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Set your goals

Forget New Year's, now is when poker goals are set, obtained, missed and/or surpassed. These achievements could be as easy as playing in your first World Series of Poker event or as far-reaching as winning a WSOP bracelet. It's always good to have something to strive for, something to push you when you are competing at this level.

The most common goal recreational players have, and something that fits nicely between the aforementioned ones, is to notch a cash, which thousands of players will do when the 48th annual WSOP runs this summer at the Rio in Las Vegas. It could be a cash in the \$10K main event or in an undercard tourney, just as long as it's a World Series cash. But what exactly is a WSOP cash?

This topic frequently arises at poker tables. Does it need to appear on Hendon Mob to be a real cash? Or does winning a WSOP satellite qualify? For that matter, does a WSOP cash need to take place at the Rio?

With bracelet events happening around the world, it would seem Las Vegas no longer has the corner on WSOP achievements. And what about WSOP Circuit events? Do they count as cashes? The words "World Series of Poker" appear in the title and on the hardware, so logic would dictate they are official WSOP cashes, even if the ultimate prize is a ring and not a bracelet.

Well, what matters most is what you think. If you feel it's a cash, then it is. And if your goal is merely to return home with more money than you started, then that's a win in our book. Whatever your goal is this summer, we're rooting for you. Of course, if your goal was to make the November Nine, well then you're out of luck as they eliminated that program.

But if you want to know which events are when and what's new on the docket this year, we have a WSOP preview and schedule on Pages 8-9. And don't forget to consult our Las Vegas column and our Where to Play pages in the back of this issue for a look at the other events around Vegas and the rest of the country.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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NO MORE NOVEMBER NINE

There are a bunch of new events, but the delayed main-event final table has run its course.

By Christopher Cosenza

Every summer, much of the poker community makes the pilgrimage to the desert to test its skills and, maybe, take home a World Series of Poker bracelet.

The “granddaddy” of them all is, of course, the \$10K main event, which will return to a 10-day continuous tourney, eliminating the 100-plus day delay of the final table that had been in place for about a decade. This change came after a deal between ESPN and Poker Central, which has PC getting the TV broadcast and digital media rights to the WSOP. ESPN will air the main event semi-live with a 30-minute delay, including the final table.

The 48th annual WSOP schedule has a table of events that’s sure to entice even the most casual fan or recreational player. Among the whopping 74 events that span May 30 until July 18 are eight new tourneys, including an interesting \$10K Tag Team event to help kick off the

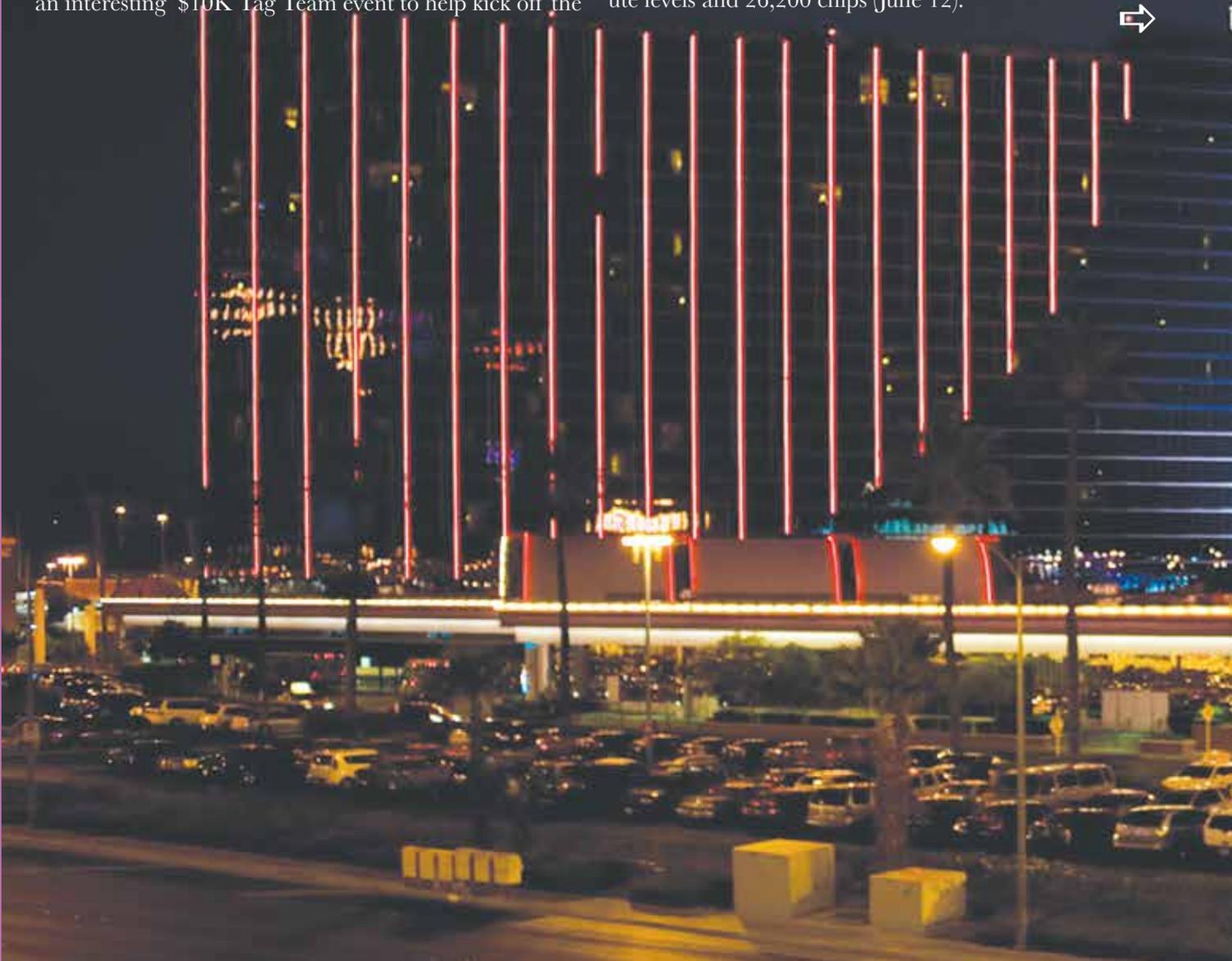
series May 31.

The three-day event allows for teams of two, three or four players to play one stack and swap out the competing player at any time. There’s also a \$1K version of this event on June 5.

The WSOP has taken to giving nicknames to its events, such as the Colossus (June 2, \$565, \$8M guarantee), so events such as the Giant and the Marathon should come as no surprise.

The Giant is a \$365 no-limit hold’em tournament with unlimited re-entries. But that’s not what makes it the Giant. The tourney runs every Friday at 7 p.m. for five consecutive weeks, beginning June 9. Those who survive will reconvene at the Rio on July 8 for the title. The other starting flights are June 16, June 23, June 30 and July 7.

The Marathon is a \$2,620 five-day event with 100-minute levels and 26,200 chips (June 12).



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Are you used to the flow of your local poker room's daily events? Do you enjoy quick levels and bounties? Then the \$1K super turbo bounty event on June 20 is for you. It has 20-minute levels and \$300 bounties.

The online community will make a splash again, this year, with the \$333 WSOP.com online event that has a \$333,333 guarantee on June 3. And a \$3,333 WSOP.com online high-roller has unlimited re-entries on July 1. There's also a three-day \$10K pot-limit Omaha/8 championship on June 26.

But the final unique addition to the massive schedule this year is the \$2,500 mixed big-bet event. This June 30 tournament has NLHE, PLO, NL deuce-to-seven, NL five-card draw, Big O, PLO/8 and 2-7 PL triple-draw.

The One Drop events return this year, too. The first is the \$111,111 One Drop on July 7, followed shortly afterward by the \$1,111 Little One for One Drop on July 11.

The \$10K main event begins July 8 with the first of three Day 1s and will run 10 days. Last year, **Qui "TommyGun" Nguyen** captured the title and \$8M by defeating 6,740 players. Will he be the first player to defend his WSOP crown since **Johnny Chan**? How many players will enter this year? Will the WSOP set another record? You'll have to wait to see, but one thing is for sure, it will be another exciting summer and we'll have a world champ by its end. ♠

WSOP SCHEDULE

Event	Date
\$565 Casino Employees	May 31
\$10K Tag Team (2-4 players)	May 31
\$3K Shootout (2,000 max)	June 1
\$1.5K Omaha/8	June 1
\$565 Colossus \$8M guarantee	June 2
\$10K Stud	June 2
\$2.5K Mixed Triple Draw Lowball	June 3
\$333 WSOP.com	June 3
\$10K Omaha/8	June 4
\$1K Tag Team (2-4 players)	June 5
\$1.5K Dealer's Choice Six-Max	June 5
\$1.5K NLHE	June 6
\$1.5K NL 2-7 Lowball Draw	June 6
\$1.5K HORSE	June 7
\$10K Heads-Up (512 max)	June 7
\$1.5K Six-Max	June 8
\$10K Dealer's Choice Six-Max	June 8
\$565 Pot-Limit Omaha	June 9
\$365 NLHE Giant	June 9
\$1.5K Millionaire Maker	June 10
\$1.5K 8-Game Mix Six-Max	June 10
\$10K NL 2-7 Lowball Draw	June 11
\$2,620 Marathon	June 12
\$1.5K Limit	June 12
\$1K PLO	June 13
\$10K Razz	June 13
\$3K Six-Max	June 14
\$1.5K 2-7 Lowball Triple Draw	June 14
\$2.5K NLHE	June 15
\$10K HORSE	June 15
\$1K Seniors (50-plus)	June 16
\$1.5K PLO/8-O8/B-Big O	June 16
\$1.5K NLHE	June 17
\$10K 2-7 Lowball Triple Draw	June 17
\$1K Super Seniors (65-plus)	June 18
\$5K Six-Max	June 18
\$1K NLHE	June 19
\$10K Limit	June 19
\$1K Super Turbo \$300 Bounty	June 20
\$1.5K Stud/8	June 20
\$1.5K PLO	June 21
\$10K Six-Max	June 21
\$1.5K Shootout (2,000 max)	June 22
\$3K HORSE	June 22
\$5K NLHE	June 23
\$1.5K PLO/8	June 23
\$1.5K Monster Stack	June 24
\$10K Stud/8	June 24
\$3K PLO Six-Max	June 25
\$1.5K NLHE \$500 Bounty	June 26
\$10K PLO/8	June 26
\$1.5K NLHE	June 27
\$3K Limit Six-Max	June 27
\$10K PLO/8 Eight-Max	June 28
\$1.5K Stud	June 28
\$5K NLHE	June 29
\$2.5K Omaha/8-Stud/8	June 29
\$1.5K NLHE	June 30
\$2.5K Mixed Big Bet	June 30
\$888 NLHE Eight-Max	July 1
\$3,333 WSOP.com	July 1
\$50K PPC Six-Max	July 2
\$1K NLHE	July 3
\$1.5K NLHE/PLO Eight-Max	July 3
\$1K NLHE	July 4
\$1.5K NLHE	July 5
\$25K PLO Eight-Max	July 5
\$3K NLHE	July 6
\$1.5K Razz	July 6
\$1K Ladies	July 7
\$1K WSOP.com	July 7
\$111,111 for One Drop	July 7
\$10K Main Event	July 8
\$1,111 Little One for One Drop	July 11

UPDATE ON WORLD CHAMP QUI NGUYEN

You might recall my article, *Brush with Poker Royalty*, from the December issue, about my experience as **Qui “Tommy-Gun” Nguyen**’s poker advisor at the 2016



**STEVE
BLAY**

WSOP final table. I’m pleased to report Qui has kept his promise to take it easy this year. He has only been travelling to a handful of carefully selected events and spending more time with his son, **Kyle**.

In January, we headed to the WSOP Circuit event at the Choctaw Casino in Oklahoma. There, all of “Team TommyGun” received official WSOP World Champion rings made by Jostens. This ring is huge on me; I think I’m going to need to make it into a bracelet! The size only makes sense when you consider who designed it: Qui’s agent “**Super Mario**” **Oro-zco** from Dallas. Only a guy from Texas would design a ring this big.

But seriously, I’m very grateful to Super Mario for making this happen and creating a great memento of the amazing WSOP run for all of Team Tommy-Gun.

So, what does the summer hold for Nguyen? He tells me he’s not planning to overdo it. He is still planning to take it easy and enjoy life. In this year’s WSOP, he plans to limit his play to the bigger events, perhaps those with buy-ins of \$5K-plus.

I’m excited to announce Qui Nguyen is going to be participating in our Secrets of the World Champions all-day seminar at the Rio on July 1.

Additionally, the seminar will feature **Jonathan Little** (author, two-time WPT champ, and probably the smartest guy in the poker world today), the Prince of Poker, **Scotty Nguyen**, and **Scott Clements**, who boasts two bracelets and 16 WSOP final tables. It promises to be an incredible event.

The pros are even going to play some sit-n-go tournaments with the participants. You can check out all the details at advancedpokertraining.com/secrets.

What kind of effect will Qui’s perfor-



Qui Nguyen and Steve Blay showing off their rings!

mance at the 2016 WSOP final table have on other players this year? Will we see a bunch of over-aggressive maniacs who think they are playing like Qui? As revealed in our upcoming book *From Vietnam to Vegas: How I Won the World Series of Poker Main Event*, that is far from Qui’s actual style.

- You can preorder your copy all summer at the D&B Publishing booth at the Rio. There will be autograph signings with Qui at the booth as well. Stop by for all the details.

Though you can’t get a copy of the book just yet, there are still a couple of ways you can learn from Qui right now on **AdvancedPokerTraining.com**:

- You can play a final table against the Qui Nguyen Bot, designed to play as close to his style as possible.

- You can even play heads-up against Qui and more than 70 other virtual opponents of all skill levels

- You can watch Qui review 100-plus key hands from the WSOP final table, with his play-by-play commentary about his strategy at each decision point.

By the way, if you’ve never checked out APT, the above doesn’t even scratch

the surface of what the site offers. A small team of us has been working on the site (practically seven days a week) since 2009. In that time, at least 50 poker training sites have come and gone. APT’s vast array of training material is geared toward improving your game fast and helping you achieve all your poker goals.

Though none of the ESPN crew, including **Antonio Esfandiari**, **Phil Hellmuth** and **Daniel Negreanu**, could get a read on Qui, they all agreed on one thing: It was really fun watching him play the final table. His performance was great for poker. This year, everyone wants to be the next Qui Nguyen. We might see some copycats, but will anyone truly be able to play like Qui? I’m not too sure we’ll ever see a final-table performance like that again.

Will Qui repeat as main-event champ? With a predicted field of 8,000-plus competitors, it’s unlikely. Then again, if he plays like he did last summer, anything is possible. As commentator **Norman Chad** said, “Qui Nguyen is more puzzling than a Rubik’s cube. But maybe that’s an illusion and that’s what makes him so fascinating.” ♠

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Poker pro **Shawn Busse** took down the largest main event in Ocean's 11 Casino history, outlasting more than 900 players in San Diego for \$48,910.

The tournament had six starting flights that drew 861 entries, as well as a Quantum Reload Day 2 direct buy-in option that had 59 players put up \$1,500 to enter the final day. The prize pool was \$238,100 for 116 cashers.

This was Busse's fifth largest career score, his biggest being his win in the 2010 World Series of Poker's \$1K event for \$485,971 and a bracelet.

A number of other players with impressive resumes made deep runs in this event. **Gavin Griffin** finished 11th for \$3,360. He made headlines years ago when he captured WSOP, World Poker Tour and European Poker Tour main-event titles for a then-rare triple crown.

Finishing behind Griffin was **Ebony Kenney** for \$3,360. Kenney has \$220K-plus in earnings and was one of the WPT's Ones to Watch.

Andrew Wisdom was chipleader heading into the final day but finished fourth for \$14,525.

HUSTLER CASINO: **Thomas Lindell** had to beat poker legend **Phil Laak** heads-up to earn

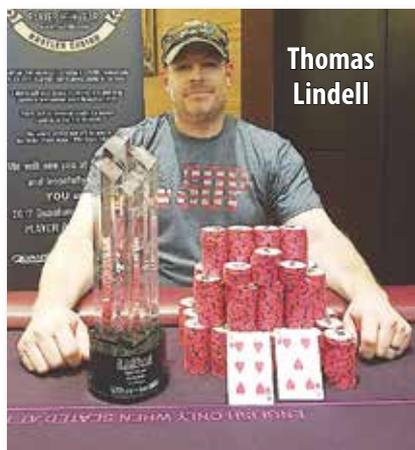
the **Liz Flynt** Spring Poker Classic, which had a \$350 buy-in and a whopping \$500K guarantee.

Lindell took home \$150,800 for first while Laak pocketed \$83,305. The event drew 2,173 entries for an \$879,695 prize pool.

PALA CASINO SPA AND RESORT: Chipleader **Lena Evans** of Beverly

Hills won \$2,798 in the Quantum Reload tournament after a four-way chop April 16 to become the first woman to win a Quantum Championship.

Atrayon Trevino of San Diego was second (\$2,422), **Scott Aulds** of San Diego was third (\$2,372) and **Steven Firestone** of San Diego was fourth (\$2,343).



Thomas Lindell

MEET JULIE SHOZI



When she was 6 years old, **Julie Shoji's** dad and grandfather taught her how to play stud and they would play after family meals and holidays. Her love for the game has continued over the years.

During the poker boom, she and her dad would watch poker on TV, discussing hands and players. Shoji also started playing tournaments online.

In 2009, she played her first women's event hosted by LIPS.

"I just love the mind game of poker and I can't wait to see a woman take down the biggest and best tournament of the year, the WSOP main event."

She said 2012 was great to her. "In January, I finished in seventh place for \$20K at the WSOPC main event at the Bicycle Casino. I won my \$1,600 entry in a \$160 satellite. I was chipleader of the tournament on Day 2 and last woman standing. In August, I was the only woman to enter the Legends of Poker six-max tournament and I won it. I had several other cashes that year, making it a really fun poker year for me."

Shoji said poker has been so rewarding. "I have met some of the most fun, amazing, wonderful, often unique people from every walk of life. I love the social aspect of poker and at the same time the anti-social aspect of it."

While in Reno for a charity tournament, she got to play "an awesome cash game with **Lou Diamond Phillips**. ... I've met some amazing celebrities and lots of poker pros, but I have to say that playing with Lou that evening was the best." — **Kittie Aleman**

The five-day event saw 90 players vie for the \$16,180 prize pool. **John Mitsakos** of San Marcos was a double-qualifier and earned \$450.

Rounding out the top 10 were **Anas Adawi** of Escondido, \$1,115; **Michael Ruter** of Temecula, \$870; **Jerry Holland** of Escondido, \$660; **Thomas Foote** of Vista, \$485; **John Mitsakos** of San Marcos, \$330 and **David Connell** of San Marcos, \$200.

BICYCLE HOTEL AND CASINO: The Los Angeles property hosts the World Poker Tour Legends of Poker from Aug. 22 until Aug. 29 with an estimated \$5M in prize pools, including a \$1M guarantee in the opening event.

See the ad on Page 35 for more information.

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Bay 101 Summer Madness is June 12-19

Bay 101 in San Jose hosts its Summer Madness series June 12-19 and it will have seven events throughout the week. The first begins June 12 and will be a \$350 event. There will be a couple of turbos and an Omaha/8 event, too, with the remaining events being NLHE. The main event costs \$1,100 and Bay 101 will be giving away a \$350 voucher for the Summer Madness Series for winners of \$1,500 or more in the daily tournaments until June 10. Call the poker room for more details.

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT: The Lincoln property will host its popular One Day \$100K guarantee June 10 at 11 a.m. Players love this event since they're able to have a shot at such a large payout without having to commit to days of playing. The \$100K guarantee will carry a \$455 buy-in, which will give players 20K chips. Levels are 30 minutes and you're allowed one re-entry. Thunder Valley will hold satellites June 2-10 with 1-in-5 players winning a seat June 10.

LUCKY CHANCES: In Colma, the monthly \$20K first-place guarantee is June 25 at 9:30 a.m. This \$350 event gives players 20K chips, 30-minute blinds and offers re-entries to sweeten the prize pool. Apart from this event, daily tournaments run with the guaranteed first-place prizes from \$2.5K to \$8K.

JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT: The Second Sunday \$5K guarantee is June 11. This \$220 event starts at 1 p.m. Players also earn bonus chips for each hour of live play before the tournament, starting at 10. Jackson Rancheria also has some great daily tournaments throughout the week, including a \$1.5K guarantee bounty event (\$60) on Mondays at 7 p.m. and a \$1K guarantee (\$50) on Wednesdays at 7:30.

TACHI PALACE: The Summer Super Series begins with satellites this month on June 3 and 14 at 11:15 a.m. for \$60. The main event will be Aug. 26 for \$300 so try to win your way in for a fraction of the cost. See the ad on Page 41 for more details.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WILDHORSE RESORT: The \$40K-added Spring Round Up in Pendleton, Ore., ended on April 15 as **Ryan Dahl** of Kennewick, Wash., won the two-day main event for \$38K. He also won Event 9 for \$15K.

Here are the winners of the undercard events: **Teemu Karvonen** of Boise (Event 1, \$15K); **Angel Iniquez** of Portland (Event 2, \$18K); **Joseph Becker** of Spokane (Event 3, shootout, \$7K); **Jon Williams** of Happy Valley, Ore., (Event 4, Big O, \$7K); **Jason Adams** of Salmon Creek, Wash., (Event 5, Omaha/8, \$10K); **Denny Edwards** of Hermiston, Ore., (Event 6, HORSE, \$7K); **Edgar Gardner** of Redmond, Ore., (Event 7, \$5K); **Ricky Gore** of Port Hadlock, Wash., (Event 8, seniors, \$12K); **Derek Burns** of Pasco, Wash., (Event 10, \$13K); **Bill Patton** of Vancouver, Wash., (Event 11, \$26K), and **Jason Helmick** of Everett, Wash., (Event 13, \$4K).

LEGISLATION: In a move to clarify the legality of Oregon's non-Tribal poker rooms, and not necessarily in the way Portland players wanted, the Oregon House passed HB2190, banning "social" games unless they are "operated and controlled by a charitable, fraternal or religious organization."

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The World Series part of the summer is the best time of the year for poker players here. In addition to all that great action at the Rio, there are great tournament series all over town, as we've documented in previous issues.

Of course, that's not all. Every poker room is busier and you can find great cash games everywhere. Be warned: Waitlists for cash games can get extra long and it's not just for no-limit hold'em. You may see PLO, Big O and even mixed games in rooms that never spread them the rest of the year. And you'll see small rooms spreading \$2-\$5 NLHE and bigger games.

Tournament players have plenty to appreciate, too. If the buy-ins for those series events are too much for your bankroll, consider playing in the smaller, regular tournaments at just about any room in town. The turnouts will be much more than usual, meaning prize pools will be larger, too.

Let's take a look at some of the regular tournament offerings.

MIRAGE: The 11 a.m. \$120 tournament Friday through Sunday starts players with a 25K stack and has 25-minute levels. The rest of the week, a \$65 tournament with a 10K starting stack and 20-minute levels runs at that time, as well as 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. most days. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. tournaments offer \$25 bounties and a \$100 buy-in.

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

BALLY'S: The \$60 tournament runs daily at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Players start with 5K chips and play 20-minute levels. Each tournament has a \$500 guarantee.

SOUTH POINT: The \$60 tournament runs daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and has a 4,500 starting stack, 20-minute levels and a \$5 bounty. The same structure is offered at 7 most evenings, except for Sundays and Wednesdays.

On those days, the evening tournament starts at 6 and has a \$100 buy-in for 7,500 chips and 30-minute levels. A \$10 dealer add-on option gets players 2,500 more.

MGM: There are two \$70 tournaments daily (11 a.m. and 7 p.m.). Players start with 15K chips. The levels start at 15 minutes and increase to 20 at Level 10. The morning tournament has a \$2K guarantee (\$1K in the evening). Turbo tournaments for \$50 run daily at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The levels are 10 minutes and the starting stack is 10K. The guarantee is \$500.

ORLEANS: The room offers great variety in its schedule. Tournaments run at noon and 7 p.m. daily and events include HORSE, Omaha/8, Omaha/8-stud/8, PLO and NLHE. The room is expected to adjust buy-ins and starting stacks for the WSOP.

One thing not likely to change is the Friday 7 p.m. \$130 NLHE event, the most popular regularly scheduled tournament in town. Players get a 15K stack and enjoy 30-minute

levels. Expect to compete with between 175 and 250 players in this one.

TREASURE ISLAND: At 11 a.m., a \$65 tournament with an 8K stack starts things off. At 2 p.m., it's \$75 for 15K chips. That one has a \$500 guarantee. The 7 p.m. is \$55 for 8K in chips. At 10 p.m., the \$75 buy-in starts players with 15K and features a \$1K guarantee. Late Saturday night, at 1 a.m., an extra \$65, 8K stack tournament is offered. All levels are 20 minutes.

SUNCOAST: Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m., it's \$45 for 4K chips, with a \$20 add-on for 4K more. Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m., it's \$60 for 6K, with an optional \$10 add-on for 2K more. The evening tournament has a \$1K guarantee. All levels are 20 minutes.

VENETIAN: First place in the main event of the Deep Stack Extravaganza went to **Joshua Berman-Turnball** from Brookline, Mass. He took home \$112K, followed by **Steve Sung** of Torrance, Calif., (\$69K) and **Hien Nguyen** of The Colony, Texas (\$50K). The \$1,600 buy-in drew 338 players and had a \$488K prize pool.

The Venetian will host another DSE Aug. 10-20. Among the events is a \$340 doublestack event with the first of its two starting flights on Aug. 15. Players start with 25K chips and play 40-minute levels. The guarantee is \$75K.

The series starts Aug. 10 with a \$250 event that has three starting flights and an \$80K guarantee.

The starting stack is 15K and levels 30 minutes, increasing to 40 at Level 19. Along with bounty and rebuy tournaments, there's a PLO-PLO/8 event Aug. 16 that has a \$250 buy-in and offers a \$7K guarantee.

WYNN: **Kenna James** of Las Vegas and **Gary Margolis** of Southern California each took home \$55K at the Wynn Signature Weekend in April, with James claiming the title. **Bob Shao** of Northern California was third (\$44K). More than 700 players paid \$600 to enter, resulting in a \$368K prize pool.

ARIA: The room is hosting several high roller events this summer. In June, \$25K buy-in events run June 9, 10, 16, 17 and 24. All of these events start at 2 p.m.

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

RENO

GRAND SIERRA: Receive a free tournament entry for two hours of live play. The entry is valid for daily \$25 tournaments from Sunday to Thursday (11 a.m. or 6 p.m.). Play 40 hours per week and receive \$300 in free play (30 hours for \$200, 20 hours for \$100). This weekly promotion expires June 30.

SILVER LEGACY: The new poker room should have new promotions for our next issue so stay tuned.

ATLANTIS CASINO: Players will earn \$4 an hour in comps until Dec 31.

PEPPERMILL CASINO: The high-limit room spreads \$5-\$10 NLHE and \$20-\$40 limit consistently on weekends and \$4-\$8 Omaha runs daily in the main room.

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Talking Stick Resort recently concluded its Getaway Classic Weekend, which ran April 21-23. The first event had 263 players with a prize pool of \$44,710.

Kerri Salamanca took top honors for \$5,165. The rest of the final-table finishers were **Jacob Rubin, Joann Miner, Gregory Orlick, Jason Sater** and **Michael Berman**, each taking home \$4,882, followed by **John Regan** (\$1,923), **Terry Stadler** (\$1,610), **Patricia Lirot** (\$1,230) and **Lawrence Field** (\$849).

Saturday's event increased to 317 players and built a pool of \$84,005. **Jason Lane** and **Joel Lirot** chopped for \$12,500 each. **Richard Saine** and **Albert Thiulot** each took home \$6K while **Robert DeFabrizio, Ronnie Andrews, Vladimir Fomine** and **Brenda Dewitt** each pocketed \$5,578. **Ronald Warnicke** won \$5,200 and **Kerry Kuehn** earned \$1,596 to round out the final table.

The final event had 217 players with \$21,700 paid out in bounties. The top-eight finishers were **Steve Nichols, Michael Castas, Laurence Fulop, Raghavendra Dronavalli, Robert Niess, Patrick Bezenek, Eric Prentis** and **Anthony Williams**, each cashing for \$3,573. **Muhidin Music** (\$1,092) and **David Shostack** (\$895) rounded out the top 10.

Players who entered all three events were given two comp nights in Talking Stick Resort's hotel.

April 29 was the Last Saturday of the Month tourney and it resulted in a five-way chop for \$3,500 each going to **Miles Bassik, Keith Bayern, Erik Gault, Keith Paulson** and **Nicholas Race**. The remaining cashiers were **Robert Aspaas, Robert Thurhorst, Federico DeMain, Raymond Fillipone, Hugh McNamara, Mark Babekov, James Bushmire, Manuel Cervantes, Andy Lau, Joe Rivera** and **Rocco Pace**, each taking home \$2,393.

Please check with the poker room for special upcoming weekend events, along with the daily tournament schedule in the Arena Poker Room.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: The NBA Championship Series promotion means when the home team reaches 25 points there will be a \$25 splash pot, 50 points means a \$50 splash, etc.

If the home team wins, another \$100 will be splashed and if the visiting team wins, a \$200 splash will be added to every live table.

For the The Stanley Cup series, \$50 will be splashed to every live table for every score by either team.

KANSAS

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: Through June 30, a Paid to Play promotion runs. Players can win \$1K by logging hours on bad-beat eligible hold'em tables. Play 200 hours to win

MEET MICHAEL "BIG MIKE" JENKINS



Michael Jenkins is a poker dealer at the Golden Gates Casino and Poker Parlor and has been since August 2010. He once owned a pizza place called Big Mike's Pies & Grinders. He grew up north of Chicago as the youngest of three sons and played baseball, soccer and basketball through high school.

He move to Colorado Springs and graduated high school at Pine Creek in 2001. He went to Colorado Christian University and there learned how to play and deal poker from friends.

He graduated in 2008 with a degree in theatre but started working in Black Hawk in 2009 after playing tournaments at the Gilpin Casino for several years. After the Gilpin closed, he switched to the Lodge, working there for about five months as a prop/house player and eventually as a dealer.

His biggest accomplishment? Hitting a bad-beat jackpot at the Gilpin in 2005. He still plays in small house tournaments and cash games around Black Hawk, mostly sticking to hold'em, but he's dabbled in pineapple and Omaha. He went to the World Series of Poker twice, playing in satellites and the employee tournament, where there were 898 players and 90 got paid.

"I finished 94th; it was heartbreaking."

His favorite hand is Aces: "Sounds too easy, but I just feel like the most powerful person when I get wired aces in my hand." Big Mike is single living in Lakewood, Colo., and he enjoys getting out for movies, dinner at friends' houses and playing as much beach volleyball as possible. — **Dick Stein**

\$250, 250 hours win \$500, 300 hours for \$1K. Players can earn double credit when playing 2-10 a.m. All payouts will be made July 8.

The \$25K freeroll promotion runs through June 30 as well. The top 18 spots are paid with first place worth \$7K.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: A high-hand promotion, with a full house qualifier, runs through June. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., \$100 will be awarded hourly. Qualification for the quarterly \$10K freeroll runs through June 30. The freeroll is July 8.

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Mountain Gods hosts June 25 event in N.M.

Big-money tournaments run every quarter and some of the best live action hold'em in the New Mexico is at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. June 25 is the \$230 Test Your Might event at 11 a.m. See the ad on this page for more details, including a \$99 room rate. Also, each Friday is the \$120 tourney at 6 p.m., and every Sunday at 2 p.m. is a \$75 event. You can earn bonus chips by playing live before each event. See website for details.

SANDIA CASINO RESORT: There are regular weekly tournaments, including a \$50 event on Sundays at noon and \$45 at 5 p.m. Monday brings the Sprint Tournament for \$50. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can play a bounty tournament for a \$75. New is the \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series, where each week's tournament could feature any number of games, including stud, pineapple, HORSE or Omaha/8. Check the website for a complete schedule.

On June 24 at noon, get in on the special MMA bounty tournament where you can win one of nine \$200 bounties. The buy-in is \$200 and registration begins June 19 at 8 a.m.

ISLETA CASINO RESORT: Mondays you can play crazy pineapple for \$15, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Each Wednesday brings Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25. And Thursdays has beginners NLHE, again only \$15 at 7 p.m. Each Friday and Saturday you can play in added-money tournaments for \$100 at 7 p.m.

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

ROUTE 66 CASINO: Play in three tournaments every day. Most are NLHE, but there's a pineapple tournament Wednesdays, plus many include bounties. The Player of the Year promotion allows you to earn money for finishing in the top five.

COLORADO/MISSOURI

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: **Thanh Bui** eliminated every player at the final table, including runner-up **Michael Lech** with a full-house-over-straight cooler, to win the Spring Brawl main event and \$52,302. Other event winners were **Brian Mattheissen** and **Andre Allen**. The last of the World Series qualifiers will be June 3 and 17. Each will start at 10 a.m. and cost \$320.

CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT: The \$1,100 Poker Night In America main event in April had a \$1M guarantee and saw **Michael Phizinsky** overcome 997 entries to collect the title and \$185K.

COMANCHE PROPERTIES: The Red River Casino in Devol, Okla., and the Nation Casino in Lawton, Okla., have their poker operations supervised by table-games manager **Stephen Leaf**. The three 10-handed tables at Red River and the four nine-handed tables at Nation, aren't in enclosed areas and both properties have similar tournament schedules.

Nation typically offers \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 runs occasionally. On Thursdays and Saturdays, \$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha runs. A splash-pot promotion runs 1-5 p.m. daily. To attract new players, a \$10-\$50 buy-in \$1-\$1 NLHE game with 10 percent rake to \$3 is offered. A bad-beat promotion will soon be offered. The main bad-beat jackpot will be for hold'em with a secondary bad beat for Omaha games. Red River typi-



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cally offers \$1-\$2 NLHE and the occasional \$1-\$3. The splash-pots promotion runs 1-5 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The \$1-\$1 introductory game also is offered.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO: The room's regular tournament schedule runs Wednesdays and Fridays through Sundays. Several are added-money tournaments, including seniors, knockout and crazy pineapple.

Other tournaments are a freezeout and a \$3K guarantee deepstack. One cash game note: Every Tuesday is a \$5-\$10 game with a \$500-\$2K buy-in (75 percent of the largest stack thereafter) runs.

HARD ROCK CASINO: The Route 66 Poker Open is June 21-25. It opens with a \$166, \$10K guarantee with 30-minute levels. Another runs June 22. Satellites to the \$366, \$66K guarantee, three-flight main event will run. The series concludes with a \$300 Bonnie and Clyde event.

INDIGO SKY CASINO: Tournaments with \$20-\$80 buy-ins are regularly offered, including seniors, crazy pineapple, deuces wild, Omaha and progressive mystery bounty. Cash games regularly offered include limit, NLHE and PLO.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The Cherokee Poker Classic ran May 12-21. Results were unavailable at press time and will be shared in the next issue. This eight-table room offers a regular tournament schedule that includes daily rebuy events as well as \$50 Wednesday nights and \$60 mystery bounty tournaments on Fridays and Saturdays.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: This 46-table room has the most diverse cash-game levels in the region. It routinely offers \$1-\$2, \$1-\$3, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 as well as \$4-\$8 limit and PLO and PLO/8 up to \$5-\$10. An Aces Cracked promotion runs Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. midnight.

COLORADO

CRIPPLE CREEK: Jonathan Fraley, Mike Gross, Paul Holder, Ryan Clothier, Scott Steward, Tim Domboski and Rick Kliner chopped the Colorado State Poker Championship Main Event at Midnight Rose for \$4,768 each. **Scott Steward** also netted \$1,040 in the Ante Only event. The seniors event chopped three ways as **John Bielaski, Mike Childers** and **Mike Gross** pocketed \$1,444 each. **Anne Kerns** won the ladies event for \$500. The Meganormous went to Bielaski for \$1,708 and the Omaha/8 title when to **Jr. Gatlin** for \$1,600. **Randy Payne** won the crazy pineapple event for \$1,435 and **Carlos Tucker** of Ghetto Poker fame grabbed the Win the Button title for \$1,480.

BLACK HAWK: The Reserve poker room spreads \$2-\$5 limit, features a Monte Carlo jackpot board and has a Hand of the Day promotion. ... Golden Gates' Colorado Poker Championships were running at press time. High hands are limited to \$100 during CPC but return to \$500 on Fridays and \$600 on Saturdays during specific hours after the CPC. There's no bad-beat jackpot here, but a popular twist has been added, Bad Beat Insurance: If your quads lose you get \$2K and the winner gets \$1K. ... The Ameristar's primary bad-beat jackpot finally hit at \$275K. This initiated the much-awaited \$200 hourly high hands and the descending bad beat. Both promotions run 24/7. The DBB is reset to \$25K every time it's hit and starts at aces full of kings. ♠

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SKELTON MAKES HIS BONES IN EBRO



Dylan Skelton pocketed \$14K for winning the Emerald Coast Spring Classic Main Event.

The 10-day Emerald Coast Spring Classic at Ebro Greyhound Park in North Florida ended April 30 as the \$280 main event drew 295 players and saw **Dylan Skelton** of Panama City Beach take the bracelet and \$14K first-place haul.

Nearly 900 players participated in series' seven events, including a bounty, seniors, and Omaha/8 tournament. Ebro regular **Todd Smith** won the series points championship by cashing in three events, including seventh place in the main event.

"The turnout for the ECSC was slightly higher than expected and very gratifying as we strive to provide North Florida with its finest poker experience," Ebro director of poker **Keith Moore** said.

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: After hosting a tournament series in late April and early May (results will be in our July issue), bestbet is smoothly idling with its usual array of cash games and daily events.

Bestbet's hours are 10 a.m.-4 a.m. Monday through Friday and 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Check the Where to Play section in the back of this issue for the tournament schedule and promotions or go to bestbetjax.com.

ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB: North Florida's newest room has initiated a bad-beat jackpot starting at \$50K. The facility is open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 a.m., Friday from 10 a.m. until Monday 4 a.m. and is the closest cardroom to downtown Orlando.

BESTBET ORANGE PARK: This fine cardroom is open 10 a.m.- 4 a.m. weekdays and 24 hours weekends. See the website for tournament times (bestbetjax.com) or find the listing in our Where to Play pages.



MEET RICHARD MANNING

Richard Manning is the poker room manager at North Florida's newest poker room, Orange City Racing and Card Club.

How did you start in the industry? After many years at casinos and cardrooms from the Pacific Northwest to the Atlantic Coast, the Gulf of Mexico and now to Orange City, I find the poker room to be the environment I have a passion for.

What do you enjoy most about the poker world? I find the ever-evolving industry challenging and invigorating. Finding a balance and harmony between the recreational player and professional player is always interesting.

Most of all, I really enjoy the people and divergent personalities that make up our game, from shift managers to tournament directors to dealers and especially the players. They're what keeps me loving my position."

What's the future hold for Orange City Racing and Card Club? We have cash games and regular tournaments. We expect to host some special events and hope to draw players from all over for larger tournaments as we establish ourselves.
— **Crash Martin**

DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB: The ninth annual **Howard Frank** Memorial Deep Stack Charity Classic was May 21 and hadn't completed at press time.

Results will be in the July issue. Tournament times can be found at daytonagreyhound.com.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND PARK: The \$20K guarantee (\$180 buy-in) will have 1 p.m. flights on June 22 and 24 with survivors playing June 25.

Satellite tournaments are available throughout June. See the ad on Page 45 and visit pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com.

CREEK GRETNA ENTERTAINMENT: The monthly \$10K guarantee costs \$270 and will be June 17 at 1 p.m. The \$5K guarantee costs \$120 and will be June 30 at 7 p.m.

On June 23 is a \$120 Super Bounty tourney where each table will have a \$125 Super Bounty.

The poker room offers weekly satellites, too. See the ad on Page 45 for more and visit creekentertainment.com.

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FLORIDA CITY TO OPEN POKER ROOM

Over the past five years, the poker landscape in South Florida has been shrinking, first with the closing of the Seminole Classic poker room in 2012, followed by the elimination of rooms in Miami-Dade County at Calder Race Course and Casino Miami.

However, things are about to change with the planned opening this month of a jai-alai fronton and poker room in Florida City, just north of the gateway to the Florida Keys. The property, known as the King's Court Key at Florida City, is being developed by **John Brunetti Sr.**, who has owned the historic Hialeah Park since 1977. His son, **John Brunetti Jr.**, is heading up the project, which will start with four days of jai-alai play in mid June to fulfill state requirements, after which the group will apply for a license to open the poker room.

They plan to open a six-table cardroom, possibly by the end of June, a short distance from the jai-alai court. Just off U.S. 1 and the Florida Turnpike at 355 East Palm Drive in Florida City across from the Florida Keys Outlet Marketplace, the area is a growing one that will conveniently serve poker players from the Keys and the southern part of the peninsula, something spokesman **Steve Calabro** finds very attractive.

"The Brunetti family wanted to bring jai-alai and poker to this part of the state, as it has a large population of eager fans who often had a long, uncomfortable drive to participate in the past," said Calabro, who also serves as the general manager of the Hialeah Park Casino.

In the early days of operation, Calabro said the jai-alai and poker activities will be housed in a temporary facility that he thinks people will find comfortable while Brunetti proceeds with the development of a permanent one. "We have a design for something that is really nice, something with a sports-bar flair, and we hope to have it open in about 10-12 months," Calabro said, "but we hope players and fans do not completely judge us now by the first few days of a long process, because they will have something very beautiful in their area in the near future."

Early plans are to open the poker room from noon to 2 a.m. on weekdays and noon to 4 a.m. on weekends, though adjustments could be made depending on customer demand. **Angelo Garcia** will be the director of poker, a similar position to the one he holds at Hialeah, and he's excited at the prospect of opening a new room with a great staff.

Calabro said the staff will be "a combination of current Hialeah Park employees and many Florida City residents," and reiterated the excitement the Brunettis feel, that this will be a quality entertainment destination for a healthy and deserving market.

"There is no question that this will be a real boon for Florida City," Calabro said. "Eventually, we will be operating two of the finest facilities in South Florida."

ISLE CASINO: Final-table chops are common in tournaments, but usually involve a small number of players at the end of a long event. It certainly is less common to see confident pros

who play the game for a living give up a big chunk of prize money available to be won.

However, smaller tournaments involving semi-pros and amateurs who have other job commitments may be more likely to pass on the chance to play out an event if the alternative is to return for another day, especially when it is the start of another work week.

Such was the case in Pompano Beach at the late-April \$360 deepstack with its \$100K guarantee. Especially after the elimination of one of South Florida's most confident stars, **Maurice Hawkins**, who was crippled when his A-K offsuit ran into the pocket queens of **Carlos Torres**, followed by another queen coming on the flop. Hawkins, who has never looked across the felt at a player he didn't think he could beat, was knocked out in 13th place, and after playing for a while longer, the remaining dozen started discussing a chop. Not everyone was for it initially, but after running the ICM numbers and realizing that many of the players still were plenty deep, the final 12 agreed to chop rather than return on Monday.

Chipleader **Dmitry Agrachov** of Weston was declared the winner and given the trophy and top prize of \$20,363. The tournament had 742 entries to more than double the guarantee with a \$226K-plus prize pool.

For Hawkins, it seemed to be one of the few events recently in which he failed to make a final table. After winning his 10th career WSOPC ring at Council Bluffs earlier in the month, he also final tabled two events at the WSOPC stop at Harrah's Cherokee two weeks later, giving the former college football player five final tables at major events in April.

NORTH CAROLINA

After three days of poker in late April at the Harrah's Cherokee World Series of Poker Circuit stop, **Vanessa Truong** walked away as the \$1,675 main-event champion, holding her first WSOPC ring. The nail tech from Raleigh topped a field of 1,160-plus players to earn \$318,646 from a \$1.7M prize pool.

"The first day was terrible, because I have no cards, but I bagged so I was happy," Truong said. "Then go through the second day it was like, up, down, win some, take some."

Truong made it out of Flight B with around 90K chips. Then she went on to have a solid Day 2, finishing in the top-five stacks.

"And then (Day 3), was a super roller coaster. And I feel super excited that we have a final table and I took out like six, seven guys. Literally, I took like six, seven guys out," she said excitedly.

Six of the eight knockouts at the final table came from Truong. She even busted the final four players, including her heads-up adversary **Daniel Pearlman**.

The heads-up match between Truong and Pearlman lasted around 3.5 hours and took 115 hands before the 41-year-old let out a burst of joy while embracing her husband.

The Vietnamese transplant, who immigrated to the United States in 1989, touched on how the victory felt. "Can't explain it, kind of like in a dream," she said.



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SILKS EVENT ENDS IN CHOP IN TAMPA

Charity events aren't always the most competitive, nor are they the easiest to navigate. The San Par Charity Classic, benefiting the Tampa Bay Leukemia-Lymphoma Society, bucks that trend at the Silks Poker Room in Tampa. A mix of good poker and tons of fun, the evolution of this tournament, in its fourth year, has gone from a Sunday evening tourney with accelerated 15-minute blinds to a 20-minute structure on a Friday evening where no one felt rushed.

Danny Lobado, ambassador for the Silks, has helped promote and run the charity event since its inception. It always runs on Kentucky Derby Weekend and concludes on Monday with a charity golf outing.

After the initial buy-in period ended, the tournament quickly got down to two tables.

When play at the final table reached seven-handed, **Jesse Malin** called the all-in of **Michael Lemay**. Malin held eights against Lemay's A-K and with a king on the turn Lemay took a massive lead over the field. During chop discussions, players agreed Lemay was the winner and gave him \$1,100 and the trophy. Malin, **Steve Bagby**, **Larry Mistretta**, **Jon Satone**, **Steve Reiken** and *Ante Up's* **Sara Malowitz** took home \$500 each.

Next month, *Ante Up* will have coverage of the Wounded Warrior charity event at Derby Lane in St. Petersburg.

MISSISSIPPI

In North Mississippi, Horseshoe Tunica features a \$10K guarantee every Saturday. If you play anywhere in the Mid-South, you know this is the place to be on the weekends. The cash action is unbeatable, along with the hospitality. This is the absolute best one-day tournament you'll find in Tunica. The buy-in is \$150, but for an additional \$10 you get another 2K in chips. The levels move slow at 30 minutes per level and re-entry is permitted for the first four levels.

In the middle of the state at the Pearl River Casino Resort in Philadelphia, there will be a \$25K guarantee June 8-11. This is a two-day \$225 event (with two Day 1s).

This tournament starts you with a massive 20K chips, making it one of the deepest low buy-in tournaments in the state.

There are plenty of single-table satellite options to win your way in and more info is available at pearlriverresort.com.

Down south at the Scarlet Pearl in Biloxi, the poker room is spending the summer gearing up for its biggest event. For the first 11 days in August, the Big Slick Poker Room will host a \$100K guarantee series.

Starting with mega satellites and NLHE events on Aug. 3, a full roster of events span every day leading up to the \$360 main. The \$100K guarantee main event begins Aug. 8 with multiple starting days.

This looks like a fun series to play while enjoying some late summer beach time.

You can find all details at scarletpearlcasino.com. Poker

room rates are available during this event, with a minimum of four hours' live cash play per day.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES: Build Your Bankroll is back. Receive \$50 for every 50 hours of live poker you play, but don't delay because this promotion ends June 30. Coupling this with the Play and Eat promotion (play four hours of live poker and receive a \$15 restaurant voucher) is sure to be +EV. There's also a \$20-\$40 limit game with a half-kill that runs Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

LUMIERE PLACE: There's a new \$1-\$3 game with a \$300-\$500 buy-in and a \$10 rock. Lumiere spreads it Friday nights at 8. It's loose and it's popular. There's also \$1-\$2 PLO daily. Perhaps what they say is true: The best poker action in St. Louis happens downtown.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO: Comps have increased to \$1.50 an hour or more depending upon player tier (Executive Producers earn \$2.62/hour). The property also made some changes to its tier program, so you may want to stop by the counter before your next session.



Mike Lemay won the San Par Charity Classic.

LOUISIANA

COUSHATTA CASINO: The Summer Classic Series will run on June 21-25. The \$250 seniors event is June 21, followed by a \$125 mega satellite on June 22 where one in six will win a seat to \$550 main event plus \$50. The main runs June 23-25 (two starting flights). All events are at noon.

As for promotions, royal flushes get \$150, straight flushes \$50 and quads \$25. The room also has a Sets Cracked promo where the loser gets to spin the wheel and can win \$1K. Call for details.

L'AUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE: The \$30K freeroll features the top 60-70 players who qualify with the most hours.

BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot was \$140K-plus at press time. The room also pays \$100 for straight flushes and \$150 for royals with \$25 added daily to each until hit.

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: The bad beat was at \$150K at press time. And ask about the \$30K Sunday Drawings and Aces and Kings Full Frenzy.

HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot was near \$200K at press time.

L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES: Win \$250 or \$500 every 30 minutes in drawings on Sundays starting at 2:30 p.m. as part of the Colossal Giveaway.

The room will be giving away \$30K in weekly Sunday drawings coming from tickets earned from multiple ways, including flushes and hours played.

Tickets not drawn will be saved for the \$50K Hot Poker Drawings, which will be June 25-29. See the room's website for details.

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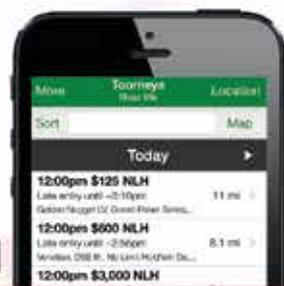
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WSOPC BALTIMORE GOES TO CORDELL



Mike Cordell won the World Series of Poker Mer Circuit Main Event at Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore for \$148,171. Popular pro **Alex Queen** finished second (\$91,562).

The \$1,675 tourney drew 449 entrants for a \$673,500 prize pool.

Cordell started the final day with more than half of the chips in play and on the final hand, his K-J turned the nut straight against Queen's pocket aces, to win his third circuit ring and a seat into August's Global Casino Championship in Cherokee, N.C.

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO: Three tournaments with combined guarantees of \$37K, including one worth \$25K, highlight the June 23-25 Getaway Weekend. Here's the schedule: June 23, 11:15 a.m., \$10K guarantee, \$115 buy-in, 25-minute blinds, 30K chips; June 24, 11:15 a.m., \$25K guarantee, \$200, 30-minute blinds, 30K chips; June 25, 11:15 a.m., \$2K guarantee, \$35, 30K chips.

MARYLAND LIVE: The World Poker Tour DeepStacks visited in April and the \$1,500 main event had 338 entrants for nearly a \$440K prize pool.



Jose Montes registered at the last minute on Day 1B and managed to grab the crown, good for \$95,032, major WPTDS Player of the Year points and a \$3K package toward the WPTDS Championship at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in December.

Montes took over the lead in shorthanded play with his kings vs. ace-king confrontation with **Karim Bevans**, making for the largest pot of the tournament. Montes made quick work of **Nicholas Verderamo** in heads-up play to claim the victory.

In other news, pending approval, the poker room is set to offer weekly \$20K freerolls for eligible participants. Call the poker room for details.

ATLANTIC CITY/PHILADELPHIA

BORGATA: The Spring Poker Open wrapped in early May with the \$2,700 championship and its \$1M guarantee. The event tallied 670 entries to reach \$1.675M. It took four long days for the final table, but it only took five hours for **Sam Taylor** to claim the trophy and the \$390,103.

The final table featured top pros, including 2015 WSOP champion **Joe McKeehen**, BPO champion **Kane Kalas** and **John Racener**.

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MEET MIKEY TA



Parx shift manager **Mikey Ta** recently won two of the four tournaments in the Philadelphia Poker Classic at SugarHouse Casino so we thought we should chat with him.

Tell us about your relationship to poker. I've been on Parx staff for six years and a player for 10. Within the past two years, I've been trying to play as many tournaments as I can, while cash games I play maybe once a month. I don't have enough time to take off of work to play multiple tournaments. Since working the Big Stax Series, I've learned a lot about that lifestyle and how hard it is on them.

What's it like working for Parx? I only play tourneys around the area, but my main relationship to poker is working at Parx. I got hired as just a chiprunner then moved to dual-rate/chiprunner/dealer in six months. After about a year, I got promoted to supervisor/dealer and this past January I became a full-time floor. I love working here and would never give it up to be a full-time poker player. — **Jo Kim**

Taylor took home his biggest win, pushing past \$1.1M for his career.

"It was a really great experience overall," Taylor said. "The support from the rail was awesome with all my friends from home coming out, it being on the East Coast."

With last year's BPO main winner, **Chris Leong**, at the rail, the two pros discussed hands and strategy throughout the final table. Taylor said he'll play a full schedule at the WSOP and then will be taking a vacation.

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA: The poker room's fourth Diamond Delight event easily surpassed its \$100K guarantee by getting 1,931 players to plunk down \$130 for a \$187K prize pool.

The tournament had 16 Day 1 flights with the top 10 percent advancing. Six players chopped for \$14,980 each. **Jonathon Gonzalez** took home the first-place prize of a WSOP main-event seat, and **Joseph Melloni** was second, upgrading his rewards status to diamond.

"I enjoyed the Diamond Delight as the structure allows for somewhat deepstack play," Melloni said. "The multiple Day 1s provide a solid prize pool."

SUGARHOUSE CASINO: **Joe "Worm" Palma** has been named a poker

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room ambassador along with Team Pro **Matt Glantz**. Palma will promote the room through social media, including nightly cash games, particularly PLO, and upcoming tournaments.

“We are thrilled to have Joe on board with our team,” poker room manager **Vicki Sims** said. “As an established professional in the area and someone who travels to play across the country, Joe is a perfect representative to help the SugarHouse brand grow.”

“I’m very grateful for the opportunity,” Palma said. “We are talking about designing and running a tournament series in the fall. Stay tuned for new events. Should be great.”

SugarHouse made many changes to the room recently with additional state-of-the-art TVs and popular promotions.

MOHEGAN SUN POCONO: The World Tavern Poker Open runs June 4-7 at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., property. For more information, go to worldtavernpoker.info.

NEW YORK

TURNING STONE RESORT & CASINO: **Richard Block** won the recent \$250 Spring Fling Main Event for \$13K, beating nearly 400 players, who generated an \$81K prize pool.

From Alden, N.Y., Block has cashed twice in Verona this year.

The second-place finisher, **Jon Walker**, earned \$11K, while **William Bramer** pocketed \$10,126 for third. **Ryan Koster** was fourth (\$9K) and **Thomas Matacale** finished fifth (\$4,012).

The main event ran April 21-23.

In other news, **Brian Ballentine** of Liverpool, N.Y., won the \$570 March Mania Main Event for \$24K. With 299 entries, the prize pool was \$149,500.

Brian Vollick took home \$14,500 for finishing second, while **Russell Campanella** (third) got \$14,080.

Canadian **Peter Beshay** (fourth) and **Leonid Kaplin** (fifth) earned \$11K apiece.

Scott Dennis of Oneida, N.Y., outlasted 520 players to win Event 1 (\$250) of March Mania for \$20K. **Nicholas Forgione** (second) and **Michael Burke** (third) both took home \$12,612. **Robert Burgstahler** was fourth (\$12,611) and **Michael Varre** was fifth (\$5,306). The prize pool was \$109,410.

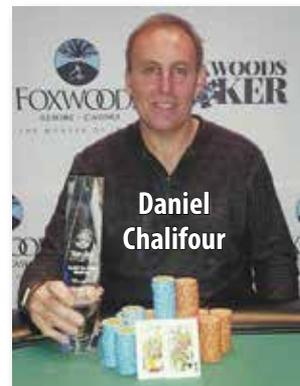
SENECA NIAGARA: **Guy Klass** and **Peter Beshay** chopped the Western New York Poker Challenge’s main event for \$47,016. The prize pool for the \$1K event was \$235,681 with 267 entries.

Anne Jones (third) earned \$26,161, while **Michael Malm** banked \$19,326 for fourth. **Mark Bowersock** got \$14,377 for fifth.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO: **Daniel Chalifour** of Swanzey, N.H., won the \$1,650 main event of the MegaStack Challenge on May 14 for \$61K. There were 169 players in the field for a \$245,895 prize pool at the Mashantucket property.

Stephen Song of Greenwich, Conn., was second (\$41,556) followed by **Ernie Hou** of Fall River, Mass., (\$30,541). ♠



Daniel Chalifour



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The Hollywood Poker Open ran April 27-May 7 at the Hollywood Casino in Columbus, Ohio, and featured seven events.

The \$1,100 main event went to **Vance Essak**, who earned \$70,448. Essak edged out second-place finisher **Richard Morton** (\$43,536) and **Jerry Zehr** (\$31,590).

Colbert White won the \$350 “mini” main event. Winners of the remaining events were **Daniel Hummer** (\$250 superstack); **Tori Todd** (\$200 Sunday Funday); **Kenneth Short** (\$240 black-chip bounty) and **Michael Romanos** (\$200 seniors).

Brent Nolan took down the only non-hold'em event, a \$150 pot-limit Omaha tournament.

JACK CASINO CLEVELAND: The Hump Day High Hand Splash promotion has been running Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Thursdays, the Black Chip for Broadway promotion pays \$100 for every Broadway straight, 3-11 p.m.

THE MEADOWS: On the second Saturday of the month (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), \$300 will be awarded hourly for the high hand of the qualifying period. Also, royals earn the progressive jackpot, the amount of which is posted in the room.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO: The room is paying hourly high hands (\$100-\$200) weekdays (1-6 p.m.). The minimum qualifying hand is a straight (any straight) and both hole cards must play. Weekend high hands (\$500 every 30 minutes) will run on June 2, 10 and 18. The minimum qualifying hand on weekends is aces full of deuces.

Other cash-game promotions include Hollywood Awards, where players win by making any of the 29 qualifying hands.

CHICAGOLAND

MAJESTIC STAR: America's Poker Tour returned to see **John Schray** win its main event for almost \$44K and a \$3K package. Schray had to face a tough table with runner-up **James Snyder**, who won the 2011 Chicago Poker Classic heads-up title, **Alan Cutler** and **Gary Herstein**, who leads Majestic Star's all-time cashes list.

“Great tournament and the blind structures were very well-designed,” said Cutler, who owns a WSOPC ring from Atlantic City.

Schray escaped elimination at the final table after going all-in pre flop with 7-9 vs. A-8 when he flopped the nut straight. The main event had 170 entries for a prize pool of almost \$165K.

Lisa Maloney, who was born deaf, defeated 415 entries to win the \$200 NLHE opener and her first major tournament title for \$16K. She wears hearing aids, but relies on lip-reading

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MEET SCOTTER CLARK



Scotter Clark is a travelling pro from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

How did your poker journey begin? I began playing poker at the age of 13 with my brother and best friend for Halloween candy. I recall my brother getting a royal flush playing five-card draw.

Can you elaborate on the tough time you had making it through the main event of the Fall Classic at Canterbury Park, which you won last year? While I was playing, I had an infection get into my blood stream and went through a sepsis attack. I nearly passed out, but continued playing. I made a huge bluff on a guy with 19 left and he tanked for 10 minutes. When he did that, the adrenaline from the bluff produced cortisone in my body and helped fight the attack. Upon winning first place, I was rushed to the emergency room.

This win allowed you to take a shot at being a traveling pro. How are you enjoying that? Being a traveling pro has been a lot of fun. There are some very good people on the tour that I have met. It's a tough life in and out of hotels and planes, but you have to learn to discipline yourself with exercise, good food and breaks away from the tables.

— Ken Warren

during the tournament. The prize pool was \$71K.

“That was an unbelievable experience; I would like to run it again,” said Maloney, who has been successful in Windy City Poker Championship tournaments, too.

HARRAH'S JOLIET: The nation's largest bad-beat jackpot keeps getting bigger. It was \$773K (quad eights) at press time. The mini bad beat was \$9K.

Harrah's is the first in the state to run monthly women's tournaments. The next one is June 11 at noon (\$140).

Pending approval, on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, beginning June 11, the poker room will splash the pot with \$75 on as many as three tables every two hours from noon until 2 a.m.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO: The poker room runs a special Fifth Sunday tournament for \$400 and 40K chips at noon. The April event had 376 entries for a \$131,600 prize pool as **Nick Jivkov** took the title and \$26,320. The next one will be July 30 and one re-entry is allowed through Level 4.

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MIDWEST

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

The \$1-\$3 NLHE and PLO games with a \$500 max buy-in have become popular. After the first hand of a new game, players may buy to the largest stack.

GREEKTOWN CASINO: The bad-beat jackpot was \$160K-plus at press time. There are \$100 high hands every hour and every half-hour on Saturdays (3-10 p.m.) and aces full or better qualifies.

MGM GRAND: The room recently introduced \$100 random-seat drawings on the hour between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. in all NLHE cash games Monday-Thursday. Also, look for random \$100 splash pots on the half-hour between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

MOTOR CITY: The bad-beat jackpot (quads) was \$442K at press time.

IOWA

GRAND FALLS CASINO: Travis Gant won the \$350 MSPT Regional in Larchwood, Iowa, on May 7 to take \$29,782 home to South Dakota. Gant started the day short, worked his way back, only to find himself short again, staring at a 4-to-1 deficit heads-up against Jason Bender. But, of course, Gant ran down Bender to take the win. This event pulled in 426 entrants.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS: Its final \$200 World Series satellite will be June 11. Play for your chance at the \$10K WSOP main-event entry in Las Vegas plus \$2K for expenses.

DIAMOND JO: The Worth poker room's bad-beat jackpot was \$250K-plus at press time, which has been getting the attention of a lot of players in the area.

MINNESOTA



The first few levels.

The win increases Handrich's career earnings to \$118K-plus. The \$500 main event drew 252 entrants and generated a \$109,998 prize pool.

Nate Boyer earned \$9,018 over the series, making the final table of the main event and the \$300 bounty event. Also of note, Kevin Finley of Forest Lake, Minn., cashed in three events for a total \$2,669.

The series drew 1,498 entrants for \$184,408 in prize pools across 15 events.

CANTERBURY PARK: Mark Wadekamper of Lonsdale, Minn., won the property's largest MSPT event in Shakopee, Minn. Wadekamper battled through 475 entrants to get heads-up with a 7-to-1 lead against the reigning champion Jonathan Kim. Wadekamper's jacks held against Kim's A-2 to end the tournament.

Wadekamper earned his largest career cash of \$110,220. The 56-year-old business development manager has plans for the money. "I'll pay taxes and probably help pay my daughter's student loans," he said.

The \$1,100 event generated a \$459,250 prize pool.

WISCONSIN

In early April, Janesville's Josh Reichard topped a field of 646 entrants to win Event 3 (\$265 NLHE) in the WSOPC stop at Horseshoe Council Bluffs for \$39,731. It's his largest



WSOP-related cash and seventh gold ring, tying him with Cory Waaland in sixth place for most rings.

POTAWATOMI HOTEL AND CASINO: In Milwaukee, Ari Engel won the latest MSPT \$1,100 main event, which attracted 495 entrants. With the win, good for \$114,876, the eight-time WSOPC winner and 2016 Aussie Millions champ brought his lifetime live earnings to nearly \$4.6M.

In other news, the \$312,300 bad-beat jackpot hit on April 14 when Mike Pawlak's quad eights lost to Adam Terrell quad aces after getting it all-in preflop. Pawlak won \$93,692, Terrell \$62,461, and five others received an \$18,739 table share. In addition, 61 players in the room received \$1,023 each. ♠

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DON'T FORGET TO REAP THE REWARDS

Being a low-stakes pro is not going to make you rich. It probably won't even make you upper middle class, but a career as a cash-game pro does have some serious advantages of which you should be sure to take advantage. Freedom is the ultimate reward.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

TRAVEL: The biggest perk of your freedom as a pro is the ability to travel whenever you want, for as long as you want, and not even be missing out on work if you choose destinations that have poker games.

As I'm writing this, I just finished a 14-day sailing across the ocean on an Ante Up Poker Cruise from Tampa to Barcelona, and I'm writing it in the bar of a hostel in Berlin that's costing me \$20 a night for lodging. It's important to travel within your means, and never use bankroll funds, but traveling can be an insanely rewarding experience.

SOCIAL LIFE: The ability to be as social as you want to be with your friends and family is another great perk.

Maybe you have some service-industry friends partying on a "work night" like a Tuesday one week, and you have some 9-to-5 friends taking the boat out on a Saturday. These groups of friends would be likely impossible to be social with if you were part of either of those worlds, but you make your schedule.

Your friends probably won't understand when you're obligated to play poker and when you aren't, so you can just as easily be anti-social with a great excuse. Just make sure to not let it go too far and cut into your hours at the table.

STRESS-FREE LIFESTYLE: To be fair, this is a little bit of a backhanded perk. As long as you play within your means, know your hourly rate (you're keeping good records and have tons of hours to sample from right?), and stick to a schedule, the rest of your life can be as stress-free as you want it to be.

You don't have any deadlines, you don't have a boss, you don't have to worry about your next promotion, or the office politics you need to play to get that promotion.

You have 100 percent job security, as long as gambling remains legal. This won't apply in your early stages, especially when you take some big losses and think about throwing in the towel.

When I have conversations with people about what they do, I always find myself more interested in why they do what they do, rather than the job.

When I consider why I would want to be a professional player, it's always freedom. You won't get rich, but you'll enjoy making the little money you can.

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COACH'S CORNER

HEY! GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

The reason we have such a hard time following advice and staying with the program is if we did just that, then we would no longer be ourselves. We, as humans, are simply not hard-wired for change. Stepping up our game is not as "easy as pudding 'n' pie."



**MARK
BREMENT**

Imagine you're heading off to Las Vegas to play the World Series and you plan to enter a few events. You want to win an event but you know deep down inside, based on prior results, you need to improve. So you take action. You buy a book on tournaments and read it thoroughly. When you saunter up to the cage to enter the event, you're feeling good, but deep

down inside you know you're really the same player who you used to be, which leaves you in the same spot you were in last year: good chance to make the money, but in all likelihood, the final table will elude you.

"So, Coach, how do I improve my game?" Hire a coach.

Incidentally, my job as a poker coach is to bring your game to a higher level. Think of me as a golf coach. It's much easier to bring a 16 handicap to a 12 than it is to bring a 6 to a 4. Count on this: We will find your leaks and plug them. And books? Yes, we will be reviewing books together.

Change your goal. Getting knocked out early should be worn as a badge of honor. Your goal is not to make the money. Your goal must be to get to the final table with chips. Super tight solid play will get you into the money, but it's not enough to take you all the way. Again, change your goal.

Keep in mind that for the first two hours, your opposition will be on their "A" game. After that there are all forms of tilt that start to enter the picture. Your job in the first round of play is to focus on opponents and their habits. Figure out who's passive and who's loose. This will prove invaluable in your decision-making process. You can use your tight table image to accrue chips from the second round onward.

Show up to the tournament fresh. I get it. Poker players want to play. I am speaking to a WSOP event or any significant event. It should be obvious to you that your "A" game starts to wane when you're tired. And never play in a cash game after a tournament exit.

In summary, play your best game and come to the battlefield well-rested with the idea of taking down the trophy. Keep in mind that poker is a big game. Hire a coach and you will reap the rewards.

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Mon	8/28	12pm	DAY 2 BUY-IN OF No Late Registration		\$4,000
Mon	8/28	4pm	NO LIMIT HOLD 'EM TURBO RE-ENTRY		\$1,100
Tue	8/29	2pm	DAY 2 BUY-IN OF H.O.R.S.E. First 2 levels single re-entry	\$100,000	\$1,700



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PUTTING PLAYERS ON HANDS, PART II

Last issue, I discussed ranging players in early position and talked about reraising in later position to isolate when you may hold an extremely strong hand. In addition, blind play is important to watch and understand.



AL
SPATH

Many times the blinds assume they have pot odds to complete the bet with less than serious holdings. If they happen to reraise preflop, you must take notice as they generally are advertising a big hand. A good number of players will defend their blinds with less than decent holdings, incorrectly discounting pot odds and their awful position. However, when the blind comes out firing at the pot after the flop, after only a preflop call on their part (could be betting for value or protection), you can assume they have caught one of these hands: top pair, two pair, a four-flush, an open-ended straight draw, gut-shot straight draw or a small set (though most with sets will wait and trap). Finding yourself in the blind with top pair, lousy kicker, a check-raise can be an effective weapon to take down the pot, but don't overuse this ploy or you eventually will be called or reraised and be at a huge disadvantage.

Let's return to once the flop is made. You must be aware of how many opponents remain in the hand, their position and the number of bets in the pot. It's unlikely to have players

contesting raised pots with weaker holdings. However, you'll find a great number of players playing small pairs, such as 7-7 and 3-3, in hopes of catching a set, and others who enjoy multiway pots with holdings such as J-9 suited or even 4-5 suited. It's your job to evaluate the board (flop texture) and conclude whether the cards shown are helpful to a drawing hand or support top pairs. This will aid you in your decision to continue in the hand and to figure out if the cards exposed have aided your opponents, who continue to bet.

The flop comes K-9-2 rainbow and the under-the-gun player bets again at the pot. You might conclude this player has no real fear of the board and assume they have a king, maybe pocket kings or quite possibly pocket aces. Keep in mind, with hands such as A-Q, Q-Q, and J-J, that player is likely going to fire at the pot if only a few opponents remain in the hand, however, they may be less inclined to bet if a large field still remains and an overcard to their pair is on the flop.

In Part III, I will begin the discussion of critical analysis of turn and river play.

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POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

YES, YOU SHOULD SET POKER GOALS

I have been an advocate of setting goals for so long and in so many settings, it's hard to think this is a debatable point. In *Ante Up*, I've written about setting SMART goals and setting immediate, short-term, intermediate and long-term goals.



STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD

I recently read an online article by Graeme Turner, *Why Successful People Don't Set Goals and You Shouldn't Either*.

Turner argues: There are many famous individuals who "knew" exactly what an industry was going to do.

- "This band's going nowhere," **Pete Best**, original Beatles drummer, 1962

Turner asks how it's possible to set realistic goals when it's impossible to predict all those factors outside of our control that could influence these? Single-mindedness and total commitment to a goal can make a person oblivious to reality, unable to deal with changes to their market or environment.

Turner also argues that defining goals defines your limitations and instead make a commitment to continual improvement. This has an appeal. I don't have to work at goal-setting; I don't have to define what improvement really means; I just go along and have some kind of subjective, feeling that I get better every day. How would I know that without some form of measurement?

I don't think this abandonment of goals is useful. I think it leads to copout and sloppy thinking. I think it leads to laziness.

Saying goals limit us is wrong. Paradoxically, I like the goal of continual improvement and suggest goal-setting as a way of getting there. Let's call it what it is: Continual improvement is a good goal. Goals shouldn't be absolutes; they should be guidelines. Continual improvement needs to be operational to be meaningful and useful, otherwise it becomes a misquoted Zen-type mantra that is just a feel good.

If your goal is continual improvement, how do you make it happen and how do you know when it has happened? Be more specific about defining continued improvement. Let's say you decide patience is important. To continually improve your patience, you need to operationalize and measure.

Hypothetically, you can set parameters for your play that will increase your patience. For example, you might decide you can increase patience by never limping from early position or you might decide to limit the number of hands you play preflop.

The part of your game you want to continually improve is up to you and how you set goals to accomplish that is also up to you. I still advocate the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely) goal-setting system.

Don't take the easy way out. Keep your head in the game.

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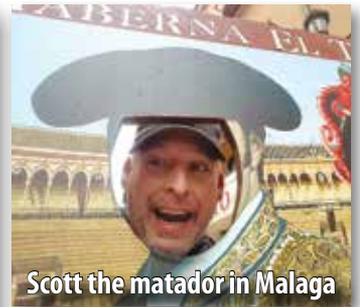
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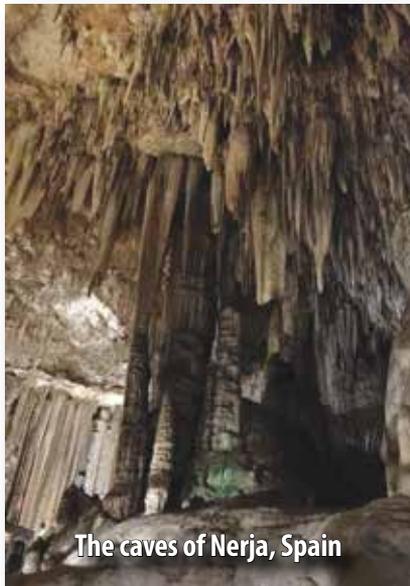
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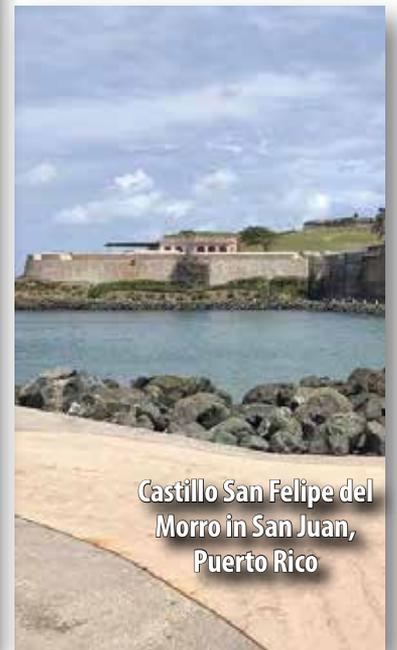
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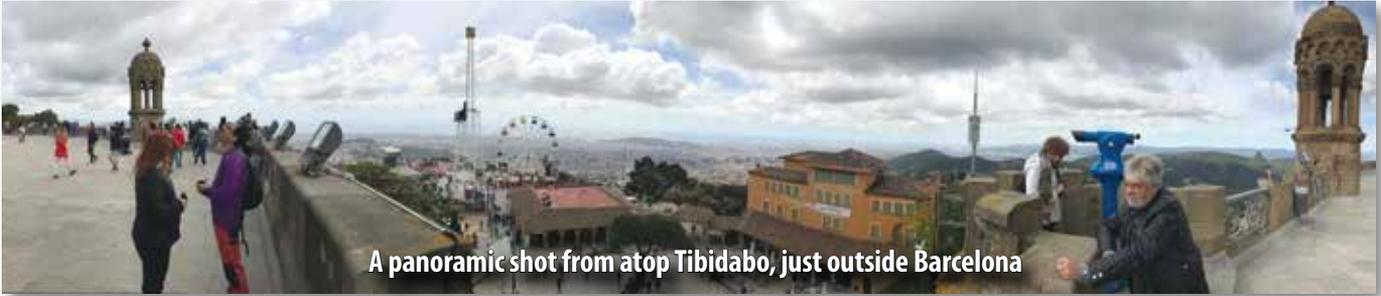
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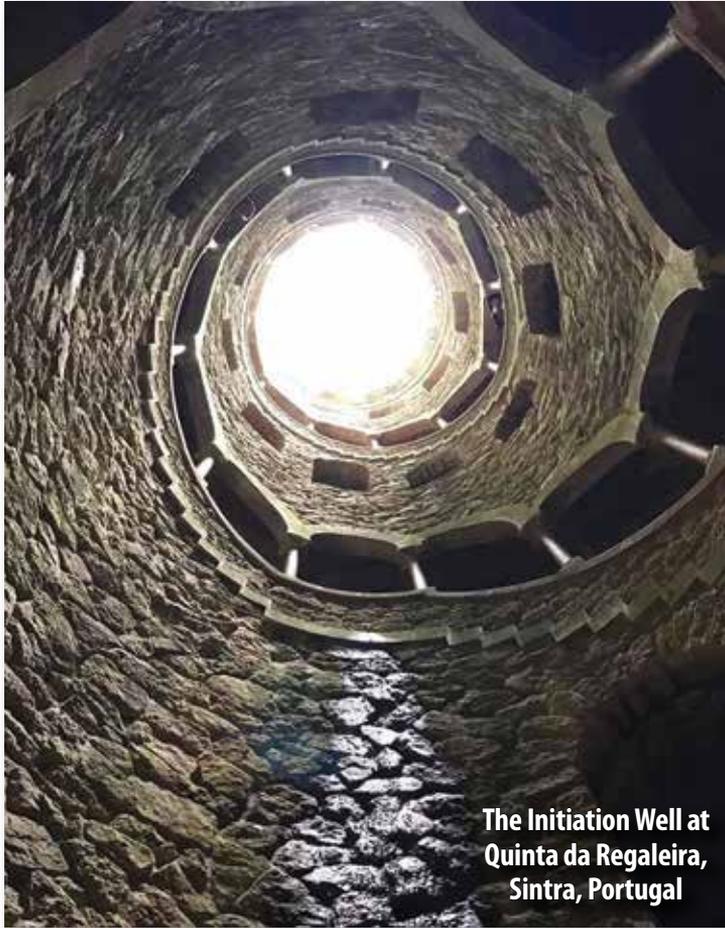
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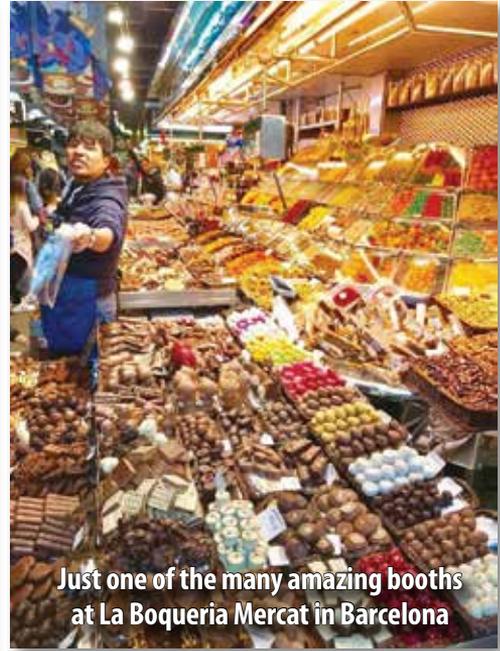
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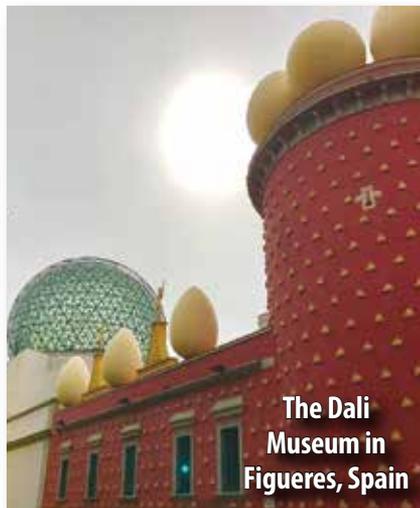
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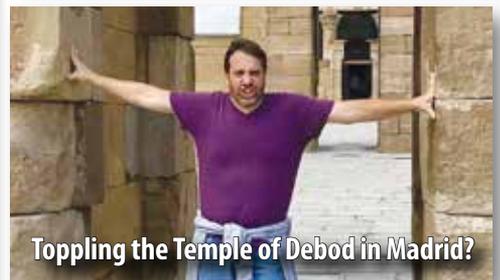
Scott and his wife, Laura in Barcelona



Chris and his wife, Jeanne, at the Mouth of Hell in Lisbon



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

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BAY 101 CASINO (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 9:30a); Friday (\$180, 9:30a); Saturday (\$230, 9a); Sunday (\$180, 9a); Summer Madness Tournament, June 12-19.	No jackpots.
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p); M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p.	Numerous jackpots (call for details); Summer Poker Series, June 1-30. See ad on Page 35 for Legends of Poker series.
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sun. KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; high hand (Mon.-Sun.); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot in hold'em.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); 1st Sat. (\$100, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$160, 7p) w/\$2.5K to first place (minimum 60 players).	No jackpots.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	M-F (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Th. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. \$3K guar. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. 0/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6p); Tue. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. KO (\$30, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. freeroll (\$10 rebuys, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 4p); Sun. KO (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p).	Friday Night Special pays players \$120 for a \$100 buy-in.
GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Daily jackpots; high hand; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega and Omaha jackpots.
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Saturday & Sunday \$1.75K guarantee (\$40, noon); Friday & Sunday \$1.75K guarantee (\$40, 8p); Saturday \$2.5K guarantee (\$55, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; High Hand of the Hour; Pay for Play pays \$5/hour; monthly cash drawings.
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, June 4 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	M KO (\$60, 7p); T 0/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); W (\$30, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); Th CP (\$30, 11a) & (\$40, 7:30p); F (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a); 2nd Sun. \$5K (\$220, 1p).	\$20K bad-beat jackpot.

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LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. (\$200, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tue. & Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Thurs. (\$65, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Friday \$3K guarantee (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guarantee (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); NLHE Championship, June 22-26.	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed., 10a-7p).
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); PLO (Wed., 2p); Omaha high hand and buy-in bargain for HE & Big O w/free meal included; Aces Cracked (24/7).
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 10a); Tue. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$45, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$80, 11a); Sun. \$4.5K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$60, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; straight flush, quads and high-hand bonuses.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a).	Rack Attacks (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/rbs, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60 w/bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Saturday WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Rack Attack.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$160, 6p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Pages 18-19.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; Mexican Poker \$100 high hand (Thurs.-Sun.).
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K guarantee deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

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AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldenecasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p).	High hands can pay \$50/hour and \$100/hour; Friday pays \$500 (5p-10p) & Saturday pays \$600 (noon-10p).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll (3p) w/40 seats awarded per week.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$100, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$40, 12:30p); 2nd & 4th Sunday (\$110, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$50, 7p); Saturday (\$120, noon); 1st Saturday of month (\$210, noon).	Player comps pay \$1/hour; Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Mon. & Thurs., noon, 2p & 4p); high hands (Fri. starting at 10:30a).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy with \$500 paid every 30 minutes.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Daily at 11:15a & 7:15p; Mon. (\$35 & \$25); Tue. (\$35); Wed. (\$35); Thurs. (\$35); Fri. (\$35); Sat. (varies & \$35); Sun. (\$35).	High hands (daily); Hot Seats; Bad Beat Hands; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel; Getaway Weekend, June 23-25.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked; quad jacks or better.

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BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guar. (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); high hands.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tuesday-Saturday (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sunday (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad sevens.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 23.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p).	High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands; weekday draw down (Mon.-Fri., 2p & 11p). High-hand jackpot.
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); last Fri. of month PLO (\$70, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$130, noon). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins vary); 1st & 3rd Sat. KO (\$290, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Celebrity Tournament, June 15 (\$80, 7p).
OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
ORANGE CITY RACING & CARD CLUB orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K bad-beat jackpot; high hands; player rewards.
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High hands.

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PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive Bad Beat Jackpot.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (varies, 11a & 6p).	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); WPT DeepStacks, June 8-19.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tuesday-Thursdays (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-2a (Sun.-Thurs.) & 8p-6a (Fri.-Sat.).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily tournaments ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guarantees from \$1K-\$10K. See the ad on Page 27.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgtpoker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands.

ILLINOIS

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

INDIANA

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

IOWA

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

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); Sat. Special (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Monthly \$15K freeroll; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tuesday (\$100, 7:00p); Wednesday (\$45, noon); Friday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand. Call for details.	High hands.

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

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon. & Wed. (\$125, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 11a); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$350, 11a).	Splash Pots.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary so call for schedule. See the ad on Page 29.	Late night high hands (daily) pays \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K.
MGM NATIONAL HARBOR (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a).	Royals pay \$500.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Saturday Big Bounty (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p); Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Daily at 10:30a (buy-ins vary) plus a 6:30p tourney on Wed. (\$235) and Sun. (\$100).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Full (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Tues. & Wed.).
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/ Bonus Splash the Pot.
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Monday-Thursday (\$50, noon & 7p); Friday (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, noon); Sunday (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p); \$25K guar., June 8-11. See ad on Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p).
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Monday-Sunday, noon); satellites on Friday & Saturday (6p); industry tournaments on Sunday (4p); \$100K Big Slicks Poker Class Series, Aug. 2-13.	Cash giveaways.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Friday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Survivor (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$25, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month KO (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkcc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights or better; progressive high hands for all straight flushes and royals.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (varies, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.

MISSOURI (Continued)

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

NEVADA

ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a); Aria Summer High Roller Series runs until July 15.	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; daily tournament high hand pays \$250; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure; High Roller, June 30 (\$25K).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p); Dog Days of Summer Poker Jam, June 2-July 4.	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes; Triple Pay before 1p and double pay from 5p-7p & 11p-1a; royals capped at \$599.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel; Aces Cracked; high hands.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CLUB CAL NEVA RENO (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 6p); freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$8K freeroll; \$32K freeroll (call for details).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a); Grand Poker Series runs until July 3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Quads for Cash: All four-of-a-kind hands can win \$250 (call for details).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hands.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahsLasvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
MANDALAY BAY 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$40, 11a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	High Hands; Rolling High Hands; Aces Cracked.
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guarantee (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sunday-Thursday (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday, 5a-10a); Invitational Tournaments (call for details).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guarantee; Goliath Phamous Series runs until July 13.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot; around-the-clock food rewards.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sdv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll; \$5K freeroll for tournament players.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	World Series of Poker runs until July 17 w/main event starting July 8 (\$10K).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p); \$175K freeroll, June 12-14 & 17.	High hands. See the ad on Page 13.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday through Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour, including food and beverage comps.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T (\$200, 7p); Th (\$125, 7p); F (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza runs until July 23; Daily events suspended during series events.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Summer Classic, June 2-July 16; daily events suspended during SC.	No promotions.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$50, 5:30p); W (\$50 w/rb & add-on, 5:30p); Th (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p); Su (\$50 w/add-on, 1p & \$50 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
MANCHESTER POKER ROOM (603) 668-6591	Tuesday KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thursday \$50/\$50/\$50 (5:30p).	High hands.
RIVER CASINO (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 10s in hold'em; Deepstack Challenge, June 12-24.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	M KO (\$105, 11:15a & (7:15p), T & Th (\$80, 11:15a & \$85, 7:15p); F (\$125, 7:15p); Sa (\$105, 12:15p & \$50, 7:15p); Su (\$80, 12:15p); last Sat. \$10K (\$180, 12:15p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wednesday & Sunday \$2.5K guarantee (\$65, 8:15p); Saturday \$2.5K guarantee (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; Late Night High Hands pays up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad on Page 20 for special June tournament.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

RIVERS CASINO & RESORT (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	Mon. (\$75, 10a & 6:30p); Tue. KO (\$100, 10a); Wed. (\$75, 10a); Thurs. KO (\$100, 10a).	High-hand jackpot paid six times daily, seven days a week.
SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Fri. \$2.5K (\$125, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 10a) & \$2.5K (\$125, 6p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad 2s); high hands; Summer Slam Warmup, June 23-25; ask about monthly special events.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TIOGA DOWNS (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.); Summer Classic, June 20-25.

NORTH CAROLINA

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

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$69, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrwards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon); room open Sunday-Thursday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot coming soon.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. Progressive KO (\$90, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked; Splash Pots; high hand.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
INDIGO SKY CASINO (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Deuces Wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

OREGON

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

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscheater.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; (buy-ins vary, call for details).	High hands (Friday & Saturday).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday-Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	M (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); T (\$50, noon & 7p); W (\$50, noon & \$60, 7p); Th (\$50, noon & 7p); F (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sa (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Su (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Friday-Sunday, 4p-midnight).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Monday (\$100, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$100, 7:15p); Saturday (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sunday (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	3X Twos-Days pays \$200 (Tuesday); High Hand Giveaway (Friday); \$400 high hands (Saturday).

RHODE ISLAND

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

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

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); Thursday Throwdown (\$45, 7p); Sunday Showdown (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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WASHINGTON

CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot.
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Saturday-Sunday, noon-3p), (Monday-Wednesday, 9p-midnight) & (Monday-Friday, noon-4p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	High Hand Insanity.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
UBET CASINO (360) 501-4328 • ubet360.com	Daily tournaments available (call for details).	\$10K Monte Carlo.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Hand (Tue. & Thurs., 11a-7:59p); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed., noon-4p).

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I was playing \$1-\$3 and when an older Asian man joined the game with a stack of 25s as if he had just come from the craps table or another table game. A much younger Asian man, who could've been his grandson, stood behind him.

The action came around to the old man and he was asked if he wanted to check or bet. He appeared not to understand what the dealer was asking and acted confused. The young man started speaking to him in another language, at which point two players at the table objected, citing the English-only and one-player-to-a hand rule. The dealer asked the young man to stop talking to the old man. The young man explained that the old man didn't speak English and didn't know how to play hold'em.



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The dealer insisted the young man not speak to the old man and asked the old man whether he wanted to check or bet, speaking slowly and using hand motions.

The old man continued to act confused and after a short time became frustrated and mucked his cards instead of just checking. On the next hand, the old man again didn't appear to know what to do. He tried to consult his grandson, but the dealer stopped him. Play halted while the dealer asked the old man if he wanted to call or fold. At this point everyone at the table urged the dealer in the interests of keeping the game moving to let the grandson explain to the old man what was going on. This was allowed.

Eventually, I get involved in a hand with him and make a full house. After he bet \$75 on the river, I shoved for about \$150 more, covering the old man. The old man and his grandson start conversing again and almost simultaneously, before the dealer has a chance to say anything, the old man shoved his chips to the center.

Players again renew their objection, citing English-only and one-player-per-hand rules. Naturally, holding a boat, I want the old man's call of my river shove to stand, but some people at the table argued his hand should've been dead as soon as he started talking a second time.

The floor declared the old man's hand dead but said his call on the river stood and I would get the pot. I showed my boat and the old man turned over a straight. Turned out I sucked out on the guy on the river. In retrospect, it appears he may have been conducting an elaborate ruse to fool others into believing he didn't understand the rules or how to play. I'm left with many questions:

- How do you handle a situation with someone who doesn't speak English and doesn't know the rules?
- Was it appropriate to let the grandson talk to the old man pre-flop in their language, ostensibly to explain the rules? If not, how should the situation have been handled?
- In the final hand, what should've been the ruling? At what point should the old man's hand have been killed (if at all) and should his river call have been allowed to stand?
- Was this guy angle-shooting? Was his act, if it was an act,

any less ethical than someone pretending to be dumb and not know how to play?

ELLIOTT SAYS: This is an uncommon situation but is something I have run into on few occasions.

When a prospective player is new to the game and to English, the only fair solution for everyone is to not allow the person to play. The amount of effort wasted by the dealer and the players to get this player to act every time it's his turn will be large and the game probably will grind down to a halt, making the experience unenjoyable to the point that the game will surely break before the new player gets up to speed.

Inevitably, this new player will be involved in a situation requiring a decision be made by the supervisor and, of course, there will be no way to explain why you're taking his chips or cards. There's no upside to letting someone play who doesn't know poker or English.

Communication with a friend must be limited to between hands only. It's never appropriate to consult another person while playing poker. The one player to a hand rule is fundamental and no one has any idea what's being communicated. If someone needs simultaneous translation just to get through a betting round, then that someone is slowing the game too much for the players, dealers and the casino.

On the river, you bet, he then consulted his translator and he then insta-called. The supervisor's decision was kind of correct. I have to assume he ruled the hand dead because of the violation of one player to a hand.

The correct decision in this spot is to place all money after the verbal exchange on the side and declare that any action in the offending player's favor is void from that point.

This means that all of the player's action up to his river bet would be in play but only you could gain from your raise or any other bets after his conversation. If you win the pot, you win everything, if he were to hold the best hand you would get your raise refunded. The offending player should then be given, if possible, a serious warning or ejection. It is probably more diplomatic to explain that due to the language and rules barriers that this is not the game for him. To be fair, this ruling is contextual. We certainly don't want players randomly taking shots at killing the hands of enemy players by "helping" out during a hand.

I fail to see how this is an angle shot unless you have a translation of the verbal exchange between him and his companion. It does feel like rules were broken in a large way.

I don't know if it was an act but it was a breach of two fundamental rules; one player to a hand and English-only while a hand is in progress.

Someone pretending to be neophyte is just coffee-housing in the worst way.

What happened in your game can be any number of things; we just don't have enough information to determine that it was unethical or unknowing.

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