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Feels good to be home

No matter how you look at it, November is an exciting month for poker here at *Ante Up*. Sure, the outcome of the November Nine is going to grab most of the month's headlines; after all, November is built right into the title!

But for us, November marks the first time our Ante Up Poker Tour returns to the Sunshine State. Why is that so important? *Ante Up* is based in the Tampa Bay area and our first magazine product was known as Florida's Poker Magazine.

We say "returns" because in our infancy we rolled out a much more humble version of the Ante Up Poker Tour about five years ago. Our local advertisers could earmark one of their scheduled daily tournaments as an AUPT event.

Our Player of the Year point system was less than scientific, but we had a bunch of events each month. Some players were diligent in touring the state in hopes of landing on our cover as POY.

Years later, we have matured. Our magazine is a national product, and so is our tour. Plus, you don't have to be POY to be on our cover, you just have to win an AUPT main event. But it's always nice to come home. Thanks to Derby Lane in St. Petersburg, Pensacola Greyhound Track and Palm Beach Kennel Club, we will be touring Florida again over the next few weeks.

And lest we forget the fine folks at Thunder Valley Casino Resort, who were the first West Coasters to really embrace us. The Ante Up NorCal Classic, which was the first AUPT event we collaborated on with Thunder Valley, returns this month as well (Nov. 25-30). Please turn to Pages 44-45 to read the details of all of these events.

Finally, we're happy to welcome Hold'em Radio to the AUPT family. The broadcast team will be on-site for all of our 2015 championship events.

So yes, we will be watching the November Nine to see who wins the World Series of Poker Main Event, but we will be just as proud of the players and winners at the properties where Ante Up is considered family.

We'll see you at the tables.

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CHRISTMAN, MASSEY WIN LOCAL HPT TITLES

Prize money was pumping through the veins of Northern California recently with action spreading throughout the region. Much of the prize money came from the Heartland Poker Tour, which had stops at Thunder Valley Casino Resort (Lincoln) and Club One Casino (Fresno).



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

The HPT and Thunder Valley have had amazing turnouts in the past and the most recent stop (Sept. 15-29) was no exception. The Players Championship series had 10 events capped by the \$1,650 main event with \$700K-plus prize pool. **Joseph Christman** of Pacifica, Calif., took home an impressive \$165K and the title of HPT champion. After 29 hands

of heads-up play, Christman beat **Jon Des Pois** (Auburn) earning Des Pois a six-figure payday of \$101K.

The rest of the all-California final table included **Erle Mankin** of Sacramento (third, \$66K), **Haroun Dalaig** of San Francisco (fourth, \$46K), **Alex Greenblatt** of Atherton (fifth, \$34K), **Abraham Aboukhalil** of Hillsborough (sixth, \$26K), **Jeff Griffiths** of Alameda (seventh, \$23K), **Archie Snider** of Atherton (eighth, \$19K) and **Sargon Shiba** of Cupertino (ninth, \$15K).

The HPT Gold Rush Series at Club One ran Sept. 26-Oct. 5 and five events, ending with the \$1,650 main event, which had

a tough final table. **Aaron Massey** from the Chicago area earned the title and \$77K. He's in the lead in the HPT Player of the Year standings. Runner-up **Danny Gonzales** of Denver took home \$48K after a 49-hand heads-up match against Massey. Gonzales is also no stranger to the HPT, having cashed multiple times throughout Colorado. The only woman at the final table, **Dee Timmons** of Manteca, Calif., finished third for \$29K.

The other members of the final table were **Jed Hoffman** from Reno (fourth, \$21K), **Billy Huynh** from San Mateo, Calif. (fifth, \$16K), **Chris Taylor** from Exeter, Calif. (sixth, \$13K), **Mario Sequiera** from Hanford, Calif. (seventh, \$11K), **Sean Drake** from Ione, Calif. (eighth, \$10K) and **Kevoork Vorperian** from Glendale, Calif. (ninth, \$8K).

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DER GREGORIAN'S FIRST CASH A BIG ONE

Raffi Der Gregorian listed his career earnings at \$0 before he outlasted the field in the Heartland Poker Tour Main Event at Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa to join the elite club of HPT champions. He can adjust his earnings to \$74,276 now. **Der Gregorian** found himself among the final nine under the lights at the September event after winning his seat through a \$200 qualifier. He had the third-smallest stack when play began, but a combination of luck and smart play left him with just one opponent standing between him and the HPT title, pro **Michael Rocco** of Tustin, Calif. In the last hand



**KITTIE
ALEMAN**
SOCAL

of the tournament, Rocco went all-in with two overs and a straight draw. None of his outs came and he was sent to the rail in second place with \$45,803.

"This is my first experience with HPT," the new champ said. "I like it." The electrical contractor plans to put most of his winnings into savings, but he said he'll use some to play more tournaments and go on a vacation.

The first hand at the final table brought two eliminations. HPT veteran **Stan Jablonski** was one of the casualties. This was his second trip to a nationally televised final table in three weeks after a runner-up finish in East Chicago. Overall, the Bullhead City, Ariz., business owner has made six final tables, but he's still chasing that elusive HPT title. He earned \$8,046

for his ninth-place finish. The other player eliminated was **Alex Madriaga** of Holtville, Calif. Both were eliminated by popular pro **Allen Cunningham**.

Cunningham came into the day with the largest stack. After the first hand, he had a massive lead on the competition and looked poised to cruise to victory. But he wasn't able to get much traction after that and found himself hitting the rail in fourth place (\$21,973).

Just three hands later, **Chris Tolone** of Anaheim was knocked out in third place when his pocket deuces were unable to hold against Rocco's ace-10. He took home \$30,948.

Bob McMillan found himself at the final table on an investment of only \$185. The Prescott, Ariz., native made the best of his small starting stack, parlaying the \$185 into a fifth-place finish for a score of \$17,021.

"I might take my family on a vacation next summer in Maine for my 50th high school reunion," the retiree said.

Ronald Segni knew he would have to get lucky to make a run at the coveted HPT title. He had the least amount of chips when play began. He managed to make the most of his stack to finish sixth (\$13,927).

Brent Thompson found himself all-in before the flop with pocket jacks against Tolone's pocket kings. He earned \$11,606 for the seventh-place finish.

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CARO HEADLINES DBKC'S HOLIDAY CLASSIC

I've written a few times about the importance of charity and how well it works with the poker community. Daytona Beach Kennel Club is among the forefront of promoting that relationship. DBKC is hosting the fourth annual Holiday Charity Classic on Dec. 7 (See ads on Pages 4-5 for more details).



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

It's a charity event with a lot of pep and excitement. First place in the tournament will win entry into the 2015 Ante Up World Championship while the runners-up will sail away on an extravagant Ante Up Poker Cruise.

Mike Caro, the Mad Genius of Poker, will be bringing his eclectic style of poker to the event. Coupled with a hundred door prizes, raffles and the chance to win a new car, you can bet this is going to be the biggest and best Holiday Classic yet.

BESTBET: At bestbet Jacksonville, the \$100K weekend gave players a reason to keep coming back, specifically by way of a mega satellite into the World Poker Tour televised main event. The satellite garnered 14 seats for the \$5K buy-in event and ran concordant to the September \$50K.

Chris Davis took home the title after maintaining an over-

whelming lead throughout most of Day 2. A six-way chop between Davis and others, including Keith Labarric and Gloria Whimper, saw Davis take pocket \$15K while the remaining five earned \$7K each.

Bestbet also has released the first batch of celebrity bounties for the \$5K main event, which starts Nov. 7. There's enough hardware among the list to fill a fleet of trucks. **Ben Lamb, David Williams, Jason Mercier** and **Mike Sexton** are among the names along with local winners such as **Nabil "Doc" Hirezi, Sean Winters** and radio host **Allison Hollander**. The series is running now and ends Nov. 11.

On a sad note, **Anne Parliment** or Miss Annie as Jacksonville friends called her, died recently. She was a wonderful woman and I had the pleasure of seeing her nearly every day for more than a decade. She loved to play poker, specifically Omaha/8 and PLO. She taught her children and grandchildren to play penny poker. She was 91 and the week before she died she came in to play the weekly PLO tournament. I was lucky enough to seat her in the tournament and see her warm smile. We'll miss you, Annie.

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With a comfortable spot on the schedule, the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino got its opening event of the CoCo Poker Open under way three weeks after the conclusion of the Hard Rock Poker Open in Hollywood.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

A respectable 984 players ponied up the \$350 buy-in during the five starting flights and the tourney easily passed its \$250K guarantee with **Steven McCoy** of Birmingham, Ala., taking home \$42K for first place.

The 12-day series proceeded smoothly into the main event, which carried a \$1 million guarantee with its \$2,500 buy-in and three opening-day sessions.

In the end, it was a recognizable Florida native, **John Dolan** of Bonita Springs (Ante Up's 2012 Player of the Year), who bested 418 players to earn the trophy and \$219K after agreeing to an uneven chop with **Ray "Skip" McDonough** of Jupiter and **Bruce Snell** of Okeechobee.

Those two players agreed to accept \$150K during the Monday night late break, as Dolan's 4-million chip count held a solid lead on McDonough (2.4M) and Snell (2M).

For Dolan, now living in Biloxi with his wife and 2-year-old daughter, this victory is another in a string of six-figure paydays since finishing sixth in the 2010 November Nine, when he collected a life-changing \$1.77M.

They include a victory at the 2012 Million Dollar Heater Main Event in his adopted hometown, but three others have come in South Florida. A second-place finish at the WPT Showdown in Hollywood netted him \$459K in April 2012, then he finished fourth at the Hard Rock's \$10M guarantee in August to collect another \$548K. Now this win in Coconut Creek, which pushes him past \$4M in career earnings, caused him to joke, "I might never leave Florida."

This event drew most of South Florida's biggest names and as the final day started with 27 players left, it looked like a marquee name would capture the title. One did, but not before **Jason Mercier** went out in 22nd place, followed to the rail by **Mike Beasley** in 17th, **Noah Schwartz** in 15th and **Abbey Daniels** in 13th. Miami's **Hans Winzeler**, the leader for much of Day 2, made the final table, but was eliminated in fourth for \$70K.



John Dolan

Next up for the area is the Rock 'N' Roll Poker Open in Hollywood with its \$3,500 main event, which sports a \$2M guarantee Nov. 28-Dec. 3. The series kicks off Nov. 13 at the Seminole Hard Rock. The Seminoles also announced the Lucky Hearts series, which will be a part of the World Poker Tour's Season XIII, will start Jan. 22 and will be played in Hollywood. The 2014 edition was won by **Matt Giannetti** in February at Coconut Creek.

BETTING FOR JUSTICE: Be sure to stop by and say hello as I help host the third annual Betting For Justice charity tournament benefitting Legal Services of Greater Miami and is presented by the Miami Poker Society.

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Some of the prizes on the line include gift certificates to some of Miami's finest restaurants and clubs, along with autographed music memorabilia.

Entrants will have a chance to compete with some of South Florida's elite poker pros as early commitments include **Anthony "Boston Tony" Ruberto**, **Nigel Murray**, **Michael Ortiz**, **Michael Tait**, **Juan Mubarak** and **Zoltan Czinkota**. I won't include myself in the same sentence with these great players, but you may have an opportunity to knock me out, which shouldn't be too difficult.

