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When we launched *Ante Up, Your Poker Magazine*, we followed this same thinking: Let's publish a magazine that highlights the accomplishments and news of the everyday players and local poker rooms. After all, how many times have players of modest buy-ins been featured in those other national poker magazines?

So, in this same vein, we're excited to announce the Ante Up Poker Tour. This tour will be unlike any other. It will be affordable to you and your local cardroom; it will have extensive coverage in our magazine and each main-event winner will be featured on a cover of *Ante Up*. That's right, if you win an AUPT main event, your picture will grace our cover!

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Our tour kicks off in November at the beautiful Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Northern California.

In April, we stop at Running Aces Harness Park in Minnesota, followed by May's event at Downstream Casino Resort in Oklahoma and then the Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship in July at the Hard Rock Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. The last eight stops in our inaugural season will be released soon.

Also, in this issue, we announce the winners of the Antes, our annual award given for poker excellence. We'd like to thank everyone who voted for their favorites and filled out our survey so we could better serve you. Please turn to Page 42 for a recap of the results. Congratulations to all of our winners.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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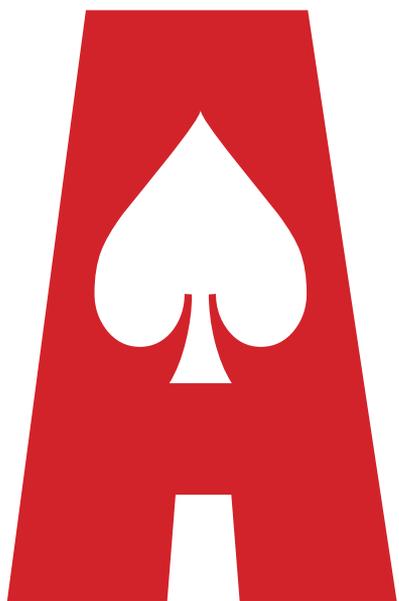
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## **COLUMBUS DAY** **Monday, October 8, 2012**

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# CARTWRIGHT WINS IP WSOPC MAIN

Fall poker in Mississippi has been thwarted once again by a hurricane. Regular attendees at the Gulf Coast Poker Championship at the Beau Rivage know that a little power loss or bad weather isn't unusual for this fall event. It is, after all, at the peak of hurricane season. This time the threat of Hurricane Isaac managed to cancel everything but the opening weekend. Players and staff evacuated the casino just a couple of days before Isaac made landfall. I made my way down to the Gulf Coast to survey the damage after Isaac had cleared and am happy to report that standing water and relocated sand are the worst of it.

All Biloxi poker rooms were back open for business by the end of the week, none the worse for wear. Though it's never a popular idea to shut down one of the best poker tournament series on the coast, I commend tournament director **Eric Comer** and poker room manager **Johnny Grooms** for giving players and poker staff ample notice for making travel plans. Better to be safe than sorry.

Finishing up just before Isaac could wreak havoc, the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at the IP Biloxi came to a satisfying conclusion with a final table of Southern circuit all-stars. The first-place victory went to none other than **Kyle Cartwright** of Bartlett, Tenn. Is this guy on fire or what? Perfect timing, too, as his Oct. 12 wedding will no doubt

leave him needing a few extra wins in the bank.

I visited the IP while the main event was down to three tables. I don't think I've seen many fields with as many prolific and well-known circuit players as this one. Other notable entrants included **Allen Kessler**, **Ryan Lenaghan**, **Ashly Butler**, **Kurt Jewell**, **Tyler Smith**, **Long Nguyen**, **Dwyte Pilgrim** and **John Dolan**.

Though Cartwright snapped off the main-event victory and secured his place in the national championship next year in Vegas, the title of Casino Champion went to **Cory Wood** of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Though Wood's a professional, he isn't a typical fixture on the circuit. He said of his victory: "It's nice to secure my spot in the national championship early on, so now I don't have to chase points. I can play what I want to now."

With our fall lineup challenged by Isaac, it looks like the next time I'll see you in the Magnolia State will be at the Gold Strike for the Nov. 29-Dec. 9 Winter Poker Classic. I'm looking forward to it.

• On a side note, I just finished dealing on the Ante Up Poker Cruise in late August. It was the absolute most fun I've had at a poker event. The action was non-stop and fantastic. The next time I'm cruising with Ante Up will be Feb. 4-8 from Port Canaveral, Fla. I'd love to see a strong showing of Mississippi players.

The rates are super-affordable and I can guarantee we'll have a blast. Come join me!

— **Jennifer Gay** is Ante Up's Mississippi Ambassador. She can be contacted at [facebook.com/aceofjewels](https://www.facebook.com/aceofjewels) or at [jennifergay80@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifergay80@hotmail.com).



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## WSOP Circuit, IP Casino, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 11-20



**Event 1 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 202 • Pool: \$60,600  
 Blake Barousse, \$15,757



**Event 2 • \$580 NLHE**  
 Entries: 103 • Pool: \$51,500  
 Elisa Burkett, \$15,449



**Event 3 • \$365 PLO**  
 Entries: 78 • Pool: \$23,400  
 Travis Johnston, \$7,956



**Event 4 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 461 • Pool: \$138,300  
 Cauffman Talley, \$29,743



**Event 5 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 171 • Pool: \$51,300  
 Ashly Butler, \$13,850



**Event 6 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 146 • Pool: \$43,800  
 John Dolan, \$12,265



**Event 7 • \$365 6-Max**  
 Entries: 139 • Pool: \$41,700  
 Rondal Givens, \$11,675



**Event 8 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 148 • Pool: \$34,400  
 Jonathan Taylor, \$12,434



**Event 9 • \$1,125 NLHE**  
 Entries: 100 • Pool: \$100K  
 Ben Mintz, \$30K



**Event 10 • \$365 NLHE**  
 Entries: 169 • Pool: \$50,700  
 Patrick Smith, \$13,689



**\$1,675 Main Event**  
 Entries: 300 • Pool: \$450K  
 Kyle Cartwright, \$107,992



**Event 12 • \$580 NLHE**  
 Entries: 84 • Pool: \$42K  
 Josh Pender, \$13,441

## Gulf Coast Championship, Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 23-Sept. 3\*



**Event 1 • \$340 NLHE**  
 Entries: 1,150 • Pool: \$334,650  
 Jonathan Moseley, \$54,144



**Event 2 • \$340 Omaha/8**  
 Entries: 82 • Pool: \$23,862  
 Adam Nash, \$8,591



**Event 3 • \$230 NLHE**  
 Entries: 157 • Pool: \$30,458  
 Scott Lemon, \$10,063



**Event 4 • \$340 NLHE**  
 Entries: 1,150 • Pool: \$54,708  
 Daryl Stephens, \$18,056



**Event 5 • \$230 PLO**  
 Entries: 50 • Pool: \$28,130  
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Dec. 14	Fri.	2	No Limit Hold'em 6-Max Bounty	4 PM	\$360	\$40
Dec. 15	Sat.	3	No-Limit Hold'em	12 PM	\$300	\$40
Dec. 15	Sat.	4	Limit Omaha 8 or better	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 16	Sun.	5	No-Limit Hold'em Event (1 Day)	12 PM	\$100	\$20
Dec. 16	Sun.	6	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 17	Mon.	7	No-Limit Hold'em Seniors	12 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 17	Mon.	8	No-Limit Hold'em Winner Take All (1 Day)	4 PM	\$100	\$20
Dec. 18	Tue.	9	No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day)	12 PM	\$100	\$20
Dec. 18	Tue.	10	Stud 8/B	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 19	Wed.	11	No-Limit Hold'em	12 PM	\$300	\$40
Dec. 19	Wed.	12	Limit Omaha 8 or better	4 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 20	Thur.	13	No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day)	12 PM	\$200	\$30
Dec. 20	Thur.		Super Satellite with \$40 Rebuys/\$40 Add ons	4 PM	\$65	\$15
Dec. 20	Thur.		Mega Satellite	6 PM	\$80	\$20
Dec. 20	Thur.		Mega Satellite	9 PM	\$40	\$10
Dec. 21	Fri.		Last Chance Mega Satellite	10 AM	\$80	\$20
Dec. 21	Fri.	14A	No Limit Championship Flight 1	12 PM	\$750	\$50
Dec. 21	Fri.		Last Chance Mega Satellite	2 PM	\$80	\$20
Dec. 21	Fri.	14B	No Limit Championship Flight 2	5 PM	\$750	\$50
Dec. 22	Sat.		No Limit Championship Final Day	2 PM		

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# LEGENDS SERIES STILL PROVES LEGENDARY

August in Los Angeles always brings the Legends of Poker to the Bicycle Casino. This is one of the top tournament series of the year for the recreational poker player. The 37-event series features 15 tournaments with buy-ins of \$235 or less.



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All tournaments, except the main event and a \$1,000 no-limit hold'em event, were \$555 or less. The schedule included many variations of poker besides full ring no-limit hold'em, including deuce-to-seven triple draw, H.O.R.S.E., limit hold'em, NLHE six-max, bounty, Omaha/8, pot-limit Omaha, PLO/8 and stud/8-Omaha/8 mixed. There was also a ladies event sponsored by the LIPS Tour.

Though it culminates with the World Poker Tour's \$3,700 Legends of Poker Main Event, the trademark event for this series has to be tournament director **Mo Fathipour's** creation, the Mega Millions tournament. This \$1 million guarantee re-entry tournament with a \$150 buy-in featured more than 20 starting flights. This event shattered the guarantee, with a prize pool of more than \$1.2 million.

Players in the Mega Millions were allowed to enter multiple starting flights, even if they advanced previously. If they advanced from more than one flight, they kept their largest stack, and were given a flat fee for any others removed from the tournament. Name poker players who qualified from multiple flights were **David Pham** and **Chris Grigorian**.

The WPT main event had a prize pool of more than \$2.1 million. The final table boasted prominent pros **Ali Eslami**, who finished fourth, **Greg "FBT" Mueller** (fifth) and 2006 World Series of Poker Player of the Year **Jeff Madsen**, who finished sixth. **Josh Hale** won the title, \$474,500 and a \$25K seat into the WPT World Championship.



**HOLLYWOOD PARK:** This month is the Sport of Kings tournament series at Hollywood Park Casino from Oct. 11-22. There are 14 events, all with buy-ins of \$40 to \$125, and all have guarantees totaling more than \$280K. There is a multi-rebuy event every day Oct. 12-17. The buy-in is \$40

## Legends of Poker, Bicycle Casino, July 28-Aug. 29

<p><b>Event 1 • \$235 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 668 • Pool: \$129,592</b>                  Haiou Han, \$29,172</p> <p><b>Event 2 • \$345 Bounty</b>  <b>Entries: 133 • Pool: \$25,802</b>                  Steven Silverstein, \$7,512</p> <p><b>Event 3 • \$235 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 109 • Pool: \$21,146</b>                  Walter Smiley, \$6,236</p> <p><b>Event 4 • \$235 PLO/8</b>  <b>Entries: 68 • Pool: \$21,922</b>                  John Cernuto, \$7,237</p> <p><b>Event 5 • \$335 LHE</b>  <b>Entries: 84 • Pool: \$16,296</b>                  Angelo Karimalis, \$5,195</p> <p><b>Event 6 • \$345 Omaha/8</b>  <b>Entries: 91 • Pool: \$26,481</b>                  Jonathan Mendel, \$8,476</p> <p><b>Event 7 • \$235 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 140 • Pool: \$27,160</b>                  Adrian Beloso, \$7,875</p> <p><b>Event 8 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 96 • Pool: \$27,936</b>                  Peter Morris, \$8,941</p> <p><b>Event 9 • \$235 H.O.R.S.E.</b>  <b>Entries: 116 • Pool: \$22,504</b>                  Gerard A. Rechitzer, \$6,634</p> <p><b>Event 10 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 57 • Pool: \$16,587</b>                  Phong Nguyen, \$5,812</p> <p><b>Event 11 • \$235 6-Max</b>  <b>Entries: 119 • Pool: \$23,086</b>                  Julie Shoji, \$4,863</p>	<p><b>Event 12 • \$150 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 6,064 • Pool: \$1,23M</b>                  Shaun Abkarian, \$220K</p> <p><b>Event 13 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 39 • Pool: \$11,349</b>                  Bryant Hyden, \$3,969</p> <p><b>Event 14 • \$235 2-7 TD</b>  <b>Entries: 35 • Pool: \$6,790</b>                  Adam Kipnis, \$2,480</p> <p><b>Event 15 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 57 • Pool: \$16,587</b>                  Nick Phoenix, \$5,802</p> <p><b>Event 16 • \$235 LHE</b>  <b>Entries: 73 • Pool: \$14,162</b>                  Ivan Youssefian, \$4,532</p> <p><b>Event 17 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 39 • Pool: \$11,349</b>                  Daniel Furnival, \$3,969</p> <p><b>Event 18 • \$235 6-Max</b>  <b>Entries: 119 • Pool: \$23,086</b>                  Randall Christing, \$6,456</p> <p><b>Event 19 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 31 • Pool: \$9,021</b>                  Randy Bowie, \$3,156</p> <p><b>Event 20 • \$235 S8/O8</b>  <b>Entries: 135 • Pool: \$26,190</b>                  Donald Hoffman, \$7,070</p> <p><b>Event 21 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 66 • Pool: \$19,206</b>                  Chris Kay, \$6,146</p> <p><b>Event 22 • \$235 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 85 • Pool: \$16,490</b>                  Iliia Lekach, \$5,270</p>	<p><b>Event 23 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 375 • Pool: \$109,125</b>                  Leonard Parker, \$26,100</p> <p><b>Event 24 • \$245 LIPS</b>  <b>Entries: 68 • Pool: \$12,959</b>                  London Gallagher, \$4,144</p> <p><b>Event 25 • \$235 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 81 • Pool: \$15,714</b>                  Marios Savvides, \$5,029</p> <p><b>Event 26 • \$345 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 26 • Pool: \$9,312</b>                  Jason Turnage, \$3,257</p> <p><b>Event 27 • \$555 H.O.R.S.E.</b>  <b>Entries: 79 • Pool: \$38,315</b>                  Daham Wang, \$15,315</p> <p><b>Event 28 • \$1,070 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 334 • Pool: \$323,980</b>                  Bryce Yockey, \$77,720</p> <p><b>Event 29 • \$555 PLO</b>  <b>Entries: 10 • Pool: \$9,000</b>                  Dmitri Valquev, \$4,500</p> <p><b>Event 30 • \$555 Omaha/8</b>  <b>Entries: 51 • Pool: \$24,735</b>                  Marcos Rodriguez, \$8,660</p> <p><b>\$3,700 Main Event</b>  <b>Entries: 622 • Pool: \$2.1M</b>                  Josh Hale, \$500K</p> <p><b>Event 37 • \$150 NLHE</b>  <b>Entries: 1,635 • Pool: \$328,320</b>                  Edmund Liu, \$56,320</p>
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except for the 13th, when it is \$70. At 6:30 each night, there's another tournament with the bigger buy-in events. The main event is a \$150K guarantee with eight starting flights. There will be two flights each day at 12:30 and 6:30 on Oct. 18-21, with all advancing players coming back on Oct. 22.

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# Bad-beat jackpot at Pechanga hits for nearly \$245K

On Sept. 6, the bad-beat jackpot at Pechanga struck for \$243,657, netting the loser of the hand, **Ly Ang Tong**, \$73,124. His quad threes lost to **Judy Court's** quad nines. Every player in the room in a hold'em cash game received \$396. Court won \$48,708. The other seven players at the table netted \$10,442 each.

The jackpot, which set the record for biggest at the Pechanga poker room, immediately reset to \$110K

"All summer long, Pechanga poker players have been packing the house to chase this jackpot," poker room manager **Richie Lopez** said. "Though it only took beating a four-of-a-kind, the jackpot just kept getting bigger and bigger, as no one could trigger it."

**LABOR DAY EVENTS:** Ocean's 11 hosted its annual



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Labor Day tournament, which always has a free BBQ. The buy-in was \$450, unless you were fortunate enough to get a seat via one of the \$75 satellites. The 211 entrants brought the prize pool to \$84,400, with **Faris Fotouhi** taking home the top prize of \$21,120 and **Bessie Fitzmaurice** collecting \$11,280 for second. The Pala poker room hosted RiverCard's Quest for the Cup XI.

The two-day tournament featured 230 players (\$28,750 prize pool), with 37 making it to the Labor Day final.

The top 25 players were paid as **Steve Alkema** won the title and \$8,155. He also received a replica of the RiverCard trophy.

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Are you ready for some football? It's my favorite time of year, when the NFL kicks off the season and what better way to spend your Monday nights than watching some football and playing poker?

Tachi Palace in Lemoore has a great MNF promo, splashing pots for every score. A random table is drawn and the next hand receives

an additional 10x the points just scored; \$70 for a touchdown, \$30 for field goals, etc.

You can still find great action in the mid-morning \$100 deepstack tourney Friday-Sunday, along with other daily promos, including "Kings Can't Lose" on Mondays and "Aces Cracked Wins A



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Rack" on Thursdays. As always, seated players receive free breakfast every day at 9:30 a.m.

Tachi will start running its popular World Series of Poker Main Event satellites in November, continuing on the first Saturday of every month through May. Poker room manager **John Stewart** said there may be a few changes in the satellites structure from last year's \$225 buy-in, but minimal if any.

To stay updated on the WSOP satellite schedule and to view the Tachi Palace calendar and promos, visit [tachipalace.com](http://tachipalace.com).

**BAY 101 CASINO:** Looking for a chance to play in Bay 101's World Poker Tour Shooting Star Main Event in March? Be sure to play in the cardroom's daily point qualifying series now until Feb. 2 for a chance to earn a seat to the main event. The WPT series, which is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for this event, will be March 4-8 in the San Jose casino. Be sure to check [bay101.com](http://bay101.com) for the series schedule, which hasn't been finalized.

**CORDOVA CASINO:** The Super Bad Beat Jackpot (quad eights) was at

\$75K at press time. As for tournaments, ask someone in the poker room about Team Cordova, which sends players to the quarterly Park-West tournament. ... The Four-Hour Free Ride states that all morning tournament players who play for an additional four hours will have their buy-in paid for in the tournament the next morning.

**FOLSOM LAKE BOWL:** The cardroom offers a \$1K guarantee with a \$30 buy-in on Saturday nights at 8. Check out its Facebook page to see about getting that buy-in reduced, too. As for cash games, every morning from 10-10:30 you'll get \$100 in chips for \$70 if you play for two hours. And the progressive bad-beat jackpot (seeded with \$6K) requires aces full of queens be beaten by quads.

**LIMELIGHT CASINO:** Here are the latest promotions for the poker room: If you play cash between 5-9 p.m. you'll get a complimentary dinner. ... If you get quads you can spin the wheel to win \$20-\$100. ... If you sign in before 10 a.m. and play for two hours you'll get \$30 in chips.

**LUCKY DERBY CASINO:** This month features a few unique tournament offerings, including a heads-up event that has two starting days (Oct. 13 or Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.). Buy-in is \$40 and the final eight and finals will be Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. You may re-enter, but call the poker room for details, 916-726-8946. ... The room also hosts a three-player team tournament Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. The buy-in is \$150 per team and payouts are based on points. Call the room for specifics. ... Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. will be a \$100 mega deepstack event that starts you with 10K chips and a \$5 dealer add-on gets you 5K more. This event allows you to re-enter up to the first break. ... Be sure to ask about the \$1K guarantee that has a \$1 buy-in. It's held the last Saturday of every month (Oct. 27) at 3 p.m. and has unlimited \$25 rebuys during the first four rounds and one optional \$25 add-on before the fifth level.

