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## What's in store?

We never know what the future holds, but it sure is fun trying to predict.

As we near the end of 2017 and begin thinking about 2018, this month we asked some leaders in the poker world to gaze into their crystal balls and suggest some things we might see in the world of poker next year.

Please see Pages 8-9 for what professional player and poker ambassador **Matt Glantz** thinks is in store for players, what World Poker Tour Executive Tournament Director **Matt Savage** sees for tournaments, what Hollywood Casino Toledo Director of Poker Operations **Elliott Schecter** expects from a poker-room perspective and what Hold'em Radio owner **Dan Ross** foresees for poker media.

What does Ante Up see coming in 2018?

- Sluggish, but consistent legislation to expand poker across the United States. Each year, a handful of states look to the possibilities of online poker, but still only three have taken the plunge.
- Texas developing into a poker market. The state that gave poker's most popular game its name always has shunned legalized gaming, but a number of poker entrepreneurs are testing that appetite with membership clubs. If they succeed, casinos could follow.
- Growth of the game abroad. While efforts to expand the game may be slow in the United States, countries such as China and India are taking big steps forward in promoting the game. Steps that might trickle down with some benefits here.

You can't look to the future without remembering the past. Schecter and Ante Up Poker Cruises poker room manager **Ramze Suliman** were guests on a recent episode of the *Ante Up PokerCast*. See a summary of their thoughts on the state of poker on Page 50.

We'll see you at the tables in 2018.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# WHAT'S IN THE CARDS FOR 2018?

Ante Up asked industry leaders Matt Savage, Matt Glantz, Elliott Schecter and Dan Ross for their predictions.

## TOURNAMENTS

### MATT SAVAGE

Executive Tournament Director, World Poker Tour



The poker tournament landscape always is evolving. As event coordinators, tournament directors and casino properties, we need to make sure we're always innovating and adapting to meet the demands of the property and management, but most important, the player.

Tournament poker across the world has become regionalized and you can find a tournament series almost every day within 200 miles of you. With more regional events than ever before, it's a priority of mine and the World Poker Tour that we continue to focus on growing the game globally. In addition to our efforts of expansion into new regions such as China, India and South America, the WPT believes in having something for everyone. There are players at all levels, which is why we have WPT500, WPT DeepStacks and WPT events available.

It's also important we continue to be player-friendly and strive to keep poker fun. This is vital to the game's continued success and the strongest brands will survive based on these notions. One thing that was hurting the game and driving players away was the unnecessary tanking and stalling of some, so I was happy to see leading brands take a stance at improving, such as the WPT implementing the Action Clock.

Another hot-button topic is that of re-entries. Those of us on the operational side of the industry need to play close attention to this. Players are our customers and we need to listen to them. To that end, the WPT and I will continue to work with our partners to best meet their demands. Whether that's re-entry or freezeout, we'll continue to keep the dialogue open and find the best balance.

I believe we'll see consolidation and some of the smaller tours without strong partnerships will fall by the wayside and I don't think that's necessarily a bad thing because there are plenty

of offerings for every bankroll. Tournament poker, while widely scattered, still remains strong and I'm excited to see what players rise to the top make a name for themselves.





## POKER ROOMS

### ELLIOTT SCHECTER

Director of Poker Operations, Hollywood Casino Toledo

In geographic areas with keen competition for poker, such as Las Vegas, Baltimore-Washington, D.C., South Florida, Seattle, Los Angeles the San Francisco Bay Area, etc., the poker-room promotions are getting bigger to attract players and maintain business levels. This race to the top (bottom?) has created a situation that's leaving many poker rooms overspending their player-supported promotional funds.

This is quite favorable for the bulk of the players in these markets but isn't sustainable in the long term. There are a couple of reasons for this.

First, casinos generally are not in favor of paying for promotions from the operating budget when a player-funded promotion fund is available for this purpose. If most or all the extra revenue generated is plowed back into promotions, then these players need to be producing significant revenue in other areas of the casino for the poker rooms to justify continuing to spend that money.

Second, the poker rooms that find themselves locked in a promotional battle for players are probably going to be hesitant to risk losing those players by eliminating or drastically reducing the promotions and payouts to bring their promo fund deficits under control.

The poker rooms have, almost out of necessity, basically trapped themselves into offering increasingly expensive and unaffordable promotions. The immovable object is colliding with the irresistible force. The most logical outcome of this state of being is for the poker rooms in these markets to increase the amount of promotional money taken from the pots and to possibly increase the rake as well. This has begun in some casinos and may be coming soon to a poker room near you.



## MEDIA

### DAN ROSS

Owner, Hold'em Radio

Poker fans want more content to watch, but television and cable ratings are rarely strong, even for the largest of the poker shows. The response from poker tours and poker rooms is a greater move to live-streaming their events, easing away from primarily focusing on recorded-for-television products such as broadcasted shows from the likes of World Series of Poker, World Poker Tour, Heartland Poker Tour and Poker Night in America.

The WPT continues in 2018 with the remainder of a one-year deal to live-stream its various main-event final-table action via PokerGO. This goes along with the deal between PokerGO and the WSOP to live-stream various bracelet-event final tables for the next three years. HPT and the Mid-States Poker Tour are among the tours regularly live-streaming their final tables with their production teams.

The reinvention of *Poker After Dark* by PokerGO drew a huge positive response from the poker-viewing community, with many episodes of this anticipated next year. Poker Night in America's King of the Hill competitions are garnering online fans as well and there's always the growing legions of players streaming their online poker play via Twitch.

More poker rooms around the country are bringing in reporters to provide live updates for main events and tournament series action. The daily live coverage is resulting in increased attendance at tournaments and visibility for the poker rooms and tournaments.

Live appears to be the key word when it comes to the direction the poker media, and the viewers, are continuing to move as 2018 approaches.



## PLAYERS

### MATT GLANTZ

Professional player and SugarHouse Casino ambassador

The most important trend I see in poker deals with tournaments and tournament guarantees. We have never seen so many missed guarantees in the industry as we have seen in the past few months. Major venues are missing guarantees that were easily surpassed in previous festivals.

I'm a bit concerned this is a canary in the coal mine of the overall economy, but only time will tell. This trend of missed guarantees will not sustain, as casino execs never are willing to continually take the hit of covering shortfalls. Guarantees will become smaller in 2018 and players will find less opportunity in the live-tournament landscape. ♠

# BINH NGUYEN WINS FALL COAST MAIN EVENT

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln, Ore., ran its Fall Coast Classic Sept. 16-23 and it was a big success as six of seven guarantees were met or exceeded.

**Bryan Phillis** of Dike, Iowa, (Event 1, \$16K), **Sande Slutsky** of Portland (Event 4, \$4K), **Dan Barker** of Poulsbo, Wash., (Event 6, \$4K), **Jason Adams** of Portland (Event 8, \$4K), **Eunhee Chan** of Sheridan, Ore., (Event 9, \$2K), **Colin Costantino** of Portland (Event 10, \$5K) and **Kerry Moynahan** of Portland (Event 12, \$9K) were some of the winners.

But it was experienced amateur **Binh Nguyen** of Beavertown, Ore., who captured the \$550 main event for \$38K, his second biggest career cash.

Chinook Winds has seven tables and routinely spreads \$1-\$3 NLHE, features Omaha on Tuesdays and stud on Fridays. The room is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**MUCKLESHOOT CASINO:** The Summer Classic, with \$55K added, ran Sept. 14-18 and was so successful that a few tables needed to be added outside the room to accommodate all players.

**Kevin Law** of Seattle (Event 1, \$5K), **Iffet Erdolen** (Event 2, \$9K), **Ed Pineda** of Puyallup, Wash., (Event 3, \$23K) and **Patrick Ngo** of Vacaville, Calif., (Event 5, \$32K) were winners. Pineda, **Achia Hua**, **Nicholas Getzen** (Atlanta) and **Kevin Johnson** (Raritan, N.J.) chopped Event 4 for \$20K each.

Ngo, who also took 10th in Event 3, lost the overall championship to Pineda, who won \$6K for the honor.

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

**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO:** The Fall Roundup, near Pendleton, Ore., has a combined \$40K added to 13 of the 16 tournaments Nov. 2-12. Buy-ins are \$125 to \$1,110, with a two-day \$550 main event the second weekend. There also will be \$230 Omaha/8 and Big O events.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**PALA CASINO:** Players using their Privileges card until Dec. 8 can earn 10 bonus virtual entries for every Tier point earned. Starting at 3 p.m. Dec. 9, the 14 winners will split \$92K through a series of hourly drawings from 3-8 p.m. Winners must be present and the final drawing pays \$50K to one winner. Call the poker room for more info.

**SAN MANUEL CASINO:** On Monday nights until Dec. 25, after an NFL team scores during the game, a random table in the poker room will be drawn, with players at the table receiving \$50 in

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## MEET AMANDA "MANDY" MERCADO



**Amanda Mercado** works as a floor person and dealer at the Silver Legacy poker room. She provides exceptional customer service and mingles superbly with poker players. However, after poker her attention turns to her children. Her goal is to keep them happy and healthy. She said they're the pocket aces of her life.

**How did you get into the poker industry?** I broke into the casino business when I was 21. My first job was in the pit dealing table games at the Pioneer Hotel and Gambling Hall in Laughlin, Nev. They had one poker table in the pit and all the dealers rotated around it. When I moved to Reno in 2006, I went strictly to poker. My parents were in the gaming industry so I used that connection to land my first job in Reno.

**What do you enjoy about the Silver Legacy poker room?** The room is absolutely stunning. It's the only place that I've ever worked at where I truly enjoy the presence of all my co-workers. We have a chance to make this the go-to poker room in Reno.

**Who is your favorite poker player?** My boyfriend, whom I refer to as my husband. I love watching him play. He's incredible at being able to follow the stories that players are trying to tell and finding the flaws in the tale. I've never seen so many hero calls be right. I have nothing but respect for his game.

**What is your most memorable poker experience?** I've only dealt one bad-beat jackpot and I yelled so loudly it made people jump. The hands were aces full of jacks beaten by quad jacks. — **Philip Chow**

chips for a field goal, \$100 for a touchdown and \$200 for a safety or a two-point conversion. This promotion is valid for Club Serrano members so be sure to join the club before playing.

**HUSTLER CASINO:** The Gardena poker room's Liz Flynt Fall Poker Classic runs until Nov. 2. As for promotions, the first 100 players get a spot on the board after a minimum of one hour of play for every 1 p.m. Sunday NFL game. At the end of each quarter, if your square matches the game score, you will win \$200. If you are the winner of the first or fourth quarter, you'll be entered into the Big Game Board with a chance to win \$10K. Call for details.

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Players who qualify for Day 2 receive \$250 at the end of the session. Players who double-qualify receive \$900 with their smaller stack removed from play.

Players also can buy into Day 2 for \$900 and 100K chips. For more on this event, see the ad on the facing page.



**THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT:** The Up the Ante Poker Room in Lincoln, Calif., held its first World Series of Poker Circuit from Sept. 14-25.

The big winner of the series was **Nick Pupillo** from Addison, Ill., who won the \$1,675 main event for an outstanding \$170K. This was Pupillo's second WSOPC ring; his other win came in 2015. He has \$1.3M-plus in career earnings.

Up next for Thunder Valley is the WPT DeepStacks series, which sports a \$1M guarantee for its main event. The series runs Nov. 24-Dec. 5.

See the ad on Pages 2-3 for the schedule, including numerous satellites, and a hotel code for reduced rates.

