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Oct 27	Fri	12pm	Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$40 + 10	6K	30
Oct 27	Fri	3pm	Event 1 Mega Satellite - 3 seats added	\$40 + 10	6K	30
			No-Limit Hold'em Day 1			
Oct 27	Fri	1B 6pm	\$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30,45
			No-Limit Hold'em Day 1			
Oct 28	Sat	1C 11am	\$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30,45
Oct 28	Sat	3pm	Main Event Mega - 4 SEATS	\$90 + \$20	6k	30
			No-Limit Hold'em Day 1			
Oct 28	Sat	1D 5pm	\$100,000 Guaranteed	\$300 + \$40	10K	30
Oct 28	Sat	8pm	Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guar	\$90/\$40 rebuys	4k	30,20
Oct 29	Sun	10a	Mini Main Mega - 3 Seats added	\$50 + \$10	6k	20
Oct 29	Sun	12pm	Event 1 Restart			
Oct 29	Sun	2 2pm	One Day Mini Main NL Holdem 25k Guaranteed	\$350 + \$40	10K	30,40
Oct 29	Sun	3 6pm	No Limit Deepstack Turbo	\$200 + \$30	15K	20
Oct 29	Sun	8pm	Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guar	\$90/\$40 rebuys	4k	30,20
Oct 30	Mon	4 12pm	Seniors No Limit Holdem 20K Guaranteed	\$260 + \$30	10K	30
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Nov 1	Wed	8 12pm	Deepstack No Limit Holdem	\$200 + 30	15k	30
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Nov 1	Wed	8pm	Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guar	\$90/\$40 rebuys	4k	30,20
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Nov 2	Thur	8pm	Main Event Super - 2 Seats Guar	\$90/\$40 rebuys	4k	30,20
Nov 3	Fri	10am	Mega Satellite	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
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Nov 3	Fri	3pm	Mega Satellite	\$160 + \$30	8K	30
Nov 3	Fri	10B 6pm	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
Nov 4	Sat	10am	Mega Satellite	\$90 + \$20	6K	30
Nov 4	Sat	10C 11am	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
Nov 4	Sat	10D 5pm	Main Event 100K Guaranteed	\$750 + \$50	20K	40,60
Nov 5	Sun	12pm	Main Event Restart			
Nov 5	Sun	11 2pm	One Day Deepstack No Limit	\$165 + 25	15K	30

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He's our champ

We know what you may be thinking: How can *Ante Up* have a world champion on the cover for a second straight issue? Did you maybe lose track of all time and another year has past you by again? Well, it may feel like that at times, but you can relax, you haven't lost a year of your life.

It's true, the World Series of Poker's \$10K main event crowns its world champ, but the key there is "its." You see, the Ante Up Poker Tour also has its world champ, and this year it's **Jonathan George**. He took down our \$1,650 main event in early August at our Ante Up World Championships at the beautiful Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., near Sacramento.

So, how can there be more than one world champ? That's easy. To explain that, let's look at the sport of boxing. There are four major associations that sanction world championship bouts: the World Boxing Association, the International Boxing Federation, World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Organization. Each one of those associations has a world champ. Now, sure, one boxer may hold more than one of those titles, but nothing stops a poker player from holding multiple world titles.

The important thing to remember here is "world" has more than one meaning. It doesn't just mean Planet Earth. In the Ante Up world, Mr. George is our champ, and in the WSOP world, **Scott Blumstein** is the champ.

Speaking of Mr. Blumstein, Ante Up Atlantic City Ambassador **Jo Kim** caught up with him to find out how it feels to be \$8.5M richer. As for the AAPT, you can find our world championship coverage on Pages 8-10, our AAPT NorCal Championship preview on Page 11 and our AAPT Pearl River Poker Open preview on Page 30. It's a very busy time in the Ante Up universe. ... or is that world?

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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BY GEORGE, HE'S GOOD!

Jonathan George of Santa Cruz, Calif., doesn't consider himself a tournament player. ... at least he didn't until he won \$60K after capturing the Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

By Scott Long

Jonathan George is a converted craps player who took up poker just 10 years ago and doesn't play many tournaments.

But he said that's going to change after becoming the Ante Up World Champion, outlasting 488 players to take the title and \$60,248 at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

"I played in the World Series of Poker Main Event the year **Jamie Gold** won it," said George, who is retired from the semiconductor industry and lives in Santa Cruz, Calif. "I made it to Day 2. And I played an event here about five years ago, but that's really about it. But I think I will play more events now that I have more time. I really like the facility here and they put on a great event."