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# L'Auberge, after delay, is open in all of its glory

By Ross Leitz

The highly anticipated grand opening of L'Auberge Baton Rouge Casino & Hotel was scheduled for Aug. 29, coincidentally on the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, yet the opening had to be delayed temporarily because of the unexpected course of Hurricane Isaac. The newly constructed \$368 million property, which is now open, is the newest addition to Pinnacle Entertainment, the parent company to the Heartland Poker Tour.

**Chris Griffin**, who was poker room manager at Harrah's Tunica in Mississippi for many years, is now an assistant operations manager at L'Auberge, which means he'll also run L'Auberge's Red Stick Poker Room.

"Becoming part of the Pinnacle Entertainment team and the overall experience of opening this first-class casino has been a phenomenal experience," Griffin said. "When given the opportunity to relocate to Baton Rouge and become part of the management team and stay involved with poker was an opportunity of a lifetime. Pinnacle's mission statement is simple, 'To become the best casino entertainment company in the world,' and there's no doubt that you'll see the commitment

in accomplishing just that as you arrive at our property."

The 1,500-square-foot smoke-free room will spread limit and no-limit hold'em, Omaha/8 and pot-limit Omaha.

"The Red Stick Poker Room is by far the classiest poker room I've ever been involved with, and it's definitely the premier poker destination in the Baton Rouge and surrounding area," Griffin said. "Players can experience nearly any game type imaginable here at our facility, as long as we have enough players interested to start a game it's a good chance we can accommodate them. ... Our opening was delayed by Hurricane Isaac, but we all made it through; now the only thing being blown away are our guests expectations." For more information, visit [lbatonrouge.com](http://lbatonrouge.com).

**COUSHATTA:** The bad-beat jackpot continues to climb at Coshatta Resort & Casino, pushing past \$435K at press time. The poker room also was busy preparing for the semiannual Seven Clans Cup, which ran Sept. 19-23, as *Ante Up* went to press. Be sure to check out [coushattacasinoresort.com](http://coushattacasinoresort.com) for daily bad-beat updates and details on the Seven Clans.

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# GULFSTREAM PARK SURVIVES AQUARIUM BREACH

In late August at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, the \$2,200 main event of the WPT Regional Summer Splash Series was just under way while Tropical Storm Isaac churned its way past Haiti and Cuba on its way around the Florida peninsula. Because of the immense size of the storm, several portions of Broward County ended up getting 10-12 inches of rain, causing relatively minor flooding and a two-day postponement of the poker tournament after two successful opening days.



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Though players and officials probably worried there might be problems completing the event, Day 2 got off on Aug. 28 and raced

to its conclusion the next day, with **Michael Frazin** of Deerfield, Ill., taking home the top prize of \$130,505 (Results are on next page.).

Disaster avoided, the poker world moved its attention elsewhere, possibly to the northern Gulf Coast where Isaac, then a Category 1 hurricane, was taking aim at casinos and cardrooms from New Orleans east to Pensacola. Twenty inches of rain later, all of the area casinos were closed a few days, eliminating thousands of poker hands and hours of gaming fun.

But Mother Nature doesn't have the market cornered when it comes to excessive flooding and the resulting loss of revenue. A freak occurrence in the middle of the Labor Day weekend saw Gulfstream Park's two casinos and poker room suffer massive damage and a forced shutdown when a 13,000-gallon cylindrical fish tank burst open on the second floor shortly after midnight as Saturday turned into Sunday.

To make matters worse, the gigantic tropical fish aquarium contained saltwater, 10,000 gallons of which gushed onto the casino floor, requiring a haz-mat team to start the cleanup on Sunday. For those animal-loving folks out there, I'm happy to report all of the nearly 100 fish, which included a puffer, a lionfish and two small nurse sharks, were rescued and transported to safety.

Several of the slot machines, however, did not fare so well. Neither

did some of the poker tables, chairs and flatscreen TVs one floor below.

Losing the second half of a Labor Day weekend will cost this top-notch facility hundreds of thousands of dollars in business and the cost of replacement equipment when all is said and done, could possibly reach \$1 million. Remember, much like oil and vinegar, slot machines and water, especially saltwater, do not mix. Fortunately, for Magna Corp., owners of Gulfstream Park, the racing simulcast areas and most of the surrounding restaurants and shops were not affected. So, except for slot players, poker players and employees, many of the regular Gulfstream patrons may not even realize this happened.

General Manager **Tim Ritvo** hit it on the head when he said, "Thank God nobody got hurt, but we're looking at a few days of cleanup."

Finally, what I will take away most from this incident is how often we take for granted the beautiful entertainment facilities we have here in South Florida and how we so often fail to recognize the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to make them available to us.

We have come so far in Florida to create a fun, challenging poker world and it didn't get here by accident, nor was it slowed for long by an accident as the poker room reopened a week later.

## Isle Open closes out big four at Pompano

The finale of the Isle Casino's four major poker series begins Oct. 15 with the first of nine tournaments; among them this year are two bounty events, an ante-only tourney and an Omaha/8 event. The biggest draw will be a \$330 buy-in event with three opening-day sessions Oct. 18-20. That tournament drew 1,173 entries last year, won by **Ebony Kenney** of North Miami Beach, one of the World Poker Tour's "Player's To Watch" in Season X. The Isle Open main event, with two opening sessions, will be Oct. 26-29 with a \$2,200 buy-in and a \$300K prize pool guarantee. **Kevin Deng** of Coral Springs captured the trophy last year, taking home \$100K after besting 231 competitors.

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### DANIA JAI-ALAI

**Ira Horowitz** of Miami took the first-place trophy as chipleader in the **Dan Le Batard** tournament at Dania Jai-Alai on Aug. 29. The final 10 players did a "chip chop" as Horowitz, with most of the chips, won \$546.

### SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE

The bad-beat jackpot at the Seminole Casino in Immokalee hit for \$68,105 as **Gary Dziok's** quad queens lost to **Steven Ramunni's** king-high straight flush. Dziok won \$34,052 and Ramunni got \$20,431. The other six players at the table won \$2,270 each.

### ISLE CASINO

The Isle Casino in Pompano Park recently hosted a couple of large guarantee events leading up to its Isle Open this month (see story above). Ft. Lauderdale's **Hayden Fortini**, who always does well at the Isle, earned \$33,327 in a chop with **Josh Hillock** of Palm City. The \$330 August event had a \$150K guarantee and drew 538 players.

In September, a \$100K guarantee drew 1,507 players to the \$100 buy-in event as **Danna Janine** of Hollywood won \$20,276 in a deal.



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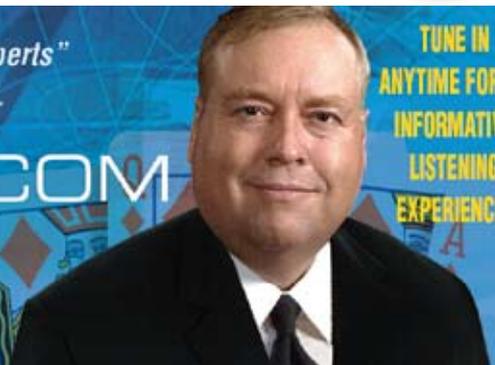
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# TAMPA BAY HAS ALL THE ACTION YOU NEED

Poker players have three basic needs when it comes to tournaments and promotions: variety, large payouts and a great structure. Finding rooms with these conditions is easy when you live in the Tampa Bay area. Hard Rock Tampa, Derby Lane, Tampa Bay Downs and Tampa Greyhound all have their own advantage and are great at attracting not only tournament players, but cash-game players, too.



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Here's a preview of some of the best that each room has to offer:

- Hard Rock Tampa has more than 50 tables of live action running daily. If you like high-stakes tournaments, check out its deepstack events on Oct. 12 and 26 at (\$550, 7 p.m.). If you're a cash-game grinder, HRT is always a great spot to try to hit a bad-beat jackpot as it usually reaches into the six-figure payday range. Right at press time, HRT's bad-beat jackpot was hit for more than \$500K.

- Derby Lane is littered with great promotions for live-action players. One of its most popular promotions is the Monte Carlo. The payouts for \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em are quad deuces-10s (\$75), quad jacks-aces (\$150), straight flushes (\$300) and royals (\$500). Derby Lane offers a good bang for your buck. See for yourself on Oct. 14 in its Super Stack event (\$330, 1 p.m., 30-minute levels, 15K units), and don't miss its three-day Halloween tournament Oct. 26-28 where you win an Ante Up Poker Cruise (See ad Page 33).

- Tampa Bay Downs has become a premier spot for tournament and cash-game variation. The Silks has a great range of buy-ins for tournaments, but your best bet is its reduced rake event on Sundays (\$200, 1 p.m.). The Halloween tournament (Oct. 26-28) is the room's biggest event of the year. See the ad on Page 37 for more details. For



**Nutz winners at Silks Poker Room**

the cash-gamers, the room has its \$599-\$299 high-hand promotion, paying quads, straight flushes and royals.

- Lucky's Card Room at Tampa Greyhound is a great spot to test your skills in hold'em and Omaha as these cash games run regularly. Lucky's has numerous promotions, including its new Rise 'n Shine payout. This promo runs 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and pays aces full of queens or better and starts at \$500. If you're looking for a great-structured tournament to play, the Sunday Challenge is a must on Oct. 28 (\$115, 1 p.m.).

**GOING NUTZ AT SILKS:** The Nutz Poker League recently held its third Silk's Poker Showdown at Tampa Bay Downs, attracting more than 50 players. **Roy Danford, Julio Jimenez, Rita Palouian** and **Laurie O'Donnell** chopped for almost \$400 apiece.

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## WPT Regional Summer Splash, Hard Rock Hollywood, Aug. 10-27

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Entries: 1,742 • Pool: \$522,600  
Andrew Conroy, \$37,339\*
- Event 2 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 41 • Pool: \$4,920  
Luis Cristobol, \$1,250
- Event 3 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 22 • Pool: \$2,640  
David Shephard, \$1K
- Event 4 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 57 • Pool: \$6,840  
Oscar Ramirez, \$2,668
- Event 5 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 44 • Pool: \$5,280  
Gus Maestrales, \$2,165
- Event 6 • \$240 Omaha/8**  
Entries: 66 • Pool: \$13,200  
Ryan Jones, \$2,200
- Event 9 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 33 • Pool: \$3,960  
Greg Moshe, \$990
- Event 10 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$50K  
Jason Merritt, \$17,500
- Event 12 • \$300 NLHE**  
Entries: 99 • Pool: \$25,740  
Fernando Vasquez, \$5,700
- Event 13 • \$350 NLHE**  
Entries: 48 • Pool: \$5,760  
Phylliss Jefferson, \$823
- Event 14 • \$350 6-Max**  
Entries: 43 • Pool: \$15K  
Joe Urgo, \$5,150
- Event 15 • \$300 Seniors**  
Entries: 75 • Pool: \$19,500  
Stephen Ekin, \$4,589
- Event 16 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 280 • Pool: \$33,600  
Theosald Tran, \$6,931
- Event 17 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 27 • Pool: \$3,240  
Gus Maestrales, \$1,620
- Event 18 • \$350 NLHE**  
Entries: 103 • Pool: \$30,900  
Jerry Wong, \$10,196
- Event 19 • \$300 NLH/PLO**  
Entries: 22 • Pool: \$5,720  
Joe Urgo, \$2,860
- Event 20 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 203 • Pool: \$24,360  
Joe Johnson, \$6,823
- Event 21 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 19 • Pool: \$2,280  
Denes Nagy, \$1,482
- Event 22 • \$300 NLHE**  
Entries: 75 • Pool: \$20K  
Max Jones, \$7K
- Event 23 • \$240 H.O.R.S.E.**  
Entries: 51 • Pool: \$10,200  
Lana Rosenberg, \$2,384



**Main event winner Michael Frazin**

- Event 24 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 186 • Pool: \$22,320  
Eric Kolodny, \$2,898
- Event 26 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 436 • Pool: \$218K  
Stewart Newman, \$38K
- Event 27 • \$240 NLHE**  
Entries: 50 • Pool: \$10K  
Theobald Tran, \$4,100
- Event 28 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 137 • Pool: \$20K  
William Hawkins, \$3,670
- Event 29 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 19 • Pool: \$2,280  
Julio Fernandez, \$1,180
- Event 30 • \$240 Stud**  
Entries: 26 • Pool: \$5,200  
Frank Labate, \$2,420
- Event 31 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 148 • Pool: \$20K  
Adalberto Valdes, \$6,200
- Event 33 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 294 • Pool: \$35,280  
Michel Nazario, \$4,707
- Event 34 • \$240 Bounty**  
Entries: 82 • Pool: \$8,200  
Jesse McNeil, \$2,870
- Event 35 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 152 • Pool: \$20K  
Andrew Frier, \$2,152

- Event 36 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 15 • Pool: \$1,800  
Ramon Gonzalez, \$450
- Event 37 • \$560 6-Max**  
Entries: 68 • Pool: \$35K  
Abbey Daniels, \$11,200
- Event 38 • \$240 PLO**  
Entries: 56 • Pool: \$11,200  
Eitan Elbaz-Dahan, \$4,368
- Event 39 • \$300 NLHE**  
Entries: 120 • Pool: \$31,200  
Jonah Miller, \$10,128
- Event 40 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 26 • Pool: \$3,120  
Steven Moreno, \$1,560
- Event 41 • \$300 NLHE**  
Entries: 136 • Pool: \$35,360  
Fabricio De Oliveira, \$9,300
- Event 42 • \$240 Ladies**  
Entries: 13 • Pool: \$2,600  
Phylliss Jefferson, \$1,200
- Event 43 • \$350 NLHE**  
Entries: 205 • Pool: \$24,600  
Jonathan Lasko, \$2,027
- Event 44 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 16 • Pool: \$1,920  
Joe Johnson, \$1,248
- Event 45 • \$1,100 NLHE**  
Entries: 65 • Pool: \$75K  
Adam Katz, \$21K
- Event 46 • \$240 PLO/8**  
Entries: 65 • Pool: \$13K  
Zac Johnson, \$3,008
- Event 47 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 148 • Pool: \$20K  
Nancy Birnbaum, \$4K
- Event 48 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 23 • Pool: \$2,760  
Dana Lebel, \$1,380
- Event 49 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 73 • Pool: \$50K  
Debra Hedgepeth, \$17,500
- Event 50 • \$350 O/8**  
Entries: 62 • Pool: \$20K  
Brittney Darwin, \$4,900
- Event 51 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 143 • Pool: \$20K  
Mor Zucker, \$3,430
- \$2,200 Main Event**  
Entries: 198 • Pool: \$421K  
Michael Frazin, \$130,505
- Event 53 • \$240 NLHE**  
Entries: 17 • Pool: \$5K  
Leon Kunkel, \$2,200
- Event 54 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 127 • Pool: \$20K  
Allan Bieler, \$2,998
- Event 55 • \$240 NLHE**  
Entries: 24 • Pool: \$4,800  
Abraham Levy, \$1,800



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# EDWARDS CAPTURES BESTBET JAX MAIN EVENT

**Mark Edwards** captured the bestbet Jacksonville Summer Series Main Event title in early September, besting a field of 285 players in the \$1,500 tournament. Edwards, a pro from Orlando, said he usually plays cash games but told bestbet's events coordinator **Jeremiah Curtis** he likes to play tournaments to prove to his mom he's "legitimate." A \$100K payday, from a \$384K prize pool, will go a long way to proving his legitimacy, too.



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The Jacksonville poker scene is no stranger to Edwards, who was runner-up in Event 1 of the Spring Series, which attracted 900-plus players. He also has a World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

At the final table, Edwards eliminated seven players, including bestbet regulars **Thad McNulty, Jerome Hall, Sean Winter** and **Diem Pham**, plus one-time November Niner and current Ante Up Player of the

Year leader **John Dolan**. When play was heads-up against Pham, Edwards had a 3-to-1 chip lead. After a few hands, Diem went all-in and Edwards called her with Q-10. Diem had A-8, but a queen on the river gave Edwards the title.

The Summer Series had nearly 20 events and attracted players from all over the country, including a whopping 600-plus entrants for Event 1, which **Jeremiah Pierce** of South Carolina won.

And Jacksonville bestbet isn't finished this year with its fine poker series. Its Jacksonville Fall Series kicks off later this month (Oct. 25) and runs through Nov. 11, culminating with the WPT main event Nov. 9-13, which will be a player of the year tournament and streamed live. For more details and schedule, please see the ad on the next page.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** Be sure to check out the poker room over Halloween weekend for some great cash giveaways. The ad on Page 9 explains all of the details.

— **Chaz Allen is Ante Up's North Florida Ambassador. Email him at anteup.chazallen@gmail.com.**

## WPT Regional/bestbet Jacksonville Summer Series, Aug. 24-Sept. 10 \* Denotes chop or deal



**Event 1 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 609 • Pool: \$121,601  
Jeremiah Pierce, \$13,563



**Event 2 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 108 • Pool: \$21,600  
Mike Bozeman, \$4,817\*



**Event 3 • \$230 Omaha/8**  
Entries: 66 • Pool: \$13,200  
Ben Carli, \$2,360\*



**Event 4 • \$230 Bounty**  
Entries: 103 • Pool: \$15,450  
Joshua Thompson, \$5,229



**Event 5 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 68 • Pool: \$13,600  
Derek Bowers, \$5,229



**Event 6 • \$340 NLHE**  
Entries: 560 • Pool: \$168K  
Larry James, \$30K



**Event 7 • \$150 AIOF**  
Entries: 85 • Pool: \$10,200  
Ed Mroczkowski, \$2,004\*



**Event 8 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 82 • Pool: \$41K  
William Dias, \$8,303\*



**Event 9 • \$340 PLO/8**  
Entries: 75 • Pool: \$22,500  
Ryan Gelsomino, \$4,948



**Event 10 • \$340 Bounty**  
Entries: 84 • Pool: \$25,200  
Thomas O'Neill, \$3,638



**Event 11 • \$340 6-Max**  
Entries: 46 • Pool: \$13,800  
Ken Raborn, \$5,246



**Event 12 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 72 • Pool: \$14,400  
Rico Cunningham, \$5,472



**Event 13 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 36 • Pool: \$18K  
Max Jones, \$4,010



**Event 14 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 42 • Pool: \$8,400  
Joe Jeanin, \$3,612



**Event 15 • \$340 NLHE**  
Entries: 46 • Pool: \$13,800  
Joe Jeannin, \$4,254



**Event 16 • \$340 Bounty**  
Entries: 67 • Pool: \$20,100  
Rich Gilliland, \$5,026



**\$1,500 Main Event**  
Entries: 285 • Pool: \$384,750  
Mark Edwards, \$107,730



**Event 18 • \$230 Bounty**  
Entries: 73 • Pool: \$14,600  
Mary McWilliams, \$4,163

### ANTE UP POKER CRUISE

**Chad Holloway**, the Ante Up Ambassador for Wisconsin and a senior writer for PokerNews, captured the \$125 event aboard the Ante Up Poker Cruise in late August. The event attracted 68 players and paid nine spots. Holloway, from Reedsburg, Wis., earned \$2,205 and, on a side note, he had won his cruise package from the Blue Shark Optics contest, submitting the winning video that featured the

BSO product. Holloway was followed by **Ray Flavin** of Woodstock, Fla., (\$1,365), **Shaun Krueger** of Tallahassee (\$815), **Stephanie Hughes** of West Palm Beach (\$680), **Chirag Patel** of Panama City Beach, Fla., (\$545), **David Lai** of New Port Richey, Fla., (\$405), **Edward Bernard** of Archer, Fla., (\$340), **Ronald Chupka** of Satellite Beach, Fla., (\$340) and **Steven Pionk** of Hernando, Mich. (\$200).