**LUCKY CHANCES:** In Colma, Calif., the Gold Rush Series runs

Nov. 12-20 with six NLHE events. The first is Nov. 12 for \$600 with \$40K guaranteed for first. On Nov. 13, the \$350 event with \$20K guaranteed for first. The third event, Nov. 14, is a \$200 turbo with \$10K guaranteed for first. On Nov. 15, the \$350 tourney pays at least \$20K for first. There will be a \$300 bounty event Nov. 16 where \$15K is guaranteed for first. The final event will be Nov. 17-18 with a buy-in of \$1,080 and a guaranteed first-place prize of \$100K.

**BLUE LAKE CASINO:** The Fall Classic runs Nov. 18-19 with sign-ups beginning Nov. 1. The \$240 buy-in gets you 20K chips for this two-day event that begins at 2 p.m. Special hotel rates are \$85. Call 877-252-2946 and see the ad below.

## RENO

**HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** The WSOP Circuit still was running at press time, so here are the events you still have time to enter: Nov. 1, \$365 Monster Stack; Nov. 2, \$580 NLHE; Nov. 3-4, two starting flights for \$1,675 main event; Nov. 4, \$365 NLHE, and Nov. 5 includes a \$135 women's event and a \$365 double-stack turbo.

**SILVER LEGACY:** Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. is a freeroll with registration starting at 5. Call the poker room for details.

**ATLANTIS CASINO:** There's a new \$30 daily tournament at 11 a.m. Players start with 3K chips and there's an optional \$5 dealer add-on for 1K more. You also can get another 1K for being registered and seated by 11 a.m.

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MGM is making a big push to bring back limit and spread-limit to its room by introducing many promos specific to \$2-\$4, \$3-\$6 and \$4-\$8 limit games as well as the \$2-\$6 spread-limit game. All of these games have a \$40 minimum buy-in. Promos include:

**60 for \$40:** The first 20 players who buy in to a limit game for \$40 or more between 9-11 a.m. and play at least two hours receive \$20.

**Free \$50:** On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, all players who log a minimum of six hours of limit receive \$50. Players may qualify twice a day.

**Aces Cracked:** Lose with red aces between noon and 2 p.m. and receive \$500. Lose with black aces between 4-6 p.m. and receive \$500.

**Paid parking:** Play six hours of limit in a day and receive \$12 toward parking.

**Kings of the Hill:** Hit quads in order (from aces to kings) and receive progressive jackpot that starts at \$200. Each week \$2,600 is added to the prize pool, spread out over the quads that have not been hit yet. This promo runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

**Cash back:** The top 10 players with the most hours in limit games during the month receive cash back, first place is \$1K and the minimum prize is \$200.

Players receive \$2 per hour in comps while playing limit or spread-limit.

Additionally, all limit games are eligible for the room's other promotions.

**ARIA:** The \$240 tournaments at 11 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays feature the Big Blind Ante format, which was introduced in its high-roller events. The big blind posts an ante for the table, allowing the dealer to get out more hands each level.

"It leads to a higher percentage of hands dealt, which is a better product and value for the players," tournament director **Paul Campbell** said. "The response has been overwhelmingly favorable to the point where players are requesting it implemented in all Aria poker tournaments."

Once more poker players experience the benefits of this structure, we believe there will be a push to make this (or something similar) industry standard."

The purple jacket for winning Aria's Poker Masters series in September went to Germany's **Steffen Sontheimer**, who won two of the five events and final-tabled two others. He won the final \$100K event and took home \$2.73M. New York's **Bryn Kenney** finished second in the series and earned \$1.08M while Germany's **Fedor Holz** claimed \$1.05M for third.

**SOUTH POINT:** The room is adding progressive guarantees to its tournaments. The 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$75 tournaments feature a \$900 guarantee. For each day the guarantee is met, the guar-

antee increases by \$50. If the guarantee is not met, the next day the guarantee reverts to \$900. The \$100 6 p.m. Wednesday tourney starts with a \$3K guarantee that increases \$100 each time the guarantee is met, and resets to \$3K after it misses. The \$100 6 p.m. Sunday event starts with a \$5K guarantee and increases \$100 each time it hits.

**STRATOSPHERE:** The football promo is for three games on Sunday, plus Monday and Thursday night games. The high hand each quarter wins \$50.

**ORLEANS:** For Sunday, Monday and Thursday night football games, as well as the Sunday morning game, seat drawings are held after every score.

Field goals are worth \$50, touchdowns by the offense are worth \$100 and touchdowns by the defense or special teams are \$150. Safeties are worth \$150. The table of the drawing winner also gets a \$50 splash pot.

For the Monday and Thursday night games, drawings are every 15 minutes for two hours before and two hours after the game to select a random table for a \$25 splash pot.

**MIRAGE:** Random seat drawings are four times per game during Monday, Thursday, Sunday night football games and Sunday morning and afternoon games. The first drawing is \$50, second is \$75, third is \$125 and

fourth is \$150. The player to the left and to the right to the winner also receives a cash prize.

**BELLAGIO:** The Five Diamond World Poker Classic is Nov. 24-Dec. 10. The \$11,400 main event, which has six playing days, starts Dec. 5. There are four \$25K high rollers throughout the series. A \$1,100 seniors tournament is Nov. 27, followed by a \$1,100 tag-team event Nov. 28.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** The WSOP Circuit visits Nov. 9-20. The \$1,675 main event begins Nov. 16 and has a \$1M guarantee. The \$2,200 high roller is Nov. 19.

**VENETIAN:** The next Deep Stack Extravaganza runs Dec. 4-11. A \$3,500 event with a \$500K guarantee begins Dec. 8.

New Year's Extravaganza runs Dec. 21-Jan. 7. The biggest event is a \$400 Monster Stack with a \$250K guarantee. The first of its three starting flights is Dec. 27. The starting stack is 30K and the levels start at 30 minutes and then go to 40 minutes on Day 2.

The main event for DSE 3.5 completed in September with **Melvin Wiener** of Los Angeles taking home \$52K for first. **Karel Kratochvil** from the Czech Republic earned \$32K for second and **Oluwashola Akindele** from Las Vegas received \$23K for third. The event had 188 players and a prize pool of \$200K with the Venetian adding \$16,700 to meet the guarantee.

**SANTA FE STATION:** A new weekly \$50 Omaha/8 tourney runs Thursdays at 10 a.m. Players start with 6K chips and there's a single \$40 rebuy for 4K chips. The levels are 20 minutes.

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



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# SENIOR OPEN IN AZ. ENDS IN A CHOP

Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room in Scottsdale, Ariz., hosted its first Senior Poker Open on Sept. 18 and had a tremendous turnout of 479 players, which generated a prize pool of nearly \$206K.

**Marc Christy** (\$26,700), **Hong Heng** (\$26K) and **Bob McMillan** (\$26K) worked out a three-way chop in the end. **Mark McGaffin** and **Craig Gacom** each took home \$11,870 for fourth and fifth while **Marsha Wolak**, **Henri Bisson**, **Charles Weaver**, **Mark Surdyka** and **Jeffrey Lies** each earned \$8,224.

TSR also hosted its monthly bounty event Sept. 9 and saw 235 players enter the \$240 event, which had \$100 bounties. Here's how the final table finished after a deal: **Roy Sours**, \$4,800; **Loc Truong**, \$4,410; **Bob Queen**, \$1,728; **Travis Renner**, \$1,728; **Salam Sarah**, \$1,728; **Alexander Mutsaers**, \$1,225; **Bradley Henry**, \$1,225; **William Brinkmann**, \$1,225; **Phong Nguyen**, \$681 and **Chad Goldstein** \$558.

Upcoming events include the \$320 Ladies Championship on Nov. 5 as players start with 17K chips. The annual Thanksgiving Charity tournament in Nov. 18 and costs \$60 (\$25 will be donated to the United Food Bank).

Looking ahead, Dec. 16 is the 15th annual Toy Drive tourney, which costs \$35 plus an unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more. Toys are donated to the SRMIC Christmas Toy Drive.

**HON-DAH CASINO RESORT:** Sunday and Monday night football games mean splash pots during the NFL games.

**GILA RIVER WILD HORSE PASS:** The poker room had a great turnout for the Super Bonus High Hand promotion in September so it will run again Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16.

Straight flushes pay \$50 and the table receives \$50. Also, look for splash pots during football games.

**GILA RIVER VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO:** Their End of Summer Superstack on Sept. 23 drew 102 players for a \$25,500 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid, with an eventual deal worked out between the final three. **Oleg Simanovsky**, **Jeff Goss** and **Mikal Smith** each took home \$4,781.

Please read the profile on **John "Zach" Lansing** for an exciting announcement from Vee Quiva.

## TEXAS



**CRUISE CHAMP:** **Gilbert Saucedo** of San Antonio won the main event aboard Ante Up's poker cruise from Galveston to Honduras and Mexico. Saucedo earned \$640 from the \$100 event and was followed by

## MEET JOHN "ZACH" LANSING



**John "Zach" Lansing** has spent seven of his 12 years in the gaming industry with Gila River Casinos, serving as a poker dealer, dual-rate, shift manager, and his current position as Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino poker room manager.

He's married with three children. When not with family or working, he enjoys riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

**Describe Vee Quiva's poker room to players who haven't been there:** The poker room has 14 state-of-the-art tables set in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Sports enthusiasts enjoy nine large-screen TVs for easy viewing of all of their favorite sporting events. There's no shortage of action and we offer a wide variety of games for every budget and skill level.

**How about promotions?** There are plenty of daily promotions offered such as Quads or Better, Red or Black Aces Cracked, and splash pots for football, baseball and basketball events. We have some of the valley's best tournaments that are continually evolving. Our weekly tournaments are Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

Lansing works tirelessly toward offering bigger and better events and he has a huge announcement for Arizona. Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino and Ante Up are excited to announce the Ante Up Spring Poker Classic, which will run in March.

The Ante Up Spring Poker Classic boasts a \$50K guarantee. More information will be announced in upcoming issues, on the Bravo Poker Live app and in the Vee Quiva Poker room. We hope to see you here. — **Chris Cronin**



**Ben Robert** (\$385) and **Lenny McKinney** (\$235).

In the \$20 event with rebuys, **Scott Sanford** was the champion for \$770, followed by **Keith Thibdeaux** (\$335), **Brian Goldstein** (\$230) and **Jeremy Vielleux** (\$155).

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## SOUTHWEST: NEW MEXICO

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## ISLETA'S FALL CLASSIC STILL HAS QUALIFYING

The Fall Poker Classic at Isleta Casino Resort in Albuquerque has qualifying through Nov. 18 with weekly \$100-added satellites, and then play in one of two final flights Nov. 24 and 25.

Win there and you're on your way to the final round Nov. 26. Call the poker room for more details.

As for daily events, on Mondays, enter a crazy pineapple tourney for only \$15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday brings Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25 and Thursdays is Beginners NLHE, again only \$15 at 7 p.m.

Each Friday and Saturday features added-money events for \$100 at 7 p.m.

And finally, stay tuned to learn details about a new poker room coming in 2018.

**SANDIA CASINO RESORT:** The Big Dog Deepstack is back. One of New Mexico's most popular and lucrative tournaments will return in 2018. Registration begins Feb. 6. Why such advanced notice? This event will sell out, so plan ahead. Buy-in is \$235, with a \$10 add-on for 3K bonus chips. The poker room also will add \$900 to the prize pool.

