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Christopher Cosenza

Scott Long

Image is everything

Remember when **Andre Agassi** used to have a lion's mane for a hair-do, before genetics played its cruel hand and forced him to shave his head? He sported hideous neon apparel as he darted around the tennis court, looked into the camera and said, "Image is everything!" Agassi and Canon were on to something.

Mike Sexton, one of poker's greatest ambassadors, recently called out poker pros, essentially telling them they're missing the boat when it comes to corporate sponsorships and that it's their fault. His main point was many pros at our prestigious events do nothing to enhance their (and poker's) image, especially when they make a televised final table. Their appearance (clothing, attitude or hygiene) lacks the image or professionalism needed to attract corporations. How can Ford Motor Co. or Coca-Cola be willing to throw money at prize pools when, for instance, players wear flip-flops and shorts at the final table of a nationally televised charity event that has history's largest payout?

Granted, one of the most attractive aspects of playing poker for a living is strolling into a poker room when you want, wearing what you want. And it's fine if players want to continue to do that, just don't complain about a lack of seeded prize pools like what the PGA Tour secures every week.

Among Sexton's suggestions was a dress code. If you want corporations to desire a partnership with the poker industry, then make yourself attractive. One way to do that is to enforce standards. Why not start small and ask final-table participants to wear presentable clothing? This is already done, for the most part, in that players are restricted to the size and types of patches they can wear. How many times have you seen black tape adhered to the half-screwed-on baseball cap of a young player at a WPT final table? A dress code is just one step above this.

Even Agassi had to wear all white when he played Wimbledon. Do you think he would've skipped the world's most prestigious tennis event because he couldn't wear his fluorescent bicycle shorts on Centre Court? How many players do you believe would skip the WSOP main event because they had to agree to wear proper attire if they made the Octo-Nine? Sure, the WSOP and WPT could insist on a dress code for televised events, but players ultimately need to take responsibility for themselves, and maybe then they'll see the corporate money.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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Thursday : Sept. 6	7:30 PM	Main Event Mega-Satellite	Golden Ticket+5 or \$55
Friday : Sept. 7	6:00 PM	No-Limit Hold 'em	\$110
Saturday : Sept. 8	Noon	No-Limit Hold 'em	\$220
	4:00 PM	H.O.R.S.E	\$110
Sunday : Sept. 9	Noon	L.I.P.S. Ladies No-Limit Hold'em	\$120
	4:00 PM	No-Limit Hold 'em	\$330
Monday : Sept. 10	6:00 PM	Seniors No-Limit Hold'em (50+)	\$110
Tuesday : Sept. 11	6:00 PM	No-Limit Hold 'em	\$110
Wednesday : Sept. 12	6:00 PM	No-Limit Hold 'em \$50 Bounty	\$270
Thursday : Sept. 13	7:30 PM	Main Event Mega-Satellite	Golden Ticket+5 or \$55
Friday : Sept. 14	Noon	Mega Satellite	\$55
	4:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$55
	8:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$55
Saturday : Sept. 15	10:00 AM	Last Chance Mega Satellite	\$55
	2:00 PM	No-Limit Hold 'em MAIN EVENT	\$700
Sunday : Sept. 16	4:00 PM	Main Event Final Table	

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RIVER CITY HOSTS HPT THIS MONTH

The Heartland Poker Tour returns to River City Casino in St. Louis from Sept. 21-Oct. 1. There's a full schedule of preliminary events, daily main event super satellites and second-chance tournaments. The main event begins Sept. 28 with the first of two starting days.



DON MATUSOFSKY • MISSOURI

The HTP was at River City in March for its 100th event, drawing a number of pros as World Poker Tour Player of the Year **Will Failla** captured the title. River City hosted more than 5,200 players in

that series. Building from the success of the March event, expansion is planned for September.

"We are adding 10 more tables at River City in the tournament area for single-table satellites," said **Anthony Chester**, the poker room manager and event tournament director for the properties. "A new podium will be used only for single-table sign-ups and those tables will be right there, too."

Based on player feedback, some additional food options will be available and all of the scheduled tournaments will be at River City. For more information, please see the ad on the facing page.

Also, **Greg Raymer** will bring his Fossilman Poker Training Seminar to Lumiere Place Casino on Sept. 26. There will be single-table satellites (running at Lumiere and River City) that award entries to the seminar. You can read about this seminar in the August issue of *Ante Up*.

— **Don Matusofsky is Ante Up's Missouri Ambassador. Email him at anteupdon@gmail.com.**

Omaha star Kester wins WPO main event

If you didn't make it to the World Poker Open, you missed a good one. This tournament is famous for the familiar Gulf Coast faces it draws, and this year it went down as one of the best post-World Series of Poker bankroll building opportunities anywhere. The \$1 million guarantee in prize pools was an ambitious draw, and it resulted in a few overlays, giving players exceptional value for their buy-in.



JENNIFER GAY • MISSISSIPPI

Listing the notable cashes, as they apply to Mississippi poker, for a Tunica event is sort of like

reading the results list. The Magnolia State is famous for supporting its own tournaments, and just about every final table is a Southern Who's Who of poker. I would, however, like to congratulate **Mitch Franks** of Tupelo for taking down the \$200K guarantee worth \$50,416. They didn't chop the event, or come to any sort of a deal. It was played down and the victory earned outright. Way to go, Mitch! It was a grind.

The final table finished in big Southern style, with several well-known local pros battling it out late into the night. **B.J. McBrayer**, from Tuscaloosa, Ala., just missed the final table with his 11th-place finish, but he took home \$7K. The final 10 included November Niner **John Dolan**, who finished eighth for \$15K and moved into the lead of the *Ante Up* POY race. The final three came down to **Mike Postle**, originally of Southaven, Miss., who received the most money in the chop but was eliminated third.

Despite having moved to Northern California after getting married, Postle never misses a Tunica tournament and it was good to see him another final table. Second place went to **Brad Peeples** of Coffeeville, Miss., who, after a few years of lying low, is on a tear this year. After a successful summer at the

WSOP, Peeples can add a \$91K WPO cash to his resumé.

The ultimate victory belonged to **Galen Kester** of Tunica. First place and \$165K finishes out his successful summer. Having just returned from Vegas, where he cashed in two WSOP pot-limit Omaha events for a combined \$30K-plus, it was good to see him back home. Kester is a local institution wherever Omaha is being played, and is always fun to see at the tables. He's a true Southern gentleman and serves to remind us that poker doesn't belong entirely to the Internet generation.

With the WPO behind us, and the Gulf Coast Poker Championship at the Beau Rivage just under way, the fall tournament circuit is beginning before most of us have even unpacked.

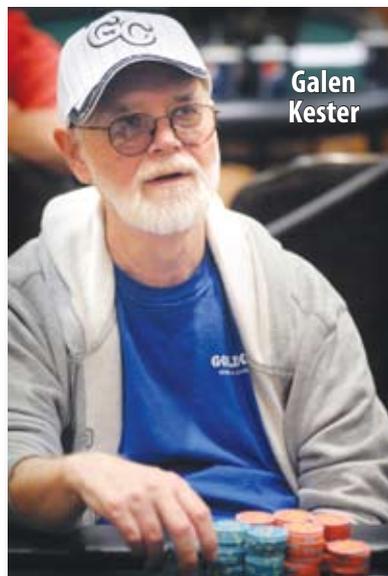
- On a more somber note, a well-known dealer/floor and familiar WSOP supervisor **Casey Jones** suffered an unknown ailment in his sleep during his return trip from Vegas on Aug. 2. He fell into a coma and has been given little to no chance of recovery. Jones has young twin daughters and a family deeply rooted in the poker community. He's the son of **Dennis Jones**, who continues to be a mainstay in the poker world. Casey worked in Tunica before traveling full time with the circuit, and will be sincerely missed by staff and players alike.

The family has set up a website for more information at giveforward.com/caseyjones, and to collect donations or prayers to aid his family in this tragic time.

With so much to celebrate at the end of yet another successful summer, I hate to close on such sad news. Mississippi poker is a tight-knit community, where we all know each other, so tragedy affects us all. I hope to see you all back at the Horseshoe Tunica and Gold Strike in the

fall. As always, keep me updated on your wins and bad beats.

— **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.**



Galen Kester



Calling All Poker Players!

Heartland Poker Tour is back in St. Louis!
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	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/20	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/20	8 pm	River City
SATURDAY SEPT 22	EVENT #2 - \$340 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/21	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/21	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/21	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/21	8 pm	River City
SUNDAY SEPT 23	EVENT #3 - \$230 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/22	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/22	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/22	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/22	8 pm	River City
MONDAY SEPT 24	EVENT #4 - \$150 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/23	12 pm	River City
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	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/23	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/23	8 pm	River City
TUESDAY SEPT 25	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/24	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/24	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/24	8 pm	River City
WEDNESDAY SEPT 26	Greg "Fossilman" Raymer Poker Training Seminar		10 am	Lumière Theatre
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/25	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/25	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/25	8 pm	River City
THURSDAY SEPT 27	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	8 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	9 am	River City
FRIDAY SEPT 28	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	1 pm	River City
	\$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight A	Sept 21 at 8 am	6 pm	River City
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	9 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/28	9 am, 12 pm	River City
SATURDAY SEPT 29	\$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight B	Sept 21 at 8 am	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/28	8 pm	River City
	HPT Main Event - Day 2	Players report at 10:45 am	11 am	River City
SUNDAY SEPT 30	Sunday Ship It Tournament - \$100+\$20 w/rebuys - Win a cruise package for "HPT on the High Seas" Event	9 pm 9/29	12 pm	River City
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 David Seif, \$11,209



Event 3 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 200 • Pool: \$38,800
 Alan Barnes, \$12,802



Event 4 • \$550 NLHE
Entries: 111 • Pool: \$53,835
 Michael McQuin, \$19,381



Event 5 • \$230 Omaha/8
Entries: 131 • Pool: \$25,414
 Harold Woolbright, \$8,387



Event 6 • \$230 Seniors
Entries: 222 • Pool: \$43,068
 David Kruger, \$14,212



Event 7 • \$120 NLHEw/rbs
Entries: 91 • Pool: \$21,340
 Aaron Gamino, \$7,682



Event 8 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 386 • Pool: \$75,000
 Barry Schultz, \$20,250



Event 9 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 35 • Pool: \$10,185
 Albert Frank, \$4,583



Event 10 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 167 • Pool: \$16,199
 Robert Lancaster, \$5,346



Event 11 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 113 • Pool: \$32,883
 James Fox, \$11,838



Event 12 • \$130 PLO
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$25,220
 Elisa Burkett, \$8,810



Event 13 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 829 • Pool: \$241,239
 Mitch Franks, \$50,416



Event 14 • \$340 Stud/8
Entries: 42 • Pool: \$12,222
 Charles Polk, \$4,400



Event 15 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 179 • Pool: \$34,726
 J.R. Hamilton, \$11,459



Event 16 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 112 • Pool: \$32,592
 Terry Presley, \$11,733



Event 17 • \$230 Ladies
Entries: 49 • Pool: \$9,800
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Event 18 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 87 • Pool: \$16,878
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Entries: 323 • Pool: \$75K
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Event 21 • \$340 NLHEw/rbs
Entries: 10 • Pool: \$4,656
 Sean Drake, \$2,328



Event 22 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 104 • Pool: \$10,068
 Stephen Obringer, \$3,631



\$3,150 Main Event
Entries: 158 • Pool: \$500K
 Galen Kester, \$165K



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WSOPC returns to Horseshoe Bossier City this month

By Ross Leitz

The World Series of Poker Circuit returns this month to the Horseshoe in Bossier City, the second stop of the WSOPC season and second time at Bossier City. Like all of the stops this season, the Horseshoe will have 12 ring events at various buy-ins and disciplines, concluding with a \$1,675 no-limit hold'em re-entry main event on Sept. 22.

This is the WSOPC's eighth season and players who earn enough points by season's end are invited to the \$1 million freeroll national championship, which was moved from Las Vegas to Harrah's New Orleans and will start just before the 45th annual World Series of Poker. For more information, go to wsop.com.

COUSHATTA: Exciting news from Kinder, as the bad-beat jackpot at Coushatta Resort & Casino reached \$411K at press time.

The 20-table room has a plethora of additional amenities that include a non-smoking room, five 40-inch LCD TVs, great comps, as well as royal- and straight-flush prizes. For more information, go to coushattacasinoresort.com.

— Ross Leitz is the Ante Up Louisiana Ambassador. Email him at anteupross@gmail.com.



Will the Horseshoe match its impressive WSOPC numbers from a year ago?



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With summer almost over, the children back in school and the camping gear put away for the season, it's time to focus on some local poker. What a great time of year to watch an NFL game, some postseason baseball and participate in America's No. 1 sport: poker.



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If you find yourself in or near downtown Sacramento, you need to check out the Capitol Casino at 411 N. 16th Street. I asked tournament director and floor manager **Mark Pritechett** what sets his club apart from the competition.

"We create a more comfortable atmosphere," he said. "Check out

any of the local establishments and you will find that we have the best, most comfortable place to play in Sacramento."

Featuring 10 poker tables and five Asian games, a full bar, an extensive menu and lots of player promotions, it's easy to see why the Capitol is so popular.

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with a \$20K guarantee. High-hand bonuses of \$200 are paid three times a day, and if you happen to catch the elusive royal flush, you'll win \$200-\$500. The bad-beat jackpot has a quad eights qualifier, or you can win the mini bad-beat pool if you have aces full of jacks beaten by quads or better.

Just around the corner is Summer Splash Part 2. To qualify for the big drawing on Sept. 15, you need to get a players card and then play cash games. For each full house or better, you'll receive a raffle ticket. Bring all of your raffle tickets to the room on Sept. 15 as drawings begin at 10 a.m. You could win an iPad 3, an Xbox, a home-theater system or the grand prize: an Alaskan cruise for two.

For more information, check out capitol-casino.com.

OTHER NEWS: **Candida Ross-Powers** won Thunder Valley's Players Championship. Look for more on this event in our next issue. ... There's still time to qualify for the Oaks Club Player of the Year every Sunday at 1 p.m. The top 10 players at the end of the year each receive a cash prize. ... The Livermore Casino has changed its structure for the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday tournaments to a bounty format. With a \$70 buy-in and \$20 bounties, it's definitely worth checking out.

— **Bret Miller is the Ante Up Ambassador for Northern California. Email him at anteupbret@gmail.com.**

500 Club completes move into new digs

The move is over and the doors are open to the new 500 Club in Clovis, Calif. The casino, granted an expansion license from the city in September of last year, held its grand opening on July 6 at the new location. With the move came a major expansion into a 13,000-square-foot site, and an upgrade from a six-table cardroom



LESLIE PAULS • CENCAL

to 18 tables, three for blackjack and four for pai gow and baccarat. Under state law and city ordinances, Clovis is permitted to have 18 tables citywide, so the 500 Club will be the city's only gambling establishment.

The casino is working on expanding the tournament schedule

and is eager to become a frontrunner for action in the Central Valley. Poker room manager **Peter Phaphone** is confident the room will host world-class tour stops and offer satellites into top events such as the World Series of Poker. The room runs daily tournaments at 10 a.m. to get things going, and for the Sunday tournament, the casino adds an additional \$500 to the prize pool for every 10th player.

They offer a great variety of ring games, spreading \$2-\$4 limit to \$40-\$80, and recently offered a \$100-\$200 limit game. Regular no-limit hold'em games offered include \$1-\$3, \$2-\$5 and two \$5-\$10 games (one with a min-max of \$300-\$15K and another with no cap).

The Sarantos family opened Club 500 at the original location in 1953, and sold the business to their sons, **Louis** and **George Sarantos** in 1974. Go to 500clubcasino.com for more information.

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

WSOPC schedule announced for 2012-13

The ninth season of the World Series of Poker Circuit sports a record 20 stops for the 2012-13 season, with \$365-\$1,675 buy-ins for its events. For the first time, there will be a stop outside America with the addition of River Rock Casino in Vancouver in October. New stops also include Horseshoe Cleveland, Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut and Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina.

A WSOP bracelet will be on the line for WSOPC grinders in a season-culminating national championship at Harrah's New Orleans in May. The 2012-13 schedule is as follows (the August stop at the IP in Biloxi has concluded):

- Sept. 13-24:** Horseshoe Bossier City (Louisiana)
- Sept. 27-Oct. 8:** Horseshoe Southern Indiana
- Oct. 11-22:** Horseshoe Hammond (Chicagoland)
- Oct. 27-Nov. 7:** River Rock (Vancouver)
- Nov. 8-19:** Harveys Lake Tahoe
- Nov. 29-Dec. 10:** Harrah's Atlantic City
- Dec. 6-17:** Harrah's Rincon (San Diego area)
- Jan. 3-14:** Bicycle Casino (Los Angeles)
- Jan. 10-21:** Choctaw Casino (Dallas/Oklahoma)
- Jan. 24-Feb. 4:** Harrah's Tunica (Mississippi)
- Feb. 7-18:** Caesars Palace (Las Vegas)
- Feb. 14-25:** Palm Beach Kennel Club (Florida)
- Feb. 28-March 11:** Caesars Atlantic City
- March 14-25:** Horseshoe Cleveland
- March 27-April 8:** Foxwoods (Connecticut)
- April 4-15:** Harrah's Cherokee (North Carolina)
- April 11-22:** Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Iowa)
- April 25-May 6:** Harrah's Philadelphia
- May 9-20:** Harrah's New Orleans
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ANATOMY OF DANIEL STRELITZ'S DEEP RUN

Daniel Strelitz was the Los Angeles area's deepest finisher in the 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event. The 22-year-old pro, who grew up and still lives in Torrance, took home \$294,601 for his 24th-place finish. I recently had a chance to chat with him about his career.