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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
11/9	Fri	12pm	M/E No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	\$500,000
11/10	Sat	12pm	M/E No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
11/11	Sun	12pm	M/E Day 2		90 min		
11/12	Mon	12pm	M/E Day 3		90 min		
11/13	Tue	2pm	M/E Final Day		60 min		

**JACKSONVILLE FALL SERIES • OCT. 25 - NOV. 13**

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

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



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# FREEMAN WINS AZ STATE WOMEN'S TITLE

By Christopher Cosenza

The seventh annual Arizona State Ladies Championship has come to a close in the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick, and it had quite the turnout. Nearly 300 players descended upon the Scottsdale casino to generate a \$59,400 prize pool. In the end it was **Lara Freeman** of Tempe who captured the title and \$14,256.

"It's all very exciting," said Freeman, a poker dual-rate supervisor for Harrah's Ak-Chin for the past year. "I have been on Cloud 9 ever since."

She defeated **Angela Allison** of Glendale heads-up for the prize, but not without a little good fortune.

"The key hand was I pushed all-in with A-2 and she had A-7, but I caught a deuce and had a massive chip lead after that. The final two ladies, Angela and R.J., they were both sweet and very good players."

Allison earned \$8,762 and **Raena Janes** of Tucson won \$5,940 for third. Every player in the top 10 hailed from Arizona. This was the biggest score of Freeman's live career, though she had won a large tournament online.

For women who didn't get to experience this event at the spacious Arena Poker Room, (or even if you did get to experience the state championship) there will be a \$75 ladies tournament on Oct. 14 at 11:15 a.m.

**FT. MCDOWELL CASINO:** If you have a tight bankroll but still want to play for some tournament cash, be sure to check out the new \$1K guarantees at the Ft. McDowell poker room. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at noon and 4 p.m., the

buy-in is a mere \$5. There are \$5 rebuys and a \$5 add-on, but for the price of a Subway Footlong you can compete for a guaranteed \$1K prize pool. Sunday nights at 7 there's another \$1K guarantee, but the buy-in, rebuy and add-ons increase to \$10.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN:** The last NFL game of the night on Sundays and Mondays will feature the Splash Pots promotion. For touchdowns, all cash games will be splashed with \$50, followed by \$25 for field goals and \$100 for safeties. Promotions are always subject to change so be sure to call the poker room at 480-802-5138.

**CASINO DEL SOL:** The poker room is hosting a \$25K freeroll Nov. 13-17, limited to the first 180 qualified and registered players. Play 50 hours from now until Nov. 4 to qualify, plus you can earn 500 more chips for every 10 hours played beyond 50.

Also, ask about the football raffle promotion that runs until Feb. 3; it involves giving away a lot of cash. And there are second-chance giveaways Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30 and Jan. 27.

**WILD HORSE PASS:** Splash pots are back for football season, including college games. The promotion runs Saturday-Monday. Call the poker room for details (800-946-4452) and be sure to use your Players Club card when in the room for added amenities.

**DESERT DIAMOND CASINO:** Are you an early riser who loves to play tournaments? The poker room at Desert Diamond has the Cup of Coffee Tournament on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30, though registration begins at 8. The \$35 event gets you 2K chips, and if at least 10 players enter you'll get \$500 added to the prize pool. The field is capped at 40 players. Call 520-342-1810 for details. ♠



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**Ladies No-Limit Hold 'Em**  
Tournaments: Oct. 14, Dec. 9, 11:15am

**Last Saturday of the Month  
No-Limit Hold 'Em Tournaments:**  
Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29, 11:15am

**Tuesday and Wednesday No-Limit  
Hold 'Em Tournaments:** 7:15pm

**Jack and Jill No-Limit Hold 'Em**  
Tournaments: Oct. 28, Nov. 25, 11:15am

**Annual Jack and Jill No-Limit  
Hold 'Em Championship:** Dec. 2-3,  
11:15am

**Super Turbo / Super Bounty /  
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Tournaments: Oct. 20, 11:15am

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# POKER IS ALIVE AND WELL IN DODGE CITY

Boot Hill Casino and Resort has brought live poker back to an area so richly steeped in poker's history and tradition. Because of high customer demand, the property added a poker room that reflects the area's deep roots in poker. The **Steve Walker Memorial Poker Room** at Boot Hill Casino and Resort is the epitome of Kansas City poker. Director of table games **Andrew Owens** is looking forward to expanding the poker venue in the months to come. Business has been booming since the opening



**BONNIE DEMOS • OKLAHOMA**

of the poker room, so watch for bigger and better things to come from this Dodge City poker room.

## WinStar wraps another successful River Series

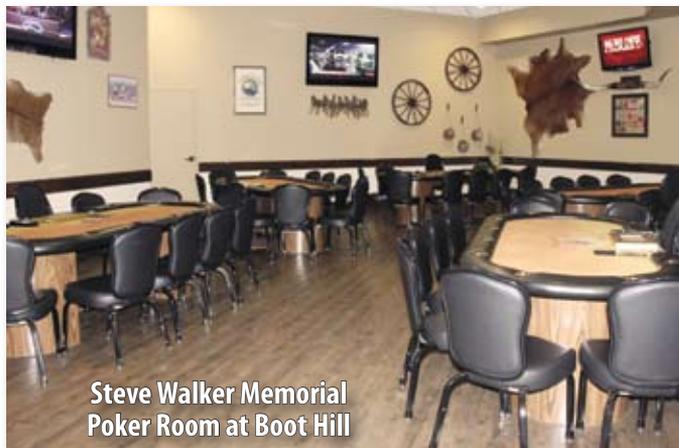
A hearty congratulations goes out to WinStar World poker room manager **Jay Wiles** for another strong effort with this year's \$4 million guarantee River Poker Tournament Series. Players and media members who attended the event from around the country are most impressed with "how nice" and "how polite" the players and people are in Oklahoma.



**Aaron Massey**

This year's series was covered live online by *Ante Up* partner PokerNews. As has become River tradition, thousands of players from all over the United States converged on Thackerville to compete in the richest guaranteed prize pool in the country, as well as the legendary cash games. Hosts **Greg Raymer** and **Maria Ho** were always present throughout the series at the tables or conversing with players.

**Aaron Massey**, a Chicago native, captured the \$2,100 main event for \$651K.



**Steve Walker Memorial Poker Room at Boot Hill**

**DOWNSTREAM NEWS:** Downstream Casino hosts its first Mid-States Poker Tour event this month (Oct. 5) with qualifiers and satellites running until the start of the \$1,100 main event, which ends Oct. 7. Poker room manager **Dale Hunter** is expecting a great turnout of players from the tri-state area of Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Downstream Casino offers players a modern comfortable resort atmosphere with all the amenities, centrally located near Joplin, Mo.

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

## \$4M River Series, WinStar Casino, Aug. 16-Sept. 3

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|--|--|--|
| <b>Event 1 • \$330 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 1,022 • Pool: \$306,675<br>Frank Berry, \$56,714 | <b>Event 4 • \$440 Bounty</b><br>Entries: 344 • Pool: \$103,200<br>Jason Sternberg, \$16,357 | <b>Event 7 • \$5K No Juice</b><br>Entries: 67 • Pool: \$335K<br>Jim Carroll, \$90,505  |
| <b>Event 2 • \$550 PLO</b><br>Entries: 148 • Pool: \$74,100<br>Joe Gryabill, \$20,712    | <b>Event 5 • \$440 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 451 • Pool: \$250K<br>Clifton Stewart, \$46,875      | <b>\$2,100 Main Event</b><br>Entries: 1,394 • Pool: \$2.78M<br>Aaron Massey, \$651,559 |
| <b>Event 3 • \$550 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 230 • Pool: \$113,950<br>Song Traymany, \$25K    | <b>Event 6 • \$1,050 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 340 • Pool: \$340K<br>Clinton Baker, \$68K         | <b>Event 9 • \$1,050 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 290 • Pool: \$290K<br>Shane Allen, \$24,785  |

## NEW MEXICO

# Autumn in beautiful bounty-full New Mexico

This month, I want to spotlight two exciting New Mexico card-rooms that got game!

Ten minutes north of Santa Fe, the sprawling Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino anticipates a grand opening for its poker room on Oct. 1. A soft opening took place on Sept. 21, offering a progressive bad-beat jackpot and a \$5K freeroll for 50 hours of live play between Sept. 21 and Oct. 26.



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Nightly tournaments begin at 6:30 Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Splash pots will be lively on Sunday and Monday during pro football games. Aces Cracked kicks off Monday through Thursday at specified times.

At Sandia Resort and Casino's poker room in northern Albuquerque,

Thursday night Headhunter Bounty 2012 series kicks off at 7 p.m. and includes 10 \$60 buy-in events. During each event, the house adds \$100 more than the previous event, as much as \$1K.

Allowing no more than 100 entries and 15 alternates, each tournament includes 3K in tournament chips, 20-minute rounds and \$5 bounties on each player. Winner of each event receives the prize payout and a freeroll into the Thanksgiving Night, Too Much Turkey Bounty Tournament.

Winners from the previous 10 events will be entered into this \$100 buy-in event, with a maximum 150 seats (no alternates), 30-minute rounds, 5K in tournament chips, \$25 bounty for each freeroll player and \$5 bounty for everyone else. And players won't miss any Thanksgiving NFL or local football play, with NFL Sunday Ticket and 12 flatscreens surrounding the room.

— **Mary Bradley is Ante Up's New Mexico Ambassador. Email her at [anteupmary@gmail.com](mailto:anteupmary@gmail.com).**

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# VENETIAN OPENS SANDS POKER ROOM, HOSTS DSE

By Christopher Cosenza

The final installment of the 2012 Venetian Deep Stack Extraganza kicks off this month (Oct. 25) and runs until Nov. 18. Registration is open until 3:15 p.m. for the \$2,500 main event's Day 1A and 1B on Nov. 17 and 18. Super satellites will be Nov. 16-17 for \$300.

Events other than no-limit hold'em include H.O.R.S.E (Oct. 30, Nov. 13), Omaha/8 (Oct. 28, Nov. 6) and PLO (Nov. 2 and 8). All of these tournaments are \$300 and begin at 3 p.m.

Each day of the series will feature three events (noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.).

The series comes on the heels of the Venetian launching its newly named and renovated Sands Poker Room, which has 59 tables (the most on the Strip and seven more than before) spread across 14,000 square feet.

"I am thrilled to be able to once again open the newest and largest poker room on the Strip," executive director of poker operations (and

newest member of the Women in Poker Hall of Fame) **Kathy Raymond** said. "We have enhanced the overall atmosphere of the room with new carpeting and wall coverings, new chairs, better lighting, 15 additional televisions, a comfortable waiting area and more yet to come."

Inspired by this opening, the Sands Poker Room will offer the Venetian Happy Hour (10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday) when cash games will enjoy rake-free play. Also, the room now has a bad-beat jackpot.

"(The promotions) give our players the ability to buy in to any tournaments, SNGs or satellites using their comp dollars," she said. "(It's) the Poker Players' Poker Room."

**TROP CLOSES POKER ROOM:** After a less-than-stellar re-opening, the Tropicana Las Vegas closed its Gold Poker Room on Sept. 11. The room, named after World Series champ **Jamie Gold**, saw a few management changes and lackluster business in its short-lived return to the Strip.

## Remember the name Yuval Bronshtein

By Todd Lamansky

Chances are you haven't heard of **Yuval Bronshtein**, but all of that is about to change. He earned the respect of the online poker world in 2008 when he took down two FTOPS events simultaneously under his handle: Yuvee04.

The 28-year-old pro hails from Israel but his parents moved to Atlanta when he was 5. Like many professionals his age, Bronshtein started playing Texas Hold'em in college.

"It was basically tournament-style," he said. "It would be a \$10 buy-in and you could rebuy as many times as you wanted. The game was over when one person had all the chips. After about two weeks, I started winning every time we played, for about three months straight."

That motivated him to open a Bodog account, where he began grinding \$30-\$60 limit hold'em. Two years later, "I had no money in my account so I used my player points to buy in to a satellite for the main event. I won first place and went to the World Series that year and just played the main event because I was broke. I was actually in debt (because) I had borrowed money from my family for the trip. So I played the main event, I didn't cash in it, I was still broke and it came down to it being the last night of the trip. My brother was with me and we were supposed to be leaving the next day and I had \$200 in my pocket. We were at Bellagio and I decided to sit in a \$2-\$5 NLHE game with it, and instead of leaving the next day, we ended up staying for three more days because I ran the \$200 up to \$5,000. Then we went home, I paid back the money I borrowed from my family and put \$500 into my Full Tilt account and the rest is basically history."

In no time at all, Yuval had turned that \$500 into \$10,000 playing "razz cash games, mostly. ... I went to the World Series the next year and ... I had maybe a \$40K or \$50K bankroll so I just decided to go to the World Series and play a few events. I ended up getting third place in one of the tournaments that year (Event 37, \$2K pot-limit hold'em) and that was a big bankroll boost." The \$109,018 he won remained the largest live score of his career until this summer (when he received \$294,601 for finishing 23rd in the main event).

His success at the 2007 WSOP inspired Yuval to take a year off from school to focus on poker. He soon found himself in London

for the first WSOP Europe. "The first event was H.O.R.S.E., which is historically my best tournament game. It was a really expensive trip and the buy-in for the tournament was like 2,500 pounds, which at the time was, like, maybe four or five grand, and I spent probably \$3,000 in expenses on the trip, but I ended up making the final table," along with bracelet-holders **Jennifer Harman** and **Chris Ferguson**. "That kind of put my name on the map a little more." Shortly thereafter, he won his first FTOPS title in stud/8.

He returned to school in 2008 after winning his two FTOPS titles and completed his junior year, continuing to play poker on the side. That summer, he notched two more WSOP cashes followed by three final tables (H.O.R.S.E., Omaha/8 and stud/8) at the Gold Strike World Poker Open in Tunica, Miss., then dropped out of school a week into his senior year after winning \$50K on Full Tilt. That October, at the EPT London, Yuval finished third a PLO/8 event and won the PLO Shootout. He shipped the \$335 H.O.R.S.E. tournament at the L.A. Poker Open in November and finished second in the \$5K PLO championships at the PCA in early 2010.

Yuval's results further illustrate his well-roundedness as a player who is as comfortable in a cash game as he is in a tournament, in both the live and online arenas. He's amassed more than \$700K in online earnings and, after the 2012 WSOP, is just shy of the \$1-million mark live.

The 2012 WSOP was the best of his career, with six cashes (bringing his total to 19), including two final tables and a deep run in the main event, for \$426,603. Though, "as weird as this sounds, my WSOP was disappointing this year." Bronshtein had an allergic reaction to some antibiotics he was taking and failed to make a Day 2 in his first eight tournaments.

"I wasn't myself and wasn't playing well. ... On the other hand, I had the best summer of my career. Cashing in the main event was like getting a monkey off my back."

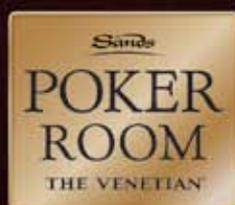
The fact that **Eugene Katchalov** selected Yuval in **Daniel Negreanu's** annual \$25K WSOP fantasy league speaks volumes about the respect he's earned from the poker community. Yuval's deep run in the main event is bound to give him screen time during the ESPN broadcasts throughout October. You can't miss him; he's the guy with the mohawk and a sweet 'stache. ♠



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# BIG REWARDS ARE IN NEVADA'S LITTLE CITY

I always hear about poker rooms offering rewards for cash-game play, but as a Reno local, I have to admit I'm excited about what the El Dorado has planned. Starting Oct. 7, and continuing on the first Sunday of every month, the poker room is running a \$10K guarantee tournament for \$100 for those who qualify. This will be a deep-stack tourney with 10K chips and 20-minute rounds. Play 25 hours of cash the previous month, or place first or second in any daily tournament to qualify.



**LESLIE PAULS • RENO**

The daily events start at 10 every morning for \$30, plus Wednesday and Thursday nights at 6, and a \$40 Tuesday event at 6. If players

split the prize pools in the dailies, then first and second will be determined by chip count. With so many tournaments offered, and receiving credit for cash play, players will have plenty of opportunities to secure a spot in the monthly event.

The El Dorado is offering is the last Friday of the month freeroll, which adds \$500 in bounties to the \$2K pool, so the final 25 players each have a \$10 bounty. If you should be so lucky to knock out poker room manager **Margie Heintz**, you'll receive \$250.

The qualifications for this freeroll are similar to the monthly \$10K: 25 hours of live play, or make the money in any of the dailies. A rebuy of \$25 is offered for the first three levels for 3,500 chips. View all of the tournament details and other promotions at [eldoradoreno.com](http://eldoradoreno.com).

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## COLORADO

# Players are getting better in Black Hawk

Is low-stakes play, especially on the weekdays, attracting stronger players at Black Hawk/Central City rooms?

That may be just one man's opinion, but **Eduardo Bretá** says it's true: Inexpensive cash games in the hills aren't as soft as they used to be on the weekdays. From \$2-5 spread limit hold'em at the Lady Luck to \$2-\$5 Omaha/8 at the Lodge, these low-stakes weekday games have started to draw stronger players (and more players) in recent months, Bretá said.



**RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO**

"It's just been really noticeable if you've been coming here for a while," said Bretá, a personal trainer who lives in Boulder and plays in Black Hawk about every other weekend. "You didn't have to used to be so selective, but it's a little tougher now."

Bretá, 27, said it isn't something that's happened overnight, just a gradual change over the past six to nine months: "Yeah, it's weird; people were saying poker's dying off (as a trend), but I think it's just more concentrated now, more guys know what they're doing, and we're getting more younger guys coming up."

Bretá said he's surprised it's taken so long for some of the soft games to disappear. When local laws changed in July 2009 to dump the 18-year-old \$5 maximum bet limit in favor of a \$100 max bet, the

poker scene obviously changed overnight.

The immediate effect was to open up a loft of soft low-limit games on the tables, Bretá said. Someone with a flexible schedule, a personal trainer, just for example, could pop up and find a lot of attractive options for games. Now? Not so much. For a while, Bretá said, the proliferation of substantial bad-beat jackpots tended to attract a lot of fish, but that wave appears to be passing. Regardless, Bretá believes the area will see a resurgence of soft games in time: "Online poker's coming back soon, no question," he said. "There's too much money to be made. And that's going to get more people into it."

**WPT REGIONAL:** It's time for the second half of Black Hawk's big-time event doubleheader. After September's extremely popular Heartland Poker Tour stop at the Golden Gates, dubbed the Mile High Poker Open, it's now time for the World Poker Tour Regional event at the Isle.

The Colorado Poker Showdown has been cranking through qualifiers in recent months, and the NLHE main event runs four days this year (Oct. 18-21). Last year's event, the first WPT Regional at the Isle, attracted 207 players and generated a prize pool of \$310,500. The Isle has been running a promotion throughout the summer and into the fall that let players to reduce their tournament buy-in by amassing hours of live play at the Isle.

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### A look at Muckleshoot Poker Room

The Muckleshoot Poker Room in Auburn, Wash., between Tacoma and Seattle, has a variety of live action, including \$4-\$8 full kill, \$15-\$30 Omaha/8 partial kill and a popular \$3-\$5 spread no-limit hold'em game, \$200 minimum buy-in. It boasts 32 tables, by far the most this side of Olympus. On Super Sunday, or every first Sunday, at about 1-1:30 in the afternoon, the room reaches full capacity with nearly 300 players hoping to hit the \$500 high hands every half-hour from noon to mid-



**JIM TOWNSEND • PACIFIC NW**

night. Get there early because the first and last half-hour pay \$1K.

