, all nine of them, were closing indefinitely because of massive amounts of projected flooding, I was told. I ran to the window for a look. There were a few puddles, but nothing more serious than a typical April shower would produce. Surely, there had to be a mistake.

Even my boss, who confirmed we'd be closing, had little information otherwise. All we knew was on May 2 the Horseshoe would be among the last of the casinos to remove all assets from the property and evacuate.

The first day there were more questions than we had answers. The casinos had never so much as closed for a weekend in 20 years of operation, much less the predicted three to six weeks.

Rumors replaced typical poker room banter. Many guests suggested this was hype, that if we closed at all we would remain closed no more than a day or two. Guests who felt this would stretch into months of closure were deemed pessimists with a "doomsday" mentality. I have to admit, I was on the "hype" bandwagon. How was an entire

industry, which pumps millions of dollars in monthly tax revenue into Mississippi just going to take off a couple of months? It didn't seem likely.

Webster Franklin, CEO of the Tunica Convention and Visitors Bureau, said, "The biggest concern is that access roads for the properties could be submerged by river water and become unsafe for workers and visitors. ... This has been very well planned out and orderly because unlike with hurricanes, we know that the water is going to rise."

The Mississippi River was rising indeed, and fast. It may not look like trouble outside, but the effects could be detrimental. Original predictions, based on flooding and rainfall in the north, suggested the river would crest May 10 just up the road in Memphis, at a staggering 44-46 feet. This would be the highest the river had been since the epic "100-year flood" of 1937, which peaked at 48.7 feet. Being downstream, whatever the conditions are in Memphis, the river level at Tunica River Park is always around 10 feet higher.

Most of the casinos, in an effort to calm concerns, quickly announced staff would be paid during the first 14 days of closure. After that each property would evaluate the situation and make a decision regarding payroll accordingly. Detailed, organized plans rolled out for removing assets from the property and specific evacuation procedures. We'd call for the last poker hand at 3:30 a.m. May 2, and would then



JENNIFER GAY

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Ante Up's Jennifer Gay pitched in to help secure Tunica properties.



Poker pro Will Souther drove seven hours to lend his help.



Even Jennifer's mom helped out, driving a forklift for the effort.

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pack up all chips, table banks, decks of cards and any other predetermined assets. The Tunica County Sheriff's Department would work with SWAT team efficiency, complete with impressive artillery and Brink's trucks to cart off the valuables to a safe location.

Outside the casino, the sun was shining and the weather was beautiful. It didn't feel like a natural disaster was in process. The water was subtle, peeking through the woods in places it wasn't previously. Not what you'd think a flash flood would feel like. I visited some of the lower laying casinos, such as Fitz, which literally sits on the bank of the Mississippi, and got my first indication we might be in trouble.

I stood on the riverbank with casino employees on break and asked if the river seemed higher than normal. A lady responded, "Do you see those bushes there, in the water? Those used to be 20-foot tall trees." The water was encroaching on the building as massive amounts of debris, including trees, cruised lazily downstream.

During the first few days of closure, calls went out to any employee willing to volunteer. Help was needed on the Horseshoe-Gold Strike-Tunica Roadhouse combined properties. I went to help build a temporary levee around the casinos. My family always has tried to get involved, so it was no surprise when my mother volunteered as well. The first morning more than 200 volunteers showed up. I ended up working on an all-cocktail-waitress crew. These petite women were throwing 50-pound sandbags, rolling out plastic and stacking a 5-foot retaining wall to withstand the coming water. Media crews were on site snapping photos of us looking less than photogenic in the heat of the May sun, covered in sand and dirt. It didn't matter; everyone worked side-by-side to get the job done.

In the later part of the afternoon, I found myself on a crew working alongside Steve Reed from Harrah's poker room. Reed talked about the importance of getting involved. "We're lucky enough to work for a company who continues to pay us while we're closed. The least we can do is help," he said.

At the end of the first day of volunteer efforts, water had begun filling outlying parking lots, rendering them impassable. I made a plea on Facebook for employees and friends to volunteer. Many of the Day 1 volunteers wouldn't be able to return because they needed to prepare at home for possible evacuations. World Series of Poker Circuit winner and good friend Will "Poker Monkey" Souther responded to the call. He packed his truck

full of drinks and supplies and made the almost seven-hour drive from the Gulf Coast to help. On Day 2 we worked on the last of the retaining walls, finishing what would be all that could be done to protect the casinos not surrounded by water.

Souther is well-versed in natural disaster. Local to the Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina, he understands the importance of community support during times like this. Said Souther: "I play poker for a living. So this is no different than the other employees helping out. This is what we're supposed to do."

As we packed up to leave at the end of Day 2, boats lined the parking lot to shuttle people across the properties as the water continued to rise.

Emotionally and physically exhausted, with the volunteer efforts wrapped up, we left. Souther went to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to lend assistance there and I returned to Memphis, where evacuations in the thousands were taking place.

As predicted the river crested the week of May 10 at about 48 feet in Memphis, meaning we reached about a 58-foot crest in Tunica. The crest is defined as a "broad crest," one that will take a long time to entirely recede.

Surprisingly, most of this has remained out of the national media. Facebook has been instrumental in getting the word out about conditions here in the Mid-South as 11,000-plus casino employees are waiting to get updates on when we'll be able to return to work.

For tipped employees, who make up a good percentage of the gaming industry's staff, even continuing to draw their base pay is a devastating financial blow. This is especially compounded for those facing home evacuation. Many poker dealers have scrambled to pick up work in New Orleans, Biloxi or anywhere willing to offer up opportunities.

By the time this magazine hits the stands, Gold Strike, Tunica Roadhouse and Horseshoe had reopened.

For the properties experiencing substantial amounts of flooding, I don't know what to expect. The information shared on the news pales in comparison to the realities experienced in the regions wrecked by flooding and tornados.

If you have the ability to make a difference through volunteer work, donation or creating awareness please do. If you're unsure how you can lend a hand, contact me on Facebook and I'll be happy to help.

— Jennifer Gay is a poker journalist, poker supervisor and player local to the Mid-South region. She can be contacted at [facebook.com/aceofjewels](https://www.facebook.com/aceofjewels).

"Do you see those bushes there, in the water? Those used to be 20-foot tall trees."

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ONLINE PLAYERS INVADE LSPC

Richard Chandler stood from the final table of the Louisiana State Poker Championship Main Event and quietly took a spot near the rail to watch the remaining players compete for the coveted bracelet. The online player from Conroe, Texas, was contemplating his forced transition to live poker.

"It's tough," said Chandler, who finished fourth. "I've been primarily an online player for several years and I played every day to earn a living. Now, this is the only option for me and many others. I'll have to adjust."

There were similar stories being told all week at the Isle of Capri Lake Charles as online players from several states attempted to stake their claim in the championship events. In the end, however, they came up short; live poker specialists ruled the day.

Some seemed surprised that old-school skill trumped Internet savvy, but the biggest surprise of the week came late on Saturday. The LSPC, which ran April 25-May 8, has its first female main-event winner. Ly Do combined some well-timed aggression with an uncanny ability to read her male opponents to capture the bracelet and a \$10,340 payday. Do built a massive lead from the early stages and hit the final table with victory on her mind. She used her stack to effectively bully her way to the top, shoving all-in every time she sensed weakness. She also got lucky once or twice. With four players remaining, Do shoved from the button with K-Q and was snap-called by the blinds, who held A-Q and A-3. When a king hit the flop, Do's cheering section exploded as a double-knockout left her with one man to beat, Dimitriy Shilnikov. He put up a brave fight but Do's lead was too much to overcome.

"I really enjoy tournament poker," she said. "I'm going to continue to focus on that and do my best."

Her biggest challenge may be at home as her husband, Al, won a bracelet in this series. Al was her biggest supporter, never straying from the rail as she cruised to victory.

The state championship was an unqualified success. The guaranteed purse money was exceeded in many events, including the main. This is very good news for **David Stewart**, who officially assumed leadership of the Isle's poker room just before the series. Stewart, known as Stew, hails from neighboring Sulphur and has amassed quite a poker resumé since leaving the military in 1996. He opened the first poker room at the Isle of

Capri in 1997 as a dealer and then progressed to a dual-rate and supervisor for Harrah's. Since 2007 Stewart has served as a tournament director and shift manager for Lake Charles. Stepping into the role of manager was a logical progression for Stew, who vowed to work hard to enhance and expand the Isle's product.

"We're doing some very good things here and we'll keep pushing our tournaments and promotions to stay on top of the heap. Our local players mean a lot to us and we're going to keep making them a priority by providing the best poker experience we can, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The staff here is very strong. Good people. And the folks of this city, who come out daily to support our room, are the best. We really appreciate them."

While some gaming operations have chosen to place their poker rooms under the supervision of the pit, the Isle chose to retain a poker room manager.

"I'm not knocking what other rooms do, but I think having an actual manager in the room works best," he said. "It establishes a chain of command and ultimately results in better customer service for the player, which is tremendously important. When a tough call or ruling has to be made the players need to have the confidence that it will be made right and that the buck stops here, so to speak. So, having an actual manager in the room creates a better environment for our players, which is what it's all about."

NEW ROOMS: While the Isle and Coughatta Casino have long dominated poker in Southwest Louisiana, two nearby casinos are preparing to open poker rooms. I have confirmed the Hollywood Casino in Baton Rouge and L'Auberge du Lac in Lake Charles have begun construction on new poker rooms that will open by the end of the summer. Details from

Baton Rouge are still being worked out, but the room at the L'Auberge is slated to have seven tables once it begins operations and will be supervised from the pit.

This is indicative that poker remains strong in the southern portion of the state. With the unavailability of online poker, live rooms are looking to capitalize.

"We've seen an immediate increase in our numbers," Isle supervisor Christopher John said.

BOOMTOWN GRAND RE-OPENING: Robert Horvath and staff are gearing up for the grand re-opening of an expanded poker room at Boomtown New Orleans. As of press time the re-opening is slated for June 15 and will feature various promotions and tournaments. To get the latest information call the poker room at 504-364-8842.

— **Scotty "The Spokesman" Rushing** is a poker professional and sports journalist.



SCOTTY RUSHING



Ly Do



\$7,500 guarantee

1. Mahle Jackson, \$4860
2. Joseph Bradley, \$2880
3. Jeremy Lewis, \$1800
4. Henry Chow, \$1350
5. Adam McCoy, \$1080

\$10K guarantee

1. Chris Chancellor, \$1,467
2. Emil Gonzalez, \$1,467
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4. Francisco Robles, \$1,467
5. James Beetz, \$1,467
6. Richard Estep, \$1,467
7. Daniel Tupper, \$1,467
8. Sharon Garrison, \$1,467
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\$15K guarantee

1. Cameron Ainsworth, \$8,640
2. Danny Doucet, \$5,130
3. Russell Melancon, \$3,510
4. Christopher Gamboa, \$2,430
5. Robert Cote, \$1,755
6. William Parker, \$1,485
7. Joseph Gollas, \$1,350
8. Lovis Lewis, \$1,080
9. Thomas Franklin, \$1,080

\$25K guarantee

1. Christopher Gamboa, \$13,120
2. Frederick Turner, \$7,790
3. Jess Brooks, \$5,330

High Heels Poker Tour

1. Kerri Dorsey, \$2,553
2. Denise Blanton, \$2,100
3. Daphne Turner, \$2,553

\$7,500 guarantee

1. Al Duong, \$3,924
2. Michael Fontenot, \$1,093
3. Daniel Hulsey, \$1,093
4. Gerry Trahan, \$1,093
5. Melanie Salgaonkar, \$1,093
6. Stephen Buttieri, \$1,093
7. David Bolch, \$1,093

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1. Christopher Buller, \$4,992
2. Scott Curtis, \$2,964
3. Jobeth Linzy, \$1,404
4. Forrest Caldwell, \$1,014
5. Blake Barousse, \$858
6. Mark Harken, \$780
7. Tim Dishman, \$624
8. Jeffery Shelton, \$546
9. James Isle, \$390

\$20K guarantee

1. Richard Estep, \$1,590
2. Scott Curtis, \$1,590
3. Rodney Silva, \$1,590
4. Andrew Moon, \$1,590
5. Aaron Odom, \$1,590
6. Frank Whippis, \$1,390
7. Danny Nguyen, \$1,390
8. Greg Benoit, \$1,390
9. Dwight Delozier, \$1,390

PLO

1. Namphong Duong, \$4,950
2. Danny Nguyen, \$4,950
3. Kenneth Ledoux, \$500
4. Bruce Walters, \$500

\$75K Main Event

1. Ly Do, \$10,340
2. Dimitriy Shilnikov, \$10,340
3. Gregory Besse, \$10,340
4. Richard Chandler, \$10,340
5. Gilbert Miller, \$10,340
6. Todd LeBlanc, \$10,340

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IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Thousands of poker players have descended on Las Vegas, making this time of year the poker equivalent of Christmas in retail. The World Series of Poker is the best time of the year in Las Vegas, and no, not just for tournament players. Since I often get some common questions from cash-game players during the WSOP

I thought I'd answer some of those and mention some great value tournaments happening around town (not just at the Rio).



MICHAEL HAMAI

The most common questions pertain to finding the "best" games, the best low buy-in tournaments, the best room promotions and where to play games other than hold'em.

FINDING THE BEST GAMES: Frankly, you should be wondering where NOT to find the best games. The WSOP greatly increases traffic to nearly all Strip rooms and has significant overflow effect on rooms off the Strip but near the Rio (Palms,

Orleans, etc.). The highest number of cash games (with the greatest variety and limits) will be found at the Rio, obviously, but keep in mind the WSOP side games there start at \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em and have a 10 percent, \$5-max rake (in their small games), with no automatic shufflers and no comp tracking on the Total Rewards players card, unlike all other rooms.

The Rio also does not offer cash-game promotions, which many serious players prefer since there's no jackpot drop. Many casual players find this uninviting. Also, keep in mind Caesars Entertainment poker rooms all have a 10-percent, \$5-max rake in their smaller games plus a \$1 jackpot (jackpot excepted at WSOP). All other rooms in Vegas drop 10 percent/\$4-max on most games (plus a \$1 jackpot in non-destination rooms).

During the WSOP I like playing NLHE at the Mirage, Bally's, Palms, Venetian and Rio (among many others). For other games, I like Orleans, Aria, Rio, Venetian and Bellagio.

These are just my preferences, but as a general rule I think you'll find the best games on or near the Strip. During the Series all rooms are packed with great games.

BEST LOW BUY-IN TOURNAMENTS: This is a bit of a loaded topic as it depends on what you consider "low." For less than \$100 I recommend Stratosphere, Treasure Island or Mirage. Up until recently, the Sahara offered the most popular low buy-in tournament in Vegas, eclipsing 100 runners nightly.

However, with the closing of the legendary Sahara, the Stratosphere has adopted its schedule and added tables to accommodate. Those three casinos offer \$45-\$65 tournaments with reasonable structures, rake and decent-size fields. For \$100-\$500 events I suggest Venetian, Aria, Caesars or the daily "second chance" tournaments in the WSOP rooms at the Rio. These tournaments offer solid structures, reasonable rake and sizable fields with large prize pools.

BEST PROMOTIONS: Some rooms suspend promotions during the WSOP because they know they're going to be busy. Normal daily high-hand jackpots and bad-beat jackpots will continue, but special promotions such as freerolls, rakeback, aces cracked and hours-based promotions often are suspended at Caesars Entertainment rooms.

Generally, the only rooms that really do "big" promotions are convenience or locals rooms that drop a jackpot rake (Mirage, Treasure Island, Stations Casinos, etc). The big destination rooms usually don't offer promotions, as they really don't need to. The most common promotion in poker rooms is a high-hand jackpot, which is paid by the jackpot drop and can be static or progressive (or both, depending on the hand rank).

GAMES OTHER THAN HOLD'EM: By far this is my favorite topic as I'm a poker player who LOVES mixed games, Omaha, and anything other than boring old hold'em. During the WSOP, mixed games spring up in pretty random places, but for the most part, the best places to find them are at the WSOP room at the Rio, Venetian, Aria and Orleans. If you're just looking for Omaha/8, I recommend Orleans, Bellagio or Venetian, depending on what limits you seek.

The Orleans often becomes a hang-out for WSOP dealers once they get off shift, so it often has a great low-limit

mixed game running (plus Orleans offers a \$3-max rake on all games, cheapest in the city). The Aria runs a \$12-\$24 mixed game nightly, and the Venetian offers a variety of games all year (not just during the Series). Of course, the Rio offers the best mix of game variety, but often at higher limits. It's always best to call ahead to check to see what non-hold'em games are spreading before you go anywhere. They can be sporadic.

Hopefully these condensed answers to your most common questions will help you make good decisions on where to play. Play well and good luck!

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Ring Event 1 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 448 • Prize Pool: \$129,065

1. Giuseppe Biancoviso, Italy, \$28,398
2. Leonid Ryadynskyy, Ukraine, \$17,546
3. Josh Evans, Plano, TX, \$12,821
4. George Ash, Carmel, CA, \$9,520
5. Scott Davies, Las Vegas, \$7,179
6. Dmitry Shamilov, Brooklyn, \$5,494
7. Blake Kelso, Las Vegas, \$4,267
8. Phillip Dagger, Sidney, B.C., \$3,361
9. Sheila Olsen, Jacksonville, FL, \$2,685
10. Michael Bernal, Tucson, AZ, \$2,173



Ring Event 6 • \$560 NLHE

Entries: 306 • Prize Pool: \$146,880

1. Robert Whalen, Cudahy, WI, \$34,517
2. Daniel Eichhorn, Henderson, NV, \$21,342
3. Daniel Sindelar, Las Vegas, \$15,500
4. Christopher Felix, Las Vegas, \$11,449
5. Michael Holm, Woodridge, IL, \$8,595
6. Zachary King, Henderson, NV, \$6,555
7. Vincent Maglio, Revere, MA, \$5,078
8. Saeed Sotendeh, Toronto, \$3,992
9. Norihisa Okada, Japan, \$3,186
10. Jeffrey Epstein, Omaha, \$2,581



Ring Event 2 • \$560 NLHE

Entries: 247 • Prize Pool: \$118,560

1. Randy Huberty, La Grange, KY, \$29,047
2. Brian Hunt, Pearland, TX, \$17,948
3. Brandon Bowyer, Corona, CA, \$12,967
4. Akio Ishii, Tokyo, \$9,543
5. Barry Clapp, Calgary, \$7,149
6. Richard Jackson, Key West, FL, \$5,448
7. Raju Jawalekar, Las Vegas, \$4,221
8. Neil Webber, Austin, TX, \$3,323
9. Darren Michels, Henderson, NV, \$2,658
10. Bryce Daifuku, Mercer Isl., WA, \$2,159



Ring Event 7 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 530 • Prize Pool: \$152,640

1. Todd Chew, Nowhere, IL, \$32,809
2. Jeff Sluzinski, Las Vegas, \$20,290
3. Thomas Hult, Sweden, \$14,823
4. Michael Wasserman, Las Vegas, \$10,989
5. Justin Kruger, Denison, TX, \$8,264
6. Thomas Pletzer, Austria, \$6,304
7. Joe Walior, Seattle, \$4,877
8. Adam Hui, Markham, ON, CA, \$3,827
9. James Glenn, Redding, CA, \$3,045
10. Bruce Young, Loveland, CO, \$2,456



Ring Event 3 • \$350 Omaha/8

Entries: 113 • Prize Pool: \$32,555

1. Terry Crowe, Los Osos, CA, \$9,766
2. David Jackie, Las Vegas, \$6,036
3. Brian Bumpas, Long Beach, CA, \$4,298
4. Terry Stady, Albuquerque, NM, \$3,122
5. Faud Koubi, Van Nuys, CA, \$2,313
6. Brian Wilke, Colorado Springs, CO, \$1,746
7. Joseph Mitchell, \$1,343
8. Chris Zurawski, Glen Ellyn, IL, \$1,052
9. Bruce Hoyt, Gilbert, AZ, \$839
10. Jeremiah Degreef, Sandy, UT, \$680



Ring Event 8 • \$560 6-max

Entries: 225 • Prize Pool: \$108,000

1. Michael Souza, San Diego, \$27,001
2. Chris Amaral, Fall River, MA, \$16,688
3. Mohammad Abedi-Arani, Dallas, \$12,146
4. Blake Kelso, Las Vegas, \$8,982
5. Peter Lockwood, Arlington, TX, \$6,747
6. Hiroaki Harada, Costa Mesa, CA, \$5,146
7. Rick Troendly, Napa, CA, \$3,985
8. Jay Hong, Riverside, CA, \$3,132
9. Rex Clinkscales, Las Vegas, \$2,498
10. Douglas Polk, Las Vegas, \$2,022



Ring Event 4 • \$350NLHE

Entries: 500 • Prize Pool: \$144,000

1. Nhu "Taylor" Nguyen, Houston, \$30,962
2. Joel Nimmo, Pasco, WA, \$19,142
3. Kennii Nguyen, Chicago, \$13,984
4. Jeremiah Degreef, Sandy, UT, \$10,367
5. Paul Balzano, Sunrise, FL, \$7,796
6. Craig Goddard, Great Britain, \$5,947
7. Mehmet Karsli, Istanbul, \$4,601
8. Vincent Maglio, Revere, MA, \$3,610
9. Raymond Lam, Vancouver, \$2,873
10. John White, Las Vegas, \$2,317



Ring Event 9 • \$1,090 NLHE

Entries: 230 • Prize Pool: \$220,800

1. Miller Dao, Maricopa, AZ, \$55,202
2. Melvin Skeeles, Farmerville, LA, \$34,118
3. Neal Jordan, Exello, MO, \$24,831
4. Adam Hui, Markham, Ontario, \$18,364
5. Sang Nguyen, San Jose, CA, \$13,793
6. Barry Clapp, Calgary, \$10,521
7. Kasra Khadayarkhani, Dallas, \$8,148
8. Sonja Jurkovich, Las Vegas, \$6,403
9. Thomas Winters, San Angelo, TX, \$5,107
10. Jeff Bell, San Antonio, TX, \$4,133



Ring Event 5 • \$350 PLO

Entries: 123 • Prize Pool: \$35,424

1. Jessie Bryant, Conway, AR, \$9,919
2. Blake Kelso, Las Vegas, \$6,130
3. Jordan Stone, Fayetteville, GA, \$4,425
4. Gregory Aversa, Las Vegas, \$3,252
5. Ryan McClain, Warrensburg, MO, \$2,431
6. Jim Cavanaugh, Santa Rosa, CA, \$1,848
7. Richard Cresiski, Cambridge, MA, \$1,492
8. Eric Froehlich, Springfield, VA, \$1,122
9. Hoang Nguyen, Chicago, \$896
10. Moises Rivas, Houston, \$726



\$1,600 Main Event

Entries: 496 • Prize Pool: \$714,240

1. Chris Johnson, Las Vegas, \$153,559
2. Brian England, Hazlet, NJ, \$94,944
3. John Kulish, Oconto, WI, \$51,418
4. Adam Hui, Ontario, \$38,669
5. Jim Martini, Incline Village, NV, \$29,498
6. Alex Santiago, West Hartford, CT, \$22,820
7. Dave Stann, Los Angeles, \$17,906
8. Matthew Leecy, Ottawa, KS, \$14,249
9. Derrick Kwenzel, G. Forks, ND, \$11,492
10. S. Dzbigarkhanyan, Moscow, \$11,492

Narciso wins first event at Green Valley Ranch in Stations' Million series

The Station Casinos' \$1 Million no-limit hold'em tournament series kicked off in late April at Green Valley Ranch in Las Vegas as Frederick Narciso became the first \$60,000 winner.

Narciso's K♣-Q♣ was the winning hand to earn his portion of the \$200,000 prize pool. The nearly five-week poker event then shifted to Palace Station.

"Outside the World Series of Poker, we think it's the best hold'em tournament in Las Vegas and the biggest Station Casinos has ever held," Station Casinos tournament director Derek Glover said.

Station Casinos also awarded a freeroll in each week's tournament via a "Get Staked" contest on Facebook (facebook.com/stationcasinos), where online contestants answer: Why should you be backed in the tournament? The winner gets the \$1,100 main table buy-in paid for in that week's tournament.

The series also had stops at Sunset Station and twice at Red Rock Resort, including the championship on May 24-25.



Frederick Narciso and his winning cards.

Federated league to have 218 members in first year

Federated Sports and Gaming recently announced the criteria for membership in its new professional poker league, along with the roster of 218 players eligible for the 2011-12 inaugural season.

Qualification for membership in the Federated poker league is based on an individual player's adjusted lifetime earnings in qualifying tournaments; the number of major poker titles he or she has won; and the number of cashes and amount earned since 2008. These criteria combine to determine eligibility and a player's card level for league membership. FS+G generally considers qualifying tournaments to be live open events that have a minimum buy-in of \$1,500 (or converted equivalent). Adjusted lifetime earnings are the accumulation of earnings in FS+G qualifying tournaments.

For more on this go to federatedinc.com.

Some of the players who qualify include: Doyle Brunson, Phil Hellmuth, Erik Seidel, Phil Ivey, Daniel Negreanu, Barry Greenstein, Mike Matusow, Antonio Esfandiari, Tom Dwan and Annette Obrestad.

The first series will begin Aug. 5 at the Palms Casino with the main event running Aug. 9-12.



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DEEP STACK III, GRAND SERIES HIGHLIGHT JUNE



For a look at the Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza schedule scan the above tag with your smartphone. The Grand Series schedule can be found by scanning the tag below.



By Christopher Cosenza

One of the more brilliant moves from Las Vegas poker rooms in recent history involved starting unique poker series to coincide with the World Series of Poker schedule.

Two of the biggest and most successful series to reap the benefits of offering WSOP alternatives are the Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza and the Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series. (Last month we previewed the Binion's Poker Classic, which mimics the WSOP schedule but at 10 percent of the cost).

The Grand, which is the brainchild of Nugget director of poker John Colville, is in its fourth year and has become known as the series of variety.

"Every day our featured events are at noon, and we actually run two a day. Half of the facility is no-limit hold'em and the other half is a different game, such as H.O.R.S.E., seven-card stud, PLO, limit Omaha," said Colville, who has run the poker rooms at both Nugget properties (Vegas and Laughlin) since they launched about five years ago. "Last year was the first time we tried that concept and it went over very well. Most series will have maybe two or three non-no-limit hold'em events, and then like 20 or 30 NLHE events. We have a non-NHLE event every day."

The Grand (June 4-July 4) runs about 240 tournaments in all during the series, including about six or seven per day,

and something new this year is a Young Gun event in which entrants must be 30 years old or younger (June 10, \$230).

"It's like a big festival really," Colville said of the series. "It's a lot of poker. ... We run more variety than anybody else and at a great price structure. Obviously at the World Series you get some good variety, but you're talking about \$2,500 and above for buy-ins. We're in that \$100-\$230 range and we have the variety. We have an eight-game mixed tournament for \$200 (June 15). H.O.R.S.E. events are big for us; we run four (of them at \$230 each) during the series (June 7, 14, 21, 28). We'll get 200-300 people to play H.O.R.S.E."

The Venetian runs its Deep Stack series quarterly and chooses to cater to a little higher buy-in crowd. This third installment runs until July 15.

"I feel one of the bigger highlights is that we are offering more of the bigger buy-ins this year than we have in the past (\$1,500-\$2,500 range)," Venetian tournament director Tim Mix said. "We feel the \$200-\$300 buy-ins have been saturated throughout Las Vegas and there is a need for quality higher buy-in tournaments. We experimented with this in 2010 and had an overwhelming positive response. I think you will see even more of these tournament players migrating over to the Venetian this year."

The Venetian will expand to 119 tables this year to accommodate larger fields.

DEEP STACK EXTRAVAGANZA II

APRIL 1-27 • THE VENETIAN • LAS VEGAS

Event 1 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 288 • Prize Pool: \$83,376

1. Kelly Malloy, \$20,011, W. Jordan, UT
2. Rob Gates, \$12,340, Huntington Bch, CA
3. Can Ho, \$8,338, West Minster, CA

Event 2 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 215 • Prize Pool: \$62,243

1. Norihisa Okada, \$14,936, Japan
2. Larry Rogers, \$9,212, Las Vegas
3. Paul Rubin, \$6,224, Gilford, OH

Event 3 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 158 • Prize Pool: \$45,741

1. Cesar Ortega, \$12,349, Las Vegas
2. Albert Rogers, \$7,684, West Lake, OH
3. Sam Grizzle, \$4,666, Las Vegas

Event 4 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 91 • Prize Pool: \$43,908

1. Vincent Maglio, \$14,050, Revere, MA
2. Will Fagerbakke, \$8,782, Topanga, CA
3. Chris Jaeger, \$5,752, S Lake Tahoe, NV

Event 5 • \$340 H.O.R.S.E.

Players: 80 • Prize Pool: \$23,160

1. Dave Stann, \$7,876, Hollywood, CA
2. John Woo, \$4,864, Las Vegas
3. Tom McEvoy, \$3,242, Las Vegas

Event 6 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 261 • Prize Pool: \$50,373

1. Jeffrey Finkelstein, \$12,088, Las Vegas
2. Aymeric Monello, \$7,455, France
3. Joop Sjouwerma, \$5,037, Netherlands

Event 7 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 261 • Prize Pool: \$50,373

1. Daniel Sammarco, \$12,088, Las Vegas
2. Armond Golzad, \$7,455, Denver
3. Andrew Foster, \$5,037, Fishers, IN

Event 8 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 190 • Prize Pool: \$55,005

1. Donald Protz, \$14,852, Canada
2. Victoria Volynsky, \$9,241, Las Vegas
3. Ray Oliver, \$5,611, Seabrook, TX

Event 9 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 167 • Prize Pool: \$48,347

1. Doug Lee, \$13,054, Canada
2. Michael Arage, \$8,122, Canada
3. Thanh Tran, \$4,931, Las Vegas

Event 10 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 203 • Prize Pool: \$58,768

1. Christopher Blik, \$14,106, Las Vegas
2. Terry Fleischer, \$8,698, Wyoming, MI
3. Joseph Mitchell, \$5,877, Eugene, OR

Event 11 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 201 • Prize Pool: \$38,793

1. Bandish Smalls, \$9,307, Charlestown, SC
2. Kraig Harper, \$5,741, Canada
3. John White, \$3,879, Las Vegas

Event 12 • \$550 NLHE

Players: • Prize Pool: \$58,865

1. Thomas Roussereau, \$17,659, France
2. Matthew Pigott, \$10,596, Las Vegas
3. Harvey Gluckman, \$7,064, B. Ridge, NJ

Event 13 • \$340 Omaha/8

Players: 74 • Prize Pool: \$21,423

1. Jeanne David, \$6,856, Las Vegas
2. Fuad Koubi, \$4,285, Van Nays, CA
3. Abraham Mobley, \$2,806, Las Vegas

Event 14 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 202 • Prize Pool: \$38,986

1. Gavin Carley, \$9,356, BC, Canada
2. Michael Dye, \$5,770, Homer, AK
3. Des Wilson, \$3,899, UK

Event 15 • \$225 NLHE

Players: N/A • Prize Pool: N/A

1. Collin Moshman, \$3,056, S. Spring, MD
2. Gurmit Advani, \$1,833, Brentwood, TN
3. Anselmo Villareal, \$1,222, Greenfield, WI

Event 16 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 246 • Prize Pool: \$47,478

1. David Woo, \$11,398, Las Vegas
2. Anthony Bodnar, \$7,027, Las Vegas
3. Conrad Fink, \$4,748, Los Alamos, NM

Event 17 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 170 • Prize Pool: \$49,215

1. Brian Biggs, \$13,291, New Zealand
2. Casey Stewart, \$8,268, C. Country, CA
3. Patrick Caldwell, \$5,020, Billings, MT

Event 18 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 117 • Prize Pool: \$33,871

1. Kris Penny, \$10,162, Las Vegas
2. Steve Krogness, \$6,097, Long Lake, MN
3. Jon Kenas, \$4,065, Clearwater, FL

Event 19 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 145 • Prize Pool: \$42,267

1. Stacy Kimbrel, \$11,415, Solvang, CA
2. Tony Korffman, \$7,101, Boulder City, NV
3. David Vu, \$4,311, San Jose, CA

Event 20 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 178 • Prize Pool: \$51,531

1. Chip Jett, \$13,915, Las Vegas
2. Nicholas Jordan, \$8,657, Brentmerton, WA
3. Thomas Pletzer, \$5,256, Austria

Event 21 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 128 • Prize Pool: \$61,760

1. Jason Zausmer, \$18,528, Las Vegas
2. N/A, \$11,117
3. Abdel Elmountassir, \$7,411, Las Vegas

Event 22 • \$340 PLO

Players: 51 • Prize Pool: \$14,765

1. Anthony Reategui, \$5,168, Chandler, AZ
2. Samson Chen, \$3,691, Chicago
3. Brian Bagot, \$2,953, France

Event 23 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 255 • Prize Pool: \$49,215

1. William Crego, \$11,815, Henderson, NV
2. Stacy Kimbrel, \$7,284, Escondido, CA
3. Ray Woodhead, \$4,922, BC, Canada

Event 24 • \$225 NLHE

Players: 353 • Prize Pool: \$68,129

1. David Koch, \$16,350, Mandan, ND
2. Sergio Grosso, \$9,920, Canada
3. Gabriel Paul, \$6,643, Northbrook, IL

Event 25 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 275 • Prize Pool: \$79,613

1. Elliot Marsh, \$19,105, Henderson, NV
2. Devin Jackson, \$11,783, Palo Alto, CA
3. Fawz Bennis, \$7,961, Las Vegas

Event 26 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 175 • Prize Pool: \$50,663

1. Thanh Tran, \$13,676, Las Vegas
2. Marko Doljevic, \$8,511, Highland, MI
3. Andrew Moser, \$5,168, Las Vegas

Event 27 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 150 • Prize Pool: \$43,425

1. Jeremiah Degreef, \$11,724, Sandy, UT
2. Sergio Grosso, \$7,295, Canada
3. Robert Mitchell, \$4,429, Salt Lake City

\$1,590 Main Event

Players: 293 • Prize Pool: \$424,117

1. Jeremiah Degreef, \$101,794, Sandy, UT
2. S. Dzbigarkanyan, \$62,769, Russia
3. Chance Kornuth, \$42,412, Las Vegas
4. Jeppe Nielsen, \$30,112, Denmark
5. Brian Lamanna, \$23,326, Las Vegas
6. Ryan Franklin, \$19,085, Phoenix
7. Dan Eichhorn, \$15,904, Las Vegas
8. James Riggs, \$13,360, Lewisburg, TN
9. Chad Winters, \$11,027, Las Vegas
10. Ven Villarino, \$8,694, Las Vegas
11. J.J. Liu, \$8,694, Las Vegas
12. Scott Lipshutz, \$8,694, Dallas
13. Stefan Kostner, \$6,786, Austria
14. Dennis Booze, \$6,786, Las Vegas
15. T. Hartmann, \$6,786, Shakopee, MN

GEISE CAPTURES HPT EVENT AT MAJESTIC

During a 2006 Heartland Poker Tour event in Northern Michigan, the HPT staff noticed a large number of players participated from the Chicago area. Later that year the HPT teamed with the Majestic Star Casino to run the first televised tournament from the Chicago area. Seven tournaments later, including two championship events, the HPT is still going strong in Chicagoland, most recently at the Majestic Star in early April.



JOE GIERTUGA

Nate Geise, a 25-year-old mechanical engineer from Ft. Wayne, Ind., won the event, pocketing \$96,516. Geise went heads-up against Dash Dudley, a seasoned poker pro from Lansing Mich., who had won an HPT tournament in 2009. Third went to James Erdman of Deerfield, a 53-year-old owner of a commercial real estate company. Imari "Doc" Love, a 36-year-old stock analyst from Chicago, finished fourth. Ashor Ochana, 36, who lists his occupation as a gambler, was fifth, and was followed by Jerry Gumila, a small-business owner from Streamwood.

Geise, who has two young daughters, said it's tough to balance career and family with poker.

"You play the events you can play on weekends," he said. "It's a good structure; the payouts are great. You can't get much better than that."

Majestic Star Casino offers the most weekly tournaments in the Chicago area. Buy-ins range from \$55 to \$130. There are weekly events in the planning stage for this summer. For cash-game players the poker room spreads limit and no-limit hold'em along with stud and Omaha. This room is popular with stud players on weekends. In NLHE the room offers \$1-\$1 \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5, with the buy-in as little as \$40 for the \$1-\$1 game.

NEW POKER ROOM: On May 2 Harrah's Joliet opened its eight-table

poker room. Area players had awaited eagerly for this opening. Joliet mayor Arthur Schultz was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Poker room manager Douglas Walters has created a spacious, comfortable, player-friendly room. It will spread \$1-\$3 and \$3-\$5 NLHE, \$5-\$10 and \$10-\$20 limit, and Omaha and stud will be offered.

Players can call the poker room at 815-740-7480 to have their names added to the waiting list. After calling players will have 45 minutes to arrive at the poker room. You can also reach the poker room on Facebook (facebook.com/HarrahsJoliet) to get the latest information and post questions. The poker room comp for players is 50 cents an hour.

Doyle Brunson was on hand for the grand opening weekend May 21-22. He had a book signing and played at the final table in a special freeroll tournament where the winner got a seat into the World Series of Poker Main Event and \$1,500.

WINDY CITY: The Windy City Poker Championship returns to TV soon with new episodes featuring poker's elite players competing against local amateurs while helping Chicagoland charities. The program recently expanded its reach with three more sports networks to air episodes this summer. A new schedule of shows, airdates and networks will be available soon at windycitypokerchampionship.com and anteupmagazine.com. Windy City Poker Championship reaches around 20 million households nationwide via DirecTV, Dish Network and Comcast Cable.

THE DUKE: Annie Duke was in town to play in a charity tournament for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The seventh annual poker tournament and casino night was April 30 at the Windy City Fieldhouse in Chicago. This wasn't her first time playing poker here. In 2005 she participated in the Chicago Poker Championship at Resorts East Chicago, making her the first big-name player in a major Chicago-area tournament.

—**"Chicago" Joe Gieturga is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Chicagoland area. You can email him at chicago.joe@comcast.net.**

HPT at Majestic Star final results



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| 1. Nate Geise, Ft. Wayne, IN, \$96,516 | 16. Alexander Popovich, Mundelein, IL, \$2,735 |
| 2. Dash Dudley, Lansing, MI, \$48,038 | 17. Brian Majcher, Mount Prospect, IL, \$2,735 |
| 3. James Erdman, Deerfield, IL, \$28,955 | 18. Dusan Jovanovic, Mount Herb, WI, \$2,735 |
| 4. Imari Love, Chicago, \$22,520 | 19. George Dietz, Oak Park, IL, \$2,735 |
| 5. Ashor Ochana, Elgin, IL, \$19,303 | 20. Ben Castle, Hinsdale, IL, \$2,735 |
| 6. Jerry Gumila, Streamwood, IL, \$16,086 | 21. Michael Komarek, Plainfield, IL, \$2,188 |
| 7. Jesse Vilchez, Wyoming, MI, \$11,260 | 22. Edward Kreyger, Kankakee, IL, \$2,188 |
| 8. Daniel Downie, Grand Haven, MI, \$9,652 | 23. Nikola Budzakoshi, Hobart, IN, \$2,188 |
| 9. Larry Ormson, Elroy, WI, \$8,043 | 24. Stephen Lewis, Chicago, \$2,188 |
| 10. Michael Chesney, Indianapolis, \$6,434 | 25. Richard Rosen, Chicago, \$2,188 |
| 11. David Kenniston, Muskegon, MI, \$5,469 | 26. Dale Olney, Stoutsville, OH, \$1,769 |
| 12. Jeff Boehm, Bloomington, IL, \$4,826 | 27. William Webb, Grand Rapids, MI, \$1,769 |
| 13. Devidas Monkevicius, Alsip, IL, \$4,182 | 28. John Lappin, Wapella, IL, \$1,769 |
| 14. Leon Morford, Rockford, IL, \$3,539 | 29. Daniel Hart, Woodstock, IL, \$1,769 |
| 15. Nicholas Andricopulos, Palos Park, IL, \$3,217 | 30. George Vazanellis, Crown Point, IN, \$1,769 |

HPT WINNERS AT MAJESTIC STAR

October 2006: Joel Casper, Chicago
 March 2007: Jimmy Kroll, New Lenox, IL
 July 2007: Dan Zogman, McHenry, IL

December 2007: Leon Morford, Rockford, IL

April 2008: James Mutchler, Brighton, CO

July 2008: Shane Sigsbee, Chicago

November 2008: Ron Rogers, Edwardsburg, MI

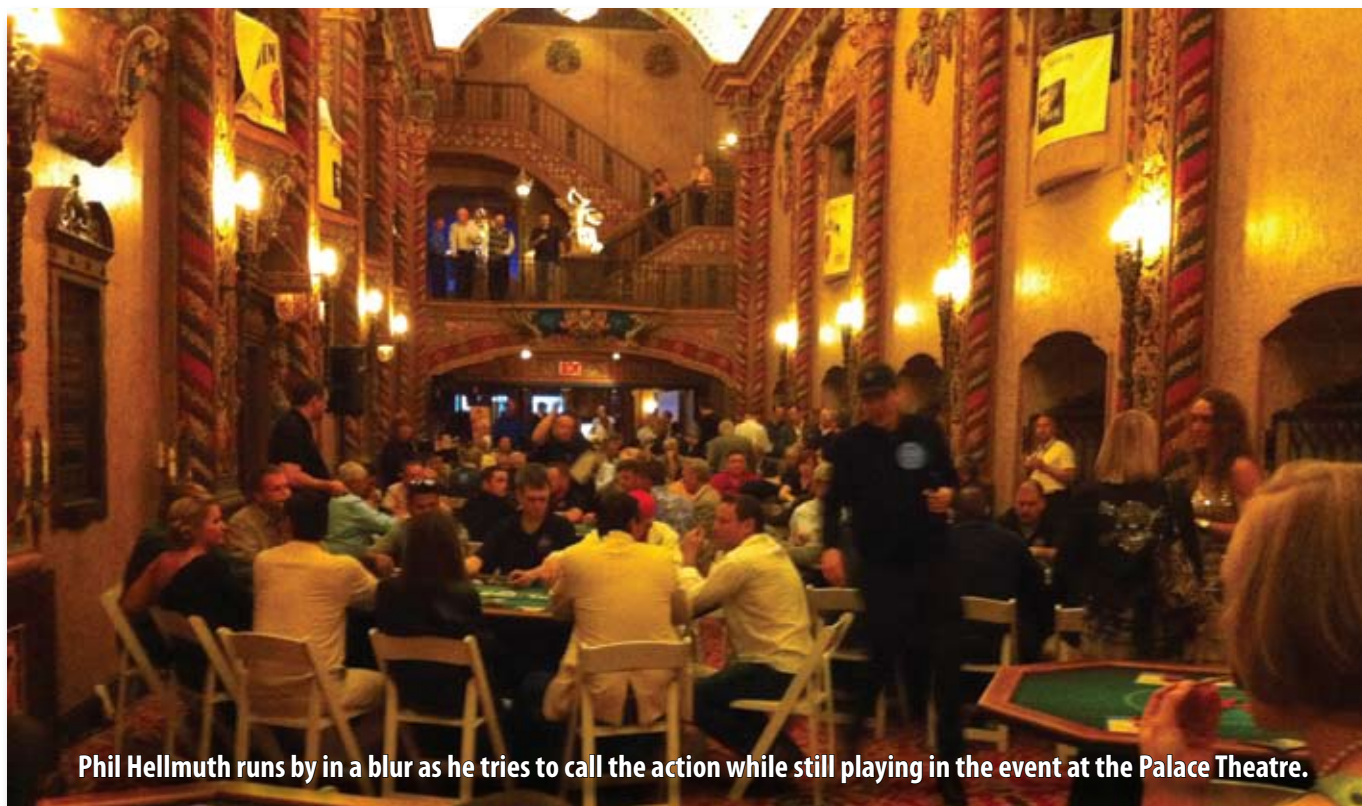
April 2009: Dave Kiss, Hopkins, MI

July 2009: Robert Whalen, Cudahy, WI

July 2010: Paul Davis, Elgin, IL

April 2011: Nate Geise, Ft. Wayne, IN

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Phil Hellmuth runs by in a blur as he tries to call the action while still playing in the event at the Palace Theatre.

FLOODING HURTS SOME, HELPS OTHERS

Living in the Ohio Valley most of my life, you get used to seeing some odd weather patterns from time to time. For example, it's common for it to be sunny and 70 degrees one day, only to have it be rainy and 40 the next. I've even seen snow on Halloween and 70 degrees the weekend before Christmas.

But I haven't seen anything like the amount of rain this region has received in the past few weeks.

Over 15 inches of rain has fallen in Kentuckiana in the closing weeks of April. And with a lot of rain, comes flooding, especially along the Ohio River. The flooding has affected residents and businesses along the Ohio, including Southern Indiana's casinos.

Some casinos have been hurt more than others. The Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Ind., has had to close twice this year because of the rising waters. The casino was closed for six days in March and again the last week of April.

Some casinos made the best of a bad situation. Belterra Casino ran ads promoting they were still open despite the rising river levels. No word from the casino on whether they saw an increase in business due to the closure of the Horseshoe.

One casino that hasn't had any trouble from the flooding has been Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg. Hollywood's general manager, Tony Rodio, said flooding has not been an issue since the casino opened in 2009, replacing the former Argosy Casino, which was a traditional riverboat casino.

Rodio said the Hollywood, which resembles a building more so than a boat, is permanently moored at a level much higher than the flooded river has reached.

"We've seen no interruption to business," Rodio said.

I asked Rodio if the flooding has influenced any local casinos to lobby the Indiana State Legislature to amend rules dictating that a casino must be over water. Rodio said there had been a number of casinos in the past lobbying the Indiana State Legislature to amend rules dictating that a casino must be over water, but that there's been no push recently despite the flooding.

At press time, all Southern Indiana casinos were open because the rain in this area had subsided.

DERBY POKER RAISES \$30K: Phil Hellmuth was on hand again to emcee this year's Derby Poker Championship, which he co-hosted with Robert Williamson III and Hall of Fame basketball coach Denny Crum. Hellmuth even called the action as he played.

This year's big winners were poker pro Dan Shak and Boys II Men's Nathan Morris. They chopped the final prize money to share first-place honors. The event raised more \$30,000 for Blessings in Back Pack and the Health and Climate Foundation.

Another big event around this time of year is the Derby Festival Texas Hold'em tournament, which was scheduled for May 3 but has been rescheduled for June 28. The tournament is held aboard the Belle of Cincinnati, which was unable to make the trip because of flooding. Look for coverage of that event in an upcoming column.

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DON LAWSON

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POKER THRIVING EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK

Nestled in the middle of the country, Kansas and Oklahoma have a rich history of outlaws, gunslingers, cowboys and Indians. These lands have been the home of Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, Bill Cody and Bat Masterson (all poker players) and became the home of many displaced Native American tribes. The historical sequences of events that have occurred led to the development and operation of some of the greatest cardrooms in the Central United States.



CRYSTALYNN HARRIS

More than a hundred tribal casinos dot the territory, providing more than 30 poker rooms that cover a variety of poker games from limit to no-limit, Omaha and hold'em to stud. So whether you're a rounder, online poker outlaw, chip slinger or casual player, you can find a game on the plains, come snow, sun or rain

any day of the week.

The largest room in Oklahoma is the ever-popular Winstar World Casino in Thackerville, which houses 46 tables and sits just across the Texas border. Here you will find the largest tournament prize pool in the region during its annual tournament series "The River" in August. The main event's first-place prize has neared or exceeded 10th-place



money in the World Series of Poker Main Event two years in a row, last year's being more than \$700,000 with a buy-in of \$2,100.

Professionals such as Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi, Allen Kessler, T.J. Cloutier, Annie Duke and Greg Raymer (who is Winstar's official spokesman) have been a part of Winstar poker action.

During a visit to the 2010 main event, all 46 cash tables were full with a waiting list more than 100 deep. Games from \$4-\$8 limit to \$10-\$20 pot-limit Omaha were running with a buffet of games in between. The room continues to boom whether the tournament series is running or not, so take some time to check out winstarworldcasino.com or call 800-622-6317 for more information.

On the other side of Lake Texoma, just 90 minutes away is Choctaw Casino in Durant, which also pulls a majority of its players from Texas. Recently added to the WSOP Circuit schedule in January, the 30-table room provides a comfortable atmosphere on the second floor away from the bustle of slots. Games range from \$4-\$8 limit to \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 NLHE with daily tournaments and player comps.

Choctaw also is the home of the Cloutier Choctaw Poker Classic that runs in September. Last year the cash room was full with up to 100 players on the waiting list during the event. For more information go to choctawcasinos.com/durant or call 800-788-2464.

Directly north, just near the Missouri border, four miles west of Joplin, Mo., stands Downstream Casino and Resort. Downstream's poker director and Florida native Elliott Schecter knows what it takes to draw players to his room. With serious action and the lowest rake in the state (and most of the country), accompanied by the generous player comps and excellent service, it's no wonder the players stay happy and keep coming back.

On the current schedule is the Four States Poker Championship, which ends June 4, a perfect way to celebrate the tournament season for those that don't make it to the WSOP. Buy-ins start at as little as

NEXT MONTH IN ANTE UP



Look for full results from the Mid-South Poker Classic, which ended on May 16 at the Hard Rock in Tulsa.

\$40. Downstream also runs two Heartland Poker Tour events per year (the next event is scheduled for Sept. 15-25). Cash games are always running and this jewel of the region is worth a visit. Look them up at downstreamcasino.com or call 918-919-6209.

Players in Tulsa have several options for local cardrooms. The most popular cardroom begins with Hard Rock. The new room on the second floor has 12 cash tables that spread to 60 during all major events held quarterly. Hard Rock's annual Mid-South Poker Classic concluded May 16. Main games played here include \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE to \$1-\$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha. The abundance of amenities at this resort and the successful "Team Hard Rock" poker promotion provides a field of regulars as well as attracts many new tourists. Visit hardrockcasinotulsa.com or call 800-760-6700 for more information.

Another poker stop in the Tulsa area with three locations is the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino. The Tulsa location has eight tables, Bartlesville houses three and Sand Springs has two and they are all spreading a regular \$1-\$2 NLHE game. Different daily tournament schedules and bad beats are offered at each property to provide maximum variety. Guests 18 and older are welcome to play. Million Dollar Elm's desire to continually improve the outstanding guest service is a reason for its poker success. You can find more information on these rooms at milliondollarelm.com.

There aren't many casinos in Kansas, but operating just near Topeka is the very popular Prairie Band Casino and Resort. Though there are only five tables in this room the main games played are \$5-\$10 NLHE and \$5-\$10 hold'em/Omaha. There are daily tournaments and a bad-beat jackpot running in this recently remodeled room, which has kept a regular constituency of players for nearly seven years. To get in this game visit pbpgaming.com or call 785-966-7777.

Kansas gaming has been in a tornado of legality and red tape over the past several years, though it did manage to open the first state-run casino in the nation, Boot Hill Casino, in Dodge City, which has two poker tables. Wichita, however, is teeming with players. It is the home to the first free Amateur Poker League, which coupled with WPT to create the WPTAPL. It's home to many other cardrooms, too, operating under gray areas in the law and hoping to pull out a win in future gaming law decisions. Games from \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$10-\$20 limit are scattered about the city keeping the poker population thriving and happy.

Join me next time for an in-depth look at a few of these properties with insight from the cardroom managers about why they are so successful.

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SHOW ME!

A look at the Missouri poker scene

Cartwright wins 3rd WSOPC ring

By Scotty Clark

With this being the first *Ante Up* article dedicated to the Missouri poker scene, what better way to kick it off than to look at what happened during the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Harrah's St. Louis in April? The WSOPC had a successful St. Louis debut in 2010 so increased numbers across the board were no surprise this year. Poker room manager Denise Taykowsky, along with WSOPC tournament director Jimmy Sommerfeld, ran a first-rate experience.

RING EVENT, PLAYERS	WINNER, HOMETOWN, WINNINGS
1. \$345 NLHE, 843	Mark Pearse, Taylorville, IL, \$47,096
2. \$345 NLHE, 709	Dan Sztenderowicz, Philly, \$41,589
3. \$345 O/8, 181	Kurt Jewell, Frankfort, KY, \$13,206
4. \$345 H.O.R.S.E., 138	Ben Logan, Bristol, RI, \$10,755
5. \$345 NLHE, 393	Hugh Drummond, Vancouver, \$21,436
6. \$555 6-max, 205	Huyzer Nguyen, Norman, OK, \$25,241
7. \$555 NLHE, 276	Keith Woernle, Montgomery, AL, \$31,477
8. \$345 NLHE, 574	Rob Ellerman, Grain Valley, MO, \$34,772
9. \$345 NLHE, 253	La Sengphet, Carrollton, TX, \$17,855
10. \$1,600 M.E., 449	Kyle Cartwright, Bartlett, TN, \$142,290

The first ring event broke last year's record of 675 players to become the largest tournament in Missouri history. Highlights included Kurt Jewell, the 2011 Hammond (Ind.) WSOPC main event champion and Huyzer Nguyen, the Choctaw WSOPC main event champ,



Kyle Cartwright shows the three rings he won over a 75-day period.

each winning their second WSOPC rings this season. La Sengphet also won her second WSOPC ring in the last event in St. Louis.

Despite the showings by Jewell, Nguyen and Sengphet, one player stood above the rest. Kyle Cartwright, 23, captured the main event and \$142,290. This comes on the heels of his two WSOPC rings he won in Tunica, Miss., giving him three rings won in a 75-day span.

ST. LOUIS PRIMER: The St. Louis metropolitan area has four cardrooms and six casinos. In 2010, the region was the sixth largest gaming market in the nation, according to American Gaming Association. There are cardrooms at Ameristar in St. Charles, Harrah's in Maryland Heights, Lumiere Place Casino in St. Louis and River City Casino in South County on the River Des Peres.

— Scotty Clark is *Ante Up's* Missouri Ambassador. You can follow him at ScottyClarkPoker.com or email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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MINNESOTA

By John Somsky



Minnesota has had a vibrant poker community long before the Moneymaker boom, with cardrooms sprinkled throughout the state. The

Department of Justice's actions against online poker sites on April 15 sent shockwaves through the nation's poker industry, but Minnesota's live action seems to be heating up as a result.

Gregg Bartku, the Running Aces Harness Park poker room manager, said entries have increased in the \$235 and \$125 weekly tournaments since Black Friday. There also has been a noticeable increase in players sporting PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker gear.

As further evidence that poker will continue to thrive in Minnesota, *Ante Up* is now covering all things poker in Minnesota and will be available at many local cardrooms. You can look forward to coverage of such events as Canterbury Park's Fall Poker Classic and the Spring Poker Classic at Running Aces. Anything important to the Minnesota poker player will be reported here.

— John Somsky is the Ante Up Ambassador for Minnesota. You can email him at john.somsky@gmail.com.

CONNECTICUT

Selbst, Mercier defend NAPT titles

Exactly one year and two days before, Vanessa Selbst was posing for her winner's photos behind a mountain of chips, just moments after winning the inaugural PokerStars.net NAPT Mohegan Sun Main Event title.

Fast forward one year and two days later: same venue, same event, same champion.

Selbst accomplished the unthinkable in April when she captured the NAPT Mohegan Sun Main Event title to become the only player with multiple NAPT titles to her name.

"For some reason, Connecticut and poker agrees with me," she said. "It's so incredible; I can't even describe it. Every time I leave law school to go and play a poker tournament, I have a joke that my friends expect me to win because I've literally just won every tournament that I've played in Connecticut the past two years."

Selbst topped a 387-player field en route to claiming \$450,000 in prize money.

Asked how the repeat victory feels in comparison to the first, Selbst said: "I have no words to describe how I feel right now. To be able to defend the title is amazing. They both meant tremendous things for different reasons, but this (the repeat) is really, really important to me."



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AROUND THE COUNTRY

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Selbst overcame a significant chip disadvantage when play reached the heads-up stage as runner-up Dan Shak owned roughly 74 percent of the chips in play. Midway through the heads-up match, Selbst flopped a set of kings in a pivotal hand that gave her the chip lead, and she never relinquished it.

Shak, a 51-year-old trader from New York, collected \$254,000.

Notably, Joe Tehan also reached the final table with a chance to, like Selbst, become the first player to win multiple NAPT main event titles. The 30-year-old professional player from Las Vegas won the 2010 NAPT event in L.A. last November (\$725,000). Tehan got knocked out in sixth place (\$70,000) by fourth-place finisher Thomas Hoglund (\$120,000).

Twenty-one-year-old Tyler Kenney, brother of well-known high stakes cash game pro Bryn Kenney, began the final table with the chip lead, but ultimately made his exit in third place, collecting \$170,000, the largest tournament cash of his young career.

The main event generated a prize pool of more than \$1.7 million.

Other notable money winners included Jacobo Fernandez (11th, \$21,000), Nenad Medic (15th, \$14,000), Olivier Busquet (17th, \$12,000), Eric Froehlich (23rd, \$12,000), Adam Junglen (29th, \$10,500), Lee Markholt (42nd, \$7,500) and last year's NAPT Mohegan Sun runner-up Mike Beasley (56th, \$7,500).

FINAL TABLE PAYOUTS:

1. Vanessa Selbst, \$450,000	5. Vincent Rubianes, \$90,000
2. Dan Shak, \$254,000	6. Joe Tehan, \$70,000
3. Tyler Kenney, \$170,000	7. Aaron Overton, \$50,000
4. Thomas Hoglund, \$120,000	8. Steve O'Dwyer, \$32,330



Mercier follows suit

Jason Mercier saw what Selbst had accomplished and didn't want to be outdone, so he notched back-to-back wins of his own, claiming the NAPT Mohegan Sun Bounty Shootout championship, earning \$246,600 for the title he had captured the year before.

Mercier collected \$142,600 for winning the final shootout table; \$40,000 for winning his preliminary table; \$14,000 for collecting seven preliminary bounties; \$30,000 for three final-table bounties; and \$20,000 for winning the overall bounty prize.

Eugene Katchalov (Ukraine) finished runner-up to Mercier, collecting \$68,000 in prize money.

The \$10,300 event attracted 78 players for a \$780,000 prize pool.

FINAL TABLE PAYOUTS:

1. Jason Mercier, \$246,600	6. Jimmie Guinther, \$42K
2. Eugene Katchalov, \$68K	7. Scott Blackman, \$44K
3. Michael Pesek, \$70K	8. Micah Raskin, \$46K
4. Jonathan Jaffe, \$54K	9. Joe Sweeney, \$52K
5. Taylor von Kriegenbergh, \$44K	



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CHANGING LIVES

Taylor Von Kriegenbergh captures the first WPT Main Event in Florida and the \$1.15M that goes with the title. His victory also means a better life for his friends.



When the World Poker Tour announced it had partnered with the Seminole Hard Rock franchise to bring a WPT event to Florida for the first time, expectations were high. But amassing a field of 433 players for its \$10K main event and a \$4,156,800 prize pool must have shocked even the most optimistic fan.

Florida's top players, such as Robert Mizrachi, Jason Mercier and John Dolan, battled against many of the top pros in the game, including Annette Obrestad, Dwyte Pilgrim, Scott Montgomery, Chino Rheem, Matt Affleck and former WPT champion Tommy Vedes, who made the final table and finished sixth.

But none of the big names were able to out-play Taylor Von Kriegenbergh, who has one of the "biggest" names in all of poker at 21 letters.

He defeated a seasoned final table that included Vedes, Allen Bari, who has nearly \$2 million in career earnings, and Abbey Daniels, who fell just short of becoming the first woman to win an open WPT main event.

Daniels is a Coral Springs, Fla., resident and self-proclaimed "band mom" who was the only local to make the final table.

During a long final table that would end more than 11 hours after the cards hit the felt, the chip lead traded hands numerous times throughout the night. But by heads-up play the lead was back where it began, with the 22-year-old Von Kriegenbergh.

He used his big stack powerfully, going all-in twice in the first five hands of heads-up play against Curt Kohlberg. The second push was for all the money when Kriegenbergh's $Q\clubsuit-8\spadesuit$ pulled ahead of Kohl-

berg's $A\spadesuit-10\clubsuit$ as the board fell $Q\spadesuit-4\spadesuit-4\heartsuit-K\heartsuit-Q\heartsuit$. Kriegenbergh walked away with the title as the first WPT Seminole Hard Rock Showdown champion. He also won a WPT bracelet, the event trophy and \$1,122,340, including a \$25,500 buy-in to the season-ending WPT World Championship at Bellagio in Las Vegas.

"I'm speechless right now," he said. On being backed by friends, including one who makes \$10 an hour and owns a 10 percent stake in his success, he said, "I really love that tonight I was given the chance to change multiple lives, not just my own. It's wonderful."

Alexander Condon of Sioux City, Iowa, didn't finish in the money, but he was the deepest finisher among all 18- to 20-year-olds who entered this event. For that, he received a prize basket from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino that included an electric guitar autographed by Aaron Lewis, lead singer for the band Staind. Condon is the cousin of poker pro William Reynolds, who made the most recent WPT final table at the Hollywood Poker Open in Indiana.

WPT announcer Mike Sexton, who started consistently playing in WPT events this year, cashed for the third time in Season IX, taking home \$31,176 for 27th place.

The series, which had 34 events overall, had some interesting stories, including the first event, a \$350 no-limit hold'em tournament that attracted 1,000 entrants. Also, Phyliss Jefferson was the first African-American woman to win the senior event, taking home \$11,329 after besting nearly 120 players. The results from the undercard events can be seen on the next page.

\$10K Main Event

Entries: 433 • Prize Pool: \$4.15M

1. Taylor Von Kriegenbergh, \$1.1M
2. Curt Kohlberg, \$586,109
3. Justin Zaki, \$415,680
4. Abbey Daniels, \$286,819
5. Allen Bari, \$211,997
6. Tommy Vedes, \$166,272

COVER STORY



EVENT 2 WINNER: MANUEL HERRERA



EVENT 13 WINNER: KEVIN EYSTER



EVENT 19 WINNER: ROSTON STUKES



EVENT 25 WINNER: MITCHELL FRIEDBERG



EVENT 3 WINNER: ALFREDO ALCAZAR



EVENT 14 WINNER: BOBBY BINSKY



EVENT 20 WINNER: JUAN PERALTA



EVENT 26 WINNER: DARREN ELIAS



EVENT 4 WINNER: PHYLISS JEFFERSON



EVENT 15 WINNER: JOHN MCCAFFREY



EVENT 21 WINNER: ROSS BYRON



EVENT 27 WINNER: BARRY LEVY



EVENT 6 WINNER: JAVIER SARACHE



EVENT 16 WINNER: NICHOLAS ROGERS



EVENT 22 WINNER: RICHARD TITUS



EVENT 28 WINNER: ERIC KOLODNY



EVENT 11 WINNER: DONALD TODD



EVENT 17 WINNER: JUAN PERALTA



EVENT 23 WINNER: ALEXANDER NOLAN



EVENT 31 WINNER: ADAM GEORGE



EVENT 12 WINNER: CHRISTOPH CHOY



EVENT 18 WINNER: ANDREW DENICK



EVENT 24 WINNER: MATT QUEIROR



EVENT 32 WINNER: MIKE SIMKINS

Event 1 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 1,000 • Prize Pool: \$300K

Winner: Joe Johnson, \$69,300

Event 2 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 145 • Prize Pool: \$29,000

Winner: Manuel Herrera, \$9,285

Event 3 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 184 • Prize Pool: \$23,000

Winner: Alfredo Alcazar, \$2,256

Event 4 • \$350 Seniors

Players: 118 • Prize Pool: \$35,400

Winner: Phylliss Jefferson, \$11,329

Event 5 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 109 • Prize Pool: \$21,800

Winner: Anthony Ruberto, \$6,977

Event 6 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 125 • Prize Pool: \$37,500

Winner: Javier Sarache, \$10,093

Event 7 • \$230 Omaha/8

Players: 153 • Prize Pool: \$30,600

Winner: David Brooker, \$9,791

Event 8 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 58 • Prize Pool: \$17,400

Winner: Ashley Bunch, \$6,135

Event 9 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 72 • Prize Pool: \$30,000

Winner: Josh Prager, \$10,200

Event 10 • \$560 6-max NLHE

Players: 30 • Prize Pool: \$15,000

Winner: Marc Diaz, \$6,300

Event 11 • \$560 NLHE

Players: 274 • Prize Pool: \$137,000

Winner: Donald Todd, \$39,721

Event 12 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 146 • Prize Pool: \$43,800

Winner: Christoph Choy, \$14,017

Event 13 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 177 • Prize Pool: \$22,125

Winner: Kevin Eyster, \$7,079

Event 14 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 72 • Prize Pool: \$14,400

Winner: Bobby Binsky, \$4,895

Event 15 • \$340 PLO

Players: 66 • Prize Pool: \$19,800

Winner: John McCaffrey, \$7,524

Event 16 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 115 • Prize Pool: \$34,500

Winner: Nicholas Rogers, \$11,033

Event 17 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 105 • Prize Pool: \$13,125

Winner: Anthony Vidmer, \$4,199*

Event 18 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 118 • Prize Pool: \$35,400

Winner: Andrew Denick, \$4,685

Event 19 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 81 • Prize Pool: \$24,300

Winner: Roston Stukes, \$4,408

Event 20 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 44 • Prize Pool: \$13,200

Winner: Juan Peralta, \$5,940

Event 21 • \$350 NLHE

Players: 67 • Prize Pool: \$20,100

Winner: Ross Byron, \$7,638

Event 22 • \$125 NLHE

Players: 454 • Prize Pool: \$45,400

Winner: Richard Titus, \$8,000

Event 23 • \$560 NLHE

Players: 325 • Prize Pool: \$162,500

Winner: Alexander Nolan, \$44,442

Event 24 • \$1,080 6-max NLHE

Players: 39 • Prize Pool: \$39,000

Winner: Matt Queiror, \$17,550

Event 25 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 317 • Prize Pool: \$39,625

Winner: Mitchell Friedberg, \$7,406

Event 26 • \$1,630 NLHE

Players: 77 • Prize Pool: \$115,500

Winner: Darren Elias, \$39,269

Event 27 • \$560 H.O.R.S.E.

Players: 59 • Prize Pool: \$29,500

Winner: Barry Levy, \$5,863**

Event 28 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 289 • Prize Pool: \$36,125

Winner: Eric Kolodny, \$4,420

Event 29 • \$2,160 6-max NLHE

Players: 128 • Prize Pool: \$256,000

Winner: Dan Heimiller, \$87,552

Event 30 • \$550 Omaha/8

Players: 68 • Prize Pool: \$34,000

Winner: Dave Recke, \$4,250

Event 31 • \$150 NLHE

Players: 392 • Prize Pool: \$49,000

Winner: Adam George, \$4,559

Event 32 • \$560 NLHE

Players: 198 • Prize Pool: \$99,000

Winner: Mike Simkins, \$12,362

Event 34 • \$1,080 NLHE

Players: 64 • Prize Pool: \$64,000

Winner: Danny Schechter, \$25,600

* In Event 17 Anthony Vidmer was awarded the most money in a final table chop, but Juan Peralta won the trophy.

** In Event 27, Barry Levy won the title, but Michael Deveronica was listed in first with the most money earned.

*** Some players didn't pose for photos.

On April 15, 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice seized the domains of major poker sites PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker and Absolute/UB and indicted their founders, creating confusion, anxiety, distraught and utter contempt throughout the online poker community. This day will forever be known in the poker world as . . .

BLACK FRIDAY

Perhaps this will motivate players to be more civic-minded. What follows are two letters you can send to elected officials (theppa.org has lawmaker addresses and an easy-to-use e-mail function), a breakdown of the case from an online gaming lawyer and a letter from a poker room manager who says this is bad for all poker.

LETTERS FOR OUR LEADERS

Cut them out, send them in.



Dear President Obama,

On April 15, the Department of Justice exercised an action that crippled the online poker industry and many related industries, and made it much more difficult for me to enjoy the skill-based game that I enjoy and that is legal in some form in virtually every state in our Union.

As a citizen, a voter and a poker player, I urge you and members of Congress to now take seriously the legislation that has previously been introduced in Congress to establish regulation for the online poker industry, so that millions of hard-working Americans and I can enjoy this great game from the comfort of our homes and generate billions of dollars of much-needed tax revenue that will benefit all Americans, whether they play poker or not.

Mr. President, I know you, too, enjoy this game and the social interaction that it fosters.

Respectfully submitted,

Name _____

Address _____

Dear Honorable _____,

I am a citizen and voter that you represent ... and I am a poker player.

I'm writing you today to urge you to consider supporting legislation that will expand my right to enjoy poker, a great American game, and to consider submitting additional legislation that will do the same.

Poker has been unfairly lumped into casino "games of chance," even though poker is a game that involves a great deal of skill. I'm convinced, as are millions of my fellow Americans, that with the proper regulation and safeguards, poker is a worthwhile entertainment option that can provide billions of dollars of much-needed tax revenue that can help fill budget shortfalls that we are seeing from sea to shining sea.

Before you vote to cut necessary programs or raise taxes, please consider another option: allowing us to play a game, which our presidents have enjoyed, in a safe, regulated and taxed environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Name _____

Address _____



THE TRUTH ABOUT POKER

POKER IS A GAME OF SKILL

Unlike many casino “games of chance,” players are able to study, practice and improve at the poker table. In the long-term, a skilled poker player will be a winning poker player.

PEOPLE ENJOY POKER

Because the game is legal in some form in virtually every state in the Union, it’s recognized as a legitimate activity that millions of Americans enjoy daily. If it is legal and regulated in some form, it should be legal and regulated in all forms.

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POKER IS A SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The term “a friendly game of poker” is more than a cliché. The game encourages interaction not only among friends, but also among strangers.

POKER IS A SOURCE FOR MUCH-NEEDED GOVERNMENT REVENUE

As we continue to struggle with the effects of a down economy, regulating the game not only provides a safer environment for players, but can help avoid cutting necessary programs or raising taxes, both of which benefit all citizens, not just the people who enjoy the game.

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When you joined us in 2006, you said Internet poker as we know it was gone. After a few months, however, the online sites found workarounds and since then, it's largely been business as usual. But is it safe to say the actions of Black Friday are a far more serious of a threat to online poker than the UIGEA was? Well, the UIGEA when it was passed was merely just a threat to enforcement. It provided the Department of Justice with the tools to go after the online poker industry. But Black Friday's developments show the DOJ is finally interested in actually pursuing some of these operators for gambling violations and enforcing the UIGEA. Oddly enough, the UIGEA since it was passed in 2006 hasn't been enforced against online poker establishments. So it's taken quite some time for the government to put together a case.

While PokerStars and FullTilt have shut off access to U.S. players, there are still online poker sites serving them. Do you think action is likely to be taken against those sites, and should players be concerned about playing on them? The players have always faced a risk of potential seizure of their funds or interruption of the flow of money. That's kind of a cost of business that everybody has to realize that they're in the United States and placing bets with an online gambling establishment. The U.S. says online gambling is illegal. Whether it is or it isn't is something the courts will decide, possibly in this case, possibly in future cases. . . .

As far as other sites being prosecuted that's a possibility. . . . We know there are several investigations of payment processors occurring at the federal level and some of those may involve other online gaming sites, other online poker sites.

. . . I would not be surprised to learn there are other big names, possibly small names that are going to be the subject of the same kind of seizure and prosecution.

Do our readers and listeners face legal problems from having played or deposited money? I can tell you from a practical standpoint it's unlikely the players have anything to worry about.

Certainly there are theories under which the players could be prosecuted, you know, conspiracy, aiding and abetting and some of these accomplice liability statutes would allow the government to pursue the players as facilitators of online gambling or something like that. But from a practical matter the government has bigger fish to fry.

They're not interested in pursuing somebody in their basement making \$10 bets on poker hands. That's not what the federal statutes were designed to do. . . . It's good to be cautious, but for the average player I don't think there's a whole lot to worry about.

One of the charges alleges "operation of an illegal gambling business." This one likely has people most confused because there doesn't seem to be any law that speaks to this. Is that correct? I can tell you there are going to be some defenses to this indictment. This is not a slam-dunk on these counts for the federal government. . . . Now they have to prove their case, beyond a reasonable doubt. And they have to justify all these charges and explain to a federal judge if they've gone too far. I can tell you there's no federal law that prohibits online poker.

So therefore the government is very careful in dancing around this issue in the indictments. They don't specifically cite a federal law that

prohibits online poker activities. Instead they rely on this illegal gambling business statute and the UIGEA, both of which require that some separate independent law prohibit the gambling activity at issue. Federal law doesn't prohibit online poker, so what they have to do is rely on state law.

Both the UIGEA and the Illegal Gambling Business Act, such in 1955, are what I call pass-through laws. They allow state law to form the basis for federal violation. But here what we're talking about amazingly is holding a foreign legal and licensed online poker operator in another country (that's operating consistent with the laws of its host jurisdiction) responsible for a misdemeanor New York gambling statute that has nothing to do with online gambling.

The New York state laws referenced as the basis for making online poker illegal talk about prohibiting gambling in general and the promotion of gambling in general. These are misdemeanor statutes. They do not relate to online gambling.

New York is not one of the states that passed an online gambling prohibition like a number of other states have. This indictment, at least a large part of it, may stand or fall based on the ability of the U.S. government to hold a foreign operator responsible for compliances with a New York misdemeanor statute. There are going to be problems there.

Certainly it sounds like the indictments alleging bank fraud and money laundering are the most damning, if proved to be true.

In my view this case stands or falls based on the bank fraud and misrepresentation allegations. The gambling counts and the money laundering counts are all dependent on whether online poker is illegal, and that's really an open question, very debatable, very dubious.

But when you start talking about misrepresentation, lying to banks, misrepresenting the source of banking transactions, you start getting into federal banking regulations. There are potential problems there. We don't know if any of these allegations are true. So far they're just allegations. But to the extent that there is any meat on the bone with these allegations, then that could form a potential problem for the defendants. The federal banking fraud laws are fairly broad. . . .

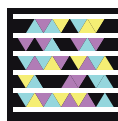
Let's say online poker is ultimately legal and you can't use the state laws to prohibit it, then what they are really accused of doing is calling these transactions one legal activity instead of another. So it would be tantamount to telling the bank I'm really selling golf balls when I was selling jewelry. Well, so what? If they're both legal transactions where's the damage? Who's the victim? How is anybody hurt by this?

There could be issues that are intertwined with legality of the underlying gambling activity even with the bank fraud counts. And certainly with the money laundering counts. They talk about disguising the nature or identity of the gambling transactions as the basis for money laundering. Well if the underlying activity is not illegal the money laundering counts don't stick because you have to have (in addition to disguising the nature

of the transaction) some underlying illegal activity. So a lot is going to depend on whether Internet gambling in the form of online poker is actually illegal and whether these state statutes can be applied in such a way as to justify as a violation of federal law. ♠



Lawrence Walters



There was so much more to this interview. Scan this tag with your smartphone to hear the rest.



WHERE DOES OUR INDUSTRY GO FROM HERE?

As someone who runs a brick-and-mortar poker room, I would be expected to be ecstatic that the U.S. Department of Justice has eliminated, at least temporarily, a healthy portion of my competition. Most of my colleagues believe there will be an uptick in business in the short term and continued growth in the long term as Internet players convert to casino poker. I wholeheartedly disagree with that notion. I believe the absence of a thriving online poker industry in the United States is harmful to the American casino poker industry, short and long term.

Let's break down the components of the argument that led to that conclusion. Consider what online poker rooms supply in terms of product and price. The formats and opportunities are substantially more varied and different than that of casinos; six-handed max and heads-up games; 5-, 6-, 7-, 8- and 10-game rotations, Rush Poker), and of course, the ability to play as many games as one's lack of attention span will facilitate. All of these formats are offered at micro, mini, low, medium, high and nosebleed stakes for cash games and tournaments. Also, there are various forms of sit-n-go tournaments and double-or-nothing tournaments offered at all buy-in levels. These are games and stakes generally not found in B&M poker rooms and not because those of us that run these establishments don't want to offer them.

CASH GAMES: When it comes to the multigame rotations, these players generally are hard to round up and seat at one location. When these games finally are spread in a B&M cardroom, they usually run without a list then run short-handed before breaking. Also, these multiway games last a precious few hours more often than not. The infrequent existence of these games starts the vicious cycle; the game never starts because not enough people want to play and not enough people get on the list because the game never starts. The ability to list players from every time zone on the planet has overcome this vicious cycle.

As for six-handed max no-limit hold'em games and heads-up games of various forms, there are many reasons why these aren't viable in a casino. Without discussing the expected revenue per square foot of poker room real estate that my colleagues and I need to generate to keep our rooms open and our paychecks being issued, let's try to understand the perspectives of the players, dealers and brush personnel.

When players walk into a room and see short-handed tables or heads-up games going, they reasonably and correctly inquire as to why the available spots aren't being filled from the list. These must be spread on full-size tables because in poker room managers' conversations with general managers, we can't justify the permanent or temporary installation of special six-handed or heads-up tables for very infrequent games.

For dealers, these games present them with the very definition of a lose-lose situation. First, a significant portion of pots in these games are won uncontested preflop, which usually results in no tokens. Second, because of all these quick wins, the dealers find themselves working quite a bit harder and getting out many more hands per hour. The result is they are dealing more hands than ever for quite a bit less compensation, the classic morale killer that I always try to avoid.

TOURNAMENTS: Multitable events, SNGs, double-or-nothings, you name it, are offered at all stakes. The main attraction is the value presented to the players based on the size of the fields. The World Series notwithstanding, no B&M room can offer the field size, value, variety and payouts of the tournaments that can be found online. With many tournaments starting at all times on any given day, online players have plenty of choices and will always find large fields at affordable prices, all because of the virtually unlimited tables and capacity available to the online cardrooms.

In other words, and this is based upon the fact that dealers, equipment, and especially, casino square footage are all finite, B&M casinos basically can only offer tournaments of smaller fields that cost the players more to play in regardless of buy-in price. The necessity of poker rooms to adjust tournament entry fees so the average revenue per table hour in tournaments is at least somewhat comparable to that of cash games has enabled the online tournaments to offer a better value. After the first few tables, a poker tournament that takes up a good portion of the square footage in a poker room metamorphoses from loss leader to staple offering, and the prices (entry fees) charged and revenue produced must reflect that.

People play solely online for a number of reasons:

- There's no legal casino gaming in their geographic area.
- They're not of legal age to participate in available B&M casino gaming.
- They play at stakes so small or, much less often, so large, that the B&M casinos don't offer these games.
- The ability to play on more than one table at a time.

Multitabling allows a player to extract an edge many more times per hour and usually with a lot less bankroll at risk. Like any investor, a poker player putting one's bankroll to use in a fashion that affords lowered risk and steady, elevated returns would be acting in a reasonable and rational way. There's just no way casinos can offer an experience or product similar to multitabling.

CONCLUSION: Considering online poker sites and brick-and-mortar poker rooms offer vastly different products, one must deduce that online players orphaned without a supply will not necessarily demand what the B&M poker rooms have to offer. Also, it is reasonable to assume those playing in both venues will not have enough time in the day to appreciably raise our head counts and game hours in the B&M poker rooms.

Furthermore, with the elimination of advertising and sponsorship dollars causing the possible shuttering of poker print publications, and the curtailing of poker broadcasts leading to far less coverage of our game and industry, the expansion of the player base and of the game might slow or reverse. To paraphrase Jay Wiles, the poker room manager at WinStar World Casino: If something is good for poker it is good for all of us in the business. As for me, I've yet to figure out how what happened on April 15 was good at all for the American casino poker industry.

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DEALING WITH COLD FOUR-BETS

I recently had the pleasure of having to handle multiple cold four-bets in the \$25,000 high-roller event at the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure. My table was fairly aggressive so I was doing a decent amount of reraising when I was in position while playing a tight game out of position. When you're playing a huge buy-in event, you need to make a point to abuse your position as much as possible while making sure you don't get abused when you're out of position.



A hand came up where Vivek Rajkumar raised from the hijack seat to 4,000 out of his 120,000 stack when we were playing 800-1,600-200. I reraised with 9♠-7♠ to 11,000 out of my 100,000 stack and Erik Seidel, who had more chips than me, four-bet to 28,000 from the big blind. I didn't think much of this hand and quickly folded.

An orbit later, Vivek raised from the button to 4,000 and I made it 12,800 out of my 90,000 stack from the small blind with A♥-J♥. Normally, calling in this situation should always be a strong consideration because if you get four-bet, you will be in a tricky spot. That being said, because I was reraising so often, I was fairly confident I could profitably get all-in against Vivek for 90,000 if he decided to four-bet me. To my surprise Anthony Gregg, who was playing fairly tight and aggressive, four-bet to 26,000. He had me covered. When this hand came up, I didn't know much about Anthony besides he made it deep in the PCA a year or two earlier, so I assumed he couldn't be a super nit. He also is young and seems smart. Because of this, I thought he could easily realize Vivek was raising the button a ton so to combat this, I was going to reraise a lot.

So, what should I have done? I was getting something like 2.5-to-1 so calling should always be considered. The problem is that I would be unsure on how to play basically every flop, as he could have A-K and I would certainly go broke on an A-x-x board. Or he could have Q-Q and I would go broke on a J-x-x board. Also, he usually will make a continuation bet postflop, meaning he will win a lot of pots with the worst hand, assuming he has some bluffs in his range. Folding would certainly be fine if I assume he's never making a play, as A♥-J♥ has something like 32 percent equity against a range of 10-10-plus, A-Q-plus. If I think he has a decent amount of bluffs in his range, which I thought would happen some percent of the time, things could get tricky.

I imagine his calling range if I decided to go all-in would be 10-10-plus, A-Q-plus basically every time. If I thought he was four-betting with something like 7-7-plus, A-9-plus, K-Q, K-J suited-plus, and

suited connectors 7-6-suited and better, he will be folding around 66 percent of the hands he is four-betting, as he will call with 5 percent of hands but raising 14 percent. It should be noted that all players will four-bet bluff with different ranges. For simplicity, this range will work. Knowing that, we can come up with the following equation to figure out my equity.

Profit = (percent both players fold)(pot I win) + (percent Anthony calls)(equity in pot - amount put in pot) + (percent Anthony folds and Vivek calls)(equity in pot - amount in pot)

For simplicity, I'm going to assume Vivek will only call around 8 percent of the time. I'm also going to ignore the times they both call, as it will rarely happen. We know my equity in the pot because we generally know his calling range and how well A-J does against it. So, we have:

$$.61(46,800) + (.33)(60,160-90,000) - .08(68,480 - 90,000) = 28,548 - 9,847 - 1,721 = 16,980$$

This means we will win 16,980 or so every time we make this play, assuming all the ranges listed above are correct. This is a huge amount of profit, especially since we're only playing 800-1,600-200. If he's playing tight, though, the equation would look something like this, as we'll no longer have much fold equity:

$$.2(46,800) + .71(60,160 - 90,000) - .08(68,480 - 90,000) = 9,360 - 21,186 - 1,721 = -13,547$$

This means when he's rarely four-bet bluffing, I'm in bad shape. All we have to do now is guess how often he is four-betting with a wide range and how often he is four-betting with a tight range. If we think he'll have a wide range something like 25 percent of the time and a tight range 75 percent of the time, we wind up with:

$$.25(16,980) + .75(-13,547) = 4,245 - 10,160 = -5,915$$

You should be able to see the number would be positive if we thought he would be bluffing often. There's a lot of guesswork involved in poker. In this spot, we need to guess what his range is going to be then guess how often he will have each range. This is why it's so important to know your opponent. If you think he'll only four-bet with the nuts, you have an easy fold. If you think he'll bluff often, you have an easy push.

All of this being said, I decided to go all-in. He called with A-Q and I was out. Looking at the math in this article, I think I should've folded and waited for a better spot. Analyzing your play away from the table is something everyone should do. If you'd like an extensive lesson on this topic and many others, pick up my new book, *Secrets of Professional Tournament Poker*.

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STOP ANGLE-SHOOTERS IN THEIR TRACKS

Everywhere you have rules, which means you'll often find people who try to abuse them, especially in poker. When a great deal of money and prestige are involved bending the rules may occur. In a technical sense angle-shooting isn't cheating. Angle-shooters don't break the rules; they simply take every chance they can to bend them to create an unfair advantage for themselves. There's such a gray area when it comes to angle-shooting, which ruins the atmosphere and spirit of the game. However it still isn't illegal.



Angle-shooters use many sneaky tactics, especially when deliberately acting out of turn and putting out false information to get a better read on opponents. An angle-shooter will bet out of turn hoping to induce players still to act in front of them to check, and then he'll check behind and receive a free card. Another ploy is to fake fold before the action gets to him in a false show of weakness, then he'll raise after a player who bet before him has committed his chips.

Sometimes these players will pick up a large chip stack as if he's about to bet when it's his turn, all the while watching opponents and studying their reaction. When it's his turn to play he pulls back his large stack and he checks.

Here are some other examples:

- The string-raise in poker was made illegal years ago; however underhanded angle-shooters still use it to their advantage. When they do this they receive two advantages; first they study the player's reactions, and second they intimidate other players into checking and not betting. Angle-shooters make the string-raise knowing the bet won't be allowed. Thus they gain valuable information on all players behind them who now don't bet their hand showing an average hand to the angle-shooter. This information is huge on the next betting round.

- In the old days (and sometimes now) a player deliberately miscalled his hand in an effort to get the other player to fold, making the hand dead when it hits the muck. This isn't as prevalent these days and it's usually a misread by the player. It most often happens with flushes and straights. Most angle-shooters know this play will only work with a weak dealer and weak players. They will, however, use this play if they feel they can get away with it.

- A player accidentally flashes one or both of his cards to another player to watch his reaction or to induce him to do what the angle-shooter wants.

- In tournament play a short-stacked player will stall when the tournament is on the bubble, hoping to get the other short stacks to bust out first.

Sometimes he'll try to convince the dealer there's been a misdeal after seeing one or both of their cards.

What makes angle-shooting so frustrating is that it's so difficult to see or prove by the average player. No player can prove intent; and every angle-shooter will state they made a legitimate mistake through error by another player or dealer. When angle-shooting happens once it may truly be a mistake. However, when it happens over and over again by the same player recognize that this player is an angle-shooter.

They often will try taking chips out of play, a.k.a. Going South, in cash games and tournaments, then reintroducing these chips when they have a big hand.

One of the best ways to defeat the angle-shooter is to play slowly when in front of the suspected angle-shooter. If you are playing after the angle-shooter be sure to ask what their intention is if the play seems unclear or if the angle-shooter has made several different moves toward the pot. Also ask the dealer to make sure what the angle player's intention is before you act. Again play slowly with clear intention on your part.

To prevent an angle-shooter from continuing to use these deceptive practices make your objections clear to the dealer and ask the floor to make a ruling if the dealer is unclear or unsure. It's your right to protect your money and the integrity of the game.

Our game is so precious that there is no place for angle-shooters who only care about receiving an "unfair advantage" over other players. Please insist dealers and floor personnel be aware there may be a player who is constantly "shooting angles" and creating a prevailing mood or spirit of unrest at the table.

Once the word gets out about an angle-shooter they usually will become much more passive or will move to another location. Please make it your business to let every player know what you suspect is happening and don't be shy about letting the angle-shooter know you're wise to him.

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5 TELLS YOU NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT

One of the questions I'm often asked is of all the tells you wrote about in *200 Poker Tells*, which ones were the biggest surprise to most readers or least known? That's a fair question, but it's tough to answer because it depends on those things that are familiar to a particular poker player. If you've read Mike Caro's book you're familiar with the 50 or so tells he researched.



JOE NAVARRO

Perhaps you've read Annie Duke's work and so you know the tells she writes about. Because I took a holistic approach writing about the tells that could be used in poker to discern if a player is strong, marginal or weak, many of these may be unknown. In *Read 'em and Reap*, I wrote about 80 or so tells that I thought would be useful. This new book takes it a lot further, so to mention just five will be tough but here they are.

ONE: When players touch their nose while playing, they may do so to relieve a little tension or because their nose is dry (this happens a lot in Vegas where it's dry and because of air conditioning). However when a player sneaks a touch of the nose and does so in a manner so as to not be noticed, what he's doing is suppressing a lot of stress and most likely is weak or marginal.

TWO: Players who stick their finger into the side of their check pushing in deeply are relieving stress and usually have marginal holdings, but most likely they're extremely weak. This is one of those behaviors

I use to see when interviewing suspects that had guilty knowledge and wanted to release the stress of the interview.

THREE: Sudden eyelid flutter, especially postflop is usually indicative of struggling with something, weakness or being marginal. Strong players rarely flutter their eyelids because this is behavior associated with discomfort, lack of understanding, being upset or flummoxed, not being confident.

FOUR: After a player goes all-in, his hands return to the edge of the table palms up (the rogatory position). In almost all instances where I've seen this, the player was bluffing. "Palms up" is not a confidence display but rather what we do when we hope others believe us.

FIVE: After a player goes all-in or even as he moves the chips to the center of the table he tucks his chin in (close to the neck) and keeps it there. This behavior is usually performed when players are weak or marginal. It shows lack of confidence and in life we usually do this when we fret something or are fearful.

So there you have it, five behaviors you may never have thought about related to poker. These are seen all of the time at the poker table and yet most people don't know what the behaviors mean. So if you're interested in learning more secret poker tells, get to work, there are plenty of books out there to help you play your best.

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SOME OF US NEEDED THIS KICK IN THE PANTS

As a happily married poker player with an awesome 14-month-old son, I have relied on the freedom to play a legal game in the comfort of my home so I don't have to be on the road as much. So, naturally, when I got the news of Black Friday, I was devastated, right? I was just kind of numb at first, but I'm actually a little bit happy. Why? It has forced many of us who have become slaves to our jobs grinding online to take some time off. At my last live event, I ran into a couple of guys who I know grind extremely hard online and I was shocked at how good they both looked. One of them said, "Man, it's amazing waking up on Monday not still being all stressed out about everything that happened on Sunday."

Now back to Gray Friday. There are simply too many positives creeping in here for me to keep calling it Black Friday. I've been able to break free from my computer for just long enough to get a grip on what's important and finally see it's OK to take a break and enjoy life and those who make it so great. So, with my new, healthier perspective, I know when online poker does come back full force, I will have the discipline to balance everything much better.

This also has motivated me to play more live poker. Having played so much online in the past few years, I had become more reclusive than my normal self. Online play is invaluable for its ability to allow you to see so many hands in such little time, and to help you learn many of the standard betting patterns that players follow. But the social aspect of poker is obviously absent, with the exception of an occasional chat line or two. I've logged a few live sessions since Gray Friday and besides booking some nice wins, I realized again how fun, educational and profitable live poker can be.

Online poker had gotten really tough over the past few years, as the pool of fish has mainly dried up while many online players have really studied and developed their games. I also have enjoyed working on my live game, getting more in tune with physical and table-talk tells, and staying disciplined based on this additional information I get while sitting across from opponents. The tim-

ing couldn't have been more perfect for me as we were just a few weeks away from the start of the World Series. With grinding some live sessions vs. opponents with myriad skill levels, I know I'm going to be better prepared than ever heading to the Rio.

With all of this said, I'd like to make sure everyone knows I'm not happy about what has transpired and the charges and arrests that have been made against the owners of our most popular sites. I'm not happy recreational players who don't live near a cardroom or are disabled, sick or otherwise incapacitated can't play the game at home.

I am happy for those of us who needed the kick in the butt to get a better balance with our lives and realize that, yes, it's OK to miss a Sunday online once in a while. It's a shame we needed that, but I know it's something that people in many other professions fall victim to as they just keep on living to work instead of working to live and enjoy our short time on this planet.

I hope we eventually get to a state of licensed and regulated online poker and that when the time comes, we remember the reduced stress that the forced break has spawned. I hope we can keep our priorities straight and maintain a balanced life. After all, isn't that the reason most of us chose poker as a profession? We developed a passion for the game and then realized if we could make a living doing it we would be our own boss and could have as much free time as we wanted. My life is becoming much more fun than it was the past few years. Don't get me wrong; it's been pretty good for the most part, but I'm going to play poker when I want to play poker. I'm going to spend more time with my family, even if it means I miss some can't-miss tournament and I'm going to enjoy the freedom of my career choice that makes it so appealing for those that aspire to live it.

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LIVE POKER: ART OF THE UNBALANCED RANGE

In today's poker climate, we hear sophisticated online players wearing oversized headphones speaking in tongues quite often. They rattle off terms such as balance and expect the poker world to understand their jargon. Having played the highest stakes online at one point and having played live regularly for the most part of my poker career, I can say quite confidently I adjust and adapt relatively well to either medium.



MIKE WOLF

There is one situation that occurs quite often in live low stakes no-limit hold'em that online players have and will continue to outthink themselves. The situation occurs when a black-and-white-type player takes a black-and-white line. At the lower stakes no-limit hold'em around the country I've found that most recreational players tend to discard balance when their range is seemingly polarized. We

all have encountered these situations.

You raise preflop with A♥K♦ and get a few callers. The flop comes 7-8-8 with two hearts. One opponent is a middle-aged recreational player drinking beer and talking to friends. You bet a nice solid c-bet. He calls and makes sure to stop talking as everyone else folds. The turn is a third heart. You decide it's a pretty good card for your hand and fire the second barrel, making better hands such as 4-4 and 5-5 fold and leaving us with plenty of outs (equity), overcards and a flush draw, when called.

He min-raises you. Uh-oh! But wait a second; we're getting the right odds to call even if he shows us an 8 face-up. We (correctly) call the tiny raise on the turn. The river puts the fourth heart on the board. Ship it! Isn't poker so easy when you hit?

But wait a second. Have we thought about our opponent's possible holdings? Didn't think so. We do have the A♥ so we're getting all the money in, right? Wrong! We're clearly playing our own hand, which means we're thinking on Level 1, and that isn't good. Also you can assume all but the most sophisticated low-stakes player will try to turn a one pair hand into a bluff in a spot like this. Since we have the A♥ we know he can't have the A♥. Common sense, huh?

He leads into us on the river, a big bet, about the size of the pot if not a little bigger. Here's a spot where we should seriously deliberate just flat-calling. Since we are both deep (forgot to mention that but roll with me) why would we want to reopen the betting? Say you raise and then he reraises all-in. Since we have the A♥ we know he's bluffing or has a full house (most likely 7-7). Forget about him bluffing in this spot. His range in completely unbalanced toward full houses as a player like this is incapable of bluffing in this spot.

That's the thing about live low-stakes players: They don't think about balance. When they have the nuts, they simply try to get value. A tiny check-raise on the turn followed by a huge bet on the river. What is he representing? Exactly. A good player may be thinking: "Maybe he has a small flush that decided he can't win on the river and is trying to get the K♥ to fold with the pot-sized bet on the river. I call." Or "Maybe he has 9-10 and decided to represent the flush because he knows we're good enough to fold overpairs with no heart. I call."

A word of advice from a successful low-stakes grinder: Give them the benefit of the doubt and pick a better spot. Big calls have been losing propositions in my experience.

I believe in certain situations in tournaments when the blinds are so high you must take any marginal edge that's available to you. For example getting your small stack in with 5-5 and hoping to win a flip is something you may not want to do in a cash game, but in a tournament it may be the correct play.

It may be 100 percent correct to get all of your chips in the middle in the late stages of a tournament in the situation mentioned above. But in a cash game, with deep stacks I feel you should consider calling and maybe even folding on the river depending on how strong your read is. The blinds don't go up, patience is key and you will always be able to see dozens if not hundreds of better spots (or millions if you live outside the U.S.) As I write this I'm packing for Toronto. If you live up there and want to trade bad-beat stories over a Molson, be sure to shoot me an email.

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IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING

By Al Spath

Sir Winston Churchill is credited with coining the phrase, "If you are going through hell, keep going." He couldn't know that generations later poker players the world over would apply its relevance to their game. Poker can be brutal on your psyche, so the quicker you can get out of a "funk" or away from your "losing ways" at the tables, the sooner you can feel your feet are out of the fire.

The "burning" question remains: "What should I do when everything is going so poorly for me at the tables and I've tried everything?" Tough question, but I would reply, "What have you tried? And are you willing to really change your ways?"

For example, when you play sit-n-go tournaments do you drop down a notch to \$50 events instead of \$100? For those of you who play cash games do you drop down a level or several levels when it gets tough sledding at higher limits?

If you are not, but doing quite the opposite, moving up in limits to recapture your losses, you might find your bankroll being depleted, right along with your enthusiasm for the game. Making a move in the wrong direction to compensate for poor play, a run of bad luck or inconsistent results is not the "prescription" to fix your problem.

Sometimes, we don't realize we've picked up a few bad habits such as playing too many hands that when we're "on our game," would discard in an instant. Occasionally we may feel our skills are superior to our opponents and underestimate their skills. Let's discuss useful remedies and how can we stop the bleeding. If you're reeling, it's time

to step away from the tables. Take a break. It won't kill you to spend some time with a loved one (you remember them; they were around when you didn't play poker all the time). Relax, catch a nap, see a movie, read a book (not necessarily a poker book, but that's OK, too) and clear the mind. That means forget about any impending bankroll issues, forget about the recent bad losing streak or bad beat, and above all, forget about the pressures of having to win each time you play.

When you return to poker, start out slowly. Play in games you can "afford" and don't put financial pressure on yourself. Play solid-aggressive poker, remembering how you became so successful in the first place when you did not play too many hands. Cut down on being the one in the hand constantly "drawing" while falling far behind your opponent. Make steady progress daily and don't be in a hurry to jump up in limits. Take the time to replenish your poker soul, as well as your bankroll.

Once you have established a return to good poker habits and play, make the move back to a comfortable level again.

It might seem like hell when you're in the midst of a losing streak and it might seem like there is nothing you can do, but that's so wrong. Take charge of your situation and make some changes to relieve the stress and heat associated with this purgatory.

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TOP 5 POKER CHAPTERS *of* ALL TIME

... according to me.

BY CHRISTOPHER COSENZA

I'm not one of those players who proudly announces, "I've never read a poker book in my life!" as if it's some badge of honor to play poker on pure talent while never utilizing the libraries of poker knowledge that exist. It's just plain silly.

Poker authors learned the hard lessons for you. Why not learn from them? To paraphrase Joey Knish in *Rounders*, they're showing you the playbook they put together off their own beats. If someone dropped you in the middle of a foreign land, gave you a car and said, "A cardroom is just three miles away; go play poker," would you drive aimlessly hoping to run into this casino, or would you ask this person for directions? Sure, your dad or your grandmother probably taught you the basics of poker, but can you play optimally just knowing the rules and what beats what? Of course not.

Admittedly, I learned to play poker as a child, but not effectively. I just tried to make hands and beat my dad. As an adult I realized if I were going to play poker for money, I'd need help. Why should I put my hard-earned money on the table without being prepared? That's when I ordered Doyle Brunson's *Super System*. That book paid for itself a hundred times over, and I was lucky because I didn't have to buy it back when it cost \$100.

With that book started a long list of poker titles that filled my shelves. I read everything I could find: *Caro's Book of Tells*, *Play Poker Like the Pros*, *Read 'Em and Reap*, *Championship No-Limit and Pot-Limit Hold'em*, *Super System 2*, *Ace on the River*, and the list goes on. I may not be as bright as the other bulbs in the chandelier, but if I could extract one premise or one idea from each book I would be that much more advanced than I was when I started. I've learned something from every book I've read, whether it's readily at the front of my mind or buried in my subconscious, so each tome has its benefits.

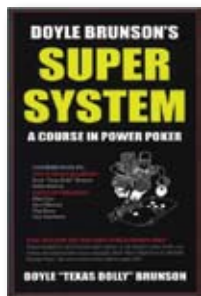
But of all the chapters in all the dozens of books I've read, the following five have affected me the most. I chose chapters that had a specific role in my poker maturity and conveyed a complete idea or game. For example, Daniel Negreanu's small-ball section of his *Power Hold'em Strategy* technically is a chapter, but it takes up almost half of his overall book, so I felt it didn't have a place on this particular list, as remarkable as it is.

So here they are, the five greatest chapters in poker strategy literature (to me), and they're in no particular order.



No Limit Hold'em

Doyle Brunson, *Super System*



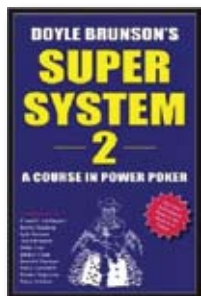
The Cadillac of poker games, you hear people say this all the time about no-limit hold'em, but it was Doyle who coined the phrase, and he did so in this chapter. Brunson teaches you immediately that to be a winning no-limit hold'em player you **MUST** be aggressive. It sounds like old news when you hear it today, but that's only because we live in the post-poker-boom age that has a saturated televised poker market and, of course, the instant gratification of the Internet. *Super System*, the bible of poker, was written in the late '70s, a time when if you wanted to learn something you **HAD** to go to the library or bookstore.

But this chapter doesn't merely just say, "play aggressively." It takes concepts that wouldn't occur to the average person and conveys them in a way that person can understand. For instance, Brunson turns the antiquated "check to the raiser" philosophy on its ear by saying when he has the image of an aggressive player he always bets into the preflop raiser when he turns a big hand. Back then "turn" meant flop, so if he flopped a monster, such as trips or two baby pair, he would lead out with a bet into the preflop raiser, who is supposed to have a big hand there.

Even this concept may seem simple to you now because maybe now you're educated in the game, but to someone who only knew "what beats what" before he read the book, this was an epiphany. And, for me, *Super System's* no-limit hold'em chapter (and the rest of the book for that matter) is full of epiphanies.

Seven-Card Stud 8 or Better

Todd Brunson, *Super System 2*



Early in my poker career I played just no-limit hold'em (tournaments at first, then cash games). But I could see there were going to be so many no-limit hold'em players that I'd need something else to excel at if I were to find soft spots and make money. I'm a concept guy, meaning I like to have a simple concept to follow so I can grasp what I'm learning.

Years ago, during an interview on our *Ante Up PokerCast*, Chip Reese (RIP) was asked to give our listeners a tip for those just learning stud/8. He said, "Always go for the low." What a great tip! It

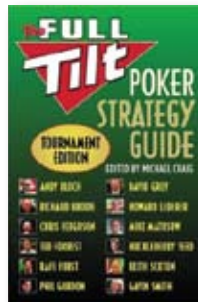
isn't a hard-and-fast rule for advanced play, but for someone who never sat in a split-pot game and steered clear of the complexities of stud, this was sheer brilliance. If you go for the low you could back into a high as well and win the whole pot. It's also an easy way to fold marginal hands before fourth street. So when *Super System 2* came out, I immediately was drawn to Todd Brunson's stud/8 chapter. I often say this chapter literally changed my life.

Like his father, Todd has a way of explaining concepts that really hit home simply, and his sense of humor really makes it a fun read. Everything you need to know about stud/8 is found in this excellent chapter, but its message can be summed up in one word: scooping. Todd calls this the Platinum Rule: If you're going to enter a pot and you can't win the whole pot with the hand you hope to make, then strongly consider folding.

The concepts in this chapter made me a better stud player overall and was the main reason I cashed in the H.O.R.S.E. event when the World Series of Poker Circuit visited West Palm Beach, Fla., this year. My eternal thanks go to Todd and Chip.

The Theory of Leverage

Howard Lederer, *FTP Strategy Guide, Tournament Edition*



After reading Howard's chapter on leverage I felt like I was a nerd who got invited to be part of the cool clique in high school. It's a concept that not many people know about, but all of the top players understand. Whenever I know I'm going to play in a bigger buy-in tournament I like to grab this book the night before and reread this chapter.

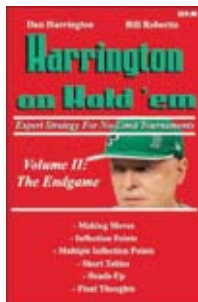
Basically a leveraged bet is a no-limit hold'em tactic where you make a smallish bet (in relation to the pot size) that has the implication of future bigger bets on later streets. It basically allows you to control the pot size and send an imposing message without risking too much of your stack. It's similar to the idea behind Negreanu's small-ball system, but not exactly. Lederer teaches you how to put the pressure on your opponents without putting yourself in harm's way, and he instructs you how to use leverage during every phase of a tournament and at every point in a hand. It's also a chapter that helps with your bluffing game, interestingly enough.