For more information, go to lsgmi.org.

DANIA POKER: The poker room at Dania Casino and Jai-Alai wrapped up poker business in late September as a lack of players and employees put an end to play a couple of weeks early.

"The lights are on, but nobody's home," said one patron as he peered through the glass walls at the empty poker tables. Several slot machines had been removed and the casino's last day was posted as Oct. 13. Owners said a renovation will commence soon and hope to reopen in about 14 months.

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Event 1 (Dec. 6) is a Shooting 101 class with a Navy SEAL. It's a \$75 donation plus the cost associated at the range. Former SEAL and bestselling author **Mike Ritland** will go over fundamentals of shooting as well as signing copies of his book. There will be a raffle for a new Glock 17.

Event 2 (Dec. 7) at 1 p.m. is the charity tournament at One-Eyed Jacks at Sarasota Kennel Club. Registration starts at noon and costs \$170 (\$100 prize pool, \$20 house fee, \$50 donation). Also, add-ons will be split between the prize pool and the charity. There will be complimentary draft beer during the registration period, and Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two drawing for preregistered participants and many more prizes.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: For more info, visit wariordogfoundation.org or call the One-Eyed Jacks poker room. The PPC held its third and final series at Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs in mid September, handing out numerous Aruba pack-

ages, including four in the main event. **John Ott** had an amazing heads-up battle with **Dana Craven**, who did her best to continue the streak of female winners in the Fall Classic (**Pam Buzzetto** of Derby Lane won last year). The other package winners were **Tony Pellegrini** (third place) and **Wally Maddah** (fourth). A few other notables headed to Aruba: **Mike Beattie**, **Jerry Panagrossi**, **Danny Lobato** and **Sam Medina**.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: The Little Slick returned to the Seminole property, and this time it didn't end in a 16-way chop, though a deal was made when it reached three-handed.

Early on it looked as if there would be one champion as **Tyler Ramsdell** came to the table with the chip lead and ran it up to 80 percent of the chips in play with three players left. But variance caught up to Ramsdell and in the wee hours he chopped with **Daniel Li** and **Michael Scott**. Li got \$27K, Ramsdell \$24K and Scott \$22K.

LOVINGTHIS: Sarasota's **Carlos Loving** is on a nice heater. He took down one of the Hard Rock Hollywood undercard events for \$12K during its \$10 million guarantee series, then fast forward to the Stax Poker Room at Coconut Creek and he chopped a \$350 event for \$31K. We are seeing more and more of the players from this area travel to these series and perform well.

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ELIAS GETS DREAM WIN AT WPT BORGATA

Borgata hosted its World Poker Tour event during the Summer Poker Open. Despite Atlantic City's decline of poker rooms, Borgata has maintained its reputation by bringing 4,158 entrants for Event 1 and 1,226 for the main.



JO KIM
NORTHEAST

Event 1 kicked off standing true to its popularity. Among them was a new face, **Jonathan "Nolte" Evans**, who was dragged down by his friends and never dreamed of cashing his first live tournament. His heads-up opponent was **Aaron Massey**, who has won nearly \$800K this year in tournaments and is leading the Heartland Poker Tour Player of the Year scoreboard by more than second and third combined.

The final table for Event 1 drew a huge crowd on the rail, being that many of them were familiar local players. **Patti Haggerty**, a Borgata regular tournament player, was knocked out in fourth after eliminating four players at the final table.

"I have to say having my first big score at my home casino where the players and staff are like family, made the experience even sweeter," she said.

Yet another familiar face, **Kevin Grabel**, a member of Philadelphia's "team kitten," made his second final table this year for Event 1 of the BPO. Grabel placed seventh after knocking out **Kane Kalas**, son of former Phillies broadcaster **Harry Kalas**, in

eighth. Kalas also made the final table of the main event.

The \$3 million guarantee BPO televised its six-handed final table. Kalas went into the final table as chipleader for most of the session until finding himself heads-up with **Darren Elias** of Cherry Hill, N.J. Elias, who had \$1.8M live earnings and nearly \$3.5M online winnings under his belt, was playing for the biggest win of his life. It took Elias four levels against Kalas' 2-1 chip lead until he gained the lead and finally a hand to win the championship.



"At the time it all felt so surreal because we all dream of winning major titles like that on the big stage," Elias said. "When I woke up the next day I had to ask my wife if that actually happened."

Though Elias was ahead of the average stack throughout the tournament, he never thought of winning the trophy until he was four-handed at the final table. However, his most memorable hand was against **Jean Gaspard** with three tables left in the field where he flopped a set of kings against Gaspard's A-A.

"That was by far the biggest hand of the tournament," he said. "It was the only time I was all-in and at risk throughout the whole tournament." Borgata Poker Open returns Nov. 4-21.

SUGARHOUSE: The SugarHouse Casino poker room in Philadelphia is open. See the ad on the facing page for details.
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Seneca Niagara hosting Fall Classic Nov. 1-10

By Dave Lukow

Leaves are coming down, but stakes are rising at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel.

Starting Nov. 1, the Seneca Niagara poker room will host the Seneca Fall Classic, which runs until Nov. 10. The five-event tourney is capped by a \$1K no-limit hold'em main event with a guaranteed prize pool of \$200K.

Day 1 takes place Nov. 7 and 8.

"We're running a lot of qualifiers and satellites for our main event," **Brian Bartoe**, a poker room supervisor at Seneca Niagara, said. "For Event 2, we have six starting flights each day. We had close to 800 entries last time, so we really smashed it."

Event 2 (\$125, NLHE) begins Nov. 2.

"The Fall Poker Classic is one of our biggest tournament events," Bartoe said. "There are satellites every Friday and Saturday. With our qualifiers, the house guarantees five seats for the main event."

Seneca Niagara, home to tour events in the past, has done well with its own tournaments.

"For our Fall Classic and our Summer Slam, we pull in people from all over," said Bartoe, who has been at Seneca Niagara for 12 years. "We get players from Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Canada, Rochester and Syracuse."

As part of the Fall Poker Classic, Seneca Niagara opens its balcony to those 18 and older, something that's gotten a nice response from younger players.

"We get a lot of interest from college kids on social media," Bartoe said.

While warmer days are in the rearview, you couldn't tell by visiting the Seneca poker room.

"We've been pretty steady. We run about 10-17 games," Bartoe said. "In summer, it's a little slower. The weather changes, so it starts picking up."

MOHEGAN SUN: The \$220K guarantee Fall Showdown runs Nov. 19-23, including a \$1,100 main event that sports a \$100K guarantee on Nov. 22. Each day leading up to the championship, there will be step events to earn your main-event seat for \$250.

Other events include an \$80K guarantee (Nov. 19, 11 a.m., \$400), a \$10K guarantee (Nov. 20, 7 p.m., \$120), a \$20K guarantee (Nov. 21, 11 a.m., \$250) and Nov. 23 features a \$250 senior event at 11 a.m. and a \$250 HOSE tourney at 1 p.m. More details at mohegansun.com

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GATELIS CROWNED ARIZONA LADIES CHAMP

In September, Talking Stick Resort hosted its ninth annual Arizona State Ladies Championship in the Arena Poker Room. Nearly 200 women entered the three-day \$300 competition to vie for the title and a share of the \$50,760 prize pool, but it was

Kathi Gatelis of Scottsdale who won the hardware and \$12,690.



CHRIS CRONIN
N. ARIZONA

“This year, 188 women entered the tournament, which proves poker is growing in popularity among both men and women,” director of poker **Tom Young** said. “Ladies of every skill level took part in the tournament at Talking

Stick Resort and the level of talent this year far surpassed previous years. We’re proud to host a tournament of this caliber and happy to see women taking part in the gaming industry.”

“I play in this competition every year and came in seventh place in 2013,” said **Gatelis**, who won the championship with pocket queens. “But this morning, I woke up and said ‘I’m going to take it.’ I picked my spots correctly, analyzed where I was supposed to be and it paid off in the end.”

In addition to the generous payout, she also won a trophy and custom bracelet. Second place went to **Judy Alto**, who won a

custom trophy and \$9,137.

The event paid the top 20. Alto was followed by **Judy Breedlove** (\$5,067), **Robin Kaufman** (\$4,568), **Barbara Olsen** (\$3,553), **Stephanie Nolan** (\$3,046), **Xia Kercheval** (\$2,538), **Sandra Gibides** (\$2,030), **Barbara Holloman** (\$1,523), **Judy Hubbard** (\$1,015), **Mary Ellen Burriss** (\$558), **Carolyn Schooley** (\$558), **Audrey Goldtooth** (\$558), **Penny Koontz** (\$558), **Robin Wittman** (\$558), **Patricia Lirot** (\$558), **Raena Janes** (\$558), **Deepa Shah** (\$558), **Yvonne Young** (\$558) and **Patricia Huntley** (\$558).



HON-DAH: **Don Tisdale** won the Tournament of Champions at the Hon-Dah poker room. Also, congratulations go to the annual Big Bounty Bash winner **Charlie Rowland**, cashing for almost \$1,500. Finally, great job to the property’s newest heads-up champion, **Brian Carey**, who also won the cash bonus by beating the boss (**Teri Kleifgen**).

CLIFF CASTLE: The poker room is starting a new high-hand promotion on Saturdays as \$100 will be paid for the highest hand from the start of the first game (at about 9 a.m.) until noon. In addition, from 1-4 p.m., 4-7 and 7-10, the highest hand will receive \$200 each. The room also has decreased its Saturday tournament buy-in slightly and increased the starting chips. — Email Chris at cronin@anteupmagazine.com.



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FALL FRENZY EVENT EXPANDS ON SUCCESS OF SUMMER SIZZLE

Most poker rooms understand tournaments are a loss leader, something that helps draw players who might not otherwise want to grind a cash game but could be swayed to show up early or stick around afterward and play a few raked hands.



BRIAN PEDERSEN
S. ARIZONA

Being able to offer a good selection of tournaments along with constant access to live play helps keep a poker room fresh, something Casino del Sol has adhered to for years with a varied list of weekly tournaments. But a new event first held in the summer, and set to go off again in November, has found a way to cater to tournament specialists and cash-game enthusiasts interested in taking a stab at a big one-time prize.

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The multiday, multiflight event has a \$20K guarantee, which was exceeded when Casino del Sol spread the Summer Sizzle version in August. That tourney drew 170 players who paid \$50 or \$200 to enter.

McDade said the tiered buy-in, which is the same for the November version, rewards cash players who have logged 20 hours of table action in the weeks leading up the tourney. Those who meet the threshold only pay \$50 to enter, while those who want to just play the tournament pay \$200.

Regardless of how much a player pays to get in, they all get a 5K-chip stack, McDade said.

The tourney offers \$20 rebuys and add-ons, each giving a player 5K chips. In August, that helped push the prize pool to \$20,790.

Players can choose one of three opening flights, each of which has room for 70 entrants. Those alive after each Day 1 return on the final day and play down to the money, with the top 20 spots getting at least \$340. First place has a \$7,500 guarantee, but in August the final six players chopped and each got \$2,500.

The Fall Frenzy continues Casino del Sol’s trend of offering tournaments and promotions that provide added value to cash players. Every three months the poker room holds a “guest appreciation” freeroll, with a prize pool between \$15K-\$25K, that is open to players who have logged 50 hours during a set time period.