Every second Sunday the "Muck" hosts a tournament perfect for new players where 10K chips and 30-minute blinds allow amateurs to fold for two hours and still be in it. Tournaments run nightly, but Thursdays easily draw 90 players plus 10 alternates. The bad-beat was around \$200K at press time (quad queens) and it pays 20 percent to the winner, 40 percent to the loser and the rest is divvied up among the room if you're playing in a hold'em game.

The Muck claims the crown in this neck of the woods, thanks in large part to a fun, robust room. One night I even walked out a winner. I played the \$65 tourney on a whim, waiting for a cash-game seat and split second place for six bills. Not bad at all.

— **Jim is our PNW Ambassador. Email him at [anteupacnw@gmail.com](mailto:anteupacnw@gmail.com).**

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# WHOPPING BAD BEAT HIT CAESARS FOR \$787K

Atlantic City was a buzz in August as the Caesars Entertainment properties combined to set an Atlantic City bad-beat jackpot record. On Aug. 12, the jackpot hit as Caesars for \$787,320, smashing the record of \$672,115.



**CRIS BELKEWITCH • N.J./PHILLY**

**Narong Sae Whited** claimed \$237,154 when four nines lost to **Nick Angelakopoulos'** king-high straight flush. He banked \$158,422 for the winning hand while the 409 players spread across the four casinos collected \$958 apiece.

The Borgata also was busy hosting another successful PLO weekend series. With \$30K in guarantees spread across two tournaments, the Borgata smashed the guarantees, something it has become known for these days. In the PLO/8 event, **Michael Wang** of Livingston, N.J., took home the top prize of \$5,876 for besting a field of 101 players. In the PLO event it was **Michael Rigo** of Vineland, N.J., that topped a field of 75 to bank \$5,090.

On the forecast for Atlantic City is the famed WPT Borgata Poker Open, which is coming out swinging this year with a \$3 million guarantee for its televised main event. Over by the beach, Revel has added to its schedule with a Super Challenge Series sponsored by PokerApproved.com. The series includes a mega party and bounty free-roll tournament Nov. 16-19. For more details, go to [pokerapproved.com](http://pokerapproved.com).

## Pennsylvania

All eyes were on Parx Casino as the World Poker Tour was in town giving Pennsylvania its first televised tournament. With 500 entries, including WPT Champions Club members **Will "The Thrill" Failla**, **Dwyte Pilgrim** and **Marvin Rettenmaier**, along with top-flight pros such as **Matt Glantz**, **Jon Turner**, **Joseph Cheong** and **Jason Koon**, the WPT Parx Open Poker Classic generated a prize pool of more than \$1.6 million. But in the end it was **Anthony Gregg** who came out on top, earning a little more than \$416K.

Gregg held the lead three out of five days, though he started the final table in second. He began heads-up play at a 2-1 chip disadvan-

## CONNECTICUT

The signature event of Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut kicks off this month Oct. 15 and runs through Nov. 5. The main event, which begins Nov. 2 at noon, features a \$3,500 buy-in, 40K chips and hour-long blinds. The series has a variety of disciplines offered besides no-limit hold'em, including stud (Oct. 15, \$400), Omaha/8 (Oct. 19, \$400), PLO (Oct. 22, \$400), stud/8 (Oct. 24, \$400) and H.O.S.E. (Oct. 26, \$400). For more details and a full schedule please see the ad on Page 31.

The poker room also recently wrapped up its Mega Stack Challenge (Aug. 11-19) as **Carlo Sciannameo** of Worcester, Mass., earned \$75,768 in a final-table chop of the \$1,200 main event. The tournament attracted 345 players for a \$364,769 prize pool. Below are the winners of the series.

### Event 1 • \$600 NLHE

Entries: 367 • Pool: \$188,675  
Richard Kerman, \$38,248

### Event 2 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 299 • Pool: \$44,955  
Drew Culhane, \$9,790

### Event 3 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 331 • Pool: \$31,113  
Michael Fiaschetti, \$3,500\*

### Event 4 • \$120 NLHE

Entries: 220 • Pool: \$21,340  
John Bautista, \$2,945\*

### Event 5 • \$300 NLHE

Entries: 804 • Pool: \$202,769  
Quan Quach, \$41,494

### Event 6 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 263 • Pool: \$39,542  
Marsel Backa, \$5,750\*

### Event 7 • \$500 6-Max

Entries: 150 • Pool: \$64,020  
David Hall, \$14,245\*

### Event 8 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 213 • Pool: \$20,661  
Tom Dellarocco, \$5K

### Event 9 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 189 • Pool: \$36,665  
Marshall Daniels, \$6,240\*

### Event 10 • \$120 NLHE

Entries: 213 • Pool: \$20,661  
Richard Alarie, \$3,400

### Event 11 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 284 • Pool: \$96,418  
Dennis Wilber, \$23,141

### Event 12 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 184 • Pool: \$27,664  
Robert Courtney, \$4K\*

### Event 13 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 260 • Pool: \$24,440  
Lawrence Martone, \$3,330\*

### \$1,200 Main Event

Entries: 345 • Pool: \$364,769  
Carlo Sciannameo, \$75,768\*

\* Denotes deal or chop

tage to **Stephen Reynolds**, but picked his spots well over the course of 98 hands and three hours.

The event proved to be a huge success and further cemented Parx as a major player in the East Coast poker scene for a long time to come.

— **Cris Belkewitch is the Ante Up Atlantic City Ambassador. A member of Team Bustout, his insight can be found at [thepokerjourney.net](http://thepokerjourney.net).**

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

# For Andrews, poker is a game she'll always cherish

**Cherish Andrews** is not your typical 22-year-old "girl next door." The St. Thomas, Pa., native takes poker seriously and plays the game for a living. At this year's World Series of Poker she cashed in six events, finishing fourth in Event 43 (\$1,500 no-limit hold'em) for \$210,083. She chatted with me about her start in poker and remarkable success.



**MIKE OWENS • W. PA./W. VA.**

**What made you decide to get into poker?** I started playing poker when I was 14 years old. My two older brothers, Allan and Chad, would have 50-cent/\$1 cash games and small \$25 tournaments with their friends. I started watching poker on TV with them and learning the rules of the game, saved up enough money and the next game they had, which was a \$25 tournament with rebuys, I played. My two brothers, as well as their friends, joked and said,

"Sure, we'll take your money." I ended up winning it for around \$700 and was hooked.

**Are you strictly a tournament player?** I relocated to Brigantine, N.J., last year after Black Friday and have been playing live \$5-\$10 at the Borgata probably around five days a week. When I get asked which I prefer, cash games or tournaments, I can never actually choose. They're both so different and play so differently. Tournaments are way more draining than cash games, so maybe I would choose cash over tournaments.

**If it wasn't poker, given your talents, what do you think you'd be doing?** I think I would definitely have to be doing something with babies or animals. I just love them both. I've always said that I want to open up a baby/animal shelter and just give them all love all day long. So I'm definitely saying I would probably be a nurse for animals and/or babies.

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Mon	Oct 15	1pm	\$400 7-Card Stud	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Tue	Oct 16	11am	\$400 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$350/\$50	20,000/40 min
Wed	Oct 17	11am	\$300 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty "Deep Stack"	\$160/\$40/\$100	15,000/30 min
Wed	Oct 17	1pm	\$400 Limit Hold'em	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Thu	Oct 18	11am	\$400 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$350/\$50	20,000/40 min
Fri	Oct 19	11am	\$500 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty "Deep Stack"	\$340/\$60/\$100	20,000/40 min
Fri	Oct 19	1pm	\$400 Omaha Hi-Lo 8+	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Sat	Oct 20	11am	\$600 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$530/\$70	20,000/50 min
Sun	Oct 21	11am	\$500 Seniors No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$440/\$60	20,000/45 min
Mon	Oct 22	11am	\$300 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$260/\$40	15,000/30 min
Mon	Oct 22	1pm	\$400 Pot Limit Omaha	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Tue	Oct 23	11am	\$400 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$350/\$50	20,000/40 min
Wed	Oct 24	11am	\$300 No-Limit Bounty "Deep Stack"	\$160/\$40/\$100	15,000/30 min
Wed	Oct 24	1pm	\$400 7-Card Stud 8+	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Thu	Oct 25	11am	\$400 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$350/\$50	20,000/40 min
Fri	Oct 26	11am	\$500 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$440/\$60	20,000/45 min
Fri	Oct 26	1pm	\$400 HOSE	\$350/\$50	10,000/30 min
Sat	Oct 27	11am	\$300 Ladies Only No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$260/\$40	15,000/30 min
Sat	Oct 27	Noon	\$1,500 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$1,375/\$125	30,000/50 min
Sun	Oct 28	11am	\$1,100 No-Limit "Super Bounty" "Deep Stack"	\$510/\$90/\$500	25,000/50 min
Mon	Oct 29	11am	\$230 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty "Deep Stack"	\$100/\$30/\$100	15,000/25 min
Tue	Oct 30	11am	\$500 Six-Max No-Limit Hold'em (Limited to 300 Players)	\$440/\$60	15,000/30 min
Wed	Oct 31	11am	\$1,000 No-Limit Hold'em "Deep Stack"	\$910/\$90	25,000/50 min
Fri	Nov 2	Noon	\$3,500 FWPF No-Limit Hold'em Championship	\$3,300/\$200	40,000/60 min
Sat	Nov 3	10am	\$300 FWPF Championship Weekend Special	\$260/\$40	30,000/20 min
Sun	Nov 4	10am	\$300 FWPF Championship Weekend Special	\$260/\$40	30,000/20 min



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# RUNNING ACES HOSTS ITS LARGEST BUY-IN

**Blake Bohn** of Burnsville, Minn., captured the Tournament of Champions, the largest buy-in tournament (\$2,500) in Running Aces Harness Park history, earning \$75K on Aug. 12 by defeating **Alexander Condon** heads-up for the title.



**JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA**

Bohn, at top right, outlasted more than 75 players and was chipleader at the end of Day 1 for an event that generated a \$175,521 prize pool.

Condon of Sioux City, Iowa, won \$30,543. This victory adds to Bohn's strong finishes at Running Aces this year, including the main event and Event 10 of the Spring Poker Classic. Bohn also had three cashes in the 2011 Fall Poker Classic at Canterbury Park.

The event may have had even more players turn out if it had not conflicted with the Arizona State Championship and the WPT Parx Open Classic near Philadelphia. The tournament had a great structure (30K chips, one-hour levels), giving plenty of time to play poker.

**TWIN CITIES POKER OPEN:** Canterbury Park hosted the Twin Cities Poker Open on Aug. 22-26 as **John Alexander** of Minneapolis won the event and \$38,839. The \$1,100 tournament drew 154 entries for a \$149,380 prize pool. Alexander, bottom right, also won three events at the 2011 Fall Poker Classic. **Nathan Fair** of Brooklyn Park, Minn., took second (\$20,913). Fair is no stranger to deep runs in tournaments with several Mid-States Poker Tour and Fall Poker Classic cashes.

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



## CHICAGOLAND

# Aurora's Hollywood Casino still leads way after 15 years

In August 1997, Hollywood Casino in Aurora was the first in Illinois to open a poker room. Since then, many poker rooms have come and gone. Hollywood's poker room remains one of Chicagoland's best places to play limit hold'em, as \$10-\$20 runs daily. Tuesday's \$20-\$40 game is Chicagoland's longest running weekly game. Thursday's \$15-\$30 is the feature game.



**JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND**

"Hollywood will be the only poker room in the state that gives back to the players from the rake on all games, \$1 from every raked hand will be funded toward promotion starting soon," said long-time poker room manager **Hemal Patel**.

"So come to Hollywood Casino Aurora to play poker and we will not only meet but exceed your expectations."

"This is a great place to play," said **Ken Faught**, owner of Baby Back Blues BBQ. "Hollywood's limit hold'em game action is the best in the Midwest." Faught has been a longtime player at the room as some regulars have been playing there since almost the beginning.

Hollywood's poker room has expanded to 15 tables and its legendary waitlist chalkboard finally has been replaced with a computerized system. The new larger room allows for easier movement around the 10-player tables. Omaha is offered daily, though it is the featured game on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



**Hollywood Casino Aurora**

**HORSESHOE:** Poker room manager **Jason Newman** has left for the Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati, which is opening in the spring. **Michael Soto** has taken over for Newman.

**CONGRATS:** Chicago native **Aaron Massey** won WinStar's River Series main event and \$651K. More on Page 24 and chicagopokerclub.net. — "Chicago" **Joe Giertuga** is Ante Up's Chicagoland Ambassador. Email him at [chicago.joe@comcast.net](mailto:chicago.joe@comcast.net). **Jason Finn** and **Kirk Fallah** contributed to this report.



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# PHAN TAKES CLASSIC; SUN WINS BACK-TO-BACK TITLES

**M**inh Phan defeated **Scott Allacher** heads-up for the main event title and \$22,583 at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs. Allacher won almost \$14K for second. Winners from the five-event series, which ran Aug. 21-27, are below.



**KEN WARREN • IOWA**

**MSPT MESKWAKI:** Imagine how difficult it is to win a poker tournament. Now imagine how hard it would be to win back-to-back events?

That's exactly what **David Sun** did during the weekend of Aug. 19 at the Grand Falls Casino in northwest Iowa. Sun from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, bested a 215-player field to win his second Mid-States Poker Tour title in less than a month, earning

\$60,486 to add to the \$77,103 he won at the Meskwaki MSPT event three weeks before.

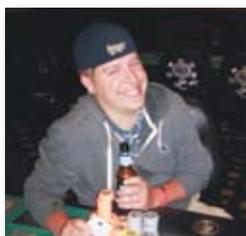
The MSPT returns to Meskwaki Casino on Oct. 27-Nov. 4 and again will offer a \$300K guarantee. This will be their last stop in Iowa for the season.

**HPT AT PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The Heartland Poker Tour stops at Prairie Meadows Racetrack Casino Hotel in Altoona near Des Moines this month, running Oct. 12-21. See the ad on Page 63 or visit [hptpoker.com](http://hptpoker.com) for more information.

**CATFISH DELAYED:** The Southeast Iowa Poker Classic, which usually runs in October at the Catfish Bend Casino in Burlington, has been pushed to Nov. 7-12. Satellites begin running this month. Check with [catfishbendcasino.com](http://catfishbendcasino.com) for more details.

— Ken Warren is Ante Up's Iowa Ambassador. Email [anteupken@gmail.com](mailto:anteupken@gmail.com).

## Horseshoe Poker Classic, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 21-27



**Event 1 • \$340 NLHE**  
Entries: 117 • Pool: \$34,047  
Brandon Fish, \$9,329



**Event 2 • \$235 NLHE**  
Entries: 228 • Pool: \$44,232  
Brian Finn, \$11,058



**Event 3 • \$180 Omaha/8**  
Entries: 63 • Pool: \$9,166  
Anthony Johnson, \$3,207



**Event 4 • \$450 NLHE**  
Entries: 124 • Pool: \$48,112  
Timothy Dorzweiler, \$13,474



**\$900 Main Event**  
Entries: 97 • Pool: \$75,272  
Minh Phan, \$22,583

# Ohio poker scene just keeps on growing

**O**ne of the first questions people ask me about poker in Ohio is when will it tail off? The interesting thing is mainstream casino brands such as Horseshoe and Hollywood are building demand in Ohio, not eating it up. The Horseshoe in Cleveland is still one of the

busiest and most action-oriented casino poker rooms in the country. While there are surely regulars, there also are a number of new faces every day. One look at the Bravo Live app tells the story.

In Toledo numbers are holding firm in a much different poker market. Hollywood and the

Horseshoe are opening a limited tournament schedule. In the biggest of these yet, Hollywood Casino's **Peter Lau** posted the state's first \$10K-plus prize in the \$300 buy-in Labor Day Poker Classic where Michael

Ernie earned \$11,135 while besting a field of 125 players.

The fall will bring many changes to the Ohio poker economy with the anticipated Columbus Day opening of the Hollywood in Columbus and the Sept. 8 opening of Buckeye Charity Poker, the Poker Tek charity poker complex just outside downtown Cleveland in Willoughby Hills.

For a long time, Franklin County has been home to official, above-board cardrooms and in Cleveland, there was the Nautica charity poker room, which was quickly eliminated by the Horseshoe. The effect of the Columbus Hollywood property has on the established rooms will be an interesting thing to watch. One thing we can be sure of: Ohio players will have plenty of options and opportunities to find a game.

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**DAN HARKENRIDER • OHIO**

## This Rooster loves him some World Series of Poker Circuit money



**R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA**

**T**he World Series of Poker Circuit is under way at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Ind., ending Oct. 8.

While most of the disciplines will be standard no-limit hold'em events, there will be a few exceptions, including a \$365 six-max Oct. 1, a \$365 pot-limit Omaha on Oct. 2 and a \$250 seniors event Oct.

4. The \$1,675 three-day main event begins Oct. 6. Also, \$100 tournaments and/or \$250 mega satellites will be nightly at 7.

One player who is sure to be there will be the "Rooster." I spoke with him at a \$1-\$3 cash game after he had just won another small, but frequent pot. →

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# BAD-BEAT JACKPOTS ARE HITTING EXTREME TOTALS

With the change to the qualifying hands for bad-beat jackpots at the major Michigan poker rooms, jackpots have been hitting six digits, driving players to casinos and lifting the hopes of gamblers in the Wolverine State. Most rooms require at least quads losing to qualify for the bad beat, and both cards from both players must play. In some rooms, both cards must be pocket pairs to qualify.



**FRANK PANAMA • MICHIGAN**

Greektown Casino's bad-beat jackpot hit on Sept. 6 for more than \$200K. According to floor manager **Wally Shakouri**, the last time the jackpot was hit was four or five months ago. "But it was hit twice in a 36-hour period," he said.

When asked what they would do with the money if they won, a local player said he'd turn one of his bedrooms into a ball pit.

At the time of this article, the MGM Grand Detroit bad-beat jackpot was at \$155K, while Motor City Casino had its jackpot at a whopping \$229,500. Not to be outdone, Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek has had its share of six-digit jackpots recently, but was at \$51,580 at press time. Soaring Eagle chimed in at a respectable \$59,400.

— **Frank Panama and Gambit Gras** are Ante Up's Michigan Ambassadors. They host the Michigan Poker Monster weekly podcast at [mipokermonster.com](http://mipokermonster.com). You can email them at [anteupmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:anteupmichigan@gmail.com).

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"Sure, there's the nightly tournaments, but I like to play in the big ones," said **Rooster, a.k.a. Steve Winslow**, a retired businessman from Indianapolis who makes the two-hour drive about twice a month to play in any of the casinos along the Indiana border. "I'd be happy with at least cashing in one of those. I've played in the seniors events at the WSOP. I didn't do good, but it was fun no matter."

Referring to the racinos around Indianapolis, he said, "I won't play those electric poker tables. I've never even played on the Internet. I don't mind the drive to be able to play with real cards and people to talk to. I want to hold my money after I win it."

Quite the character, Rooster said, "Why not?" when asked why he calls himself that. He, like many players, is looking for that big win.

"I play mostly the cash games and some of the nightly tournaments, but what I really like is when the circuit events come around. Everyone wants to play and there's a lot of money to be made. I like how some of these kids play, but there's usually one or two that think I'm just an old guy and they're beggin' me to take their momma's money."

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## ABULENCIA WINS STATE TITLE AT DOVER DOWNS

**Jessie Abulencia** of Virginia Beach, Va., captured the Delaware Poker Championship on Sept. 9 at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, beating a field of nearly 190 players, Abulencia earned \$22K from the \$74K prize pool, as the final table played for two hours.

"I feel unbelievable," said Abulencia, the 33-year-old owner of a janitorial service who is now the proud owner of a championship bracelet and trophy. "It was a good rush. I'm stoked."

Abulencia said he'll spend some of the money to take his family on vacation to Florida in December.