Weekly tournaments include with a \$50 Sunday event at noon and a \$45 tourney at 5 p.m. Monday is the Sprint Tournament for \$50.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays is a bounty tournament for \$75. Wacky Wednesdays costs \$60 and each week a different game is featured, such as stud, Big O/8, Ladies Night, pineapple, HORSE and Omaha/8.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** Each Friday is a \$120 event at 6 p.m., and every Sunday at 2 p.m. you can play for \$75. Earn bonus chips for playing cash games before each tournament.

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

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**SOUTHWEST: COLORADO**



## GREENBLATT WINS HPT AT GATES IN COLORADO

At the Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., seasoned Pro **Alex Greenblatt** of San Francisco won the HPT main event for \$179K.

"This is probably my greatest poker accomplishment," he said. "I had no marquee wins yet, so this was the first big one." **Matt Livingston** of Windsor, Colo., was second for \$111K, followed by **Fernando Galvan** of Denver (\$73K), **Kevin Boudreau** of Colorado Springs (\$50K) and **Israel Garcia** of Denver (\$37K). **Danny Gonzales**, a regular face at final tables, also of Denver, was sixth for \$28K. **Bobby Garcia**, still another Denverite, was seventh (\$24K), then **Evan Ross** of Golden (\$20K) and **Ben Greenberg** of Longmont (\$16K).

Golden Gates hosts the Denver Open Nov. 2-12.

Ameristar's bad-bet jackpot starts at quad eights and decreases one notch for every \$50K of drop until freezing at aces full of jacks. At press time, the jackpot was \$480K. Same day reduced room rates are still available for four hours of play.

At the Isle of Capri, quads will earn you \$200, a straight flush gets \$500 and a royal pays \$2K for a royal. The Isle and Lady Luck continue to offer a free room for six hours of live play.

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** At the Midnight Rose, the Beat the Boss tournament series saw the main event chop three ways as **Ted Ramos**, **Jim Hoeland** and **Leo Watkin** each pocketed \$4,234. **Josh Fisher** was fourth (\$1,081). The Beat the Boss event, where one casino manager played at each table with a \$75 bounty, saw 78 entries.

First-year player **Joseph Johnson**, at right with the trophy, **John Bielaski**, **Bob "Cowboy" Moore**, **Matt Guthrie** and Ante Up's **Dick Stein** chopped for \$996 each. **Cody Trail** was sixth (\$374) followed by **Bill Eckhart** (\$312), **Ken Bates** (\$250), **Ed Money** (\$187) and **Rob Thornton** (\$125).





## RIVER KIND TO ZAMANI

The \$2M guaranteed, \$2,500 main event of the River Series at WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, Okla., saw **Benjamin Zamani** outlast a field of 926 for \$347,134 and the win.

Other series winners were **Richard Roberts** (\$400 NLHE), **Sean Giesbrecht** (\$1,100 turbo), **Justin Bane** (\$500 PLO), **John Song** (\$500 six-max), **Schuyler Thornton** (\$400 NLHE) and **Gerald Lutz** (\$500 turbo bounty).

**CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT:** The WSOP Circuit Tour concludes Nov. 13. Many non-ring events began Oct. 26 with ring events starting Nov. 1. They cost primarily \$365 with the exception of the seniors (\$250), ladies (\$250), a pair of NLHE events (\$580 and \$1,125), and a pot-limit Omaha (\$1,125). The main event is \$1,675. Check [wsop.com](http://wsop.com) for full schedule details.

**AMERISTAR CASINO KANSAS CITY:** This semi-enclosed room on the upper level continues to offer tables with chargers and a variety of promotions, including bad-beat jackpots, \$1-per-hour comps and \$15 meal vouchers after four hours of cash-game play. Limit games with kills are \$3-\$6 hold'em and \$4-\$8 or \$5-\$10 Omaha/8. NLHE and PLO are regularly spread.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The annual Reindeer Games series returns in December so stay tuned for schedule and hotel discount information.

**DOWNSTREAM CASINO:** **Bill Donnelly** overcame a field of 241 entries to capture the main event of the WPT DeepStacks series in late September. Buying in for a third time on Day 1, Donnelly would earn \$52,209 for his win, plus an entry into the upcoming DeepStacks main event at Riverside Casino in Iowa, as well as a round of golf, three-night hotel stay, table-game checks and shopping and spa gift certificates.

**HARD ROCK CASINO TULSA:** The hometown RunGood Poker Series is expected to stop here Nov. 14-19. The series kicks off with its traditional RunGood Pro bounty tournament where players could win bounties worth \$1K. The series features a \$180, \$25K guarantee deepstack and the main event will be a \$100K guarantee. Call the poker room or check the website for more info.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** Oct. 1 kicked off a new quarter of qualifying into the next Tournament of Champions \$10K freeroll, which should run the second Saturday of January and feature the top 40 players in the room. Thursdays are Football Splash Pot nights.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** Qualification into the next quarterly \$35K freeroll began Oct. 1. Players can qualify through tournament play and cash-game hours. Games found on any given night include \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE; \$3-\$6 and \$20-\$40 limit, \$2-\$5 to \$25-\$25 PLO; \$25-\$50 mixed eight-handed, and \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 with half-kill. There is a possibility of some different games being spread in the future so stay tuned for updates.

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** While dates have yet to be released, plan for the RunGood Series to visit here in December. While this room commonly spreads \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$1-\$2 PLO and \$1-\$2 HO run occasionally. The bad-beat jackpot was \$102K at press time. ♠

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# IRMA BRINGS OUT BEST OF S. FLA.

September was a rough month for Florida as Hurricane Irma roared up the peninsula during the first weekend of the month. While most of the poker rooms in South Florida were shut down for a few days, most suffered little structural damage and things were mainly back to normal by the next weekend.

Not so at the Big Easy Poker Room at the Mardi Gras Casino in Hallandale with its roof damaged by a mini-tornado associated with the hurricane and the building flooded. Casino officials had hoped to have the poker room open by the end of September, but a strong rainstorm in mid-month caused further flooding and set the reopening back by several weeks. It should be open by the time you read this.

Kudos to several properties that aided the recovery effort in numerous ways after the storm, including Magic City, the Isle and Gulfstream Park, which all offered their parking lots to serve as staging areas for emergency vehicles from the electric companies. Seminole Coconut Creek allowed its big parking garage to shelter the vehicles of first responders.

Hard Rock Hollywood quickly put together a benefit tournament to attach to the end of its first World Series of Poker Circuit series to raise money for Feeding South Florida.

The event attracted 124 entries and with the silent auction, along with a PokerStars agreement to match all donations, raised about \$55K for the relief effort.

**Bryan Emory** of Plantation won the event, while a pregnant **Natasha Mercier** finished fourth two days before her due date. She outlasted husband **Jason** and several other top South Florida pros along the way, including **Jeff Gross, Darryll Fish, Loni Harwood** and **Asher Conniff**. Fox NFL analyst and former Miami coach **Jimmy Johnson**, whose Florida Keys home in Tavernier was damaged by the storm, donated a \$10K prize package to his annual fishing tournament in March for the auction.



**HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD:** In the main event of the property's first WSOPC, Hard Rock regular **Joseph Gotlieb** captured the gold ring and \$257K by outlasting former WPT world champ **Asher Conniff**, Miami's **Mauricio Ameller** and three-time WSOP bracelet-winner **Brian Hastings**.

Gotlieb defeated 900-plus contestants in the \$1,675 single re-entry event, which easily surpassed its \$1M guarantee. **Anton Wigg** of Sweden defeated Boca Raton's **Ian O'Hara** for the High Roller title, **Melisa Singh** won the women's



## MEET ILEANA ZAMORA

There are several female poker-room directors in this country, but most likely not one (or any man, for that matter) that has been in that same position at the same facility continuously for the past two decades. **Ileana Zamora** is proud of that accomplishment, but thrilled and surprised as well. March 2017 marked 20 years of her running the room at Magic City Casino in Miami.

**How's it feel?** I'm amazed to be in the same place with the same job for 20 years, but why would I want to do anything else? I am so happy here right now that I couldn't imagine leaving to go somewhere else.

**Do some men treat you disrespectfully as a woman in a management position?** I don't really see that much. If someone wants to be nasty, they will be just as nasty to a man as a woman. I think being a woman in management is a good thing; women are compassionate and understanding and players like to have someone hear them out about concerns they have. There are no roadblocks for women in this industry. I think they are highly sought-after, but there are just not enough women right now pursuing these positions.

**South Florida is such a competitive market, yet in May you did \$820K-plus in revenue despite having just 19 tables and no tournaments. Explain that.** No matter what happens around us, the key to success is having the best customer service. You have to listen to what your players want; you have to be on the floor all the time; that is the only way to know what is going on. — **Dave Lemmon**

event and **Nagui Yassa** of Deerfield Beach was crowned the Casino Champion for total points collected in the series, giving him a free entry into the \$10K WSOP Global Casino Championship at season's end.

The WSOPC returns to the area Feb. 8-19 at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino. The next major Hard Rock event will be the Rock 'N' Roll Poker Open (Nov. 15-29), headlined by a \$2M guarantee championship.

## NORTH CAROLINA

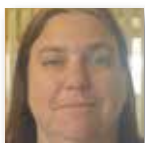
**WSOPC RETURNS:** The World Series of Poker Circuit stops at Harrah's Cherokee again, this time Nov. 23-Dec. 4.

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# C. FLA. WPT DEEPSTACKS MAIN POSTPONED

Hurricane Irma caused the Seminole Immokalee (Fla.) Casino poker room to close for a bit, and a casualty of that was main event of the WPT DeepStacks, which will be rescheduled for February.

The first four events of the series competed, though. After a three-way chop, **Walter Hess** won the \$350 event for \$14,720 (plus a main-event seat in February). **Chris Halkitis** and **William Rodriguez** took down \$12K each in a tie for second.

**Nora Salinis** bested 105 seniors for nearly \$4K and a seat. Meanwhile, the \$125 event had 39 players for the one-day event as **Cory Williams** took advantage of the smaller field to get his seat and nearly \$1,300. **Fonhip Menke Hart** chopped the tournament with Williams.

Finally, the Green Chip Bounty saw Rodriguez beat 48 players to take home \$1,500 and a seat. **Humberto Salinis** took 2nd (nearly the same \$1,500), but because of chip stacks at the time, Williams was awarded the seat. The \$1,100 main event with its ME \$300K guarantee will be Feb. 24-26.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** Live horse racing returns Nov. 25.

**SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB:** After a successful run here in April, America's Poker Tour is planning a return to One-Eyed Jacks poker room. The dates have not been announced, but the event is listed on the poker room's website and the APT website.

**NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND:** The poker room announced its \$100K Holiday Series, which runs Dec. 11-17. The \$350 main event, which has a \$75K guarantee, will sport four Day 1s (two Dec. 15 and two Dec. 16, both days at noon and 6 p.m.) and will finish Dec. 17.

Players begin with 25K chips with 30-minute blinds Day 1 and 40 minutes on Day 2.

Leading up to the main will be a host of satellites and undercard events, including a \$10K guarantee Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. for \$175. For more info, call the poker room or see the ad in our upcoming December issue.

**HARD ROCK TAMPA:** The Little Slick Series runs Nov. 6-12.

## NORTH FLORIDA

**CREEK GRETN:** The Sept. 16 \$10K guarantee, which cost \$270, drew 45 entrants with **Willie Lawrence** of Tallahassee winning the title and \$3,500.