You can usually find George playing \$10-\$25 no-limit hold'em three days a week at Casino M8trix in San Jose, Calif.

"I'd like to mention my regular cash guys," George said. "The beatings they've given me probably helped me today."

Once the tournament got to the final table, the 10 players quickly started talking chop and with relative ease agreed to an ICM deal, leaving \$10K and the cover of *Ante Up* to play for. George, who was fourth in chips at the time, said the chipleader started getting more aggressive and lost a few pots, but he stuck with his original plan and played tight, solid poker.

"I just wanted to play consistent and solid hands," he said.

That was a formula that worked well for George, who fired only one bullet in the event and worked his way through the Day 1A field without getting into much trouble. He survived an all-in three-handed against eventual runner-up **James Haytko** when the board double-paired for a chopped pot.

"Most of my all-ins were solid pairs and stuff like that," he said. "And I was ahead on most."

The 19-event series kicked off with a multiflight \$160 event called the Catapult, which attracted a staggering 1,588 entries. And the fields kept coming, right through the main event, which saw the largest flight for a \$1,650 event in Thunder Valley history as 342 entered Day 1B, pushing the prize pool to \$715,407.

"It was really amazing day after day to see the amount of players in these fields," said **Ben Erwin**, director of poker for Thunder Valley Casino Resort. "We started out with 1,500-



Jonathan George regularly plays \$10-\$25 NLHE but says he may start playing more events.

plus, and once we get to the Monolith, we see 855 there. It was really remarkable.

"And then we headed into a full field for the Head-to-Head Championship, which has been a staple of this championship and is always exciting, and that led into the main event with record-breaking numbers. It's great to see the big names in poker come out and amazing to see what we have grown this event into."

Other events providing variety included HORSE, Omaha/8, pot-limit Omaha/8, heads-up and a seniors event, as well as some interesting takes on no-limit hold'em, including the debut of the Change Up, which switched to a shootout format when it got down to 24 players, with the final four players playing a heads-up bracket.

As has become custom, players were pampered at Thunder Valley throughout the series, including food comps during the main event that gave players an option of multiple dining locations, from a free buffet to \$20 off the resort's AAA Four Diamond steakhouse, High Steaks.

Friends and family could follow along with regular updates posted by Hold'em Radio's **Dan Ross** to Thunder Valley's poker blog at pokerroom.thundervalleysresort.com

Also, Ante Up Poker Tour champions from around the country were invited to High Steaks the night before the main

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PLAYER OF THE SERIES

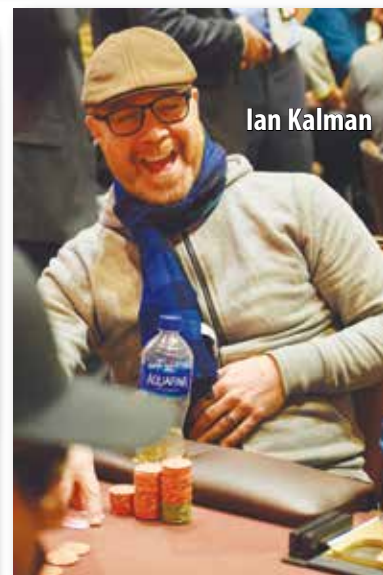


Mason Rosenberg

Mason Rosenberg had seven cashes in the 14 qualifying events to win the 2017 Ante Up World Championship Player of the Series title.

Rosenberg of Reno won a \$1,650 main-event seat for the title, edging out **Michael Postle**, who got a \$200 High Steaks Steakhouse gift certificate. **Matthew Boddorf** was third and earned a \$100 Red Lantern gift certificate. All three also get one night's hotel stay during the Ante Up World Championship.

Players received points based on how they finished in the first 14 events of the series and received bonus points for multiple cashes.



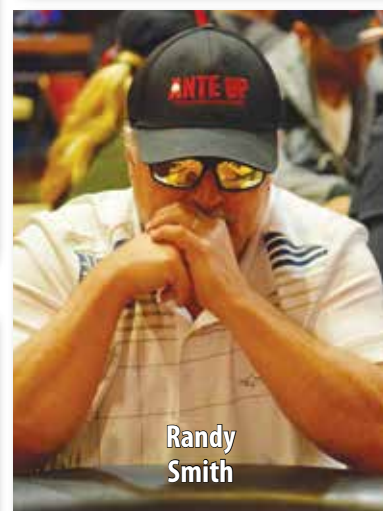
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Tyler Patterson, Ben Erwin and Scott Long



Randy Smith

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event for a catered party that included steak, shrimp, wine and more, with World Poker Tour Executive Tour Director **Matt Savage** and ESPN commentator **Lon McEachern** in attendance.