DAVE PALM • LOS ANGELES

How did you get your start in poker?

I started playing \$5-\$10 home-game SNGs with friends in high school. Then one other friend from the home game and I started playing online and we just

enjoyed it. We used to play video games together and applied video games to online poker.

Are you playing poker for a living now? I was playing online full-time. After Black Friday, I chose not to move and have been playing live a little bit and just relaxing a little bit. I'm actually going back to school in the fall. I'm going back to community college first then somewhere else like probably Long Beach State. I went to UCI for a year-and-a-half.

Before the WSOP, I noticed you had only a few live cashes. Are you pretty much a cash-game pro? No, I haven't had a lot of success in live tournaments. I run pretty terribly in live tournaments.

It sounds like you lived in one of the "poker houses" for the World Series. In one of your tweets toward the end, I think I saw where you said everyone in your house was profitable for the WSOP. Are they names the average poker fan would know? Pius Heinz, last year's champion. I lived with him last year, too. I lived with Pratyush Buddiga. He final-tabled an EPT this year, and Bryan Piccioli. He's a well-known online guy. Niall Ferrell, who also did pretty well this year. I think that's it.

Getting to the main event, it looked like Day 4 was a huge day for you. You went from 268 of 720 left to start the day and finished 26 of 282 to end the day. Were you just chipping up, or did you have some big hands? The biggest pot,

I got it in for 300K at 3K-6K with Q-Q vs. A-K against a friend. I won another four-bet pot with A-K against K-K and flopped an ace. Other than that, just chipping up. I don't even remember any other significant pots.

Day 6 was another big day. You started 38 of 97 and ended second in chips, playing for a seat at the final table with 27 left. Day 6 was enormous. I got down to 20 big blinds. I think it was 880K at 20K-40K. In 30 minutes, I went from 80K to nine million. ... just an enormous heater.

Having busted 24th and getting so close, are you feeling like someone who was up big in a cash game and ended up even to finish the session? I'm feeling like that more now than when I busted. When I busted, I was like, "Whatever, I'm happy. It's still a ton of money." Now, recently, it's like had I played a few hands differently or got a little more lucky, I could have made poker history and made the final table.

I noticed you're a coach at premierppokercoaching.com. Tell me about that. It's mainly a group of tournament coaches. You just choose a time zone and a coach. It connects coach and student. It's personalized coaching, no videos or anything. We have a lot of good coaches. Another is **Dave D'Alesandro**, who got 50th in this year's main event.

Did you consider leaving the country to play like others have? I was going to go to Canada for a month or two before the World Series. I went there and met up with a friend and had a bunch of issues. The bank wouldn't let me open an account. The room I was supposed to rent was too small. There wasn't even room for a computer and monitor. I just flew back the next day. It was pretty disappointing.

What were your parents' thoughts when you decided to leave college after a year-and-a-half to play poker full-time? They were nervous at first, but now my dad is my biggest fan. He's really happy with what's going on. He'd support me doing anything.

— **Dave Palm** is Ante Up's Los Angeles Ambassador. Email him at LA.AnteUp@gmail.com.



Grand Slam of Poker, Hustler Casino, L.A., July 14-28

Gregg Shanberg captured \$50K and the title at Event 6, which drew a remarkable 1,170 players for nearly \$188K. Here are the winners from the other events of the Larry Flynt Grand Slam of Poker:

Event 1 • \$150 NLHE
 Entries: 1,338 • Pool: \$233,625
 Kwinsee Tran, \$58,500

Event 2 • \$175 NLHE
 Entries: 66 • Pool: \$9,570
 Bryan Collins, \$3,400

Event 3 • \$250 NLHE
 Entries: 180 • Pool: \$30,600
 Steve Reitzfeld, \$4,355

Event 4 • \$150 NLHE
 Entries: 1,117 • Pool: \$105,805
 Phillip Tran, \$30K

Event 5 • \$175 NLHE
 Entries: 66 • Pool: \$9,570
 Svetlana Baranovsky, \$3,400

Event 6 • \$200 NLHE
 Entries: 1,170 • Pool: \$187,260
 Gregg Shanberg, \$50K

Tournaments pick up around Southern California

This month, we have quite a few tournaments on which to report. On July 28, the Pechanga poker room hosted RiverCard's Quest for the Cup IX. The event, which featured a \$240 buy-in and \$50K guarantee prize pool, sold out with 383 entrants, pushing the prize pool to \$76,600. Winner **Marc Pierson** took home \$20,674.

PALA: **George Arsenis**, poker room manager at Pala, and **Morgan Brown** with RiverCard, will co-host the War in the Valley tournament on



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Sept. 30, featuring an estimated \$40K prize pool, \$350 entry fee, 25K chips and 30-minute blind levels. Late entries and re-entries will be allowed until the third blind level. Sat-

ellites for this tournament are under way. Call the poker room for more information.

VIEJAS: On July 21, the Viejas poker room hosted its \$50K guarantee "Aces" tournament, attracting 184 entrants for a \$71,116 prize pool. The buy-in was \$335 as there was a six-way chop with each player taking home \$7,116.

— **LoriAnn Persinger** is Ante Up's Southern California Ambassador. Email her at anteuploriann@gmail.com.

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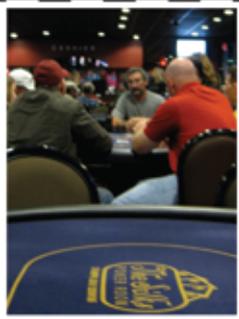
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VEGAS HOUSE NOT WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

One of the most amazing aspects to me regarding the World Series of Poker was finding out how many players spend six or seven weeks in Las Vegas playing poker at most of the 61 bracelet events and surrounding cash games. Of course, the city and nearby suburbs are home to many serious poker players who commute to the Rio just like



DAVE LEMMON • S. FLORIDA



any ordinary casino employee, but I wondered about those who live elsewhere and still want to take in the complete experience.

Poker players are known for earning large paydays, and if you're a marquee high roller you could just purchase (or rent) a luxurious, air-conditioned RV and

park it behind the Rio. Many players rent a room in the Rio or nearby Palms, though those costs can pile up quickly, so it depends on your finances.

Or, you could get a group of friends together and rent a big house, which was the choice of 2011 Ante Up Player of the Year **Darryll Fish**, an idea he's not sure he'll explore again. Fish, known as **DFish** online, joined a core group of 10 guys and rented a large house about 10 miles south of the Strip at the cost of \$47K for six weeks. Included in the group were **David Diaz, Jacob Bazeley, Tim Crank, Ben Mintz, Hafiz Khan, Jamie Armstrong** and **Corey Burbick**.

"It was a pretty eclectic group of guys," Fish said. "We would get three or four others that would pop in and stay for a few days."

You would think this would be an outrageous party pad with a group of crazy 20-somethings winning big money and celebrating nightly. Fish said the reality was anything but.

"If there had been a bracelet win among the guys, I think there would have been a little better story to tell, but unfortunately it didn't happen." In fact, the group got off to a good start when Bazeley finished second in the first open event and cashed for \$327K, while Armstrong picked up a second-place finish in Event 21. But there were only a handful of cashes among the housemates and nothing significant after the second week.

"In the beginning we were planning to have a bunch of parties, but to be honest, we had very little to celebrate," Fish said. "Any time you put 10 guys in a house for a long period of time, even if it's a big house, you're going to have a few problems. But on top of that, when people are doing poorly in poker, it's going to reflect on their overall attitude. If you are on your own you can shake off the bad stuff, as opposed to being around three or four guys that were having a tough time, too. From the beginning, things were just not going well. I was probably quick to get into a negative mind-set and felt like I was going to have a bad summer before I really was, which I am usually an opponent of that. I think the energy of the house is really what kept

me from excelling."

Fish finished with two small cashes totaling less than \$9K and took a beating in the cash games as well.

When I asked him if he would try a similar situation next year, he was doubtful.

"There were just too many people, for me, I think it's better to do your own thing and stay focused on your own goals, rather than worry about other people's results. I don't think I would do it again. It was a nice house, but a little too expensive. I think too many people in one place was the big issue."

He didn't rule out another try in the future.

"I don't know, maybe with the right group of people, like possibly a smaller group of guys."

Maybe he can find a spot next year in the much-talked-about abode this year that housed **Maria Ho, Vanessa Rousso, Vanessa Selbst** and **Liv Boeree**. Well, maybe not

While it's always exciting to reach for the brass ring and the six- or seven-figure prizes offered at the WSOP events, Fish has started to re-evaluate the decision to spend the summer in Vegas.

"Next year I don't know if I am really gonna do the whole thing; the value of the tournaments is getting worse because all the players are getting better. It's much tougher; I have flashbacks from five years ago, and the energy at the tables was different because everyone was so new to the game, and now you sit down and feel like everyone is there to compete.

"It's a much different atmosphere and it makes for less value, not to mention the rake and how they are getting us in the Poker Kitchen. I think they're getting a little too greedy and it's going to reflect in their numbers if online poker does not make a resurgence and allow it to boom again."

Since his return home to Ft. Lauderdale, Fish scored big final table at the Florida State Poker Championship main event at the Isle Poker Room (see story Page 18), finishing sixth for \$44K, an amount that should offset a tough summer in Vegas. It definitely makes the daily grind at the softer tables right here in South Florida a bit more attractive.

CONINE CHARITY AT CALDER: The second annual **Jeff Conine** Celebrity Poker Classic, a charity event to raise awareness and funds for the Conine Clubhouse at **Joe DiMaggio** Children's Hospital, will be Sept. 30 at Calder Casino & Race Course's Studz Poker Club. Reception is at 6 p.m., followed by the tournament at 7.

Prizes include a five-night stay in Costa Rica with airfare for two; a \$10K designer men's watch; and a \$10K seat (and airfare) to the WSOP main event. Preregistered cost is \$250 for the event, but \$300 after Sept. 14. For more info, go to ConinePokerClassic.org or call (954) 265-7241.

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1B	9/1	SAT.	11AM	\$50K GUARANTEE NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$200	\$35	12,000
	9/1	SAT.	7PM	NIGHTLY NLHE	\$100	\$25	10,000
2	9/2	SUN.	11AM	\$10K GUARANTEE NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$100	\$25	10,000
	9/2	SUN.	1PM	EVENT 1 RESTART			
	9/2	SUN.	7PM	NIGHTLY NLHE	\$50	\$15	8,000
3	9/3	MON.	11AM	\$20K GUARANTEE NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$100	\$25	10,000
	9/3	MON.	7PM	NIGHTLY MIXED OMAHA 8/LHE	\$100	\$25	8,000
4	9/4	TUES.	11AM	\$10K GUARANTEE H.O.R.S.E.	\$100	\$25	8,000
	9/4	TUES.	7PM	MEGA SATELLITE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP	\$100	\$25	5,000
5	9/5	WED.	11AM	\$10K GUARANTEE NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$100	\$25	10,000
	9/5	WED.	7PM	NIGHTLY PLO	\$100	\$25	8,000
6	9/6	THUR.	11AM	\$10K GUARANTEE NLHE W/\$25 BOUNTIES	\$100	\$25	10,000
	9/6	THUR.	7PM	SUPER REBUY SATELLITE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP	\$50	\$15	2,000
7A	9/7	FRI.	11AM	\$100K GUARANTEE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT	\$500	\$55	20,000
	9/7	FRI.	7PM	\$10K NIGHTLY NLHE \$30/\$20 RE-BUY	\$20	\$10	1,500
7B	9/8	SAT.	11AM	\$100K GUARANTEE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT	\$500	\$55	20,000
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Event 2 • \$340 Seniors
 Entries: 75 • Pool: \$22,500
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Event 3 • \$340 NLHE
 Entries: 144 • Pool: \$43,200
 Jason Rapp, \$14,282



Event 4 • \$230 PLO
 Entries: 134 • Pool: \$26,800
 Ryan Gelsomino, \$5K*



Event 5 • \$330 NLHE
 Entries: 1,186 • Pool: \$355,800
 Hagai Stein, \$30,844*



Event 6 • \$550 NLHE
 Entries: 116 • Pool: \$58K
 Robert Orr, \$12K*



Event 7 • \$200 PLO w/rb
 Entries: 70 • Pool: \$39K
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Event 8 • \$330 NLHE
 Entries: 174 • Pool: \$
 Matthew Smith, \$9,300*



Event 9 • \$200 NLHE w/rb
 Entries: 77 • Pool: \$31,260
 Bryan Morton, \$7,355*



Event 10 • \$550 NLHE
 Entries: 476 • Pool: \$238K
 Jacob Viccellio, \$34,435*



Event 11 • \$350 Bounty
 Entries: 144 • Pool: \$43,200
 Carlos Rivarola, \$8K



Event 12 • \$340 NLHE
 Entries: 185 • Pool: \$57,350
 Jacob Schindler, \$15,500



Event 13 • \$1,600 Bounty
 Entries: 121 • Pool: \$181,500
 Joe Urgo, \$37,904*



Event 14 • \$2,200 6-Max
 Entries: 42 • Pool: \$84K
 Barry Hutter, \$34,400



\$5,300 Main Event
 Entries: 188 • Pool: \$940K
 Brandon Barnes, \$212,500*

* Denotes chop or deal

FSPC MAIN EVENT ENDS IN 4-WAY CHOP

By Dave Lemmon

The field was narrowed to six players in the main event of the Isle Casino's Florida State Poker Championship and discussions of a chop had begun. Five of the six players agreed to a deal, but that sixth player was **Tommy Vedes**, the reigning World Poker Tour Seminole Hard Rock Showdown champion. He had tweeted "I own this town," earlier in the tournament.

"If he feels like every time he plays in South Florida he wins, then I guess I can understand it, but it just didn't seem right," said local pro and 2011 Ante Up Player of the Year **Darryll Fish**, who later became the first of the six eliminated. "Probably cost me \$50K."

The big winner was **Brandon Barnes** of Taylor, Mich., known as CompleteDonk online. Though the remaining prize pool was chopped four ways with Vedes, **Adam Levy** and **Hans Winzeler** according to chip count, Barnes was awarded the trophy and the biggest portion, about \$212K. Vedes, apparently with a diminishing stack and an evaporating opportunity to win the event, finally agreed to the chop and was awarded the smallest amount of the four players, about \$94K.

The field of 188 in the \$5,300 event generated a \$940K prize pool.

Emerald Coast Championship starts Sept. 5 at Ebro

The folks at Ebro Greyhound Park's poker room will host their signature series, the Emerald Coast Poker Championship, this month, Sept. 5-16. The series is held strategically (and immediately) after the Beau Rivage's Gulf Coast Poker Championship concludes Sept. 3, as Biloxi, Miss. is just a short distance from the historic Ebro facility in Florida's Panhandle.



CHRIS COSENZA • N. FLORIDA

Just like last year, there will be 10 events, including a LIPS tournament (Sept. 9, \$120), seniors event (Sept. 10, \$110) and. H.O.R.S.E. tournament (Sept. 8, \$110), but there are some changes, too. The series kicks off with an Omaha/8 event on Sept. 5 (6 p.m., \$110), a discipline not seen in the ECPC.

The remainder of the series will be no-limit hold'em, including the

\$700 main event (Sept. 15, 2 p.m.), which is \$150 more than last year's main. But there will be plenty of satellites for the main, including two scheduled for \$55 and four megas at \$75 a pop. The final table of the main event will be Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. Be sure to see the ad on Page 7 for the full schedule and details or go to goebro.com.

\$150K GUARANTEE: The sister properties of Pensacola Greyhound Park and Creek Entertainment Gretna are joining forces to run a \$150K guarantee event Sept. 29 (held at Gretna). The buy-in is \$500, though satellites are running until the day of the event if you want to earn your seat on the cheap. See the ad on Page 53 for details.

WPT RETURNS TO JAX: The poker room at bestbet Jacksonville has announced the dates for its next WPT main event and Jacksonville Fall Series. You can find all of the information you need on the ad that faces this page, but of note is the WPT main event, which will have a \$3,500 buy-in and will sport a \$500K guarantee. It runs Nov. 9-13.

— You can email Christopher Cosenza at chris@anteupmagazine.com.



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

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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 #8 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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THERE'S NO DOUBT FRANCO HAS HEART

Strength. Positivity. Perseverance. These are the first attributes that came to my mind after speaking with bay-area poker player **Ralph Franco**.

Franco, who lives in Palm Harbor, Fla., epitomizes the phrase "running well." Not only did he win his way into the World Series of Poker Main Event this year, but he cheated death to get there.



GARRETT ROTH • C. FLORIDA

Franco, 74, has been playing poker his whole life, but recently started having trouble



with his heart. At the beginning of the year he was told he needed open-heart surgery to repair the damage.

"I was in the hospital for eight weeks," Franco said. And what did he miss most during those eight weeks? Poker.

Franco plays for a bay-area poker club at Tampa Bay Downs. Each week, his club gets together to play a tournament and the players get points depending on how they rank. At the end of the specified time period, they add up each player's points and award a \$12K WSOP prize package to the top-three players. If any of the players happen to cash in the main event, 30 percent goes back to the club for the others to split. It's a great way for all of the players involved to get some excitement out of the WSOP.

This time around, the oldest player in the club, Franco, earned his spot at the top and was whisked away to Las Vegas to play in the big-

gest tournament of his life. This was Franco's first WSOP, so he made sure to bring along his wife, son and grandchildren.

Franco played Day 1C, but that's as far as he made it. When asked about his bust-out hand, Franco said, "I had A-Q on an A-Q-6 board. I bet out, my opponent raised me, and I got it all-in vs. his A-K. He rivered the king and that was it, but how can you be upset at that? My whole family was there and it was a vacation for us."