The room also gives away cash on weeknights between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. to players who log enough overnight hours.

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POKER LEGEND GAINNEY RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS

By Matthew Stuart

Mike Gainney retired as Atlantis poker room manager after a storied 38-year career in the industry.

“I’ve always been a people person and poker is all about relationships. It’s a social game,” he said.

More than 100 people attended the celebration in Gainney’s honor at Atlantis, including **Frank Furino** of Castro Valley, Calif.

“Mike has been the face of poker in Reno for all the years I’ve played here,” Furino said. “I had no hesitation in making a special trip to say thank you.”

Keith Dames, the assistant under Gainney, takes over as manager and discussed the future of poker in Reno and at Atlantis.

“A lot has changed in poker not just in the time since when Mike started but also in just the past few years,” Dames said. “Reno is still adjusting to the market as more states have enacted gaming. We understand that

players have more options these days and my door is always open as we strive to give them the most comfortable room, playing bonuses and friendliest staff, which are some things we don’t see uniform in the industry.

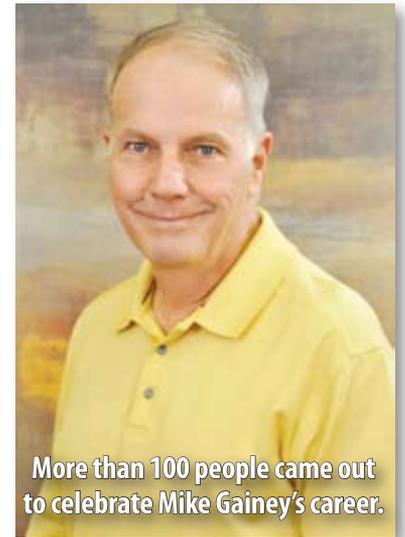
“Mike and I spent considerable time collaborating on old methods and new elements of player development and room management. The Atlantis poker room will continue to make the player the priority and we will adapt as the game and market conditions change.”

Gainney will still be around to play; he even has a featured table with his name on it.

“Just because I’m retired does not mean that I’m going to forget how to play this game,” he said, “so come by and show me what you’ve learned. Just don’t check-raise me. I’ve got grandkids to spoil.”

WORLD POKER CHALLENGE: The Grand Sierra Resort hosted its World Poker Challenge on Oct. 9-12 with the series culminating in the \$340 main event, which sported a \$40K guarantee.

Lev Saakov bested more than 140 players, which generated a \$41K prize pool, to take the title and \$8,672. He was followed by **Charles Mendoza** (\$7K), **Victor Ushakoff** (\$5K), **Loren Cloninger** (\$5K), **Ed Yang** (\$5K), **Arlyn Moore** (\$2,190), **Gregory Jackson** (\$1,660), **Shawn Roberts** (\$1,200), **Jed Hoffman** (\$1,050) and *Ante Up* friend **Mitchell Cogert** (\$1K.). ♠



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ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

But in October, another version of the promo returned. The new Jumbo Bad Beat Jackpot will award \$40K to the losing hand, \$20K to the winning hand and \$1K to other players at the table where it hits. In addition, every live hold'em game at all five of Station's poker rooms will then have 20 consecutive pots splashed with \$50. The qualifying losing hand started with quad aces, but it goes down a rank every day it's not hit until it reaches quad deuces.

The five participating rooms are Boulder Station, Red Rock, Santa Fe Station, Green Valley Ranch and Palace Station. If you're visiting from out of town, Palace Station is the room closest to the Strip, on Sahara just west of the I-15.

Green Valley Ranch has added a new freeroll tournament designed to increase its graveyard business. The "Midnight Madness" \$5K freeroll will be the second Friday of each month at 9 p.m. starting this month. To qualify, players must play at least 15 hours between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. the prior month. The 60 players with the most hours will be selected to play in the freeroll. The four players with the most hours will each be given \$250 before the tournament starts, with the remaining \$4K making up the prize pool.

Green Valley Ranch is a beautiful property in Henderson, southeast from the Strip, just off I-215. The poker room has 22 tables, offering \$2-\$4 and \$3-\$6 limit in addition to \$1-\$2 NLHE. It also spreads Omaha regularly and offers an Omaha freeroll monthly for only 10 hours of live play.

The 10 a.m. \$40 tournament is another great option and offers an \$800 guarantee.

GOLDEN NUGGET: New director of poker **Sam Minutello** will run his first \$50K guarantee Golden Saturday event Nov. 29 at noon. It's a \$125 event with a \$10 dealer add-on that has 30-minute levels with a 10K starting stack (15K if you pay the add-on). Registration is open for the first eight levels and re-entry is allowed.

VENETIAN: **Thi Nguyen** of Canada won the main event at the room's Deep Stack Extravaganza 3.5. Nguyen became the first female player to win the biggest prize at a Deep Stack this year by outlasting 360 entrants to take home \$120K. Switzerland's **Simon Sennhauser** earned \$74K for second and Arizona's **Stan**

Jablonski claimed \$54K for third. Nguyen also won a watch for her efforts.

This was the second straight year the Venetian ran DSE 3.5, its late summer-early fall series, and there was an increase of 26 percent in attendance from last year. You can count on seeing another one next year around the same time.

DSE IV runs Oct. 30-Nov. 26. The event will feature \$1.5M in guarantees, including \$10K and \$20K on many of the \$200 7 p.m. events. The \$1,600 main event has a \$500K guarantee and starts Nov. 17. The champion also receives a watch.

The regular tournament schedule has a few changes. All weekday noon tournaments offer \$10K guarantees as well as the 7 p.m. tourneys on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Friday 7 p.m. event is new. It has a \$200 buy-in, with one \$200 rebuy available (during the first four 30-minute levels when a player's stack drops below 6K as players start with 12K). The rebuy is rake-free. This tournament has a \$20K guarantee.

ARIA/AVP: Aria will host the next PokerAtlas tournament and meetup (AVP XX) Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. The buy-in is \$125 and everyone entering will get a \$10 food comp, making the tournament rake-free. PokerAtlas swag and merchandise will be given away, as will trophies to the tournament winner and the last PokerAtlas member standing.

The event is open to everyone, and past events have sold out. The last time the event was at the Aria (September 2013) there were 266 entrants and a prize pool of \$30K-plus, with first place worth nearly \$6K.

STRATOSPHERE: The Heartland Poker Tour returns Nov. 7-17. The \$1,650 main event has three starting flights, beginning Nov. 14, with the final table filmed Nov. 17.

HARRAH'S: The popular 12-table room in the heart of the Strip has revised its tournament schedule, making it more player-friendly. The 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. tournaments start with 10K chips for \$60, with 20-minute levels. The 8 p.m. bounty tournament has a 15K starting stack for \$100, also 20-minute levels. The bounty is \$25. The 1 a.m. turbo is \$60 for 6K chips with 15-minute levels.

BELIAGIO: The Five Diamond WPT Classic runs from Dec. 5-20. The \$10,400 main is a four-day affair that starts Dec. 15. The televised final day is Dec. 20. For those of you who like to play a little bigger, this year the WPT Alpha 8 is part of the series, which features two starting flights beginning Dec. 18. The buy-in? A mere \$100K.

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HPT continues hot run at Gates

The Heartland Poker Tour headlined September poker activities in Colorado, bringing big names and an energetic poker buzz to the Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk. The HPT has become Colorado's most lucrative tournament, now boasting seven straight million-dollar-plus prize pools. Of the many events from Sept. 5-15, the nationally televised main event started Sept. 10 and ran six days, once again eclipsing a million-dollar prize pool with 686 entrants buying in for \$1,650.



HANS HOLLENBECK
COLORADO

Many notable pros made the money, from the likes of **Greg Raymer** (57th, \$3,630) and **Bryan Devonshire** (24th, \$6,656). The event culminated with a grueling heads-up match between deli owner **Nader Wahdan** from Aurora, Colo., and a determined, but short-stacked **Chad Leasure**. At one point, after chipping away at Wahdan's stack, Leasure momentarily claimed the chip lead, but a set of nines gave Wahdan enough momentum to cripple Leasure and finally put him away for a strong second-place finish and a payout of \$140,170.

Wahdan's triumph over the impressive field earned him a nice \$226,891 return and a sense of gratification that only a cool six-figure victory can bring. Players will have to wait until next year to play another HPT event in Colorado, but the continued abundance of tournaments and cash games across the state should satisfy poker needs in its absence.

— Email Hans at anteuphans@gmail.com.



Thompson leads Classic winners

Muckleshoot Casino's Summer Classic series, which ran Sept. 25-28, featured \$55K added to the prize pool, much to the delight of its players. Here are the winners: **Randy Thompson** of Puyallup, Wash., (Event 1, \$9K), **Tim Zhou** of Seattle (Event 2, \$21K), **Albert Caldaron** of Chandler, Ariz., (Event 3, \$29K) and **Raymond Spencer** of Samamish, Wash. (Event 4, \$43K). Thompson also won \$5K for being the overall points champion.



JAY ZEMAN
PNW

Muckleshoot is 31 miles southeast of Seattle in Auburn, Wash., and is the largest poker room in the region with 32 tables. The room routinely spreads \$4-\$8 hold'em and Omaha/8, \$3-\$5 NLHE (subject to the state-mandated \$500 limit per bet, of course) and occasionally a \$15-\$30 Omaha/8 game runs.

WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO: From Nov. 6-16, the four-table poker room (four miles east of Pendleton, Ore.) will close while the bingo hall spreads a sea of poker tables for the Fall Round Up poker series. This is the largest of the three-times per year Round Ups as buy-ins range from \$120 to \$1,500, with a two-day \$530 main event the second weekend. Also, \$225 Omaha/8 and HORSE events will run, with dozens of cash games springing up as the tournament tables break.

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Haro wins IMG title, \$21,500

Inn of the Mountain Gods celebrated its annual four-day Poker Championship in September with 83 players entered in hopes of getting a piece of the \$75K being paid to the top 10.

Richardo Haro captured the title, \$21,500, a leather bomber jacket and a gorgeous white-gold bracelet valued at \$5K. Second-place finisher **Thupten "T.J." Thondup** left with \$19K and third place went to **Charles Lynch** (\$10K).



MARY BRADLEY
NEW MEXICO

Other winners were **Scott Young, Henry Nguyen, Martin Fryar, Elizabeth Cowans, Fred Chavez, Tony Brooke** and **Brad Euing**. All players were awarded commemorative limited-edition card protectors.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: Look for bounty tournaments on Wednesdays (Nov. 5 and 19) with a \$100 buy-in and \$10 bounties earned for each player eliminated. The popular \$100 Omaha/8 tournament is Nov. 9 with \$100 added per table. One \$100 re-entry is allowed. The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month deepstack is Nov. 29.

SANTA ANA STAR: The progressive qualifier began Oct. 1 and tournaments will be the first Saturday of each month. The event will pay 10 spots and 15 hours of play in a month is required for eligibility.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: The poker room added several new tournaments, including pineapple on Wednesday nights. Tuesday and Thursday afternoon tournaments come with high-hand payouts of \$25 and a freeroll into another tournament of equal or lesser value.

SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO: A \$125 Thanksgiving night tournament is planned, paying top 10 percent with \$1K added.

— Email Mary at anteupmary@gmail.com.

Help us Restock the Shelves

Ante Up Magazine and Blue Shark Optics will co-sponsor Restock the Shelves, a series of poker events in rooms nationwide on Jan. 19 to benefit local food banks and pantries.

The goal is for poker players to donate nonperishable food items or cash to representatives of local food banks, who will be on site for designated tournaments, so we can help “restock the shelves” of banks after the high-demand holiday season.

All poker rooms and venues are invited to designate one of their tournaments on Jan. 19 as a “Restock the Shelves” event. *Ante Up* and Blue Shark also are looking for players to represent the two brands in their local poker room for a “last longer” challenge, as well as sponsors to donate prizes for players who make a donation to compete for.

More info at anteupmagazine.com/restock and in future issues of *Ante Up*.

If you or your venue wishes to host/coordinate an event, please contact **Scott Long** at scott@anteupmagazine.com.

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Horseshoe Baltimore will begin having evening tournaments and Saturday morning events. Every Sunday through Thursday at 7 p.m., there will be daily no-limit hold'em events with varying buy-ins and levels. All evening events have a guarantee between \$3K-\$5K. There will be morning events on Friday and Saturday at 11. For cash games, there will be splash pots, rack back and royal-flush bonuses this November.



MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

DOVER DOWNS: Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Royal Crown Poker Room at Dover Downs in Delaware will offer a series of guaranteed tournaments.

On Nov. 20, the room will run an Ante Up Poker Cruise satellite with a twist. After 50 percent of the field is eliminated, the remaining players get their buy-in back and the tournament switches to a freeroll with a cruise package for two for the April 10 sailing out of Baltimore as the prize.

On Nov. 21 at 1:15 p.m., there will be a \$165 buy-in with a \$15K guarantee.

On Nov. 22 at 11:15 a.m., there's a \$225 buy-in sporting a \$30K guarantee. Finally, on Nov. 23 at 11:15 a.m., look for a \$45 event with a \$5K guarantee. Players can book rooms for \$39 for Friday and/or Saturday using code CNTW.

MARYLAND LIVE: The poker room offers \$1K hourly high-hand jackpots Monday through Thursday (noon-10 p.m.). On Fridays, every hour (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) there's a drawing for a Lucky Seat \$500 plus \$100 table share. Every Sunday there will be drawings totaling \$10K (1-10 p.m.). Every day from 2 a.m.-9 a.m. there will be \$300 hourly high-hand jackpots.

— Email Michael Young at anteupmike@gmail.com.



LOUISIANA

Coushatta Fall Classic chopped

Coushatta Casino Resort hosted the its Fall Classic on Sept. 24-28 in its 20-table poker room. The short series culminated with the multiday \$1K main event, which drew 109 players, paying 12 spots. In the end, **J.P. Kolb** of Louisiana and **Matt Beisner** of Texas chopped for \$19,665 each.

"I spoke with many of the tournament players and most seemed pleased with the series overall," tournament director **Danny Wade** said. "This was a little different than our normal 7 Clans Poker Series that Coushatta holds periodically, but I feel we met our goal of offering variety to our players. We are looking to host some bigger buy-in tournaments in December, so keep a lookout for that on our website and mobile app."

Event 1 was a \$300 Survivor with 173 entries. Eighteen players were set to win \$2,517 each, but just before reaching the money bubble, the final 20 players opted to chop for \$2,265.

Event 2 (\$500) attracted 147 players as Texas rounder **Au Ngo** scored \$14,758 for his dominant victory. ♠

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		5PM	\$85 Mega Satellite - 10 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$68	\$17
		7PM	\$100 Nightly - Main Event Seat Added	\$84	\$16
Wednesday	12/17/14	Noon	\$150 No Limit Hold'em - Event 2 - \$10,000 Guaranteed	\$125	\$25
		5PM	\$85 Mega Satellite - 10 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$68	\$17
		7PM	\$100 Nightly - Main Event Seat Added	\$84	\$16
Thursday	12/18/14	Noon	\$240 No Limit Hold'em - 6 Handed - Event 3 - \$10,000 Guaranteed	\$200	\$40
		5PM	\$150 Pot Limit Omaha w/\$50 Rebuys - Event 4 - \$10,000 Guaranteed	\$125	\$25
		7PM	\$50 Super Satellite w/\$25 Rebuys - 5 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$40	\$10
Friday	12/19/14	Noon	\$580 No Limit Hold'em Main Event - Flight A - \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$500	\$80
		5PM	\$85 Mega Satellite - 10 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$68	\$18
		7PM	\$85 Mega Satellite - 10 Main Event Seats Guaranteed	\$68	\$17
Saturday	12/20/14	Noon	\$580 No Limit Hold'em Main Event - Flight B - \$100,000 Guaranteed	\$500	\$80
		5PM	\$240 No Limit Hold'em - Black Chip Bounty	\$200	\$14
		7PM	\$100 Nightly - Ante Up Poker Cruise Added	\$84	\$16
Sunday	12/21/14	Noon	\$240 No Limit Hold'em - Event 6 - \$10,000 Guaranteed	\$200	\$40
		2PM	Main Event Day 2	N/A	N/A
		5PM	\$150 No Limit Hold'em - Double Green Chip Bounty	\$130	\$20
Monday	12/22/14	2PM	Main Event Final Table (if necessary)	N/A	N/A

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Will charity poker get help?

Dozens of people representing charities and millionaire suppliers held a peaceful demonstration at the Lansing Capitol Building on Sept. 16.

The purpose was to try to pressure the House of Representatives to get SB878 out of committee and to the floor for a vote. SB878 was introduced to the Senate as a rewrite of the Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman Bingo Act that would enable poker rooms to have six charities at a time and increase the maximum amount of chips they could sell per day. You can find all the changes at mi.gov.



SCOTT MILLER
MICHIGAN

Charities and suppliers sued over Gov. **Rick Snyder's** "emergency rules," looking for the courts to impose an injunction against the changes.

The emergency rules limit locations to only four nights per week, two charities per day (though only one charity was being approved) and charities must supply three workers at a time, among other things.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board also imposed a \$650 max expenses for the charity that stopped all but one room from running tournaments.

At the hearing, a compromise was reached to avoid further litigation. Locations still were limited to four days per week, MGCB is required to approve both charities if they're qualified and the suppliers can charge \$900 per day or 45 percent, whichever is less.

Let's hope this is the end of the fighting and more rooms will open throughout the state giving us more choices on where to play.

— Email Scott at anteupscottm@gmail.com.

Harrah's Cherokee set to host WSOP Circuit

The World Series of Poker Circuit returns to Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina on Nov. 27-Dec. 8.

The WSOPC debuted at this Western North Carolina property in April 2013 and had a successful run, so this year's edition is expected to be just as big.

The highlight of this year's series, which sports the usual 12-ring schedule, is the \$1,675 four-day main event on Dec. 5. It will be a re-entry tournament so look for a lot of runners and plenty of prize pool.

Things will kick off on Nov. 28 at noon with Event 1, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tourney that has re-entries.

Other events of note include a ladies tournament on Nov. 29 at noon (\$250), Event 2, which is a \$365 pot-limit Omaha event on Nov. 29 at 5 p.m., and the final chance to win a ring will be another \$365 NLHE two-day event Dec. 7 at 3.

For more information and scheduling be sure to check out wsop.com. ♠



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JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

Horseshoe Tunica always has held one of the most loyal followings among locals, but with the closings of every room in the area, except Hollywood, Horseshoe is packed around the clock. I'm writing this at 2 a.m. midweek and the Bravo Live App shows Horseshoe with nine live games. I can't remember the last time Tunica kept action like that consistently.

There's no better time to head into the cotton fields of north Mississippi.

My favorite promotion is the \$1-\$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha High Hand Giveaway. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6-10 p.m. (first money awarded at 7), \$500 is awarded to the highest hand of the hour. You don't normally see numbers that big in an hourly giveaway, so this is certain to draw the PLO players, even from the coast.

Every Saturday at noon, Horseshoe offers a \$12K guarantee no-limit hold'em tournament for \$150, plus one re-entry if needed during the first four levels. This tournament used to be a regular \$10K guarantee and it would pack the house.

With the larger guarantee and consistently solid structure (12K chips, 30-minute levels), this is going to remain one of the best regularly scheduled events in the state.

Horseshoe updates its promotions almost weekly. Go to facebook.com/HorseshoeTunicaPoker for the most up-to-date information.

BEAU RIVAGE: A quick peek down South to the Beau Rivage reveals the official schedule for the Million Dollar Heater has been released and is available at beaupoker.com. I'm happy to see it runs Jan. 2-14, giving us all something to do during the dreary weeks after the holidays. The first weekend is the \$500K guarantee (\$355 buy-in) that you can count on to shatter attendance records. The \$2,650 main event also features a \$500K guarantee. There will be plenty of satellites leading up to the main, giving almost everyone an opportunity to win their seat. You can't go wrong with the MDH. **Johnny Grooms** and the staff of the Beau Rivage Poker Room put on some of the most player-friendly tournaments anywhere. I suggest booking your rooms through the poker room now. They will sell out.

WSOPCAT IP: Mohammad Moeini, 44, after a three-hour heads-up struggle with **Brandon Newsome**, captured the IP Biloxi's World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event. The Gulfport, Miss., resident had to beat 300 players for \$106K payday and his first gold ring. — **Email Jen at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.**



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MARTIN WINS DOWNSTREAM'S \$100K MAIN

The RunGoodGear.com series at Downstream Casino wrapped up Oct. 5 with **Mark Martin** of Dexter, Kan., overcoming a strong field to win \$36,218 from the \$100K main event and a seat into the World Series of Poker's main event.



ROBERT KELLY
N. OKLAHOMA

The final table included RunGoodGear.com sponsored pros **Justin Gardenhire**, **Michael Sanders** and **Ryan Tepen**. Winners of the other series events were **Amanda Baker** (\$125 Last Chance Turbo); **Bryan Campanello** (\$150 NLHE); **Daniel Lowery** (\$40 All-in-or-Fold rebuy); **Marcus Blacksher** (\$230 six-max) and **Bobby Nair** (bounty).

I attended the final three days of the series and chatted with poker room manager **Dale Hunter** about the series and other casino news. He was happy with the turnout and is looking forward to hosting another series Feb. 1-5.

In other news, Hunter said more than \$400K in promotional money has been won by players this year, including bad-beat jackpots. The bad beat, with aces full of jacks as the qualifier, was more than \$35K at press time.

HARD ROCK TULSA: **Michael Lech** took down the \$250 PLO rebuy event during the Sept. 3-7 RunGoodGear series. Other winners included **Ross Bybee**, who captured the \$675 main event, and **Gary Ware**, who won the \$130 turbo. Six players chopped the \$160 six-max survivor event.

INDIGO SKY CASINO: The casino's poker room has partnered with Ante Up for the Ante Up Poker League, which runs until Dec. 31. Each month, players can earn points for cash play, for entering or re-entering selected tournaments and for making the final table. The top nine point-earners and one league-eligible player chosen at random will be invited to a freeroll with cash prizes, and this process will repeat at the end of the three-month period, too, competing in a final freeroll. The winner wins an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the Feb. 9 sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla., plus \$1,500 and a personalized league champion's jacket from Ante Up. The rest of the players will earn cash.