November's calendar finds a full schedule at Gretna. On Nov. 18, there's another \$270 buy-in, \$10K guarantee, with satellites available multiple times each week. The WPTL tournaments are Nov. 3 and 17 while Black Friday brings the holiday season in with a \$120 buy-in, \$10K guarantee. Nov. 4 has a \$60 buy-in \$5K guarantee.

Creek Gretna has aggressive high-hand promos every day with a 10-hour, \$200 high-hand promo Nov. 11.

**PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK:** The \$20K guarantee wrapped up Oct. 1 with **Robert Dar** as its winner. Dar pocketed \$4,800 and **Andrew McCreary** was runner-up.

The next \$20K event is Nov. 23-26. Satellites for are available multiple times each week. Also, in November, there are \$2.5K-guarantee events on Wednesdays and \$2K guarantee events on Fridays. Other notable tournaments include an Omaha/8 on Nov. 11, a bounty tournament Nov. 18, and a pair of Epilepsy Charity tournaments with \$2K guarantees Nov. 17-18.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** Sundays host a \$220 deepstack this month on and \$110 events run each Wednesday and Friday night. Also, Nov. 17 will be a \$5K guarantee for \$120.

Cash games offer bad-beat and royal-flush jackpots each day. Veterans Day and Black Friday boast \$100 high hands every 20 minutes. Check the website for specific hours and details regarding the tournaments. Look for results from the October Emerald Coast series in the December issue.

**DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB:** Despite Hurricane Irma's best efforts, the Sept. 24 Great American Poker Tournament had a nice-sized field as 312 players created a \$37,440 prize pool. **Quyen Hoang** won the title, \$6,196 and a \$330 GAPT seat for 2018.

The HPT was running here at press time so be sure watch for the results in a future issue.

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** After a four-way chop, **Kelley Slay** of Jacksonville won the \$50K guarantee, which had a \$200 buy-in. **Mark Smith** was runner-up and each pocketed \$8K-plus. The event drew 354 entries and paid 40 spots from a prize pool of \$56,640. Watch for the wrap-up of the October WPT visit in our December issue.

**BESTBET ORANGE PARK:** The \$200 deepstack main event ended Oct. 1 as 231 players generated a \$36,960 prize pool. The top four agreed to a chop but **Kam Razavian** won after they played it out for the title.



## MISSOURI

**AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES:** The HPT returned Sept. 20-Oct. 2. The 12-day series attracted 3,400-plus participants, awarding nearly \$1M in prize money.

Local **Matt Paten** defeated the HPT's most successful player, **Craig "the Legend" Casino**, to win the \$1,650 main event.

Heads-up play lasted just four hands. Casino doubled-up right away to take a small lead, then Paten shipped the river two hands later. Casino snap-called with a set of sixes and lost to Paten's rivered straight, leaving him with two big blinds, and it was all over the next hand.

Two-time winner Casino holds all of the tour's top records with 11 final tables and 28 cashes. He added another \$69,882 to his tally with the second-place finish, bringing his total HPT lifetime earnings to \$741,733.

This was Paten's first HPT main-event final table and the \$110,386 he received for besting the 338-player field was almost four times all of his previous cashes combined, bringing his career total to \$141,724.

Defending champion **Tom Morse** of Chesterfield started the day with a commanding lead but finished third for \$46,796. The other locals at the final table were **Paul McGuire** (fifth, \$24,478), **Brock McCoy** (sixth, \$19,198) and **Derek Schroeder** (ninth, \$11,567). The opening event (\$350 NLHE) drew 797 entries, generating a prize pool nearly \$240K, more than double the \$100K guarantee. **Craig Welko** of St. Louis took down Event 3 (\$200 deepstack) for \$8,469.

HPT returns to Ameristar St. Charles for the championship series Nov. 29-Dec. 12. That series will feature a \$500 seniors championship and a \$2,500 main event.



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# BONO CHOPS WAY TO COUSHATTA TITLE IN LA.

The popular Fall Classic Coshatta Casino and Resort recently concluded in Kinder, La., as **Mitchell Bono** chopped the \$440 main event and was declared the winner, earning \$11,501. **Logan Hewitt** was second (\$11,500), followed by **Robert Cote** (\$10,500), **James Schmidt** (\$9,855), **Wayne Zabodyn** (\$9K), **Brenda Clayton** (\$5,235), **Thomas Weatherstone** (\$4,362), **Victoria Gordon** (\$3,490), **Steven Vasquez** (\$2,617) and **Daniel Howard** (\$2,181).

**Dean Ostera** won Event 2 (\$250 NLHE) for \$5K, followed by **Dallas Berry** (\$2,840), **Handri Maksudi** (\$2,840), **Dennis Sprez** (\$2,840), **Frances Armstrong** (\$2,839), **Richard Margolin** (\$2,839), **Robert Cheesman** (\$1,600), **Shawn Schoreck** (\$1,333), **James Thomas** (\$1,067) and **Alex Bergey** (\$800).

**John Thomas** won the \$250 seniors event in a chop for \$3,523. The Winter Classic returns Dec. 27-30 and all rules and details are posted in poker room.

**GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES:** **Gary Krainer** won the \$100K freeroll for \$19K. Also, the bad-beat was \$225K at press time.

**L'AUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE:** The \$20K Fall Festival Freeroll has qualifying through Dec. 31. The top 60 players qualify.

**BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS:** The room has a new \$65 Omaha/8 tournament on Mondays with registration opening at 5:30 p.m. and closing at 8:30. Also new are sit-and-go tourneys (\$65-\$125).

**HARRAH'S CASINO NEW ORLEANS:** The bad-beat jackpot was \$150K at press time.

**L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES:** The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$224K at press time.

**HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY:** The room has a mini-bad-beat jackpot of \$5K for aces full of 10s.

**ISLE LAKE CHARLES:** Ask about the \$3K freeroll for players earning entry through cash-game hours.

## MISSISSIPPI

**IP BILOXI:** The WSOPC visited and the first ring went to **Trey Walton**, who defeated a field of 85 in the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha re-entry to win \$8,161. Other ring winners included **Danny Griffith** in the \$365 turbo and **Daniel Doucet** for the \$365 doublestack turbo. The main event and \$118,332 went to none other than **Kyle Cartwright** of Bartlett, Tenn. This was his seventh ring to go along with his WSOP bracelet. Cartwright took the win after playing **T.K. Miles** heads-up. Of his opponent, Cartwright said, "He is the by far the best player I've ever faced heads-up."

**BEAU RIVAGE:** The Gulf Coast Poker Championship saw the \$250K guarantee Event 1 Monster Stack draw 1,251 entries for a with a \$364,041 prize pool. **Abraham Kaysay** of Norcross, Ga., won the title and \$51,746.

Other wins included **Danny Williams** of Fulton, Miss., (deep-stack), **Michael Harrison** of Foley, Ala., (Omaha/8) and **David Troutman** of Tuscaloosa, Ala. (six-max).

**Randy Gordon** of Metairie, La., after a heads-up struggle with **Matthew Silva** of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., captured the main-event title and \$68,706. There were 216 entrants for a \$257,688 prize pool. ♠



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# PAPAZYAN DOES IT AGAIN AT WPT



**A**rt Papazyan did it again, winning the \$3,500 WPT main event at Maryland Live, his second WPT title in the span of five weeks.

Only 26 players have won more than one WPT title and only seven had won multiple titles in the same season. The others are

**Gus Hansen, Howard Lederer, Erick Lindgren, Tuan Le, Darren Elias, Anthony Zinno and Sam Panzica.**

Papazyan topped a field of 560-plus entries to score \$389,405. That first-place prize included a \$15K seat into the season-ending Tournament of Champions, but because he earned a seat when he won the Legends of Poker at the Bike in L.A., he'll be awarded the cash equivalent.

Papazyan was followed by **Zachary Donovan** (\$262,930), **Tom Reynolds** (\$168,990), **Randal Heeb** (\$120,165), **Grigoriy Shvarts** (\$92,015) and **Timothy Chang** (\$76,620).

**MGM NATIONAL HARBOR:** The room's first series, the Potomac Poker Open, is Nov. 24-Dec. 4 and features more than \$1M in guarantees. See the ad on Page 33 for more information.

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO:** Three tournaments, including one with a \$45K guarantee, will be featured in the next Get-away Weekend over the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 24-26.

The schedule includes: Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m., \$20K guarantee, \$165 buy-in, 25-minute blinds; Nov. 25, 11:15 a.m., \$45K guarantee, \$300 buy-in, 30-minute blinds; Nov. 26, 11:15 a.m., \$3K guarantee, \$35 buy-in, 15-minute blinds.

There will be two satellites for the \$45K guarantee and one for the Friday, \$20K. One player out of every 10 entries will earn a seat into the events. The satellite schedule is Nov. 20 and 22, 7:15 p.m., \$40 sats for the \$45K event; Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving night), 7:15, \$25 satellite for the \$20K event.

**DC CHARITY EVENT:** On Nov. 12, the DC American Legion and All In Enterprises host a \$160 Veterans Weekend Super Deep-stack event in which 5 percent of the event's prize pool goes to local veterans groups and posts. Visit [allinenterprises.org](http://allinenterprises.org).

## CONNECTICUT

**MOHEGAN SUN:** After a chop, **Roland Israelesvili** got by **John Caputo** to prevail in the \$1,100 Summer Showdown main event, good for \$26K in Uncasville. Caputo got \$25,244. **Theodore Burt** earned \$22K for third and **Andrew Kloc** was fourth (\$11,360). The tourney had 131 entries for a \$127K prize pool.

Summer Showdown got started with a \$200 tourney, which



## MEET THAI HA

**Thai Ha** is a poker pro originally from Vietnam who lives in Philadelphia. He has numerous titles, including a deep-stack title at the Borgata Open in July.

**You were notorious for firing multiple bullets into rebuys. Is that so much the case anymore? Tell**

**us about the risk and rewards.** For low buy-ins and huge fields, it's such a great value to build a big stack to put yourself in spots to run deep. I would still fire if it needs to be done. The risk is obvious.

You have to have a big enough bankroll and play big stacks well enough to support the multiple entries. Parx's Big Stax or the Borgata Poker Open are great examples. As of now, my biggest win is \$230K, which came from a \$350 buy-in with a huge field. So yeah, I think I have an edge when I have a big stack in a low buy-in tournament and it definitely justifies the number of buy-ins I invest.

**As you've built your bankroll through the years, has your game selection changed?** The way I look at it is, for tournaments, yes. I always want to play the ones with the most value that I can afford and travel to easily. For cash games, I play \$10-\$10 and up now, whatever game is available.

— Jo Kim

ended in a five-way chop. **Kevin Gabryel, William Pappas, Bill Passy, David Kurtz** and **Welther Marmol** pocketed \$9,711 apiece. There were 554 participants. **Bohdan Ferendovych** won the last event (\$300 NLHE) for \$4,838, beating 174 entries.

**FOXWOODS CASINO:** **Jeffrey Brown** outlasted 141 entrants to win the \$300 Big Stack of the Labor Day Weekend Special at Mashantucket. The victory was worth \$5K after a chop as **Alex Morgovsky** banked \$4,494 for second.

**David Lombardi** opened the series with a win in the \$250 Summer Heater. A Connecticut resident, Lombardi earned \$24,100. **William Frederick** (second) pocketed \$22,600, while **Jonathan Gill** (third) took home \$13,300. With 801 entrants, the prize pool was \$166,548.

After a chop, **Nicholas Hunt** won the \$250 Super Stack Turbo for \$4,758. **Kirkor Tekneci** got \$4,757 for second. The tournament drew 221 entrants for a \$46,090 prize pool. Up next is the Black Friday Weekend Special Nov. 24-26.

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**BORGATA:** The Summer Open kicked off with 3,570 entrants in Event 1 (\$600, \$2M guarantee). **Marshall White** took the trophy and his best live cash, \$330,841. East Coast pro **Greg Himmelbrand** made the final table again as one of the final four standing. Himmelbrand, who won the event for \$243,630 in 2013, finished fourth for \$119,540.

"Always a good feeling and an accomplishment to made a final table in a field of 3,500-plus players," Himmelbrand said.

The \$3,500 WPT main event drew 1,132 entries for \$3.6M-plus prize pool. **Guo Liang Chen**, a Borgata regular, was at the final table as one of the underdogs after five days of play. In just its second career final table, Chen grinded his way through the bigger stacks to win the title and the biggest payday of his five-year career (\$789,058). The Fall Open returns Nov. 7-22.

Borgata also made some changes for its regular cash players by increasing the \$2-\$5 buy-in max to \$1K from \$500.

**SUGARHOUSE:** The poker room ran a series of satellites in September for \$10K packages into the \$5M Caribbean Poker Party in Punta Cana. Among the winners were SugarHouse ambassador **Matt Glantz, Thai Ha** and **D.J. McKinnon**. "We hope to continue in fostering the relationship Poker Night in America has built with Party Poker to bring similar events in the near future," SugarHouse poker manager **Vicki Sims** said.

**POKERSTARS RESORTS:** PokerStars returned Oct. 6-8 to Atlantic City for its second live series at the Resorts Casino Hotel. Players could win a seat into the \$100K guarantee with a \$220 buy-in for as little as 50 cents through online satellites.

"I loved the crowd that came out, so many new faces and so much enthusiasm for the game," PokerStars pro **Jennifer Shahade** said. "Even though the events were super accessible with buy-ins of \$100-\$200, the atmosphere made everyone feel special."

New Jersey local **John Monahan** beat nearly 410 players for the trophy and \$19,920, marking his biggest win. The series ended with **Chris Moneymaker** winning the \$25K guarantee.

## NEW YORK

**TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO:** The SuperStacks Hold'em Series returns Nov. 23-Dec. 3.

**RIVERS CASINO:** Popular pro **Shaun Deeb** beat **Michael Lynch** to take the top spot and \$36,559 in the \$260 main event of the Capital Region Classic in Schenectady, N.Y. Lynch earned \$20,600 and **Keith Pierce** (third) collected \$19,600. The prize pool was \$181,565, eclipsing the guarantee by more than \$80K.

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**MGM SPRINGFIELD:** The casino's poker room will have 23 tables, an increase of seven from what originally was planned. The casino and entertainment complex should open next year. ♠



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# JEWELL WINS CINCY'S FALL OPEN

Jack Cincinnati Casino's Fall Open ran Aug. 27-Sept. 3. The \$1K main event saw 549 entries and a \$500K guarantee. There were two Day 1s and several players took multiple shots at qualifying for Day 2. Eight players qualified twice, allowing them to sell back their shorter stacks for \$4K. When the dust cleared, it was **Kurt Jewell** of Frankfort, Ky., (\$88K) taking home the most money, followed by **Frank Dellaria** of Burgettstown, Pa. (\$71,082) and **Patricia Till** of Avon, Ind. (\$44,460). Overall, 63 players finished in the money.

Event 1 was a \$350 re-entry event that drew an impressive 1,059 entries from 606 players, including two who bought in 12 times each. The field had players from 18 states and one from Canada to generate a \$286K prize pool. The event ended in a four-way deal with **Doug Holland** of Lawrenceburg, Ind., taking \$29,267 and the title.

Other winners were **Daniel Statman** (\$200 turbo, \$7,413), **Jared Trout** (\$300 bounty, \$4,569), **Donny Phan** (\$300 NLHE, \$8,400) and **Jared Palmer** (\$200 turbo, \$5K). The \$200 seniors event saw **John Yengo** and **Daniel Wood** chop for \$6,500 each. The only non-hold'em event (\$300 PLO) was another chop as **Perry Klein** and **Franklin Caldwell** made \$10,515 apiece.

**JACK CASINO CLEVELAND:** The \$100K Pigskin & Poker promotion runs through Dec. 31. Cash-game and tournament players earn drawing tickets by making big hands (aces full or better) from noon until midnight. Each Sunday during the promotion, one ticket will be drawn every hour from noon until 8 p.m., with each winner receiving \$500 in chips. On the final Sunday, prizes will range from \$500 to \$10K in chips.

## CHICAGOLAND

**HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA:** **Mark Smith** claimed his sixth WSOPC ring after winning Event 5 for \$10K-plus. The 65-year-old from Georgetown Key., eliminated 127 entries in less than 24 hours, in a scheduled two-day event.

"It's been a long time since I've won one, but... obviously the old boys still got it," Smith said with a smile. "The last one I won was in 2011."

**Danny Lawson**, down to one 5K chip, make an incredible comeback to win the \$365 double-stack turbo opener.

"Feels good, came from an ante to win it," said Lawson, who survived 154 entries for \$12K.

**Ross Ward** won his first ring in the \$365 re-entry event for \$39K. The Georgia native outlasted 640 entries, with a prize pool of \$191K.

"Your heart starts to go a little bit. You get a little buzz, especially when you're about three handed," Ward said. "The

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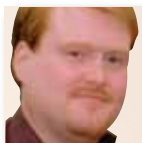
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## MEET TYRONE WALKER



Raised alongside two sisters in the Twin Cities by his mother and uncle, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells dealer **Tyrone Walker** moved to Wisconsin and started his family in the mid '90s. That's also when the lifelong Green Bay Packers fan began his table-games career.

**How did you come to work in poker?** Growing up, I always had an interest in working in the casino-entertainment industry. I mainly wanted to deal cards. I started dealing right out of high school and 20-something years later, here I am.

**What do you like most about working in poker?** I always loved playing cards. The idea that I get paid to come to work and "play" cards every day, well how can you not love that?

**What's your favorite memory when it comes to your work?** My favorite memory actually involved a mistake I made. Two people were left in the hand and in my mind, they were both all-in so I ended up dealing the turn and the river prematurely. I followed the procedure and did the turn and river over again. I amazed myself when both cards, after being reshuffled back in, came out the exact same way.

— **Chad Holloway**

focus kind of comes. The adrenaline was definitely kicking in."

**Josh Richard** notched his eighth ring, this time in the \$365 Monster Stack. The 26-year-old from Jamesville Wis., won \$21K after taking care of 292 entries.

**BELTERRA CASINO RESORT:** The HPT will be in town Nov. 3-11. The \$300 Monster Stack opener has three Day 1s and a \$75K guarantee. The \$250K guarantee main event has a \$1,100 buy-in and starts Nov. 9 with two Day 1s.

**HARRAH'S JOLIET:** The Mega Bad Beat was \$373K at press time.

**MAJESTIC STAR:** America's Poker Tour returns Nov. 22-Dec. 3.

**WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP:** **John Castillo** won the \$1K opening-weekend main event held at the new Windy City Poker Room in Oak Forest, winning \$7K. Notables in the field were **Richard Roeper**, **Paul Fisher** and runner-up **Ron Magers**.

**ELSEWHERE:** Recently, Chicagoland players have been successful in major tournaments across the country. **Nick Pupillo** won the inaugural WSOPC main event at Thunder Valley. **Kyle Adams** won the \$365 Freezeout at Hard Rock Hollywood (Fla.) and **Ben Castle** won the HPT's six-max in St. Louis.



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# BIRT CAPTURES RECORD-SETTING EVENT IN MINN.

The Mid-States Poker Tour broke its record for the largest event at Running Aces Casino in Columbus, Minn., with 383 runners entering the \$1,100 tourney, besting the 367 in 2013. **Jeff Birt**, a 50-year-old businessman from Bloomington, claimed the \$81,402 first-place prize.

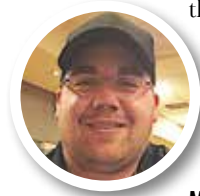
"I thought I played pretty well," he said. "I was short-stacked; I just had to pick the right spots, be patient and let the cards come to me. It's been a long time coming. It was a good time, enjoyable."

Birt had about \$50K in career cashes before this, with his largest being \$7,626.



**CANTERBURY PARK:** **Peixin Liu** of Blaine, Minn., won the inaugural \$450 Poker Is Fun Tour event in Shakopee, Minn. Liu took home \$8,501, beating 80-plus entries. Several other notables were on hand, including WSOP bracelet-winner **John Reading** and local powerhouse **Rajee Wazwaz**.

This event had a twist: To be awarded the pot, the winner's hole cards had to be shown, making the event fun and keeping players engaged with each other more than their electronics. **Cody Torke** of Shakopee took down the \$180 event for \$2,427.



Four-handed Torke, **Michelle Day**, **Tom Marsland** and **Luke Strawalker** agreed to take \$1,800 each and leave the remaining \$1,227 for first. Heads-up players then agreed to chop another \$400 for Torke and \$600 for Day, playing for the remaining \$227.



**Alvaro Gordillo** of Saint Paul outlasted a field of 704 entries to earn \$18K from the \$175 Ultimate \$100K event. **Eric Anderson** took home \$11,500 for second.

**NEW TOUR:** Next Level Poker, a tour started by Minnesota poker pros **Chris "Fox" Wallace** and **Brian Soja**, is gearing up for its first event Nov. 5-26 at Diamond Jo Casino in Iowa.

The \$760 Blue Shark Optics Championship features three Day 1 flights. The series has several "Step Up" tournaments, which are hybrid satellites that also pay some cash in addition to a seat to the next step offering a new approach to earning your way into the tournament at a discount. For more, check out nextlevel.poker and read more in the Iowa report below.

## IOWA

**DIAMOND JO WORTH CASINO:** On a quiet Friday afternoon at the end of September in Northwood, the ballooning \$278,813 bad-beat jackpot fell when connected diamonds hit the board and suited connectors book-ended them.

The winner got \$111K and the loser earned \$55K. The rest of the room got \$13,940 each. It's also worth mentioning there's still a chance to win big as the next jackpot was \$138K at press time.

This month, Diamond Jo runs Next Level Poker tournaments. Each Sunday there will be lower buy-ins culminating



Jeff Birt

in the \$750 Blue Shark Optics Championship running Nov. 24-26.

**MESKWAKI CASINO:** The Mid-States Poker Tour runs until Nov. 5 with a \$300K guarantee main event. The last stop here nearly paid \$500K.

## WISCONSIN

**MSPT BURGER:** Nov. 13-20, **Mark "Poker H0" Kroon's** Players Bar in Madison will offer a "MSPT Burger." The burger will include Mayo, Sweet potato fries (on the burger), Pepper jack cheese and Topped with Avocado. A dollar from each burger will go to charity and each burger earns customers a ticket into a drawing for a \$250 satellite seat into the MSPT Wisconsin State Poker Championship.

**OVER-THE-BORDER SUCCESS:** In late September, Lacrosse's **Tony Lacey** finished runner-up out of 383 entries in Minnesota's MSPT Running Aces main event for \$50,325. Janesville's **David Nelson** was 12th in for \$5,920.

**POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO:** The Wisconsin State Championship, which has a \$200K guarantee, runs Nov. 17-19 in Milwaukee and costs \$1,100. In early September, the \$354,224 bad-beat jackpot hit. The loser of the hand received \$106,267, the winner \$70,845, and six table shares \$17,712 each. ♠





# YOU PROBABLY WERE PAID TOO MUCH THAT DAY

As I was leaving my local casino, the cage supervisor pulled me aside and said the cashier overpaid me a few days before. He said they have it on video and showed a picture of me leaving the casino but no shots of the transaction or my chips. It was a cashout size that is unusual for me and I remember counting it carefully when I left the table.

The cage transaction was verified by the cashier, the supervisor on duty and again by me. I requested they show me a picture of my chips and they refused for “security reasons.” I asked the cage supervisor, “If you were me, would you just turn over \$100 because security said you owed it?” He said security is right 99.9 percent of the time.



**ELLIOTT SCHECTER**

I decided the relationship with the casino was worth more than \$100 and gave it to them. They reciprocated with \$50 in comps, but I’m still a little unsatisfied. Should I have stood my ground? — **Dead Money Dave**

**ELLIOTT SAID:** I’ve seen this situation more times than I can count. Speaking from the operator’s perspective, casinos are quite hesitant to ask for overpays to be returned unless it has been verified and reverified. This goes for chip and slot cashouts and table-games wagers.

Most casinos try hard to return underpays to players. The footage of these incidents almost always is forwarded to the gaming commission or agency responsible for oversight of that casino.

Casinos can’t just extract funds from players in the form of recovered funds on a whim nor can they pay out players in the form of a refunded underpay in the same vein. Variances are bad for the bottom line but also have serious consequences for the cashiers.

Recovered variances usually save a cashier’s job. All of this is to say casinos don’t take lightly at all the retrieval of overpaid funds from players.

Wanting to see a shot of the chips and the cash wasn’t unreasonable. The reason for not showing the photos is it may be against regulation to divulge camera angles even though the tinted bubbles are ubiquitous.

It may be tempting to stand your ground without proof and some casinos will back down and write off the money. Some casinos, whether by policy or by regulation, will prohibit you from playing until the funds are recovered.

Unless you were visiting a ridiculously under-regulated casino, I’m pretty certain you paid back money that shouldn’t have been paid to you.

You received a nice food comp for your trouble and prob-

## VERBAL IS BINDING

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ably helped a cashier remain secure in their job. This could have ended much worse for you and for the cashier.

### Out of turn action does it again

On the flop of a no-limit cash game in a local cardroom, Player A checks; Player B bets \$21; Player C goes all-in for \$36 in a sloppy way such that there are just a bunch of reds and whites in a pile in front of her; Player D thinks and the dealer hasn’t said anything; Player E puts \$21 in the pot out of turn; Player D folds and then Player A goes all-in for significantly more.

At this point, the dealer notices Player E hasn’t put enough in to cover Player C’s all-in bet. So Player E was ordered to put in the \$15 more because by putting in the \$21, he effectively called the bet.

Player B folds and it’s back around to Player E, who also folds after having had to put in the full \$36 as I just mentioned. Was that handled correctly? What were Player E’s options if not? — **David Bloomberg**

**ELLIOTT SAID:** Action out of turn is binding and Player E’s \$21 belongs to the pot. The placing of this money on the layout caused two players to act, Players D and A. Player A continued with the theme of acting out of turn and effectively trapped this \$21 in the pot by moving all-in.

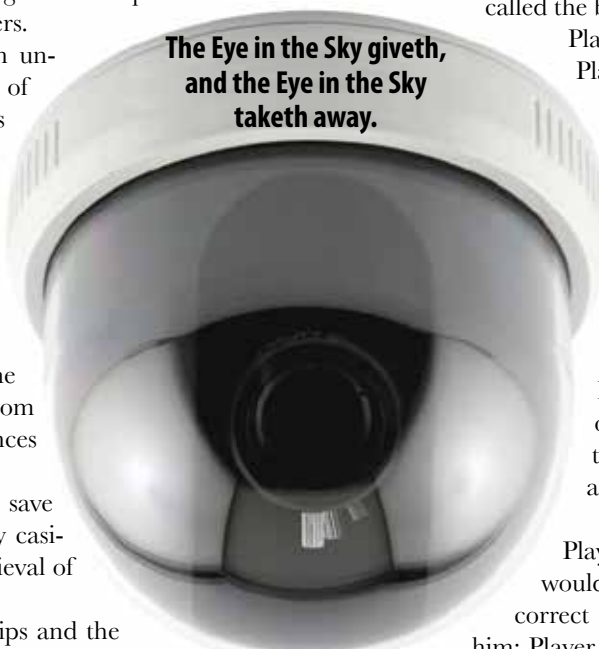
Had he asked for a correction of Player E’s wager, most poker rooms would have allowed the removal of the incorrect bet because no one had acted after him; Player D’s lack of action in this spot is immaterial.

In no-limit and pot-limit, all players must wait for any bets in front of them in the betting order to be moved to the betting area and completed or specifically verbalized.

Any players acting when these conditions aren’t met can be considered to be acting out of turn. All of this being said, Player E’s options in this situation should’ve been to fold and surrender \$21 to the pot or call Player A’s all-in wager to remain in the hand.

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**The Eye in the Sky giveth,  
and the Eye in the Sky  
taketh away.**



# THE LITTLE THINGS ARE WHAT MATTER

While playing this game, it's important to remember there are little things you can do that, when combined, have a large effect on your bottom line.

These aren't going to make a break-even player a winner, but if you're winning, using some of these tips could improve your hourly rate. Don't just take my word for it, I brought in some heavy hitters to help me out: two-time bracelet-winner **Steven Wolansky** and Seminole Hard Rock pro **Michael Laake**.



**BRENT  
PHILBIN**

First, here are a couple of mine:

**Against a novice player, chose which chips to bet wisely.** When I'm playing someone I don't think

is paying enough attention to the intricacies of the game, I will often decide to make bets with bigger chips when I want them to be more likely to call.

In a simple way, \$400 in red \$5 chips looks a lot more intimidating than three black \$100 chips and four \$25 green chips.

This absolutely should not factor into your decision with any player you believe is thinking about these things.

**Don't worry about your bet size if you don't believe your opponent has a "fold button."** If you really don't think your opponent is going to fold to your river bet because they've made that decision and that's that, you need to be moving all-in, or close to it, no mat-

ter how much is in the pot or what you bet on the last street. The first time you bet \$800 into a \$100 pot and get called you can email me for my Ethereum address and send a thank you.

## Michael Laake

**Pay attention to your opponent's amount of chips.** Take a quick look at your opponent's stack and size it up.

If someone has four stacks of red (\$5 chips), \$275 worth of green (\$25 chips), and four odd red chips on top, I'm likely betting an amount that does not exceed \$295 because breaking into a fresh 20 stack actually creates minor resistance.

**Be aware of what the table's opinion of you is.** ... and what you can do to be more friendly. You get so many breaks from people that are unwarranted when you're friendly to them. I've actually had players tell me their exact hand on multiple occasions.

## Steven Wolansky

**Never listen to music.** This is advice I've given on countless occasions. Why? Keep reading.

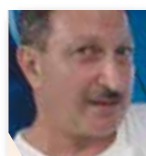
**Focus on table conversations.** There is so much said during a hand, after a hand, and even during a break that can really help you assess your opponent's decision-making process down the line and make better decisions.

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## COACH'S CORNER

# THINKING ABOUT GOING PRO? NOT SO FAST

Today's game is solid. Most players at your table are amateurs. Though they're not pros, they play the game well and have a primary source of income. By definition, they can afford to lose a little and chalk it up to a bad day. So what differentiates a hobby player from a pro? Probably dedication to the game. If you are a hobby player and are a consistent winner, it might be best to keep things the way they are and enjoy the extra winnings.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

As a coach, every year I receive emails from players wondering if they should take it to the next level and play for a living. I have five ideas on this subject:

Real players have the guts to own their results. In texts and conversations with me, my superstar students never use words such as "running bad" and "fish or donkey" and "suckout" and when we run through hands, the hands are relayed in a thoughtful, calm manner. I have heard this described as embracing variance, but let me add if you book three consecutive losses, do not embrace variance. Find your leak. Own your numbers.

Pro players have the ability to strike the delicate balance between on-the-table tactics and off-the-table disciplines. One has to play well and it must not be lost on you that a healthy lifestyle, which includes diet, exercise and rest, will keep a player sharp.

Pros see their plan through and know well in advance how long their session will be. Also, they use smart and efficient bankroll management strategies. Schedule your days off. Work your plan.

Poker can be a fun game and I have many students who have played part-time and maintained respectable hourly wages. As soon as a player decides to play for a living, things get tough. Having family 100 percent behind the idea is a great place to start.

The ability to be at the right game is an art. That game might be right next to you or it might be down the street. Pros have a knack for sniffing out an edge. Looking for a good game? Follow the laughter.

Pros should be well-versed in more than just one game. While different games require different skill-sets, take the time to learn a range of games. Make sure you're doing some off-the-table work and an hour a day is a great place to start. It's a great idea to enlist a partner to maybe have lunch with once a week to discuss ideas and results.

Even better, join a poker group. I had a group that met on Wednesdays for five-plus years and we had a healthy variety of player-types and all who participated reaped the rewards. And, of course, get a coach!

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## POKER INSIDER

## PLAYING LIVE FOR THE 1ST TIME, PT. II

There are rules and actions that sometimes elude beginners. Here's a look at some of the more popular ones.



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SPATH

**STRING BETS:** Putting in a calling bet, then going back for more chips to add to your bet while announcing, "raise" is a string bet and isn't permitted. If you want to raise, announce it and the amount before you make any betting motion with chips. Your raise is then clearly understood by the table and won't matter if you fumble with chips or go back and forth to your stack.

**ALL-IN:** If you don't have enough chips to cover a bet, you can announce "all-in." You're then in the pot for only the portion your money covered until that point. Though you're out of chips, the other players can continue to bet in a side pot, which you aren't eligible to win.

**SPLASHING THE POT:** When you bet, simply and neatly, put the chips in front of you so the dealer can reach them. Don't toss them onto the table and have them roll or bounce into the pot. This is called "splashing the pot," and may not allow the dealer to precisely count the chips you bet.

**PROTECTING YOUR CARDS:** Place a chip or small object on your cards after you've looked at them. It lets the dealer know your cards are in play. If not, the dealer may muck your unprotected

cards, thinking you wanted to fold. Not being attentive at the table can cost you a pot.

All cards must remain in plain sight and you should not remove them from the table. The best way to view your cards is to shield them with your hands and peek at the two corners of the cards.

And practice remembering those cards as you should avoid frequent looks at them because it's a tell.

At the end of any hand, if you're not sure whether you have the winning hand, turn the cards over and place them just in front of your stack and keep your hand on them until the dealer calls out the winning hand.

Cards speak, so when in doubt, let the dealer make a final determination as you could miss your flush and hit a straight and not realize it.

Make sure you see a winning hand, as some players may misread their hands and announce a hand they don't hold. Once you muck your cards, your hand will be declared dead.

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## POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

## ABSORB THE ROOM BEFORE PLAYING

Poker is so ubiquitous that we often play poker in new venues.

Way back in the dark ages, except for pros, most of us would have to go to Las Vegas a couple of times a year to play. Now, there's usually a poker room within driving distance.



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Some common scenarios are when you're on vacation and can get away a couple of hours, in a new city for a conference or business and take a cab to the poker room or you're on a road trip with some buddies.

Sports psychology teaches athletes the importance of acclimating to new surroundings. Teams arrive early to a new venue and some even replicate fan noise during home practices. They try to get an edge, so why shouldn't we?

Many of us get to a new poker room, sign up for a game and then play. This is less than optimal. If you want an edge, you need to work it, a little. You shouldn't just get GPS directions, park and play.

If you want to play optimally, I suggest actually walking around the room to get a feel for it, much like racehorses run a track. I call this "taking a lap." Be intentional by getting used to the sights and sounds; absorb the ambiance. Check out the tables to see how they're playing and see if the stacks are in

your comfort level.

Stop the brush or floor and ask about the food. Can you eat tableside? Are drinks comped? Take about five minutes to get a feel for the room and atmosphere. Maybe even sit at the counter or bar and have a soda or coffee.

Once you sit, spot the regulars, the grinders. When you hear the dealer and a player talking about their last time on the golf course together, you can be assured that player has been there before, and often.

Remember, what is a disadvantage also is an advantage. They don't know how you play and you don't know how they play, so if you want to get an edge, notice the non-poker tells.

Among other times, I play every Sunday morning, starting about 7.

Usually, I'm playing against overnights and about half are out-of-towners. I sit and the same server comes over and says, "Doc, I just brewed a new pot of coffee, ready?"

Anyone observing my Sunday morning would realize the staff knows me. If I don't recognize someone, I know they are from out of town so I chat them up and see if they're on vacation or did they come to grind out the weekend playing poker. Use the information.

And, of course, keep your head in the game.

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## ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BLUEWATER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>BUCKY'S CASINO</b> (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Monday-Friday (noon); Wednesday & Thursday (6p).	Omaha high hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Monday-Friday (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p). See ad on Page 19.	Splash pots.
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tuesday freeroll (7p); Thursday \$5K guarantee (\$120); Saturday \$200 added (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sunday (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Player comp credits pay \$1 per hour during live play.
<b>CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 6:30p); Saturday (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$70, 11a).	High hand bonus; Aces Cracked.
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Monday & Thursday (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 7p).	Splash Pots.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins between \$10-\$80 and games vary, call for specifics).	Aces Cracked pays \$100-\$300; 6 hours of \$100 high hands (daily); football promotions pay \$100.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. KO (\$45, 7:30p); Wed. turbo (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p).	Morning High Hand Contest; Steel Wheel and Royal Flush pays \$50; College and Pro Football Splash Pots.
<b>HON-DAH</b> (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad on Page 18.
<b>VEE QUIVA HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Monday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Saturday (varies, 11:15a); Sunday (\$30, 11:15a). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Monday-Thursday (\$30, noon); Tuesday-Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3:30p). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

## ARKANSAS

<b>SOUTHLAND PARK GAMING AND RACING</b> (870) 735-3670 • southlandpark.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$45, one table, 7p); Tue. (\$10, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$10, 9p); Sat. (\$40, 3p); 1st Sun. freeroll (3p); 2nd-last Sun. (\$40, 3p).	High hands (Sun. & Mon.); Spin to Win (Tue.-Thurs.); Handemonium Hold'em and Omaha (Fri. & Sat.) pays up to \$300; Rollover Bonus; Bonus High Hand.
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## CALIFORNIA

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

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<b>BAY 101 CASINO</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 9:30a); Friday (\$180, 9:30a); Saturday (\$230, 9a); Sunday (\$180, 9a).	No jackpots.
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p; M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p.	Numerous jackpots (call for details).
<b>BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL</b> (707) 668-9770 • blu lakecasino.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$30); Wednesday & Thursday (\$40); Friday-Sunday (\$50). See ad Page 12.	Players earn points for cash promo tickets.
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wednesday (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Friday KO (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sunday KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); 1st Saturday (\$100, 11a); 2nd Saturday (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sunday \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Monday (\$200, 7p); Tuesday (\$160, 7p); Sunday (\$300, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. 0/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>ELK VALLEY CASINO</b> (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. Omaha (\$45, 6p); Tue. 0/8 (\$45, 6p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Thurs. crazy pineapple (\$45, 6p); Fri. freeroll (\$10 rebuys, 6p); Sat. KO (\$125, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in live-action hold'em.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p).	Players get paid \$120 for a \$100 buy-in (Friday).
<b>GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Monday-Friday (1p & 6:45p); Saturday (10a & 1p); Sunday (2:15a & 1p); \$50K guarantee, Nov. 17 (\$175).	Daily jackpots; Aces Cracked.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega and Omaha jackpots.
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive Bad-Beat Jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrcinca.com	Fri. \$1K guar. (\$35, 8p) Saturday & Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, noon); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 8p); Sunday \$1.75K guar. (\$40, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; Triple High Hand; monthly cash drawings.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, Nov. 5 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	M \$1.5K guar. KO (\$60, 7p); T 0/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); W (\$30, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); Th crazy pineapple (\$30, 11a) & (\$30, 7:30p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sa KO (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CASINO</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); 3rd Sat. (\$175, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Monday & Wednesday-Saturday (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a); Gold Rush Series, Nov. 12-20.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tuesday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a & \$90); Thursday \$2K guar. (\$65, 10a); Saturday \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sunday (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Friday \$3K guarantee (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guarantee (\$15, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Monday KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thursday \$1.2K guarantee (\$55, 7:15p); Friday \$2K guarantee (\$40, 7:15p).	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Monday & Wednesday, 10a-7p).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat in HE (aces full) and Omaha (quad 8s); PLO (Wed., 2p); high hand for Omaha/Big O; buy-in bargain for HE & Omaha/Big O w/free meal; royal-flush bonus in hold'em.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasi.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Monday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Tuesday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Wednesday \$2K guar. (\$25, 10a); Thursday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Friday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; shipwrecked and high hands.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a); \$100K Quantum event, Nov. 14-19. See ad Page 13.	Rack Attack; Aces Cracked.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Sun. (\$60, 10a); Tue. (\$10 w/rb, 10a); Wed.-Sat. (\$30 w/rb, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Sat. (\$40 w/rb, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rb, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha and stud.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP satellite (\$225); last two Sat. WSOP satellite (\$50). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$160, 6p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. Ad Pages 2-3.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; high hands.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasi.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K guarantee deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$140, 7p); Denver Open, Nov. 2-12.	High hands pay up to \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour (noon-10p); Friday pays \$500 (5p-10p) & Saturday pays \$600 (noon-10p).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Guaranteed High Hand.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Monte Carlo board.
<b>MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$120, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$65, 12:30p); Sunday (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot and mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Black Friday Weekend Special, Nov. 24-26.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	T-F (\$35, 11a & 7:15p); M (\$35, 11:15a & \$25, 7:15p); Sa (\$100, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); Su (\$10, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); Play in 3 of 4 M-Th 11:15a & get free Fri. seat.	High hands (daily); royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.

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# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	High hands.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p. See ad Pages 26-27.	Player Rewards Program.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue. (\$30, 6:30p); Wed. (\$110, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$30, 6:30p) & (\$25, 8:30p); Fri. (\$110, 6:30p); Sat. (\$20, 1p) & (\$25, 8p); Sun. (\$220, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces.
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p); Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; see website blog for more info.
<b>KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM</b> (786) 787-2575 • kingscourtkey.com	Open Sunday-Thursday, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a.	\$200 hourly high hands (daily); \$100 high hands pay every half-hour (1p-midnight).
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands.
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout \$2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Monday (\$60, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday turbo (\$70, 7p); last Friday of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sunday (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins vary); 1st & 3rd Sat. KO (\$290, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500.
<b>OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
<b>ORANGE CITY RACING &amp; CARD CLUB</b> orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K Bad Beat High Hand Bonus; high hands.
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Daily, including Sun. (\$100, 12:15p, but 1st & 3rd Sun. is \$230 deepstack; \$55, 6:15p); Mon. (\$30 seniors, 11:15a) and Last Sat. of month (\$150 NLO/8, 11:15a).	High-hand jackpot in hold'em.


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## FLORIDA (Continued)

<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot. See ad Page 25.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$20K satellite (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Monday-Friday (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Saturday (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sunday (varies, 11a & 6p); SHRP Rock 'N' Roll Open, Nov. 15-29.	High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); Fall Little Slick Series, Nov. 6-12.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tuesday-Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-2a (Sun.-Thurs.) & 8p-6a (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K. See ad on Page 23.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands.

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125, 7p); Saturday varies (\$125, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$40K freeroll; Splash the Pot (Sun.-Tue.).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	 Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Win Ante Up Poker Cruise and cash through the Mega Freeroll on Nov. 12 and by playing the most live hours. Call for details.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125-\$140, 7p); Saturday (\$125-\$140, noon); call about Sunday events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday turbo (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash (call for details).

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p); HPT, Nov. 3-13.	Splash the Pot.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Monday (\$125, 6:15p); Tuesday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:15p); Thursday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$30, 2p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$65, 2p); 2nd & last Sat. of the month (\$160, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and was \$250K-plus at press time; straight-flush jackpot.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Monday Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wednesday (\$40, 1p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$60, noon); Sunday (\$100, 1p).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$65, 10a); Tuesday (\$65, 7p); Thursday KO (\$100, 7p); Saturday (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	Win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p); MSPT, Nov. 3-5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>Q CASINO</b> (563) 585-2964 • qcasinolandhotel.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
<b>RHYTHM CITY CASINO</b> (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Tuesday (\$30, noon); Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. limit Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big O (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tuesday & Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$25, 7p); first Saturday (\$125, 2p); Sunday \$400 freeroll (noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

## KANSAS

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



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## CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA POKER ROOM

Play in our Poker Room Monday-Thursday to  
earn CASH towards FREE Play! Up to \$3 per hour

**\$200 HIGH HAND EVERY HOUR**

November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 11pm

**DON'T MISS OUR \$270 BUY-IN  
\$10K GUARANTEE!**

November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

**\$120 BUY-IN NO LIMIT HOLD 'EM  
TOURNAMENT \$5K GUARANTEE**

November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**\$60 SATELLITES**

Select Saturdays at 1pm Thursdays  
7pm and Sundays at 1pm

**HIGH HAND FRIDAYS**

\$100 every hour - 12pm to 12am

**\$60 2K GUARANTEE**

November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## PENSACOLA POKER ROOM

Play in our Poker Room Sunday-Tuesday to  
earn CASH towards FREE Play! Up to \$3 per hour

**\$2,500 GUARANTEED TOURNAMENTS**

Wednesdays at 7pm

**\$60 BUY-IN \$2K  
GUARANTEED TOURNAMENTS**

Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm

**FULL HOUSE PROMOTIONS**

Monday - Friday at 9am  
Saturday and Sunday at 8am

**\$180 BUY-IN \$20K  
GUARANTEED TOURNAMENT**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm  
Day 2 • November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

**FULL HOUSE PROMOTIONS**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm until midnight

**\$20K SATELLITES**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm • Sundays at 1pm

**\$70 BUY-IN BOUNTY TOURNAMENT**

November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**\$60 BUY-IN OMOHA HI-LO  
SPLIT TOURNAMENT**

November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm





## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p).	High hands.
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). See ad Page 28.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wednesday (\$145, 6:30p); Thursday (\$165, 6:30p); Friday (\$130, 6:30p); Saturday (\$120, 11a); Sunday (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahshneworleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday (6:30p).	Aces Cracked pay \$100; high hands pay \$100.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Player promotions including point earnings for live hold'em.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	M & T (\$75, 11a); T O/8 (\$100, 7p); W (\$235, 11a) & (\$75, 7p); Th KO (\$150, 11a & 7p); F (\$150, 11a) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$250, 11a); Su KO (\$150, 11a) & (\$150, 7p).	Splash Pots; high hands; get paid for royal flush.
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary so call for schedule. WPT Maryland Live, Sept. 22-Oct. 4. See the ad on Page 31.	Late night high hands pays \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a); Potomac Poker Open, Nov. 24-Dec. 4 w/\$500K guarantee, Dec. 1 (\$2,700). See ad Page 33.	Royals pay \$500.