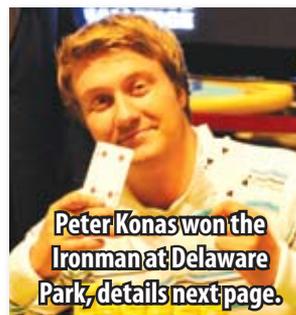
**MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC**

In other Dover Downs news, the poker room has began an Ante Up Poker League, and the player with the most points on Dec. 12 will win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package and a personalized champion's jacket. And there's still plenty of time to join.

Players earn points in the Wednesday 7 p.m. tournaments until Dec. 12, earning two points for playing a tournament, and players who cash earn bonus points based on their finish in the event and the number of entrants. Details are available in the poker room.

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For more information, visit [doverdowns.com](http://doverdowns.com) or call (302) 857-3275. For more information on the Ante Up Poker Cruise, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com) or call (727) 331-4335.



**Peter Konas won the Ironman at Delaware Park, details next page.**

Poker rooms around the country are invited to participate in the Ante Up Poker League, which allows players to compete on a regular basis to earn points toward winning an Ante Up Poker Cruise package and champion's jacket. Poker rooms interested in this should contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335.



## WISCONSIN

### Ho-Chunk Summer Bounty features Hellmuth

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosted its \$240 Summer Bounty tournament on Aug. 19, but this was no ordinary bounty event. **Phil Hellmuth**, a 12-time World Series of Poker bracelet-winner was on hand as a bounty, as were the waggish **Gavin Smith** and 2007 WSOP main event champ **Jerry Yang**.



#### CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN

In addition to the poker pros, local radio personality **Johnny Danger** and local pro **Mike "Wisconsin" Murray** served as bounties. The tournament attracted 209 players and created a prize pool of \$41,800, plus the house added \$400 bounties on each of the aforementioned players, plus \$3,200 in mystery bounties. Here's a look at the bounty hunters: **Francesco Romano** eliminated Hellmuth; **Norman Gillingham** eliminated Smith; Ron Koch eliminated Yang; Murray took out Danger, but **Matt Fierro** knocked out Murray.

Other non-bounty participants included Hellmuth's parents, **Lynn** and **Phil Sr.**, **Mark "Poker Ho" Kroon**, **Steve Verrett** and **Morgan Machina**. In the end, **Faramarz Behzadi**, **Ken Evans** and **Eric Rueckert** worked a three-way chop, each taking home more than \$7,400.

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### NEW YORK

The Seneca Salamanca poker room hosted its monthly \$10K guarantee Hillside Poker Challenge on Aug. 18 and **John Sidoni** of St Mary's, Pa., won the title and \$3,868. The \$230 buy-in earned you 10K chips and a free dinner. Sidoni was followed by **Bill Loomis** of Lakewood, N.Y. (\$2,321), **Scott Murawa** of Buffalo (\$1,548), **Edward Reid** of Canada (\$1,161) and **Sam Pollino** from Jamestown, N.Y. (\$774).



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**WORLD RECORD AT DELAWARE PARK:** Delaware Park set a record for the longest continuous poker tournament. The casino hosted the IronMan Challenge on Aug. 25-27, setting the record at 36 hours, 34 minutes. **Peter Konas** of the Czech Republic won the event for \$27,160.

**MARYLAND:** The Maryland legislature passed a referendum to be voted on in the Nov. 6 election that would allow for table games (including poker) to be played at the casinos in the state. Question 7 on the ballot would also allow for an additional casino to be built in Prince Georges County. If the referendum is passed there could be poker at six casinos throughout Maryland. Specifically, the ballot question reads as follows:

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JOEL GATLIN • A look at the online poker scene

# WILL SKILL RULING HELP ONLINE?

Now that everyone has caught their breath after Full Tilt and PokerStars finally got married after finding each other online, we can get to the latest legislative news from around the United States. Most of the online news these days is coming out of Nevada, seeing how they likely will have state-regulated online poker by the end of the year. But the big news came from a U.S. District Court ruling in New York.



JOEL GATLIN

In the case of *U.S. vs. Dieristina*, **Lawrence Dieristina** was arrested in 2011 for running illegal poker games. He was convicted under the Illegal Gambling Business Act and was looking at a prison sentence. His defense team requested a post-trial hearing to determine if poker was to be considered gambling, according to the terms listed in the law. The defense worked with the Poker Player Alliance to present its case that poker is a game of skill. The PPA provided the defense team with detailed documents and expert testimony. When the dust settled and the river card was dealt, the presiding New York U.S. District Court Judge, **Jack Weinstein**, overturned the jury's verdict and dismissed the indictment against Dieristina, citing it was his finding that poker is "predominated by skill."

This ruling likely will be appealed, seeing how the IGBA is the primary law being used against poker sites and players. But for now, the poker community is celebrating this ruling. **Howard Lederer's** attorneys have filed papers citing this ruling and asked the DOJ take this into

consideration in his civil lawsuit, stemming from Black Friday. After initially rejecting this argument, the DOJ and Lederer's attorneys continue to fight over this matter.

**NEVADA SET TO START ONLINE POKER:** In our last issue of *Ante Up*, we reported South Point Casino got approval for its online site, South Point Poker, LLC, to be the first licensed operator to provide online poker to Nevada's residents. It has had "free money" poker on its site for some time and now has received the approval to be an operator for real money. Final testing of the site is being completed and will likely go live by the end of the year.

There have been 12 companies who have filed an application to be an operator and more than 30 applications from other companies that desire to be a part of the Nevada online landscape. One of these companies is PokerTrip Enterprises, which has become the first affiliate site. Its business plan states it will provide the best information to poker players about the approved sites and would be able to facilitate the dialog between players about the sites. In return, it is proposing to generate revenue by driving players to the sites.

Players could benefit from this site by getting comps or online bonuses deposited into their accounts for choosing certain operators sites on which to play. PokerTrip needed to appear before the Nevada Gaming Commission by late September to gain final approval for its license.

Next issue, I'll cover the NGC regulations for operators of the Nevada online sites to make sure players and their funds are protected.

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

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10/12	Fri	4:00pm	No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em	\$300	\$50	10,000
10/13	Sat	2:00pm	No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em	\$500	\$60	15,000
10/14	Sun	2:00pm	No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em	\$300	\$50	10,000
10/15	Mon	6:30pm	No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (TURBO)	\$200	\$40	10,000
10/16	Tues	6:30pm	No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em	\$300	\$50	10,000
10/17	Wed	6:30pm	Limit Omaha (Eight or Better)	\$200	\$40	5,000
10/18	Thurs	6:30pm	<b>WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1A)</b>	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
10/19	Fri	4:00pm	<b>WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1B)</b>	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
10/20	Sat	2:00pm	<b>WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1C)</b>	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
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# AND THE ANTE GOES TO ...

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## CATEGORY: PLAYING POKER

### WHAT IS THE MOST ANNOYING TRAIT IN OPPONENTS?

**Lloyd Dobler** from *Say Anything* questioned relationship advice from a bunch of guys sitting alone outside the Gas 'N Sip. So we have to wonder why the guy who's constantly sharp-toothed about how terribly everyone else plays, is playing \$1-\$2 no-limit himself. It's because he's just as bad as the rest of us, and that's the only thing he doesn't seem to know.



Knows it all	46%
Smelly	25%
Hollywooding	16%
Chatty	8%
Texting/tweeting	6%

### WHAT DO YOU WANT MOST FROM THE JACKPOT

**RAKE?** What's this? Are poker players finally understanding how odd it is that in a game of skill that a dollar is being dragged from every pot and returned to the players in a purely random fashion? Nah, we couldn't be that lucky. But last year, this was split evenly, so we're making progress - especially away from the bad-beat jackpots, which suck more money out of the poker economy than the U.S. Department of Justice.

Let me keep my buck (or two)	38%
High-hand bonuses	34%
Bad-beat jackpot	29%

### WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR MOST IN A TOURNAMENT?

Poker room managers should take note of the most surprising change from our last survey, where poker players confirmed their reputation as being all about the money. This year, what our readers appear to be telling us is if a poker room has a tournament that offers good play, guarantees some money and doesn't front-load the prizes, then those readers are willing to pay for it in the form of larger entry fees.



Blind structure	43%
Guaranteed prize pool	23%
Payout structure	23%
Buy-in-to-rake ratio	10%
Rebuys/add-ons/re-entry	1%

### HOW FAR HAVE YOU TRAVELED TO PLAY IN A POKER TOURNAMENT?

Put together an action-packed tournament and players will race to the airport to be a part of it ...

Fewer than 50 miles	20%
51-100 miles	16%
101-200 miles	11%
201-500 miles	12%
More than 500 miles	41%

### HOW FAR HAVE YOU TRAVELED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A POKER ROOM PROMOTION? ... but

that clever twist on the "Aces Cracked" promotion will likely only pack in your regulars.

Fewer than 50 miles	48%
51-100 miles	22%
101-200 miles	13%
201-500 miles	7%
More than 500 miles	10%

### WHAT KIND OF TOURNAMENT DO YOU PREFER MOST?

Re-entry tournaments have taken the poker world by storm in the past year or two, allowing you to buy back in after the idiot in Seat 10 calls off his chips on a baby flush draw and hits his "one time" to send you to the rail. The trend, easily eclipsing rebuys, has resulted in bigger fields and more prize money, but it turns out that not a lot of people like seeing a player they just felted back in the tournament.

Re-entry	13%	Both	7%
Rebuy	5%	Neither	75%

### WHEN ONLINE POKER IS REGULATED, WHAT TYPE OF REGULATION DO YOU PREFER?

Sorry, folks. Neither political party made online poker regulation part of its platform for this year's elections, so unless **Harry Reid** and **John Kyl** find a way during the lame-duck congressional session this winter to hammer out some back-room deal to attach poker regulation to some hugely important national security bill (when has Congress ever done that?), you'll have to move to Nevada or Delaware or one of the handful of other states who are staking a claim to the Internet's next big gold rush while Washington turns a blind eye.

Interstate (federal regulation)	77%
No regulation	18%
Intrastate (state regulation)	5%

**SINCE BLACK FRIDAY, WHERE DO YOU PLAY ONLINE?** Yeah, April 15, 2011, really sucked, didn't it? When **Preet Bharara** put the hammer down on our freedom to multitable 18 SNGs simultaneously while sitting in our PJs and chatting with an opponent in Sweden using the screen name RiverRatt, we didn't really know where to go to get our online poker fix. About a third of us just quit, while another third tried to wade through a field of 5,678 runners in a freeroll for the winner-take-all prize of a World Series seat. Brick-and-mortar rooms look to have won our attention, but without the feeder money that comes from our Aunt Judy trying out no-limit hold'em with nickel small blinds, no one yet knows how devastating Black Friday was.

Free sites	32%	Money sites	25%	Subscription sites	13%	I don't play online	30%
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**IF YOU COULD TAKE OVER YOUR FAVORITE POKER ROOM FOR ONE DAY, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?**

This open-ended question is always a crowd-pleaser, with interesting ideas such as “free chocolate and wine for the ladies” to “stop cooking fried food 10 feet from the poker room.” But overall, here are some trends we noticed:

**Tournaments:** Not surprising, based on the responses to other questions in this survey, tournaments are a hot-button topic. Readers always look for lower house fees and longer levels, but quite a few would like to see more single-table tournaments and step tournaments that make it easier to qualify for bigger events.

**Game variety:** Plenty of players are tired of only finding no-limit hold'em in their poker room. They want Omaha, stud, mixed games, six-max tables and dealer's choice options spread more often.

**Renovations:** Always a popular answer, readers again are looking for poker rooms to spruce up their joints, from replacing lighting and chairs, to adding more space between tables, improving information on monitors and adjusting the thermostat.

**Rules:** Enforce them. All the time. And the same each time.

**WHAT'S THE BIGGEST FACTOR WHEN DECIDING IN WHICH POKER ROOM TO PLAY?**

The old mantra we learned in business school of “location, location, location” doesn't seem to apply as much anymore. A third of our respondents still need something really compelling to drive past the poker room closest to their house, and that something compelling this year is tournaments. Factoring in the other tournament questions in this year's surveys, offering lots of tournaments will get players to cross the tracks and visit your room; offering tournaments with great value will keep them crossing the tracks.

Tournaments	35%
Location	34%
Cash-game variety	16%
Staff/management/dealers	10%
Promotions/jackpots	6%

**CATEGORY: POKER PERSONALITIES**

**WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS DONE THE MOST TO PROMOTE WOMEN IN POKER?**

Let's start with this: There aren't nearly enough women enjoying the Great American Card Game as there should be. The reason we have as many as we do is because of the tireless efforts of all four of these solid organizations. Tops this year is LIPS, founded by **Lupe Soto**, who also created the Women in Poker Hall of Fame, which each year honors the women who have blazed a path for others to follow. And that's something all women who are introduced to the game each day should strive for, no?

Ladies International Poker Series	51%
High Heels Poker Tour	29%
Woman Poker Player magazine	11%
Pink Ladies Poker Tour	9%

**WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE AS YOUR DATE TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION?**

Here at *Ante Up*, we like to be a little more creative than to ask the standard “who's hottest?” question, which only serves to objectify male and female players. (Well, mostly female. OK, always female). But there also was no requirement that readers choose the prettiest players on this list to impress the classmates who gave them wedgies 10 years ago. So we were happy to see that readers recognized the game-theory smarts of PokerStars' GoDaddy Girl **Vanessa Rousso** and the positive personality of *High Stakes Poker* host **Kara Scott** in deciding on whose arm they want to hang when they return to Rydell High. And yes, sigh, both are attractive to boot.

Vanessa Rousso, 24%	Phil Ivey, 7%
Kara Scott, 22%	Gus Hansen, 6%
Liv Boeree, 18%	Karina Jett, 5%
Tiffany Michelle, 9%	Chad Brown, 2%
Patrik Antonius, 7%	David Williams, 2%



**WHO IS THE BEST POKER TWEETER?**

It's no surprise Kid Poker won this Ante as he's consistently chosen among the most popular players on the planet in most polls. His tweets often inspire reaction (good or bad) and usually has the Twitter-sphere abuzz.

Daniel Negreanu	54%
Kevin Mathers	17%
Doyle Brunson	12%
Matt Savage	11%
Jason Mercier	7%

**WHAT IS THE BEST POKER BLOG?**

If Negreanu is the most popular tweeter, then it stands to reason he'd have a good chance at winning another Internet social category, and damn if he didn't win this one, too, for Full Contact.

Full Contact Poker	37%
Phil Galfond	36%
Poker Grump	12%
Hard Boiled Poker	11%
Shane Schlegler	4%

**WHAT PLAYER WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE?**

As often as poker players' rights are trampled on or flat-out ignored from state legislatures to U.S. Congress, we sure could use some people representing us who have common sense on poker issues. It's no surprise **Mike “Poker's Ambassador” Sexton** came out on top, as his intelligent, well-spoken defense of poker has been heard on Capitol Hill more than once. But keep an eye on **Greg Raymer**, who is a devout Libertarian, a party that does support poker freedom.

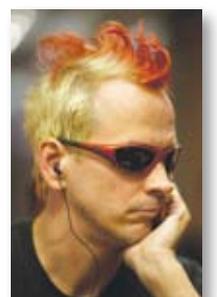
Mike Sexton	36%
Greg Raymer	27%
Barry Greenstein	26%
Annie Duke	7%
Allen Kessler	4%



**WHICH OF THESE PRO WOULD YOU LIKE TO INVITE TO YOUR HOME GAME?**

Since **Phil Laak** and **Antonio Esfandiari** are like peanut butter and jelly, you rarely see one without the other - we think we're safe to assume the combined 49 percent who chose one or the other were gambling that they'd get a two-fer to show up to play Follow the Queen while guzzling cheap beer and munching on stale pretzels in their basement with their buddies.

Phil Laak	29%
Jen Harman	20%
Antonio Esfandiari	20%
Phil Hellmuth Jr.	19%
Mike Matusow	12%



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**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE FICTIONAL POKER PLAYER?** There was probably a better chance of not bluffing Teddy KGB out of his track suit when he reached for the last Oreo than Mike McDermott not running away with this contest. But at least one of *Ante Up's* publishers feels as if Charlie Waters should have gotten more love. Add *California Split* to your Netflix queue. You'll never throw oranges on an escalator again.

Mike McDermott (Matt Damon/ <i>Rounders</i> )	39%
Bret Maverick (Mel Gibson/ <i>Maverick</i> )	13%
Teddy KGB (John Malkovich/ <i>Rounders</i> )	12%
Henry Gondorff (Paul Newman/ <i>The Sting</i> )	12%
Lester "Worm" Murphy (Ed Norton/ <i>Rounders</i> )	8%
Eric Stoner (Steve McQueen/ <i>Cincinnati Kid</i> )	7%
"One Eyed" Jack Faro (Woody Harrelson/ <i>Grand</i> )	5%
Meredith (Henry Fonda/ <i>A Big Hand for the Little Lady</i> )	2%
Lancey Howard (Edward G. Robinson/ <i>Cincinnati Kid</i> )	2%
Charlie Waters (Elliott Gould/ <i>California Split</i> )	1%

**WHAT IS THE BEST POKER AUDIO NETWORK?** Players should be rejoicing that the burgeoning world of podcasting has evolved into complete poker audio networks, with a mix of recorded and live programming every night of the week. *Ante Up* is proud to have its pokercast rebroadcast on all of these networks, and to be featured guests on some of them, too. *Rounder's Radio* reigns supreme, but strong showings from the other nominees prove rounders have a variety of shows to plug in to week in and week out.

Rounder's Radio	33%
On Tilt Radio	27%
Fifth Street Radio	22%
HoldemRadio	18%

**CATEGORY: POKER DESTINATIONS**

One of the things poker players everywhere should be rejoicing about is that poker continues to spread across the United States. Just a decade or so ago, most poker players had to hop on a plane to be able to win some stacks of high society. These days, most every player lives within an easy drive of a poker room - with more opening regularly in new destinations. Our final series of questions showed Las Vegas is the undisputed king of poker action, while South Florida is the hottest new destination. And if you live in Utah, well, don't live in Utah if you like to play cards.

**WHAT IS THE MOST HOSTILE STATE TOWARD POKER?**

Utah, 39%
Alabama, 33%
Kentucky, 19%
Maryland, 10%

**WHAT IS THE BEST POKER DESTINATION?**

Nevada (south), 61%
Florida (south), 7%
California (south), 6%
Nevada (north), 5%
Florida (central), 4%
Other, 17%

**WHAT POKER DESTINATION IS EMERGING AS THE HOTTEST?**

Florida (south), 28%
Florida (central), 13%
California (south), 9%
Nevada (south), 9%
Pennsylvania (east), 6%
Other, 35%

**IF YOU COULD PLAY AT ONE POKER DESTINATION, WHICH WOULD IT BE?**

Nevada (south), 51%
Florida (south), 7%
California (south), 7%
Florida (central), 6%
Nevada (north), 4%
Other, 25%

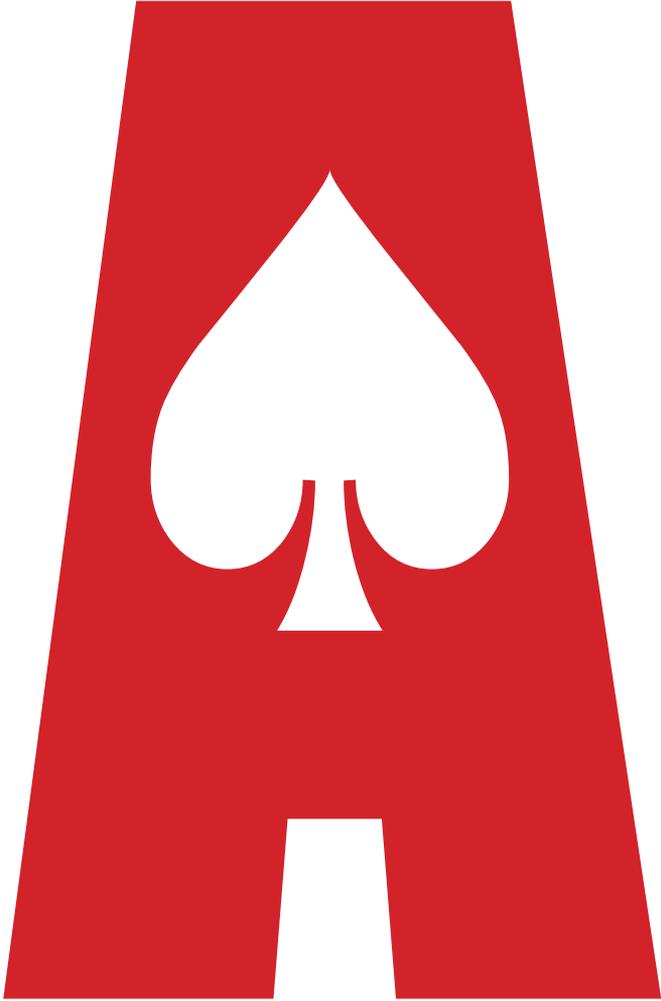
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If you've ever dreamed of seeing yourself on the cover of a national poker magazine, your chance begins in November.

The Ante Up Poker Tour will kick off its inaugural season on Nov. 19 at Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Sacramento, Calif., and will feature up to 11 more tour stops a year, including the Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship at the Hard Rock Punta Cana. What has poker players and managers alike buzzing? The winner of each main event will be featured on the cover of *Ante Up Magazine*.

"Just as *Ante Up Magazine* was created to appeal to the 'everyday player,' the Ante Up Poker Tour is doing the same thing," said **Christopher Cosenza**, who publishes *Ante Up Magazine* with **Scott Long**. "Those 'everyday' players will now know exactly what it takes to earn the admiration of friends and families by seeing themselves on the cover of Ante Up. Just win an Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event."

In addition to the magazine cover and a fistful of cash, main event winners will get a personalized Ante Up champion's jacket and points toward Ante Up's Player of the Year title. In fact, all events at each Ante Up Poker Tour stop will now qualify for the Player of the Year race, giving players of all bankrolls dozens of more chances each year to work their way up the leaderboard.

Casinos hosting Ante Up Poker Tour events are free to design their series, structures and buy-ins as they see fit, giving them the flexibility to design an event that plays to regional desires.

"No one knows a poker room's market better than the poker room itself, so by not forcing poker rooms into a one-size-fits-all package, we believe we'll see bigger fields and greater variety in structures, events and buy-ins on the Ante Up Poker Tour," Long said. "And that means every tour stop is a new adventure and experience for traveling players, yet retains the comfort of familiarity for local players."

The inaugural season of the Ante Up Poker Tour kicks off in November at Thunder Valley Casino Resort, a AAA Four-Diamond resort that has capacity crowds for its previous tournament series.

Running Aces Harness Park, a cutting-edge cardroom that holds several tournament series a year in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, will host a tour stop in April, followed by a May stop at Downstream Casino Resort, an exquisite casino that towers over Oklahoma near Joplin, Mo., and draws impressive tournament fields.

The Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship will play out July 28-Aug. 3 at the Hard Rock Punta Cana on the exotic island nation of Dominican Republic. The Hard Rock is a luxurious, all-inclusive resort, where guests will enjoy complimentary gourmet dining, alcohol, land-based activities and a generous resort credit, good for golf and spa treatments. Daily and nightly tournaments will be in the well-appointed rock-and-roll-themed poker room.

Thunder Valley Casino Resort has committed to hosting a second tour stop in November 2013, and Running Aces will host additional events in 2014 and 2015.

"The enthusiasm each of these resorts has for hosting an Ante Up Poker Tour event is going to leave no doubt that players will thoroughly enjoy themselves while on site," Long said. "We're looking forward to filling out the rest of our schedule with properties equally excited to be a part of this inaugural season."

Up to eight more 2013 stops will be added to the schedule soon. For more information, visit [AnteUpPokerTour.com](http://AnteUpPokerTour.com).

The following pages outline more details on the scheduled tour stops:

## ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC: NOV. 19-DEC. 3, 2012

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The Ante Up NorCal Classic is the inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour stop, offering events and buy-ins for all players, including a staggering 25 mega-satellites for the \$1,100 main event. This is the third year Thunder Valley Casino Resort has run a tournament series during Thanksgiving and it continues to grow each year. This year's calendar will include a six-handed event, bounty tournaments, H.O.R.S.E. and

Omaha/8, plus plenty of no-limit hold'em, including a \$100,000 guaranteed three-day event that begins the day after Thanksgiving.

"The series will offer something for every poker player that visits. Our goal is to make the Ante Up NorCal Classic an event that draws from all over the West Coast," said **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations. "Players who have visited during the Sweet 16 and Players Championship series expect capacity turnouts, quality structures and a knowledgeable tournament team. We look forward to seeing you for the Ante Up NorCal Classic."



Thunder Valley Casino Resort, owned by the United Auburn Indian Community, is a AAA Four-Diamond resort just north of Sacramento. The resort features a 300-room luxury hotel, full casino, spa, pool, bar and entertainment area, golf course and nine restaurants, including High Steaks Steakhouse.

"Sacramento is ready for a poker tour event," Erwin said. "Ante Up Magazine has become very visible on the West Coast and we really like the regional coverage provided by Ante Up Northern California Ambassador **Bret Miller**. We are excited to host the inaugural tour stop



and be a Day 1 partner with *Ante Up*."

Thunder Valley Casino Resort will host another Ante Up Poker Tour event in November 2013.

## ANTE UP POKER TOUR AT RUNNING ACES: APRIL 19-21, 2013

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Running Aces will use the same player-friendly structure it uses for its annual Midwest Poker Classic for its Ante Up Poker Tour main event. Players will start with 25,000 units, levels of 40 and 50 minutes on Days 1A and 1B, and 60 minutes on Day 2. Day 1A and 1B have work-friendly 5 p.m. start times, and qualifiers and super satellites will be offered.

"When **Cliff Demos** (Ante Up Poker Tour sales director) first approached us at Running Aces regarding hosting a stop on their inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour, it was basically a no-brainer for us," said **Gregg Bartku**, cardroom manager. "*Ante Up Magazine* has obviously become one of the premier poker magazines in the country. Its increased coverage of Midwest poker rooms has really become something that is important to our business and our players. Here at Running Aces we take pride in providing the best possible product to our poker-playing guests and I am confident that this partnership will provide just that."

Running Aces, located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area, features a Las Vegas-style cardroom with poker and table games, live harness racing in the summer, simulcasting year-round and great dining options, including the Winner's Circle Restaurant & Lounge. Three nearby hotels (AmericInn, Country Inn & Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites) offer 15 percent off their rates for players who mention Running Aces.

"I'm really excited to partner up with *Ante Up* for this poker tour," said **Tristan Wilberg**, tournament director. "We have been able to make



a name for Running Aces and our poker tournaments on how good the structures are. When you add in a well-known national publication like *Ante Up*, it's a recipe for success and one of the best tournaments this area will see. There are some very good card players here in the Midwest and they are going to get everything they could want, a great structure and a chance to show the nation how good they really are."

Running Aces has committed to running additional Ante Up Poker Tour events in 2014 and 2015.



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For the first four years Downstream Casino Resort has hosted the Four States Poker Championship, it has offered a wide variety of events, including no-limit hold'em, pot-limit Omaha, stud, razz, Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E. During the series, players will earn points based on how high they place in each event in a race to become the event's "Master of Poker."



"The Four States Poker Championship is a chance for the players to play events that they may have seen on TV, but never got a chance to play," said Dale Hunter,

poker room manager. "We try to bring more affordable events to our players. I am always trying to talk to our guests and offer the games that they are interested in playing."

Downstream Casino Resort, owned by the Quapaw Tribe, features a 222-room luxury hotel, with heated outdoor pool, spa, golf course and several dining options, including the Red Oak Steakhouse. Before next year's event, the resort will add 150 rooms, and discounted room rates will be offered to tournament players.

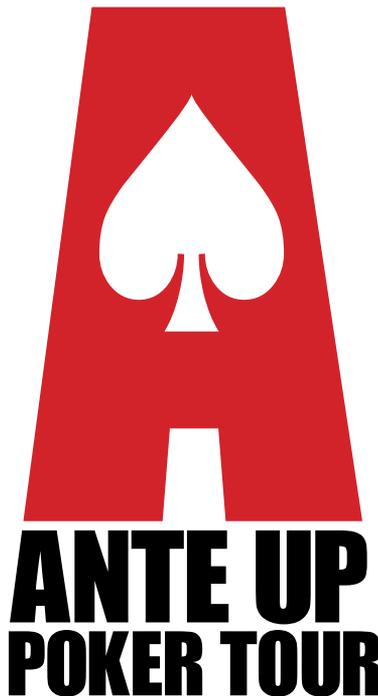
"The biggest reason Downstream Casino Resort has decided to go with the Ante Up Poker Tour is because we feel the staff of *Ante Up* has the same beliefs as the Downstream Casino," Hunter said. "We want to give every tournament player the best experience possible. Downstream Casino Resort also likes to be personable with everyone and we know that *Ante Up* feels the same."



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The Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship features 14 events during the week, culminating with a three-day \$1,100 main event. In addition to no-limit hold'em, a no-limit hold'em/pot-limit Omaha combo event, stud/8-Omaha/8 combo event, no-limit bounty event and ante-only event are on the schedule, as is one rebuy event. Single-table main-event satellites will be offered.

“The unique location of this event demands a schedule that appeals to a wide variety of players,” said **Sam Minutello**, tournament director for the event. “For serious players, we have a great main-event buy-in and structure, and for more recreational players, we have affordable nightly events that will let them be a part of the action and maybe even take a shot at the main. And we were also able to work in some mixed games for players who enjoy PLO, stud and Omaha.”



At the all-inclusive Hard Rock in the popular resort area of Punta Cana, everything is included in the deeply discounted \$266 a night Ante Up rate, including a split-level suite with double Jacuzzi and stocked mini bar, gourmet dining at nine restaurants and room service, top-shelf liquor, land sports and fitness center, daily and nightly activities and entertainment, wi-fi, airport shuttle and gratuities.

Guests also get a resort credit of \$350-\$750, depending on their length of stay, that can be used for the spa and golf course. The resort features a full casino and sportsbook, decorated with rock-and-roll memorabilia.



“The Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship will be the perfect event for tournament grinders to relax at after the World Series, as well as for recreational players and families looking for a summer vacation before school start for the year,” Long said. “The resort is offering Ante Up players a phenomenal value for their money, and Sam has designed a tournament schedule with events for players of all bankrolls.” ♠

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# I'M GLAD TO BE HOME

By Jennifer Gay

I'm ready to go home. This may not sound like much of a revelation, because I tend to keep my poker columns just about the business of local poker. But really, wanting to go home has everything to do with poker. When I set out to explore every cardroom in America, one year ago this month, I couldn't wait to leave the Magnolia State behind and do something exciting. I have, since leaving my position in Tunica, Miss., dealt literally from coast to coast. Chicago was amazing, with vast fields and a fantastic tournament crew (Steve Frezer, tournament director). Council Bluffs, Iowa, wasn't the sleepy little town I'd imagined, but instead rewarded me with 14-hour dealing shifts and the nicest bunch of players you could imagine. Reno was more of a sleepier town than I'd pictured, with beautiful snow-capped mountains and all-inclusive resorts you could effectively live in and never have need to leave.

Pendleton, Ore., stole my heart with the majesty of the Pacific Northwest and deep-rooted Native American culture, not to mention the huge playing fields, professional staff and almost non-existent "juice." Everywhere I've been I've told people about my column, and encouraged them to read *Ante Up*. I'm proud to say the magazine is everywhere you can think of, and in every room I've dealt.

I've spent the summer in Vegas, dealing the 43rd annual World Series of Poker. It's been a tremendous experience. I was standing on the stage when Phil Hellmuth won bracelet No. 12. I was dealing high limit live games when the final hands of the Million Dollar One Drop Tournament was played out. All across the Pavilion Room, action halted as Antonio Esfandiari made poker history with his first-place win. The excitement was electric. I got to get up close and personal with the main-event bracelet; a piece of jewelry unlike anything I've seen before. I've dealt thousands of hands to tourists as well as to the biggest pros in the game. Every morning I'd deal \$2-\$4 limit hold'em to the nicest local players at the Palms, and every evening I spent constantly challenged, winding my way through the biggest games in the world at the Rio. Players are always curious about where I'm from and where I'm headed to next. I can now confidently say, "Home!" Back to Tunica.

There's no utopian poker room out there, where players are comped penthouse suites for playing \$1-\$3, where aces are never cracked and tourist hemorrhage a constant stream of money. The action is mostly the same, across the board, from city to city and state to state. Sure, there are busier cardrooms, but you can only play one table at a time. Every where you go, staffs vary from excellent to awful, sometimes in the same room and the level of fish vs. pro evens out over time. I think the key to poker happiness is to find a place that takes good care of you, with promotions you enjoy and company you look forward to seeing.

What sets Mississippi apart, goes beyond sweet tea and mosquitos. There's an unrivaled sense of poker community. It isn't cardroom specific, or even regional. The state is one poker Who's Who almanac. We ALL know each other, we all celebrate each other's successes and we all delight in felting an equal. There is something different about Mississippi poker. The cardrooms worry less about the points on your cards, and more about making sure the players are well-fed. When a long time "regular" dies, it trends on Facebook immediately with notes of remorse. When you guys come out to take the WSOP by storm, you stick together.

I can confidently say, now, that there is no better place in the nation for poker than the Gulf Coast area.

Though I'm not ready to give up my travels entirely, I'm going to focus on spending a lot more time dealing at "home" and on the occasional Ante Up Poker Cruise. I hope you'll join me, have a cocktail and share a bad-beat story or two. I'm still not tired of hearing them, believe it or not. ♠

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# POKER IS A LEGAL GAME OF SKILL, RIGHT?

On Aug. 21, a federal judge in the Eastern District of New York found defendant **Lawrence Dicristina** not guilty on the charge of operating illegal Texas Hold'em games on the basis that Texas Hold'em, at least in this judge's view, is a game of skill. The defendant's earlier conviction of violating federal gambling laws was overturned and the indictment against him dismissed.



MARC DUNBAR

The federal judge, **Jack B. Weinstein**, is a legend on the New York federal bench. Since 1967, this 91-year-old still keeps a brisk judicial docket and is widely regarded as one of the true legal mavericks on the federal bench. Dedicating more than 100 pages to an analysis of expert witness testimony, legislative history of the federal gambling statutes and case law from across the country, Weinstein concluded what all good poker players know: Poker is, at its core, predominated by skill.

The ruling was heralded in the blogosphere as just the type of ruling the poker world desperately needed to open the floodgates of regulated online poker into the United States. Poker players can claim as a community vindication as more than simple gamblers, instead officially craftsmen (and women) skilled in the art of poker ... at least that's how the headlines read.

At this point, I must warn you to prepare yourself for the cold water. In reality, the headlines should have read: "Prosecutors Forced to Charge Defendant Under New York State's Gambling Laws After Not-Guilty Verdict Delivered in Federal Case."

Weinstein, in his opinion, stated any argument the defendant was not guilty of violations of the state statutes were "without merit" as "New York courts have long considered that poker contains a sufficient element of chance to constitute gambling under that state's laws."

This verdict, and the lengthy opinion tied to it, is more a reality check on federal laws than a vindication of poker as a game of skill. The federal statute under which Mr. Dicristina was charged, the Il-

legal Gambling Business Act (18 U.S.C. §1955), defines "gambling" narrowly as "including but...not limited to pool-selling, bookmaking, maintaining slot machines, roulette wheels or dice tables, and conducting lotteries, policy, bolita or numbers games, or selling chances therein."

Simply stated, Weinstein determined the federal law was designed to prevent the mafia from conducting house-banked games of chance. The operation of Texas Hold'em games, even in New York, even after the rendering of this verdict, is still illegal. In fact, Weinstein reminds the readers in his opinion that state law dominates most gambling prosecutions and case law. Having said that, there still is not a state case that stands for the same proposition that poker is a game of skill and immune from prosecution under a state's anti-gambling statutes.

So what does this all really mean for poker players across the country? Basically, it means if you run a poker business that isn't sanctioned under state law you're likely not going to be arrested and convicted of violating some type of anti-gambling law at the state or federal level. The case is pending evaluation by the Department of Justice as to whether it merits an appeal. If the case is appealed, I foresee a tough road for Weinstein's opinion. While a validation by a federal court of appeals would be nice, the case is a symbolic victory for the Poker Players Alliance, which assisted in the expert witness testimony used to acquit Mr. Dicristina.

For active members of the PPA, hats off for helping make the case possible. For players who aren't members, you should consider joining and making your voices heard. Each victory like this case is a battle in a much longer war. The walls to regulate online poker are cracking and the pressure needs to be maintained. In the meantime, keep practicing your tradecraft at local poker rooms, and remember the next time anyone asks if you have any type of skills take comfort in answering, "According to at least one federal judge, I most certainly do."

— **Marc W. Dunbar** represents several gaming clients before the Florida Legislature and teaches gambling and parimutuel law at the Florida State's College of Law. Follow him on Twitter: @FLGamingWatch.

## CALL THE FLOOR

### Pause the tourney clock if disruption gets out of hand

We were at the final table of a tournament with five people left. "Max," had been drinking beer and Crown Royal all day started to swear at the table and talk dirty. Security and the floor were called over and they tried to talk him down. We stopped playing to see what the floor was going to do. The floor did not stop the clock as he talked (and yelled) for about 15 minutes.



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They decided to give him a one-round penalty, which would effectively put him out of the tournament. "Max" flung his chips across the table and onto the floor. Finally, the floor said we could play on while they continued to argue with him next to the table. He soon was chipped out and was given fifth-place money and sent out the back door of the poker room. Should the floor have done something different?

— **Kristi in Maine**, via email

**JODY'S RESPONSE:** I see situations like this often. Once this situation caused final-table play to stop, I would have paused the clock or cor-

#### TDA Rules

Always remember if you have a question about a poker rule you can find a complete description of the Tournament Directors Association rules at [pokertda.com](http://pokertda.com).

rected the remaining time after the situation was handled. Poker is an emotional game. When dealing with emotional players, it is the job of the floor staff to remain calm, diffuse the situation and help the upset player maintain as much dignity as possible throughout the situation.

These upset players usually are regular customers. I was taught early in my career to always get disruptive players away from the other players and to deal with them discreetly. Removing upset players from their "audience" helps to calm things in most instances and helps to prevent embarrassment to the upset player. I probably would have excluded this player from coming back for a substantial period of time after the scene he made on his way out of the tournament.

— **Jody Russell** is a veteran poker room manager who runs the Ante Up Cruise Poker Room. Email questions to [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

# MORE TAX FORMS YOU SHOULDN'T FORGET

If you've read my articles, you know I've always tried to warn players of what to do if you have a bank account in a foreign country. Now, you can add another warning, and yet another form you have to consider filing if it applies to your situation.



ANN-MARGARET JOHNSTON

To recap, when you file your tax return, you need to check the "yes" box on the Schedule B stating you have a foreign bank account, and then list the country in which it's located. Then you need to consider something else. If you have \$10K in the account at any time in the past year, you have to file a Form 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. This form doesn't go with your tax return.

It's filed separately, due June 30 the following year, and there's no extension for this form. If the IRS determines that, oops, you forgot to do it or were not aware, the penalty is up to \$10K. If they think you did it on purpose, the penalty is the greater of \$100K or 50 percent of your account balances offshore. Ouch. Now, as if there weren't enough forms, they have a new one as of 2011. This is called Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets. This one is a little more specific, so you need to see if this applies to your situation.

You have to file Form 8938 if you're living in America and have \$50K (\$100K if married) in a foreign bank account on the last day of the tax year (Dec. 31) or \$75K (\$150K if married) in a foreign bank account at any time during the tax year. If you're living abroad, the

amounts are a little more.

On this form, you report the maximum value of your foreign financial assets, which include financial accounts with foreign financial institutions. This return has to be filed with your individual tax return by the due date, including extensions. The penalty for not filing this can be \$10K for failure to disclose you have the account and an additional \$10K for each 30 days of non-filing after the IRS notifies you to file it. It also can impose criminal penalties (possible jail time).

Note that money on PokerStars or other Internet poker sites does not count as foreign accounts at this time, but that could always change.

So what if you left on Black Friday and went to Costa Rica or Mexico and opened a bank account and you are required to file this form? And, what if you already have filed your tax returns? Never fear, I have a solution! As soon as possible, you need to file an amended tax return and include the Form 8938. Your explanation is you weren't aware of this form and amended your return as soon as you realized that you were required to file it.

Why all of these foreign forms? The IRS knows there are a lot of U.S. citizens with accounts that aren't being reported. Doing these forms does not guarantee you an audit, but if they find out you didn't do these forms intentionally, it will guarantee you a lot of sleepless nights and you'll become the IRS' new best friend. Good luck at the tables, wherever they may be.

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# DO NOT PAY OFF THE TIGHT PLAYERS

Time and time again, I see people play overly tight, hoping to get paid off whenever they pick up a strong hand. While everyone probably knows to simply fold whenever they enter the pot, it seems like the tight player often finds a way to get all-in with A-A preflop.

The easiest way to avoid set-up situations against the tight players is to simply never give them action.



JONATHAN LITTLE

Suppose a player who looks and plays tight opens to 500 out of his 10,000 stack from second position in the second level of a large buy-in event. So far, he has only played one hand, which turned out to be K-K. Everyone folds to you on the button. With basically your entire playable range besides A-A and K-K, you should call, not because you're scared of your opponent or his hand, but because you want to play a pot in position against someone

who will virtually turn his hand face-up postflop.

The flop comes K♠-7♦-4♣. Your opponent bets 600 and you elect to call. If your opponent bets again on the turn, unless you have A-K or better, you should fold. If your opponent checks the turn, unless you know he's capable of check-calling with a hand such as A-K or A-A, you should bet the turn and the river to try to get him off hands such as Q-Q through 9-9. This should be your default line against weak, tight, straightforward opponents. If you think your opponent would bet most turns and some rivers with Q-Q, or if you think he would never fold Q-Q on a K-x-x board, you should probably try to flop a strong hand then simply get out of the way if you miss.

While this seems easy enough, I constantly see players call the tight player's raise with a hand such as K♦-Q♦, flop top pair, then call down when the tight player fires three sizable bets. Suppose the same action as before happened again and you have K♦-Q♦. If your

opponent fires on any turn besides a K or a Q, you have a fairly easy fold. Even though you have top pair, second kicker, you have to realize most tight players will have a range of squarely A-A, A-K, and possibly sets when they fire twice, making K-Q an easy fold.

As stacks get shallow, look to fold to the tight players' initial raises. Suppose you have A♠-9♠ on the button with 18 big blinds. If a player who hasn't played a pot in an hour opens to 2.2 BBs from early or middle position, you have a pretty easy fold, though A♠-9♠ is normally an easy push against most opponents. It's important to always think about your opponent's range and how your hand does when called. If your opponent's opening range is the same as the range he plans on calling your all-in with, you need a strong hand to push.

Another situation that often occurs is when you raise to two BBs out of your 18 BB stack and a tight player goes all-in for around 18 BBs. Say you're playing 500-1,000-100, you have 20K and raise to 2K from middle position with A♠-J♦. A super tight player in the big blind goes all-in for 19K. Some players would assume this is an easy call, but against someone who's only going all-in with a range of big pairs, A-K and A-Q, you have an easy fold (32 percent equity).

What this all means is you should rarely give a tight player action when you have low implied odds. If you can accurately pinpoint your opponent's range and realize it has your strong hand crushed, you have to fold. It's important to always compare your hand to your opponent's range, not the range you, or anyone else, would play in a specific situation. As long as you know how your opponent will play in most situations, you will be able to make excellent folds, saving countless chips in the long run. Just make sure you don't mistake a loose player for a tight player.

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## WHEN SOMEONE GIVES YOU MONEY, TAKE IT

Here's a little tip that will make you a lot of money: When someone wants to give his money away, take it. Sounds simple enough, but it amazes me how many players are terrified of executing on this concept. I've played quite a few times at Revel in Atlantic City over the past few months because it enjoys the unique distinction

of being the plushiest, most comfortable poker room

in the country along with hosting some profitable games. That's quite a combination and I'm fairly certain the two are connected. The luxurious setting of the room and the property attracts some well-heeled players looking to throw away some entertainment dollars. Couple that with some regular nits and you have a recipe for success.



DAVID APOSTOLICO

Let me offer a real-life example: The last game I played was typical of the action there. I was playing \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em 10-handed. One player was committed to giving away his money. I was committed to being the recipient of his largesse. The remaining eight players were nits. The reckless player, who we will call Charlie, was at the opposite end of the table so my end could whisper freely about his play. Everyone knew he was going to go through his stack. Yet, I knew the action wouldn't

last forever. So I wanted to put myself in the best possible chance to take the money.

When I got to the table, Charlie would raise every hand pre flop to at least \$10. If someone else open-raised for more, he would call. I didn't see anyone reraise Charlie. He would fire two more bullets but never a third. His play was exploitable. I tried to isolate him as much as possible when I had playable cards. If I had a medium-strength hand, I would call him down. If I had a strong hand, I would wait to raise. If I had air, I would float him and take it away on the river.

Meanwhile, everyone else played scared. They all seemed to be waiting on aces to make their move. The consequences? Charlie continued to take money from the nits and redistribute it to me. I had the best of all worlds. On one hand, the player next to me (who had nines) called Charlie pre flop. The flop came 10-5-3. Charlie bet and our nit folded, too scared to take on Charlie with anything less than the nuts even though he doubted Charlie had much of anything. Charlie flashed his 7-2 and I suppressed a chuckle. Shortly thereafter, I busted Charlie for the night. One player exclaimed, "Now we can play some poker." Everyone nodded in agreement. What the nits failed to realize was their best chance for a profit had left the room.

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## BETTING ERRORS

# STOP SUPPORTING THE BIG BET IN HOLD'EM

The evolution of hold'em has gone something like this: the continuation-bet after the flop, the large bet preflop from the button, and the large bet preflop from middle position or in the cutoff or hijack positions. Then there was the super aggressive raise preflop to five or six times the big blind, which has now become the min-raise of two or three times the big blind. All of which translate into an aggressive betting style.



ANTONIO PINZARI

Texas Hold'em is much more than betting. The truest tell of all is a betting pattern. Betting patterns no longer ensure what they're intended to represent. The large aggressive over-the-top move has taken cards out of hands and inserted simple aggression.

Why not get back to basics, where the best hand wins?

Regardless of your pocket cards, you'll only hit the flop 30 percent of the time. After the flop, your hand is 71 percent complete.

Understanding these percentages should define the table bully or super aggressive players' strategy in a nutshell. They can't have big hands more than a third of the time; therefore their big bets are usually simple aggressive pressure moves designed to take down the pot quickly and establish big chip stacks to further run over the table.

These styles have taken patience out of hold'em. Players play hands

that reward aggressive styles preflop, which are seldom defensible postflop.

My suggestion is to go back to basics. Only play hands preflop when in position and enter pots as cheaply as possible. Avoid poor hands that seldom improve postflop. Why give an aggressive player more ammunition to continue his style of play?

With big hands preflop, push the hell out of them, which punishes the aggressive players and relieves them of their chips. They will seldom be able to play back at you.

Slow-play big hands postflop when you're in and out of position. The aggressive player surely will bet the turn after a check on the flop. Make them realize their bets have no value against you.

Patience must become more of your game, resist playing average hands out of position and push all big hands in and out of position preflop and postflop. Give aggressive players and table bullies a dose of their own medicine. I promise you they won't like it.

Players will have big hands less than 30 percent of the time. When you have one, find the way to get as many of your chips into the pot and run over all aggressive players. The best hand always wins when played properly.

— Antonio Pinzari has been playing professionally since the '70s. He's the creator of *Poker 23* and *Wild Tallahassee Poker*, which you can learn more about at [WildTallahasseePoker.com](http://WildTallahasseePoker.com).

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# LUCK IS A NECESSARY EVIL

Seneca, a Roman philosopher from the middle of the first century, wrote: “Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” Obviously, this is not a new issue. But, luck vs. skill has become a much-talked-about issue, from the point of legislation and how to play.



DR. BLOOMFIELD

A federal judge recently declared poker was a skill, saying, “The player in a poker game is making all of the decisions, making all the plays, which include whether or not to wager on a particular hand and how much.

And, in fact, the act of wagering itself is the essence of the decision. So in one sense in a gamble over any other mechanism, whether it was a bet on a baseball game or a bet on the roll of the dice, the wager itself is completely independent of the event being wagered on.

Whereas, in poker, the wager is not in the same sense a wager on the outcome. It is the strategic choice that you are making. You are trying to influence the outcome of the game, either by the amount that you are wagering, trying to build up and win more money.”

There was a recent academic study by Potter van Loon, et al, that concluded “the results provide strong evidence against the hypothesis that poker is a game of pure chance. For a game of pure chance

there would be no correlation in the winnings of players across successive time intervals. In our large database for three different stakes levels, however, we do find significant persistence in the performance of players over time.”

Even noted poker writer James McManus wrote an article in the *Wall Street Journal* and there is some good research at scribd.com about the “role of skill vs. luck in poker.”

So how come there are two-out suckouts? How come maniacs playing any two cards win? How come we hear, “I’d rather be lucky”? Skill, variance, luck and chance cannot be measured in the short term. When you think about your poker play, you have to consider the long term, and not the one session beat out by some guy getting hit in the head by the deck.

We should rejoice if all our losses have to do only with luck. When failure is brought about by chance rather than our own actions that is part of the game, and it’s unavoidable. But if you play against the suckout king long enough, you will feel him.

Develop your fundamental math and psychological skills; learn about self-care and ways to avoid burnout and in the long run intentional action will dominate suckouts and bad luck.

Most important, keep your head in the game.

— Dr. Stephen Bloomfield is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. His column will give insight on how to achieve peak performance using poker psychology. Email questions for him at [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.”

— SENECA

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# ADJUST TO THEIR LEVEL OF PLAY

I hear over and over from people how they can't beat lower limit games or play in small buy-in tournaments because the other players are so bad and never fold. I remember when I used to think this way and felt I had to play against better players because they know how to fold, won't call with stupid hands, etc.



LEE CHILDS

This is a major flaw in your thinking if this is how you think about the games and tournaments you're playing. To win playing poker, you have to play in games where you have a major edge over most opponents. For every opponent that has the same or better skill level than you, your odds of beating that game are diminished. Your job as a poker player is to adjust to the game you're playing.

Sometimes this may mean the game is not as fun for you as you can't make as many moves, plays or sophisticated bluffs, but logically if opponents never fold then they won't be folding when you have the nuts. You have to exercise a lot of patience when you're playing against weaker players and not try to make these moves and bluffs. Your job is to control the size of the pot when you have medium strength hands and maximize value when you have a monster hand.

Realize that when you raise big pairs, or big Broadway cards and get multiple players to the flop, that the relative strength of your hand

has decreased unless you really hit the flop hard. Recognize these situations as they happen and know that small pairs and suited connectors increase in relative strength in multiway pots, while bigger cards' relative strength decrease. Don't get attached to that good starting hand. Base your assessment on how good your cards are for the situation. Heads-up, the value of top pair is pretty strong. In a five-way pot, it's weak. When you have multiple players seeing a flop it's going to be rare that just a pair will be good at showdown, so you have to try to get to showdown cheaply or just get out of the hand.

As with all hands against every level of opponent, you want to focus on playing in position to control the size of the pot, so when you find yourself out of position in a hand and you aren't quite sure how strong your holding is, just get out of the hand and wait for better spots. Don't play down to the level of opponents.

Use your skill to adjust. Focus more on maximizing value and getting them to call you on your made hands rather than trying to get opponents to fold hands when you have nothing or weak showdown value. Take responsibility and use your skill to assess the level of each opponent. Rather than having fun bluffing and making all kinds of fancy plays, you'll have fun in the end when you go to the cashier.

Decide to win!

— Lee Childs is the founder and lead instructor at Inside the Minds. For information about his group training sessions and personal coaching, visit [inside-the-minds.com](http://inside-the-minds.com).

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# Where to Play

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

October looks busy for most of the United States. Here's a look at the upcoming events, which includes one of the busiest Midwest schedules we've ever seen.

## East

**\* WORLD POKER FINALS:** The WPF (Oct. 25-Nov. 9) at Foxwoods in Connecticut has everything you could want in a tournament series: a wide range of buy-ins and game types, great structures, huge fields and a world-class poker room. If you're on the East Coast or you can get there from around the country, you really shouldn't miss this one. See the ad on Page 31 for the series schedule.

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

## West

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

**FESTA AL LAGO:** The world's best tournament players will converge on the Bellagio for the Festa al Lago (Oct 12-27). The smallest buy-in for this series is \$1,080, so you'll need a serious bankroll, but the prize pools and prestige will be huge, too.

**\* VENETIAN DSE:** The Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza returns Oct. 25 and runs through mid November. The schedule includes a larger event at noon every day, a bounty event starting at 3 p.m., and a \$200 buy-in at 7 p.m. The main event is \$2,500, and with a good schedule and structures, the DSE often draws fields of more than 500 entries. See the ad on Page 27 regarding the new Sands Poker Room.

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

## Central

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

**\* FALL POKER CLASSIC:** Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., hosts its annual series Oct. 6-21, running two events per day. With seniors and ladies events, and mixed and alternate-game events scattered throughout, there's a little some-

thing for everybody.

**\* WPT ISLE BLACK HAWK:** The Isle of Capri Casino in Blackhawk, Colo., hosts its World Poker Tour Regional with the \$1,850 main event Oct. 18. For more information, see the ad on Page 41.

**MSPT DOWNSTREAM:** The Mid-States Poker Tour will be at Downstream Casino in Oklahoma for the first time with satellites running nightly. The main event has multiple starting days (Oct. 5-6) and should soar past the \$100K guarantee at Downstream in Quapaw, just across the state line from Joplin, Mo.

**MSPT MESKWAKI:** This will be the third MSPT event at this casino this year, giving away nearly \$700K total in those tournaments. It returns with another \$300K guarantee Oct. 5-7.

**WSOPC HORSESHOE HAMMOND:** The largest fields for the circuit every year are in Hammond, Ind., half an hour southeast of Chicago. The main event last year drew more than 1,600 entrants, with nearly \$400K awarded for first. This is a can't-miss event for tournament players in the Midwest. Events run Oct. 11-22.

**HPT PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The Heartland Poker Tour will stop at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa. Satellites begin Oct. 13 and the main event starts Oct. 19. Standard HPT format applies, with satellites running daily and a \$1,650 main event with a new structure. See ad on Page 63.

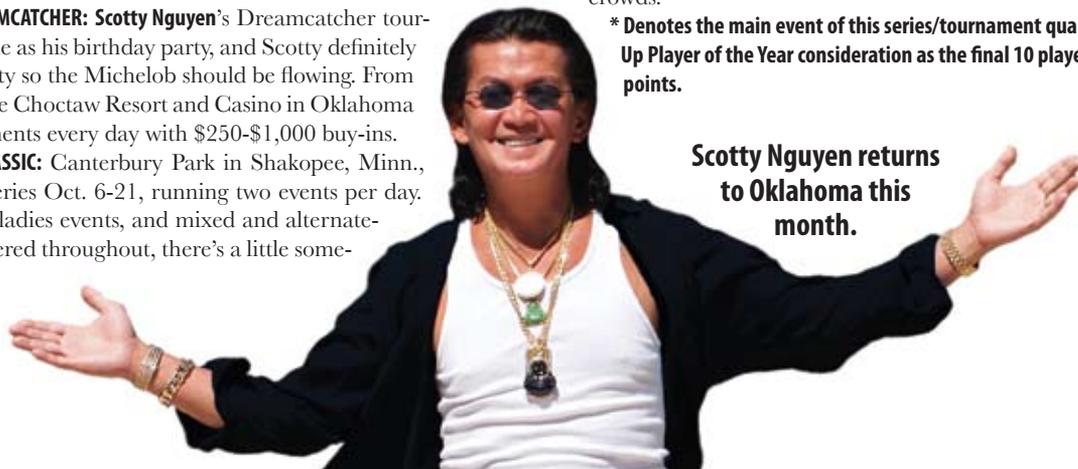
## South

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

**\* HPT DAYTONA BEACH:** The HPT rolls into Daytona Beach with satellites starting Oct. 5 and the main event starting Oct. 11, featuring three starting days. Beautiful weather, beaches and a great venue should add up to a fun event.

**\* ISLE OPEN:** The Isle Casino in Pompano Park, Fla., hosts the last of its four big annual tournaments with the Isle Open, which runs Oct. 15-27 and sports massive guarantees on every event. This will be one of the largest guaranteed series in Florida history, and we expect big crowds.

**\* Denotes the main event of this series/tournament qualifies for Ante Up Player of the Year consideration as the final 10 players earn POY points.**



Scotty Nguyen returns to Oklahoma this month.

# ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); monthly, Oct. 13 (\$330, 11:15a); monthly, Oct. 20 (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 23.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p). Tue. (\$75 w/\$60 rebuy, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcz.com		Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads and Omaha; player comps for live play; Splash Pots pay \$50; Aces Cracked.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$10, 4p) and (\$20, 9p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$10, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of deuces and Omaha is quad fours; mini jackpot is hold'em is aces full; high hand (daily); Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:30 Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sat. (\$60, 3:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$3.5K; Aces Cracked Wins a Spin (open-11a); Deuces Cracked (daily, 10p-3a); Football Splash Pots (Sun. night & Mon.).
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays up to \$200; high hands; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily).

# CALIFORNIA

<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Oct. 6 (\$295, 1p); monthly events on Oct. 13 & 27 (\$115, 1p).	Aces Cracked (daily, midnight-noon); high hands (noon-6p & 6p-midnight); hold'em jackpots are aces full beaten by quads or better.
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. \$4K guarantee (\$60, 10a); \$7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, Oct. 13 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	All tournaments have a guaranteed prize pool; Mon. (\$30, 6p); Wed. (\$30, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican poker (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Mexican poker and Omaha; Lucky Seat; high hand; call for more promotions.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Tue. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Sun. (\$45, noon); monthly deepstack KO event, Oct. 28 (\$260, noon).	The Players Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BAY 101</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, Oct. 13 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Wed.-Sun. Quantum Reload (\$30-\$65) and has up to \$10K guar.; Big Poker Oktober runs until Oct. 13 (\$75-\$345); call for schedule.	Play 25 hours to qualify for the \$23K freeroll (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$250 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings (call for details); Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri., 2a-9a).
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Fri. (\$30 w/\$30 add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$50K minimum; high hands pay \$200 (daily); royal-flush bonus (all suits); Aces Cracked spins wheel.
<b>CASINO 580</b> (925) 455-6144 • thecasino580.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 9:30a).	Progressive straight flush for all suits; bad beat in hold'em (aces full of jacks) and Omaha (quad nines); royals pay \$200; high hands pay \$100; raffles (daily).
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Closed Mon.-Tue. \$1K guarantee Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 6p) and Fri. (\$60, 6p)	Royals pay \$325-\$400 depending on suit; straight flushes pay \$200 and be sure to ask about the High Hand Extravaganza.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Central Coast Fall Poker Classic, Oct. 27 (\$200, 9a).
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$14 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$14, 10a).	Monster progressive jackpot starts at \$10K; Easy Way Jackpot pays \$5K; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$85, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., Oct. 6 (\$120, 10a).	Super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CRYSTAL CASINO</b> (310) 631-3838 • thecrystalcasino.com	Fri. \$5K guar. (\$80); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO</b> (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon. KO (\$72, 6p); Tue. (\$62 w/\$20 rebuy, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 1:30p); Sun. (\$62, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GARDEN CITY CASINO</b> (408) 244-3333 • gardencitycasino.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$40, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Fri. (\$30, 9a & \$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$30, 2:15p); Sun. (\$40, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; cash giveaways; Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S RINCON</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon & 7p) except \$1K guar., Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, noon); \$1K guar., Fri. (\$36, noon); \$1.5K guar. Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$31, noon).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p); Sport of Kings Series, Oct. 11-21 (\$40-\$150); call for schedule.	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. (\$140, 7p); Tue. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Wed. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$120 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Liz Flynt Fall Classic, Oct. 15-31 (\$120-\$200); call for schedule.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Call for information.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LOTUS CASINO</b> (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Call for schedule.	Super bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; splash pots; royals pay up to \$250; high hands.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>LUCKY DERBY CASINO</b> (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).

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

# CALIFORNIA (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Tue. (\$120 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p).	Call for promotions.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a); Haig Kelegian Poker Classic, Oct. 6 (\$330, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); \$2.5K guar. Thurs. (\$65, 7p); \$2K guar., Sat.-Sun. (\$45, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s); high hand.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$25, noon); Sat. (\$25, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	Graveyard Easy Money (call for details); Splash Pots; high hands.
<b>PHOENIX CASINO</b> (916) 331-2345 • playphoenixcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcvventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	\$100 gets you \$150 twice a day (9a-11a and 6p-8p); high hands; spin the wheel every two hours.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p).	\$50K Pigskin Poker Party (Sun. & Mon. night football games).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	\$100K super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>SOBOBA CASINO</b> (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily guarantee (\$7-\$20, 10a); Mon. KO \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$30, 7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$20, 10a).	Spin to Win (Mon. & Wed., 1p-11p); High Hand Derby (Tue., 1p-11p); high hand (Thurs., 1p-11p).
<b>SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO</b> (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Aces Cracked; high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. high hand (2p-midnight).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Acey/Deucey; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; Late Night Luck.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. (\$70, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); call for other promotions.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Wed. freeroll w/\$10 rebuys (10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	Poker squares; \$10K freeroll (call for details); Football touchdown challenge (call for details).

# COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	WPT Colorado Showdown II, Oct. 8-18 w/main event, Oct. 18 (\$2K). See ad on Page 41.	Call for information.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a 50 percent room share (call for details).
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Daily (\$60) at 10a, noon, 3p & 7p (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings); qualify for Poker Bingo (call for details).
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.

# CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p). See ad on Page 31 for World Poker Finals schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad eights) and stud (quad deuces).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 10a); Wed. (\$120, 7:30p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 11a).	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week; "Add-On" tournaments, Mon., Tue. & Thurs.

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Tue. (\$60, noon); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, noon); Fri. (\$75, noon & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$75, noon & 7p); Sun. (\$65, 1p); \$25K guar, Oct. 12 (\$250); \$10K guar., Oct. 26 (\$150).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better; high hand (Mon.-Fri.); royals receive free poker room jacket (see website for details). See ad Page 39.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. (\$110, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads.

# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$35-\$150); Tue. & Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. PLO/8 (\$70, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, noon); WPT Jax, Oct. 25-Nov. 13 (\$230-\$3,500).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.). See ad Page 21.
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$50-\$100) at noon & 7p.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>BESTBET ST. JOHNS</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Thur. (\$150, 7p); Sun. events rotate Big O, 2-to-7 triple draw, razz and badugi (\$75, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Call for information. See ad Page 7.	Call for information.
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA</b> (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgreytna.com	Thurs. & Sun. satellite (\$100, 1p & 7p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad on facing page.	Bad beats in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); play daily and receive up to \$3/hr; mini bad beat (Tue., 10a); high hands pay \$100/hr (Fri.-Mon.).
<b>DANIA JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 1p); Mon. (\$65, 6:30p); Tue. freeroll (6:30p); Wed. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Thurs. freeroll (6:30p); Fri. (\$105, 6:30p); Sat. freeroll (1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$65, 1p & 6:30p).	Big Slick Progressive Spades Royal Flush starts at \$5K; all other royals pay \$1K; Triple Double & Dania Double (call for details). See ad Page 45.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (noon, 3p & 7p); Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. Grand Chop (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p); Heartland Poker Tour, Oct. 5-14.	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).

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**FLORIDA** (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad Page 33.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on Page 9.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. (\$60); \$1.5K guar. Tue. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (rebuy); Sun. \$1K PLO freeroll (2p).	High hand daily pays \$300/hr; royals pay \$500; PLO steel wheel progressive; \$100 added to pot daily until steel wheel hand is made. See ad Page 13.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon); Isle Open, Oct. 15-29 (\$330-\$2,200) w/main event, Oct. 26. See ad Page 43.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guarantee freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guarantee shootout freeroll (7p).	\$40 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a); high-hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & \$90 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; straight flush pays \$100; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked TV entry (Tue. & Thurs.); progressive high hand (Sun.). Ad below.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. KO (\$125, 2p) & Omaha (\$65, 6p); Oct. 6 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hands, Oct. 10 & 24.
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 56.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (nearly \$500K at press time), Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); monthly \$20K guar., Oct. 27 (\$500, 1p); \$20K sats (Tue., Thurs. & Sun.).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily); mini bad beat (daily, mid.-4a); play Sun.-Wed. for an extra \$2/hr.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$440) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 1p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels); deepstack on first Sat. of month (\$440, 1p). See ad Page 35.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces); progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. 7-card stud (\$30, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive spade royal flush; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); quads pays up to \$100 (Sun.-Tue.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p); Regional Fall Poker Open, Oct. 24-Nov. 4 (call for details); \$75K charity event, Oct. 17-21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad Page 19.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); gift card promotion for hours played (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7:30p). See ad Pages 4-5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolehollywoodcasino.com	Thurs. freeroll (\$500 winner-take-all, 6p); Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 2p).	High hands (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7:30p); Thurs. PLH (\$50, 7:30p); Fri. HA (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & deepstack (\$115, 6:30p); Sun. mini deepstack (\$70, 6:30p). Ad Page 22.	\$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat. \$99-\$199-\$500, 2a-4a); daily quads \$50 (2p-4p & 7p-11p).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly \$10K guar., Oct. 17 (\$350, 1p).	\$599/\$299 (\$1/2NL+) & \$299/\$149 (\$2-\$4 LHE & \$1-\$1 NLH) high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); quads-royals pay (Sat.).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$20-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150 and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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

# INDIANA

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

# IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; get paid for straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$200).
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65 w/re-entry, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. re-entry (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Oct. 13 & 27 (\$125/\$235, 10a).	High-hand; progressive straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked (6a-6p); Tournament of Champion monthly freeroll- qualify for WSOP main event.
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. KO (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiameadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); Heartland Poker Tour Altoona, Oct. 12-22; call for schedule and see ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. limit Omaha (\$30, 11a); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. qualifier (\$30, 2p); all events have bigger starting stacks and more action.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details); Cold Turkey Showdown coming Nov. 23-24 (call for details).

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## KANSAS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Call for tournaments. See story on Page 24 and see ad on Page 40.	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

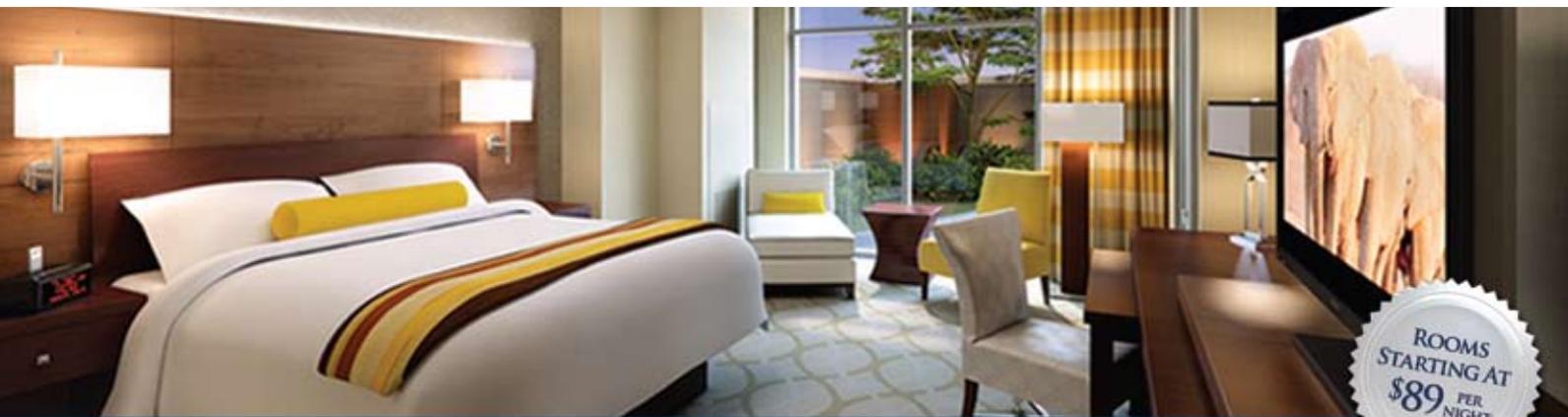
## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Tue. (\$100 w/\$50 or \$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115 w/add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$140, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Aces Cracked wins \$100 (Sun.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot pays \$100 (Mon.); set over set bonus (24/7).
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information. See story on Page 13.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
<b>GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (800) 236-1577 • grandtraverseresort.com	Call for information, and see ad on Page 36.	Call for information.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); monthly event, Oct. 19 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).

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# MINNESOTA

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<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a); Ultimate Overlay, Oct. 1-4 (\$130, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-midnight); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); Fall Poker Classic, Oct. 6-21 (\$175-\$1,100).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (7p); Tue. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 10:30a & \$65, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a & \$235, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Cracked Double the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked progressive (Fri.-Sat.); Nightmare Halloween-Scream event, Oct. 27 (\$500, noon).
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Oct. 13 & 27 (\$60, 2p); Omaha/8 events, Oct. 6 & 20 (\$60, 2p); Island Cup Deep Stack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-6p & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75); royals are prog. and start at \$100.

# MISSISSIPPI

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

# MISSOURI

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

# NEVADA

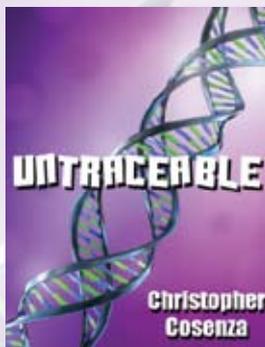
<b>ALIANTE STATION</b> (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasinohotel.com	Daily (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Sun. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily \$1K guar. (\$55, 11a, 2p & 8p).	High hand \$100-\$500 to table when a progressive royal hits; quads pay \$100; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); Festa al Lago Classic, Oct. 12-27 (\$1,080-\$10,300) w/main event, Oct. 22-27 (\$10,300, noon).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7111 • caesarspalace.com	(\$70, 9a); Mega Stack events (noon); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Caesars Palace Poker Classic, Oct. 12-28 (\$130-\$1,080) w/main event, Oct. 26 (\$1,080, noon).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands (24/7); payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday Freeroll at noon (play 10 hours minimum to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50, same color \$100; football parlay card with quads (call for details).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$40, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); monthly freeroll (\$2.5K added), Oct. 26 (6p); monthly \$10K guar., Oct. 7 (\$100); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$50, 1p & 5p; \$50, 8p) w/one rebuy; \$500 first prize guaranteed on Sat. (\$50, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 10a, 6p and 9p); daily (\$60, 12:30a); daily KO (\$80, 2p); Mon. & Fri. freeroll \$2K guar. (9a); monthly KO freeroll \$10K guar. (call for details).	Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); bad-beat bonus pays \$10K for quads or better beaten; high hand of hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p); Fall Pot of Gold runs until Oct. 7 (\$100-\$1,080) w/\$100K main event, Oct. 6 (\$1,080).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p).	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll (15 hours needed to qualify from Sat. (10a)-Sat. (10a)-top 10 get paid \$500 (call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full and pays (\$500/\$200/\$50); high hands; get paid for straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500); Football Splash Pots.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p); WSOP Circuit Lake Tahoe, Nov. 8-19 (\$365-\$1,675); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOOTERS</b> (866) 584-6687 • hooterscasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked earns \$150 (2-8p & 2-6a). High hands all hours of operation, quads pay \$100, straight flushes are \$200 and royal flushes are \$500.

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

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<b>SUNSET STATION</b> (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands pay up to \$500; quads spins wheel; straight flush spins w/2X multiplier; royal spins w/5X multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to \$599 (call for details).
<b>TROPICANA</b> (702) 739-2222 • tropiclv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon); Oct. 6 (\$500, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added by the house); Happy Hour- no rake (Sun.-Thurs., 10a-11a & 5p-6p); players can use comp points for tourneys or SNGs.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$125, noon & 7p); Fall Classic, Oct. 11-31 (\$225-\$1,590) w/main event, Oct. 28-31 (\$1,590, noon).	No jackpots.

## NEW JERSEY

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

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); monthly event, Oct. 27 (\$150, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75; NFL Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bonus chips (call for details).
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (3p); Sat. (1p & 5p); Sun. (7p); Heartland Poker Tour Albuquerque, Oct. 26-Nov. 4 (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. varies (\$25, 7p) Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, Oct. 3 & 31 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>SANTA ANA STAR CASINO</b> 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p); Fall Poker Classic, Oct. 29-Nov. 5 (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Spin the Wheel (Wed.); Monday Funday payouts (9a-4a).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon).	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

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

## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, noon); monthly event, Oct. 28 (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon); Scotty Nguyen's Dream Catcher World Poker Challenge, Oct. 25-Nov. 5 (call for schedule). See ad Page 25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. PLO (\$60, 7p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. PLO (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
<b>OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$40 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); progressive tournament bad-beat jackpot and royal flush; high hands.

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<b>SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO</b> (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on Oct. 6 & 20 (1:30p); freerolls are held Wed. & Fri. at 6p.	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid out daily; \$50 high hand every half-hour (Thurs., noon-mid.; \$100 hourly high hands (Sat., noon-mid.)).
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<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Poker Round Up, Nov. 8-18 (\$110-\$520) w/main event, Nov. 17 (\$520, noon).	Call for promotions.

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<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); monthly event, Oct. 27 (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily & nightly (\$45, 11a & 7:15p); Fri.-Sat. (\$30, 3:15p) & (\$45, 11:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; earn \$5/hour rake back (call for details).
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>MOUNT AIRY CASINO</b> (570) 243-5184 • mtairycasino.com	Fridays (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.
<b>PARK CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon).	Call for details.
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<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); Wed. events, Oct. 24 & 31 (\$150, 7p); deepstack event, Oct. 26 (\$500, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

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<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 2p) & (\$55, 8p); Sun. (\$11 w/\$5 rebuys, 3p); last Sun. of month (\$220 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; half rake on \$2-\$10 or lower games; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

## WASHINGTON

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<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
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<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
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## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$250, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. (\$150, noon & \$250, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 11a & \$400, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$100; Hot Seat (Mon., 10a-10p).
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, Oct. 27 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

## WISCONSIN

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



# Q&A

## WITH XUAN LIU

Xuan Liu is a 27-year-old pro from Canada. To start 2012, she final-tabled the \$10K PCA main event, finishing fourth for \$600K. With more than \$1.2 million in live tournament earnings in just three years, she's a force at the tables, ranking 17th on the women's all-time money list. Our Mike Owens caught up with her to discuss her life on and away from the poker table.



**Where are you from and where is home for you now?** I was born in Tian Jin, China, but I have lived in Toronto since my family immigrated here when I was 5. I am proud of my origins and feel very privileged to be a Canadian. I travel quite a lot, and although I've been to some spectacular places, there is nothing quite like the comforts of a familiar city you love. Toronto is still a great base for me, especially with the recent obstacles in other parts of the world with online poker legislation.

**How did you progress to where you are now in poker?** I attribute my poker successes to my passion for the game and a desire for a versatile lifestyle of travel and exploration. I had started playing in college but didn't take it as a serious long-term option and only dabbled in a few poker road trips while playing small stakes online. It wasn't until I was leading toward a path in finance and faced a crossroads in my life that I decided to take a risk and jumped onto the tournament circuit on my first trip to Europe in October 2010.

I am at this stage in my poker career because of the copious hours I have dedicated to improving my game, the lessons I have learned from the plethora of mistakes made along the way, some really good table draws and through my time spent with the network of elite players I have befriended during my time on the circuit.

**What do you feel are your biggest poker accomplishments?** Having two major final tables after being on the circuit for a relatively short amount of time is really great for my self-esteem, but ultimately I think the decisions I've made with my career that aren't quantifiable are what I'm proud of the most. This includes having a great poker support system and making the most of my poker trips around the world.

**Do you mainly focus on tournaments and play cash games on the side?** Cash games had been my focus for a long time before I broke through to the tournament world. I had probably only played about a dozen random live tournaments over four years before the end of 2010. Some friends insisted I take the leap to tournaments because there is just so much more implied and non-monetary value in being a female in the tournament world.

These days I play mixed cash games online and occasionally live

when there are good games. I would love to put in more volume and improve my no-limit and pot-limit Omaha cash skills in the near future.

**What would you say your preferred style of play is?** Poker is a game of adjustment, so I will play as loose as deemed profitable at certain tables and as tight as necessary in others. My frame of mind also plays a role in how creative I can be, but I do my best to stick with fundamentally sound plays when there are predominantly probability decisions to be made.

**Away from the table what interests you?** I enjoy wandering around unfamiliar cities and eating. Being wine and dined is nice, but Anthony Bourdain-style cultural immersion is better. I like playing team sports, reading and grabbing beer with friends. A charity I like to promote is Because I Am a Girl Canada. They emphasize the importance of providing opportunities for girls in the developing world. It's an issue I'd like to gradually increase my involvement in as I gain more autonomy in my poker career.

**What are your feelings toward women's events and those players who are opposed to ladies-only tournaments?** I am a firm supporter of women in the game and think that ladies-only tournaments are good for everybody. They encourage camaraderie and non-judgmental atmospheres, which in turn provide a welcoming introduction for beginners. The reasons why women in general are not as competitive as men cannot be explained by oversimplifying the theory of equal opportunity. Ladies events are also legitimate for their explicit notion of competition between players and the sense of personal empowerment they instill, something women often do not have a plethora of experience with. People are entitled to their opinions, but I think those who oppose these tournaments tend to have limited life experiences.

**Do you have advice for our female readers?** Of course, I wish I had more female mentors while getting into the game. Put in hours, study and be objective when evaluating your game. Discuss hands with players you respect and don't ignore the ones who are still learning. Don't be discouraged by putdowns from the cowards and bigots, and be wary of those who are a little too eager to help. ♠

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