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Indigo Sky is again scheduled to host a Heartland Poker Tour series stop in 2015. The series will run Feb. 26-March 9 and feature a \$1,650 main event.

BOOT HILL CASINO: The property has started offering \$65 tournaments at 6:30 Monday evenings. It also continues to run \$100-\$150 Aces Cracked and \$250 high-hand promotions any time a hold'em game is running. Pot-limit Omaha/8 continues to be the featured game Thursday nights. The quads-beaten qualifier bad-beat jackpot was more than \$225K at press time while the secondary jackpot was more than \$115K.

— Email Robert at anteuprob@gmail.com.

Choctaw adds another tournament series

Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla., will announce that coinciding with the opening of its new convention center next summer it will be bringing in a World Poker Tour event starting July 16. Already hosting in January the second largest World Series of Poker Circuit, this truly is quite a coup for Choctaw.



JOHN D SHORT
S. OKLAHOMA

The WPT will fill the slot right after the WSOP main event ends in Las Vegas, formerly held by the Card Player Poker Tour for the past three years. That event will be moved to April to replace the Choctaw Spring Classic. All events will be run by **Jimmy Sommerfeld** and his Poker Executives team.

The WPT will include commentators **Mike Sexton** and **Vince Van Patten**, the Royal Flush Girls, the Raw Deal segment host **Tony Dunst** and tournament director **Matt Savage**.

In addition, Savage also is on the board for the Poker Tournament Directors Association. The TDA is comprised of poker room personnel, players and media from around the world

whose objective is to draft a standard set of rules for tournaments. I'm a member of the TDA and attended its summit in Las Vegas in June 2013. The updated rules are on (pokertda.com). The management at the WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, Okla., uses the rules for the River Poker Series and all other events and the management at Choctaw now uses the rules in its entirety for all tournaments.



I'd like to encourage all poker rooms nationwide to use the TDA rules. Having all players and casino personnel on the same page makes for a better, happier and calmer environment in which to play.

Every player should read the rules and understand them.

For \$10, anyone can take the test and get TDA-certified. Every floor person in America should become certified and every dealer should be given a copy of the rules and be required to study and know them. Choctaw dealer **Frederick Dionne** just became TDA certified. Congratulations for being proactive and a great example.

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PATES WINS AT RUNNING ACES, BIG TURKEY UP NEXT

Kentraylus Pates of Brooklyn Park, Minn., took home \$87,698 after winning the Mid-States Poker Tour event at Running Aces Harness Park in September.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

Pates came to the final table as chipleader and retained a significant stack through beginning of head-ups play against **Dennis Stevermer** of St. Paul. They played aggressively and it wasn't long until Pates emerged victorious. Before this win, his only other Hendon Mob entry was his fifth-place finish in April for the MSPT at Canterbury Park. There were 338 entrants who ponied up the \$1,100 buy-in for the event that generated a \$324,808 prize pool. Former MSPT champions **Ben Marsh**, **Jeremy Dresch** and **Jason Seitz** also survived to the final table, which was streamed



live online. Commentary was provided by **Bryan Mileski** and **Marc "Poker Joker" Powers**, with a guest appearance by **Allen Kesler**.

LIVE STREAM: Running Aces is streaming live poker regularly using a new RFID table that's capable of streaming poker, including hole-card information on a 15-minute delay, which allows Minnesotans to sweat friends and family.

Tournament director **Tristan Wilberg** said he plans to use the table often for the biggest event final tables, big timed tournaments and even cash games. He also is considering having commentary for some events.

MORE EVENTS: Running Aces hosts its \$50K guarantee Big Turkey Tourney event Nov. 21-23. Also, there will be a Black Friday freeroll (Nov. 28). See ad on facing page for details.

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Cold Turkey runs Nov. 28

The popular Cold Turkey Showdown runs at the end of the month at Riverside Casino. Event 1 is \$125 at noon on Nov. 28. The next day there's a limit \$125 Omaha/8 event at 11 a.m. and a NLHE heads-up at 6 p.m. The \$375 main event is Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. There will be sit-n-go satellites running from Nov. 23 until the main event begins as well as other satellites running throughout the month. Stop by to see why this is one of the more popular tournament casinos in Iowa.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

I dropped by Riverside recently and it's worth noting the bad-beat jackpot was \$122K-plus at that time and it was announcing a WPT/DeepStacks agreement.

There will be a WPT/Deep Stacks tournament April-May 2015. I will certainly have more on that as we get closer so stay tuned. Also, be sure to check out the daily tourney schedule as there seems to be some variety with NLHE, Omaha and Big O.

MESKWAKI: The poker room will host the \$300K guarantee Mid-States Poker Tour this month. There will be satellites running throughout the first week of the month with the main event beginning with flights on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. with a \$1,110 entry fee. One re-entry is allowed.

CATFISH BEND: The casino resort's poker room will have a Thanksgiving bounty tournament on Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. for \$175. If you haven't visited Catfish Bend this is your chance. While it's a smaller casino with five poker tables, it's well-run and the staff goes out of its way to make you feel welcome.

— **Email Ken at anteupken@gmail.com.**



Fall heating up with big events

The tournament action is heating up in the region and at long last we're not forced to travel to get the action we crave. We're fortunate to have poker rooms that bring in celebrity players, guaranteed prize pools and even televised events to encourage action in our favorite places and let us play from the comfort of our home turf. Keep your eyes open for the following events in the near future:



DAN
HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH: The PPO will again bring us Poker Night in America. This is a great opportunity for players looking to get some TV time and mix it up in a unique environment. Poker room manager **Jim Tinney** is continuing to deliver players action. The Pittsburgh Open runs until Nov. 17 (\$1,100 main event is Nov. 14 with a \$75K guarantee).

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO: The Arctic Blast Series runs Dec. 4-14 and will be bringing in pro players **Gavin Smith** and **Todd Brunson** to host the main event. This event is pending regulatory approval. Also, look for a Hollywood Poker Open to run here in February. Manager **Ken Lambert** continues to bring the action to his new post in Toledo. If you like tournaments, Toledo runs two or three most days.

HORSESHOE CINCINNATI: If you're looking for the biggest events in the region, you've come to the right place. Manager **Jason Newman** will be hosting a WSOP Circuit in March and, if last year is any indication, it will be a good one. The \$500K guarantee is by far the biggest event in the state.

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS: The Ohio Poker Championship is Dec. 12-14. The \$50K guarantee has a \$450 buy-in. On Black Friday, the room will host a **Mike Sexton** charity tournament to benefit the Ohio State men's gymnastics program that will include a poker seminar and lots of fun.

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HPO WILL RUN NOV. 13-24 IN LAWRENCEBURG

The Hollywood Poker Open kicks off this month in Lawrenceburg on Nov. 13-24. The main-event winner will be awarded a seat to the \$500K guaranteed HPO Championship in June at the M Resort in Las Vegas. HPO ambassador **Chris Moneymaker** is scheduled to play. For more information on the HPO's other regional events, please see the ad on Page 47.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

WCPC: Recently, the Windy City Poker Championship offered free entries to any player who traveled to Toledo with executive director **Kirk Fallah**. **Angelo Fuscone** was one of those players who freerolled into a Hollywood Poker Championship qualifier. After winning his main event seat in the qualifier, Fuscone went on to win the \$1,070 main event, beating 210-plus players to take home the championship bracelet and \$31K. Fuscone and Fallah agreed to give 30 percent of the winnings to Shady Oaks Camp as a donation for the next big charity event Dec. 13.

"It's great seeing our tournament players give back to charities," Fallah said.

HORSESHOE SI: The opening weekend at Horseshoe Southern Indiana's World Series of Poker Circuit experienced nearly a 30 percent increase over last year. The \$365 opener had 184 entries as **David Leonard** won the first ring of the series and \$14K.

John Mesplay came out on top of nearly 700 players for \$42K

in Event 2 (\$365 re-entry). The Danville, Ky., golf course GM credits most of his success to his experience from playing in home games. The re-entry event had a \$208K prize pool.

MAJESTIC STAR: The recent \$120 Autumn Breeze Deepstack bounty opener turned out to be a marathon heads-up battle, lasting into the early morning. **Jason Trezak**, a pro out of Portage, lost his lead several times to **Grant Fussell**. As the back-and-forth play seemed endless, Trezak finally made his way to victory.

The Saturday edition saw **David Baer** win against one of Chicagoland's top tournament players, **Andre Pierre**. The Warsaw, Ind., native was short-stacked until play reached six-handed. He then gained the lead and quickly eliminated Pierre

Boulos Estafanous won the \$330 main event for \$5,500. A long-time local player, Estafanous won one of the earliest Chicagoland tournaments on record, the Chicago Poker Championship in 2005. His biggest win was the 2004 Bayou Poker Championship in New Orleans, winning \$74K. His runner-up finish to **Andy Frankenburger** at the Venetian Deep Stack in 2010 for \$98K was his biggest cash.

AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO: The Heartland Poker Tour returns for a 10-day series Dec. 4-14. The property also is running weekly tournaments so see our Where to Play section in the back of the magazine for details. Sunday's \$150 event features a mystery bounty.

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Father-son go 1-2 at Ho-Chunk charity event

In early September, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa held its fourth annual Pulse Pounding charity tournament, a \$330 event that attracted 51 entrants. There were four celebrity bounties, including former Green Bay Packer and Super Bowl champ **Derrick Mayes**, who was the first player eliminated from the tournament.



CHAD HOLLOWAY
WISCONSIN

"We had a higher turnout than last year and hope to continue growing the tournament," tournament director **Adam Estes** said. "We were able to raise over \$4,000 for our charity, Foundation of St. Joseph's Hospital. This was more than double what we raised last year. This increase was contributed to a different add-on structure and a silent auction also held."

After two days of play, it came down to the father-son combination of **Edward** and **Paul Rohloff**. Age and wisdom prevailed as father was able to overcome son to capture the \$6,800 first-place prize and a championship bracelet.

The younger Rohloff won \$4,080, followed by **Gino Bulak** (\$1,700), **Joseph Basak** (\$1,360), **Joan Sandoval** (\$1,190), **Roger**



Edward and Paul Rohloff pose with their final cards after finishing first and second.

Skrzeczkoski (\$1,020) and **James Reynen** (\$850).

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa's next event will be its popular Polar Blast tournament this winter.

HO-CHUNK MADISON: The electronic eight-table poker room is closing Nov. 15 at midnight. It's unclear if this closure is related to the ongoing battle with the state over gaming pacts.

— **Chad Holloway** is a senior news editor for PokerNews. Email him at anteupchad@yahoo.com or follow him on Twitter @ChadAHolloway.



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NO THIN' BUT 'NET

A look at the online poker scene



ONLINE PROPOSAL IN PA. PONDERED

A report recently published on triblive.com said investment firm *Morgan Stanley Research* released a study on Sept. 10 predicting Pennsylvania will approve a bill in 2016 and have virtual cards flying for online poker by 2017.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

In addition, MSR also predicts the first year's revenue will be \$58 million and increase to almost \$390 million by the end of the fourth year, that about 11 percent of Pennsylvania residents will play online and there will be 20 states with legal online poker by 2020 with an online gambling market of \$5 billion.

MSR said these numbers come from looking at how other markets have grown their online poker revenues since going live.

For instance, New Jersey has seen revenues of more than \$92 million since online gaming was approved in 2013.

And when Italy approved *PokerStars* to enter its market, revenue grew 62 percent in one year, half of which was from the *PokerStars* site. It's hard for lawmakers to turn their noses up at these types of numbers when most states' coffers are hurting for money these days.

WEST VIRGINIA: The *Charleston Daily Mail* recently reported the

state's lottery commission had met with some of the state's licensed casinos to investigate the possibility of having online gaming and online lottery tickets for its residents.

At press time, it was reported a follow-up meeting was scheduled for late October to explore these possibilities and come up with a timeline of activities that could possibly make this happen.

NEW JERSEY: Trump Plaza closed in Atlantic City in September because of financial issues and a continuing decline in revenue. Betfair Gaming, out of the U.K., was the online affiliate of Trump Plaza and when Trump left the state, Betfair was left without a brick-and-mortar partner, which is required of any online gaming company that wishes to do business in the state. The New Jersey Gaming Commission allowed Betfair some time to try to find another partner to go to market with, and it was successful.

Caesars Entertainment and Betfair are partners in the state and Betfair will operate online gaming operations for Caesars' land-based casinos in the state.

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BIG STIR FOR PENSACOLA EVENT NOV. 19-23

By Scott Long

After hosting a successful PPC Aruba satellite series, Pensacola Greyhound Track & Poker will use the same formula for its Ante Up Poker Tour event Nov. 19-23 to put one player on the cover of *Ante Up*.

"The players like the multiple Day 1 structure because it gives them several chances to accumulate a large chip stack," said **Les Davidson**, poker room manager at Pensacola Greyhound Track & Poker in the Florida Panhandle. "Also, if you are running bad one day, you can erase that day out of your mind and start fresh the next day."

Pensacola's AAPT event is a single tournament, but with four flights and a bankroll-friendly \$250 buy-in. Players advancing in more than one flight will advance their largest stack. In addition to cash, the champion of the \$50K guaranteed tournament gets a seat in the \$1,650 buy-in 2015 Ante Up World Championship Main Event, a personalized tour champion's jacket and will appear on the cover of the January issue of *Ante Up*.

"The possibility of being on the cover of *Ante Up* has caused a big stir in the room," Davidson said. "We have a lot of hams that would almost give up the prize money to be on the cover. We also have a lot of players that would consider it a thrill of a lifetime. It is going to be very exciting for the winner."

When not playing the tournament, players have a wide selection of cash games in no-limit and limit formats, as well as pot-limit Omaha and Big O, with plenty of jackpot promotions. Satellites begin Nov. 1 and run through Day 1C. The property has a 20-table poker room, a restaurant and simulcasting on site. It's just minutes from the sugar-white beaches

AAPT at Derby Lane in St. Pete starts Nov. 1

Ante Up's triumphant return to Florida with its Ante Up Poker Tour begins Nov. 1 with the Ante Up Derby Lane Fall Pokerfest in St. Petersburg.

We've talked in past issues about the Accumulator main event, but what about the other events? Ranging from \$340-\$1K, there are seven undercard events ranging from PLO and six-max to Open Face Chinese Pineapple.

OFCP has become a crowd favorite and at \$560 buy-in will attract some of the best players in the area.

We'll be blogging during the series and providing up-to-date results and players that advance in the Accumulator at anteupmagazine.com, anteupandrew.wordpress.com and derbylanepokerblog.wordpress.com.

— Andrew Malowitz

of Pensacola and Naval Air Station Pensacola, where the famous Blue Angels train. Pensacola also offers great nightlife and outlet shopping is nearby.

"Our \$50K tournaments attract a lot of players from nearby regions," Davidson said of the surrounding region that includes Biloxi, Miss. "It gives our local players the 'big tournament' feel. They enjoy testing their skills against players that they don't normally get to play against. Pensacola is a great melting pot for poker because of its location between so many poker rooms. If you think that you have seen everything, just come to Pensacola and we might change your mind."

For more info, visit anteupmagazine.com/pensacola. ♠

ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC RUNS NOV. 25-30

By Scott Long

Some of the biggest events in Ante Up Poker Tour history have played out at Thunder Valley Casino Resort and more memories are set to be made Nov. 25-30 at the third annual Ante Up NorCal Classic.

"The Friday after Thanksgiving is a time where we have held a very popular bigger buy-in event since the room opened in 2010," said **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations at the casino in Lincoln, Calif., just north of Sacramento. "Then in 2012, the tournament became a tour event with Ante Up. In the inaugural year of the Ante Up NorCal Classic, we saw over 340 entries during our first \$1K buy-in."

"As the number of series events and other tours have been added to the schedule, the Ante Up NorCal Classic has now become what it was at the beginning: a very popular, bigger buy-in event that our players have come to enjoy during this time of the year."

This year's NorCal Classic features seven events and will be capped by a \$500 two-flight main event with a \$250K guaran-

tee. The winner gets a seat in the 2015 Ante Up World Championship Main Event, also at Thunder Valley. The rest of the series shows the creativity and variety that Erwin has become known for, with buy-ins ranging from a \$140 "bankroll builder" to a \$250 no-limit event with a \$50K guarantee. Omaha/8 and knockout events, always popular with Thunder Valley players, are on a schedule that has nearly \$350K in guarantees.

Also back is a \$250 Western Senior Poker Tour event.

"We have seen a great response from the players in the area," Erwin said. "This was the first senior event held at Thunder Valley and they have really gained quite a following."

Several multitable satellites are planned for the NorCal, with single-table satellites going on demand. When not playing in events, players have a wide variety of cash games in the poker room, which expands to 33 tables during tournament series. The property features a AAA Four Diamond hotel with spa, as well as numerous dining options, including the High Steaks Steakhouse.

For more info, visit anteupmagazine.com/thundervalley. ♠



AUPT AT PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB

PBKC GUARANTEES \$100K FOR AUPT MAIN

By Scott Long

Palm Beach Kennel Club is no stranger to major tournament events, having hosted the only World Series of Poker Circuit stops in Florida, and now hosting two of them a year. Come December, the venue will host the third Ante Up Poker Tour series in Florida in two months.



“The World Series of Poker Circuit events have taught us many things and, along with our own experiences, we have learned to create a good mixture of chip stacks and structures for a truly competitive tournament,” said **Tim Wright**, poker room manager at

Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Ante Up Poker Tour event will run Dec. 11-14 and feature three official events and two others, capped by \$575 buy-in main event with three starting flights and a \$100K guarantee. The winner also will appear on the cover of the February issue of *Ante Up*, get a \$1,650 seat in the 2015 Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in California and a personalized tour champion’s jacket.

“We have always been a leader in the guaranteed tournament business and any big event like the Ante Up series should include one,” Wright said.

The rest of the schedule includes a \$135 no-limit event, two nightly \$135 no-limit tournaments and a \$30 buy-in event with \$20 rebuys that features a \$10K guarantee.

“We have been running this \$10K guaranteed tournament every Friday night for several years,” Wright said. “It is so popular we often include it in tournament series for continuity. The prize pool often exceeds the \$10K.”

When not playing tournaments, players have a wide variety of cash games to choose from, including \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 no-limit hold’em, \$2-\$2 and \$2-4 limit hold’em, \$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha/8 and \$1-\$3 stud. Another unique offering is “Florida style” \$5-\$10 no-limit with a \$100-\$300 buy-in, which harkens back to when Florida law allowed for only a \$100 max buy-in. These days, players may buy in for any amount they desire and players wishing to play as big as a \$5K buy-in are encouraged to contact high-limit host Willie Melia at (561) 312-0728.

All of this plays out in the 63-table South Florida poker room, which recently completed an extensive renovation that resulted in a fresh, more modern decor and included new carpet, chairs, rails, layouts, paint, wallpaper and three new big-



AUPT at Palm Beach Kennel Club

- Dec. 11, noon:** \$575 Main Event Day 1A
 - Dec. 11, 7 p.m.:** \$135 NLHE
 - Dec. 12, noon:** \$575 Main Event Day 1B
 - Dec. 12, 7 p.m.:** \$30 NLHE with \$20 rebuys
 - Dec. 13, noon:** \$575 Main Event Day 1C
 - Dec. 13, 7 p.m.:** \$135 NLHE
 - Dec. 14: 1 p.m.:** \$575 Main Event Day 2
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screen televisions, as well sleek wood finishing and accents.

“Since opening the poker room in 1997, we have had the great distinction of being one of the busiest, largest and most popular poker rooms in the state of Florida,” Palm Beach Kennel Club VP **Joe Rooney** said. “This renovation reinforces our commitment to our poker room operations and the players who enjoy the games here.”

The venue also offers live greyhound racing and simulcast wagering, four restaurants, including the recently renovated Paddock Club that boasts an impressive fine wine list and striking views of the greyhound oval, and several concession areas. And, of course, there are few nicer places to visit during winter than the West Palm Beach area, just north of Ft. Lauderdale and Miami metro areas.

“Come explore the beaches and experience for yourself what so many loyal visitors have already discovered to be the best way to experience Florida,” Wright said. “Enjoy a fascinating array of cultural venues, sample the culinary masterworks of celebrity chef-owned restaurants, take in one of dozens of internationally renowned destination events or fish or dive in the Gulfstream-warmed waters of the Atlantic Ocean.” ♠





OBSERVING WHEN NOT PLAYING IS KEY

So what is the big secret that poker tells? In the end, it's no big secret. It's the fact that we humans, conditioned to communicate our emotions, feelings, thoughts, excitement, fears and desires, leak those sentiments somewhere on our bodies, in spite of having a poker face.



JOE
NAVARRO

The big task is learning to spot those behaviors in context, keeping in mind, as I have often said, that we're not reading reality; we're reading a poker player's perception of reality.

After all, a player who's really marginal or weak may appear strong if that's what he ignorantly believes.

But how do we get there? How do we get to the point where we can pick up these behaviors? Playing helps but only so much. In preparing to write *Read 'em and Reap* and later *200 Poker Tells* (available on Audible.com), I forced myself to spend hours watching multiple tables at a time in Atlantic City and in Las Vegas. I was probably the only person at Caesars Palace with a journal in hand taking notes. That was fine for me; I was doing research, but what about players like you who want to get better?

Taking notes and watching three or four tables at a time isn't for everyone, but I can tell you it sharpens your ability to observe quickly those little quirks, tells, cues or micro-momentary expressions that betray a player is weak or sitting on a monster hand.

There are certainly more books now than ever before on

poker tells and I would encourage you to read as many of them as you can. But, these books give you the knowledge, they don't give you the skill to pick up tells quickly, so that you can act on them in time. For that, I found walking around and watching multiple tables at once was extremely helpful.

You may be thinking how about watching videos of tournaments? That's fine, but keep in mind those shows are edited and most of the time you see the face but not the hands or the rest of the body (those legs and feet are communicating, too). When that shirt starts shaking because a player has "happy feet" (monster hand) you want to be able to see that. Remember that while you're at play, you're limited to the behaviors and tells of only eight individuals at a time so the learning curve is not in your favor.