## MICHIGAN

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

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon. (\$35, 10:30a & \$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & \$80, 5p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Omaha & stud; quads board (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Tuesday); Aces Full (Wednesday). Super Stack Event, Nov. 4.
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

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

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Friday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; HPT Championship, Nov. 30-Dec. 12.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$60, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$85, 11a & \$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpot (daily).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. (\$60, 11p); Sat. (\$75-\$300, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	\$2.5K in special high-hand jackpots available (daily); bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.



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



# MISSOURI (Continued)

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

# NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • ariallasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a); High Roller, Nov. 30 (\$25K).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure; WPT Five Diamond Classic, Nov. 24-Dec. 10.	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes; Triple Pay before 1p and double pay from 5-7p & 11p-1a.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked; Football promo draws for winner based on field goals (\$50), touchdowns (\$100) and safeties (\$200); Wheel Spins.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$70, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$60, 10a & 4p); Friday \$6K freeroll; \$15K freeroll (monthly).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$1K guarantee (\$50, 10a); Monday (\$50, 6:30p); Thursday Omaha (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hand cash prizes.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahaslasvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p); WSOP Circuit runs until Nov. 6.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p).	High Hands; Hot Seats; Shift Specific Rolling High Hands 3X (daily).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guarantee (\$80, 15K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$60, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (daily, 4a-10a & 4p-10p); Football Parlay Cards (Sunday, Monday & Thursday).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guarantee; Sunday Special \$7.5K guarantee (\$130, 10a); WSOPC, Nov. 9-20.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Saturday & Sunday \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
<b>SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p).	High hands. See the ad on Page 11.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday-Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$250) and royals (\$500).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour, including food and beverage comps.
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily at noon and other times with various buy-ins.	DeepStack Extravaganza, Oct. 30-Nov. 26; All daily tournaments suspended during DSE.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WESTGATE LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 732-5111 • westgateresorts.com	Monday-Saturday (\$40, 11a); Friday (\$60, 6p & 10p); Saturday (\$60, 6p & 10p); ask about freerolls.	Player rewards.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon).	No promotions.

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

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

## NEW JERSEY

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

## NEW MEXICO

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

## NEW YORK

<b>RIVERS CASINO &amp; RESORT</b> (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a).	High Hand Jackpot pays six times daily every (Monday-Sunday).
<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$100, 10a & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$125, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a & \$225, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 10a & \$125, 6p).	High hands (Mon., & Wed.-Sat.); CPPT Seneca Niagara, Nov. 3-13.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TIOGA DOWNS</b> (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330,	11a)Cash giveaways; high hands (Monday-Wednesday). See ad on Page 32 for November SuperStack Series.

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); T (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); W (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); Th (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); F (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sa (\$580, 7p); Su (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players; WSOPC, Nov. 23-Dec. 4.
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## OHIO

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

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 10a); Tuesday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Friday KO (\$60, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. KO (\$115, 1p & 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$60, 3p); WSOPC runs until Nov. 13.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon); room open Sunday-Thursday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO</b> (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot coming soon.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a & \$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$35, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$90, 4p); Sun. (\$70, 4p).	Spin the Wheel Hot Seats; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & deuces wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Monday (\$50, 7p); Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday KO (\$75, 7p); Wednesday seniors (\$25, 5p) & (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$65, 7p); Saturday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



## OREGON

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

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; Mon. (\$55 & \$75); Tue. (\$65 & \$75); Wed. (\$65 & PLO \$85); Thurs. (\$65 & \$95); Fri. (\$55 & \$65); Sat. (\$55 & \$65); Sun. (\$65).	High hands.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	High hands.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot; Heartland Poker Tour runs until Nov. 6.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	M (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); T (\$50, noon & 7p); W (\$50, noon & \$60, 7p); Th (\$50, noon & 7p); F (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sa (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Su (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot. PA Poker Classic is Nov. 26-Dec. 2
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thursday (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Saturday (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Saturday (\$230, 2:30p); Sunday (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Friday-Sunday, 4p-midnight).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Monday (\$100, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$100, 7:15p); Saturday (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sunday (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High hands.

## RHODE ISLAND

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

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

## TEXAS

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

## WASHINGTON

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


## WEST VIRGINIA

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

## WISCONSIN

<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wisconsin State Championship \$200K guarantee, Nov. 17-19 (\$1,100).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Splash the Pot.

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On a recent Ante Up Poker Cruise, two folks who have seen a lot in long poker careers, Hollywood Casino Toledo Director of Poker Elliott Schecter and Ante Up Poker Cruise poker room manager Ramze Suliman, chatted with Ante Up's Scott Long for a special episode of the *Ante Up PokerCast* to discuss the past and present of poker.



#### WHY DON'T PEOPLE PLAY LIMIT ANYMORE?

**ELLIOTT:** Many of the games are small enough that no one goes broke. You could go weeks without a winning session, but you could still afford to play. In no-limit, that is just not happening. You lose a few buy-ins in no-limit, you're done. And from the house's perspective, your players don't go broke and the games go much faster.

**RAMZE:** It used to be that if you wanted to play \$3-\$6 limit, you could take a couple hundred dollars to the casino and say, "No matter what happens, I'm going to play all night and have a good time." Now, you can sit with \$200-\$300 in a \$1-\$2 no-limit game, get your aces snapped in two minutes and you have to go home. That's it. It took being able to play comfortably out of the equation.

#### HOW HAVE POKER TOURNEYS CHANGED?

**RAMZE:** The field got really crowded really fast. This is like hot dogs being sold for a dollar, then someone sells them 2-for-1. ... The problem with it is players aren't looking at it intelligently anymore. It's an astronomical amount of chips and it doesn't matter. I can give you a million chips and I can still get that tournament over in a matter of hours. As it gets late into a tournament, it gets silly, he bets 1.8M, this should not be the case. In an \$80 weekly tournament, no one should be betting 1.8M.

**ELLIOTT:** I get dual complaints for almost every tournament series I've run in nine years. "This is all the chips we get? Only 70-minute levels?" and others are saying, "When is this going to end? I have to get back to work this week." So I have to try to find balance. I certainly have to be competitive within our market, so we can't give them less of a play than they can find at a casino close by, but we still have to take those considerations. Being in Toledo, we obviously don't have a healthy core area, but we are on the way to everywhere, so when we

run a tournament series, we attract people from a fairly diverse set of markets, and we have to compete with their home casinos, too.

#### WILL ANY GAME ECLIPSE NO-LIMIT?

**RAMZE:** The thing about no-limit is it's simple. You go to these high-limit rooms where they are playing badugi and badacey, and all these draws and run it 18 times, the average player is never going to learn that. They're never going to want to learn that. Let's face it; we live in an ADD life these days, so if you can show them something faster and simpler, maybe, but it's going to be hard to find anything faster than "two cards and hang on."

**ELLIOTT:** Pot-limit Omaha has been the game of the future for, what, 20 years now? When is the future getting here? It has increased its table percentage in the overall poker market, but nothing is going to take hold'em, whether it's limit or no-limit now. It's pretty much all skill, and the good players will separate the bad players from their money in short order.

#### WHAT'S THE MOST COMMON FLOOR CALL?

**ELLIOTT:** Action out of order or induced action out of turn. Because for some reason, poker players are generally libertarian and for some of them, they believe in personal responsibility, except when it's their turn to play. So you're always put in a spot where you have to decipher things because no one says a word. That's the most common. Everything else pales in comparison.

**RAMZE:** And that's been exacerbated by cell phones, iPads, headphones, Internet. There are more distractions than ever before at a poker table. And you can't be competitive if you don't allow it. You can't tell players to be off their phones. We have to be tweeting, watching Netflix, taking pictures, Snapchatting and playing poker all at the same time ... while listening to music.

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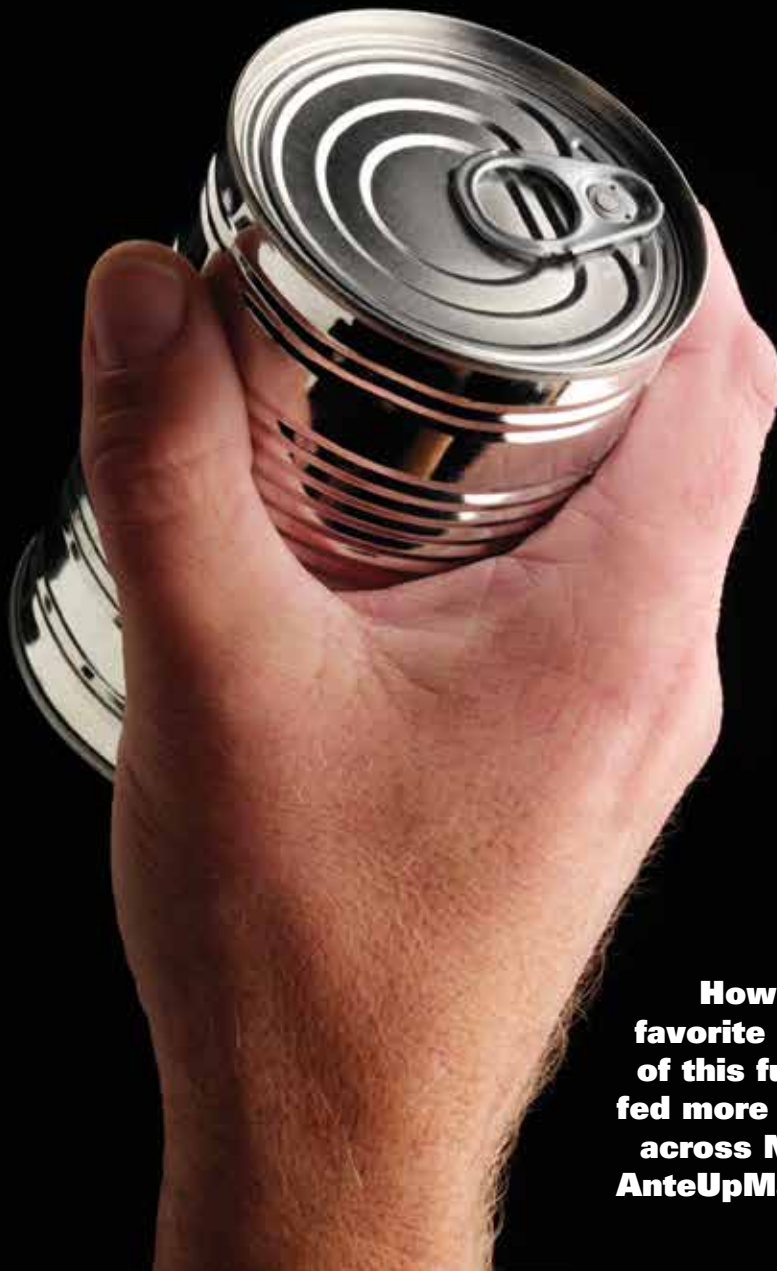
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