My favorite part of the chapter is his recollection of a World Series of Poker hand against Phil Ivey, which perfectly explains the concept and shows you just how powerful it can be.

I do, however, feel this chapter is for the slow-blind-structure-large-starting-stack tournaments. For those of us who enter \$100-type events with 20-minute blinds it's harder to implement leverage concepts, but it can be done if you pick the right players and scenarios. If you're playing larger tournaments with bigger buy-ins this definitely is a must-read.

The Squeeze Play

Dan Harrington, *Harrington on Hold'em Vol. II, The Endgame*



Actually, the Squeeze Play is just a sub-section of Harrington's Making Moves "chapter." His series really isn't broken down into chapters but rather parts. So I'm making an executive decision and calling this a chapter, though the entire concept quite literally fits on just one page.

There are plenty of books and sites that teach you to use the squeeze play, but Harrington has done it so successfully on the grandest stage in front of millions of viewers that his advice is the standard by which all others are measured.

Anyone who knows me knows I used to be a poker TV junkie (I used to write a monthly column about in *Ante Up*), and my addiction all began with the incredible ESPN coverage of the 2004 WSOP, in particular the main event.

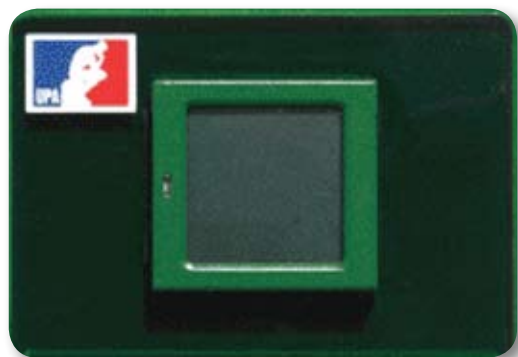
At the final table of this world championship Harrington made a move that, at the time, I was just floored by because I thought he had balls the size of Smart cars. So when that hand and that move came up in his book, I immediately could identify with that moment and his explanation of the concept. That's why this chapter is on my list.

Many of you know what a squeeze play is now, but if you were just a recreational player in 2004 then you didn't know what it was, either. Harrington didn't invent this move, but he explains what a squeeze play is (making a large reraise with nothing when you have one raiser and one caller before you) and then takes you through the criteria needed to make this a successful bluff. He follows this up with a narrative about the 2004 World Series of Poker hand that had me riveted to my seat. Great stuff, and of course his entire series is incredible, but the squeeze play is one of my favorite moves in poker, and I owe it all to Harrington.

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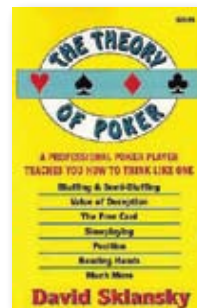
The Fundamental Theorem of Poker

David Sklansky, *The Theory of Poker*

Like many players who have dabbled in reading David Sklansky, his brain is just too smart for me. I can't keep it all in my head. But his Fundamental Theorem of Poker is simple enough that it can get you thinking on another level without having to understand everything he's telling you. Only in the past few years have you started to hear the term "meta" or "meta game" in mainstream poker, which refers to "transcending" beyond ABC poker. In other words, you act according to how you want your opponent to think you act, and then use that knowledge against him later. Sort of like bluffing and getting caught and then playing identically later when you have the nuts. Well, Sklansky's Fundamental Theorem of Poker is sort of the grandfather of "meta" thinking. At its basic root, the theorem states the best way to play is to act the way you would if you knew your opponents' cards.

It wasn't so much the chapter that made me a better player, as it was the way it made me think at the table. You often hear about Level 3 and Level 4 thinking. Well, his theorem is that in a nutshell. When I'm at the table I often think, "What do they think I have?" and once I come up with a hand or range I act accordingly. Sklansky made me think this way with that one contribution to poker literature. Of course he's contributed to some of the greatest poker books printed, but this chapter is what really made a difference for me. I hope you enjoyed this little peek into my poker reading, and I hope it encourages you to read our strategy columnists and to buy poker books that will help your game.

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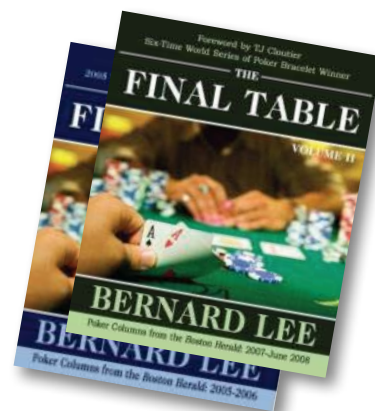
If you've even been at a poker table when players are swapping unbelievable stories and you wished you had one to share, here's your chance. Kenny "BadHat" Piel is a professional player from Tunica, Miss., and has put together 40 terrifically hilarious stories from the history of poker. You'll read about T.J. Cloutier winning a hand with a miracle redraw ... and another hand with no cards. You'll read about how Clonic Gowen had to, um, use the facilities so bad that she accidentally ended up in the men's room. And you'll read about how Doyle Brunson, not Ben Affleck or Leo DiCaprio, was the king of autograph seekers. But the book is more than stories about pros, as Kenny spins a few yarns of his own, including how he was mistaken for world champion Jerry Yang not once, but twice in the same tournament. It's a breezy, fun read that will have your tablemates asking for more.

THE FINAL TABLE, VOLUMES 1 & 2

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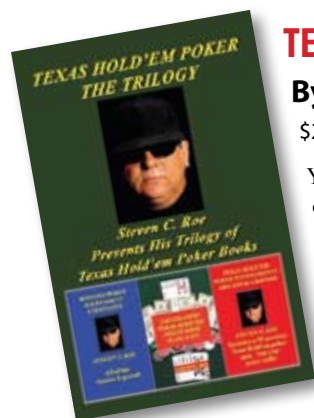
These two treasure troves of poker strategy aren't new, both being published in 2008, but the advice within is timeless. Bernard Lee burst on to the poker scene with a deep run in the 2005 World Series of Poker Main Event, and parlayed that into a blossoming career as a pro poker player who is equally adept as a media personality on radio shows, TV and in print. These two books are collections from a regular column Bernard writes for the Boston Herald, but go beyond what Herald readers have been treated to with their morning coffee. Bernard adds notes about each of the column, giving readers insights to the impetus for the topics and updated thoughts since the column first appeared. The books garnered endorsing forwards by world champ Joe Hachem and poker legend T.J. Cloutier, respectively, and offer terrific hand analysis in a reader-friendly graphical layout.



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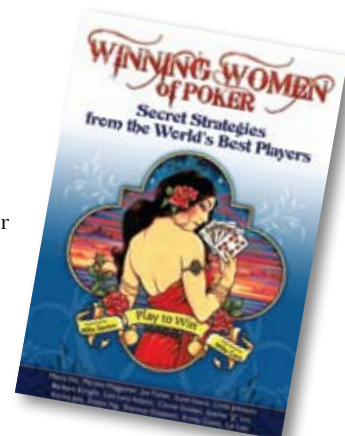
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HELP YOUR MIND RELAX AWAY FROM THE TABLE

Editor's note: This is a classic Dr. Toscano column from December 2008.

You're in the zone. You have a great read on the table bully and he falls head first into your subtle trap. He looks confused and stunned when you take down the hand. As the dealer passes you the sugar, deep within the pleasure center of your brain, thousands of neurons squirt out little jets of dopamine. You sigh with contentment. Your heart rate and blood pressure go up just a little. All is right with the world.



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Except the hand occurred more than three hours ago and you're actually in your bed trying to get some sleep while that hand keeps playing over and over again in your head.

Each time you spring your trap in your imagination the dopamine surge makes it feel good all over again. You smile with satisfaction against the pillow but still can't sleep. So, because it feels good, you set it up in your head and play it again. What's going on here and how do you stop it?

Unless you make your living playing poker, it's probably those little surges of dopamine pleasure that keep you constantly coming back to the game. The feeling is a bit like launching a 3-pointer from NBA range, or chipping out of a deep bunker and stopping inches from the cup. The feeling is exhilarating, addicting. The problem is you don't want exhilaration. You want sleep. Here's how you can get it.

It's tempting, of course, to play out satisfying hands in your head because that little burst of pleasure feels great even hours later. Resist for two reasons. First, the degree of mental alertness required to set up the trap in your head interferes with the neuronal "power-down" needed for sleep. And second, the dopamine pleasure surge is a neuro-stimulant. Its effect is similar to a tiny snort of cocaine or crystal meth. ... not exactly a state of mind that's conducive to sleep. Just so that there's no confusion on this point, let me be clear: cocaine/crystal meth = bad thing; squirt of dopamine = not a bad thing.

Instead, if you really want to think about poker as you drift off, think of a simple repetitive action that requires little or no brainpower on your part, like dealing cards or shuffling chips. Even if you're not a dealer or a chip-shuffler, imagine you are and visualize the action over and over, again and again.

It's a rhythmic action that requires no mental setup and has no dopamine payoff in your brain. There's a reason insomniacs have traditionally counted sheep and not Hooters girls. As you begin to get sleepy, it's much easier to eventually let go of the visualization (of the chip shuffling, not the girls) and drift off to sleep.

A similar situation occurs when you've been running bad. You punish yourself at the poker table for bad decisions, and continue in bed by releasing neurotransmitters, this time a different chemical in a different area of the brain, but the effect is the same. In bed you replay the hand in your head and then chastise yourself with a sensation of regret. No sleep for you, bad boy.

There are a few other strategies you can use. First, try better to control your emotional investment at the table. Good beats and bad beats happen and you should just focus on making the best decision every time, not the outcome. In other words, don't tilt, good or bad. Most of us who aren't Bobby's Room regulars may still have some work to do to control that particular aspect of our game.

Second, watch what you consume at the table. Where I play the coffee is strong, bitter and loaded with caffeine (up to 200 mg - the same as NoDoz). And it's not just the coffee. All manner of super-caffeinated "energy drinks" (100-300 mg) are available that will irritate your stomach, speed up your heart and cause your brain to ruminate for hours. Even colas can have 55 mg. Stick with decaffeinated drinks, or just plain water.

So, unless you're playing poker to pay your rent, relax. Enjoy the game. Try to remember what you did well and poorly at the table so your game can improve, but leave the exhilaration or regret behind when you leave. Avoid the many forms of caffeine available in your poker room. And when you hit the bed, forget about the perfect (or terrible) hand you played. Shuffle some chips and get some sleep.

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Can't sleep after that bad beat? Try imagining yourself dealing. That will put anyone to sleep.

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JUDGING THE POKER FACE

Which of these faces at the right induces the most mistakes by opponents and gets them to make bad decisions?

A lot has been made of tells, reading opponents, keeping a “poker face,” talking and not talking at the table.

Psychologists have known for years that people make rapid first impressions and then base a good deal of future decision-making on these first impressions. This is a combination of the primacy and halo effects. Making decisions at the poker table based upon a first impression is only useful before you can gather enough information to make a good decision. It's best to learn to test out how accurate your first impressions are. This is a skill you need to be aware of and work on to make fewer mistakes.

My best advice is to be aware you are forming a first impression that will probably last if you don't train yourself to think differently. You should be treating these first impressions as “untested hypotheses” and then try to disprove your hypotheses.

Psychologists have found our impressions come from how we read a person's face. You know the saying, “Keep a poker face.” For years we thought a neutral face was best, that people couldn't read us. Wrong. Good people-readers can read you're putting on a poker face and so-called “poker” might not be the impression you want to convey.

Well, the scientific community is beginning to weigh in on the topic. Poker is getting the attention of researchers. What that means is some of the information we'll be getting will have science behind it and not just be the anecdotal-, folklore- or hunch-based information we've relied on for years.

A group of researchers at Harvard published, *Human wagering behavior depends on opponents' faces*. Yeah, we knew that, but their more detailed findings might prove interesting.

They concluded: “The impressions of trustworthiness also influence impressions of many other attributes that correlate with wagering decisions. Therefore, a more general conclusion is that common avoidance cues (dominant, angry, masculine) lead to more aggressive wagering decisions (i.e., increased calling); whereas approach cues (happy, friendly, trustworthy, attractive) tend to lead to conservative wagering decisions (i.e., increased folding).”

What that means is, if opponents think of you as trustworthy, they will fold more often because they trust you and you might be influenced to fold to a trustworthy opponent.

Their conclusion: “Contrary to the popular belief that the optimal poker face is neutral in appearance, the face that invokes the most betting mistakes by our subjects has attributes that are correlated with trustworthiness. This suggests that poker players who bluff frequently may actually benefit from appearing trustworthy, since the natural



tendency seems to be inferring that a trustworthy-looking player bluffs less. More generally, these results are important for competitive situations in which opponents have little or no experience with one another, such as the early stages of a game, or in one-shot negotiation situations among strangers where ‘first impressions’ matter. ... Mistakes against trustworthy opponents resulted from increased loss aversion, suggesting that participants believed trustworthy opponents were betting with hands of greater value than neutral and untrustworthy opponents.”

Another group of researchers, this time at Princeton, tried to define what a trustworthy face might be. They tested a variety of computer-generated faces and found a trustworthy face looks like this: The expression seems to have a slight smile and the eyebrows turned up slightly. One finding said, “Humans seem to be wired to look to faces to understand the person's intentions.” One of the researchers, Alexander Todorov, who has spent years studying the subtleties of the simple plane containing the eyes, nose and mouth, said, “People are always asking themselves, ‘Does this person have good or bad intentions?’”

One of the conclusions that can be drawn is untrustworthy and neutral expressions had no effect on the participants' decision-making process but the trustworthy face gave the participants problems.

When confronted with the trustworthy face, participants took longer to decide and made less optimal decisions.

So maybe the intense stare of Phil Ivey, the sunglasses and face cover-up of Phil Hellmuth and the repetitive cover-up by Chris Ferguson should be replaced with friendly, outgoing and trustworthy-looking guys, maybe more like Daniel Negreanu. I doubt it, but it certainly is an interesting thought.

Being aware of your facial impressions, opponents' facial impressions and learning how to deal with first impressions will help keep your head in the game

Oh yeah, the pictures! At the start of the column I asked which face induces the most mistakes. It's the one on the left. These examples show computer-generated faces displaying the common features the Princeton researchers' test subjects rated as trustworthy: from most trustworthy at left; to neutral in the middle; to least trustworthy at the right.

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BLACK FRIDAY ... A COUP D'ETAT?

By Randall Kasper

For those who read my article in last month's issue (*Help Poker Emerge From Wild West*), you may be thinking my statements that poker was so close the being legislated on a national level were inconsistent with what occurred on Black Friday. I submit it's precisely because we were on the verge of national legislation the actions taken on that fateful day occurred when and how they did.

So, what just happened to online poker in the land of the free? Weren't we on the path to legislation? To understand the answers we must understand where we stood before to the criminal indictment and civil complaint filed on April 15.

Before that online poker was on a beeline toward being legislated. Notice I do NOT use the word "legalized" as NOTHING about online poker was illegal for players. Not only had Nevada just introduced legislation that showed floundering states such as Florida, Iowa, New Jersey, California and others how to create a real system that would work, but the District of Columbia had just PASSED legislation regulating online poker. Had Black Friday occurred a few months later there may well have been people sitting on the Capitol steps playing online poker as the Department of Justice acted. At the federal level, things were happening to reinvigorate last year's near passage of national legislation. So what happened?

As the online poker industry chugged along, the DOJ was putting the squeeze on the payment-processing end of the equation. It's like they threw a smoke bomb into a house and tried to flush out their targets. It worked. Running out of options, the sites acted badly, resulting in the allegations of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and money laundering.

Without those charges (leaving only UIGEA violations) this whole thing gets pleaded out, the sites pay a fine and the online poker industry in the U.S. remains largely unchanged to the untrained eye. The effect of those two charges not only likely kills those sites in the U.S., but causes a civil suit and the entire ripple effect. The language in the civil suit, inaccurate as it is, classifies poker as "online gambling" and therefore an illegal activity (for the house and anyone aiding and abetting them; not playing per se).

Why did this happen? I contend something big was about to occur at the federal level and the "wrong" companies were about to reap the benefits. Maybe Zynga's recent PokerCon in Vegas had something to do with it. Sure, the brick-and-mortar casinos will benefit greatly from all of this, but only because their plans coincide with Zynga. It all comes down to money, and the original intention of the UIGEA was to clear the path for the land-based casinos to dominate. At that time,

the online poker industry had "x" value where "x" value was enough for land-based casinos to make enough money for it to be a legitimate part of their business.

It was not big enough to attract the next level up in the World Order Pyramid. What the land-based casinos did not count on was, when the UIGEA ousted Party Poker from America, that Full Tilt, PokerStars and others would fill the void. Here, they will come along for the ride. Zynga could make money in amounts never contemplated by one industry.

Zynga has more than 30,000,000 customers for its free poker game on Facebook. People often analyze Zynga in the myopic view of our industry. How many players can they convert to cash? That is not their endgame. Sure, they can easily convert 1 percent of customers to "real money" poker thereby dwarfing PokerStars. Yes, they would make a couple of billion a year from "real money" poker. It's the other 29,700,000 customers they will truly monetize.

Under a legislated and regulated system they will have the largest captive audience of consumers in history, and they will be one "free" click away to purchase any mainstream product you can think of, making the "real money" poker aspect the popcorn machine in the corner earning supplemental income. U.S. brick-and-mortar casinos will make a paltry few billion along the way.

The largest obstacle to a company such as Zynga is lack of legislation. It needs that to remove the dark cloud hanging over our industry and give cover to the mainstream companies to open their marketing budgets to them (think banner ads streaming across Zynga's platform from Apple, Nike, etc.). Also, companies such as Full Tilt and PokerStars pose a threat, not because of their business models, but because they control the poker celebrities to draw players in on a repeat basis.

It just so happens Preet Bharara, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, had built a case against those companies (and UB) that he could never have brought when the rapidly forthcoming national legislation regulating poker was passed. So, Black Friday had to happen when it did, and it provided the perfect opportunity for an attorney to advance his career, for old scores against FTP, PokerStars and UB to be settled, and paved the way to eventual legislation that will allow mainstream brands to enter the market.

I am pretty sure we'll still see that legislation in the not too distant future. Hopefully our freedoms won't suffer too much in the interim.

— Randall S. Kasper, Esq. is co-founder of Poker Players International, the world's largest poker agency (ppipoker.com). You can email him at randy@pokerplayersinternational.com.



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Expert advice from poker room manager Jody Russell

THIS FACE-UP CARD TURNS INTO A NAPKIN

In the middle stages of a tournament a short stack goes all-in and gets one caller. The cards are turned up and the dealer burns a card, deals the flop, burns a card and deals the turn. Now the interesting part. The dealer burns a card and the next card that would be the river is face up on the deck.

That card lets the short stack win but the rule was that since it was face up it's like that card never existed. It goes in the muck and the next card is played, which lets the larger stack win. The whole purpose of burning cards is to protect the next card being played so that it doesn't matter if it's marked or whatever, since no one can see it until the burn card has been burned, right? Even though it helped everyone at the table by knocking out a player, everyone thought it was a bad rule. — **Steve Calmy, Las Vegas, via email**

JODY: This ruling was dead-on accurate. Any time a card is face up in the deck it is considered a "boxed" card and is treated as a non-existent card, simply a piece of paper in the deck. It is thrown face down in the muck and the next card is the actual card that should be played.

This is a simple ruling for experienced floor people and should always be consistently called the same way every time. Had this floor person ruled differently and allowed the card to play they would have created a bad situation for the next floor person in that room the next time a boxed card appeared.

Inconsistency from supervisor to supervisor, shift to shift and room to room is the largest difficulty poker professionals face.

Bravo to the floor person who made that call.

— **Jody Russell is a veteran poker room manager in Nevada who also runs the Ante Up Cruise Poker Room. Email questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.**

TDA Rules

Each month Jody Russell explains one TDA rule.

Verbal Declarations-Acting in Turn: Verbal declarations in turn are binding. Players are required to act in turn. Action out of turn will be binding if the action to that player has not changed. A check, call or fold is not considered action changing.

JODY: This is one of my least favorite rules. This rule is one I consider to be a "kinder, gentler" result of the explosion in the popularity of poker a few years ago. When I was learning to play in cardrooms the rule was, "Money in the pot stays in the pot." Back then no one cared if a new player didn't realize someone in front of him hadn't acted and lost a bunch of chips. It was common to see a player announce a call out of turn then have a player who hadn't acted go all-in and trap all the out-of-turn players' chips in the pot. The attitude from the experienced players was, "You'll know next time; that's how I learned, too." Since the explosion of poker popularity with millions of new poker players who might get discouraged by this and stop playing, things had to change. The "old school" method was rough, but effective. Players today don't pay close enough attention to the action. There are some places that still make players leave out-of-turn bets in the pot, which results in people paying more attention to the action than their iPod.

Go to pokertda.com to see all 44 TDA rules.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence from the Ante Up Nation

Managers need to cater to online players

I would like a way to send a message or request to South Florida poker room managers. We want more multitable and sit-n-go tournament options. Today I went to three local rooms in the space of one hour and I could not find any single or multitable tournaments.

The recent events of Black Friday supposedly has increased brick-and-mortar attendance as much as 15 percent in many rooms. Poker rooms would benefit from adding regularly scheduled single-table tournaments.

I recommended double-or-nothing SNGs to my local room manager. In addition to my complaint about our current single-table 10-player SNGs, which are designed to pay two places (a SNG few Internet players would consider) my suggestion for a daily scheduled two-table event paying the top four spots also fell on deaf ears.

VERBAL IS BINDING

Email us at letters@anteupmagazine.com if you have something to say. Be sure to give us your name and hometown and we just might print it.

What does a player have to do to get the land-based casinos to realize the players will be interested?

Tony Greaves
via email

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PLEASURE ISLAND POKER



Mark Dickey captured the April monthly tournament at Scully's on the Bayou in Ft. Walton Beach, besting nearly 80 players. His victory earned him a seat at Pensacola Greyhound Track's \$20K guarantee.



Laurie McFadden Newsome bested 83 players at Flightline Pub & Café in Ft. Walton Beach to capture the March monthly. She earned a \$350 tournament-entry chip to the \$20K guarantee at Pensacola Greyhound Track.

Pleasure Island Poker will host a charity tournament to benefit the Ft. Walton Beach Development Center on June 11 at Scully's on the Bayou. There is limited seating and the suggested donation is \$25 (\$30 on day of event). Prizes include a three-night stay at Pelican Beach Resort and a tournament entry at PGT. Cards fly at 2:30 p.m.

For more information call 850-733-0916.

TREASURE CHEST POKER



Yelton

Craig Yelton defeated more than 150 players to win a World Series of Poker seat in an undercard event in June.

Lex Robertson Jr. won the Battle of the Bars for Dockside in Tarpon Springs, taking home a \$50 gift card.

Terri McFarlane is the Queen of Ocala, taking home the King of Poker trophy.

Janie Hueramo won the Snappers main event and a \$250 gift card, beating nearly 100 players.



McFarlane

NUTZ POKER LEAGUE



Moore

Lawrence Moore won the March monthly by beating more than 100 players.

Barb Munday won the first Court-side Extravaganza and took home a trophy and a \$250 gift card.

Shawn Dickman finished second for a \$50 gift card.

Kelly Bickford defeated Rick Danford heads-up and to capture the \$75 Bust the Boss gift card.



Munday

ALL IN! POKER SERIES



Kristal Ortego defeated more than 65 players to win the latest monthly tournament in Orlando. She earned a laptop computer and trophy.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURS



Michael Rubano won his second straight quarterly in Tallahassee. He was followed by Joe Miller and Brandon Walsh.

LOOSE NUTZ POKER

Lawrence Rodriguez won the March monthly event and a seat in the Florida Million.

He turned that seat into \$3,000 for his 50th-place finish in Jacksonville.



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Jessika Biele began as a Nutz Poker Girl, but now she's an inspiration.



WHEN POKER IS MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Jessika Biele is the Nutz Poker League's spokeswoman, and she has cystic fibrosis. Some time ago she was given the news that she was terminal and looking at painful lung transplant surgery to help extend her life.

Every breath is a battle as she is in and out of the hospital on an almost weekly basis. But she doesn't show the pain. She always has a smile for everyone and does her best to get out and remain active.

The Nutz Poker League, located in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, has begun the Jessika Biele Dream Come True Project. While she was confined to her hospital bed she was allowed to compete in the league's monthly championship event, which she had qualified for previously. With volunteers assisting, she played through the use of a laptop and the Skype Visual Chat software.

Volunteers took turns typing in the cards dealt to her and mak-

ing the appropriate bets, calls and folds based on her input. During the breaks several players came by and said hello to her through the web cam, wishing her good luck in her battle and a speedy return to the felt.

The Dream Come True Project will continue in several phases, including a Nutz Poker League calendar shoot that will feature Jessika and several local models who have appeared in *Maxim* and *Playboy*.

There's also a Nutz Poker League donation rally that will kick off soon, culminating in a large scale tournament scheduled to be at Tampa Bay Downs' Silks Poker Room in Tampa, Fla.

The plan is to raise enough money to send Jessika on a Disney Cruise and donate a large sum to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Details will be posted soon at showmethenutz.com.

— Rick Danford

GEORGIA

ATLANTA POKER CLUB



Steve Grier won the Winter Season All-Star Tournament on March 19 at EastSide Station in Snellville, Ga. There were

73 players who qualified to play in the APC's most prestigious event, though only 43 competed.

Prizes including \$250, a custom silver card guard, an all-star trophy, and entry into the yearly and grand championships.

Grier is an Atlanta native who has played with APC for just a year.

NORTH CAROLINA

WORLD AMATEUR POKER



Here are the results of the May monthly tournament:

1. **Dan Tannir**, 2. Dawn Sundblade, 3. Ellen Tannir, 4. Daniel Davila, 5. Kenny Cook, 6. Gail Osman, 7. Troy Untig, 8. Rex Bornman, 9. Donna Penny and 10. David Letsky.

• The March monthly, played on April 9, went to Ray Helms. He was followed by Kenny Cook, Starr Winecoff, Joe Mucci, Maureen Moore, Nate Cudney, Stan Bialecki, Jenny Schomp, Bladon Mayes and Kevin Harris.

ARKANSAS

UNITED POKER LEAGUE



On April 29, Mallory Thompson won the league's first quarterly, \$300 and a World Series of Poker Circuit seat in Tunica, Miss. She was followed by Ray Wilson (\$125) and Glen Schwarz (\$75).

ARKANSAS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
OAKLAWN RACING & GAMING (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	Daily (\$5-\$20); ladies freeroll (Thurs., 7p); \$50K Arkansas Poker Championship qualifiers (Mon.-Wed.) running June 13-Aug. 17 (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Weekend Warrior (earn up to \$85 in free play); daily special jackpots (call for details).
SOUTHLAND PARK GAMING & RACING (870) 735-3670 • southlandgreyhound.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$20, 2p); Wed. (\$35, 2p); Thurs. KO (\$30, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p). 2K freeroll (call for details and dates).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; player reward cards offer comps based on play.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (9a-8p). DeepStack events are Mon.-Sat. (\$120-\$230, 6p), including Fri. \$20K guarantee (\$230, 6p); Sat. (\$180, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights (\$373K at press time) and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200), including a \$10K guarantee on Wed. (\$120, 7:30p) and \$15K guar. on Fri. (\$200, 2p). \$10K freeroll for top players, July 19 (6p).	High hands paid every three hours daily, seven days a week; "Add-On" tournaments, Mon. (7:30p) and Tue.-Thurs. (noon).

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$65-\$150) w ith events Friday & Saturday nights (7p).	Bad beat in hold'em w/ descending qualifier; mini bad beat (\$2K at press time); high hand pays up to \$250.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Twice daily (noon, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon) & (\$120, 7p); \$5K guarantee on Fridays (\$125, 7p).	Bad beat in hold'em is aces full of jacks; Crushed Quads (Sun.-Fri.).
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/ rebuy & add-on, 11a). \$5K guar., June 17 (\$115, noon); freeroll for qualifying players (40 hours of play needed).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; aces cracked (daily, 3a-11a); Crash & Splash pots during NASCAR races.

FLORIDA

CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • calderracecourse.com/poker	Daily at 11a & 7p (\$40-\$100), including a \$10K guarantee on Saturdays (\$100, 11a). See ad Page 7.	Flopped progressive straight flushes have five payouts per suit; high hands pay up to \$500 every half-hour (Fri.-Sat.) and \$200 (Wed.-Thurs.).
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Daily (\$25-\$105) at 12:30p & 6:30p, including a \$15K guarantee every Friday (\$105, 6:30p); \$25 event every morning at 10:30 (See ad Page 36).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Win It or Spin It promotion (win up to \$500, call for details).
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (\$25-\$275), including Friday Night Lights (\$120, 7p); Saturday DeepStack (\$225, 7p); three-tiered tournament on June 18 (See ad Page 29).	Bad beats in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; progressive hourly high hand (Mon.-Sun.). See on Page 29 for the NASCAR giveaway.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p); Second Sunday Super Stack (\$330, 1p). 97X summer event (see ad Page 21).	Daily cash and prize promotions; Pick a Card for a Car (aces full or better); see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight); Mega Stack on the last Sunday of the month (\$330, 2p).	Big Easy Bad Beat is quad fives; Big Easy Backup Jackpot; mini bad beat is aces full of jacks; royal flushes pay \$250. See ad Page 27 for more promotions.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p). DeepStack event, June 18 (\$100, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for complete rules and payouts); quads pay \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. (\$60); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80); Wed. (\$100). Mon.-Wed. are bounty tournaments and Saturday is a rebuy.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 10s; high hands pay \$500/hour for first three hours (daily); royals pay \$500 (see website for times and payouts).
HAMILTON JAI-ALAI & POKER (800) 941-4841 • hamiltondownsjaialai.com	Almost Freeroll \$600 guarantee on Sundays (\$5 w/ \$30 in add-ons, 3p).	Progressive royal w/ hearts paying \$2K; tournament high hand pays \$75; Fri. & Sat. high hand (\$300 for first, \$100 for second).
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$350) including Tue. \$15K guar. (\$230, noon) and Sun. \$30K guar. KO (\$350, noon). Ask about satellites to the Florida State Poker Championship in July.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high-hand jackpots (call for details).
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (850) 997-2561 • jckcpokerroom.com	Fridays (\$50, 7:30p, 2K chips, 15-minute levels).	Royal flushes win jackpot.

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MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Latino Poker Series, June 1-2 (call for details).	Big Slick Royal Progressive (using ace/king as hole cards); high hands pay \$150; progressive hot table daily pays a minimum of \$500.
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. \$5K guarantee freeroll (7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. KO (\$110, 7:30p). See ad Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$50K; high hands (\$150K in prizes each month); royals pay \$599 or high-hand jackpot (larger amount paid).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Thurs. KO (\$90, 7p); Fri. \$5K guarantee (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). See ads down below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight flush pays \$100; royals pay \$500. Spin to Win (Sat., 3p); aces cracked (Wed.); Aces & Faces Quad (daily).
MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • fla-gaming.com	Daily (\$20-\$165).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly \$100 high hands plus tickets for Sunday raffle.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Friday and Saturday (\$110, 8p). Free buffet for all tournament players.	Spade royal flush pays jackpot; high hands pay \$200 (Sun.-Thurs.) and \$300 (Fri.-Sat.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. KO (\$125, 2p).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hand, June 15 & 29.
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$25, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. tournaments vary (call for details); High Heels Poker Tour, June 4 (\$150, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em and Omaha; aces cracked (Mon.-Thurs.); high hand (Fri.-Sat.); royals pay \$500 (daily). See ad Page 57.
ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at 1p & 7p, including Saturday Bounty (\$100, 1p) and Sun. PLO/8 (\$80, 1p). See ad on Page 25 for WPT regional (Aug. 5-17).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$120) at noon & 6:30p; World Series of Poker main event satellite on Sundays (\$550 w/rebuy & add-on, noon). See ad on Page 43.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. and Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 2p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Thurs. satellite (\$100, 7p); Sat. Deep Stack (\$100, 7p). See ad on Page 54.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily, 10a & Tue., 7p); mini bad beat (daily, midnight-4a).
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$440) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 1p, 15K chips, 30 min levels); DeepStack on first Sat. of month (\$440, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces; progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.). See ad on Page 33.
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 6:30p); Sat. (\$40, 6:30p).	Mega Bad Beat jackpot is quad 10s (\$216K at press time); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.); Full House Drawings (Fri.); aces cracked wins \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Call for information on scheduled single-table tournaments.	Mega Bad Beat jackpot is quad 10s (\$216K at press time).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$35, 11a); Mon. (\$300, 6:30p); Tue. (\$150, 6:30p); Wed. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$150, noon & \$100, 6:30p). WPT Regional, Aug. 12-22 (See ad Page 9).	Mega Bad Beat jackpot is quad 10s (\$216K at press time); hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including a re-entry Night Owl tournament every Wednesday (\$60, 12:30a). See ad on back page for schedule.	Mega Bad Beat jackpot is quad 10s (\$216K at press time). See ad on back page for iPad and iPod giveaways all month.
SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC (866) 222-7466 • seminolehollywoodcasino.com	Call for information on scheduled single-table tournaments.	Mega Bad Beat jackpot is quad 10s (\$216K at press time); aces cracked is a Spin to Win (Mon.-Thurs.); high hands pay \$300/hour (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-6p).
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7:30p); Thurs. NL O/8 (\$50, 7:30p); Fri. HA (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & DeepStack (\$115, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30, 6:30p).	Mega Bad Beat is quad 10s (\$216K at press time); aces cracked is a Spin to Win (Mon.-Thurs.); high hands pay \$300/hr (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-6p). See ad Page 42.
ST. JOHNS GREYHOUND PARK (904) 646-0002 • jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$30-\$550, 1p & 7p); Fri. Bounty (\$100, 7p); Sat. Mega Stack (\$225, 7p). See ad on Page 25 for WPT regional (Aug. 5-17).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200). Sun. (1p & 4p); Mon.-Sat. (1p & 7p); Bracelet Challenge/POY monthly event, June 19 (\$350, 1p); win satellite seats daily.	Progressive payouts (quads or better); Mon. pot multiplier (10X, 20X, 40X); \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.); see ad Page 17 or website for more daily promotions.
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$30-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, June 26 (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) & royals (\$300) Mon.-Thurs. (4p-11p); \$150/\$50 half-hour high hands Sat.-Sun. (4p-11p); tournament high hands.

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ILLINOIS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
GRAND VICTORIA (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	No tournaments.	No jackpots.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Tournaments start first or second week in June (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot is quad eights; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; get paid for straight flushes and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wed. (\$160, 1p) 88 players max, first-come first-served.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a & \$50, 7p).	No jackpots.

INDIANA

BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. (\$80, noon); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Fri. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$105, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Fabulous Fridays/Super Saturdays wins up to \$500.
CASINO AZTAR (812) 433-4000 • casinoaztar.com	Sunday, June 5 (\$100, 1p).	Aces cracked (Sat. & Sun.); Hot Seat (Wed.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (11:15a & 7:15p); Mon. (\$125 & \$80); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80 & \$100); Wed. (\$80 & \$150); Fri. (\$80 & \$125); Sat. (\$100 & \$80); Sun. (\$150 & \$80).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-7000 • horseshoehammond.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$100, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); \$40K guar., June 25 (\$500, noon); \$15K added to prize pool (last Saturday of month in June/July).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads and pays a minimum of \$100K.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (midnight); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR I & II (219) 977-7777 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 11a & \$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a and 3p & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full houses get entered into weekly drawings on Friday and Saturday (\$100-\$1K payouts).

KANSAS

NILLA'S (316) 927-2775 • nillasplace.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$10, 7p); Thurs. H/O (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 3p & \$40, 7p); Sun. \$2.5K guarantee (\$70, 3p).	Daily drink specials for poker players; ask about charity ring games.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$65 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$45, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

LOUISIANA

AMELIA BELLE CASINO (985) 631-1745 • ameliabellecasino.com	Tournaments suspended pending regulatory approval (call for updates).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads.
BELLE OF BATON ROUGE (800) 266-2692 • belleofbatonrouge.com	Wed. & Sun. (\$50, 10a, 1K chips, 15-minute levels).	Bad beat is quads; aces cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-8p plus Mon., 9a-3p); hourly high hand pays \$300 (Tue., 9a-3p).
BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday freeroll (11a) for 4- or 5-Star Players; Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Fathers Day giveaway, June 19 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) and Omaha; high hands (Mon. & Wed.); Splash the Pot (Tue. & Thurs.); get paid for quads (\$25) and straight flushes (\$50).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily (\$15-\$230); Tue. (\$15, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Big Bonus Hands are progressive.
CYPRESS BAYOU/SHORTY'S CASINO (800) 284-4386 • cypressbayou.com	All tournaments are rake-free. Wed. (\$40 w/two \$20 rebuys and add-ons, 6:30p); Sat. Super KO (\$60 w/two \$20 rebuys & add-ons, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; aces cracked pays \$100 (1st & 3rd Thursday, 2nd & 4th Monday).
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Sun. (\$150, 11a); Mon. \$2K guarantee (\$130, 11a); Tue. (\$75 w/\$25 or \$50 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Sat. (\$125 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad beat in hold'em is quads; aces cracked wins \$100 (Mon. & Thurs.); high hand pays \$100 (Thurs.); royals pay \$250 (24/7).
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesdays (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; aces cracked.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/optional rebuys & add-ons), including a DeepStack event every Thursday (\$200, 6p, 7.5K chips, 25-minute levels).	High hand (Sun. & Wed.); aces cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. (\$60, noon & \$90, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115, noon); Sunday KO (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$275K at press time); minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
PARAGON CASINO (800) 946-1946 x1975 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fridays (\$60 w/one \$50 rebuy, 7p). \$25K freeroll, June 25 (call for details and eligibility).	Bad beat in hold'em; get paid (24/7) for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$125); high hands pay \$50 (Wed.).

MICHIGAN

FOUR WINDS (MICH.) (866) 494-6371 • fourwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$10, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 7p); Sat. (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); Sun. (\$30, noon & 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; ask about satellites to play for a seat on the World Poker Tour.
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MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Tue. & Sun. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	High hand of the hour (Mon., 9a-midnight); aces cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); Pot of Gold Jackpot pays \$200 to every player in the room (call for details).
GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY (320) 384-7777 • grandcasinomn.com	Mon. (\$25, 5p); Tue. KO (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$70, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$70, 8p); Sat. (\$125, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS (800) 626-5825 • grandcasinomn.com	Daily (\$30-\$160) including a Fri. DeepStack (\$160, 6:15p) and Sun. w/re-entires until first break (\$110, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$1K; aces cracked (Mon.-Fri., 10a-6p).
NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO (218) 547-2744 • northernlightscasino.com	Mon. KO (\$30, 6:30p); Tue. (\$30, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Sat. (\$50, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; aces cracked (Tue.); high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (\$10 optional add-on, 6p); Tue., Thurs., Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 10:30a); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a); Sat. Series (call for details).	Aces cracked; progressive running aces board pays up to \$1,700 (call for details).
SHOOTING STAR CASINO (218) 935-2711 • starcasino.com	Tue. (\$30 for ladies & \$40 for men, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 7p); Sun. KO (\$60, 2p).	Quad bonus (Mon. & Wed.); bonus high hand (Tue. & Thurs.). Call for details.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Island Cup Deep Stack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; aces cracked (Thurs., 10a-6p); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75) and royals (\$100).

MISSISSIPPI (Most Tunica rooms are open or re-opening some time this month.)

AMERISTAR VICKSBURG (601) 630-4996 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Thursdays, (\$70, 7p) w/one optional add-on.	Mini bad beat (quads over aces full) pays 10 percent of full bad beat (any quads).
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue., Thurs, Fri., Sun. (noon). Tournaments vary and include guaranteed prize pools, bounty and deepstack. See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpot; aces cracked; Omaha/8 promotion, cash drawings, tournament leaderboard. Call for promotion details. See ad Page 11.

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

MISSISSIPPI (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI (228) 436-8999 • boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad beat is aces full of kings; mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks); aces cracked pays \$100 (24/7) and \$100/\$200 (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340). \$15K guar., June 4 (\$340, 1p); \$5K guarantee, June 5 (\$230, 1p); \$500 freeroll every Sunday (6p). See ad Page 13 for WPO schedule (July 21-Aug. 8).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (3a-10a) on Monday-Friday; get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 3p); Fri. (\$45, 3p); Sat. (\$50 w/add-on, 3p); Sun. (\$55, 3p).	Bad beat is aces full of queens beaten by quads; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind. Call for details.
HARLOW'S CASINO (662) 335-9797 x144 • harlowscasino.com	Tue. (\$65, 7:30p, 6K chips); Saturday satellites (\$35-\$65, 4p); Battle at the Foot of the Bridge (\$65-\$250). Call for tournament and satellite schedule.	Bad beat is aces full of 10s beaten by quads or better; hourly high hands (Wed.); Friday Flat Screen Frenzy (tickets to raffle on first Friday of every month).
HARRAH'S TUNICA (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Daily at 1p (\$50-\$110), including a Thursday \$1.1K guarantee (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p). Thursdays also feature a \$50 event w/one rebuy (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; progressive royal single-table promotion (call for current payouts).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO BAY ST. LOUIS (866) 758-2591 x4026 • hollywoodcasinobs.com	Monday and Wednesday (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p).	High hand wins \$50 (Mon. & Wed.); Early Bird Special and aces cracked (\$100) from Fri.-Sun. (10a-2p); aces cracked progressive (Tue., 10a-10p) pays up to \$500.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtonica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys and \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads (must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Daily (\$65-\$160), including a Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4p, 10K chips); Sunday Super DeepStack (\$100, 2p, 15K chips).	Bad beat (quads) in hold'em. Flush Frenzy (\$100) if you make a flush in every suit during your session.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon), but Thursday events are \$120 (noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.); aces cracked pays \$100 (Tue. & Thurs., 4p-midnight); high hands pay \$100 hourly (Mon., 8a-4p & Wed., 8a-midnight).
ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. (\$45, 3p); Tue. (\$60, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$45, 2p); Fri. (\$60, 3p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy, 3p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hand jackpots (call for details); aces full or better special (Sun.-Fri., 11a-11p).
SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$80), including a \$3K guarantee on Saturdays (\$20, 7p).	Bad beat is any quads; live action bonus (Sat. & Sun., 7a-11a); single-table mini-bad beat pays up to \$3K.
SILVER SLIPPER CASINO (866) 775-4773 x3766 • silverslipper-ms.com	Mon. Turbo KO (\$45, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sat. Turbo KO (\$45, noon); Sun. PLO (\$65, 6:30p).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; aces cracked wins up to \$300 (Tue., Thurs., Fri., Sat.). Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
SILVER STAR CASINO (PEARL RIVER) (601) 650-1234 • pearlriverresort.com	Daily (\$35-\$60), including a \$2.5K guar. on Saturdays (\$60, 2p). Start times for events are Mon.-Thurs. (7p) & Fri.-Sun. (2p). \$3.5K freeroll, June 29 (5p).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad sevens) and stud (quads); diamond royals pay \$500.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	High-hand progressive jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Monday Ladies Only (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$325K at press time).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; aces cracked pays \$100.
HARRAH'S ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • harrahstlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$237K at press time).
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$35, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$55, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; aces cracked (daily).
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$35, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$178K at press time); aces cracked (daily).

NEVADA

ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 8K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily at 11a, 4p and 8p (\$75, 5K chips, 20-minute levels).	High hands pay quads (\$50), straight flush (\$250) and progressive royals (starting at \$1K); Round Table Royals pays up to \$599 to entire table when royal hits.
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily at 2p (\$225-\$1080); Bellagio Cup VII, July 10-19 w/\$10K main event starting on July 12 (call for complete schedule).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p; Binion's Classic, May 30-July 11. Events range from \$100-\$1,000 w/main event starting June 30.	Progressive high hand (daily) pays for quads starting at \$50; straight/royal flush starts paying at \$100.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em (quad sixes, \$100K guaranteed); high hand (Wed.); aces cracked (Thurs.); bonus cash drawings pay up to \$1.5K (Tue.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 9a; \$80, noon; \$65, 3p; \$100, 7p; \$80, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$225, 2p); Summer Mega Stack runs through July 15 (call for complete schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands; payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CANNERY CASINO (866) 999-4899 • cannerycasinos.com	\$10K monthly freeroll, 40 hours to qualify (Call for details).	Unlimited comps: No cutoff, 24 hours of play equals \$24 comps.
CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Sunday freeroll at noon (play 15 hours minimum, 20 hours max); \$3 rake on all games.	High hand; aces cracked; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals.
COLORADO BELLE HOTEL CASINO (702) 298-4000 • coloradobelle.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Mon.-Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud; aces cracked pays \$25-\$100 (24/7); Super Beat pays \$10K guaranteed; quads of the day pays \$100-\$400.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 6p, 6K chips, 20-minute levels). Play in any live hold'em game after tournament and get a \$20 bonus.	Progressive bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$25, 9a; \$40, 1p & 5p; \$30, 8p) w/one rebuy and add-on; \$500 first prize guarantee on Saturday (\$40, 9p).	Bad beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or aces cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$65, 10a & 6p); Friday freeroll \$2K guarantee (9a).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$250); aces cracked (\$100); double high hands (daily, 8a-8p).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAUGHLIN (702) 298-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily at 10a, 3p, 7p and 10p (call for buy-ins).	Progressive high hands (call for details).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p, 1a and 4a; Grand Poker Series, June 4-July 4 (\$125-\$1,080) with championship event starting July 2. (See story Page 37.)	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$18, 9a & \$55, 11a); Sun.-Fri. (\$55, 6:30p); top 10 monthly point winners earn seat into \$10K guarantee freeroll on July 2.	Aces cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$150 w/re-entry, 1p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$55, noon & 8p).	High hand pays quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$350).
HARRAH'S LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harrahslaketahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 6p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Progressive rewards jackpot is quad nines.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily at 8a, 10a, 3p, and 1a (\$25-\$55); daily KO (\$75, 8p). \$3K guarantee freeroll on Saturdays (5p) for players with 10-plus hours of play.	High-hand jackpots: quads (\$50), straight (\$100) and royals (\$250); aces cracked pays \$100 (daily, 6p-midnight).
IMPERIAL PALACE (800) 634-6441 • imperialpalace.com	Mon.-Fri. at noon, 3p and 8p (\$40); Sat. & Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 9a).	Aces cracked; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$35, 10:30a); (\$60, 12:30p); (\$60, 8:30p).	High hand (24/7) pays quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
M RESORT (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Daily (\$55, 10a & 6p), including Wed. KO (\$125, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$125, 10a); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6p).	Progressive high hand; mini bad beat is aces full; aces cracked (Thurs.); Splash Pots (Sun.); Ladder of Loot Jackpot (call for details).
MANDALAY BAY 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 10a; \$50, 3p & 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$40, 10a; \$50, 1p; \$100, 5p); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 2p; \$100, 5p).	Tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Thurs., Sat.) pays to flop it (\$500), turn it (\$250) and river it (\$125).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80) at 11:05a and 7:05p.	No jackpots.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$60, 9a & 6p) and (freerolls, 11p).	Progressive high-hand jackpot is quads; aces cracked.
MONTEGO BAY CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	Mon. (\$30, 8:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$30, noon); Sun. (\$40, 8:30p). All tournaments have rebuys.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot; quads get paid.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K (losing hand), \$2.5K (winning hand) and \$599 to entire table; aces cracked pays \$150 (daily, 8a-1p); high hands; flopped royals. Top point earners per month will share a progressive prize pool.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Daily (\$75, noon & 7p) except Friday (\$125, 7p). Variations include hold'em, Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E.	
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	SNG tournaments (\$30)	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed. Hourly high hands, Mon.-Fri. (3a-11a, pays \$25)
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Federated Poker League coming in August, featuring a pro-am, charity and a main-event tournament. Ante Up mini-tournament, July 1 (\$70, 8p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
RAINBOW HOTEL & CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	Tournaments start at 8:30p; Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys and add-on); Tue. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on); Fri. (\$50 w/rebuys); Sat. (\$50).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot; quads get paid.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrocklasvegas.com	Daily (\$100, 10a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
RIO CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$40, noon; \$60, 6p; \$80, 9p; \$80, midnight). 42nd annual World Series of Poker, May 31-July 19 w/\$10K main event starting July 7.	Cash drawing pays \$100 at 5a, 7a, 9a and 11a; Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3/hour instead of \$1/hour.
RIVERSIDE RESORT (702) 298-2535 • riversideresort.com	Daily turbo at 10a, 5p and 11:30p (\$15); Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; aces cracked in hold'em and Omaha; high hands pay quads (\$25-\$50), straight flush (\$100), royal (\$300).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily, except Tue. (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstacks (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); Omaha/8 and pineapple tournaments available.	Uncapped progressive high hands; aces cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4-9p); bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s beaten by quads and pays \$10K.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). \$100K freeroll tournament, June 14-15 (7p). Call for details.	Bad-beat progressive pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
STRATOSPHERE (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal and straight-flush progressive jackpots; high-hand progressive jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a & 7p, 3K chips, 20-minute levels).	Earn comp dollars for playing live games; bonus hands are coming soon.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p; weekly \$2.5K freeroll every Sunday (10a).	High-hand jackpot pays straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$599); quad spins win up to \$500.
TROPICANA EXPRESS (702) 298-4200 • tropicanax.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$30, 6:30p); Sat. (\$30, 2p).	High hands pay quads, straight flushes and royals; aces cracked.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily (\$120-\$340) at noon & 7p; 2011 Deep Stack Extravaganza III runs until July 15 (\$340-\$5,000) w/main event on July 13 (\$5,000, noon). See story Page 36.	No jackpots.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$120, noon, 10K chips, 30-minute levels). Wynn Classic Summer Guarantee, June 23-July 12 (call for schedule).	No jackpots.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE LODGE AT BELMONT (877) 872-2501 • thelodgeatbelmont.com	Daily (\$5-\$50). Times vary by day (1p, 4p, 4:30p, 5p, 7p). Big-stack events on Saturdays (\$50, 7p, 15K chips).	Call for jackpots.
MANCHESTER POKER (603) 668-6591	All new tournament schedule, call for information. See story on Page 10.	Call for promotions.
POKER ROOM AT HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • thepokerroomnh.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11a (Sat.), 1p (Fri.-Sun.), 3:30p, 4p (Sat.-Sun.), 5:30p, 7:30p and 9p).	High hands pay \$50 (Fri.-Sun.); royals pay \$100 (Mon.-Thurs.); aces cracked pays \$25 (Mon.-Thurs.). See website for details.
RIVER CARD ROOM (603) 249-5548 • riverpokerroom.com	Daily (\$5-\$60). Times vary by day. Many of the tournaments have optional rebuys and add-ons. See website for complete schedule.	Mini-Monster (Wed. & Fri.); River 4,000 (call for details).
ROCKINGHAM PARK (603) 898-2311 • rockinghampark.com	Daily (\$50-\$150). Start times vary from 2p-9p (see website for schedule).	Call for future jackpots and promotions.
SEABROOK GREYHOUND PARK (603) 474-3065 • seabrookgreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$30-\$200); tournaments times vary (see website for complete schedule); Sat. deepstack (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$140, 1:30p).	Call for future jackpots and promotions.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55-\$80); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 8p); Sun. (1p & 6p). All tournaments are KO events.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit (\$167K at press time).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$340); Borgata Summer Poker Open, June 8-24 w/\$500K guarantee championship event on June 19-22 (\$2,700); weekly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s (\$307K at press time).
CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 3p & \$80 turbo, 9p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$80, 9p) and Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$80 turbo, 9p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit (\$167K at press time).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125). Ante Up mini-tournament, June 10 (\$70, 8p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit (\$167K at press time).
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a, 2p); Sat. (\$100, 11a, 2p, 7p); nightly (\$50, 11p). All first-place tournament winners entered into monthly freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit (\$167K at press time).
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad beat in hold'em is quads (\$214K at press time); tournament bad beat; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details).
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230 at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight), including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad beat in hold'em is quads (\$161K at press time); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

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NEW YORK

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Daily (\$35-\$190). Mon.-Thurs. (10a & 7p); Fri. (10a & 8p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (10a, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad beat progressive in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em is quad deuces; royals pay \$100.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Tue. (\$60, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sun. (\$120, 2p).	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tue. (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

OKLAHOMA

BORDERTOWN CASINO (800) 957-2435 • bordertownbingo.com	Daily at 2p and 7p; Mon. (\$20); Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. (\$30); Thurs. (\$30/\$45); monthly deepstack event, June 11 (\$100 w/\$50 add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$41K at press time); tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$5K at press time).
CHEROKEE CASINO ROLAND (800) 256-2338 • cherokeecasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 1p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuys, 5p); Sun. (\$60, 5p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (918) 422-5100 • cherokeecasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$70) at 10a & 7p with exceptions on Sat. (\$115, 5p) and Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads (\$202K at press time).
COMANCHE RED RIVER CASINO (866) 280-3261 • comancheredrivercasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em quads.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$60); Mon.-Sun. (11a); Mon.-Thurs. (7p); Fri. (2p); Sat.-Sun. (3p); Four States Poker Championship, June 4 (\$340, 11a, 8K chips, 40-minute levels).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$121K at press time); tournament bad-beat jackpot. See ad on Page 41.
FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p).	Aces cracked (Mon.-Thurs.); high hand (Wed.).
FIRST COUNCIL CASINO (580) 448-3015 • myfirstwin.com	Tue. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$70, 3p). Call for details on monthly special events.	Bad-beat jackpots; splash pots pay \$100; high-hand bonuses.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily. World Series of Poker qualifiers on June 4, 11 and 18 (2p) Call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
LUCKY STAR CONCHO (405) 262-7612 • luckystarcasino.org	Harley Hold'em final freeroll tournament, July 16 (3p) w/first place winning a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.	Call for promotions.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR BARTLESVILLE (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 2p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$30, 1p); \$5K quarterly freeroll (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR SAND SPRINGS (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Daily (\$30, 3p & 9:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Daily, \$40, except Saturday KO (\$60, noon); Mon.-Fri. (noon); Tue.-Thurs. (7:30p); Monday PLO (7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$40 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Tue. Seniors (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Omaha bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p); River Poker Series \$3M guarantee mega-satellite qualifier, June 5 and 26.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S CHESTER (800) 480-8020 • harrahscheester.com	Daily (\$60-\$195). Starting times are Mon.-Fri. (10:30a & 6:30p) and Sat.-Sun. (11:30a & 6:30p).	Bad beat in hold'em (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$85, noon); Wed. & Thurs. (\$125, 7p).	Call for future jackpots.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily (\$40, 10:30a) & (\$65, 7:30p) w/Sat. KO(\$225, 3p); WSOP satellite, June 12 (\$250, noon); Big Poker Weekend, June 17-19 w/main on June 18 (\$335, 1:30p).	Call for promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat.-Sun. (10a & 7p); Tue. KO (\$120, 7p).	High-hand promotion (call for details).
MOUNT AIRY CASINO (570) 243-5184 • mtairycasino.com	Fridays (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Call for details.	Call for details.
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555). Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Tournaments coming soon.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Tuesday (\$150, 11a); Wednesday (\$250, 7p).	None.
MARDI GRAS CASINO AT TRI-STATE (800) 224-9683 • tristatetrack.com	Daily (\$45-\$150); Mon. (1p), Tue. (7p), Wed. (7p), Thurs. (1p & 7p), 3rd Fri of month (7p), and Sun. (2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$225) at 12:15p & 7:30p except on Wednesdays (10:30a) and Sundays (2p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).
WHEELING ISLAND CASINO (304) 232-5050 • wheelingisland.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. Turbo (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. KO (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads or straight flush lets you spin the wheel; Early Bird Special (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.).

WISCONSIN

POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	No tournaments.	None.
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ANTE UP IN PICTURES

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ANTE UP POKERCAST



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ATLANTIC CITY

8 p.m. Friday, June 10, Harrah's Casino. \$70 mini-tournament, followed by cash games.

LAS VEGAS

8 p.m. Friday, July 1, Palms Casino Poker Room, \$70 mini-tournament, followed by cash games.

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WITH JOHN PAPPAS

Poker Players Alliance executive director John Pappas appeared on *Poker Action Line*, a weekly radio show that agreed to let *Ante Up* be the exclusive publisher of this interview. Pappas discussed Black Friday with the show's host, Big Dave Lemmon.

For the most part, people have had their lives interrupted and it's been a terrible time. People are looking for guidance, and you guys have been a beacon of light out there to show the way. Well, I appreciate you saying that. Obviously, we would've much rather been in a position of talking about how this was going to be resolved through legislation, but now it seems as if we're moving in the litigation route, though the PPA is certainly not abandoning its effort to create a licensed and regulated market here in the U.S.

We actually believe now more than ever is a time for Congress to act, and we've already had tens of thousands of poker players take action, and I believe that this could be a galvanizing moment for our community to really do something about online poker.

I do believe there's light at the end of the tunnel. I don't believe this means the end of online poker in the U.S.; I think there will be a serious effort over the next several months from not only the PPA but other brick-and-mortar interests in the U.S. to get Congress to do something.

There are things we can do, like joining the Poker Players Alliance, because there is strength in numbers and you have millions of poker players out there. No doubt about it. Joining the PPA is a great step, but even more important is taking action and using some of the tools we provide on our website at theppa.org/takeaction.

I think it's going to be a really interesting time, perhaps a tipping point, for the poker community to see if we can convince lawmakers to pass legislation, or are we going to be complacent and let Congress run roughshod over us?

Let's talk a little about your "Take Action" plan and how people can do something. What the PPA has laid out — and by no means is this the last grass-roots strategy from the PPA, but merely an opening salvo — the first thing to do is to weigh in with Congress, President Obama and Attorney General (Eric) Holder. We've provided some form letters to use or you can write your own, there's an automatic system where they just go through a website to send letters to their two senators and their representative, along with Obama and

Holder. It's an easy process that takes about 60 seconds. In fact, over the past week we've had over 70,000 letters sent to Washington, D.C. from poker players.

So that's a pretty impressive number, not to mention the social networking aspect of this. The (Department of Justice) has been bombarded with letters and phone calls, but also their Facebook page has been, if you will, taken over by angry and frustrated poker players and I think that is a great way of expression.

The other thing we're asking people to do is reach out to their local media. If you've lost your job because you were playing professionally online and you've lost a significant amount of your income, or you've just lost a freedom that you felt you really enjoyed ... reach out to your local newspaper or news station and tell them your story. They love human-interest stories like this, and would love to hear from their viewers that have been negatively impacted by their government.

The immediate reaction of most players was "How do I get my money? Will I get my money back at all?" Are people starting to get their money back? As far as I understand it, I don't believe all money has yet been refunded. To be clear, it's gonna be a process. ... I really credit the poker community at large for putting the pressure on the Department of Justice, for making them feel the political pressure to say, "OK, we need to make sure that the players are made whole," so they are working with the sites to set up a process where the sites can get money back to the players.

I know the sites want to make this happen sooner rather than later, and from the PPA's perspective, any day after today that the players don't have their money is too late.

This is money many people use to help pay their mortgages or buy food and groceries; it's their personal property and the idea that the government is standing in the way of it is outrageous. I don't think we're going to have what we had in 2006, which was a huge delay for people getting money off of NetTeller, but I don't think it's going to be immediate.

Clearly when you look at the civil complaint, the DOJ feels very strongly that playing poker online is an illegal act, or at least, they look negatively at it. I don't think there is any doubt that the DOJ's opinion going into this is that online poker is illegal, which we strongly disagree with and not only that we

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Pappas says President Obama is reachable through the PPA website.

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disagree with, but there are legal scholars across the country who have been very skeptical about the DOJ's position on that point.

For the larger issues about financial crimes, I'm sure the court cases will deal with those allegations and we don't necessarily have an opinion on that, but with their fundamental baseline principal that Internet poker is unlawful under federal law, we disagree wholeheartedly and think we win on that.

We know the president enjoys playing poker. How high does it go in the political offices on this latest decision to indict several of these people? That's a good question and we've been trying to get an answer to that, which I haven't gotten yet. I have talked to a number of lawyers ... some of whom are involved, some of them representing those who were indicted, some who are just kind of experts, former DOJ attorneys themselves who said that it is probably unlikely that Holder or Obama knew of these indictments before it happened.

That doesn't mean that they can't be held accountable. While they may not have been informed of it, again this is just what I've heard from others, I don't have any information one way or the other, but we hope that's something we can get. We just don't have it yet.

They are the ones who can ultimately quash this or give the green light for the prosecution to continue and I think we need to apply as much pressure on Obama and Holder to talk some sense into the Southern District of New York. While they need to pursue where they feel that laws were broken, that's fine, but at the same time, you can certainly stop the pain for millions of poker players by pushing for a safe and regulated marketplace while at the same time you can pursue this lawsuit.

Is there a silver lining in this black cloud? I think it is a silver lining. I think the poker community, the PPA, all the poker players, should stand together to make the most of it. We have a Congress and lawmakers who love to talk about the deficit and the need to create jobs.

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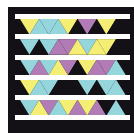
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Going to our website is the first thing they need to do. The website is www.theppa.org. We have a number of social networks as well. I think we have over 60,000 friends on Facebook and more than 10,000 followers on Twitter. On a daily basis, we are pumping out news and information through those social networks so that people can learn about things they can do.

Once you get to our website and once you join our network, there are a number of tools that are provided for you to take action. ... These are your rights. The PPA can be here as your collective voice in Washington, but people need to take action into their own hands and need to remember that these are their freedoms at stake here. ... I think poker players now more than ever need to figure out ways of getting their voices heard not only through the PPA by also through their own devices.

Well, here we are handing them on a silver platter a way to raise revenue without raising taxes and a way to create jobs here in America by legitimizing an industry that has been crying for it. They would be foolish to let this opportunity slip by the wayside. We need to make sure they are 100 percent aware of it.



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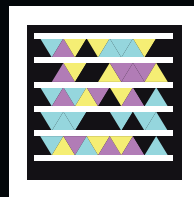
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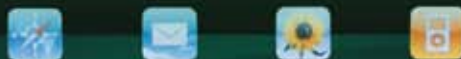
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