Thunder Valley Casino Resort continues to be an unparalleled host for the Ante Up World Championship, with its proximity to Bay Area players as well as those from Reno, and has become a strong draw from Oregon, Washington and Southern California as well because the luxury throughout the resort makes it an attractive event to traveling players. Thunder Valley features a Las Vegas-style casino, 300 oversized and well-appointed guest rooms, a spa with complimentary steam

room and sauna access for hotel guests and a wide variety of restaurants, bars and entertainment venues to keep players entertained when away from the poker table.

The first World Series of Poker Circuit event at Thunder Valley, which runs Sept. 14-25, is the next series on tap for the resort, to be followed by another Ante Up Poker Tour series, the Ante Up NorCal Classic, from Oct. 17-22 and then the WPT DeepStacks Championship to finish the year Nov. 24-Dec. 5.

"It's just great to see the players come out for these events and they are what has allowed us to be able to offer more tours and more events to see such growth of poker in the region," Erwin said.

ANTE UP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



Chris Stevens



Carrie Diggs



Brian Waller



Jason Stewart



Mike McGough



Brandon Waddell



Patrick Ng



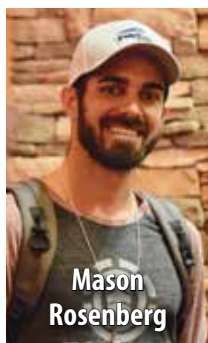
James Minghihi



Michael Postle



Saad Aljoher



Mason Rosenberg



Ray Villaman



Patrick Lyons



Priscilla Brotherton



Steven Tada

Event 1 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 1,588 • Pool: \$206,050

1. Christopher Stevens, \$29,013
1. Vincent Amayun, \$29,012
3. Sok Chean, \$15,400
4. Joshua Morrow, \$11,400
5. Perry Paraskevis, \$8,600
6. Paul Sampson, \$7,000
7. Tracy Oto, \$5,700
8. Fong Yang, \$4,400
9. Paul Spano, \$3,200
10. Sam Cruz, \$2,500

Event 2 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 150 • Pool: \$12K

1. Carrie Diggs, \$2,708
2. Daniel Van, \$1,900
3. Deborah Wall, \$1,700
4. Brandon Garcia, \$1,400
5. Michael Fair, \$804
6. Craig Tsuboi, \$643
7. Wilton Alejandro, \$535
8. Paul Brown, \$428
9. Franklin Curren, \$322
10. Brian Limond, \$234

Event 3 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 104 • Pool: \$10,400

1. Brian Waller, \$1,450
1. Matthew Boddorf, \$1,238
1. Gary Tanko, \$1,238
1. Jeremiah Niccum, \$1,238
1. Jerry Downs, \$1,238
1. Martin Gomez, \$1,238
1. Gregory Kelly, \$1,238
8. Andy Pham, \$390
9. Bohao Zhu, \$293
10. Charlito Aseberos, \$213

Event 4 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 141 • Pool: \$14,100

1. Jason Stewart, \$3,000
2. Fred Anthony, \$2,542
3. Michael Kuppenbender, \$1,636
4. Paul Brown, \$1,211
5. Naomi Wager, \$908
6. Michael Postle, \$726
7. Sou Saelee, \$603
8. Ryan Long, \$484
9. Guadalupe Hernandez, \$362
10. Mason Rosenberg, \$264

Event 5 • \$140 NLHE

Entries: 111 • Pool: \$13,320

* 13 players chopped for \$1K

Event 6 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 115 • Pool: \$14,950

1. Mike McGough, \$3,796
2. David Reilly, \$3,296
3. Gary Tanko, \$1,237
3. Frederic Soria, \$1,237
5. Henry Quitariano, \$655
5. Jeffrey Resch, \$655
5. James Kilgore, \$655
5. Mason Rosenberg, \$655
- * Four players tied for ninth

Event 7 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 68 • Pool: \$8,840

1. James Reyes, \$1,739
2. