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## Repeal WSOP Rule 89

Without rules, we'd have anarchy. But when rules are left open to interpretation and contradict other rules, we still have anarchy.

On a recent broadcast of the World Series of Poker Main Event, ESPN captured a controversial ruling that sent shockwaves through the poker community, and with good reason. It was Day 5 and **Gaelle Baumann** of France was one of the tournament chipleaders. From under the gun, she raised to 60K and action folded around to Hungary's **Andras Koroknai** in the small blind. He shoved for about 1.3M. **Gavin Smith**, in the big blind, folded and Koroknai mucked while Baumann was still in the hand. She called, but Koroknai's hand was irretrievably in the muck. Tournament director **Dennis Jones**, a legend in poker management, made a ruling and the table wasn't happy, so Jones called WSOP TD **Jack Effel** to ensure he made the right call. The ruling stood, as Jones cited WSOP Rule 89: *All chips put into the pot in turn stay in the pot. If a participant has raised and his or her hand is killed before the raise is called, the participant may be entitled to the raise back, but will forfeit the amount of the call.*

Jones gave Koroknai his chips, minus 60K, which Baumann got. The players at the table were incensed. By using the word MAY in this rule, it leaves so much to interpretation. Floors always say players are responsible for their hands and, in fact, it's TDA Rule 48/WSOP Rule 99: *Players must protect their own hands at all times. If a dealer kills a hand by mistake, or a hand is fouled, the player will have no redress and is not entitled to a refund of bets.* Jones believed it was an honest mistake and said it was in the best interest of the tournament, which falls under TDA Rule 1/WSOP Rule 55 that essentially says floors can make rulings to be fair to the game.

This ruling was in the best interest to only one person, and unfair to the scores of players still alive vying for that \$8.5 million payday. Baumann, who had pocket kings and likely would've won the pot, just missed becoming the first woman since **Barbara Enright** to make the main-event final table. That pot made a difference. Just ask Koroknai, who made the Octo-Nine instead of being eliminated on Day 5. This ruling negatively affected history, something you never want to do, (NFL, are you reading this?). We could've crowned our first female world champion. Instead, she finished 10th, one spot from immortality, and guess who eliminated her ... yes, Koroknai.

Rules should be rigid; that's why they're rules. They're made to protect players, not just the player acting but the players whose actions affect. It's not that Jones or Effel made a bad ruling. They didn't. It's that the rule is a poor one. Rule 89 contradicts other rules, plus it opens the door to angle-shooting. Let's muck this rule and write one that makes sense. We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# RAYMER WINS 2ND (AND 3RD) HPT TITLES

When it's all said and done, **Greg Raymer**, the 2004 World Series of Poker Main Event champion, may be just as popular for his Heartland Poker Tour victories as he is for his WSOP triumph. The HPT returned to River City Casino in St. Louis, building on the success of its last visit in March, and Raymer captured his second HPT title this season on Oct. 1.



**DON MATUSOFSKY • MISSOURI**

"Winning two of three tournaments is unreal and unexpected," Raymer said. "I'm just very excited."

He would then win the HPT event at Prairie Meadows in Iowa on Oct. 22 (we'll have more on that next issue).

The St. Louis main event saw a field of 336 players, including pros **Chris MoneyMaker**, **Allen Kessler**, **Dennis Phillips** and, of course, Raymer. HPT champions playing the event included **Shawn Roberts** and **Craig Casino**, the HPT all-time money leader.

At the end of Day 2, with seven players looking to make the final TV table of six, Phillips went all-in preflop with pocket queens, **Penelope Banhidy** woke up with two aces and eliminated the popular pro. The final table had two HPT champions, two women and two players

at minimum entry age of 21.

**Anthony Chester**, who runs the River City Casino poker room and is tournament director, said he was pleased with the increased size in field this time around. "The cash events grew in size along with the main event," he said. "Overall numbers were up across the board. The \$100 second-chance (event) was everyone's favorite tournament."

Additional tournament tables and more circuit dealers allowed for larger fields and plenty of cash-game action.

Raymer entered the final table with one of the shorter stacks, but doubled through **Stan Jablonski** on the first flop to become chipleader. **Alona Sushynina**, 21, eliminated the next two players (Jablonski and Banhidy) and Roberts went out fourth to win more than \$37K, giving him \$100K in lifetime HPT winnings.

Three-handed, Raymer flopped a straight to eliminate Sushynina and entered heads-up with a 2-1 chip lead. **Ryan Hickey**, the other 21-year-old, went all-in preflop with pocket queens on the first hand and Raymer called with pocket kings to win the event and \$121,973.

At press time, Raymer had won three of the past five HPT events and topped the player-of-the-year list. Only two have won an HPT more than once: **Jeremy Dresch** and Raymer with three wins each.

— **Don Matusofsky is Ante Up's Missouri Ambassador. Email him at [anteupdm@gmail.com](mailto:anteupdm@gmail.com).**

# Reed takes over reins at Harrah's Tunica

I've been living the poker dream lately. I've taken a couple of months off after the Ante Up Poker Cruise to just float around Mississippi and reconnect with poker rooms I haven't had the chance to visit while on the road. I had the opportunity to sit with **Steve Reed**, the poker room manager of Harrah's Tunica. The timing was excellent, too, because all sorts of exciting things are happening at the north end of the state.



**JENNIFER GAY • MISSISSIPPI**

For ages, Harrah's poker room has been co-managed by Reed

and **Chris Griffin**. Though this was a slightly unusual arrangement, it worked. Griffin was always more into the administrative aspects of managing the room, while Reed liked to be working hands-on with the guests. This all changed recently when Griffin took an opportunity to advance with another casino, leaving Reed to commandeer the room.

He's off to a fantastic start. When I visited, seven games were in full swing of varying limits and talent. For Tunica on ANY night, this is an accomplishment. He's going to maintain the momentum by introducing a tournament to rival any other in the region. Starting around the first of November, every Saturday, Harrah's Tunica will feature a \$15,000 guarantee, \$150 buy-in (re-entry permitted) tournament with 20K chips and 30-minute levels. Though this alone would be a compelling draw, Reed is sweetening the deal by putting every entrant into a drawing where multiple ring-event and main-event seats will be awarded for use at the January-February Tunica World Series of Poker Circuit event.

Reed anticipates 120-150 players for this event, and hopes to draw more action to the north end of the state.

During our hour-long chat, he commended his staff; citing he has one of the best-looking rooms in the area and most professional poker

team. With supervisors such as **Steve Batewell**, **Kelly Brackin**, **Ross Carroll** and **Nolan Guy** leading the team, I can't disagree.

The bad beat recently hit in this room, and as they tend to go in streaks, there really isn't a better time to stop in and visit. When asked about the amount of the jackpot payout, Reed said it was a \$34,000 score with straight flush over straight flush and the large end being awarded to a local player. He said he prefers to keep jackpots in moderation, instead filtering the bulk of the jackpot money into daily promotions such as the Spin to Win promo. Players enjoying the action between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. every hour can win a chance to spin a wheel and win \$500. During the hours of 3, 5, 7 and 9 a.m., you can win \$1K. Every player has a shot at not only a big windfall with the bad beat, but to participate in regular daily promotions with lots of added value.

Reed believes royal flushes always should be celebrated, and each one pays \$250. There's a running quads progressive with each denomination of quads starting at \$25 and growing daily until they hit a max value of \$250. Both hole cards must play, but a pocket pair isn't necessary.

In closing, we chatted about changes in Tunica over the years. We discussed how the growth of poker has slowed business in Tunica, but how Tunica poker remains untouched in quality and quantity. He attributes it to a dedicated staff that has an unending love for the game, and the historical generosity of the comp system. You may not win every hand during your visit, but you're not going to go hungry or without an excellent room rate.

We also have the Winter Classic to look forward to at the Gold Strike in mid December. This one has some exciting events, such as the Monday Winner-Take-All tournament, that will mix things up a bit from the usual event-tournament schedule. I look forward to seeing you this way soon. Stop in and see Reed and tell him we sent you!

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Dec. 15	Sat.	4	Limit Omaha 8 or better	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 16	Sun.	5	No-Limit Hold'em Event (1 Day)	12 PM	\$100	\$20
Dec. 16	Sun.	6	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 17	Mon.	7	No-Limit Hold'em Seniors	12 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 17	Mon.	8	No-Limit Hold'em Winner Take All (1 Day)	4 PM	\$100	\$20
Dec. 18	Tue.	9	No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day)	12 PM	\$100	\$20
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Dec. 21	Fri.	14A	No Limit Championship Flight 1	12 PM	\$750	\$50
Dec. 21	Fri.		Last Chance Mega Satellite	2 PM	\$80	\$20
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# SUN HOSTS DEEPSTACKS NATIONAL EVENT

By Christopher Cosenza

If you like to play tournaments with A-list pros then get yourself to Eastern Connecticut to the DeepStacks Poker Tour Mohegan Sun National Championship from Nov. 23-Dec. 4. Just like the instructional arm of the DeepStacks family, the tour utilizes its big names in its preliminary and main events, including World Series of Poker bracelet-winners **Mike Matusow**, **Michael Mizrahi** and **Tristan Wade**, plus two-time World Poker Tour champ **Randal Flowers**.

"Players can expect a great run series, wonderful structures and a professional, experienced staff to ensure a great tournament experience," DeepStacks Poker Tour CEO **Chris Torina** said. "However, what I really want players to know is the DeepStacks Poker Tour Mohegan Sun National Championship is not about DeepStacks or Mohegan Sun, but rather it's about the players and their long-term experience with us. We want players to understand DeepStacks Poker Tour was created by people that love the game, smart people that pay attention to the industry and those that support it every day."

Matusow and Mizrahi will host Event 1, the \$400 no-limit re-entry \$125K guarantee and Event 30, the \$500K guarantee main event (\$2,500, Dec. 1-4), which will be in the Sun's convention center to accommodate the anticipated large field.

Flowers hosts Event 12 (\$1,100 NLHE, \$100K guarantee) and Wade will be in attendance and provide insight and analysis as the show's pro commentator alongside **Joe Stapleton**.

If the \$2,500 main event doesn't fit your bankroll, there will be

daily satellites during the series, including Satellite Day on Nov. 30, with buy-ins \$130-\$550 for single-table and multitable formats. Most of the undercard events fall in the \$175-\$550 range and the overall series has a \$1 million guarantee.

DeepStacks launched in mid 2008 as an online and live training company but quickly expanded to include its live tournament product, bringing top-tier pros to local poker rooms and casinos across North America for instruction and events. But the 12-day, 32-event series isn't the only thing going on during this stretch at Mohegan Sun.

"We have a couple of really exciting things planned during the series, such as our DeepStacks Live Connecticut Power Poker Course and the VIP Welcome Party (both) on Nov. 29," Torina said. "The VIP Welcome Party is really exciting because we have our presenting sponsor (Double Cross Vodka) hosting the event and providing DSPT championship vodka bottles to each of the winners of the guaranteed events and to the final six players of the main event. Double Cross is a great partner and we're excited about adding some really cool dynamics to our series."

The poker course costs \$500. There are special hotel rates at Mohegan Sun for players so be sure to use the code Poker12. Call 860-862-7500 for more information and see the ad on the facing page.

The tour is planning about 10 North American stops again in 2013 (plus two international events), and again it will all culminate at Connecticut's Mohegan Sun in November, this time as the tour's world championship.

## PITTSBURGH'S HAMNETT WINS BPO TITLE, \$818K

The World Poker Tour made its annual Atlantic City stop in September for its ultra-popular Borgata Poker Open, and once again the series was full of record crowds, historic moments and lots of cash. The series kicked off with a \$560 buy-in \$1 million guaranteed re-entry event, which drew an East Coast tournament-record 3,705 players, creating an insane prize pool of \$1,852,500. **Benedetto Bianco** (Franklin Square, N.Y.) took home the trophy and cashed out \$309,196 for first place. History didn't stop there as for the first time in Borgata history there was

a back-to-back winner. **Brian O'Donoghue** (Bayside, N.Y.) took down a \$400 no-limit hold'em event on Sept. 11 for \$50,132 and followed it by winning the \$230 deepstack for \$51,588 the next day. Not a bad couple of days of poker for Mr. O'Donoghue.

The main attraction, the \$3 million guarantee televised main event, which had a \$3,500 buy-in, was a home run. The Borgata has made a habit of drawing more than 1,000 players in recent years for its WPT stop and the 10th installment was no different, seeing its fourth straight 1,000-plus field with 1,181 entrants, swelling the prize pool to nearly \$4 million. In the end it was **Ben Hamnett** (Pittsburgh) who saw his name inscribed on the Champions Cup to go along with the \$818,847 payday. It was no easy victory for Hamnett as he found himself up against former WPT champion **Steve Brecher**, World Series of Poker bracelet-winner **David Diaz** and **Ofir Mor**, who finished third in this event in 2010, at the final table.

Other notables with deep runs were *Ante Up*'s **Lee Childs** (14th), 2009



BPO runner-up **Jeremy Brown** (15th) and five-time WSOP bracelet-winner **Allen Cunningham** (41st). With the WPT and Borgata finding so much success together over the years, it was announced during the stop that the Borgata Winter Open would become a WPT-branded event with a live stream for the final table.

**PHELPS FOUNDATION:** While the final table of the WPT Borgata Poker Open was taking place, there was another noteworthy tournament playing out in the marina. Harrah's hosted the **Michael Phelps** Foundation charity tournament. The atmosphere was fun and festive and Phelps was on hand to prove that just because he's the best swimmer in the world doesn't mean he's a fish. For more information on the Michael Phelps Foundation, visit michaelphelpsfoundation.com.

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# NORCAL HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Allow me to introduce myself to the Ante Up Nation in NorCal. I'm the new ambassador for Northern California, previously writing for the Central Florida region. I'm also the Where to Play editor for *Ante Up* and having just recently moved, I was excited to experience what the Bay Area had to offer in its poker community, and it has not disappointed.



**GARRETT ROTH • NORCAL**

I've quickly learned the poker scene in NorCal is well-established with numerous game variations for every variety of player. Whether you're a tournament regular or a cash-game grinder,

there are countless events and promotions that will fill your weekly calendar. Here are a few notable tournaments and promos going on in local cardrooms that are worth checking out.

- Thunder Valley Casino (Lincoln) has an amazing variety when it comes to its monthly tournaments. On the first Monday of each month is an Omaha/8 event (\$75) at 7 p.m. Hold'em events are on the first Saturday (\$250) and second Sunday (\$125) of each month at 11 a.m. Thunder Valley also runs some great promotions, such as Moonlight Splash the Pot, which rewards the late-night crowd from 3-8 a.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri.) when players vie for an extra \$100/hour. They are also hosting the inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour series this month (See schedule on facing page and preview on Page 46).

- Lucky Chances (San Bruno) is a great room with many choices in tournaments and cash games. It holds guarantee tournaments Sun-

day-Thursday with first prizes guaranteed from \$3,500-\$40K. During November, it hosts the Gold Rush series (Nov. 11-18), which includes hold'em, six-max, Omaha/8 and a partners tournament. The main event will start Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. (\$1,080). Lucky Chances also has bad-beat jackpots, Aces Cracked and royal-flush payouts.

- Cache Creek Casino (Brooks) is a prime destination for players looking for extra incentives in ring games. Promos such as Pigskin High Hand that pays \$100 to the highest hand every quarter during Sunday and Monday night football games (aces full of 10s is minimum qualifier).

Also, \$50 Splash the Pot is Monday-Friday (2-9 a.m.) and Aces Cracked on Monday-Friday (10 a.m.-10 p.m.). On Fridays, it has a \$50 winner for the highest hand every hour from noon-4 p.m. Cache Creek also runs a \$55 tournament with one \$50 optional rebuy on Wednesday (6 p.m.), Saturday (noon) and Sunday (noon).

- Napa Valley Casino (American Canyon) is a must-stop location when you come to the West Coast. From its call-ahead service in cash games, free food and friendly staff, Napa Valley certainly knows how to make its customers feel comfortable. Tournaments are Saturday (\$40, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.), Sunday (\$40, 9 a.m. and \$60 KO, 2 p.m.) and Monday (\$60, 7 p.m.). On the first Saturday of each month is a deepstack event with a \$115 buy-in at 2 p.m. Napa Valley also runs promotions such as bad-beat jackpots, royal-flush bonuses and cruise giveaways.

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Fri, Nov 9 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Sat, Nov 10 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Sun, Nov 11 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Mon, Nov 12 • 1PM & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$65
Tues, Nov 13 • 1PM & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,500 Starting Chips	\$85
Wed, Nov 14 • 1PM & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$65
Thu, Nov 15 • 1PM & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,500 Starting Chips	\$85
Fri, Nov 16 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Sat, Nov 17 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Sun, Nov 18 • 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
<b>ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>		
Mon, Nov 19 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Deep Stack \$100K Event • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$55
Event #1: Mon, Nov 19 • 7PM	No Limit Hold 'Em • \$7,500 Guaranteed • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Tue, Nov 20 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Deep Stack \$100K Event • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$55
Event #2: Tue, Nov 20 • 7PM	Omaha 8 or Better • \$7,500 Guaranteed • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Wed, Nov 21 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Deep Stack \$100K Event • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$55
Event #3: Wed, Nov 21 • 7PM	No Limit Hold 'Em Deep Stack: \$10,000 Guaranteed • 10,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Thu, Nov 22 • 10AM, 2:30PM & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Deep Stack \$100K Event • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$55
Event #4: Day 1A: Fri, Nov 23 • 11AM	\$100K Guaranteed Deep Stack • 10,000 Starting Chips 7% of the field will advance to the finals on Sun, Nov 25	\$450
Day 1B: Sat, Nov 24 • 11AM		
Sun, Nov 25 • 1PM	\$100K Deep Stack Finals	FINALS
Sun, Nov 25 • 10AM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$65
Sun, Nov 25 • 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Event #5: Sun, Nov 25 • 7PM	No Limit Hold 'Em Knockout Bounty • \$10,000 Guaranteed with \$25 Bounties • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Mon, Nov 26 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$65
Event #6: Mon, Nov 26 • 7PM	H.O.R.S.E. • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Tue, Nov 27 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,500 Starting Chips	\$85
Event #7: Tue, Nov 27 • 7PM	Six Handed No Limit Hold 'Em • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Wed, Nov 28 • 10AM & 2:30PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$65
Event #8: Wed, Nov 28 • 7PM	No Limit Hold 'Em Knockout Big Bounty • \$10,000 Guaranteed with \$50 Bounties • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$150
Thu, Nov 29 • 10AM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 5,500 Starting Chips	\$85
Thu, Nov 29 • 2:30 & 7PM	Mega Satellite: Ante up NorCal Classic \$200K Event • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$120
<b>ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC</b>		
Day 1A: Fri, Nov 30 • 11AM	Ante Up NorCal Classic \$200K Guaranteed • 15,000 Starting Chips	\$1,100
Day 1B: Sat, Dec 1 • 11AM	Day 1 ends when 10% of field remains or at the completion of Level 10 blinds	
Day 2: Sun, Dec 2 • 11AM	Ante Up NorCal Classic Day 2	FINALS
Final Table: Mon, Dec 3 • 1PM	Ante Up NorCal Classic Final Table	FINALS

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# TOURNEY SERIES KEEP ON ROLLING

I think if someone wanted to make a living as a full-time tournament pro, it could be done without leaving Los Angeles County. Since I play primarily cash games, I never realized just how many tournament series happened in this area until I started writing this column. When I go over their tournament calendars, it's rare to see more than a couple of days without a new event of a tournament series starting.



**DAVE PALM • LOS ANGELES**

In September, the Commerce Casino and the Bicycle Casino held tournament series that ran with one following right on the end of the other. To start the month, the annual Commerce Hold'em Series took place from Aug. 29-Sept. 16. This series consisted of 19 events with buy-ins \$65-\$2,080.

As is typical with series in the L.A. basin, a number of known pros had noteworthy finishes. Among them were **Vinny Vinh**, **David Pham** and **Toto Leonidas**. Also finishing in the standings were **Mary Ann Savage** (wife of tournament director **Matt Savage**) and actor **Kirk Acevedo**, a regular in Los Angeles tournaments.

With the Commerce Hold'em Series barely finished, Big Poker Oktober kicked off at the Bicycle Casino. It began Sept. 21 and ended Oct. 13 with more than \$550K in guarantees. This series had events beginning at 6 every night, additional events at noon on Saturday and Sunday, plus satellites and super satellites at 8:30 p.m.

November looks to be another big month with the L.A. Poker Open at the Commerce Casino beginning Nov. 1.

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## Hold'em Series, Commerce Casino, Aug. 29-Sept. 16



**Main event champ  
Brandon Long won  
nearly \$90K.**

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| <p><b>Event 1 • \$150 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 416 • Pool: \$52K</b><br/>                 Brian Montanez, \$10,470</p>      | <p><b>Event 8 • \$65 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 164 • Pool: \$8,200</b><br/>                 Fabio De Francesco, \$2K</p>    | <p><b>Event 15 • \$1,100 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 63 • Pool: \$63K</b><br/>                 Daniel Callaghan, \$9,300</p> |
| <p><b>Event 2 • \$225/\$115 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 825 • Pool: \$250K</b><br/>                 Phong Nguyen, \$40,180</p> | <p><b>Event 9 • \$150 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 2,759 • Pool: \$344,875</b><br/>                 Dennis Wiley, \$28,370</p> | <p><b>Event 16 • \$225 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 138 • Pool: \$26,223</b><br/>                 Phillip Penn, \$6,110</p>   |
| <p><b>Event 3 • \$225 Bounty</b><br/> <b>Entries: 381 • Pool: \$53,340</b><br/>                 Sevan Markarian, \$9,715</p> | <p><b>Event 10 • \$125 w/rbs</b><br/> <b>Entries: 201 • Pool: \$59,090</b><br/>                 Yoni Levi, \$8,465</p>      | <p><b>Event 17 • \$1,100 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 41 • Pool: \$41K</b><br/>                 Aaron Gustavson, \$14,760</p> |
| <p><b>Event 4 • \$340 LHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 54 • Pool: \$15,390</b><br/>                 Isaac Crow, \$5K</p>             | <p><b>Event 11 • \$150 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 72 • Pool: \$10K</b><br/>                 Fraser Christie, \$1,350</p>     | <p><b>\$2,080 Main Event</b><br/> <b>Entries: 269 • Pool: \$521,860</b><br/>                 Brandon Long, \$89,210</p>    |
| <p><b>Event 5 • \$340 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 179 • Pool: \$51,015</b><br/>                 Duet Duong, \$9,728</p>        | <p><b>Event 12 • \$340 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 113 • Pool: \$32,205</b><br/>                 David Pham, \$8,605</p>      | <p><b>Event 19 • \$150 AIOF</b><br/> <b>Entries: 106 • Pool: \$25K</b><br/>                 Rupesh Pattni, \$4,105</p>     |
| <p><b>Event 6 • \$150 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 221 • Pool: \$27,625</b><br/>                 Feliz Lapuz, \$2,085</p>       | <p><b>Event 13 • \$340 PLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 20 • Pool: \$5,700</b><br/>                 Cuu Hoang, \$2,800</p>         |  |
| <p><b>Event 7 • \$225 6-Max</b><br/> <b>Entries: 86 • Pool: \$16,340</b><br/>                 Patrick Chouei, \$3,610</p>    | <p><b>Event 14 • \$225 NLHE</b><br/> <b>Entries: 227 • Pool: \$50K</b><br/>                 Jon Barker, \$11,220</p>        |  |

# Football season brings out promotions, tournaments

Football season is upon us and most of the major poker rooms are offering cash splashes during televised NFL games. The amounts of the splashes to the lucky selected tables vary from \$25 to \$100 depending on the type of score (touchdown, field goal, safety). Please check with your favorite poker room for details.



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**OCEANS 11:** On Oct. 6, the poker room held its annual **Haig Kalegian** Poker Classic. The tournament celebrates the birthday of Kalegian, a partner in the poker room who once again played in the tournament as he does every year. There also was birthday cake for all tournament and cash players. The tournament buy-in was

\$330 with an optional \$10 add-on and featured 132 players, which brought the prize pool to \$39,600.

Though the top 13 spots were paid, the final eight chopped, with the top three taking home \$4,995 apiece and the remaining five collecting \$4,175 each. The next major tournament is on Veterans Day at 10 a.m. It's a \$40K estimated with a \$235 buy-in, which includes an

optional \$10 add-on. Satellites (\$65) will be Nov. 5-8 and Nov. 10-11. The poker room offers a good, extensive and cheap players menu.

**PALA CASINO:** **Matthew Prior** (Encinitas, Calif.) defeated **Jesse Gelber** (Le Mesa, Calif.) heads-up Sept. 30 to win the RiverCard title and \$9,450. Gelber won \$4,725 from the \$27K prize pool, which paid 10 spots from the 90-player field.

Prior also received a replica of the RiverCard trophy and will have his name engraved on the four-foot traveling trophy. While the poker room features comfortable poker chairs designed for hours of play, the casino features an excellent buffet, food court, table games and hundreds of slots.

**SYCUAN CASINO:** For those who like to play poker into the wee hours, the Sycuan poker room is offering "Late Night Luck." This promotion, which runs Monday-Friday from midnight to 8 a.m. and Saturday-Sunday 2-8 a.m., features hot seat drawings every 30 minutes where players can win cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$200.

The poker room also features a friendly staff, a good \$5 poker menu, \$2-per-hour comps for players and a non-smoking entrance into the casino.

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# SEMINOLE CLASSIC CLOSES; PBKC HITS RECORD BBJ

An era of South Florida's poker scene came to an end in late September as the poker room at the Seminole Casino Hollywood ceased operations after nearly 20 years. Not to be confused with its spiffy younger brother (Seminole Hard Rock) a half-mile north on U.S. 441, the room that became known as "Seminole Classic" had made a



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move to an area outside the bingo hall late last year in an effort to increase attendance. Apparently the demand for extra space required for additional blackjack tables and slot machines trumped the need for a cardroom short on fancy decorations.

The room had a definite niche in the area for years by allowing players to smoke at the tables, a fact which may have contributed to its demise. The facility embraced its perception in the market, calling itself Florida's Smoking-Friendly Poker Room. For several years after opening in March 1993, this cardroom was the only game in town, before parimutuel facilities were allowed to add poker in 1997.

Players and dealers alike learned their early skills at that time and honed their craft over the next decade, when the poker explosion brought huge popularity to the game in 2003.

Many dealers have made their mark since those early years by moving into management positions, including **Dave Litvin** of Mardi Gras, **Joe Rodriguez** of Miami Jai-Alai, **Wil Herrera** of Palm Beach Kennel Club and **Vinnie Gatto** of the Isle. **Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi** got his start in poker as a dealer at the facility.

Classic employees were notified of the impending closure on Sept. 4 and, according to Seminole Tribe spokesman **Gary Bitner**, 60 of the 61 staff members have enrolled in blackjack dealers school to continue working at one of the tribe's casinos, or found employment at another cardroom. Most customers have migrated to the Hard Rock or one of the area's other poker rooms; however, now when they feel the urge for a smoke, they need to leave the table and go outside.

## State-record bad beat hits at Palm Beach

The largest poker jackpot in Florida for one room (\$504K) hit in late September at the Palm Beach Kennel Club when a regular customer named "Roy" took home more than \$250K and helped the other players at his table score sizable paydays in a quiet Monday afternoon \$2 limit game. Roy, who refused to allow the room to release his last name, showed the so-called "idiot end" of a straight flush, only to see another player win the hand with the higher straight flush.

After following all proper procedures, including a careful review of the tapes, poker room personnel paid Roy \$252,415 for getting snapped off in a hand he'll never forget, and certainly no one is calling him an idiot now. The winner of the hand collected \$126,208 and six others at the table each received \$21,036. Dealer **Kevin Kerezman** said there was little noise or excitement following a board that included the 8♥-9♥-10♥, not only because the group of elderly gentlemen (the youngest was 49) were unaware or stunned when Roy revealed a 6♥-7♥ and his opponent opened up the Q♥-J♥, but also because the group, to a man, wanted no part of the attention and publicity that goes with such a monumental hand. Poker room manager **Tim Wright** told me that after the initial shock wore off, the players immediately cautioned Kerezman not to make a big commotion to keep players from coming over to the table.

So, two straight flushes go to a showdown, one of them comes out on top, and everyone at the table is happy; what happens next? The

manager talks to the dealer, runs to the money room and brings out a half-million bucks to distribute unevenly to six patrons, right? As ESPN's **Lee Corso** would say, "Not so fast, my friend!"

To me, this is one of the interesting aspects of the story, one that most regular players have no concept about; in fact, many ask "Why does it take so long to get paid?" Of course, management must be sure that no procedures were violated and that no cheating or collusion was involved to affect the hand, so upper management is immediately contacted to become involved in the review procedure.

If any part of the review doesn't pass the test, the facility can refuse to pay the jackpot. There are many things that can produce this result, such as if a player has revealed his hand prematurely (physically or verbally), the dealer makes an error in the deal or spread, or even if the introduction of the deck into the game is suspect or procedurally incorrect.

After the hand is complete, the dealer must not move the cards, the supervisor must verify the hand in front of the players, seeking their input as to the results of the hand. Then, while the supervisor collects identification from everyone at the table, the manager proceeds to surveillance to review the tapes.

The Palm Beach room has three cameras focused on every table, and all three angles are reviewed multiple times to detect any possible abnormalities. This can take a great deal of time, and the wait for the players to be paid can be extended if the top managers required are not on the premises or if the amount of cash in the money room is not sufficient for the payoffs.

After all procedures have been confirmed and players have been properly identified, players are required to fill out the necessary tax forms and the money is distributed. Because of this extended waiting period, which often lasts more than two hours for a jackpot of this size, players usually continue their game in the interim.

This jackpot had been building since April 23 (154 days).

"I'm surprised it got as far as it did, but our numbers went up tremendously over that period, especially toward the end," Wright said, "We went from an average of 15 tables playing at one time to over 25. If it had gone on much longer, we might have had times that we needed to open our second room for additional play."

Several employees told me customers were coming in from all over the country to take a shot at the jackpot, and even regulars were showing up much more often.

Since the hit, business has dropped off some, but the residual effect has been positive for the room.

"We expected a bad hangover in the days following the payout, but we were only down a little," Wright said. "The bottom line is it gave us the opportunity to show off our product and brought in a few new customers."

And while cardroom employees from brushes and dealers to Wright and **Noah Carbone** (PBKC's director of poker) would have enjoyed seeing it last a little longer, all good things must come to an end. I'm sure that counts double for members of the Rooney family who owns the kennel club, as they continue a campaign for the state to allow slots in Palm Beach County; a non-binding referendum is on the Nov. 6 ballot to allow slots to be added.

Owners, managers and employees of the business, located next to the Palm Beach International Airport, are wearing pro-casino buttons this month in hopes of a winning vote, thus sending a signal to Tallahassee legislators that Palm Beach residents want the same rights to gambling that their neighbors enjoy in Dade and Broward.

— **Big Dave Lemmon** is Ante Up's South Florida Ambassador. Email him at [bigdave@pokeractionline.com](mailto:bigdave@pokeractionline.com).



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# BONJEAN WINS EMERALD COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Over the past month, the North Florida poker scene was as busy as it gets and will continue to stay that way this month. Here's a look at what happened and what's coming up from the Panhandle to the First Coast and Daytona Beach.



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**ECPC:** The Emerald Coast Poker Championship, the signature series of the fine Ebro Greyhound Park poker room, concluded Sept. 16 with **Spence Bonjean** capturing the main-event title and \$12K. **Pamela Cobb** and **Gail Giles** split second- and third-place money, getting \$8,590.

Other winners included **Julia Casatronova** (Event 2, \$4,198), **Ben Chan** (Event 3, \$3,210), **Rondo Hanson** (Event 4, H.O.R.S.E., \$1,324), **Jenny Chandler** (LIPS event, \$1,004), **Matt Smith** (Event 6, \$4,380; Event 9, \$3,173) and **Dave Pleat** (seniors, \$2,278). **Brian Roper** and **Rob Hayden** chopped Event 1 and **Travis Schofer**, **Todd Derrick**, **Kevin Paulk** and **Phillip Petit** chopped Event 8 (Omaha/8).

In other Ebro news, look for a Veterans Day special (Nov. 12) as the poker room will be giving away \$100 every 15 minutes to the highest hand, plus \$100 for Aces Cracked. From Nov. 22-25 look for \$200 every 30 minutes for the highest hand. See the ad on Page 36.



**DBKC:** Just as one tournament finishes, another begins at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club poker room. The Heartland Poker Tour returned to DBKC in October as salesman **Andy Denick** of Rockledge, Fla., won the main event on Oct. 14, besting nearly 325 players for the \$138,187 payday.

The DBKC signature series, the International, runs Nov. 2-14. Call for details.

And looking ahead, more than \$20,000 in prizes, including two Ante Up Poker Cruise packages, will be up for grabs in the Daytona

Toyota Holiday Charity Classic on Dec. 2. The tournament winner gets a \$6,500 prize package from the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, including a \$3,500 seat in the Borgata Winter Poker Open Main Event, airfare, hotel, food and cash.

Second- and third-place finishers win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the Feb. 4 sailing out of Port Canaveral. Advance entries are \$150 at DBKC or at [HolidayCharityClassic.Com](http://HolidayCharityClassic.Com).

If entries remain on the day of the tournament, they will be \$175. For more information, call (386) 316-3138. See the ad on Pages 4-5 for more details.

**BESTBET JAX:** The LIPS Florida Women's Championship will be at bestbet Jacksonville on Nov. 16-18. This will come after the conclusion of the property's Jacksonville Fall Series, which culminates with the WPT main event (Nov. 9-13). For more details and schedule, see the ad on the next page.

The poker room also hosted its first College Poker Championship, as 132 college players came from all over the Southeast to vie for the title. **Edvin Hot**, a regular at bestbet and a 27-year-old student at Florida Coastal School of Law, captured the crown and \$1K. The New York native bested **Taylor Trace** heads-up for the title.



**GRETNA/PENSACOLA:** The Creek Entertainment Gretna poker room and the Pensacola poker room will continue with their \$10K and \$20K guarantee tournaments. Gretna's \$10K guarantee will have a \$250 buy-in on Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. There will be \$75 satellites every Thursday (7 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (1 p.m.).

The Pensacola \$20K guarantee will have a \$500 buy-in Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. There will be \$100 satellites every Thursday (7 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m.) There's also a \$10K guarantee (\$250, Nov. 10, 1 p.m.) with \$50 satellites on Tuesdays (7 p.m.).

— **Chaz Allen is Ante Up's North Florida Ambassador. Email him at [chazallen@gmail.com](mailto:chazallen@gmail.com).**

## Non-hold'em games popping up around Tampa Bay

No-limit hold'em took off with a fury years ago, supplanting games such as seven-card stud. However, while not to the same fervor as NLHE, Omaha is gaining popularity in the Tampa Bay area. Just about every day you can find a game at one of the area card-rooms.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ • C. FLA.**



**DERBY LANE:** Almost every morning when Derby Lane opens, a \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 game with a half-kill opens. The game fills with regulars who come with pad and pen in hand to start a list before the room opens (on week-

days since Derby is open 24 hours on weekends). The crowd is happy to play this game, but the ultimate goal is the spade royal. When the jackpot gets near \$12K-\$15K, everyone is gunning for the grand prize and the waiting list begins to grow.

**TAMPA HARD ROCK:** The Seminole property is the one room that gets limit and pot-limit Omaha going regularly. The \$3-\$6 game with a half-kill has been getting two tables almost daily, while \$1-\$2 and \$2-

\$5 PLO has been spread almost every day, especially on weekends. Look for the games to grow, especially as more tournament series begin to come to the area.

**LUCKY'S CARD ROOM:** The greyhound track in Tampa could be considered the epicenter of the PLO movement in the area. A regular game that kicks off around 1 p.m. expands into the evening so much that a must-move second table is common. This \$1-\$2 game with a \$5 button straddle plays big, and the wins can be tremendous. If an action game at the \$1-\$2 level is what you're seeking, then Lucky's should be your first stop.

**SILKS POKER ROOM:** The poker room at Tampa Bay Downs will try to get any game started. From H.O.R.S.E. to crazy pineapple, the room keeps trying to make games other than hold'em viable options. While nothing has concretely stuck, the room consistently gets a \$2-\$5 PLO game that finds many regulars looking to score big. The Silks boasts big games, and the \$2-\$5 PLO game is no exception. If you have the bankroll to sit in the game, it's fun and exciting and can be profitable.

— **Andrew Malowitz is Ante Up's Central Florida Ambassador. Email him at [anteupandrew@gmail.com](mailto:anteupandrew@gmail.com).**

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11/10	Sat	12pm	M/E No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
11/11	Sun	12pm	M/E Day 2		90 min		
11/12	Mon	12pm	M/E Day 3		90 min		
11/13	Tue	2pm	M/E Final Day		60 min		

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10/25	Thu	12pm	#1 No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$340	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
10/26	Fri	12pm	#1 No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$340	40 min	15,000	
10/27	Sat	12pm	#1 No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$340	40 min	15,000	
10/28	Sun	3pm	#2 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$340	30 min	10,000	
10/29	Mon	12pm	#3 Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$230	30 min	10,000	
10/29	Mon	3pm	#4 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
10/30	Tue	12pm	#5 No Limit Hold'em	\$340	30 min	10,000	
10/30	Tue	3pm	#6 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$50 bounties	\$230	30 min	10,000	
10/31	Wed	12pm	#7 Pot Limit 1/2 Hold'em 1/2 Omaha	\$340	30 min	10,000	
10/31	Wed	3pm	#8 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
11/1	Thu	12pm	#9 No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$340	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
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11/3	Sat	12pm	#9 No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$340	40 min	15,000	
11/3	Sat	3pm	#10 No Limit Hold'em All-In or Fold	\$150	30 min	10,000	
11/4	Sun	3pm	#11 No Limit Hold'em 2 day event	\$560	40 min	15,000	
11/5	Mon	12pm	#12 Pot Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$340	30 min	10,000	
11/5	Mon	3pm	#13 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$340	30 min	10,000	
11/6	Tue	12pm	#14 No Limit Hold'em 2 day event	\$560	40 min	15,000	
11/6	Tue	3pm	#15 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
11/7	Wed	12pm	#16 No Limit Hold'em 6 max	\$340	30 min	10,000	
11/7	Wed	3pm	#17 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
11/8	Thu	12pm	#18 No Limit Hold'em Turbo 1 day event	\$1,060	30 min	15,000	
11/10	Sat	3pm	#19 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$340	30 min	10,000	
11/11	Sun	3pm	#20 No Limit Hold'em	\$340	30 min	10,000	

All events will allow one re-entry within the registration period. • Events #1 and #9 are four day events. There will be three starting days allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as one re-entry on same day. • Events #11, and #14 are two day events playing 15 levels on day one. • Main Event is a five day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as one re-entry on same day. • Main Event final table will be live streamed on the internet. • Nightly super satellites at 7pm. • Single table satellites running daily. • Registration for the main event is open through the second break. • Registration for all other events is open through the first break. • Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion / tournament at any time.



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# LITTLE TO BE PRO ON FEB. ANTE UP CRUISE

**Jonathan Little**, a World Poker Tour Player of the Year and *Ante Up* senior strategy columnist, will serve as the on-board professional player for the February Ante Up Poker Cruise.



Little, who has more than \$5 million in career tournament winnings and two World Poker Tour main event titles, is a best-selling poker author and owner of the FloatTheTurn.Com training site. He's also an owner of the 3Bet clothing line and a Blue Shark Optics pro.

"I am thrilled to be the poker coach on the upcoming Ante Up cruise," Little said. "I will be offering five classes total (one free intermediate class and four advanced classes) covering a wide range of topics on every aspect of poker as well as numerous Q&A opportunities. I am sure every player of every skill level will find the lessons beneficial."

The cruise sails from Feb. 4-8, departing from Port Canaveral, Fla., aboard the Monarch of the Seas with two port calls in the Bahamas (Nassau and CocoCay, Royal Caribbean's private island). Ante Up transforms the conference center on board into a professionally staffed and equipped poker room, featuring cash games, tournaments, classes and an open-bar cocktail party. In partnership with Royal Caribbean's Club Royale Casino, Ante Up guests also will be invited to participate in private blackjack and slot tournaments during the cruise.

Rates start as low as \$369 per person, based on double occupancy, and are guaranteed through Nov. 19. To book, call **Scott Long** at (727)

## Win your way aboard

Four rooms are offering players an opportunity to win their way aboard the Feb. 4 Ante Up Poker Cruise. For more information on these and other events, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com).

**DERBY LANE:** The St. Petersburg, Fla., poker room awarded one package during its \$220 buy-in Halloween Tournament Oct. 26-28, and four more packages in ways to be announced.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** The Tampa, Fla., poker room will award a cruise package for the champion and runner-up in its Ante Up Poker League, which concludes with a freeroll tentatively scheduled for Jan. 1.

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO:** The Dover, Del., casino will award an oceanview cruise package to the champion of its Ante Up Poker League, which runs through Dec. 12.

**DAYTONA TOYOTA HOLIDAY CHARITY CLASSIC:** The charity tournament on Dec. 2 at Daytona Beach Kennel Club in Florida will award a cruise package to the second- and third-place finishers.

331-4335. For more information, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com).

Ante Up has three more cruises scheduled for 2013: May 20 out of Miami; Oct. 20 out of the New York City metro area; and Dec. 2 out of Tampa, Fla.

## CALDER CASINO



Greg Marsh, Steve Zaffos and Jeff Conine

On Sept. 30, the Studz Poker Club hosted the second annual **Jeff Conine** Celebrity Poker Classic and raised \$115K for the **Joe DiMaggio** Children's Hospital Foundation, which underwrites the operations of the Conine Clubhouse, a home-away-from-home for families of children under care at the hospital.

The tournament attracted 268 players vying for the top prize of a seat to the 2013 World Series of Poker Main Event. In the end, the final four players chopped the \$7,500 first-place cash option for \$1,875 each, then played on for the next top three prizes. First place went to **Steve Zaffos** of Weston.

Each table featured a sports celebrity, including ex-Dolphins **Jim Jensen**, **Tony Nathan** and **Shawn Wooden**, ex-Marlins **Cliff Floyd** and **Preston Wilson** and hockey stars **Ed Jovanovski** and **Sean Hill**.

Conine was pleased at the increase of 120 players over last year, and the additional \$40,000 raised for his charity. "The clubhouse is my proudest accomplishment in South Florida, my legacy, because it's real life," Conine said. — **Dave Lemmon**

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### Summer Classic, Aug. 31-Sept. 9

**Event 1 • \$235 NLHE**  
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**Event 2 • \$125 NLHE**  
**Entries: 150 • Pool: \$15K**  
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**Event 3 • \$125 NLHE**  
**Entries: 315 • Pool: \$31,500**  
 Todd Bertam, \$7,125

**Event 4 • \$125 H.O.R.S.E.**  
**Entries: 95 • Pool: \$10K**  
 Robert Leff, \$3K

**Event 5 • \$125 NLHE**  
**Entries: 133 • Pool: \$13,300**  
 Gene Hochman, \$3,730

**Event 6 • \$125 Bounty**  
**Entries: 107 • Pool: \$10,700**  
 Taylor Lego, \$2,410

**\$555 Main Event**  
**Entries: 223 • Pool: \$111,500**  
 Matthew Smith, \$27,875



The fifth annual Palm Beach Summer Classic, which surpassed its \$230K guarantees, saw **Matthew Smith** of Ft. Lauderdale capture the main event and nearly \$28K. Smith is pictured above with PBKC's **Wil Herrera**.

## ISLE CASINO

The Isle Casino hosted a pair of large guarantee events recently as **Ian O'Hara**, above, of Boca Raton beat more than 700 players to win September's \$150K guarantee and \$40,500 via chop.

**Dirk Perdrix** of Boca Raton captured the \$100K guarantee in October, pocketing \$20K via chop. The event had 1,766 entries for the \$100 buy-in.



## HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD

### Everglades Open, Sept. 24-Oct. 1

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 Julio Fernandez, \$8,601

**Event 2 • \$150 NLHE**  
**Entries: 199 • Pool: \$23,880**  
 Oneil McCalla, \$3,100\*

**Event 3 • \$240 NLHE**  
**Entries: 88 • Pool: \$17,600**  
 Georges Boyadjian, \$3,920\*

**Event 4 • \$100 NLHE**  
**Entries: 80 • Pool: \$6,400**  
 Julio Fernandez, \$1,552\*

**Event 5 • \$240 O/8**  
**Entries: 46 • Pool: \$10K**  
 Gary Flur, \$2,700\*

**Event 6 • \$100 NLHE**  
**Entries: 58 • Pool: \$6K**  
 Colby Covington, \$1,650\*

**\$560 Main Event**  
**Entries: 301 • Pool: \$150,500**  
 Agop Rustemoglu, \$14,500\*

**Event 8 • \$125 AIOF**  
**Entries: 35 • Pool: \$5K**  
 Carlos Cruz, \$1,900\*

**Event 9 • \$100 NLHE**  
**Entries: 70 • Pool: \$6K**  
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# TOURNAMENTS HEAT UP IN NEW MEXICO

New Mexicans love their poker tournaments. After three days of exciting play, the Inn of the Mountain Gods' second annual Poker Championship went to seasoned Texas player **Joe Davis**, who took home \$30K, a \$5K bracelet and a souvenir jacket. The next 17 players earned between \$15K and \$900, all from a \$550 buy-in on Sept. 30. There were 165 entries, and the last day held "the best live action I've ever seen in that poker room. It lasted 10 straight hours. It was great," said player **Chad Fre-**



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**SANTA ANA STAR:** The last episode of Santa Ana Star Poker Room Sky's the Limit Tournament was running when this issue went to press, but it's bound to be a huge success. The tourney before, on Aug. 5, featured 73 players, and the prize pool was \$23,892. First place paid more than \$7K, but the last five players chopped, each netting \$3,531 (not bad for the \$330 buy-in). More than 100 players were expected for the final session on Oct. 7. Friday night and daily tournaments are ongoing at Santa Ana Star.

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** Note to Santa Fe-area players: Buffalo Thunder Casino opened its eight-table poker room, and you can find it just a

short walk next door from the new Thunder Book Racing Room. **Larry Mundy**, who used to run the poker room at Harrington Raceway in Delaware, has taken the reins here. Look for big things coming out of this room in the not-too-distant future.

## Arizona

The Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort has quite a few tournament options this month, including the 10th annual Turkey Tournament for charity on Nov. 17 (10 a.m., \$50). Also, a \$20K guarantee event is Nov. 24 (11:15 a.m., \$150) and a super bounty tournament is Nov. 10 (11:15 a.m., \$225).

**MANAGER SWAP:** Husband and wife team **Mark** and **Deborah Perry** have changed jobs in the Gila River Casinos family. Mark used to run the Vee Quiva poker room and Deb ran the Wild Horse Pass room. But recently they swapped positions.

This is no surprise as the sister properties work together regularly, including the new Super 77 linked progressive jackpot, which starts at \$25K and increases daily (at press time it was \$55K). Quad sevens beaten in hold'em at either poker room wins you the jackpot. Also, if you play at Vee Quiva, ask about the Let's Talk Turkey promotion this month.

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Nov. 17, 10:00am

**Ladies No-Limit Hold 'Em Tournaments:**  
Dec. 9, 11:15am

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Tournaments:** Nov. 25, 11:15am

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# FRIEDBERG'S VISION SEES PAST LAS VEGAS

I recently had a chance to chat with **Jon Friedberg**, a World Series of Poker bracelet-winner and CEO of PokerTrip Enterprises Inc, which encompasses AllVegasPoker.Com and PokerAtlas.com.

**How did you get started in poker?** I discovered poker in a local Indian casino called Desert Diamond Casino in Tucson, Ariz., my first year of college at University of Arizona. My friends and I discovered it as 18-year-olds. You only had to be 18 to play there because they didn't serve alcohol.



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**Did you start reading books and get coaching to improve?** There wasn't

much coaching available then, but I picked up whatever books I could. But I mostly just learned from experience.

**This was before no-limit hold'em was popular?** Yes, we experimented with some NLHE but you really couldn't find a NLHE cash game. The \$15-\$30 limit game on the weekends was the biggest game they had.

**So when you graduated from college you didn't just become a full-time poker player?** I got a real job where I worked for about two years before pursuing an MBA from Pepperdine University. I then worked another few years, before moving to Vegas in 2004 to play poker full time. Throughout my time working and attending graduate school, I made time for poker once or twice a month.

**And not long after receiving your MBA, you started your own company?** Yes, I started a company called Reactrix and ran that for a few years. It was an interactive media technology and network that we created. After about three years, I decided to take some time off, and in early 2004, moved to Las Vegas.

**When you moved to Vegas, were you playing full time?** Yeah, that was pretty much all I did, in addition to some consulting work. I played the \$30-\$60 limit game at Bellagio and then transitioned to the \$10-\$20 no-limit game. Then I started focusing more on tournaments.

**How surprised were you when you won a bracelet in a \$1K televised event in 2006?** It was a total surprise, and I still can't believe it happened. The first-ever WSOP event I played was in 1995; it was a \$3K limit hold'em event. I didn't cash. I'd played in about 20 WSOP events total in 2004 and 2005, and had 15 events on my schedule in 2006. I didn't feel I had played very many events and it was beyond surreal when the final river card hit the felt.

**Did winning the bracelet change your life?** It definitely changed my life. I started traveling around the world on the tournament circuit. Suddenly, the poker world took an interest in who I was and what I had

to say. And being that it was a televised event back in the heyday of poker, I started getting recognized in random places, which is pretty awkward sometimes. People would come up to me at a restaurant or the gym and say, "You're that poker guy!"

**Do you think your business success has helped you with poker?** Yes, and vice-versa. Poker has helped me in business more than business has helped me in poker, probably because I have a lot more experience in poker than I do in business. I've certainly made a lot more tough decisions in poker than I have in business. But it definitely works both ways.

**How did you get involved with All Vegas Poker?** I was friends with the original creator of the website, **Doug**, and he asked me if I wanted to help him out on the business in early 2011. At that point, it was just a hobby site. We kept talking and one thing led to another and eventually I said, "Why don't you let me take this off your hands and run it

entirely? So we came to a deal where I took over ownership of the site and turned it into more of a business. With that came that acquisition of another site, Vegas Poker Now, which was a competitor to All Vegas Poker. Then we went on to acquire the Poker Atlas, which was started by **Brian** and **Leigh Easterling**. Brian is now vice president of information for us.

**Now that you're running AVP as a business, you're obviously expanding.** Our plans now are to become the most comprehensive resource surrounding the entire poker industry. We have historically only been focused on the brick-and-mortar industry, but with the upcoming launch of online poker in Nevada, and our recent approval for an online gaming marketing affiliate license, we are soon expanding our presence into the online world. Our plan is to provide information and exposure for the online gaming sites, just as we always have done for land-based

poker rooms. With our expansion into online poker, we will not lose our focus on the brick-and-mortar space.

**As other states go online, you intend to do the same thing for them?** Absolutely. We plan to do so in every state that legalizes and regulates online poker, but we will not work with any U.S.-facing gaming sites that are not licensed.

**What other plans do you have for AVP?** We're growing very quickly. We've recently hired a few new people, and are currently looking to hire several more. We have major expansion plans in place and a lot of exciting projects in the works. Our goal is to offer the best information, the most friendly and helpful community of poker enthusiasts, and the best value to our visitors and community members.

— Rob Solomon is Ante Up's Las Vegas Ambassador. You can email him at [rob@allvegaspoker.com](mailto:rob@allvegaspoker.com). Follow him on Twitter @Robvegaspoker and read his blog at [robvegaspoker.blogspot.com](http://robvegaspoker.blogspot.com).



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Saturday 10/27/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Sunday 10/28/12	400 NLH	300 OMAHA 8/B	200 NLH
Monday 10/29/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Tuesday 10/30/12	300 NLH	300 HORSE	200 NLH
Wednesday 10/31/12	300 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Thursday 11/1/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Friday 11/2/12	600 NLH	300 PLO	200 NLH
Saturday 11/3/12	400 NLH Day 1A**		200 NLH
Sunday 11/4/12	400 NLH Day 1B**	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Monday 11/5/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Tuesday 11/6/12	300 NLH	300 OMAHA 8/B	200 NLH
Wednesday 11/7/12	300 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Thursday 11/8/12	400 NLH	300 PLO	200 NLH
Friday 11/9/12	1,100 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Saturday 11/10/12	600 NLH		200 NLH
Sunday 11/11/12	400 NLH	300 Ladies	200 NLH
Monday 11/12/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Tuesday 11/13/12	1,100 NLH Big Bounty	300 HORSE	200 NLH
Wednesday 11/14/12	400 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Thursday 11/15/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Friday 11/16/12	300 Super Satellite	300 Super Satellite	200 NLH 7 pm 300 SS 8 pm
Saturday 11/17/12	2,500 NLH Day 1A**	300 Super Satellite	200 NLH
Sunday 11/18/12	2,500 NLH Day 1B**	200 Big Bounty	200 NLH
Monday 11/19/12	Daily 150 Resumes	2 pm Day 2 \$2,500 Restart	Nightly 120 Resumes

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# CRESS POCKETS \$30K FOR ATLANTIS WIN

The second annual World Poker Tour Regional at the Atlantis Casino in Reno wrapped up Sept. 23 and paid more than \$407K in winnings over the course of 26 events. The bulk of the tournaments were no-limit hold'em, ranging from \$120-\$340, but the series also offered H.O.R.S.E., PLO, limit hold'em and Omaha.



**LESLIE PAULS • RENO**

The \$1,650 main event drew 138 players for a prize pool that exceeded \$200K. When it reached seven-handed, a chop was executed as **James Martini, Bruce Peterson, Brett Edmunds, Richard Hanley and Gregg Wilkinson** took home \$23,583 each. The top two, **Adam Cress** and **Michael Cooper**, both of Reno, each earned \$30K. Cress was the overall chipleader when the table agreed on the deal, so he walked away with the title and WPT trophy.

The first event, a \$340 NLHE tournament, got the series off to a great start with 154 runners and paid nearly \$45K. **Jesse Turner** finished first for more than \$14K, followed by **Albert Cain** (\$8,291) and Cress (\$5,378).

Poker room manager **Daniel Chiu** was pleased with the results and believes the tournament will continue to grow annually.

"We saw more players out the second year of this event, and were excited to see players from all over the country," he said. "We look forward to continuing to build and improve our tournament events, and believe we offered the best value with deepstack structure and play. We'll continue to strive to offer the best possible tournaments every time out."

**CONTAXIS ILL:** Harveys Lake Tahoe poker room manager **Vincent Contaxis** suffered a major stroke in September. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he understands how much his presence in the cardroom will be missed. For those of you who know Vinny and would like to help his family at this difficult time, contact Harveys poker room at (775) 588-2411.

The World Series of Poker Circuit runs at Harveys from Nov. 8-19, with the main event (\$1,675) starting Nov. 17 (flights at noon and 5 p.m.).

— **Leslie Pauls is an Ante Up Ambassador for Reno and pro poker player. Email her at anteupcali@gmail.com.**

## WPT Regional, Western Poker Challenge, Atlantis Casino, Reno. Sept. 14-24

**Event 1 • \$340 NLHE**  
154 Entries • Pool: \$44,814  
Jesse Turner, \$14,342

**Event 2 • \$120 NLHE**  
96 Entries • Pool: \$9,312  
Douglas Campbell, \$3,259

**Event 3 • \$230 NLHE**  
91 Entries • Pool: \$17,534  
Heather Landay, \$6,179

**Event 5 • \$230 NLHE**  
58 Entries • Pool: \$9,846  
Valerie Cross, \$3,839

**Event 6 • \$230 PLO**  
17 Entries • Pool: \$3,298  
Mark Beurle, \$2,144

**Event 7 • \$230 NLHE**  
17 Entries • Pool: \$4,850  
Rudy Ayala, \$1,987

**Event 8 • \$230 NLHE**  
48 Entries • Pool: \$9,312  
John Miner, \$3,818

**Event 9 • \$120 LHE**  
26 Entries • Pool: \$2,522  
Amin Salkhi, \$1,261

**Event 10 • \$120 NLHE**  
32 Entries • Pool: \$3,104  
Julie Leonard, \$1,397

**Event 11 • \$230 NLHE**  
74 Entries • Pool: \$14,356  
Alan Mastic, \$5,025

**Event 12 • \$230 H.O.R.S.E.**  
23 Entries • Pool: \$4,462  
Steven McCoy, \$2,231

**Event 13 • \$120 NLHE**  
44 Entries • Pool: \$4,268  
Rajesh Vig, \$1,751

**Event 14 • \$230 Omaha**  
59 Entries • Pool: \$11,446  
Adam Bishop, \$3,298

**Event 15 • \$120 NLHE**  
52 Entries • Pool: \$5,044  
Adon Asencio, \$1,727

**Event 17 • \$230 NLHE**  
73 Entries • Pool: \$14,162  
Daniel Kiefert, \$3,600

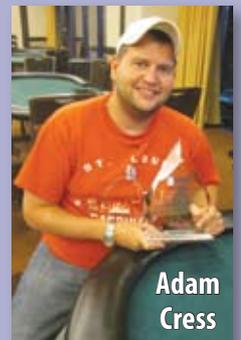
**Event 18 • \$120 NLHE**  
44 Entries • Pool: \$4,268  
Candida Rosspowers, \$1,000

**Event 20 • \$340 NLHE**  
81 Entries • Pool: \$23,571  
Jebidiah Hoffman, \$8,251

**\$1,650 Main Event**  
138 Entries • Pool: \$207K  
Adam Cress, \$30,000

**Event 25 • \$120 NLHE**  
54 Entries • Pool: \$5,238  
Gary Tighe, \$1,918

**Event 26 • \$230 NLHE**  
53 Entries • Pool: \$8,997  
Hiroki Shibata, \$3,508



**Adam Cress**

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

# Meet Michael Chapman, PRM at Rivers Casino

I recently caught up with Rivers Casino poker room manager **Michael Chapman** to discuss his plans for the poker room in Pittsburgh.

**How long have you been in poker?**

I started in poker by taking classes at the Mirage in Las Vegas in 1993. I have spent most of my time in the pit, though.

**What can players expect from a room run by Michael Chapman?** Integrity.

I was told by my father integrity is the only thing the world can't take from you so hold on to it and never give it away. I always try

to improve on everything and while I may be stubborn, I welcome changes that improve the game and the experience of playing poker. Many managers lose sight of the fact that everyone involved in poker (players, dealers and room managers) want the same thing, accuracy in dealing, a pleasant environment, honest games and as many hands as we can see that follows those factors.

**Do you play poker?** I do enjoy playing poker but don't get to as often as I'd like. I prefer a good \$5-\$10 stud game, but some \$1-\$3 NLHE or \$6-\$12 or \$8-\$16 hold'em is fun, too.

— **Mike Owens is the Ante Up Ambassador for Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. You can follow him on Twitter @Holdemag and check out his blog at CheckRaze.com. He can be reached at anteupowens@gmail.com.**



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# WSOPC, 7 CLANS HIGHLIGHT BUSY MONTH

By Ross Leitz

The World Series of Poker Circuit returned for the second time to the Horseshoe at Bossier City, La., and **Jeff Gibraltier**, a former pro golfer of Rockwell, Texas, won the main event for \$133K and a seat in the WSOP national championship in May in New Orleans.

**Caufman Talley** shipped his second WSOPC ring of the season after taking down the \$1K event, and he finished 18th in the main event.

Other local players that made deep runs in the main event were **Danny Doucet** of Opelousas and **James Arruebarena** of Metairie.

**SEVEN CLANS:** In Kinder, Coushatta Resort and Casino held its semi-annual Seven Clans Cup tournament and **Mohamed Kasswan** took down the \$1K main event for \$34K in a three-way chop with **Joseph Dulaney** and **John Honeycutt** (\$30K each). **Gene Dudek** of Houma finished fifth for \$15K.



**Kasswan**



**Dulaney**



**Honeycutt**

ished fifth for \$15K.

Also, Coushatta's bad-beat jackpot was at a record \$445K at press time. For more information, visit [coushattacasinoresort.com](http://coushattacasinoresort.com).

— Ross Leitz is the Ante Up Louisiana Ambassador. Email him at [anteupross@gmail.com](mailto:anteupross@gmail.com).

## WSOPC, Horseshoe Casino, Bossier City, La., Sept. 13-23



**Event 1 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 293 • Pool: \$87,900  
 Matthew Colvin, \$21,097



**Event 2 • \$580 NLHE**  
 Entries: 146 • Pool: \$73K  
 William Byrnes, \$20,440



**Event 3 • \$365 PLO**  
 Entries: 142 • Pool: \$42,600  
 Tom Franklin, \$11,930



**Event 4 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 663 • Pool: \$198,900  
 Daniel Chaky, \$40,773



**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 251 • Pool: \$75,300  
 Lance Garcia, \$18,449



**Event 6 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 241 • Pool: \$72,300  
 Robin Vannucci, \$17,711



**Event 7 • \$365 6-Max**  
 Entries: 216 • Pool: \$64,800  
 Jon Taylor, \$16,201



**Event 8 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 218 • Pool: \$65,400  
 Walen Kite, \$16,350



**Event 9 • \$1,125 NLHE**  
 Entries: 144 • Pool: \$144K  
 Caufman Talley, \$40,319



**Event 10 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 240 • Pool: \$72K  
 John Dudley, \$17,997



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
 Entries: 405 • Pool: \$607,500  
 Jeff Gibraltier, \$133,648



**Event 12 • \$580 NLHE**  
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**FEATURED TOURNAMENTS**

**Seniors Event** Saturday, Nov 3 at 10am

**Seconday Sunday Super Stack** Nov 11 at 1pm

**Show Me The Money** Saturday, Nov 17 at 1pm

**Mega Stack** Saturday, Nov 24 at 1pm



## CHICAGO POKER OPEN NOV. 9

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago host the seventh annual Chicago Poker Open on Nov. 9. Registration starts at 6 p.m. with cards in the air at 7. This year's event will be at the Chicago Cultural Center in downtown Chicago. **Richard Roeper**, who has become an event regular, plans on attending along with sports journalist **David Kaplan**.



**JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND**

“The Chicago Poker Open presents an annual opportunity for Chicagoans to get together for a night of intense fun and great networking, all for the benefit of the Boys &

Girls Clubs of Chicago,” local poker celeb **Jason Finn** said. “After two years as a participant, I have contributed five years as a co-chair, with **Kelly Dietrich**. It's so rewarding for us to put on a great event for a particularly important cause.”

The CPO is the longest running annual charity poker event in Chicagoland, and casino games will be offered, too. Tournament buy-in is \$150, casino games buy-in is \$100. For more information, go to [ChicagoPokerOpen.com](http://ChicagoPokerOpen.com).

- Majestic Star's poker room started a \$3,500 guarantee hold'em tournament on Mondays (noon, \$80).
  - **Ryan Hickey**, 21, of Northbrook finished second to **Greg Raymer** at a Heartland Poker Tour event in St Louis. Also, Chicagoan **Faraz Jaka** was a semifinalist at the World Series of Poker Europe mix-max no-limit hold'em event held in Cannes, France.
- “Chicago” Joe Giertuga is Ante Up's Chicagoland Ambassador. Email him at [chicago.joe@comcast.net](mailto:chicago.joe@comcast.net).

## Hollywood Poker Open Nov. 8-18

The Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind., is stepping up its poker game, hosting the inaugural Hollywood Poker Open regional event Nov. 8-18, including a chance to play in the \$500K guarantee championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas on June 28-30.



**R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA**

The regional at Lawrenceburg will have a \$10K guarantee event (\$150 buy-in) Nov 7, as well as an unprecedented four-event re-entry deepstack NLHE tournament with events 1A and 1B on Nov. 8, and events 1C and 1D on Nov. 9 starting 12:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively. This \$200K guarantee concludes Nov. 10.

From the \$235 50-and-older (Nov. 11, 10 a.m.), the \$235 ladies event (Nov. 12, 10 a.m.), a \$235 pot-limit Omaha (Nov. 12, 7 p.m.), a \$345 Bounty (\$100, Nov. 13, 11:15 a.m.), a \$235 six-max (Nov. 14, 11:15 a.m.), and each nightly cash tournament at 7:15, one seat will be added to the HPO \$550 two-day main event on Nov. 15.

And you won't have to walk far for cash games as the poker room has moved upstairs to provide a more suitable surrounding to showcase the legendary poker room action. Tournament events will be in the ballroom downstairs near the old poker-room location, and acting poker room manager **Brad Hinson** said there will be a lot of exciting promotions.

There will be six \$200 no-limit hold'em mega satellites during the series where one in 25 entrants will win a \$2,500 seat to the \$500K HPO championship event, plus \$1,500 for travel expenses.

Check out [hollywoodpokeropen.com](http://hollywoodpokeropen.com) and see the ad on Pages 2-3.  
— R.C. Thorne is Ante Up's Southern Indiana Ambassador. Email him at [anteuprc@gmail.com](mailto:anteuprc@gmail.com).

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High Hand Prizes are DOUBLED (1pm - 7pm)
- **FRIDAYS**  
All 4 of a kind and higher pay up to \$599 each (1pm - Midnight)
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**Event 2 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 768 • Pool: \$229,050  
 Patricia Till, \$45,810



**Event 3 • \$580 NLHE**  
 Entries: 149 • Pool: \$74,500  
 John Gallaher, \$20,482



**Event 4 • \$365 6-Max**  
 Entries: 207 • Pool: \$62,100  
 Chris Karambinis, \$15,795



**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 123 • Pool: \$36,900  
 Scott Carroll, \$9,954



**Event 6 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 225 • Pool: \$67,500  
 James Sloat, \$16,538



**Event 7 • \$365 PLO**  
 Entries: 106 • Pool: \$30,450  
 Cory Zbinden, \$9,135



**Event 8 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 246 • Pool: \$72,450  
 John Taitt, \$17,751



**Event 9 • \$580 NLHE**  
 Entries: 175 • Pool: \$86,150  
 Michael Reed, \$23,261



**Event 10 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 196 • Pool: \$58,800  
 Aaron Massey, \$15,288



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
 Entries: 340 • Pool: \$510,000  
 Dan Heimiller, \$117,300



**Event 12 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 102 • Pool: \$30,600  
 Trevor Deeter, \$10,098

OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS OFF TO GREAT START

The new Hollywood Casino poker room in Columbus, Ohio, opened fittingly on Columbus Day to massive crowds. The room opened at 11:30 a.m. and by 2:30 p.m. there were 30 tables running with 60 people on the waiting list. And the games spread were just as impressive, from \$3-\$6 limit hold'em to \$5-\$25 NLHE game with a \$1K min buy-in and no max. There also was a \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha game and 20 \$1-\$2 NLHE games.



DAN HARKENRIDER • OHIO

At 10 p.m., the Columbus room still had 30 games running and more than 50 players on the list. **Matthew Dodd**, a veteran manager who has a history of turning around struggling poker rooms, is more than pleased with the start his new room is having.

"A great Day 1 here in Columbus," Dodd said. "We are extremely proud of our great team in the poker room and excited about the fantastic response from poker players to our opening."

**HORSESHOE CLEVELAND:** The Horseshoe's first tournament was on a Monday at noon with a \$200 buy-in and netted 182 players. It has two tournaments a week, both at noon, one hold'em and one PLO. It

also features an end-of-month event with a \$500 buy-in. **Jonathan Burris** won the first \$500 event (142 players) and pocketed \$18,200, though there was a chop involved. There were no satellites to this event; poker room manager **Jeremy Smith** was just giving the players what they asked for (a \$500 buy-in).



**HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO:** This poker room continues to chug along with cash-game and tournament action. Hollywood Casinos' Hollywood Poker Open is sure to bring poker players plenty of action this coming year. Hollywood has a strong \$1-\$2 offering and on the weekends \$2-\$5 action.

**CHARITY EVENT:** Buckeye Charity Poker in Willoughby Hills just east of downtown Cleveland, has a new 17-table PokerTek room that opened in September with a huge selection of games and the widest tournament schedule in the region. A fan favorite is the 25-cent/50-cent PLO game that is a good training ground for bigger games.

The rake is right and the game plays big. The room features a unique game selection, such as a \$10 rebuy during Monday night football and promotions every night. It's a fun place to play for lower stakes.

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IOWA

Southeast Iowa Poker Classic runs Nov. 7-12 at Catfish Bend



KEN WARREN • IOWA

Catfish Bend Casino in Burlington will host the Southeast Iowa Poker Classic on Nov. 7-12. This annual event typically is in October, but was pushed to November to accommodate player requests.

Event 1 is a \$125 no-limit hold'em tournament on Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. Event 2 (Nov. 8, 3 p.m.) is a \$180 NLHE deepstack affair. Event 3 (\$150) is Nov. 9 and

Event 4 (\$230, Nov. 10, 11 a.m.) is pot-limit Omaha. There certainly aren't many PLO tournaments in Iowa so I'm especially excited about this one. Also, there's a \$230 NLHE bounty event at 4 p.m. that same day. The \$560 main event begins at noon on Nov. 11, but the final table will play out on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. This schedule is pending approval from the

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# WILL MICHIGAN BE THE NEXT AUPT STOP?

The recently announced Ante Up Poker Tour is filling its schedule quickly, and Michigan seems to be a perfect candidate for the new tour. With three poker rooms in downtown Detroit, Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant, Caesars in Ontario, Hollywood Casino in Toledo and more than 20 charity rooms in the tri-county area, there are plenty of poker players to fill the tables at a tournament series like the Ante Up Poker Tour. Plus, there are no major tournament series that stop in Michigan, so

there's an opportunity for great turnouts without even counting the draw of nearby destinations such as Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario.



**FRANK PANAMA • MICHIGAN**

Continued from previous page

Iowa Gaming Board so please call the poker room before making plans.

Catfish Bend Casino is on the smaller side, but a fine place. I'm always treated well by the staff and it's somewhat of a family destination with an indoor-outdoor water park and an arcade with bowling, go-carts, laser tag, etc. attached to the same hotel. The poker room has just four tables, but it does mix it up with Omaha and stud, which means more variety than some of the bigger rooms. The

In discussions on the online forums, players speculated on what venue they would prefer. There was a mix of votes for MGM, Motor City and Greektown, with the possibility of comps and cash games affecting the debate. Some claimed MGM would have the best facilities, while others preferred the action at Motor City. Greektown's location and draw from downtown sporting events placed it in the conversation, too. Some argued the red tape to get the tour into Detroit would make Soaring Eagle a more likely candidate for the AUPT, but we were unable to verify with management there if any discussions had occurred to bring a stop there.

Wherever it might land, players agreed the influx of poker dollars would be great for the state and the poker economy in Michigan.

— **Frank Panama and Gambit Gras are Ante Up's Michigan Ambassadors. They host the Michigan Poker Monster weekly podcast at mipokemonster.com. You can email them at anteupmichigan@gmail.com.**

manager is **Mark Whetstone** and he can be reached at the poker room if you have any questions. Call 866-792-9948.



**HORSESHOE:** **Stan Schrier** captured Horseshoe Council Bluffs' first Tournament of Champions freeroll, qualifying to play at the "Horseshoe Final Table" in June to win a seat in the World Series of Poker Main Event. The Horseshoe poker room will qualify one player per month for the final table.

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**BONNIE DEMOS • OKLAHOMA**

A huge heartfelt thanks to all of our great *Ante Up* fans and readers, because of you our publication has grown to become the No. 1 poker publication nationwide. It's my goal to keep bringing you the best in poker news and events from the great Oklahoma and Kansas area. Your input and comments are always appreciated and welcome.

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Thanks to **Dale Hunter**, the poker room manager at Downstream Casino in Oklahoma for hosting the new and exciting Ante Up Poker Tour to his property. I know under your expertise the venue will be a resounding success, and we're looking forward to the AUPT in Oklahoma in May 2013.

Thanks to one of poker's finest, **Lou Krieger**, for being a great role

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### Get to Macau's early if you want a seat

By **Jimmy Townsend**

Macau's in Lakewood offers a daily \$35 tourney at 11 a.m. sharp, with a Last Man Standing auxiliary pot for an extra \$20.

Adding to your 5K chips early and often is crucial if you want to best these wizened charlatans, some who play in this thing every day without fail. Fridays are packed and two bacarat tables are needed to fit everyone.

It's a tight squeeze and the goal is to get moved to one of three tables in the poker room, and, of course, to win. Only yours truly forgets how to play. I hung in for a nut-flush draw and lost to a pair of ladies. Flopped an ace, shoved and ran into a set of deuces. First one out. It took four minutes. Next time.

model in the poker industry, and for displaying inspirational courage and bravery. Wishing you a speedy recovery and looking forward to seeing you on an Ante Up Poker Cruise soon.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks a million to **Christopher Cosenza** and **Scott Long**, the hardest working poker publishers hands down. Thanks for your integrity and vision. I'm proud to be on your team. Thanks and a happy Thanksgiving to all.

— **Bonnie Demos is Ante Up's Oklahoma-Kansas Ambassador. Email her at [bdemos1@gmail.com](mailto:bdemos1@gmail.com).**

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## WISCONSIN

# HOLD'EM WITH HELLMUTH RAISES \$80K FOR HOSPICE

Agrace HospiceCare hosted the third annual Hold'em with Hellmuth celebrity poker event at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Aug. 18. The event featured 13-time World Series of Poker



**CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN**

champion and Madison-native **Phil Hellmuth**, who emceed a night of entertainment and poker that generated nearly \$80,000 for Agrace HospiceCare, which provides assistance to more than 600 area patients and families.

The event included a silent auction, raffle and charity tournament featuring Hellmuth, 2007 WSOP champ **Jerry Yang**, and the World Poker Tour Season IV Player of the Year **Gavin Smith**.

"Phil is a great guy; he's a popular guy. I think he's doing a great thing for the community, especially for the Hospice people," Yang said. "I used to work in a nursing home, and I know what it's like for a family to go through Hospice. It's a passion of mine to support something like that."

The winner was **Keith Richley**, who got to play against the Poker Brat. Meanwhile, the grand prize raffled off at the event, a \$10,000 seat to the WSOP, went to **Nicholas Blumenthal** of Madison.



**MSPT HO-CHUNK: Joe Illingworth**, a teacher from Newton, Iowa, turned a \$90 satellite seat into \$65,742 by winning the Mid-States Poker Tour event at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells on Sept. 17.

— **Chad Holloway is Ante Up's Wisconsin Ambassador. He's a senior writer for PokerNews.com and a member of Team Blue Shark Optics. Email him at [anteupchad@yahoo.com](mailto:anteupchad@yahoo.com) or follow him on Twitter @ChadAHolloway.**

## MID-ATLANTIC

# Table games on ballot in Maryland

On Nov. 6, Marylanders will have a chance to vote on Question 7, a ballot initiative that would create a new resort casino in Prince George's County, and add table games such as poker, blackjack and roulette to all Maryland casinos. For more information on how to be involved, visit [voteforseven.com](http://voteforseven.com).



**MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC**

**DOVER DOWNS:** On Nov. 9, *Ante Up* co-publisher **Scott Long** will play the 7 p.m. tournament at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino's Royal Crown Poker Room. There will be Blue Shark Optics as a bounty for knocking Long from the tournament.

**CHARITY GAMES:** The La Plata (Md.) VFD hosts a no-limit hold'em charity tournament Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. The \$125 buy-in gets you 5K chips with no add-ons or rebuys.

Call 301-609-7500 or e-mail [lynngilroy@verizon.net](mailto:lynngilroy@verizon.net) for reservations. Also, VFW Post 2632 in California, Md., hosts a charity tournament Nov. 2 and Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. The \$50 buy-in gets you 4K chips. For more info, e-mail [poker@vfw2632.com](mailto:poker@vfw2632.com) or call (240) 925-4000.

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# MIDWEST CLASSIC SPORTS GREAT STRUCTURE

Summer's end always leads to the fall poker season in Minnesota. Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus once again hosted its Midwest Poker Classic (Sept. 19-30), featuring 11 events and several qualifiers. The structure-obsessed **Allen Kessler** even gave some input on the revamped blind structure shared by all of the events. The only thing that differed from event to event was the length of time for blind increases and the starting chips.



**JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA**

**Matthew Alexander** won the \$1,100 main event for \$47,428, his third largest career cash. When the final table was set, the average stack was more than 40 big blinds. And when heads-up play began with Alexander and **Mark Sandness**, they each had more than 70 big blinds. This highlights the amazing structure for the event. It took 18 hours on Day 2 to crown the winner. Next year Running Aces is considering having a Day 3 for the final table to cut down on the long days.

Main event runner-up Sandness also won the \$500

## Midwest Poker Classic, Running Aces

### Event 1 • \$500 NLHE

Entries 105 • Pool \$46,342  
Mark Sandness, \$15,756

### Event 2 • \$150 Bounty

Entries 99 • Pool \$7,425  
Ryan Hayes, \$2,524

### Event 3 • \$150 NLHE

Entries 117 • Pool \$14,625  
Ralph Bridge, \$4,470

### Event 4 • \$70 NLHE

Entries 58 • Pool \$3,190  
Lee Surma, \$1,168

### Event 5 • Freeroll

Entries 260 • Pool \$3,857  
Anthony Oddo, \$1K, ME seat

### Event 6 • \$70 NLHE

Entries 68 • Pool \$3,740  
James McMurray, \$1,332

### Event 7 • \$230 Bounty

Entries 97 • Pool \$9,700  
Troy Devens, \$3,295

### Event 8 • \$70 NLHE

Entries 81 • Pool \$4,455  
Jeremy Booth, \$1,512

### Event 9 • \$150 0/8

Entries 62 • Pool \$7,750  
Jason Seitz, \$2,924

### Event 10 • \$150 NLHE

Entries 92 • Pool \$11,500  
Kathy Windingstad, \$3,821  
**\$1,100 Main Event**  
Entries 159 • Pool \$154,230  
Matthew Alexander, \$47,428

NLHE deepstack event, giving him a truly outstanding series. Other highlights include **Jason Seitz**, who had a first- and second-place finish and two other cashes. **Lee Surma** had a first and sixth. The MPC events had a combined prize pool of \$266,814 across the 11 events.

— **John Somsky is the Ante Up Ambassador for Minnesota. You can email him at [john.somsky@gmail.com](mailto:john.somsky@gmail.com).**



# Sabini on top of her game at Golden Gates

Motocross, mountaineering and much more: **Carla Sabini** always lived an active recreational life. It's one of the reasons the Montreal native moved to Castle Rock, Colo., in 2003, though her accounting business remains in Montreal, so she commutes regularly between homes.

But in August 2009, Sabini's outdoor escapades came to an abrupt halt. She fractured her back in four places in a horse-riding accident. Being holed up in her Castle Rock home during a long recovery period was making Sabini stir crazy, so her brother

suggested she should try something to help her pass the time: poker.

"When we first played it at home, I was like, it's not for me," Sabini said. Regardless, her brother kept at her: "He said, 'You have the right disposition for it. You're very patient. You're an accountant, so you're good with math.' So I tried it, and I really liked it."

Flash forward to the Mile High Poker Open main event last month at the Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk. Sabini was playing in the second-largest field (739 players) in Heartland Poker Tour history, a field that included superstar **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer**, among other notable pros and top-notch amateurs.

Of them all, only one player, **Mike Harris** of Newcastle, Wy., finished better than Sabini in the no-limit hold'em tournament, which had a prize pool of more than \$1.1 million. Harris took the win and a payday of more than \$245,000, but Sabini said she was "elated" to finish second and cash almost \$140K.

Sabini's achievement, which will be shown on national television as part of the HPT's TV contract, rocketed her to second place all-time in HPT earnings for a female player. She trails only **Mary Flurkey** (from Golden). Flurkey, who got in the money by finishing 45th in this year's

event, has a little more than \$150K in HPT earnings. Both women have finished second in HPT main events at the Golden Gates.

It was another successful event for the HPT, which always draws a huge field at the Golden Gates. The final table had three other Coloradans: **Dan Jensen** of Arvada (third, \$89,665); **Rich Perego** of Thornton (fourth, \$73,302); and **Jeff Wertepny** of Longmont (fifth, \$58,220). Sixth place went to David Baker (\$47,130) of Katy, Texas.

It's hard to argue when Sabini calls herself a big longshot to have made the final table, much less take second place in such a competitive tournament.

She really hasn't played that much poker against serious competition, she said, because she rarely gets a chance to play during tax season. When the big events get cranking in the summer and fall, she's typically rusty. But she looked at the top of her game at Golden Gates.

One of her tricks was purposely avoiding looking at the payouts for the top-six finishers once she'd earned a seat at the final table. She peeked at sixth place so she knew she couldn't do worse than \$47K, but that's it: "I didn't want to go into a hand thinking this could be a \$50,000 decision," she said. "I didn't want to know the difference; I wanted to play to win."

She fell just short of that, going largely card dead once she was heads-up, missing flops and failing to push out Harris with aggressive raises. It was over in a flash, but Sabini was thrilled with her finish and the big payday.

Sabini also got a nice little education in poker variations outside NLHE by playing in a dealer-call-it cash game that included Raymer, and she acquitted herself impressively.

"It was anything but hold'em," Sabini said. "I'd never played razz, deuce-to-seven, any of those games, and they were talking circles around my head, but I still walked away \$500 up. That was great."

— **Rick Gershman is Ante Up's Colorado Ambassador. You can email him at [rickgershman@gmail.com](mailto:rickgershman@gmail.com).**



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Thursdays • 11/1, 11/8 & 11/15 • 12:30PM • \$50 + \$10 • Re-entry  
7PM • \$100 + \$20 + \$50 • Bounty Re-entry

Fridays • 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 & 11/23 • 12:30PM • \$50 + \$10 • Re-entry

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Event #2 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Saturday • 12/1 • Event #1 • Day 1B • No Limit Deep Stack Hold'em  
11AM • \$450 + \$45 + \$20

Event #3 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Sunday • 12/2 • Event #1 • Final Day • No Limit Deep Stack Hold'em  
Event #4 • No Limit Hold'em Omaha • 3PM • \$240 + \$30 + \$20

Monday • 12/3 • Event #5 • No Limit Hold'em • 11AM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20  
Event #6 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Tuesday • 12/4 • Event #7 • No Limit Hold'em 6-Handed  
11AM • \$300 + \$35 + \$20

Event #8 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Wednesday • 12/5 • Event #9 • No Limit Hold'em Seniors • 11AM • \$240 + \$30 + \$20  
Event #10 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Thursday • 12/6 • Event #11 • Day 1A • No Limit Hold'em Championship  
11AM • \$1,325 + \$125 + \$50

Event #12 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Friday • 12/7 • Event #11 • Day 1B • No Limit Hold'em Championship  
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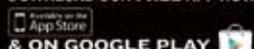
Event #13 • No Limit Hold'em TURBO • 7PM • \$175 + \$25 + \$20

Saturday • 12/8 • Event #11 • Day 2 • No Limit Hold'em Championship • 11AM  
Event #14 • 2nd Chance • No Limit Hold'em • 3PM • \$400 + \$40 + \$20

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## LEDERER SPEAKS, NGC LAYS DOWN THE LAW

Well, it's been another exciting month when it comes to Black Friday revelations and what led up to the DOJ's federal filings and the civil lawsuits against **Ray Bitar**, **Howard Lederer**, **Chris Ferguson** and others at Full Tilt Poker. The poker world stood on its ear in late September when Lederer broke his silence with a series of PokerNews.com interviews called *The Lederer Files* (he also appeared later on the 2+2 pokercast) to address many questions that had gone unanswered.



JOEL GATLIN

Though many of his answers were "I don't know," he did release some bombshells about how the company was distributing funds to the "members" (investors and executives) and how much was being distributed. According to Lederer, millions of dollars were being distributed to members even after the site was shut down and no one did anything to stop it until it was too late.

Even more sizzling was Lederer's candor on PokerNews when he spoke about **Phil Ivey** and **Erick Lindgren**. He told a story behind the Ivey lawsuit against the company for millions that was reportedly owed to him, and how the timing of the lawsuit couldn't have been worse for Full Tilt. Lederer claimed he pleaded with Ivey not to file the suit and to let the company pursue an acquisition or merger without the overhead of any legal action from him.

Lederer went on to imply the lawsuit probably kept a deal from happening between Full Tilt and any potential suitor, and he maintained that it hurt the company and all of the players directly because no one would buy the company with active litigation. He implied that if not been for this lawsuit, a deal could have been done within months of the site closing.

Lederer also discussed the time when Lindgren owed \$2 million to another online player and needed to borrow the money to pay the

debt. He reportedly went to Ferguson and asked for a loan. Ferguson agreed, but Lindgren was accidentally "double-credited" for the \$2 million. So, Lindgren paid off the \$2 million debt to the online player and then allegedly pocketed the other \$2 million. When Lederer asked Lindgren why he had not returned the extra \$2 million, Lindgren reportedly said Ferguson never asked for it or given him any instructions on where to send it. Lederer said he sent an email to Lindgren that night detailing where to send the money with the bankwire instructions, and Lindgren never sent the money.

The new Full Tilt site is scheduled to be up and running this month and **Gus Hansen** has been tagged as the new face for the company, serving as the ambassador for the site. This is great timing for Gus and Full Tilt, because Lederer also mentioned Hansen in his interview, saying he was the most vocal member of the old Full Tilt when it came to protecting the players and pressed Lederer and all of the other members to return all of the money they owed to the company so that the players could be paid.

**NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION:** Nevada is on target for having its first online gaming site by the end of the year. But what does it take for an online operator to maintain its license? A lot! In addition to requiring an annual audit that digs into every detail of every online activity of every operator, the Nevada Gaming Commission requires monthly audits by contracted certified public accountants and a list of daily transaction reports that must be run and submitted by every operator that shows all deposits, payouts, transfers and balances for each player account.

So, now that the NGC has defined the data that's required from each operator for player accounts, it will need to have the technology to mine and analyze all of this data to make sure there's no fraud or other unlawful activity. Time will tell how well this works, but you can't deny it's thorough.

— Email Joel Gatlin at [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

## Analysis of the Lederer Files, legal issues

By Brian Fons

Poker players recently watched about three hours of an interview with former Full Tilt Poker executive **Howard Lederer** and since then, everyone has an opinion on the truthfulness and effect of the interview. As a corporate attorney, I saw some other issues that aren't addressed fully in the interview or in the online blogs.

The first issue has to do with the company structure. They operated as a California LLC (Tiltware LLC), formed on Sept. 2, 2003. During the interview, Lederer seemed to indicate the company was a manager-managed company, which means the owners (members) appoint a board of managers to run the company. This is a common structure. During the interview and on the post-interview discussion, they used the term, "board of directors" repeatedly. This technically is incorrect as "directors" applies to corporations, not LLCs. We will assume they meant to say, board of managers.

Assuming the board of managers made all of the key decisions, they have certain duties to protect the owners (members). They also have the duty and responsibility to hire officers to sign contracts, and run the day-to-day operations. When Lederer said they were never charged with running the day-to-day operations, he was practically

and legally correct. During the interview, he said the existing board had been replaced by a new board of three members based on a 53 percent vote of the members. It's uncertain as to whether that was 53 percent of individuals or shares.

This is where an LLC, based in partnership law, is different than a corporation. In a corporation, the owners with a greater percentage of shares generally get more voting power. This is not always true in an LLC. It may have been that their internal operating agreement stipulated that each member gets one vote, regardless of the number of shares that person owns.

This is relevant because if this had been a corporation, the members likely would not have been able to overtake the board, as Lederer and **Chris Ferguson** seemed to have a larger percentage of the company than other owners.

There's generally no liability to the members of a California manager-managed LLC. However, the managers must make decisions on large issues to protect the members. They could be liable if they approved distributions when the company was short on cash. This is called a "fraudulent transfer." Fraud seems to indicate some criminal

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behavior, but no criminal charges have been levied against Lederer or Ferguson. That may still happen as the DOJ gets more information. They also can be liable if they made reckless or extremely bad decisions that would knowingly hurt the owners. This type of criminal and civil charge was brought against the board of directors in the Enron collapse.

The second big issue is the segregated accounts for player funds. The predominant feeling is that as long as they have enough money in their accounts to cover the player balances, they should be OK. This is not accurate. There is a big difference between having enough to cover deposits and setting up player “trust” accounts. When FTP commingled the funds, even if it had enough to cover the balances, it left those funds vulnerable to seizure by the DOJ. The funds also would’ve been subject to any creditors in bankruptcy.

If FTP set up a trust account for me, as a player, those funds technically would be my property. You see trust funds set up in law firms to hold clients’ retainer fees all of the time. The DOJ would not have been able to seize those funds without showing I did something wrong. The Wire Act, the UIGEA and bank-fraud charges don’t apply to me, so while they could’ve frozen the accounts for security purposes, they could not have seized the money and we likely would have our deposits back by now.

Moving the operations to Ireland will have a huge effect on how things turn out for the principals. If the headquarters would’ve been in the United States, Black Friday would’ve likely included a raid on the offices and a seizure of the computers, including all of the correspondence between members and managers. My guess is most of the



Howard Lederer hasn't been charged with a crime.

incriminating data has been destroyed.

Without having a copy of the company’s internal documents, and correspondence, there’s no way to guess the future of the charges against the principals. The reckless behavior with the player deposits is enough to charge **Ray Bitar** with criminal activity. Charging the other members of the board of managers will depend on the extent that they knew “or should have known” about the illegality.

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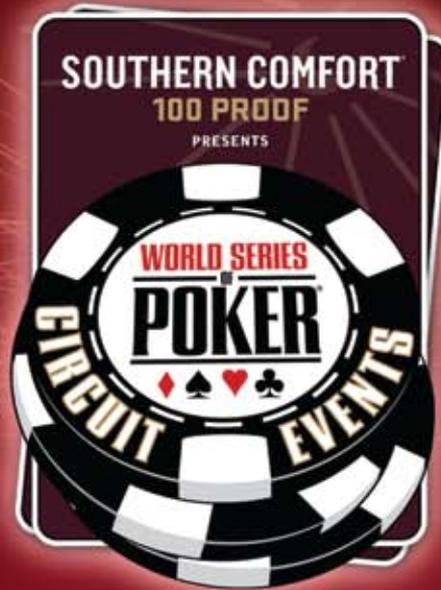
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# ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC KICKS OFF AUPT

By Scott Long

When talk of the Ante Up Poker Tour began, Ben Erwin knew right where he wanted to be.

“We really did want to be No. 1 on that list. We really wanted to be the inaugural event,” he said, and come Nov. 19, that desire becomes reality when the poker director at Thunder Valley Casino Resort hosts the first Ante Up Poker Tour event, the Ante Up NorCal Classic.



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Over the following 15 days, thousands of poker players are expected to fill the poker room at the resort just north of Sacramento to compete in nine events, culminating with a four-day \$1,100 main event that begins Nov. 30 and features the largest guarantee in Thunder Valley history, \$200K.

“This area is definitely ready for the bigger events,” Erwin said. “We’ve sold out every main event we’ve ever had. We’ve been working toward a \$1,100 buy-in event and Sacramento is very excited that we’ll be hosting this event.”

Thunder Valley can accommodate 200 players to start each flight and will seat alternates through the first four levels. The player who wades through that large field will not only earn a nice payday, but also will be featured on the cover of the January issue of *Ante Up Magazine*.

“The cover is all the talk right now. That’s a huge draw,” Erwin said. “As soon as the magazine hit, that was the most popular thing people we’re talking about up here. It’s a coveted award that these players are looking forward to.”

The series schedule includes a three-day \$450 event with a \$100K guarantee that kicks off the day after Thanksgiving. A similar event in August generated a prize pool of \$184,000. All told, the series’ nine events are guaranteeing \$345,000 in prize money. Also on the schedule are two knockout tournaments, a six-max no-limit hold’em event, Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E. events.

Twenty-five mega satellites with buy-ins as low as \$55 will be held (14 before the series even officially begins). Mega satellites with three price points kick off on Nov. 9 and up to three will be offered per day, and \$130 single-table satellites will be offered 24 hours a day.

“One thing that’s important to us at Thunder Valley is that whatever your buy-in range, that we’ve offered you a way for you to get into the Ante Up NorCal Classic,” Erwin said.

As with most tournament series, plenty of cash-game action is expected. The room regularly spreads limit poker from \$3-\$6 up to \$6-\$12, but the \$1-\$3 no-limit game is the most popular. No-limit is also spread at \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10, with \$25-\$50 offered during big events.

Players driving in for the event will be impressed with the AAA Four-Diamond resort’s amenities, some of which are tailor-made for a grinding tournament series, including a spa with a steam room that is free for hotel guests. Thunder Valley also is working to arrange discounted alternate accommodations for players.

“We don’t want to have a big event and only have our regular players,” Erwin said. “We want people to come in from the outside. But along with that, we definitely want the players who call this home to be represented in these events and I think that’s what culminates in a very successful event.”

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“Ever since we hosted our first Heartland Poker Tour event, we’ve been locked in to this late January time frame just before other major events take place in Las Vegas and California,” said **Mike Doe**, director of poker operations for Red Rock Resort Casino Spa, which has hosted two HPT events before hosting its Red Rock Poker Challenge on its own this past January.

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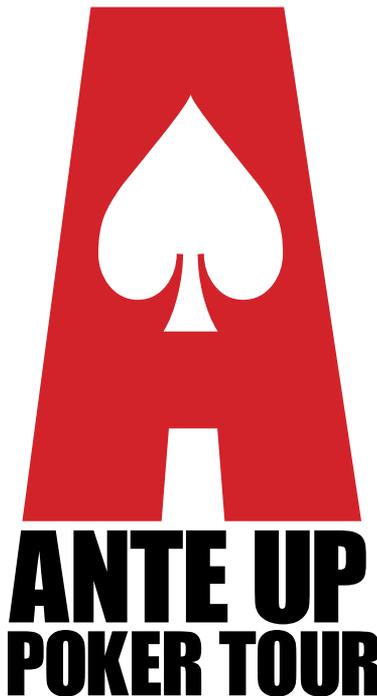
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# A QUIZ TO CHECK YOUR BETTING SKILL

Here is a hand from my upcoming book, *Secrets of Professional Tournament Poker, Vol. 3*. If you like this, be sure to check out the book when it comes out next year.



JONATHAN LITTLE

We're at the \$25K World Poker Tour Championship and we have 3♠-3♣ in the hijack with 116K chips and blinds are 150-300-25. Here are the stack sizes of the players at the table:

UTG 100K, MP1 UTG+1 99K, MP1 140K (a.k.a. Villain 1), MP2 101K, CO 102K, Button 160K (Villain 2), SB 97K and BB 108K.

Villain 1 in this hand is an experienced older live pro better known for stud than hold'em. Villain 2 is an older player that has had great success. He plays generally tight and straightforward, but is certainly capable of getting out of line when the time is right.

Villain 1 raised to 800.

**QUESTION 1: The action is on you in the hijack; what do you do?**

- A. Fold
- B. Call 800
- C. Reraise to 2,300
- D. Reraise to 3,900

While you should usually call preflop with pairs, from time to time you should reraise to disguise your range. Against a player who's generally weak at hold'em but familiar with poker, you can get away with reraising some marginal hands and representing whatever comes on the flop, as stud players tend to be a little tight and easy to push around postflop. So, you choose C and reraise to 2,300. Villain 2 four-bets to 6,000 and Villain 1 quickly folds.

**QUESTION 2: The pot is 9,775 and the effective stack size is 113,700. What is your action?**

- A. Fold
- B. Call the 3,700
- C. Reraise to 10,000
- D. Go all-in

When a tight and straightforward player puts in a four-bet, you should nearly always set-mine when this deepstacked. The one big negative about this hand is you're out of position. This will make it difficult for you to win your opponent's stack if you happen to flop a set. If you think your opponent is likely to

be four-bet bluffing, you can consider putting in a small five-bet, but that's a little too crazy against a normally tight player. You choose B and call. The flop comes J♥-6♠-3♥.

**QUESTION 3: The pot is 13,475 and the effective stack size is 106,000. What is your action?**

- A. Check
- B. Bet 4,000
- C. Bet 7,000
- D. Bet 13,000

When you flop a set in a four-bet pot, you need to figure out the best way to get all the money in. When someone cold four-bets, he usually has a range of something such as A-A, K-K, Q-Q, A-K and a few random bluffs. Because of this, both leading for a large bet and checking are fine options. Against someone that's good and capable of hand-reading, the best line is to check with the intention of check-calling down with the hope of raising the river as long as the board doesn't get too scary. Here, your opponent is smart enough to check behind on the flop, both for pot control and to make his range look weak, even though you know it is still made up of mostly premium hands.

You choose A and check and Villain 2 checks behind. The turn is the K♥.

**QUESTION 4: The pot is 13,475 and the effective stack size is 106,000. What is your action?**

- A. Check
- B. Bet 4,000
- C. Bet 7,000
- D. Bet 13,000

The king is a good and bad card. Your opponent almost certainly has a strong hand at this point, unless he has Q-Q. This means you should try to get money in the pot. However, since your opponent is a smart player, he may actually bet A-A and A-K if you check to him and fold if raised, fearing a set or a flush, as most players would never take that line with a bluff. If he has K-K, you are in terrible shape. This makes check-raising a poor option. You could bet into your opponent, but if he calls and the river is a heart, he may figure out a way to bluff you off your hand, which would be a disaster. As unfortunate as it is, check-calling is probably the best line. You check and Villain 2 bets 7,000.

**QUESTION 5: The pot is 20,475 and the effective stack size is 106,000. What is your action?**

- A. Fold
- B. Call 7,000
- C. Raise to 19,000
- D. Raise to 36,000

Sticking with the plan, check-calling is really the only play that makes sense. If you think your opponent will never fold A-A or A-K in this situation but will always reraise with K-K, you could raise for value. Your opponent is that weak. Sometimes the best way to get value is to allow your opponent to bet what they think is the obvious best hand.

You decide to call. The river is the 7♠.

**QUESTION 6: The pot is 34,475 and the effective stack size is 99,000. What is your action?**

- A. Check
- B. Bet 12,000
- C. Bet 24,000
- D. Bet 35,000

As you can see, thinking ahead in a hand is crucial. At this point, the plan should be to check and call whatever Villain 2 bets. The big difference between leading into your opponent and checking in this spot is if you're beat, you will have to fold your hand to a raise. While many players are capable of a big check-raise river bluff, there's no point in risking it when your opponent will almost certainly bet A-A and A-K for value as well as some random bluffs. If you're going to lead, you should make it a size where your opponent would be insane to run a bluff, allowing you to easily fold if he shoves. You check and he quickly bets 18,000.

**QUESTION 7: The pot is 52,475 and the effective stack size is 99,000. What is your action?**

- A. Fold
- B. Call 18,000
- C. Raise to 43,000
- D. Go all-in

Given the way the hand played out, your only good option on the river is to call. You could consider a value raise but Villain 2 would likely fold A-A or A-K. When you're extraordinarily deepstacked, it's difficult to get all the money in, even with a set.

In a cash game, you could have taken a different line, probably check-raising the flop, but in a tournament, the chips you stand to lose, which is your stack in this situation, are worth well more than the chips you stand to gain. Don't fall prey to the avoidable "bad beats" you constantly hear amateur players discussing. You call and beat your opponent's A♠-A♣.

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## BETTING ERRORS

## THERE'S MORE TO POKER THAN JUST ABC

I received an email from a student who wrote; "I have pocket kings and raised to \$50 pre flop. This woman called me and the flop was 7-8-J. She played 9-10 off for \$50 pre flop. What could I have done?"

Here's my answer: You were so in love with your kings you were only playing your hand and not really into the game. Needless to say the hand cost him his stack and created a losing session. This is common when players become complacent and forget the basics.



ANTONIO PINZARI

Here's a system for players who are on automatic pilot and not into the game.

A stands for Action

B stands for Betting

C stands for Chips or Cash

D stands for Doubt

Every player in every game falls into these categories.

**ACTION:** What types of action do the players on the table give? Tight, aggressive, positional, defend blinds, surrender to big bets, calling station, talkative? These demeanors will be exhibited by each player, including you. When you know what players at your table do consis-

tently, you're focused and able to assess potential hands.

**BETTING:** This is the truest "tell" of all. How do players bet during a hand? Most tight players make big bets with big hands. Aggressive players like to make big bets often; they can't have that many good hands. Understanding how a player bets at the table will often reveal what the bet is telling you. Again, you're focused and in the game.

**CHIPS-CASH:** Knowing each players' chip count or cash available in the hand before you act will often determine how you react to the betting pattern. Small stacks will often push; big stacks will try to run over players. You can expect these betting patterns when you know chip count often will necessitate these types of plays. Anticipating an all-in move from a player behind you will save your chips.

**DOUBT:** This also could be DISCIPLINE, which should be the easiest to understand since you're in control of this action. When in doubt, get out of the hand. It's easier to fold than rebuy.

I hope that these ABCDs will help keep you stay focused and save you from yourself.

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## INTROSPECTIVE POKER

## WHAT WILL YOU DO ON THE NEXT ROUND?

When you make any action, you have to be prepared for what you will do in subsequent betting rounds. Let me offer an example: Player A, a solid player, open raises in early position for four times the big blind. Player B calls from the big blind and they see a flop of J-Q-2 rainbow. Player B checks. Player A bets the pot. Player B calls.

The turn is a 5. Player B checks. Player A makes a two-thirds-pot bet. Player B calls. The river is a 7. Player B checks. Player A goes all-in for his remaining chips, which is about half the pot. Player B is extremely short-stacked and would be crippled if he called and lost.



DAVID APOSTOLICO

Player B thought for a long time and folded his hand. I really think he was genuinely conflicted on the river so I didn't think he missed a draw playing a hand such as A-K or 10-9. I see this kind of play way too often, so I wondered what he could have held that would allow him to call all the way but fold on the river. Curiosity got the best of me and I did something I rarely do which is to ask him what he had. To my surprise, he turned over pocket 10s. I have no idea what he was thinking and he

played this hand so poorly on just about every street.

However, I want to focus on just one aspect of this hand. Player B seemed oblivious that he would be out of position and facing bigger decisions on each subsequent betting round if he continued to call. I see players call decent sized bets pre flop with hands such as 7-8 suited in the later stages of tournaments.

That may be a fine play in the early stages, but can be problematic in the later stages. If you hit a draw, you're going to face some tough and expensive decisions. You have to be prepared for that. Players too frequently get in trouble by not thinking ahead. You have to know opponents and how much you're willing to commit to a hand at any particular stage.

Hands may increase in value if you believe you have another edge such as an opponent you think you can take the pot away from if he doesn't hit anything. But you have to have an in-depth understanding of these factors and weigh them before you make that first action to enter a pot. Calling to see what develops or with optimistic hopes of hitting a dream flop is no way to play poker.

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## WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING



JOE NAVARRO

**I'd like to know more about rate of eye blinking: standard vs. bluffing.** — Pat B. via email.

We know scientifically that when we are stressed we tend to blink more. **Richard Nixon's** rate would go from 9 to 60 and **Monica Lewinsky's** paramour would go from 12 to 82 at times, especially during depositions. But that is all; it's indicative of stress not bluffing.

That stress may be from being tired, worried about how many chips they have or the hand that has been dealt. Be very careful with blink rate because most peo-

ple have difficulty with putting it to good use. I've seen players increase their blink rate when they have a monster hand and are worried no one will commit to the pot, as well as bluffers whose efforts may soon come to an end. Rather than blink rate look for squinting; it's far more accurate in revealing when we don't like something, including our hand.

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# WIN THE POT, OR THE JACKPOT?

One of the dilemmas low-stakes players face that high-stakes players pretty much never encounter is the high-hand or bad-beat jackpot scenario. In many poker rooms, making a high hand yields a tidy sum of money, and not just because you won the pot.



CHRIS COSENZA

Promotions are the backbone of most poker rooms, especially during down times in the industry, and these specials are designed to draw the recreational player into poker rooms, and most high-stakes games don't qualify.

Two of the more popular promotions are the aforementioned high hands and bad-beat jackpots, and what always accompanies these fun ways to earn bonus money is a qualifier. For high hands, usually you need to play the two cards in your hand and, of course, make a high hand, usually four of a kind or better. Bad beats, as you know, are when a prerequisite high hand is beaten. And with these promotions, you usually need to have a certain amount of money in the pot to qualify, and it tends to be a nominal amount, such as \$10.

So what are the dilemmas? Here are two from a recent trip I took to Las Vegas for the World Series of Poker:

After the business day is done, I like to unwind with some mindless low-stakes cash games. When inevitably I can't find a mixed game in my wheelhouse, I settle for some no-limit hold'em, usually \$1-\$2 or \$2-\$5. Now, I had said "mindless" just a couple of sentences ago, but that couldn't be more wrong.

After about 90 minutes of mostly uneventful poker at my \$1-\$3 table, I picked up A♥-K♥ and was second to act. The under-the-gun player folded and I made it the table-standard \$10 to go. I hadn't picked up a quality hand all session so I was glad to have my chance to play a pot with Super Slick. The action folded to the big blind, a quiet woman who played four pots in 90 minutes and all of those hands went to showdown. The worst hand I saw from her was pocket queens, so when she played it was always a big holding, and she had about \$400 in front of her. I had about \$300.

She looked at her cards, looked at my stack and then called \$7 (if I had thought longer about her looking at my stack I likely would have changed the way I played this hand). The flop was K♣-Q♥-J♥. She checked and without thinking I fired \$15 into the pot. She looked at her cards and folded. I screamed, "No!" and started to laugh. The table knew immediately what happened. I had top pair, top kicker and a gutshot to a royal flush, which would've earned me \$500 had I

gotten there.

People at the table told me I was crazy for betting and I should've checked it down. They even said I should've let her know I was on a royal-flush draw and asked her to check it down with me. I knew that was collusion and against the rules (thus likely disqualifying me from winning the jackpot anyway) so I wouldn't have done it. I was just sick, but did I really make a mistake?

Do I alter the way I play poker just to have a one-out chance at a \$500 payday? Remember, she only played big hands as far as I could tell, so this flop could've very well hit her hard, and I could've doubled-through her for a \$300 payday. After the hand she admitted to having two red eights, which perfectly explains why she looked at my stack as she was set-mining and hoping to bust me. If I had checked, she would've been given a free chance to hit one of two cards to give her a set on the turn, meaning I would've had to hit my flush or Broadway on the river to win. But there was only one 10♥ in the deck, so she had a better chance to get there than me, slim as it may be. Much to my chagrin, I pulled in a small pot and tipped the dealer.

The next night, in a different poker room, I again found myself at a \$1-\$3 NLHE table, only this time the pain of not knowing if my royal would've gotten there was fresh in my mind. This room paid cash for quads, so if you had a pocket pair and made four of a kind you'd win a predetermined jackpot that was at least a few hundred bucks.

I picked up 9-9 on the button and two limpers came in before action got to me. I made it \$15 to go and I got two callers. The flop was 9-4-2 rainbow. The only thing I could ask for in a better flop would be another nine. Everyone checked to me and, remembering the debacle from the night before, I checked, hoping to hit my quads, since I had a hammerlock on this hand. The pot was about \$45 when the turn was a five.

One of the limpers bet \$30 and I raised to \$90, which put him all-in. He called and showed A♦-3♦ for a wheel. The story has a happy ending as another four fell on the river, so my full house was good, but this hand could've easily gone the other way. Of course, a bet on the flop might not have gotten the straight draw to fold, but I cringe knowing I gave him a free chance to hit it. And visions of a quads jackpot made me alter how I normally would've played that hand.

So, should you go for jackpots or just play your game? It's a low-stakes version of *Deal or No Deal*, isn't it? My advice is to play your hand the way you would've played it had a jackpot not been on the line. If you happen to hit a jackpot as a result then it's truly a bonus, but don't risk losing what's in the middle for a 2 percent shot at glory.

— Chris Cosenza is co-publisher of Ante Up.

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# CONFIDENT? YES! COCKY? NO WAY!

By Al Spath

You might know some of these characters; the ones who spend more money on car rims than their child's education. They're the ones most likely wearing baseball caps backward in a fine steakhouse; they boast having a "crew" and they use table chatter (if you don't like money, call) in a vain attempt to intimidate opponents.

Television has created a media-made "persona" that brash young players seem to gravitate toward and are beginning to emulate in cardrooms everywhere. I overheard one individual discussing this subject in Tunica: "If It's good enough for so and so to get so much air time and national recognition on ESPN, then count me in!" Recognition, like it was a good thing, where smugness and unprofessional behavior (at the table or anywhere else), as seen when they rise up from a table, arms extended in the air, pounding their chest as they bellow, "Just watch me, I'm your newest superstar!"

I thought I had seen it all, or most of it, until recently. Players so full of "it" that their own "crew" would eventually get sick of the attention drawn to them (and not from playing poker), that they, too, would soon realize the role of being Bobby Badass is rubbing a great number of players and audiences the wrong way. It's priceless to see a well-respected player give a stare and a glare at one of these types of individuals who may be seated at his table. I don't know how those



who respect the game and honor professional conduct refrain from remarking or resort to physical contact.

I once read about someone selling himself (and portions of his potential winnings) to the highest bidder on eBay. All I remember is the numerous posts about this individual and his track record with past money matters.

They haven't forgotten that debts have gone unpaid; they haven't forgotten that retribution is still an open issue with them, and they haven't forgiven the lack of ownership, acceptance of responsibility or humility that this person has shown, including a heartfelt apology.

I enjoy watching the likes of **Gus Hansen** play, and though he has an air of confidence about him, a sometimes-reckless regard to position or cards, his success is undeniable, and he plays a higher level of poker than the rest of us. As he continued to skyrocket to the top as a player, champion and professional, you could tell he has respect for other players and the game.

Cocky, self-assured and confident are all qualities necessary for success, but if you cannot respect the game and players, expect a bit of bad press; you've earned it.

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## LIVING THE DREAM

# ANALYZING PLAY? QUESTION EVERYTHING

Poker is a game of mistakes and exploitation. It's a zero-sum game as one player loses another player profits. According to general poker theory, the player who makes the most mistakes will lose the most, while the player who makes the optimal decisions will profit.

Of course bad beats and coolers happen and you may win or lose a different figure than expected on a hand-to-hand basis, but in the long run the aforementioned statement holds true.

I would argue that to beat low stakes one must simply make fewer mistakes than opponents. Let the game come to you and allow the other players to draw without correct odds or go broke with one pair.

This mistake-free poker will show a profit in the long run. When moving up in stakes you must actively seek out ways to force other good players into making mistakes so you can exploit them. The skill difference between players is smaller, therefore you must be taking smaller edges and risk more to win less.

One great way to improve your game and mitigate the costly damage of mistakes is to think critically about past sessions. Immediately following a session, I urge you to write out the two or three big hands you were unsure about and think about them or ask someone you

respect for advice.

Even if you won a big pot but were faced with a difficult decision during the hand, write it down.

- What was it that made you uncomfortable?
- How can you use what you learned to make opponents uncomfortable?
- Was there something you could've done differently to change the outcome of the hand?

Asking yourself these questions will help other aspects of your game fall in line.

You might conclude you bet too small on the flop and allowed opponents to draw too cheaply, or the contrary might be true, you bet too much and didn't get enough value out of your hand. It's incredible how many answers you have stored in your brain. I've plugged many leaks by simply writing down a hand and looking at it on paper, starting with position, reads, stack sizes, preflop play and then postflop play.

Try to think of a hand as a web. All of the different concepts are parts of the hand. It's a synthesis of the dynamic of the table, the stack sizes, your hand, what you think your opponent's hand is, what your opponent thinks your hand is and so on.

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# TRAVELING TO PLAY POKER

The poker community is more mobile than ever. And whatever the reason you find to travel to play, there are psychological ways to make the experience better.

First, planning your trip makes a lot of sense. Travel, hotel, food, money, clothes, etc., should all be in place before you leave. You don't want to bring extraneous logistics to the table. If you don't have a place to stay you may have to leave a lucrative table to find a hotel.



DR. BLOOMFIELD

But it's also important to understand the psychology of travel. Take your time, plan your trip; you don't need travel anxiety at the table. When you get there, spend enough time "coming down" from the trip before you play. A four-hour car ride with buddies may just require a bathroom break, a cup of coffee and washing your face, then signing up for a table. A longer trip may require checking into lodging, a shower, shave and change of clothes.

When you get to the room, scope it out. Take a lap or two around the room. Get a feel for the room. Acclimate yourself to the field of combat. Pro football teams try to simulate road-game stadiums before they travel. When a team gets to a new place, it runs through its game in new environs. This acclimation is an important part of preparation.

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At the new room, make sure you're familiar with local customs. Know where the bathroom is, where you can take a break, rules about cell phones and electronics and food.

There is a psychology theory that we operate on a hierarchy of needs: that once the lower-level needs are satisfied can we move on to higher-level needs. This hierarchy of needs can apply to a poker trip and will help you do well on the felt. The needs translated to poker are:

- Biological and Physiological: air, food, drink, shelter, warmth, sex, sleep, etc.
- Safety: Make sure you feel safe and comfortable.
- Social: You want to win every cent from your new single-serving friends, while at the same time feeling social and enjoying yourself.
- Esteem: Feel good about yourself, have a sense of accomplishment.
- Self-Actualization: Realize personal potential, self-fulfillment, seek personal growth and peak experiences.

Don't let problems with physiological, safety and social needs go unmet, because if you do you can't achieve esteem and self-actualization. Keep these things in mind and remember to keep your head in the game.

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# RESPECT IS A TWO-WAY STREET

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. So simple and logical. Are you living your life and conducting yourself at the tables that way? I think most of us do that to the best of our ability. If you're like me, you fall short of that sometimes and usually after giving it some thought you feel bad about it. I also have learned that a lot of the time when I have an issue with the way someone acts it's because they're displaying qualities I don't like about myself. It took me many years to realize that.



LEE CHILDS

To be on top of your game, you have to think a lot before you act. You plan ahead, contemplating the actions and results you're expecting. You have intentions and desired results. Too many players today, especially so-called professionals, adhere to this with the mechanics of their game, but they don't adhere to it when thinking about the things they say to players and dealers and then things they post using social media. They are berating others, insulting them and whining when things don't go their way. How would it make you feel to go on Twitter, Facebook or a forum and read disparaging comments about yourself? How would you feel if dealers laughed at you because you made a mistake?

I've been blessed to meet some of the most awesome people playing poker and have developed strong friendships that I know will last

for life. I also have met some people who are so negative, bitter and angry, who enjoy putting others down and pointing out their faults.

Treat others with respect. Only good can come from that. Besides, when you do negative things, it only exposes your lack of security, confidence or character. It shows ignorance of how others should be treated and your lack of concern for others.

If the best players always won then most of us would never get that chance. That's the beauty of the game. If someone plays poorly, you don't want to call them out on it. You want them to play that way. You want them to have money to play. They are your customers. If you claim to be a professional then act like one. Don't tell me how good you are. Show me by playing hard. Playing with dignity.

Poker is a game and yes we're playing for lots of money. Yes it stings when someone plays badly and sucks out. And we want them to play badly so we can play well and win over time. How can you want them to play badly so you can get their chips and then also think it's OK to berate them if they make a bad play and get lucky against you?

I know I have a lot to learn about the game and becoming the player I want to be. And I have a lot to learn about life and being the man I want to be. I am no more valuable than anyone else, and neither are you.

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# Where to Play

A look at some featured events around the country. The following pages also highlight daily events and promotions.

There are a lot of tournament series picking up steam heading into mid autumn. Here's a look at the upcoming events in November.

## East

**\* WORLD POKER FINALS:** The WPF (Oct. 25-Nov. 5) at Foxwoods in Connecticut has everything you could want in a tournament series: a wide range of buy-ins and game types, great structures, huge fields and a world-class poker room. If you're on the East Coast or you can get there from around the country, you really shouldn't miss this one.

**SENECA FALL POKER CLASSIC:** This series (Oct. 29-Nov. 5) is a nice little series that has six events, including a ladies tournament, at the Seneca Niagara Falls.

**\* DEEPSTACKS MOHEGAN SUN:** This stop (Nov. 23-Dec. 3) culminates in a \$2,500 main event with commitments to attend from **Mike Matusow**, **Michael Mizrachi**, **Randal Flowers** and **Tristan Wade**. (See preview story on Page 12).

**WPT MONTREAL:** The Playground Poker Club in Montreal is hosting a series of tournaments (Nov. 15-27) that features a \$3,300 World Poker Tour Main Event and will give away 10 bracelets and one WPT belt.

**WSOPC ATLANTIC CITY:** Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City will host the World Series of Poker Circuit on Nov 29-Dec 10.

## West

**\* ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC:** The Ante Up NorCal Classic (Nov. 19-Dec. 3) is the inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour stop and is offering events and buy-ins for all players, including a staggering 25 mega-satellites for the \$1,100 main event.

This year's calendar will include a six-handed event, bounty tournaments, H.O.R.S.E. and Omaha/8, plus plenty of no-limit hold'em, including a \$100K guaranteed three-day event that begins the day after Thanksgiving. Expect a huge field for this main event and you can read all about the series on Page 46. Also, all AUPT events are Ante Up Player of the Year eligible.

**HPT ROUTE 66:** The Heartland Poker Tour returns to the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque with the \$1,650 main event starting Nov. 2. The event missed its guarantee last time so there could be some free money in the prize pool.

**\* VENETIAN DSE:** The Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza runs through Nov. 19. The schedule includes a larger event at noon every day, a bounty event starting at 3 p.m., and a \$200 buy-in at 7 p.m. The main event is \$2,500 and with a good schedule and structures, the DSE often draws fields of more than 500 entries. See ad Page 27.

**WSOPC RIVER ROCK:** The WSOPC makes its first stop outside the United States when it rolls into the Vancouver area Oct. 27-Nov. 7 at the River Rock Casino, less than 20 miles from the Vancouver airport. This is a huge metro area that includes Seattle and Tacoma, and we expect huge fields.

**L.A. POKER OPEN:** The series (Oct. 31-Nov.18) returns to Commerce Casino and features 20 events and culminates in a \$2,085 championship event.

**HPT PALMS:** The HPT returns to the Palms Casino in Las Vegas with the \$1,650 main event starting Nov. 9.

**WSOPC HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** This circuit stop (Nov. 8-Nov. 19) features 12 ring events, including the \$1,675 Main Event, and just as many non-ring events.

**WILDHORSE FALL ROUNDUP:** The Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton, Ore., will host its fall series Nov. 8-18. These events have large fields. Great for small bankrolls, too, but get your hotel booked now because they often sell out.

## Central

**\* CHOCTAW DREAMCATCHER:** **Scotty Nguyen's** Dreamcatcher tournament will double as his birthday party, and Scotty definitely knows how to party so the Michelob should be flowing. From Oct. 25-Nov. 5, the Choctaw Resort and Casino in Oklahoma will have tournaments every day with \$250-\$1,000 buy-ins.

**MSPT MESKWAKI:** This will be the third Mid-States Poker Tour event at this casino this year, giving away nearly \$700K total in those tournaments. It returns with another \$300K guarantee Oct. 27-Nov. 4.

**MSPT MILLE LACS:** The MSPT will stop at Grand Casino on the shores of beautiful Mille Lacs Lake. Satellites start Nov. 10. Day 1A will be Nov. 16 and re-entries will be allowed into Day 1B. We expect a huge field. Book a hotel room early for this one.

**\* HOLLYWOOD POKER OPEN:** This series at the Hollywood Casino at Lawrence, Ind., features seven \$200 mega-satellites for its \$500K guarantee championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas in June. The main

event is \$550. Please see the ad on Pages 2-3 for the series schedule and details.

## South

**\* WPT JACKSONVILLE:** The WPT Jacksonville main event is the culmination of the Jacksonville Fall Series at bestbet (Oct. 25-Nov. 13). The main event (Nov. 9-13) features a \$500K guarantee. This should be a big series with multiple events on most days, a nice variety and a fantastic new poker room.

**WPT STAX FALL CLASSIC:** This is a WPT Regional (Oct. 24-Nov. 4) at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek in Florida. The series has 14 events, including a \$500 main event.

**\* ROCK N' ROLL OPEN:** The Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., brings back its annual series (Nov. 7-26) that includes a \$300K guarantee for its \$1,650 main event Nov. 23-24.

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<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahssakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:30p) Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sat. (\$60, 3:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$3.5K; Aces Cracked Wins a Spin (open-11a); Deuces Cracked (daily, 10p-3a); Football Splash Pots (Sun. night & Mon.).
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked; Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad sevens or better beaten).
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; high hands; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 77 bad beat starts at \$25K (quad sevens or better beaten); Rolling Cash Fever.

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<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Nov. 3 (\$295, 1p); monthly events on Nov. 10 & 24 (\$115, 1p); \$5 blackjack.	Bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; super bad-beat jackpot; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily, mid-noon); high hands (noon-6p & 6p-mid.).
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. \$4K guarantee (\$60, 10a); \$7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, Nov. 10 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$100K; bad beat in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$599 (one hole card); quads pays \$100; straight flush \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	All tournaments have a guaranteed prize pool; Mon. (\$30, 6p); Wed. (\$30, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican poker (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Mexican poker and Omaha; Lucky Seat; high hand; call for more promotions.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Tue. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Sun. (\$45, noon); monthly deepstack KO event, Nov. 25 (\$260, noon).	The Players Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BAY 101</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, Nov. 10 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Wed.-Sun. Quantum Reload (\$30-\$65) and has up to \$10K guaranteed.	Play 25 hours to qualify for the \$23K freeroll (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); monthly KO event, Nov. 25 (\$135).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$250 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings; call for details.
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Fri. (\$30 w/\$30 add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$50K minimum; high hands pay \$200 (daily); royal-flush bonus (all suits); Aces Cracked spins wheel.
<b>CASINO 580</b> (925) 455-6144 • thecasino580.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 9:30a).	Progressive straight flush for all suits; bad beat in hold'em (aces full of jacks) and Omaha (quad nines); royals pay \$200; high hands pay \$100; raffles (daily).
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Closed Mon.-Tue. \$1K guarantee Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 6p) and Fri. (\$60, 6p)	\$300 mini jackpot; high hand; straight flush pays up to \$200; royals pay up to \$400 (daily).
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$14 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$14, 10a).	Monster progressive jackpot starts at \$10K; Easy Way Jackpot pays \$5K; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	\$20K guarantee, Nov. 3 (\$220).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards (\$200 for 40 hours played).
<b>CRYSTAL CASINO</b> (310) 631-3838 • thecrystalcasino.com	Fri. \$5K guar. (\$80); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO</b> (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon. KO (\$72, 6p); Tue. (\$62 w/\$20 rebuy, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 1:30p); Sun. (\$62, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$40, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Fri. (\$30, 9a & \$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$30, 2:15p); Sun. (\$40, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; cash giveaways; Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S RINCON</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon & 7p) except \$1K guar., Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, noon); \$1K guar., Fri. (\$36, noon); \$1.5K guar. Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$31, noon).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. (\$140, 7p); Tue. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Wed. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$120 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Call for information.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LOTUS CASINO</b> (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Call for schedule.	Super bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; splash pots; royals pay up to \$250; high hands.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>LUCKY DERBY CASINO</b> (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).

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

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Tue. (\$120 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p).	Call for promotions.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); \$2.5K guar. Thurs. (\$65, 7p); \$2K guar., Sat.-Sun. (\$45, 10a); LIPS series, Nov. 3 (\$125, 4p); Veterans Day event, Nov. 11 (\$50, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten); high hand; Flush Marathon (Wed., noon-midnight); Football Splash Pots (Mon.).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. (\$30, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	High hands; holiday gift grab; holiday cash giveaway; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
<b>PHOENIX CASINO</b> (916) 331-2345 • playphoenixcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcvventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	\$100 gets you \$150 twice a day (9a-11a and 6p-8p); high hands; spin the wheel every two hours.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p).	\$50K Pigskin Poker Party (Sun. & Mon. night football games).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	\$100K super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>SOBOBA CASINO</b> (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily (\$7-\$20, 10a); Tue. KO \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 7p); Wed. deepstack (\$30, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$30, 7p); Sat. KO \$2K guar. (\$30, 6p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$20, 10a).	Lucky Football Squares (Sun.-Mon., 5p); Football Blitz (Thurs., 5p); Wheel Spins (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Tue.); Splash the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sat.-Sun.).
<b>SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO</b> (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; Aces Cracked; high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. high hand (2p-mid.).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Acey/Deucey; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; Late Night Luck.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. (\$70, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); call for other promotions.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); Ante Up Norcal Classic, Nov. 9-Dec. 3 w/main event starting Nov. 30 (\$1,100, 11a). See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Wed. freeroll w/\$10 rebuys (10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	Poker squares; \$10K freeroll (call for details); Football touchdown challenge (call for details).

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a) & (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 11a); Wed. (\$55, 11a) & (\$45, 8p); Thurs. PLO/8 (\$45, 11a) & (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$55, 11a) & (\$50, 4p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Straight flush progressive; quad of the day; call for details.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a 50 percent room share (call for details).
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Daily (11a & 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (8p); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) was \$300K-plus at press time; call for details.
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p); World Poker Finals main event, Nov. 2 (\$3,500, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad eights) and stud (quad deuces).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 10a); Wed. (\$120, 7:30p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 11a). See ad Page 13 for DeepStacks Tour schedule in December.	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week; "Add-On" tournaments, Mon., Tue. & Thurs.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Tue. (\$60, noon); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, noon); Fri. (\$75, noon & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$75, noon & 7p); Sun. (\$65, 1p); \$10K guar, Nov. 2, 9 & 16 (\$150); \$25K guar., Nov. 23.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better; high hand (Mon.-Fri.); royals receive free poker room jacket (see website for details). See ad Page 38.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. (\$110, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads.

## FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$35-\$150); Tue. & Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. PLO/8 (\$70, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, noon); WPT Jax runs until Nov. 13 (\$230-\$3,500).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.). See ad Page 21.
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$50-\$100) at noon & 7p.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>BESTBET ST. JOHNS</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Thur. (\$150, 7p); Sun. events rotate Big O, 2-to-7 triple draw, razz and badugi (\$75, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Daily \$1K guar. events (\$50, 11a, 3p, 7p). See ad Page 7.	High hands; get paid for royals.
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guarantee; call for details.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA</b> (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgreytna.com	Thurs. & Sun. \$10K satellite (\$75, 1p & 7p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); \$10K guar., Dec. 1 (\$250, 1p). See ad facing page.	Bad beats in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); play daily and receive up to \$3/hr; mini bad beat (Tue., 10a); high hands pays \$100/hr (Fri.-Mon.).
<b>DANIA JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 1p); Mon. (\$65, 6:30p); Tue. freeroll (6:30p); Wed. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Thurs. freeroll (6:30p); Fri. (\$105, 6:30p); Sat. freeroll (1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$65, 1p & 6:30p).	Big Slick Progressive Spades Royal Flush starts at \$5K; all other royals pay \$1K; Triple Double & Dania Double (call for details). See ad Page 24.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (noon, 3p & 7p); Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. Grand Chop (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad Page 31.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on Page 36.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat., midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p). See ad on Page 42.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri. (\$2.5K guar.), Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (rebuy).	High hands (daily); \$750/half hour (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$250/hour (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500. See ad on Page 17.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon). See ad on Page 49.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guarantee freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guarantee shootout freeroll (7p).	\$40 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a); high-hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 90 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em & Omaha; straight flush pays \$100; royals \$500; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Wed.); prog. high hand (Sun.); Cash in the Box (Mon.-Fri.). Ad below.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. KO (\$125, 2p) & Omaha (\$65, 6p); Nov. 3 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hands, Nov. 7, 18 & 28.
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 56.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p). See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (nearly \$500K at press time), Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., Nov. 10 (\$250, 1p); \$20K guar., Nov. 24 (\$500, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily); mini bad beat (daily, mid.-4a); play Sun.-Wed. for an extra \$2/hr.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$440) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 1p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels); deepstack on first Sat. of month (\$440, 1p). See ad on Page 34.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces); progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. 7-card stud (\$30, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive spade royal flush; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); quads pays up to \$100 (Sun.-Tue.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad Page 23.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); gift card promotion for hours played (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7:30p). See ad Page 40.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7:30p); Thurs. PLH (\$50, 7:30p); Fri. HA (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & deepstack (\$115, 6:30p); Sun. mini deepstack (\$70, 6:30p). See ad Page 14.	\$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat. \$99-\$199-\$500, 2a-4a); daily quads \$50 (2p-4p & 7p-11p).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly \$10K guar., Oct. 17 (\$350, 1p). See ad on Page 32.	\$599/\$299 (\$1/2NL+) & \$299/\$149 (\$2-\$4 LHE & \$1-\$1 NLH) high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); quads-royals pay (Sat.).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$20-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thurs. (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sun. (\$125, 4p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sat. KO or deepstack every other week (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$25, \$50 and \$115. <b>MTTs:</b> (\$60, \$120). See ad below.	Call about monthly freerolls.

# INDIANA

<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Real Deal Lucky Wheel pays up to \$200 (Fri.-Sat., 4p-midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Weekend "Full Of" Cash pays up to \$800 (Fri.-Sat., 6p, 8p, 10p, mid.).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p. See ad Pages 2-3 for the schedule of the Hollywood Poker Open.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point-earners (call for details).
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$100, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (midnight); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the day pays \$200 (call for details).

# IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; get paid for straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$200).
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65 w/re-entry, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. re-entry (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Nov. 10 & 24 (\$125/\$235, 10a).	High-hand; progressive straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked (6a-6p); TOC monthly freeroll, qualify for 2013 WSOP main event; Omaha/8 event, Nov. 5 (\$65).
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush jackpot; NFL Squares (Sun., 2p).
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. limit Omaha (\$30, 11a); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. qualifier (\$30, 2p); all events have bigger starting stacks and more action.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details); Cold Turkey Showdown coming Nov. 23-24 (call for details).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Call for tournaments. See ad on Page 37.	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

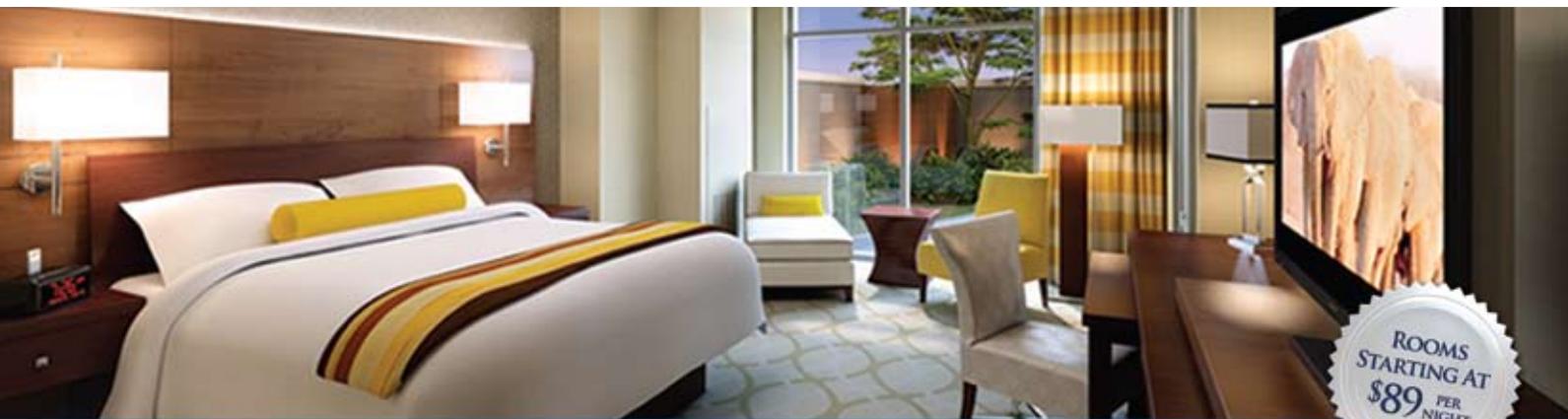
## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Tue. (\$100 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$140, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; high hand pays \$100 (Mon. & Fri., noon-8p); Splash the Pot pays \$100 (Mon.).
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezeout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LEELANAU SANDS CASINO</b> (231) 534-8100 • casino2win.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); monthly event, Nov. 16 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (800) 922-2946 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Mon. 6-max shootout (\$20, 7p); Tue. bounty (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$10 w/\$10rbs, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$100, 2p, 6K chips). See ad on Page 35.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) was more than \$111K at press time.

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<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-midnight); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (7p); Tue. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 10:30a & \$65, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a & \$235, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Cracked Double the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked progressive (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Nov. 10 & 24 (\$60, 2p); Omaha/8 events, Nov. 3 & 17 (\$60, 2p); Island Cup Deep Stack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad beat in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-2a & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

# MISSISSIPPI

<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (noon); Sun. (1p). See ad on Page 9 for the Million Dollar Heater series.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI</b> (228) 436-8999 • boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (24/7) and \$100/\$200 (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
<b>GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT</b> (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340). See ad on Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$25, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 10a); Fri. (\$30, 10a); Sat. (\$50, 3p); Sun. (\$25, 3p).	Bad beat is aces full of queens beaten by quads; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind; set over set jackpot (Sun.-Wed.); Sun. Football Squares.
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; progressive quads jackpot; Spin to Win pays up to \$1K.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, 3p); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. & Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue., Thurs. & Fri. (\$30 w/optional add-on, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); Omaha's Wheel Them Out (Sun.-Thurs., 10a-10p); high hand; Football Squares; Aces Cracked; Lucky Seat.
<b>SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$60) including a \$3K guar. on Sat. (\$20, 7p); \$15K guar., Nov. 17.	Bad-beat jackpot; ticket drawings (call for details).

# MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Ladies Only (\$50, 7p) on 1st and 3rd & (\$60, 7p) on other Mon.; Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, 11a); Summer League, Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsknc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$50, 10a); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$50, 7p).	26 progressive high hands (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • harrahstlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (twice daily); quarterly \$10K Coverall Board; call for details.
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$60, 3p); Sat. (\$60, midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$200 high hands (daily).

# NEVADA

<b>ALIANTE STATION</b> (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasinohotel.com	Daily (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Sun. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily \$1K guar. (\$55, 11a, 2p & 8p).	High hand \$100-\$500 to table when a progressive royal hits; quads pay \$100; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	(\$70, 9a); Mega Stack events (noon); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands (24/7); payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday Freeroll at noon (play 10 hours minimum to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50, same color \$100; football parlay card with quads (call for details).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$40, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); monthly freeroll (\$2.5K added), Nov. 23 (6p); monthly \$10K guar., Nov. 4 (\$100); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$50, 1p & 5p; \$50, 8p) w/one rebuy; \$500 first prize guaranteed on Sat. (\$50, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 10a, 6p and 9p); daily (\$60, 12:30a); daily KO (\$80, 2p); Mon. & Fri. freeroll \$2K guar. (9a); monthly KO freeroll \$10K guar. (call for details).	Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); bad-beat bonus pays \$10K for quads or better beaten; high hand of hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p).	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll (15 hours needed to qualify from Sat. (10a)-Sat. (10a)-top 10 get paid \$500 (call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full and pays (\$500/\$200/\$50); high hands; get paid for straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500); Football Splash Pots.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p); WSOP Circuit Lake Tahoe, Nov. 8-19 (\$365-\$1,675); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOOTERS</b> (866) 584-6687 • hooterscasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2p-8p & 2a-6a); high hands (daily); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).

# NEVADA (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>IMPERIAL PALACE</b> (800) 634-6441 • imperialpalace.com	Mon.-Sun. at 11a, 3p and 9p (\$60); Sat. & Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 9a).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (daily); progressive payouts for royal flushes.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40, 10:30a); (\$40, 12:30p); (\$40, 8:30p); (\$40, 11:30p).	High Hand Hysteria pays a tiered amount daily (call for details); raffle and special high hand payouts during all NFL games.
<b>M RESORT</b> (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Mon., Thurs., & Sun. (\$55, 10a & 6p); Wed. (\$55, 10a & \$100, 6p); Fri.-Sat. (\$75, 10a & 6p).	Progressive high hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$50, 7p); single-table tournaments available (\$65, 5p & 9p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Thurs. & Sat.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$150) and river it (\$75); Splash Pot Fun (Tue., Wed., Fri. & Sun.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Nightly mixed games and H.O.R.S.E. (call for details).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (call for details).	Uncapped progressive high-hand jackpot is quads or better with a new progressive table share (call for details).
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Daily (\$75, noon & 7p) except Fri. (\$125, 7p), Sat. (\$100, 7p) & Sun. (\$100, 7p).	\$50K progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament player of the month includes top point earners who will receive their share of a progressive prize pool.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Multitroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; multitroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands.
<b>PALMS CASINO</b> (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p); Heartland Poker Tour, Nov. 2-11 (call for details).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Daily (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue., Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Multitroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIO CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$55, noon); (\$55, 3p); (\$65, 6p); (\$75, 9p); (\$55, midnight).	Progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a); Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3 per hour instead of \$1 per hour.
<b>RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multitroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). See ad on Page 29.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
<b>STRATOSPHERE</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal and straight flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.



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<b>SUNSET STATION</b> (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands pay up to \$500; quads spins wheel; straight flush spins w/2X multiplier; royal spins w/5X multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to \$599 (call for details).
<b>TROPICANA</b> (702) 739-2222 • tropiclv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon); Nov. 3 (\$500, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added by the house); Deep Stack Extravaganza runs till Nov. 18 (See ad Page 27 for schedule).
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$125, noon & 7p).	No jackpots.

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$40-\$340); Mon. \$10K guar. (\$140, 11a), Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p), Fri. \$30K guar. (\$300, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
<b>CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
<b>REVEL</b> (609) 572-6040 • revelresorts.com	Daily (1:30p & 9p); Sat. (\$220, 9p); Sun., Tue. & Thurs. tournaments are KO events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; get paid for royals.
<b>SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); winners of each tournament will be invited to the \$10K TOC freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad Queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; Sun. & Mon. night football promos (call for details).
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
<b>TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT</b> (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); monthly event, Nov. 24 (\$150, 1p); \$5K freeroll event, Nov. 3 (3p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75; NFL Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); \$5,200 Holiday Cash Giveaway; call for details.
<b>HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bonus chips (call for details).
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (3p); Sat. (1p & 5p); Sun. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. varies (\$25, 7p) Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, Nov. 7 & 28 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>SANTA ANA STAR CASINO</b> 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Spin the Wheel (Wed.); Monday Funday payouts (9a-4a).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon).	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$30, 2a) & PLO (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$120, 10a); Sunday (\$60, 2p).	Call for information.
<b>SUNCRUZ (S.C.)</b> (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, noon); monthly event, Nov. 25 (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon); Scotty Nguyen's Dream Catcher World Poker Challenge runs until Nov. 5; call for schedule. See ad Page 44.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. PLO (\$60, 7p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. PLO (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
<b>OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## OKLAHOMA (Continued)

<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$40 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p, 10K chips).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

## OREGON

<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$25, 12:30p); Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. (\$25, 12:30p); Wed. (\$45, 12:30p) & (\$30, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 12:30p); Fri. (\$50, 12:30p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Tournament royal flush bonus pays \$200; Boss Bounties pays up to \$200; live game bonus (call for details).
<b>ENCORE CLUB</b> (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); \$10K guar. (\$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
<b>SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO</b> (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on Nov. 3 & 17 (1:30p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p).	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid daily; \$50 alternating high hands/Aces Cracked hourly (Wed., noon-mid.); \$50/\$100 high hands/half hour (Thurs./Sat.).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Poker Round Up, Nov. 8-18 (\$110-\$520) w/main event, Nov. 17 (\$520, noon).	Call for promotions.

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<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p & 11:30p); Wed. (noon & 11:30p); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (2p); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); monthly event, Nov. 24 (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily & nightly (\$30-\$70, 11a & 7:15p); Sat. (\$30, 3:15p); Sun. (\$95, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; earn \$5/hour rake back (call for details).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARK CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon).	Call for details.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 374-3386 • ericcasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Tue. (\$50, 12:30p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Fri.-Sat. \$500K guar. main event satellite (\$150-\$275, 11a); Sun. KO, Nov. 11 & 18 (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Deep Stack Extravaganza, Dec. 5-17 (\$200-\$2,500) w/\$500K guar. main event, Dec. 14-17 (\$2,500, noon).

## SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 2p) & (\$55, 8p); Sun. (\$11 w/\$5 rebuys, 3p); last Sun. of month (\$220 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; half rake on \$2-\$10 or lower games; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

## WASHINGTON

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added monthly event, Nov. 16 (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:30a); Tue. Beat the Boss KO (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lightning Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots (call for details).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); monthly event, Nov. 11 (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Wed. KO (\$58, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a) & (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; hourly high hands pay \$100-\$200.
<b>SWINOMISH CASINO &amp; LODGE</b> (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$250, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. (\$150, noon & \$250, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 11a & \$400, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$100; Hot Seat (Mon., 10a-10p).
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, Nov. 24 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

## WISCONSIN

<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA</b> (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sun. (\$60, 3:15p); monthly event, Nov. 4 (\$215, 3:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 3p); Bounty tournament, Dec. 2 (\$220, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>MENOMINEE CASINO</b> (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinosort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon); closed on Sundays.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of tens and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); Sunday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p).	None.



## Q&A

### WITH KYLE JULIUS

Kyle Julius is a pro player from Naperville, Ill. The winning online player has made the transition to live poker with huge success. Now with \$2 million in online and more than \$2 million in live winnings, he's proved to be a dangerous player. This year, he finished second in the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure Main Event for \$1.5 million. *Ante Up's* Mike Owens recently caught up with Julius to discuss his breakout year.

**Wow, quite a year. Are you doing anything differently or do you feel like everything is just coming together for you now?** Yeah, the year has been pretty good to me so far. I don't think I'm doing anything differently, I just think now I have full confidence in what I'm doing and things have finally just started to click.

**How did you get into poker, and how did it evolve into your primary source of making money?** My brother Ryan, who is two years older than me, introduced me to poker when he came back for a holiday from college his freshman year. Ever since then, I was intrigued and slowly got more and more into it. By the time I got to college it was something I would use to make living money. Poker has been my only source of income my entire life. Not that it always went well. There have been a lot of ups and downs, that's for sure.

**Where do you like to play when you're in Illinois?** Honestly, when I'm in Illinois I don't even like to play poker. When I'm actually home I usually avoid playing and just hang out with friends and family. Traveling all the time makes it hard to stay in touch with everyone.

**What were your expectations of poker in the time you started playing?** My expectations when I started were to just make a living and have some spending money. As things started to progress I would always tell my girlfriend (now his ex) that I would eventually get rich from this game and be able to use the money to start making money in other ways. I was always confident in my abilities when it came to poker, but for it to all actually happen in such a short time period is pretty surreal.

**As someone who used to be an online player also, do you prefer online or live poker?** When it comes to online and live they are two different monsters. But, honestly, if I were given the choice to be able to play online

only or live only, if it was about the money I would have to go with live poker. If it were about enjoying myself I would go with online poker.

**Any goals for life beyond poker?** I see myself for sure playing for a while. I don't know how long, but at this point I'm just going to take it one tourney series at a time and see where it takes me. It's not something I want to do my entire life, but for now I enjoy it, and it's been going well.

**What books, if any, have been most helpful to your game?** I honestly have never read a poker book. I feel like I am friends with some of the best players in the world and have been able to learn from everyone I know. Also just playing a ton and learning from my mistakes has been the key to my success.

**You are playing mostly tournaments, but what about cash games?** Cash games don't really interest me that much, though I see all these guys making a ton of money playing cash and really don't have to put as much time into it as tourney players do. You can play as long as you want or as short as you want in cash, as tourneys you can play for three to four days in certain ones and not even make the money. I just enjoy tourneys better because of the strategy and the competition of them.

**What would you say is the stupidest bet you've ever made?** The stupidest bet I have ever made is a tough one, too many to count. I'm drawing a blank, but I'd probably have to say the dumbest thing I've done gambling-wise was when I was a sophomore in college and I had run my Bodog account up to about \$25K playing cash, which was a ton of money to me at the time. Then I got the brilliant idea to play online blackjack and lost it all within about 20 minutes. Haven't played online blackjack since. (laughs) ♠

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