In the end, my advice is this: Every once in a while, if you're serious about poker, walk around, take notes, watch several tables at once, force yourself to pick up on everyone's subtle tells, where they place their hands, how they hold their cards, how they touch their face, what do they do with their lips, etc., and then look for changes.

When you can do several tables at once, your job in a real game will be so much easier. Observation is a skill; it has to be honed. The only way I know to do this is through focused observation, which incidentally is free.

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NLHE TOURNAMENTS

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR DIFFERENT STACK SIZES

When it comes to tournament poker, most players use the same style regardless of stack size throughout the event.



NATASHA
BARBOUR

The truth is, the way you're supposed to play when you're deep (for example, in early stages of a tournament) is different than the way you're supposed to play when you're shallow (in later stages of the tournament). Here are some tips to guide you!

- When deep, your priority should be placed on making hands that can make the nuts rather than focusing on high-equity hands.

That being said, shoot for hands that can make sets, straights and flushes.

- Position is more important when the blinds are smaller than later on in the tournament. Indeed, three-bet and four-bet pots are played with deeper stacks. When shallow, all-ins will happen often on flops, which makes position irrelevant.

- Also when shallow, more focus should be placed on high-equity hands and less focus on hands that can make the nuts. Indeed, baby pairs, suited connectors and gappers are often

unplayable in this situation.

- Do not focus on "stealing the blinds" as it's not worth the risk in early stages of the tournament. But as the tournament gets shallower, stealing blinds is partially how players build stacks.

- When stacks get shallow, value-betting medium hands is more effective.

- Flipping is less relevant when deep since the value of your double-up is not worth your potential bustout.

- Identifying players who open too wide in late position or too big is profitable when shallow as you usually have a good reshove stack and can use that to accumulate chips.

- Three-betting a button open out of the blinds when shallow is more profitable than doing it in early stages. Indeed, your opponent can profitably call hands that play well when deep and in position.

Keep these tips at the forefront of your thinking during any tournament.

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REPUTATIONS ARE MADE AT THE FINAL TABLE

A tip from poker champion Chris Moneymaker



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11/13/14 - 11/23/14

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2/5/15 - 2/16/15

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A LESSON IN POSITION LEVERAGE

There's a common problem I see in tournaments and cash games: Too many players limp preflop from late position. This is a losing strategy.



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I was playing a \$1-\$2 no-limit cash game. The table was soft and I was on the button. Two players limped in front of me and I had 8-6 offsuit.

The player to my immediate left was overly aggressive and had been overplaying many of his hands. I had stacked him once and he had reached into his pocket at least one other time since I had been at the table.

Normally I would raise or fold here. With two limpers, I like to raise to knock out the blinds and isolate the limpers knowing I have position. If I get a high flop, it allows me to bluff consistent with my preflop raise. If I hit the flop, I may win a bigger pot. In this case, I limped in part because I was distracted as I was getting a drink from the waitress and in part because I didn't want to raise and face a reraise from the player to my left in the small blind.

The small blind completed and the big blind checked. The flop came 8-6-5 with two diamonds. Everyone checked and I kicked myself for not raising preflop. I wasn't loving this situation as it was a dangerous flop with all of those limpers. So I bet

\$15. The small blind went all-in for about \$75 more. The big blind went all-in for about \$500 more. Everyone folded to me. Not much of a decision. I definitely would've called the small blind but I knew the big blind had the straight.

I folded and the small blind turned over A-3 of diamonds while the big blind had 4-7 for the straight. Neither player improved, nor would I have, and our small blind reached into his pocket again.

Let's look at how the hand would've played if I had raised from the button. I know I'm making assumptions, but I feel confident based on having observed these players for quite some time.

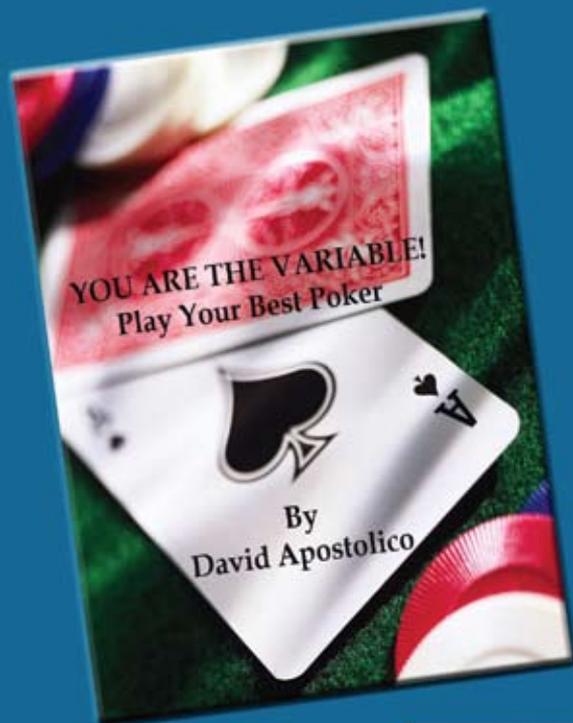
The small blind most likely calls me and the big blind most certainly folds. Not sure if the other limpers call. After the flop, I don't know how the betting would've gone, but I'm confident the small blind and I get the chips in.

Hindsight is 20-20 and you should make decisions based on the information you have. At the time, the action was on me preflop.

I should be looking to leverage my button. In this case, with a couple of limpers, I should've raised to thin the field and take advantage of my postflop position.

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THOU SHALT GET A POKER COACH

Editor's note: This is one in a series.

Poker is a game where success is measured in money and the game is more competitive than ever. Odds are you don't have a poker coach, and that is a leak.



MARK BREMENT

Major League Baseball players were coached from a young age with countless hours of practice and preparation. Try to imagine a team without a manager and a coaching staff.

Like baseball, poker is a game of decisions. A poker coach should help guide students to a better decision-range. As poker players, it's not hard to equate strong decisions with more profit.

I approach coaching poker from the standpoint of plugging leaks. I have coached more than a hundred players and have yet to find two who had the same leaks.

On the table, leaks often can be attributed to a sound player getting away from fundamentals. This falls into the category of decision-making. If our decisions are not our best, I put this in the tilt category. Tilt is not anger. Tilt is simply not following through on what we know is the best decision.

A player might be playing tired. He takes corrective action by cutting down on his length of sessions and, presto, his hourly rate increases dramatically.

A good coach should be able to ferret out this behavior. In this case, not going from work to the casino, the player's results changed simply by changing a habit. He simply cut back and earned more. Imagine that. How does this happen? Fewer mistakes equals better hourly rate. (Bremment's theorem)

Off the table, habits often are what really separate good players from great ones. This is exemplified in professional sports. **Jerry Rice**, the greatest receiver in NFL history, was first to practice and last to leave. If you, as a poker player, want to take it to the next level, start thinking about your off-the-table disciplines.

The best thing you can do to uplift your game is start a weekly poker group. We had a group for more than five years that only broke off after I moved. In the mean time, find yourself a coach and watch your game grow.

— **Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima Community College. Email him at pokermoses@phxpoker.com.**

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ADMITTING WHEN YOU AREN'T THE BEST

By Zack Bartholomew

There's a piece of common knowledge I'm sure many of you have heard before about when you should play poker. It goes something like this: "Only play when you know you can play your best." It's sound advice, but I want to elaborate on it. How do you know when you're at your best? How do you know when you're not at your best?

If you're anything like a normal person, you're always at your best. As humans, unless we're feeling absolutely in the dumps, physically or emotionally, we fancy ourselves to be solid as a rock.

But that isn't the truth. Say you stay at work an hour longer than planned. How does that affect our ability to make decisions at the table? It probably doesn't *feel* like we are making worse decisions, but they surely can't be as good as when you don't work that extra hour.

The truth is, so many things can throw you off your game. It would take an entire book to list the things that can mess up your decision-making in poker.

Not enough sleep. Didn't eat right today. Missed a workout at the gym. The boss was in a bad mood. So what's a regular Joe to do?

It's simple. Track your sessions. Include dates, time, day of the week and whatever else you or your tracking app thinks is important. You can gain some real insight to your play. By having the ability to compare days of the week, what time you start your session or session length you will be able to easily see patterns develop.

By tracking these things you can gain some major insights as to when you should play. Say you normally play Friday nights after work and then again on Saturday afternoon. After a few months of tracking, you realize you're winning a lot less or even losing on Fridays and crushing Saturday afternoon despite the game quality being similar.

It's up to you to figure out why your performance suffers Friday night, but at least now you know there's a problem there. It could be you stay up too late watching Thursday night football. It also could be you're too excited to play because it's finally the weekend and you try to force things.

The thing you have to remember is knowledge is power. You can't gain knowledge without tracking your play. Even if you only play for fun, winning is a heck of a lot more fun than losing.

— Zack is a Big Slick Poker Academy instructor.

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BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Fri. KO (6p).	Omaha high hand (Wed., 9a-4p & Fri., 9a-4p); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$130, 7:15p). See ad Page 23.	\$50K Mega Omaha/Stud Jackpot; Graveyard High Hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a); call for more promos.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 10a); Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$45, 11a & \$15, 7p).	High Hand Giveaway (Fri., 7p-11p); Grave Cash Giveaway (Mon.-Fri., 2a-6a).
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 7p); Sat. (\$95, noon). See ad Page 22.	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); royals pay \$100 (daily).
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Mon. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a). See ad Page 25.	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; 15/30 hold'em (Mon. & Fri.); call for details.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$5, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of deuces beaten by quads and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$100.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$15, 7:30p); Wed. Omaha (\$15, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10, 7:30p); Fri. (\$30, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$45, 12:30p); Sun. (\$15, noon).	Aces Cracked w/multiplier; splash pots (daily, \$30 every hour, full house to qualify); Startup Payback \$10 cash back; college and pro football splash pots.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 6p); Tue. (\$15); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$25, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); early bird chips (call for details). See ad Page 30.
TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT (928) 856-7200 • twinarrows.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sat. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30 w/add-on, 11:15a); early bird chips and TOC qualifiers.	Call for information and see ad below.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p). See ad on facing page.	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s); Rolling Cash Fever; high hands (daily).