That statement sums up Franco perfectly. He's a family man first and a hell of a poker player, second. His energy is upbeat, his spirit is high, and his thoughts are on the important things. If life were a poker game, Ralph Franco would certainly be the King of Hearts.

WPT REBOUND: Derby Lane in St. Petersburg hosted another World Poker Tour Regional stop, this one dubbed the Rebound Series, July 7-15. **Christy Pham** captured the main event title and \$46,069 after a deal was made. It attracted 122 players for a nearly \$180K prize pool. Winners and photos from all events are below.

• Hands for Hearts, a tournament to benefit the American Heart Association, will be at noon on Sept. 15 at Derby Lane. A \$10K World Series of Poker Main Event seat, including airfare and hotel, is the top prize, and \$5K in door prizes and an opportunity to win a car are also offered. Suggested donation is \$195, with optional add-ons and rebuys offered through the first four levels. Call (727) 812-3339.

— **Garrett Roth is the Ante Up Ambassador for Central Florida and the Where to Play editor. Email him at roth@anteupmagazine.com and follow him on Twitter @GarrettRoth.**

WPT Rebound Series, Derby Lane, St. Petersburg, Fla., July 7-15 * Denotes chop or deal



Event 1 • \$800 NLHE
Entries: 89 • Pool: \$62,300
Chau Pham, \$18,265*



Event 2 • \$300 NLHE
Entries: 205 • Pool: \$52,275
Robert Diaz, \$14,637



Event 3 • \$255 6-Max
Entries: 217 • Pool: \$47,740
Conor O'Neil, \$5,227*



Event 4 • \$375 NLHE/PLO
Entries: 33 • Pool: \$10,890
Alex Minningham, \$4,900



Event 5 • \$210 Seniors
Entries: 201 • Pool: \$36,180
Peter Garafola, \$10,130



Event 6 • \$375 PLO
Entries: 61 • Pool: \$20,130
Ronald Browne, \$7,450



Event 7 • \$160 AIOF
Entries: 84 • Pool: \$10,920
Michael Collins, \$3,000*



Event 8 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 114 • Pool: \$22,800
Donald Anderson, \$3,575*



\$1,625 Main Event
Entries: 122 • Pool: \$179,950
Christy Pham, \$46,069*



Event 10 • \$535 NLHE
Entries: 90 • Pool: \$45,000
Nancy Birnbaum, \$5,000*

WPT Regional Summer Slam, Stax Poker Lounge, July 25-Aug. 5

Event 1 • \$110 NLHE
Entries: 358 • Pool: \$32,200
Chris Lewis, \$5K

Event 4 • \$250 Heads-Up
Entries: 48 • Pool: \$10K
Jon Rapp, \$2,600

Event 7 • \$175 Bounty
Entries: 108 • Pool: \$16,632
Milord Vital, \$3K

Event 10 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 74 • Pool: \$15K
David Shifrel, \$2,740

Event 13 • \$150 6-Max
Entries: 120 • Pool: \$15,120
Chris Lukacina, \$4,988

Event 16 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 23 • Pool: \$2,500
Jack Appel, \$1,250

Event 2 • \$300 NLHE
Entries: 29 • Pool: \$12K
Mukul Pahuja, \$3K

Event 5 • \$225 NLHE
Entries: 109 • Pool: \$21,582
Joe Levitt, \$4,144

Event 8 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 1,525 • Pool: \$125K
Brandon Fraum, \$31,972

Event 11 • \$250 Mix
Entries: 43 • Pool: \$10K
Robert Scott, \$3,500

Event 14 • \$200 NLHE
Entries: 78 • Pool: \$15K
Charles Bury, \$3,500

Event 17 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 39 • Pool: \$4,056
Joshua Blum, \$1,204

Event 3 • \$125 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 92 • Pool: \$10K
Andrew Woodmancey, \$3,500

Event 6 • \$200 Omaha/8
Entries: 71 • Pool: \$12,425
Luis Santoni, \$1,855

Event 9 • \$125 Stud mix
Entries: 25 • Pool: \$2,600
Harold Klein, \$1,300

Event 12 • \$200 PLO
Entries: 99 • Pool: \$17,325
Stewart Newman, \$6,064

\$400 Main Event
Entries: 944 • Pool: \$369,104
Evan Dollinger, \$90,501

Event 18 • \$125 NLHE
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Carmelo Barbieri, \$3,500

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GANT BEATS RECORD FIELD FOR STATE TITLE

Eltorna Gant, a.k.a. BG, from a state-record field of 1,233, overcomes a 28-1 chip lead for \$233K.

The eighth annual Arizona State Poker Championship, which started Aug. 10, attracted some of the most popular poker players in the world, but in the end it was a local man, **Eltorna "BG" Gant**, who captured the title, a bracelet, a trophy and \$233,696.



BRIAN FANZO • ARIZONA

Some of the big names in the field included Octo-Nine member **Jacob Balsinger**, a local player at Talking Stick Resort, as well as **Dennis Phillips, Matt Affleck, Chip Jett, John Cernuto, Karina Jett, David Pham, Tom Schneider, David Williams, Ylon Schwartz, Ryan Hughes and Mike Watel**. Poker pro and TV personality

Tiffany Michelle hosted the final table.

Though many pros and big names were in the event at the start of the fifth day, local players overwhelmingly represented the final table with 8 of 10 being from Arizona. As the table dwindled three players, **Matt Elsby** held a commanding chiplead over **Adam "Whitey" White** and Gant, who lives in Casa Grande.

The play three-handed was intense, but White exited third, leaving Elsby with a remarkable 28-1 chip lead to start the heads-up battle with Gant. But Gant's aggressive style allowed for him to steal blinds and within 90 minutes the players were about even. The big hand

ASPC final results

1. Eltorna "BG" Gant, Casa Grande, AZ	\$233,696
2. Matt Elsby, Chandler, AZ,	\$147,960
3. Adam "Whitey" White, Washington, D.C	\$97,407
4. Sal Musto, Tempe, AZ	\$72,747
5. Nathan Pfunger, Tempe, AZ	\$59,184
6. William Yantis, Tucson, AZ	\$46,854
7. Richard Saine, Phoenix	\$34,524
8. Adam Singer, Paradise Valley, AZ	\$28,359
9. Mohammad "Mo" Abedi Arani, Plano, TX	\$20,961
10. Dylan Hortin, Anthem, AZ	\$14,796

came when the 29-year-old Gant picked up pocket kings vs. Elsby's pocket 10s as the chips were about square at that point.

"I knew I was going to do it," said Gant, a first-time entrant of the competition. "I never stopped believing in myself that I would win, I just thought it would take longer."

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SCOTTY NGUYEN RETURNS TO OKLAHOMA

After a four-year hiatus, **Scotty Nguyen** is returning to Oklahoma with a new tournament venue and hosting property. Cherokee Casino in Tulsa had hosted the annual Scotty Nguyen Poker Challenge in 2004-08. The annual events were popular with local players and pros. Players will again have the opportunity to mix it up with the



BONNIE DEMOS • OKLAHOMA

Prince of Poker this fall at Choctaw Casino in Durant. Scotty Nguyen's Dream Catcher World Poker Challenge runs Oct. 25-Nov. 5. Poker room manager **Ken Lambert**, an industry veteran, had left a management position to be poker room manager at the Choctaw Casino about a year ago. And

now these two poker giants are coming together.

Lambert began his career as a busboy at Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas when he was 16. At 21, he became a security officer for the Horseshoe. He taught himself to deal poker and began working with his father (**Ken Lambert Sr.**) as a poker dealer at Vegas World, then as a tournament supervisor in 1984 at the Frontier Casino and back to Vegas World as a tournament assistant (1985-87). He then opened the Mirage in 1989 with **Eric Drache**, starting as a brush and within two years became the assistant shift manager. He left the Mirage in 1995 to work for **Jack Binion** again, but this time as the poker room manager in Tunica, Miss.

In 1999, he launched a tournament called the Mid-America Poker Classic and then in 2000 he started the World Poker Open and signed with the World Poker Tour in 2002, quickly becoming the second largest tournament in the country.

After Harrah's purchased the Horseshoe Casinos, Lambert became the WSOP tournament director and was the first to hold a WSOP event outside of Las Vegas. He resigned from Harrah's in 2005 and began working again for the MGM Mirage team until 2011, when took over at Choctaw Casino.

Nguyen has also enjoyed a long and colorful history as a pro player. His first tournament success came at the 1997 World Series of Poker where he won the \$2K Omaha/8 event, netting more than \$150K. Unfortunately, Nguyen blew this bankroll and was broke shortly before the 1998 WSOP. Nguyen, with backing help Mike Matusow, entered and won the main event, punctuating his victory with one of the most famous lines in all of poker: "You call, it's gonna be all over baby!"

Nguyen has won five bracelets and plenty of prestigious events, including the \$50K H.O.R.S.E. title at the WSOP and the \$10K H.O.R.S.E. title at the L.A. Poker Classic. His total live tournament winnings exceed \$11.25 million.

The combination of experience between these industry legends as a tournament partnership should prove to produce an interesting tournament series this fall. Watch for details in *Ante Up*.

— **Bonnie Demos is Ante Up's Oklahoma Ambassador. Email her at bdemos1@gmail.com.**

\$500K Guarantee Series, Choctaw Casino Resort, July 26-Aug. 5

Event 1 • \$235 NLHE

Entries: 936 • Pool: \$181,584

Mike Fitzgerald, \$33,779

Event 2 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 105 • Pool: \$17,315

Keith Carter, \$5,089

Event 3 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 219 • Pool: \$36,113

Sebastian Tejada, \$8,843

Event 4 • \$345 NLHE

Entries: 779 • Pool: \$226,689

Mykel Comroe, \$44,402

Event 5 • \$235 NLHE

Entries: 260 • Pool: \$50,440

Jimmy Bunch, \$12,101

Event 6 • \$235 NLHE

Entries: 324 • Pool: \$62,856

Daniel Hughes, \$14,466

Event 7 • \$300 O/8

Entries: 103 • Pool: \$25,977

Derek Browning, \$7,635

Event 8 • \$235 NLHE

Entries: 185 • Pool: \$35,890

William Austin, \$9,139

Event 9 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 62 • Pool: \$10,224

Soutchay Chanseambath, \$3,505

Event 11 • \$345 PLO

Entries: 91 • Pool: \$26,481

Kevin Martinez, \$7,780

Event 12 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 162 • Pool: \$26,714

Steven Gordon, \$7,063

Event 13 • \$300 O/8

Entries: 72 • Pool: \$18,158

James Astorino, \$6,047

Event 14 • \$345 NLHE

Entries: 246 • Pool: \$71,586

Josh Palmer, \$17,178

Event 15 • \$1,080 PLO

Entries: 53 • Pool: \$51,410

John Reading, \$18,881

\$1,080 Main Event

Entries: 800 • Pool: \$760K

Maxx Dansky, \$152,008

Event 17 • \$235 NLHE

Entries: 120 • Pool: \$23,280

John Garnica, \$6,839

Event 18 • \$200 NLHE

Entries: 121 • Pool: \$19,953

Hartt Stearns, \$5,471

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The excitement leading up to the state championship was accelerated this year thanks to four warm-up events leading up to the \$1,070 main event.

Though the prize pool was advertised at \$1 million, the event set a record, drawing 180 more entries than last year (1,053), requiring the Talking Stick Resort to shut down cash play for the first time in recent memory, meaning all 54 tables were used for Day 3 action. The entries of 1,233 set a state record, handing out \$233K for first place from the record \$1.23 million prize pool.

"We couldn't have asked for a more thrilling outcome," Talking Stick director of poker **Kent Odekirk** said. "Many of BG's competitors were professional poker players and tournament regulars, which proves that with some major luck and a good sense of judgment, poker can be anyone's game."

Odekirk, who predicted the event would attract about 1,200 play-

ers, went on to praise his staff.

"My employees made this a great event," he said. "We were thrilled with the turnout and it ran like a fine-tuned piano. And I want to thank all the guests that made it a great event."

With a record-breaking field and an overwhelming amount of chatter about the nice accommodations at Talking Stick Resort, it will be exciting to see what changes and new features will be added for the 9th annual event next year.

In September, the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick will feature the 7th annual Arizona State Ladies Poker Championship with an estimated \$80K prize pool. Play starts Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. with a \$200 buy-in.

The ladies event will end Sept. 10. For more information be sure to call the Arena Poker Room or visit talkingstickresort.com.

— **Brian Fanzo is Ante Up's Arizona Ambassador. Feel free**

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Manager Kent Odekirk gives BG Gant his trophy.

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VENETIAN, CAESARS WRAP SUMMER SERIES

By Todd Lamansky

A deep run in the World Series of Poker Main Event has launched numerous careers throughout the years, so it's only fitting Caesars Entertainment, who owns the WSOP, would be responsible for launching a few more over the summer. Caesars Palace's annual Mega Stack Series attracted a ton of players, concluding July 15.

Sweden's **Jonas Luack** beat 1,601 players to earn championship honors and \$260,765 in the \$1K main event. Luack defeated **Gennady Kalin**, who received \$184,608 for second place. The prize money should serve as a nice bankroll boost for both players who, according to Hendon Mob, only had a total of \$15,711 in live earnings between the two of them before to the tournament.

Meanwhile, just a few doors down, **Timothy West** was busy winning

the \$5K main event at the latest installment of Venetian's Deep Stack Extravaganza. West topped a field of 398 and received a \$444,165 payday for his victory (the largest score of his career) increasing his lifetime earnings by more than 25 percent, surpassing \$2 million. He also cashed twice at this year's WSOP, bringing his career total to 18.

Brazil's **Caio Cesar Pimenta** earned \$269,462 for his runner-up finish, while Russia's **Dmitry Nemirovsky** received \$180,443 for third. That prize money was far and away the highlight of both players' careers; their previous bests were \$38,000 and \$23,450, respectively.

Shannon Shorr's fourth-place finish was good for \$125,848. Other notable pros who cashed in the event included **Galen Hall** (19th), **Men "Master" Nguyen** (24th) and 2010 WSOP Player of the Year **Frank Kassel** (35th). The next DSE kicks off Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 18.

Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza, May 24-July 15

Event 1 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 944 • Pool: \$319,072 Alexander Labunskiy, \$67,011	Event 11 • \$2,500 NLHE Entries: 209 • Pool: \$475,475 Mikhail Glushankov, \$114,118	Event 21 • \$2,200 Bounty Entries: 195 • Pool: \$292,890 Pierre Neuville, \$79,080	Event 31 • \$1,100 NLHE Entries: 218 • Pool: \$213,422 Oleg Prokhorov, \$51,218	Event 41 • \$1,100 NLHE Entries: 391 • Pool: \$382,789 Richard Trigg, \$91,863	Event 51 • \$1,600 NLHE Entries: 192 • Pool: \$278,016 Joseph Hall, \$75,066
Event 2 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 273 • Pool: \$141,687 Ali Alawadhi, \$33,999	Event 12 • \$600 Omaha/8 Entries: 213 • Pool: \$110,547 Jamie Kerstetter, \$26,530	Event 22 • \$1,100 NLHE Entries: 329 • Pool: \$322,091 Matthew Shedsy, \$77,294	Event 32 • \$600 Omaha/8 Entries: 145 • Pool: \$75,255 Stephen Ladowsky, \$20,318	Event 42 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 1,046 • Pool: \$542,874 Justin Villa, \$113,994	Event 52 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 705 • Pool: \$238,290 Gani Weiss, \$52,420
Event 3 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 220 • Pool: \$74,360 Joseph Fulford, \$17,845	Event 13 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 531 • Pool: \$179,478 Kent Frampton, \$41,274	Event 23 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 481 • Pool: \$249,639 Tillman Raschke, \$58,666	Event 33 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 350 • Pool: \$181,650 Nadav Noy, \$43,592	Event 43 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 313 • Pool: \$162,447 Vitor Buzinaro, \$38,986	\$5K Main Event Entries: 398 • Pool: \$1.85M Timothy West, \$444,165
Event 4 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 206 • Pool: \$69,628 James Wadzinski, \$16,712	Event 14 • \$1,100 NLHE Entries: 137 • Pool: \$134,123 Sergei Malyshev, \$40,238	Event 24 • \$600 H.O.R.S.E. Entries: 192 • Pool: \$99,648 Samuel Vitello, \$26,910	Event 34 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 277 • Pool: \$143,763 James Adkins, \$34,508	Event 44 • \$600 H.O.R.S.E. Entries: 167 • Pool: \$86,673 Adam Hutchinson, \$24,268	Event 54 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 421 • Pool: \$218,499 Jason Stern, \$51,342
Event 5 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 557 • Pool: \$188,266 Eli Loewenthal, \$43,292	Event 15 • \$600 PLO Entries: 332 • Pool: \$172,308 Elie Payan, \$41,352	Event 25 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 1,093 • Pool: \$369,434 Garry Cyre, \$77,586	Event 35 • \$1,100 NLHE Entries: 198 • Pool: \$193,842 Robert Kokoska, \$52,340	Event 45 • \$1,600 NLHE Entries: 385 • Pool: \$557,480 Maxime Conte, \$133,794	Event 55 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 377 • Pool: \$195,663 Joseph Kuether, \$46,954
Event 6 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 401 • Pool: \$208,119 Mark Maletic, \$48,902	Event 16 • \$600 NLHE Entries: 553 • Pool: \$287,007 Dominique Mosley, \$66,005	Event 26 • \$1,600 NLHE Entries: 266 • Pool: \$385,168 Rick Bui, \$92,436	Event 36 • \$10K NLHE Entries: 27 • Pool: \$257,040 Igor Kurgandv, \$128,520	Event 46 • \$400 NLHE Entries: 661 • Pool: \$223,418 Michael Ferrari, \$50,268	
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\$130 NLHE Entries: 198 • Pool: \$19,206 Adrian Abram, \$4,050	\$130 NLHE Entries: 191 • Pool: \$18,527 Kai Heinen, \$3,908	\$350 NLHE Entries: 165 • Pool: \$48,015 Richard Yelland, \$10,566	\$130 Omaha/8 Entries: 90 • Pool: \$8,730 Rainer Tows, \$2,531	\$130 PLO Entries: 157 • Pool: \$15,229 Stephen Wolfe, \$3,353	\$240 NLHE Entries: 72 • Pool: \$43,200 Denis Krivomazov, \$4,191
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\$130 NLHE Entries: 200 • Pool: \$19,400 Simon English, \$4,087	\$240 NLHE Entries: 144 • Pool: \$27,936 Mary-Ann Bianchi, \$6,622	\$130 Mix-Max Entries: 85 • Pool: \$8,245 David Rounds, \$2,011	\$240 Heads-Up Entries: 64 • Pool: \$12,416 Randall Christing, \$3,849	\$130 NLHE Entries: 109 • Pool: \$10,573 Denis Krivomazov, \$2,727	\$130 PLO/8 6-Max Entries: 113 • Pool: \$10,961 Jay Hong, \$3,289
\$130 NLHE Entries: 89 • Pool: \$8,663 Flaminio Malaguti, \$2,503	\$130 Survivor Entries: 51 • Pool: \$4,950 Gary Huntley, \$990	\$130 NLHE Entries: 180 • Pool: \$17,460 John Cranston, \$3,842	\$130 NLHE Entries: 233 • Pool: \$22,601 Allan Moore, \$4,634	\$240 NLHE Entries: 146 • Pool: \$28,324 Matt Shoemaker, \$6,713	\$130 6-Max Entries: 276 • Pool: \$26,772 David Webb, \$6,961

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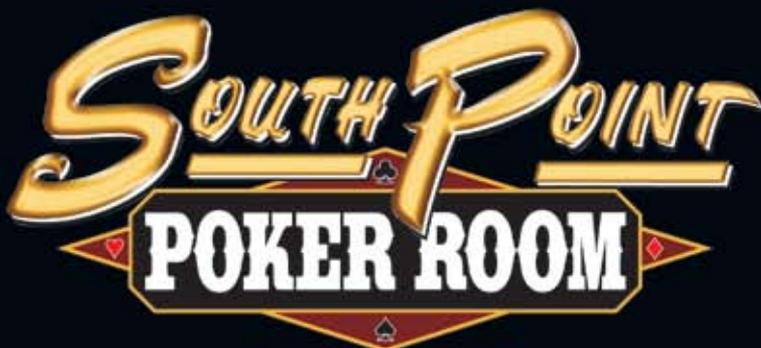
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FRIEDLANDER WINS \$100K GUARANTEE EVENT

The Grand Sierra Resort's Pot of Gold series, which ended July 29 and paid out more than \$475K, may have attracted players from all over the country, but results showed the Reno-Tahoe locals enjoyed most of the success to capture the top prizes.

The series ran 11 days and hosted 30 events, including no-limit hold'em, pot-limit Omaha and H.O.R.S.E. The NLHE tournaments for \$140 and \$220 were quite popular and averaged first-prize winnings of \$2K-\$3K. **John Wallace** of South Lake Tahoe won two of the three \$15K guarantee events, pocketing \$7,900.

Karen Bochenek of Truckee, Calif., won \$13,422 and the title in Event 20, a \$40K guarantee that had 106 runners and a prize pool that surpassed \$50K.



LESLIE PAULS • RENO



The largest tournament of the series was the \$100K guarantee

(\$1,080 buy-in) as **Steven Friedlander** of Reno earned a little more than \$22K, beating more than 130 players for the title.

Some other notable winners **Christopher Johnson** of Sparks, Nev., (\$20K guarantee), **Joshua Pender** of Rock Hill, S.C. (Omaha/8), **Randolph Manalang** of Reno (six-max) and **Joseph Reese, David Horton, Nathaniel James** and **Jaime Reyes** all earned titles in NLHE events.

The next POG series runs Sept. 27-Oct. 7.

WPT AT ATLANTIS: The only World Poker Tour Regional stop in the Reno market makes its way to Atlantis this month for the WPT Western Poker Challenge on Sept. 14-24.

Preliminary events begin Sept. 14, offering a variety of deepstack tournaments, including no-limit hold'em, Omaha and mixed-game disciplines. Atlantis also is offering a free hotel night stay for main-event players who pre-register (by Sept. 9 online and Sept. 16 in person). For a full schedule visit atlantiscasino.com/wpt.

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

Summer Pot of Gold, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, July 19-29

Event 1 • \$230 NLHE
Players: 165 • Pool: \$32,010
Christopher Johnson, \$7,044

Event 2 • \$95 NLHE
Players: 36 • Pool: \$2,794
Chris Murray, \$852

Event 3 • \$340 NLHE
Players: 391 • Pool: \$113,78
Jedidiah Hoffman, \$25,733

Event 4 • \$220 NLHE
Players: 45 • Pool: \$8,730
Nathaniel James, \$2,400

Event 5 • \$140 Six-Max
Players: 74 • Pool: \$8,614
Randolph Manalang, \$2,185

Event 6 • \$220 NLHE
Players: 32 • Pool: \$6,208
David Horton, \$2,359

Event 7 • \$145 Bounty
Players: 72 • Pool: \$6,930
Timothy Cebulla, \$1,224

Event 8 • \$230 NLHE
Players: 96 • Pool: \$18,624
Greg DerovReno, \$4,098

Event 9 • \$140 NLHE
Players: 52 • Pool: \$6,053
Joseph Reese, \$2,200

Event 10 • \$140 Omaha/8
Players: 78 • Pool: \$9,080
Joshua Pender, \$2,372

Event 11 • \$230 NLHE
Players: 77 • Pool: \$15,000
Daniel Orr, \$3,000

Event 12 • \$230 Omaha/8
Players: 56 • Pool: \$10,864
Tyler Mock, \$3,194

Event 13 • \$95 Raise It
Players: 47 • Pool: \$3,647
Chris Murray, \$1,200

Event 14 • \$230 NLHE
Players: 69 • Pool: \$15,000
John Wallace, \$4,649

Event 15 • \$140 H.O.R.S.E.
Players: 56 • Pool: \$6,518
Frankie Odell, \$1,863

Event 16 • \$95 NLHE
Players: 57 • Pool: \$4,423
Matt Christmon, \$1,499

Event 17 • \$230 NLHE
Players: 71 • Pool: \$15,000
John Wallace, \$3,300

Event 20 • \$550 NLHE
Players: 106 • Pool: \$51,410
Karen Bochenek, \$13,422

Event 21 • \$220 NLHE
Players: 24 • Pool: \$4,656
Gregory Sayabalian, \$1,863

Event 22 • \$140 PLO w/rbs
Players: 33 • Pool: \$8,207
Marc Christy, \$3,118

\$1,080 Main Event
Players: 132 • Pool: \$128,040
Steven Friedlander, \$22,804

Event 28 • \$170 6-Max
Players: 34 • Pool: \$3,247
Paul Sampson, \$909

Event 29 • \$95 NLHE
Players: 30 • Pool: \$2,328
Stuart Faulkner, \$680

Event 30 • \$140 NLHE
Players: 34 • Pool: \$3,958
Jaime Reyes, \$1,504

* Missing events were canceled, not reported or satellites.

Caesars results continued from previous page

\$130 Team NLHE

Entries: 81 • Pool: \$8,100
W. Fisher-D. Isenhour, \$2,278

\$350 NLHE

Entries: 210 • Pool: \$61,110
Samad Razavi, \$12,879

\$240 PLO

Entries: 131 • Pool: \$25,414
Francisco Hernandez, \$6,024

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 323 • Pool: \$62,662
Taylor Koch, \$12,347

\$130 PLO/8

Entries: 138 • Pool: \$13,386
Salim Valimahomed, \$3,170

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 468 • Pool: \$45,396
Alonso Torres, \$8,400

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 247 • Pool: \$23,959
Laurent Leboucher, \$4,789

\$560 Seniors

Entries: 811 • Pool: \$393,335
Barry Middlebrook, \$69,624

\$350 NLHE

Entries: 355 • Pool: \$103,305
Richard Whitebrook, \$20,352

\$130 Ante Only

Entries: 119 • Pool: \$11,543
Jordan Shubert, \$2,978

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 504 • Pool: \$48,888
Paul Leckey, \$9,040

\$130 PLO 6-Max

Entries: 184 • Pool: \$17,848
V. Vongxaiburana, \$4,911

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 337 • Pool: \$32,689
Bruce Lieberthal, \$6,436

\$240 Mix-Max

Entries: 91 • Pool: \$17,654
Daniele Nestola, \$4,305

\$350 NLHE

Entries: 322 • Pool: \$93,702
William Fitzpatrick, \$18,457

\$240 Survivor

Entries: 104 • Pool: \$20,180
Marcel Vonk, \$2,018

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 299 • Pool: \$58,006
Nicholas, Elvidge, \$11,429

\$240 PLO

Entries: 157 • Pool: \$30,458
Karl Mahrenholz, \$6,702

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 56 • Pool: \$48,306
Melissa Verrett, \$9,662

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 71 • Pool: \$13,774
Patrice Ruggiero, \$4,132

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 329 • Pool: \$31,913
Daniel Palmer, \$6,287

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 297 • Pool: \$28,809
Michel Akrich, \$5,683

\$240 PLO/8

Entries: 236 • Pool: \$45,784
Joe Mills, \$9,387

\$350 NLHE

Entries: 264 • Pool: \$76,824
Cody Dawe, \$15,367

\$240 Ante Only

Entries: 38 • Pool: \$7,372
Justin Truesdell, \$2,802

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 279 • Pool: \$54,126
Laurent Galaup, \$10,665

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 195 • Pool: \$18,915
Tom Caridi, \$3,990

\$240 NHE

Entries: 327 • Pool: \$63,438
Morgan Polo, \$12,492

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 332 • Pool: \$33,200
Ben Amlin, \$6,342

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 339 • Pool: \$32,883
Philip Davidson, \$6,479

\$240 Team NLHE

Entries: 99 • Pool: \$19,206
J. Peterson-P. Peterson, \$4,956

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 417 • Pool: \$40,449
Karl Himmies, \$7,690

\$240 Mix-Max

Entries: 144 • Pool: \$27,936
Nicholas Zangre, \$6,813

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 436 • Pool: \$84,584
Randall Cohen, \$16,072

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 258 • Pool: \$25,026
Sebastien Guidex, \$5,012

\$240 6-Max

Entries: 310 • Pool: \$60,140
David Sandpearl, \$15,033

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 253 • Pool: \$24,541
Rainer Tews, \$4,908

\$350 NLHE

Entries: 370 • Pool: \$107,670
Vincenzo Bianco, \$20,462

\$240 PLO/8 6-Max

Entries: 172 • Pool: \$33,368
Matt Bryant, \$9,339

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 270 • Pool: \$52,380
Alexey Shostak, \$10,478

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 278 • Pool: \$26,966
Greg McCullough, \$5,309

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 303 • Pool: \$58,782
Nicolas Varak, \$11,581

\$560 NLHE

Entries: 86 • Pool: \$41,710
Marc Foggin, \$12,095

\$240 NLHE

Entries: 247 • Pool: \$47,918
Paul Svemoe, \$9,585

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 199 • Pool: \$19,303
Emmanuel Carpinteri, \$4,067

\$1,080 Main Event

Entries: 1,602 • Pool: \$1,55M
Jonas Lauck, \$260,765

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 98 • Pool: \$9,506
Todd Strong, \$2,454

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 155 • Pool: \$15,035
Paul Gotay, \$3,307

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 87 • Pool: \$8,439
Dom Scalamogna, \$2,448

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 136 • Pool: \$13,192
Sao Amaral, \$3,125

\$130 NLHE

Entries: 95 • Pool: \$9,215
Alan Larson, \$2,379

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SHOWBOAT'S AFFORDABLE EVENTS ARE A HIT

There are two primary types of poker players: tournament and cash game. The former looks for that big return of investment on their buy-in, whereas the latter looks to grind their way to a profitable session. Atlantic City is chock full of both types, so it only makes sense to see what draws them to their respective places of business.



CRIS BELKEWITCH • N.J./PHILLY

Atlantic City has seven casinos that offer daily no-limit hold'em tournaments, running the gamut from typical freezeouts to survivor tournaments and bounty events. So, which casino to choose? In looking for the answer it became

apparent there are two types of tournament players: ones who just want to enjoy their time and ones who want to make a nice score.

"I like to make my money last as long as possible," said **Ken Hilt**, a Showboat regular from Absecon, N.J. "I probably play about six of these a week here since leaving my job and you really can't beat it for the price. I cash a decent amount of the time, and even when I don't, I can play for hours and only end up losing \$65."

A number of tournament regulars at Showboat second his reasoning, citing a structure that allows them to play for a decent number of hours for a minimal buy-in is key in their decision-making.

"I'm not going to be getting rich from playing a few daily tournaments," he said. "It's just about being able to enjoy myself."

With numbers steadily in the 70-player range during the week and eclipsing 100 on the weekends, Showboat was the consensus No. 1 pick when it came to finding a tournament that allows you to enjoy your time for the money.

For those looking to make a nice bit of cash from their event, it's the Borgata. With some daily tournaments having a first-place prize that reaches \$5K (or more when it comes to some guaranteed events), it's no surprise this is where they flock.

Said **Greg Fogel** of Toms River, N.J., on why he chooses the Borgata: "Because I can turn a hundred dollars into a few thousand dollars." Simple enough.

When it comes to playing cash, there are far more factors that weigh into the decision on where to play. The Borgata stands alone

NEW YORK

Summer Slam, Seneca Niagara, July 24-29

Event 1 • \$175 PLO

Players: 68 • Pool: \$10,013
Thomas Whitehair, \$3,004

Event 2 • \$175 NLHE

Players: 161 • Pool: \$23,707
Scott Hannon, \$6,341

Event 3 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 131 • Pool: \$24,890
Jose Piereira, \$7,095

Event 4 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 130 • Pool: \$37,050
Thomas Ferris, \$10,559

\$550 Main Event

Players: 160 • Pool: \$76K
Alex Rivera, \$20,330

Event 6 • \$100 Ladies

Players: 53 • Pool: \$4,770
Christina Jones, \$1,431

CONNECTICUT

Spring into Summer, Foxwoods, June 23-July 1

Event 1 • \$600 NLHE

Entries: 306 • Pool: \$157,317
Nick Wildman, \$25,418

Event 2 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 291 • Pool: \$43,752
James Reed, \$4,710*

Event 3 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 222 • Pool: \$20,868
Tim Hopewell, \$3,728*

Event 4 • \$120 NLHE

Entries: 184 • Pool: \$17,848
Louis Zollo, \$4,775

Event 5 • \$300 NLHE

Entries: 569 • Pool: \$143,502
Tom Evers, \$29,235*

Event 6 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 240 • Pool: \$36,084
Spiro Mitroktostas, \$5K*

Event 7 • \$500 6-Max

Entries: 110 • Pool: \$48,500
Chris Clancey, \$9,863*

Event 8 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 154 • Pool: \$23,154
Bruce Barrett, \$4,400*

Event 9 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 127 • Pool: \$24,638
Joe Cambareri, \$5K

Event 10 • \$120 NLHE

Entries: 164 • Pool: \$15,908
Dennis Grossman, \$2,345*

Event 11 • \$400 NLHE

Entries: 227 • Pool: \$77,066
Jeff Miller, \$15,894

Event 12 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 157 • Pool: \$23,605
Nicholas Tutthill, \$3,700*

Event 13 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 182 • Pool: \$17,108
Stephen Buckley, \$3,800*

Event 15 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 209 • Pool: \$31,423
Charles Mahan, \$3,654

Event 16 • \$180 NLHE

Entries: 156 • Pool: \$23,455
Kyle Graves, \$5,074

\$1,200 Main Event • Entries: 234 • Pool: \$247,408 • Jeffrey Goldman, \$41,707*

when it comes to being a destination for pros. But players tend to get comfortable in one room or another, as a daily visit to any room will prove by seeing their loyal staple of regulars. The biggest factor when determining where to play for non-pros was comps. Everyone enjoys a free buck and poker players are no different. If the promotions are good then the players are there. That is, of course, unless there's a record-breaking bad-beat jackpot waiting to be hit in the area. A free buck is one thing; a possible free hundred-thousand bucks is another.

— **Cris Belkewitch is the Ante Up Atlantic City Ambassador. A member of Team Bustout, his insight can be found at thepokerjourney.net.**

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

Greek poker roots reach all the way to Erie, Pa.

It's rare to meet a woman who's played poker in two countries, especially for a non-professional. Meet **Dolly Dentakis**, an avid player from Erie, Pa., who's spent a large part of her life living in Greece, moving there in 1977 and staying for many years with her husband and daughter.



MIKE OWENS • W. PA./W. VA.

"Poker has gotten more popular in Greece," she said. "The

Greeks are known for their gambling. It's not as big as it is here, but it's catching on. While I was growing up, my dad used to talk about



playing poker on the ships during World War II, while they were sailing the Atlantic Ocean to fight and liberate Europe."

She watched poker grow across the globe and her all-time favorite player is **Daniel Negreanu**. She's competitive, talkative and easy to like. And her poker exploits aren't just from Pennsylvania.

"When I was young and single I used to go every year to Las Vegas, but that was many years ago, too many to count," she said laughing. "Nowadays, I like playing in the World Tavern Poker league. It's fun and you get to meet all kinds of different players."

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

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MID-ATLANTIC

HOLLYWOOD EXPANDS

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races in West Virginia, announced the opening of its renovated 10,650-square-foot poker room. The 26-table room is in the Silver Screen area of the gaming floor, but 24 tables remain on the second level for 50 tables of action.

“It’s been an exciting year for Hollywood. Our newly renovated room allows us to continue to offer the best live poker action and weekly tournaments in the region,” poker room manager **Randy Kiefer** said.



MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC

The poker room boasts eight weekly tournaments with new blind structures starting chips. Promotions include Full House Mondays, high hands and the Harley-Davidson Giveaway. Also, the bad beat hit on July 21 for nearly \$441K.

DPC SEPT. 8: The winner of the Delaware Poker Championship II at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino on Sept. 8 will receive the spoils of victory with not only a guaranteed \$50K prize pool and bracelet, but a mammoth trophy, at right.

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The Delaware Poker Championship main event has a \$450 buy-in for 20K chips. There are 30-minute levels for this noon event and no add-ons or rebuys. Early registration has begun so get your seat today.

— **Michael Young** is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic area. Email him at anteupmike@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN

Chupack wins Potawatomi’s WPT Regional

On July 29, Potawatomi Bingo & Casino in Milwaukee hosted the World Poker Tour Regional Mid-Summer Classic, attracting 204 entrants to the \$660 tournament for a \$123,403 prize pool.



CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN

player **Scott Chupack** defeated **Jeremy Farkas** (\$21,960) to take home the \$37,820 first-place prize. They were followed by **Suey Wong**, \$14,030; **Suren Dharnikota**, \$9,882; **James Malan**, \$7,625; **Ben Berlowski**, \$5,795; **Michael Miller**, \$4,514; **Jeffery Brown**, \$3,355; **Rudi Hunek**, \$2,379, and **Jesus Hernandez**, \$1,891

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



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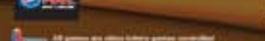
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MARQUEE EVENTS RETURN TO BLACK HAWK

It's that time of year when professionals and skilled amateurs flood the hills of Black Hawk for a pair of events that offer sizable prize pools and television exposure.

October showcases the return of the World Poker Tour Regional event at Isle Black Hawk. The casino is hoping this second event, which had a solid debut in 2011, will improve its exposure and help crank up a poker room that's been quiet despite major renovations last year.



RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO

Coming up first is the extremely popular Heartland Poker Tour stop at the Golden Gates, running Sept. 3-17, with the main event kicking off Sept. 12. The Mile High Poker Open is expected to draw a competitive field, including popular pro **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer**, winner of the 2004 World Series of Poker Main Event.

The semiannual Golden Gates event gets bigger every time, proving the jewel in the Heartland Poker Tour crown. The April edition at the area's top destination for tournament poker produced the largest field in HPT history with 820 players and a \$1.23 million prize pool. Taking down the top prize was **Steen Ronlov** of nearby Westminster, who bested a field that included pros **Joe Sebok** and **Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler**.

This will be the 11th HPT event at Golden Gates, and don't be surprised if the profitable relationship leads to another record turnout.

"The HPT crew has become like family," Golden Gates GM **Shannon Keel** said. "Their grassroots background shows in everything they do."

Full freight for the no-limit hold'em main event is \$1,650, but satellites and qualifiers kick off Sept. 3, and a super qualifier is available where a seat at the main event can be earned for \$180. **Jen Mastrud**, HPT director of operations, said this year's event also includes cash tournaments starting at \$130 as bonus events.

Figure on Raymer to feel comfortable, well, even more comfortable than usual, at the HPT tournament. In July, he won the HPT event in Albuquerque for \$71,875 after advancing to the final table as chip leader (See story below). That added to more than \$7 million in career



winnings for the former patent attorney from Raleigh, N.C.

"I just like the attitude and demeanor on HPT," Raymer said after the win. "Even if you knock someone out, they leave smiling."

Meanwhile, the Isle has been trying to amp up daily play with a promotion that helps players earn seats for its main event. Dubbed the Colorado Poker Showdown, its NLHE main event expands to four days this year (Oct. 18-21).

Anyone who plays live poker until Sept. 30 has hours credited toward the event's \$1,990 buy-in. It works on a scale in 100-hour increments, and by playing a full 500 hours, a player's seat in the Isle's main event is essentially comped.

How that eventually affects the size of the field has yet to be seen. Last year's event was solid for a debut, attracting a field of 207 players, and a prize pool of \$310,500.

— **Rick Gershman is Ante Up's Colorado Ambassador. You can email him at rickgershman@gmail.com.**

NEW MEXICO

Raymer captures milestone HPT win at Route 66

The biggest poker tournament in New Mexico, a televised Heartland Poker Tour event on July 30 at Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque, produced even more excitement than anticipated.



MARY BRADLEY • NEW MEXICO

With its \$250K guarantee, this \$1,500 championship event attracted 131 players and created an overlay of \$53,500. It was Raymer's biggest score since winning third in a \$40K event at the 2009 WSOP, and it boosted his career winnings to more than \$7 million. The event will be the 200th episode of the HPT.

The first-place prize of \$71,875 went to none other than 2004 World Series of Poker champion **Greg Raymer**. Amateur **Robert Crawford** of El Paso, Texas, took second place (\$42,500).

With its \$250K guarantee, this \$1,500 cham-



Other celebrities appeared at this HPT event: **Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler**, **Kathy Liebert**, **Craig Casino**, **John Sacha** and **Rob "veeRob" Perelman**. But when the poker dust settled, the title belonged to Raymer: "It feels so much better when you win," he said.

OTHER NEWS: The third annual Poker Championship Tournament will be at Hard Rock Albuquerque on Sept. 7-9, with house-provided \$25K in prize money, champion's bracelet, trophies and 20 places paid.

- Santa Ana Star begins a new promo this month called You Play, We Pay.
- Buffalo Thunder anticipates the opening of an all new room sometime this month.
- Inn of the Mountain Gods' second annual poker championship on Sept. 28-30 boasts a first prize of \$40K if sold out.

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MINNESOTA PLAYERS SWEAT THE BIG ONE

John Morgan, a Minnesota businessman and Canterbury Park shareholder, lived a dream of most poker players when he played in the Big One for One Drop at this year's World Series of Poker. Morgan had several reasons for deciding to play in the event with the \$1 million buy-in.



JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA

player, putting your money in against just 48 other players. And, of course, I could afford the million dollars."

Since most players can't afford the million-dollar buy-in, Canterbury Park and Morgan decided to give local players a way sweat the event, by hosting the Ultimate Overlay tournament Oct. 1-4 (three Day 1s and a Day 2). Morgan said 10 percent of his winnings from the Big One for One Drop would be added to the prize pool. He also donated \$100K and a watch for the prize pool. With a \$130 buy-in and the field capped at 750, this guaranteed an overlay even when Morgan busted out of the Big One without cashing. In addition, \$75K of the money collected from the players will be donated to various charities.

"It was spectacular. I got to know **Bobby Baldwin** really well. (He is a) great guy. I got to know **Phil Ruffin**. **Phil Galfond** is a fabulous guy."

Morgan was also involved in one of the most memorable hands in World Series of Poker history with Russian player **Mikhail Smirnov**, who held 8♥-8♦ and the flop was J♠-8♣-7♠. Smirnov bet and Morgan called. The turn brought the 8♠. Smirnov bet again and Morgan called. A K♠ came on the river. Smirnov bet 700K and Morgan shoved for 3.4 million. Smirnov folded his quads face-up. The only hand that could have beaten him was 10♠-9♠ for the straight flush.

Morgan has decided not to divulge the contents of his hand, making it one of the biggest poker mysteries in history.

"(The hand) was the No. 1 trended item on Twitter," Morgan said. "It's incredible. (Baldwin) said this is the most memorable hand in the history of the World Series."

Why the silence?

"You can take both ends of this," he said. "One is I don't want to make him look bad if he laid down a huge hand. And I didn't want to make him confident if it was a smart lay down, either. So I didn't want to tell anybody. I just stepped back and then people started coming around. Then it got really exciting and I was gaining more from not telling people than telling people. So it got to having a life of its own."

Morgan has told only one person the true contents of the hand. When asked if he would ever let the world know what he held he said, "I don't know. Somebody suggested I do something for charity and then tell exactly what happened."

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



Cash games thriving, tournaments offered

If you pay attention to the Bravo Live App, the numbers are obvious: We like our poker in Ohio and two months into casino poker the numbers are remaining consistently strong. Here's the lowdown if you're considering taking your shot:



DAN HARKENRIDER • OHIO

The Hollywood Casino near Toledo features mainly \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em and \$3-\$6 limit with a \$2-\$5 game popping up every weekend. Hollywood's poker room manager **Peter Lau** is the first off the line with tournaments offering a wide selection of player-friendly weekly action with \$40-

\$120 buy-ins and fields averaging 75 players.

The Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland is much more exotic in terms of cash-game action and number of games. As is always the case

\$1-\$2 action is most popular with on average 10-15 tables per day. But the big story is the scope and size of the other games. There are always multiple tables of \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$1-\$2 PLO, \$2-\$5 PLO, \$3-\$6 and \$5-10 limit, plus \$5-\$10 PLO and higher depending on the day. Tournaments are coming soon, and likely will be offered twice a week, NLHE and PLO. ... that's right, PLO. Manager **Jeremy Smith** has said the PLO tourney will have one rebuy and the NLHE event will be a freezeout.

Also there's likely to be a monthly tournament at Horseshoe in the \$500 buy-in range.

And finally, it's official: The World Series of Poker Circuit is coming to Cleveland on March 14-25. After years of traveling all over the Midwest and beyond to play the circuit, the circuit is coming to us.

— **Dan Harkenrider is Ante Up's Ohio Ambassador. He hosts the Division of Poker and Chris MoneyMaker radio shows. Email him at anteupdan@gmail.com and follow him on Twitter @DivisionofPoker.**

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Wed, Oct. 10	\$200 \$30	Omaha 8
Thu, Oct. 11	\$500 \$50	H.O.R.S.E.
Fri, Oct. 12	\$300 \$40	No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 13	\$500 \$50	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 14	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 15	\$200 \$30	No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 16	\$200 \$30	No-Limit Hold'em
Wed, Oct. 17	\$300 \$40	No-Limit Hold'em
Thu, Oct. 18	\$500 \$50	6-Handed No-Limit Hold'em
Fri, Oct. 19	\$500 \$50	No-Limit Hold'em

6:30 PM Tournaments:

Date	Buy-In+Entry	Game
Sat, Oct. 6	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 7	\$100 \$20	Seniors (50+) No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 8	\$100 \$20	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 9	\$200 \$30	7 Card Stud
Wed, Oct. 10	\$150 \$25	Limit Hold'em
Thu, Oct. 11	\$150 \$25	Mix Limit Hold'em / Omaha 8
Fri, Oct. 12	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 13	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 14	\$150 \$25	Omaha 8
Mon, Oct. 15	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 16	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Wed, Oct. 17	\$200 \$30	Super Satellite
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WORLD SERIES GRABS CHICAGO'S ATTENTION

Summertime traditionally is a slow period for Chicagoland poker rooms, but ask any of its poker room managers and the response may be, "Everybody went to Las Vegas for the World Series."

More players make the trip each year to play in the various WSOP events. The only player with a Chicago connection to win the main event was **Greg Raymer**. After graduating, Raymer landed his first job in Chicago.

The first player from the Chicago area to make a WSOP final table was "Chicago" **Sam Petrillo** in 1979, finishing sixth in the 54-player tournament. In 1981, Petrillo was the first Chicago player to cash in a main event, making his second final table. **Brent Carter** from Oak Park finished third in the 1995 main event.



JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND

This year's main event had 16 players cash from the Chicago area. **Jordan Batt** from Northbrook was the last Chicagoland player standing, finishing 29th. **Nick Jivkov** of Des Plaines was the only local to take home a bracelet, winning the \$1,500 pot-limit hold'em event.

• Trade Winds Services will hold its third annual poker tournament and casino night at the Majestic Star on Sept. 22.

Last year, former Chicago Bulls player **Cliff Levingston** and ex-Bear **James "Big Cat" Williams** played in this event. More celebrities are expected this year as Windy City Poker Championship's **Jason Finn** and **Kirk Fallah** will again emcee. Visit tradewindservices.org for more information.

WSOPC: The Horseshoe Hammond will host its World Series of Poker Circuit stop Oct. 11-22. Last year's \$350 opener set a circuit record with 3,001 players.

— "Chicago" **Joe Giertuga** is Ante Up's Chicagoland Ambassador. Email him at chicago.joe@comcast.net. **Jason Finn** and **Kirk Fallah** contributed to this report.

SOUTHERN INDIANA

Wikberg captures Denny Crum Open, \$16K

The **Denny Crum** Poker Open closed Aug. 4 with **Kyle Wikberg** walking away with the title. Wikberg, from Cottontown, Tenn., defeated 134 players in the \$600 no-limit hold'em main event, winning \$16,812.



R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA

Charles Sauter of Indianapolis, **Ronnie Brown** of Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., **Shannon Shepherd** of Greenwood, Ind., **Joseph Marshall** of Louisville, **Kurt Jewell** of Frankfort, Ky., **Chris McFarlane** of

Lima, Ohio, **Raymond Zavada** of Louisville, **Jonathon Watkins** of Jeffer-

sonville, Ind., **Jamie Johnson** of Terre Haute, Ind., **Charles Gaar** of Louisville, and **Anthony Hunt** of Louisville rounded out the remaining cash places. Nearly \$70K was up for grabs, with more than \$8K going to the Denny Crum Scholarship Foundation in its ninth year. The foundation awards scholarships to high school students in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area and has awarded nearly \$300K since its inception.

WSOPC: The Southern Indiana Horseshoe Casino will host the World Series of Poker Circuit from Sept. 27-Oct. 8. See wsop.com and horseshoe-indiana.com for more details.

— **R.C. Thorne** is Ante Up's Southern Indiana Ambassador. Email him at anteuprc@gmail.com.

IOWA

Sun shines at Meskwaki's MSPT event, earns \$77K

Dan Sun of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, captured the Mid-States Poker Tour event at Meskwaki, attracting 300 players for a prize pool of just more than \$300K.

This was the first major win for Sun, who pocketed \$77,103 and a diamond bracelet. Second place went to **Jeremy Dresch** of Fridley, Minn. Dresch is no stranger to winning, with Heartland Poker Tour and MSPT titles on his resumé, so Sun had his work cut out for him.



KEN WARREN • IOWA

Also, at this event was 2006 World Series of Poker Main Event champion **Jamie Gold**. Dresch's A-Q crippled Gold at the end of Day 1 when Gold's A-K failed to connect and a queen fell on the board.

BOYD BUYS DIAMOND JO: Boyd Gaming is purchasing Peninsular Gaming LLC, owner of the Diamond Jo casinos in Iowa. The deal should close before the end of the year. Boyd Gaming has shown to be supportive of poker, which could mean the Diamond Jo poker room will

MSPT, Meskwaki Casino, July 27-29



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1. Dan Sun, Cedar Rapids, IA, \$77,103
2. Jeremy Dresch, Fridley, MN, \$42,183
3. Michael Fick, Des Moines, IA, \$27,932
4. Jason Brin, Desoto, KS, \$18,912
5. Gene Bennett, Tama, IA, \$14,548
6. Erik Burton, Onalaska, WI, \$11,638
7. Nate Fair, Plymouth, \$10,183
8. David Gutfreund, Chicago, \$8,729
9. Brett Reichard, Janesville, WI, \$7,274
10. Harry Behling, Forest Lake, MN, \$5,819

relaunch in Dubuque. If this happens, it could mean perks and deals for the Dubuque-area players as Mystique and Diamond Jo fight to dominate the somewhat small market.

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By Scott Long

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque is the heartbeat of the poker action in the Land of Enchantment, but you won't want to miss rooms to the north and south of the state's largest city. Tournaments rule the tables in this state, but cash-game players should relish rakes that rarely exceed \$3 a pot.



Buffalo Thunder Resort

Buffalo Thunder Resort | 877.848.6337

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The only poker action near the capital city of Santa Fe, this resort just hired casino veteran **Larry Mundy** to oversee its new room, which will open on Oct. 1 but have a soft opening on Sept. 21. Cash players can hit a progressive bad-beat jackpot and are entered in a \$5,000 freeroll tournament for 50 hours of play. Splash the Pot will be offered during NFL games, and aces cracked payouts are offered during specified times Monday-Thursday. Tournaments are 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and the last Saturday of the month is a deepstack tournament (Sept. 29, 1 p.m.) with 15K chips/20-minute levels. All players enjoy plush accommodations, tableside food and beverage service and several TVs to watch.

Hard Rock Albuquerque | 505.724.3800

hardrockcasinoabq.com | @abqhardrock

Dave Holliday has seen a lot in his long poker career, and it shows in how he runs the Isleta Poker Room. The room is near the casino floor, but enclosed by doors for a quieter poker experience.

Tournaments with \$20-\$50 buy-ins are at 2 and 7 p.m. daily, many with rebuys and/or add-ons and some with house-added money. Bigger events are a couple of times every year in the nearby ballroom, and draw hundreds of entrants. Cash games feature buy-ins as little as \$20, with no maximum on no-limit games. Beverage and affordable food service is available in the room, as is a bad-beat jackpot with a liberal qualifier.

Inn of the Mountain Gods | 800.545.9011

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The southernmost poker room in the state, set high in the Sacra-

mento Mountains of the Mescalero Apache Reservation, Inn of the Mountain Gods features new dealer's choice live-game spreads with half hold'em and half Omaha/8. Any quads or better earn cash, and the bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s beaten by quads. Tournaments are daily, with \$20 single-table shootouts at noon on weekdays and \$25-\$55 events in the evenings except Saturdays. Qualifiers for the \$550 buy-in Inn of the Mountain Gods \$100K Poker Championship on Sept. 28 are several times a week for \$60.

Route 66 Casino Hotel | 505.352.7866

rt66casino.com | @rt66casinohotel

This Albuquerque room, quietly set behind an Irish bar, carries that theme throughout the room in fine fashion. The room features high-hand, bad-beat and aces-cracked cash-game promotions, with additional promotions on Tuesdays, but it caters to the tournament player. Tournaments are daily, with two a day on Mondays and Tuesdays and three on Wednesdays. Buy-ins are \$25-\$40, with many events featuring house-seeded prize pools or high-hand bonuses. The room also does big events, including a Heartland Poker Tour event won by world champion Greg Raymer (See story Page 32).

Northern Edge Navajo Casino | 505.960.7000

northernedgenavajocasino.com

The newest casino in New Mexico is also the farthest north, not far from the Colorado border, just five miles southwest of Farmington on the vast Navajo Nation. The six-table room features cash games and tournaments, with plans by manager **Myron Yazzie** to bring even more promotions, tournaments and World Series satellites to the room.



Sandia Resort & Casino

Sandia Resort & Casino | 505.796.7500

sandiacasino.com

This Albuquerque room is the biggest in the state, and like all others, tournaments are king. Four times a year it features its \$150 Play with the Big Dogs tournament, which has satellites every Monday. Other



large tournaments are held throughout the year. Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings feature \$40 tournaments with \$300 in house money added, and \$50 tournaments are Thursday evenings. There's a \$40 Omaha event the first and last Wednesday of the month.

Santa Ana Star Casino | 505.771.5353

santaanastar.com | @SASPokerGuy

This Albuquerque room isn't bashful about telling you why you should play there (just ask for the flier), and it's equally aggressive in designing unique promotions and tournaments. Promotions include the requisite bad-beat jackpot and high hands, but also feature more than \$5,000 drawings on Saturdays, up to \$200 back for playing 40 hours or more and flop bonuses every day but Saturday. A \$30 tournament with a \$20 add-on is 11 a.m. every day, plus a nightly tournament. Thursday's Head Hunter features bounties, Saturday's Survivor means you just have to make it to the top 10 percent and in Tuesday's "Trash Talk" event, you can slow-play and egg on opponents without penalty.

COLORADO

You have two regions to get your card fix in the Centennial State. Black Hawk, a small mining town west of Denver, has the largest concentration, but don't miss Cripple Creek, which is south of the capital city near Colorado Springs. Bad-beat jackpots in Colorado borrow from the state's famous landscape, with cloud-clearing amounts of \$600K or more in a room.

Ameristar Black Hawk



Ameristar Black Hawk | 720.946.4000

ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx | @ameristarBH

You won't find tournaments here because it's just too busy with cash games. The well-appointed room consistently packs players in with a variety of live games, including some at nosebleed stakes, which can be a challenge with Colorado's \$100 bet limit.

Golden Gates Casino | 303.582.5600

thegoldengatescasino.com | @thegoldengates

This Black Hawk poker room is the place for tournaments. You'll find four of them every day, and all allow late entry through the second break. The 10 a.m. events are \$40, while the 3 p.m. ones are \$70. Tournaments also are at noon and 7 p.m., with varying buy-ins and level lengths. The noon events are \$80 most days, but \$160 on Fridays,



Golden Gates Casino

\$210 on Saturdays and \$310 on Sundays with as many as 40K units to start. The 7 p.m. tournaments are \$130 most nights, but \$160 on Fridays and Saturdays. Weekend events routinely get more than 100 players. The room hosts the biggest fields for Heartland Poker Tour events (next one is Sept. 3-17, with a \$1 million prize pool expected), and three times a year runs its Colorado Poker Championship events. Cash players with at least 20 hours a week earn additional cash back on top of the \$2 per hour in comps.

Isle Black Hawk | 800.843.4753

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The newest room in Black Hawk has a self-contained bar away from the bustle of the rest of the casino. The room hosts a World Poker Tour Regional event twice a year, and gives players a free buffet for playing in its 10 a.m. \$45 Omaha/8 tournament on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The room offers several cash-game promotions, including Aces Cracked on Mondays and Wednesday, Splash the Pot on Tuesdays and Fridays and bonuses for winning 7-2 hands on Saturdays and Sundays. Players get free hot dogs and soup while playing and discounted hotel rooms with four hours of play Sundays through Thursdays.

Lady Luck Casino | 303.582.2141

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Manager **Deb Johnson**, a veteran of the Denver-area poker scene, takes great pride in making this Black Hawk casino that shares ownership with Isle "the friendliest poker room in Black Hawk." Johnson has carved out a niche for the small room as the place to play for low limits. Its \$2-\$5 spread-limit game takes only a \$3 rake, the best in town. It's also the only room in Black Hawk with a room share for its bad-beat jackpot: 50 percent split among all players in live games. Also, the house funds an \$8K pool for players who have full houses beaten. Several comp promotions run throughout the week to augment the \$2 per hour players get. Players 50 and older get \$10 food vouchers on Wednesdays and Fridays, and players 49 and younger get the same treatment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bus redemption vouchers and \$10 bounce-back coupons also are available. Tournaments are daily.

Midnight Rose | 800.635.5825

triplecrown casinos.com

The largest poker room in Cripple Creek features nine tables, a large bad-beat jackpot and other promotions. Tournaments are every night at 7:30 (5:30 on weekends) with \$20-\$80 buy-ins. Some tournaments have rebuys, guaranteed prize pools or bounties.



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Lodge Casino Black Hawk | 303.582.1771

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Tim Mix, the former tournament director at Venetian Las Vegas, recently took over this 12-table Black Hawk room that offers free snacks to players.

Cash-game players also get \$2 an hour in comps or \$1 in cash, and can double that if they're a member of the Premium Choice Club.

At press time, this room has the largest bad-beat jackpot in Black Hawk. Tournaments are 11 a.m. daily for \$55, and 2 p.m. for \$70 Sunday-Thursday and \$90 on Fridays and Saturdays. At 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, \$90 tournaments are offered.

Reserve Casino Hotel | 303.582.0800

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The Central City casino recently opened a four-table boutique poker room that features a Jackpot Vault, which consists of 14 quads or better jackpots and one main bad-beat jackpot.

Aces always win from noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, plan to be there at 7 p.m. every Friday for "poker parties" featuring free food and \$50 to the high hand every hour from 7-11 p.m. hour in comps or \$1 in cash, and can double that if they're a member of the Premium Choice Club.

Tournaments are 11 a.m. daily for \$55, and 2 p.m. for \$70 Sunday-Thursday and \$90 on Fridays and Saturdays. At 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, \$90 tournaments are offered. ♠



Tim Mix, the former Venetian tournament director, now runs the poker room at the Lodge Casino in Black Hawk.

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10/10	Wed	6:30pm	WPT Regional Event Mega-Satellite (Top 20% win WPT Regional Event Seat)	\$400	\$40	6,000
10/11	Thurs	6:30pm	WPT Regional Event Mega-Satellite (Top 20% win WPT Regional Event Seat)	\$400	\$40	6,000
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	WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1A)	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
10/19	Fri	4:00pm	WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1B)	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
10/20	Sat	2:00pm	WPT Regional Event No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em (Day 1C)	\$1,850	\$150	20,000
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ANTE UP POKER CRUISE 2013 SCHEDULE RELEASED

Ante Up will host four poker cruises in 2013, featuring two new departure ports, two new destinations, new events on the schedule and all featuring the same great poker action, tournaments and classes.

Ante Up Poker Cruises turn the conference centers aboard regularly scheduled Royal Caribbean cruise sailings into a floating poker room, with professional dealers, staff and equipment.

Cash games for all level of play are offered throughout each sailing, as are single-table tournaments, with multitable tournaments scheduled on sea days. All guests are treated to a free open-bar cocktail party and at least two free poker classes per cruise, including one taught by a professional player.

In 2013, Ante Up Poker Cruises will make its first sailings from Mi-

ami and the New York City metro area (Bayonne, N.J.), and for the first time will visit Bermuda and Key West.

Royal Caribbean's casino on board each ship will have a closer relationship with the Ante Up group in 2013, giving passengers who bring guests who aren't poker players and themselves more opportunities for fun on board. Each 2013 sailing will feature a private blackjack tournament and slot tournament for Ante Up's guests, who will have their casino play rated by the cruise line so they can earn additional perks.

Here are the details of the 2013 cruises, including the last cruise scheduled for 2012. All rates are per person based on double-occupancy, and include cruise fare, port charges and taxes. For more information, visit anteupmagazine.com/cruise. To book, call **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335.

NOVEMBER 2012: BALTIMORE

Dates: Nov. 10-17 **Ship:** Enchantment of the Seas

Ports of call: Port Canaveral, Fla.; CocoCay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas

Rates: Start at \$599 per person, guaranteed through Labor Day
Time is running out to lock in what is turning out to be an amazing price for Ante Up's first cruise out of Baltimore. The ship overall is close to capacity, meaning that after the rate-guarantee deadline of Sept. 3, the price is expected to jump a couple of hundred dollars. More than 85 passengers are booked as of press time for the cruise that will feature Lee Childs as the on-board professional and extended port stops in Florida and the Bahamas.

FEBRUARY 2013: PORT CANAVERAL

Dates: Feb. 4-8 **Ship:** Monarch of the Seas

Ports of call: CocoCay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas

Rates: Start at \$369, guaranteed through Nov. 24
Ante Up will make one final sailing on the Monarch, a staple of Ante Up Poker Cruises almost from the beginning because of its low price, easy access from all of Florida and combination of good poker play time and two long port stops.

MAY 2013: MIAMI

Dates: May 20-24 **Ship:** Majesty of the Seas

Ports of call: CocoCay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas; Key West

Rates: Start at \$429, guaranteed through March 10
Not only will this be Ante Up's first sailing from the sizzling destination of Miami, it will also be the first time Ante Up calls on the popular stop of Key West.

OCTOBER 2013: NEW YORK CITY

Dates: Oct. 20-27 **Ship:** Explorer of the Seas

Port of call: King's Wharf, Bermuda

Rates: Start at \$699, guaranteed through Aug. 10
For the first time, Ante Up will sail from Bayonne, N.J., part of the New York City metro area, and visit the island nation of Bermuda. The ship will be docked overnight two nights in Bermuda, giving guests a rare opportunity to enjoy a port stop around the clock.

DECEMBER 2013: TAMPA

Dates: Dec. 2-7 **Ship:** Brilliance of the Seas

Ports of call: Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman

Rates: Start at \$459, guaranteed through Sept. 22
Sailing from Ante Up's homeport of Tampa, this cruise will be among the first on a renovated Brilliance of the Seas and features many of the same amenities found on Royal Caribbean's signature Oasis class ships. It will also be the lone 2013 cruise to explore the countries of the Caribbean.

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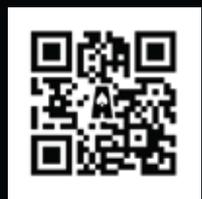


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JOEL GATLIN • A look at the online poker scene



BLACK FRIDAY CLOSURE IS NEAR

Black Friday (April 15, 2011) was like a scene from a Dr. Seuss book. The Grinch had swooped down with his little frail dog and had stolen all of the U.S. poker players' gifts from under their noses. No one saw it coming and it seemed like it happened in the middle of the night while everyone was sleeping. The unthinkable happened and online poker was ripped out of the homes of so many citizens in the United States. Then, soon after, the whole Full Tilt player community suffered a similar blow.



JOEL GATLIN

Well, it's been a long 17 months, but it was Christmas in July for many poker players around the world when PokerStars announced it had finalized the purchase of Full Tilt. On July 31, the U.S. District Attorney's office approved the deal between Full Tilt Poker and PokerStars, where all of the important assets of Full Tilt were to be forfeited to PokerStars.

As part of the agreement, PokerStars forfeited \$547 million to the U.S. government, paid over the next three years. The agreement stated that once the asset transfer is complete, PokerStars would, within 90 days, make all of the money owed to non-U.S. Full Tilt players available for withdrawal (\$184 million).

U.S. players would be refunded separately, from the payments made by PokerStars to the government. The U.S. players' balances are somewhere around \$150 million-\$160 million. It hasn't been announced how Americans will get their money, but the process will go through Department of Justice and details will be coming soon.

PokerStars has identified the Full Tilt players in three categories: U.S. players, ROW (rest of world) regulated, and ROW unregulated. Players will be classified into one of these of categories based on their verified address within Full Tilt's records as of June 29, 2011. These classifications will have specific meaning when the Full Tilt site comes back online, primarily in the areas of the world where poker is regulated by any form of government.

So, what's next for PokerStars and the newly acquired Full Tilt assets?

- PokerStars will keep the Full Tilt name intact and operate the site as a separate brand from PokerStars. This means players will have the same features Full Tilt had before, such as the Rush Poker, Matrix tournaments, etc.

- The new Full Tilt site will operate with a different management team, of course. It will be assembled and in place quickly and will oversee all aspects of the site. The new executive management will be based in Dublin.

- PokerStars hopes to have Full Tilt online and operational by Nov. 6. This means that as soon as the site is running, all non-U.S. players' funds will be available for withdrawal or for play online.

- As it relates to security and the overall management of accounts, players who have accounts on Full Tilt and PokerStars will have their accounts linked. This will allow the site to control players' accounts that might have been tagged as "locked" or "banned" from either site. If a player is banned or locked out of PokerStars for any reason, then that same player would not be allowed to play on Full Tilt for the duration of the ban or lockout imposed (and vice-versa).

- The funds available on PokerStars and on Full Tilt will be in separate pools. This means there will be separate accounting for both entities, but there likely will be ways to transfer money between the sites. This feature will only be available in areas where poker is legal and regulated.

- There will be no Full Tilt operations in France, because of its license being revoked in that country in mid 2011. France has other online poker sites that have taken most of the market since then.

- Because of PokerStars' large presence in Spain, Italy, Belgium, Denmark and Estonia, it was decided not to separate their player base in these markets, so there will be no Full Tilt in these countries.

- Full Tilt will be licensed in Europe and other foreign countries just like PokerStars, with slight differences. PokerStars is applying for separate international licenses for the Isle of Man and for Malta because of jurisdictional issues (fulltiltpoker.com and fulltiltpoker.eu). The player pools will be the same, as will be the player experience, on both sites. Fulltiltpoker.eu likely will cover Germany, Poland, Sweden, Romania, Slovenia and the Netherlands.

The news about the PokerStars-Full Tilt deal wasn't the only big news on July 31. The DOJ announced a settlement agreement with

Absolute Poker and UltimateBet. As reported by PokerNews.com, the agreement would require Absolute Poker, UB and any of their affiliates to forfeit all of their assets to resolve the matter. The government would dismiss all charges and have the right to liquidate the assets and use the net proceeds to benefit the parties who have claims against these groups.

With all of this activity, there seems to be some closure coming for the Black Friday debacle. Once the dust settles, the path will be clear for U.S. legislators to find their way back to the poker

regulation discussions.

SOUTH POINT LICENSE: The Nevada Gaming Control Board granted South Point Casino preliminary approval to offer real-money online poker as an operator, manufacturer and service provider, paving the way for the casino to be the first legalized intrastate online poker room in Nevada. South Point has been running a free-play online poker room at southpointpoker.com since late last year and was seeking final license approval from the NGC on Aug. 23, after *Ante Up* went to press. Stay tuned for more details.

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DOJ CLEARS WAY FOR POKERSTARS RETURN

By Dan Russell

In an agreement to settle the legal firestorm created during April 2011's Black Friday, PokerStars, the largest online poker company in the world, agreed to pay \$731 million to settle the U.S. government's civil charges that the company used fraudulent methods to process payments and evade U.S. Internet gambling laws. The agreement also calls for PokerStars to purchase most of the assets of Full Tilt, its former rival. Of the \$731 million total, \$547 million will be forfeited to the U.S. government and the remaining \$184 million will be made available to reimburse (within 90 days) non-U.S. FTP customers who had money on deposit at the company. U.S.-based customers who had money with Full Tilt must file a claim with the Department of Justice to be reimbursed from the forfeiture amount.

In its statement released July 31, PokerStars stated under the agreement with the DOJ, PokerStars did not admit to any legal wrongdoing.

"Furthermore, the agreement explicitly permits PokerStars to apply to relevant U.S. gaming authorities, under both PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker brands, to offer real money online poker when state or federal governments introduce a framework to regulate such activity."

Mark Scheinberg, son of PokerStars founder **Isai Scheinberg** who is under indictment for operating an illegal gambling business, said, "This outcome demonstrates our continuing global leadership of the online poker industry, and our commitment to working with governments and regulators to ensure the highest standards of protection for players."

As the Nevada Gaming Commission issued the first intrastate online poker licenses in June, it will be interesting to follow the potential application of PokerStars-Full Tilt, companies that looked to be on the verge of ruin in America, to see if they can be licensed, and if so, if players can accept them back into the online poker marketplace.

Online poker players never will forget attempting to log in to their sites and seeing the DOJ and FBI's logos and ominous language: "This domain has been seized by the FBI pursuant to an arrest warrant..."

After that first day, there were multiple arrests of key corporate operators, many of whom entered guilty pleas while others, including the PokerStars founder, have avoided arrest by staying away from the United States (he's allegedly remaining on the Isle of Man at this time).

Now, with its founder on the run from the FBI, other corporate officers having been convicted of federal crimes, and having paid hundreds of millions to settle its case, PokerStars may now begin applying for licenses. We'll find out shortly how far states are willing to go to enforce the "moral turpitude" requirements for the issuance of gaming licenses.

But for now, at least until such time as a state denies them a license, what was at one time almost impossible to fathom is now a reality: PokerStars and/or Full Tilt Poker might be back online and available for 24-hour per day online play at a computer screen near you.

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FINDING A TOUGH CALL VS. WILD PLAYER

The following hand took place in the \$25,500 World Poker Tour Bellagio main event. We were playing 400-800-100. A wild-looking German player with 180,000 chips raised to 2,000 from first position. He was playing fairly tight and straightforward, though I knew from past experience he was capable of getting way out of line. I was in second position with 130,000 chips and decided to call with A♦-10♦. I think this is a pretty standard call against someone who looks crazy and plays a bit wild. If my opponent were a tight player, folding would be the best play because I don't want to play a hand where I will have no clue what to do with top pair postflop. The player in fourth position, the cutoff, the small blind and the big blind called.



JONATHAN LITTLE

The flop was 10♠-9♥-9♣. Everyone checked to me, so I bet 7K into the 12,900 pot. This is a spot where a bet is mandatory. If I check, any king, queen, jack, 8 or 7 could easily give one of the other five players in the hand the winner. Also, any small card could give someone a set. It's important to bet something between half and two-thirds pot in this situation because a small bet would give everyone excellent odds and a large bet may force someone off J-10 or 8-8, which wouldn't be good. You want to make a bet that will force out the random hands that will only put more money in if they peel their dream card and can beat your hand, but also get value from worse made hands and draws. Everyone folded back to the first position raiser, who called.

The turn was the 8♠ and my opponent bet 11K into the 26,900 pot. At this point, seeing how my opponent was pretty wild, I thought he could have an overpair, a 10, a nine or one of the random draws, such as K-J, K-Q, J-10, J-8 or maybe even draws to the low end of

the straight. If my opponent made a larger bet, I would probably just fold, but getting excellent odds, I think a call is acceptable. An interesting point to make here is if I knew my opponent better, I could probably pinpoint his range with a high degree of accuracy. When someone takes a weird line like this, they almost certainly have the nuts, a marginal made hand or a draw. If you know exactly which type of hand someone would lead with in this situation, you can play perfectly and win a lot of money.

The river was the 7♥. My opponent quickly bet 16K into the 48,900 pot. At this point, the only hands I really beat are the draws that had a seven, such as A-7 and 10-7, K-Q and some random bluffs from a made hand such as Q-10 or A-8.

If that was all there was to this hand, I should probably fold. However, I'm not sure my opponent would bet with anything besides a premium hand on this river, meaning his betting range should be hands that can at least beat a straight or total air, as I clearly have some sort of hand to call the turn bet. If my opponent had K-K, I doubt he would bet the river. All that being said, I think, given the excellent pot odds, I have to call. If my opponent made a larger bet on the river, around 38K or so, I would be forced to fold. After a few minutes I called. My opponent disgustingly turned up K-Q and I won a nice pot.

It's important to think about what your opponent's range is and how he would play it on each street. If you find yourself dozing off at the table, you may miss quite a bit of useful information that will allow you to pinpoint your opponent's range in a future hand. If you can play smart and figure out exactly what your opponent has, you can avoid a guessing game for a lot of money.

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LIVING THE DREAM

AGGRESSION AND THE DOUBLE-BARREL

Everyone always talks about aggression in relation to poker: "If you're in there calling, you got to be in there raising."

Raise, reraise or fold. Those are your options. Bet or raise. Calling is not an option. Calling is failure. Calling is weak. It's passive. Raising or betting is cool. It's bold. It's aggressive. Sexy even. When you call, you must have the best hand at showdown to claim the chips in the middle.



MIKE WOLF

By raising or betting, you could show immediate profit when your opponent folds or you could win a larger pot when you have the best hand. Betting or raising is by far the superior option. I speak generally.

Of course there are going to be situations where calling is OK. For example, you raised pre-flop with aces and the flop came A-A-2. Yeah, it's OK to induce your opponent to take a stab. These situations are few and far between, though. Let's say you have A-Q and raise pre-flop and get one caller. The flop comes 10-2-3. Your opponent checks, you bet, he calls. The

turn is a king. He checks to you. You should be betting 100 percent of the time in this spot against weak, passive opponents. You could easily have K-Q or A-K. By double-barreling, you become a more difficult opponent. You force opponents into a tough spot and force them to make the mistake.

Betting is rarely a mistake, by the way. Hell, you might bet the turn and he might call. The river may be a jack or an ace and bingo we win anyway. Don't be afraid to pull the trigger. Think about what your perceived range of hands is in this spot. You raised pre-flop and bet a dry flop. Then when the king came on the turn you bet again. It looks kind of strong.

Your opponent may fold better hands, such as 6-6, 7-7, 8-8, 9-9, 9-10, J-10, Q-10, A-10, maybe even J-J when the king hits the turn and you double-barrel. You would be committing a sin if you didn't semibluff this beautiful turn card.

Go on, go play at your poker room and try it. Remember, you owe me 10 percent from the pots you pick up from here on out.

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ART OF THE BIG BET

You're in a \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em game in late position with pocket kings. Everyone folds to you. Big hand, no players, what next? Make a very big bet!



Why do that? Good question; there are several reasons. First, you may get a call and you'll have the best of it. Second, when you get called you'll win the hand a high percentage of the time (as often as 82 percent). And, third, when you show down that winning hand your large bet will become more respected when you have an average hand or a drawing hand.

Another advantage for the large bet is position. When you're out of position in a hand a large bet usually indicates strength, not to mention a large bet out of position may win the pot now.

Here are some examples that have served me well. I'm first to act after the blinds with pocket aces. I bet \$100 into a \$7 pot. I get called from a player with A-K. He commented after the hand, which I won, "Why would you bet \$100 into a \$7 pot?" I always try to keep them guessing; big bets will do that.

With two limpers in a hand, I bet \$100 into a \$17 pot preflop. I have 5-9 and get one call. After the flop the player checks, I again bet only this time I bet \$225 into a \$217 pot. Player folds his jacks; I then show my 5-9. No need to tell you what happened next; you've all seen it.

With so many decisions a player must make in a cash game, the big bet is one more tool of deception that makes up for the big hands you don't get action on. To use big bets you must know your players and how they react to a big bet. One last thing: If you're a tight player, the big bet will work much better and more often for your game. Try it, you'll like it.

— Antonio Pinzari is the former host of *Poker Wars* and has been playing professionally since the '70s. He's the creator of Wild Tallahassee Poker, which you can learn more about at WildTallahasseePoker.com.



WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING

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Is there a mental checklist to control tells?

Readers are invited to send Joe their questions regarding nonverbal tells to editor@anteupmagazine.com and we'll print the best letters.

I was shaking my leg as the cards were being dealt and stopped it right away. But since these things sometimes happen subconsciously, is there a mental checklist you suggest to be sure physical tells stay at the forefront of my consciousness? — Jack in Tampa



Jack, while playing, go through a mental checklist and ask yourself: What are they reading on me? The less you move and the more you block the mouth area the less there is to read. If you have noticed, Phil Hellmuth has adopted a technique from my book for concealing behaviors (elbows on table, hands up to the mouth, thumbs hidden under the chin). If you can perch yourself like this for a few minutes, this will ensure you're revealing nothing. It's a good way to calm down and to assess for leg movements. Try it out.

— Joe Navarro is a former FBI agent and author of *What Every Body is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. Follow him on Twitter at [@navarrotells](https://twitter.com/navarrotells).



The star of Foxwoods is its poker room.

IDENTIFY MISTAKES

I took my first trip to Foxwoods recently and I have to ask myself, what took me so long? Ideally located off I-95, close to beaches and with great amenities for the family (including the nicest bowling alley I've seen), Foxwoods is a first-rate experience. Terrific restaurants at every price range and a knowledgeable and courteous staff only enhance the stay.



However, the real star is the poker room. It's a player's paradise. With one huge floor dedicated to tournaments and another floor right below bustling with cash games, it's a mecca for poker enthusiasts. Foxwoods offers a wide variety of games at every level and with so many tables there's never a long wait. I found the games to include everyone from newbies to a few grinders.

While I fared well overall, I had one disappointing hand that I wanted to share. In a \$1-\$2 no-limit-hold'em game, I open-raised to \$10 from middle position with A♣-10♣. I was called in four spots, including the button, who was the only tricky player at the table. The flop came A♦-10♠-9♠. With so many draws and everyone expecting me to make a continuation bet, I saw no reason to disappoint. I bet \$30. The button raised to \$60 and everyone else folded.

With the action back on me, I certainly wasn't going to fold. The only question was to call or raise. I went through his range of hands, which in my mind included A-x, A-10, A-9, Q-J, two spades or 10-9. I didn't put him on a set because the way he was playing, he would have reraised preflop. So, I was fairly certain I was ahead and there were a lot of draws. However, this player didn't like to give up on a hand so I knew he would continue to bet if I called. So I did.

Well, the turn brought the worst card in the deck for me: K♠. That put a flush and a straight out there. I still didn't think he had it so I decided to bet \$70. He thought about it and then went all-in. He had me covered and I had about \$250 behind. I thought for a long time and finally folded.

He flashed the 10♦-9♦ before scooping the pot. That hurt. I never worry about bad beats or bad plays that work out for opponents. What hurts is a bad play on my part that costs me. Yes, I had an unfortunate turn card, but I never should have been in that position. I should have reraised the flop. I knew I was ahead and there were draws out there. If we got all the money in on the flop, I was fine with that. Know where your mistake lies. Mine wasn't in folding the turn; it came from not reraising the flop.

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A TEST FOR MENTAL TOUGHNESS

The ability to perform under pressure, to remain confident and resilient, to relax and stay focused, are all part of the head game of poker.

Poker is a competition in which stress and your responses to stress can make you successful. Sometimes the desire to perform well turns into full-blown anxiety, sometimes into tilt. Sometimes a long bad streak can turn into depression, self doubt and lowered self-esteem.

But hey, it's only a game, right?

One of the areas sports psychology has looked at in terms of stress is the area of mental toughness. A 2002 article, "What is this thing called mental toughness? An investigation of elite sport performers" from *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology*, presents a definition of mental toughness: "Having the natural or developed psychological edge, that enables you to

generally cope better than your opponents with the many demands (competition, training and lifestyle) that sport places on a performer, and specifically, be more consistent and better than your opponents in remaining determined, focused, confident and in control under pressure."

On one hand, mental toughness starts with an unshakable belief you can achieve your goals and you have skills and qualities superior to opponents. However, on the other hand, this turns into arrogance and hubris much too easily.

You need to develop or have the desire and internalized motives to succeed, the capacity to bounce back from setbacks and to love the pressure. Staying focused and accepting some stress is inevitable and essential to success.



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Learn to handle stress and remain focused on the competition, as well as dealing with distractions of the game.

To see where you fall in terms of mental toughness, take this informal survey I developed: Circle Always, Sometimes, Never about how you really are now, *not* how you would like to be or think you should be (read carefully):

- I can control my temper at the table. A S N
- I can stay fully focused during every session. A S N
- I rarely choke at critical times. A S N
- I never give up, no matter how far behind I am. A S N
- I never dwell on past mistakes. A S N
- I never dwell on past losses. A S N
- I'm not intimidated by other players. A S N
- I believe I can come back from a short stack. A S N
- Most of the time, I feel I play close to my potential. A S N
- I have coping skills to deal with tilting. A S N

SCORING: Give yourself 10 points for each A, five points for each S and zero points for N.

90-100: little work needed; you have most elements of mental toughness

70-80: doing OK, some minor adjustment will help

50-60: about average; decide if you want to move up

Less than 50: time for mental-strength training

The three C's of mental toughness are: control, the perceived ability to exert influence rather than experience helplessness; commitment, a refusal to give up; challenge, involving a person's ability to grow and develop rather than remain static, and to view change as an ongoing process. As always keep your head in the game.

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TOO MANY MISTAKES

I've been immersed in conducting training sessions and playing live tournaments over the past several months. As a result, I've significantly improved my game and become more aware of critical mistakes players are making. One of the most significant things is the amount of mistakes a high percentage of players make in the early stages of a tournament.

First, they're playing too many hands. When the blinds are small and calling a raise or even a three-bet represents such a small percentage of their stack, players are willing to see flops with so many unprofitable hands. They also tend to try to steal blinds more frequently because "it doesn't cost them that much." What they fail to recognize is while it may not cost them too much to see the flop, they aren't thinking about how much it's going to cost to see the river. Pots in no-limit hold'em grow exponentially as each street progresses, so when you get involved preflop with a range of hands that's too wide, you'll end up spewing off a lot of chips by getting yourself into too many marginal situations.



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Second, any chips you spew early may not have a huge effect on your stack at that time, but as the blinds increase and antes come into play, the result of unnecessarily losing chips early can affect your stack later. Just as the pots grow exponentially from preflop to the river, your stack grows exponentially throughout the tournament. For example, if you lose 1,000 chips at the 50-100 level from a starting stack of 20K, you still have 190 big blinds from the starting 200. This really has no effect on your playability or your chances of winning the tournament. However, if you still had that 1K and you were to double-up, you would then have 2K. Subsequent doubles would add 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, etc. At the point, when the big blind is 1K (the same amount you unnecessarily spewed off early on) you will have 32 big blinds more than you could have had! That is absolutely significant because you have a playable stack and a real shot at making a run.

To further illustrate, let's say you got a little out of line early and lost those 1,000 chips. You find yourself sitting with 15K at the 1K big-blind level. You're in a push-fold situation and you take a bad beat to knock you out vs. a player who had 20K to start that hand. You're out of the tournament (with your bad-beat story to tell everyone about and how bad you run), but you could've been sitting comfortably with 27K chips and in contention.

So, keep all of this in mind the next time you play a tournament. Stealing the blinds in the early stages or seeing a lot of flops because it doesn't cost so much is a huge leak that many players have. Be patient and allow yourself to get into profitable situations before throwing those chips in the middle. Don't worry about the girl who's getting hit with the deck or the guy who just keeps bad-beating everyone and have run their stacks up to five times the starting stack. That can't matter to you. You're much better off going into the later levels with more of an average stack that is still playable than to gamble so much early in the tournament trying to accumulate chips that are almost insignificant. Preserving your chips early is much more important than trying to build up a big stack. Playing too many hands, playing out of position and getting yourself into marginal spots early usually results in you busting out earlier than you should have. Decide to Win!

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Where to play

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

September is a busy month for tournament players all over the country as poker rooms and smaller tours start up again after giving the summer to the big dogs in Vegas. With the restart of the World Series of Poker Circuit, and events from every major tournament series, there are more tournaments this month than we've seen since we started TourneyTracks.com late last year. Here's to hoping the trend continues.

East Coast

WPT BORGATA OPEN: The WPT brings 26 events to the Borgata, starting Sept. 5 with a \$560 buy-in event that has a million-dollar guarantee. An excellent mix of events includes a short-handed and seniors events, and a \$3,300 buy-in finale with a \$3 million guarantee.

DELAWARE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP: Dover Downs hosts the second annual Delaware Poker Championship, featuring a \$450 main event with a \$50K guarantee on Sept. 8 and satellites running daily.

South

* **BESTBET SUMMER SERIES:** The WPT is becoming a fixture with two events in Florida this month. It starts off at bestbet Jacksonville, with events every day with \$230-\$560 buy-ins, plus a \$1,500 main event that has hour-long blinds, 20K chips and a \$300K guarantee. Events run until Sept. 9.

* **WPT TAMPA BAY OPEN:** The Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa is pulling out all the stops with significant guarantees on every event, including Event 1, which is a \$125K guarantee for only \$515 and offers two starting days. Day 1A of Event 1 starts at 11 a.m. Sept. 7 and the series runs through Event 15, which starts Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. The main event is \$1,500 with a \$250K guarantee and two starting days on the 13th and 14th. A beautiful venue, great weather and a nice tournament series will make it hard to miss this one.

* **PALM BEACH SUMMER CLASSIC:** The Palm Beach Kennel Club, which host the only WSOPC stop in Florida, hosts its signature Summer Classic in West Palm Beach, Fla. With fantastic structures and a nice mix of events, there's no reason to miss this one, which runs until Sept. 9.

WSOPC BOSSIER CITY: The circuit brings its excellent structure and big fields to Bossier City, La., starting Sept. 13 with the main event on Sept. 22.

EVERGLADES OPEN: The Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., follows up its recent WPT event with a nice little series of smaller buy-in events and daily satellites into the \$560 main event. The series starts Sept. 24 and runs until Oct. 1.

Midwest

HPT GOLDEN GATES: The Heartland Poker Tour rolls into Colorado from Sept 3-17, and last season's event in Colorado was the largest in HPT history, so you can expect big fields for this one.

MSPT HO-CHUNK: The Mid-States Poker Tour holds its first event in Wisconsin at Ho-Chunk Wisconsin Dells. Family fun and water parks abound, so bring the little ones. The MSPT has a great structure and



Bestbet Jacksonville kicks off another WPT Fla. swing.

a final table with live hole cards broadcast online with a 15-minute delay.

MIDWEST POKER CLASSIC: Running Aces in Columbus, Minn., hosts this annual event on Sept. 21 and runs through the end of the month. Multiple tournaments per day, lots of satellites and an excellent structure in the \$1,100 main make this a can't miss event.

* **HPT LUMIERE/RIVER CITY:** The HPT will be in St. Louis from Sept. 21-Oct. 1. With tournaments running at both properties, this should be a unique event and the HPT always has a nice turnout in St. Louis.

WSOPC SOUTHERN INDIANA: The circuit always has huge fields at the Horseshoe in Elizabeth, Ind., starting Sept. 27 and running through Oct 8. This event should feature big fields and the venue is fantastic.

MSPT DOWNSTREAM: The MSPT will make its first appearance in Oklahoma starting with qualifiers in mid September and the main event starting Oct. 6. The platinum bracelet, friendly staff and excellent structure should draw players from many miles around, and the \$1,100 main event should draw a huge field.

West Coast

COMMERCE HOLD'EM SERIES: This L.A. cardroom hosts this small buy-in series until Sept. 15, with smaller events daily and a few bigger buy-ins mixed in. Look for large, soft fields.

CAESARS KICKOFF CLASSIC: This low-roller series is great for casual players, running till mid September with three daily events in Las Vegas.

* **WPT WESTERN POKER CHALLENGE:** The beautiful Atlantis Casino in Reno hosts this WPT Regional. Great service, excellent staff and a solid tournament series help make the Atlantis a favorite place to play. Start with this series Sept. 14, and when it's over you can move over to the Grand Sierra for the Fall Pot of Gold series.

GRAND SIERRA POT OF GOLD: Cheap flights into Reno, \$35 hotel rooms at the Grand Sierra and lots of action make this smaller buy-in series a great value. Events run Sept. 27 to Oct. 7 with multiple events every day and a \$1,080 main event Oct 6.

* 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.

ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); monthly, Sept. 8 (\$330, 11:15a); monthly, Sept. 15 (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 21.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
CASINO DEL SOL (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.).
DESERT DIAMOND (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.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (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.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sat. (\$60, 3:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p) & (\$60, 5:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$3.5K; Aces Cracked Wins a Spin (open-11a); Deuces Cracked (daily, 10p-3a).
VEE QUIVA CASINO (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.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (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).

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101 CASINO (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly events on Sept. 8 & 22 (\$115, 1p); monthly event, Sept. 1 (\$295, 1p).	Aces Cracked (daily, midnight-noon).
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. \$4K guarantee (\$60, 10a); \$7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, Sept. 8 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (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; Splash the Pot; high hands.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. \$2.5K guar. (\$30, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$30, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican poker (\$30, 6p); Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$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.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Tue. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Sun. (\$45, noon); monthly deepstack KO event, Sept. 30 (\$260, noon).	The Players Challenge (call for details).
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); morning rack attacks (Mon.-Fri.).
BAY 101 (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, Sept. 8 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Daily (\$40-\$65); Mon. & Tue. (noon, 6p & 11p); Wed.-Sun. (noon & Quantum Reload, 11p).	Big Poker October seats freeroll (call for details).
CACHE CREEK CASINO (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).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
CAPITOL CASINO (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.
CASINO 580 (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).
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (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.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (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).
CLUB ONE CASINO (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.
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CORDOVA CASINO (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$85, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., Sept. 1 (\$120, 10a).	Super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CRYSTAL CASINO (310) 631-3838 • thecrystalcasino.com	Fri. \$5K guar. (\$80); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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FOLSOM LAKE BOWL (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
GARDEN CITY CASINO (408) 244-3333 • gardencitycasino.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (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.
HARRAH'S RINCON (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).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (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).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (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.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Call for information.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (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.
LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (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).
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LUCKY DERBY CASINO (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
MORONGO CASINO (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.
NORMANDIE CASINO (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).
OAKS CARD CLUB (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.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
PALA CASINO (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.
PECHANGA RESORT (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.
PHOENIX CASINO (916) 331-2345 • playphoenixcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (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.
RANCHO'S CLUB (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.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 6:30p); Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 6:30p); \$20K Falling into Cash freeroll (call for details).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (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.).
SOBOBA CASINO (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).
SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO (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).
SYCUAN CASINO (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); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Cash Splash; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; call for details.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (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.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & \$15, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$30, 6:15p); Wed. (\$40, 10a & \$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a) & (\$25)	Poker squares; \$7 military nights (Sat.); 2X drawing tickets (call for details).

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon); Heartland Poker Tour, Sept. 3-16 (call for schedule).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Tue. Pineapple/8 (\$45, 10a); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$45, 10a); Fri. (\$45, 10a); Sat. (\$150, noon). See ad on Page 41.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (Mon., Wed., Fri., 10a-noon); cash drawings (Fri., 3p-11p & Sat., 1p-11p).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a 50 percent room share (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (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).
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CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p); Labor Day weekend tournaments, Aug. 31-Sept. 3 (\$60-\$400); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad eights) and stud (quad deuces).
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (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

DELAWARE PARK (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.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$75, noon & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$75, noon & 7p); Sun. (\$65, 1p); Delaware Poker Championship, Sept. 8 (\$450, noon). See ad Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks; high hand (Mon.-Fri.); royals receive free jacket and the rest of the table gets \$50 each (see website for details).
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (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

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (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 Regional main, Sept. 7 (\$1,500, noon).	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 19.
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (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.).
BESTBET ST. JOHNS (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.).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Call for information. See ad Page 5.	Call for information.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details). See ads on Page 40.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgrey.com	Thurs. & Sun. satellite (\$50, 1p & 7p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., Sept. 1 (\$250, 1p). See ad on facing page.	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); play daily and receive \$2/hr; mini bad beat (Tue., 10a); high hands pays \$100/hr (Fri.-Mon.).
DANIA JAI-ALAI (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.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (noon, 3p & 7p); Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. Grand Chop (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).

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FLORIDA (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad Page 21.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on Page 7.	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).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. (\$60); Tue. (\$80, \$1.5K guar.); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. are KO & Sat. is a 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 11.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon). See ad Page 33.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (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).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (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.).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35, 1p & \$90 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). See ad below.	Bad-beat in hold'em & Omaha; straight flush pays \$100; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked TV entry (Tue. & Thurs.); prog. high hand (Sun.); Lucky Duck Challenge.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (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); monthly event, Sept. 1 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hands, Sept. 12 & 26.
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (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 48.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p); sixth annual Summer Classic, Aug. 31-Sept. 7 (\$125-\$555) w/main event, Sept. 7 (\$555, 11a).	Bad-beat and mini bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high-hand giveaways; see ad Page 17.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p); sixth annual Summer Classic, Aug. 31-Sept. 7 (\$125-\$555) w/main event, Sept. 7 (\$555, 11a).	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.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (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 37.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces); progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (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.); \$1K drawings, Sept. 30.
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Daily tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); guaranteed prize pools (call for details).	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); gift card promotion for hours played (call for details).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7:30p). See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC (866) 222-7466 • seminolehollywoodcasino.com	Thurs. freeroll (\$500 winner-take-all, 6p); Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 2p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (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 20.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat., 2a-4a).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly \$10K guar., Sept. 19 (\$350, 1p).	\$599/\$299 (\$1/2NL+) & \$299/\$149 (\$2-\$4 LHE & \$1-\$1 NLH) high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); quads-royals pay (Sat.).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (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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Thursday	Hold'em Rebuy-1pm Bounty- 7pm
Friday	5K Guaranteed - 7pm
Saturday	Super Stack - 1pm
Sunday	Deep Stack - 1pm

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HARRAH'S JOLIET (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.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	SNGs: \$25, \$50 and \$115. MTTs: (\$60, \$120). See ad below.	Call about monthly freerolls.

INDIANA

BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	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).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point-earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (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.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (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.
MAJESTIC STAR II (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

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (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).
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Mon. 0/8 (\$65, 7p); Tue. (\$65 w/re-entry, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sept. 8 & 29 (\$125/\$235, 10a).	High-hand; progressive straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked (6a-6p); Tournament of Champion monthly freeroll- qualify for WSOP main (call for details).
MESKWAKI CASINO (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.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (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).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (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).

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KANSAS

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

LOUISIANA

BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (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).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.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.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (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).
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (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.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (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.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (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, Sept. 21 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (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). See ad Page 35.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Quads Board (Thurs., 10a until all quads have been hit); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p).
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK (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.); Midwest Poker Classic, Sept. 21-30 (\$70-\$1,100).
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly event, Sept. 15 & 29 (\$60, 2p); Omaha/8 events, Sept. 8 & 22. (\$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

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (noon); Sun. (1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI (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).

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GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 3p); Fri. (\$45, 3p); Sat. (\$50 w/add-on, 3p); Sun. (\$55, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of queens beaten by quads); Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind.
HARRAH'S TUNICA (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; Hot Seat for limit players.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (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.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI (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.).
SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$60), including a \$3K guar. on Sat. (\$20, 7p); \$25K guar., Sept. 1; \$15K guar., Sept. 22.	Bad-beat jackpot; ticket drawings (call for details).

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (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.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Ladies (\$50, 7p) on 1st and 3rd of month; Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, 11a); Summer League, Sun. & 2nd, 4th-5th Mon. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnk.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$50, 10a); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$50, 7p).	26 progressive high hands (call for details).
HARRAH'S ST. LOUIS (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.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$60, noon). See ad on Page 9 for HPT schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (twice daily).
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$60, 3p). Midnight Madness (\$60, Saturdays) See ad on Page 9 for HPT schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily). Plus, four \$200 high hands daily.

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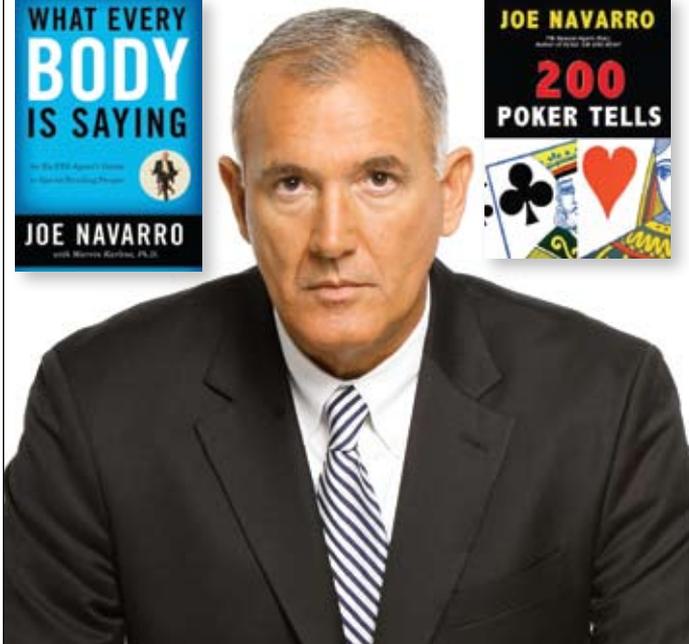
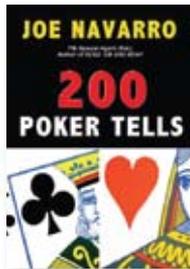
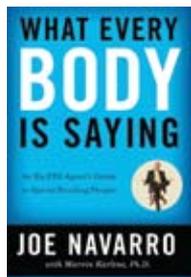
ALIANTE STATION (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasino.com	Daily (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Sun. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • ariallasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a); WPT Regional Western Poker Challenge, Sept. 14-24 (call for schedule).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 11a); daily (\$65, 4p & 8p).	High hand \$100-\$500 to table when a progressive royal hits; quads pay \$100; straight flush pays \$200.
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom 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.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	(\$70, 9a); Mega Stack events (noon); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Kick Off Poker Classic, Aug. 31-Sept. 17 (\$130-\$560) w/main event, Sept. 15 (\$560, 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).
CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday Freeroll at noon (play 15 hours minimum to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50, same color \$100; football parlay card with quads (call for details).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 6p, 6K chips, 20-minute levels); play in any live hold'em game after tournament and get a \$20 bonus.	Progressive bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$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.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (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).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (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.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 10a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p); Fall Pot of Gold, Sept. 27-Oct. 7 (\$100-\$1,080) w/\$100K main event, Oct. 6 (\$1,080).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (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).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll (15 hours needed to qualify from Sun. (10a)-Sun. (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).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
IMPERIAL PALACE (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).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$35, 10:30a); (\$60, 12:30p); (\$60, 8:30p); (\$40, 11:30p); \$55 single-table tournaments (daily).	High Hand Hysteria pays a tiered amount daily (call for details).
M RESORT (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.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$50, 7p); single-table tournaments available (\$65, 5p & 7p).	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.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (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).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (call for details).	Uncapped progressive high-hand jackpot is quads or better with a new progressive table share (call for details).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
THE ORLEANS (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.
PALACE STATION (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.
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (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.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (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.
RED ROCK CASINO (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.
RIO CASINO (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.
RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntnlv.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).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (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.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). See ad on Page 27.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
STRATOSPHERE (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.
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
SUNSET STATION (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.).
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TREASURE ISLAND (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).
TROPICANA (702) 739-2222 • tropiclv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
VENETIAN RESORT (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).	No promotions at this time.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$125, noon & 7p).	No jackpots.

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NEW JERSEY

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners 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.).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (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.
CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY (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).
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon). See ad Page 49.	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (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.
REVEL (609) 572-6040 • revelresorts.com	Daily (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (\$220, 7p); Sun., Tue. & Thurs. tournaments are KO events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; get paid for royals.
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (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).
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (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.
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (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

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); monthly event, Sept. 29 (\$150, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75; NFL Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); Flush Four.
HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE (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.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bonus chips (call for details).
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (3p); Sat. (1p & 5p); Sun. (7p); ask about satellites into the Heartland Poker Tour event in October.	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. varies (\$25, 7p) Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, Sept. 5 & 26 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 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

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Spin the Wheel (Wed.); Monday Funday payouts (9a-4a).
SENECA SALAMANCA (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).
TURNING STONE RESORT (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

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$30, 2a) & PLO (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$120, 10a).	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (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

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (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); Labor Day Classic, Sept. 3 (\$300, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Call for details.	Call for promotions.

OKLAHOMA

CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon). See ad on Page 25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. PLO (\$60, 7p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. PLO (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO (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.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (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.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

OREGON

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$45, 12:30p); Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. (\$45, 12:30p); Wed. (\$45, 12:30p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 12:30p); Fri. (\$50, 12:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Tournament royal flush bonus pays \$200; Boss Bounties pays up to \$200; live game bonus (call for details).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); \$10K guar. (\$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on Sept. 1 & 15 (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.)).

OREGON (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, noon); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, noon); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, noon) & (\$25 w/ rebuys, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$120, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p & 11:30p); Wed. (noon & 11:30p); Fri. \$20K guar. (2p); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon. PLO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$120, 7:15p); SNGs available on demand.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (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).
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
MOUNT AIRY CASINO (570) 243-5184 • mtairycasino.com	Fridays (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon).	Call for details.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (866) 374-3386 • eriecasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Tue. (\$50, 12:30p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); Wed. events, Sept. 19 & 26 (\$150, 7p); deepstack event, Sept. 28 (\$500, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
GOLD DUST (605) 578-2100 • golddustgaming.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (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).
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added monthly event, Sept. 21 (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:30a); Tue. Beat the Boss KO (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lightning Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots (call for details).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); monthly event, Sept. 9 (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Wed. KO (\$58, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a) & (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; hourly high hands pay \$100-\$200.
SWINOMISH NORTHERN LIGHTS (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (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).
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, Sept. 22 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA ho-chunkgaming.com • (800) 782-4560	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sun. (\$60, 3:15p); monthly event, Sept. 2 (\$215, 3:15p); Pulse Pounding Tournament, Sept. 29 (\$330, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 356-6210	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 3p).	Call for promotions.
MENOMINEE CASINO menomineecasinoresort.com • (715) 799-3600	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$40 w/\$10 rebuys & add-on, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150; reduced rake in September (call for details).
ONEIDA MASON STREET oneidabingoandcasino.net • (920) 494-4500	Mon. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked pays \$100; royals pay \$200.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); Sunday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p).	None.

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



Q&A

WITH DANIEL CATES

Daniel “Jungleman12” Cates is a pro player from Bowie, Md. In 2010, he won more than \$5 million from online poker, making him the biggest winner of the year. Today, he’s considered one of the best heads-up no-limit hold’em players in the world. Our Mike Owens caught up with Cates to discuss his start in poker and his rise to stardom.

Where is home for you now? I have a place in Watford, U.K., but I’m thinking of going to more Eastern Europe.

What have you been doing for the last year? Playing online and a ton of traveling. I’ve been to many places: Czech Republic, Australia, Austria, Thailand, Spain, etc. I’ve played on a couple of TV shows and done some seminars as well as made videos for Pokerstrategy.

In the beginning did you start playing cash games or SNGs, and on what site? SNGs, on Full Tilt Poker. I played SNGs for about eight or nine months and then, when I saw the potential to make money from heads-up, I switched to cash games. Since then I have played predominately cash games.

Did your parents accept your choice of career? Originally they were reticent and insisted I stay in school. But once the money started rolling in, they came around to the idea.

Have you been playing much live poker these days or just online? Mostly online, but if the game is right, of course, I will play live poker. I have played on a couple of TV shows recently. Once I return to Europe I will continue playing on PokerStars.

Who are the toughest opponents you’ve faced; is there anyone you generally try to avoid? Heads-up **Ben Sulsky** and (**Viktor Blom**) are some of the toughest I’ve played. I am not particularly keen on playing them at the highest stakes.

How about Phil Ivey? Phil Ivey is a very good opponent overall, although he does not specialize in heads-up games. I would play him heads-up, but I would be even more afraid of him in a ring game.

Do you find the level of skill at the nosebleeds stakes is a lot higher than mid stakes? Depends on the game. A funny thing happens once you get to nosebleeds: Players can be anywhere from really good to somewhat bad. There are no real fish at nosebleeds, however, if so they are extremely rare.

What do you like to do when not playing poker? Random adventures, going out with friends, exercise and, lately, yoga. I have also been trying improv lately. In the past, video games, but I have not had enough time for them lately.

What would it mean to you to get a World Series of Poker bracelet? It would mean something to add to my resume, but not much more. ♠

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