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THE 101 CASINO (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Mon. turbo (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. progressive KO (\$140, 6:30p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$120, 6:30p); Sat. HA (\$60, 6:30p); monthly \$20K guar. (call for dates).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha (any quads is qualifier); Aces Cracked in hold'em (daily); PLO and Big 0; high hands in hold'em & Omaha/8; free breakfast at 8:30a.
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$300; quads pays \$100; straight flush pays \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Daily tournaments, including NLHE, Mexican Poker and others (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Quads Bonus Hands; high hands.
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BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Quantum Reload \$30K guar. on Sat. (\$40-\$100); call for information.	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); \$50 hourly high hand (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-2a).
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); 1st and last Sat. (\$60 w/\$50 add-on); 2nd Sat. (\$220 w/re-entry); 3rd Sat. (\$150 w/\$50 bounties); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
CASINO ROYALE (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. & Tue. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a) & (\$25, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high hands; progressive royal flush; Quantum Quads (call for details).
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
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COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CORDOVA CASINO (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily. See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Bargain Buy-In (\$80 gets \$100 to first nine players).
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$55, 10a).	Mega bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hands; Moonlight High Hands (call for details).
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$51, 8p); Sat. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$36, noon); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 8p); \$15K guar. & satellites, Nov. 28-30; WSOPC, Dec. 4-14.	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Double High Hand (Tue. & Fri., mid.-close); Pay for Play (\$5/hour); monthly cash drawings (call for details).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
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BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); deepstack turbo w/\$50 bounties, Nov. 25 (\$200, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); half-hour high hands (daily); \$500 high hands, Nov. 15 (2p-mid.).
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on back page.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Mon. (\$45, 3p & \$65, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 3p); Wed. (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p, \$140, 7p); Sun. (\$190, 1p & \$50, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; Super Sat. (11a-11p); Power Hour (daily, 11a-11p & Fri., noon-mid.).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p & 6p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, 8p & midnight); AUPT Fall Pokerfest, Nov. 1-16 w/\$250K guar. Accumulator Main Event (\$150).	Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways, call for details. See ad Page 19.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. KO (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. & Sun. (\$70); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$50 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half-hour (Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 1p-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
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ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening. See ad Page 27.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	\$1.5K guar. freerolls at 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and Sun. (call for type of tourney); Fri. & Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	Daily, noon-10p; high hands pay up to \$300 every 15 minutes.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Early Bird High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Twilight High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Weekend High Hand (Fri.-Sat.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$55, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Nov. 20 (\$75, 7p).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. varies; Fri. varies; Sun. (\$35, 4p).	Big High Hand varies day to day (call for details). See ad Page 42.
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad on Page 17. AUPT event is Dec. 11-14 with a \$100K guarantee for the main event.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands every 15 minutes (call for details).
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Bull's Eye Bounty (Wed., 2p-2a); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.). AUPT event, Nov. 19-23, \$250 (See story, Page 44).

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\$200 Every 30 min

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\$50 Per qualifying hand

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FLORIDA (Continued)

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Sarasota Kennel Club, Seminole Casino Brighton, Seminole Casino Coconut Creek, Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood, Seminole Hard Rock Tampa, Seminole Casino Immokalee, Tampa Bay Downs, Tampa Greyhound Track.

ILLINOIS

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Grand Victoria Elgin, Harrah's Joliet, Hollywood Casino Aurora, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino, Rockford Charitable Games.

INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Ameristar East Chicago, Belterra Casino Resort, Blue Chip, Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, Horseshoe Hammond, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, Majestic Star II, Tropicana Evansville.

IOWA

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KANSAS

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Boot Hill Casino, Hollywood Casino, Kansas Star Casino.

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MARYLAND

Table listing Maryland casinos including Hollywood Casino Perryville, Horseshoe Baltimore, and Maryland Live Casino.

MICHIGAN

Table listing Michigan casinos including Firekeepers Casino, Greentown Hotel & Casino, MGM Grand Detroit, Soaring Eagle Casino, and Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel.

MINNESOTA

Table listing Minnesota casinos including Canterbury Park, Running Aces Harness Park, and Treasure Island Resort & Casino.

MISSISSIPPI

Table listing Mississippi casinos including Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Golden Nugget Biloxi, Hard Rock Biloxi, Harrah's Tunica, Hollywood Casino Tunica, Horseshoe Casino Tunica, IP Casino Resort & Spa, and Pearl River Resort.

MISSOURI

Table listing Missouri casinos including Ameristar St. Charles, Ameristar Kansas City, Harrah's North Kansas City, Hollywood St. Louis, Lumiere Place, and River City Casino.



LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels); Super High Roller V, Nov. 7 (\$50K, 2p) - call for details.	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$10 add-on, 11a) w/added money and bonus hands depending on number of entries (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; quads-royals pay bonuses; 2X comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; Monday Football Squares (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$65, 9a, 11a, 2p, 5p & 8p) w/\$1K guaranteed prize pools.	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (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).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom prog. bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; high hands (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a), (\$85, noon), (\$85, 7p), (\$85, 10p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games; Pro Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot starts at \$20K; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$500); \$5K freeroll (Fri.).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a). Golden Saturday, Nov. 29 (See Vegas column Page 28 for details.)	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; runner-runner quads with pair in hand pays \$500; Monthly Midnight Madness \$5K Freeroll.	Multiroom bad-beat jackpot (loser receives \$40K, winner gets \$20K and the rest of the live players qualify for splash pots); progressive high hands (daily).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahaslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60-\$100, 6K chips, 10a, 3p, 8p & 1a) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll on Sun. (noon) - 10 hours to qualify.	High hands; \$50 high hand of the hour (daily, 3a-10a); royals pay \$500 and straight flush pays \$100; pro football splash pot (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); WSOPC runs until Nov. 10 (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.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays \$100-\$2K; Football Madness.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays anywhere from \$100-\$2K.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Prog. high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (M-W-F) pays to flop it (\$300), turn (\$200) and river (\$100); Football Rolling pays \$100 per quarter (M-Th-Sun.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$35 w/\$5 rebuys, 11a), (\$50, 2p), (\$80, 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays up to \$2K and up to 10 winners each drawing (every four hours, daily); \$10K weekly invitational (Sun., 10a); football promo (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
MIRAGE (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).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; call for details on additional monthly promotions.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Jumbo Royals; royals pay prog. amounts (\$2,500-\$25K w/table shares (call for details)); football games pay \$50 for first 3 quarters, \$100 for final quarter.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p).	High hand; get paid for straight flushes and royals; player comps (120 hours of play earns \$2.50/hour; 30 hours of play earns entry into \$10K monthly freeroll).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$1.5K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p); Mon. PLO \$1K guar. (\$65).	Call for details.
QUAD RESORT & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Mon. and Fri. w/ monthly \$12K payout (earn entries by playing at Quad and Flamingo).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (daily, 8a-8p or until 5 jackpots paid); high hands- get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100); royal flush (\$500 w/\$50 table share).
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Mon. & Thurs. KO (\$100, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. (\$60, 11a) & (\$75, 6:30p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 6:30p).	\$100K in weekly progressive royals; win up to \$25K for a royal flush and \$50K split among the players when it hits.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$50 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7); HPT, Nov. 7-17 w/main event, Nov. 14 (\$1,650).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (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.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$70) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon; \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); Tue. KO (\$200, 7p); Th. (\$200, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon; \$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, noon; \$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza IV runs until Nov. 26 (see website for schedule); daily tournaments suspended during DSE series.
WESTGATE HOTEL & CASINO (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (call for details).
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	Call for details.

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NEW JERSEY

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OKLAHOMA

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OREGON

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PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 11:30a); Fri.-Sat. (\$50, 11:30a); Mon. & Wed. PLO (\$50, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$75, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$500 Player Reward Bonus; Big Hand Payout pays up to \$200 for royals (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpcn.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. KO (\$120, 11:15a); Sat. (\$200, 11:15a); Sun. (\$120, 11:15a) & KO (\$120, 7:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 10:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasinoc.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st & 3rd Sat. PID Poker Series (\$100, 2:30p).	High hand jackpot (daily).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p); Pittsburgh Open Fall Series runs until Nov. 17 w/\$75K guar., Nov. 14 (\$1,100)..	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$13 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a); Sun. KO (\$80, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
SALOON #10 (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.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); call for full schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; see website for high-hand and bad-beat information.
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WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (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).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (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.
LUCKY EAGLE CASINO (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (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); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (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.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
SWINOMISH CASINO & LODGE (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.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. (\$80, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	Quads or better pays; 12 Fan Hawks Splash Pot pays \$100 per TD; football \$50 Hot Seats (Mon.); Full House Party pays up to \$750 for designated full house.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Mon. KO (\$125, 7p); Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. KO (\$125, noon & \$225, 7p); Sat. (\$250, noon & \$150, 7p); Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); last Sat. of month (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

WISCONSIN

BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-1:30a) & Saturday (6p-1:30a); tournaments on Wednesday (6p).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON (608) 223-9576 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Closing Nov. 15.	Closing Nov. 15.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p); \$500 added to all Saturday pots; Nov. 1 (\$215, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$38, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Call for promotions.
LAKE OF THE TORCHES RESORT CASINO (715) 588-7070 • lakeofthetorches.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 5p); HPT500 league (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MENOMINEE CASINO (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$35 w/rebuy or add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday); cash giveaway (Wednesday).

WYOMING

WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$50, 4p) w/ \$1K added.	Call for information.
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* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com

F5 poker

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By Jeff Walsh

Here is just a sample of what you can find at Pokerfuse.Com's F5 Poker:

PAY THAT MAN HIS MONEY

Six-time bracelet-winner **Ted Forrest** is on the attack and wants **Mike "Mouth" Matusow** to pay up. Remember the \$2M weight-loss bet Forrest had with **Matusow** more than four years ago? Matusow said he'd pay Forrest \$5K a month for 18 years, but Forrest said he has only received about \$70K and now he wants the rest. Forrest, who has been unstoppable on Twitter in calling out Matusow, has been extremely verbal trying to get Matusow to make good-faith payments, including offering to fight Matusow for it. Matusow, as of now, appears to have no interest in paying. He tweeted that he was finished paying Forrest because, essentially, Full Tilt Poker ruined his life, but he has since deleted those sentiments and hasn't made a public comment on the matter since.



IS TOM DWAN A SCAMMER?

The Durrurr debate escalates. With the still unresolved million-dollar heads-up Durrurr Challenge between **Tom Dwan** and **Daniel "Jungleman" Cates** the public is getting antsy. After Cates went to the media to, once again, spend some time

calling out Dwan, a thread on the Two Plus Two forum asked if Durrurr, by not completing the challenge, was a scammer. And one man, One Drop winner **Daniel Colman** chimed in: "I would say for sure he is scamming Jungleman, so yea he's a scammer."



FROM ONE FUTURE HALL-OF-FAMER TO ANOTHER

When Yankees captain **Derek Jeter** played his final home game at Yankee Stadium, ESPN's *SportsCenter* was all over the story, including showing tweets from famous athletes, including **Phil Ivey**. His tweet, which called Jeter's last at-bat "one for the ages," graced the ESPN screen as poker's best paid his respects to an MLB legend.



MERSON MAKES BANK

While it seems many pros are finding themselves without a sponsor, 2012 world champion **Greg Merson** picked up a deal with legal online poker site WSOP.com. We speculated for months that there was a relationship between Merson and the brand that made him famous, but both sides were keeping it on the down-low. Finally, the pair came out and proudly announced the online sponsorship, the first of its kind for WSOP.com. How serious is this relationship? Merson moved to New Jersey for a time to get his grind on, so yes, it's serious.

POKERSTARS, CADA PART WAYS

Online poker giant PokerStars and 2009 World Series of Poker champ **Joe Cada** ended their longtime relationship. Cada, who was the youngest main-event champ at the time of his victory, spent five years as a patch-wearing pro. How far apart were the two sides? Cada said he didn't ask for any money; he just wanted rakeback while playing on PokerStars. A small request that seemed to be too much for the newly acquired PokerStars and so Cada is officially a free agent.



MORE DEALS END

Another pair of popular pros parted ways with their parent companies recently. Sacramento pro and former November Niner **J.C. Tran** announced that after one year he has left 888Poker. Also, **Jason Somerville**, host of the online *RunItUp* show, couldn't come to terms with fledgling U.S. online poker site Ultimate Poker, which has shed just about all of its once massive stable of pros.



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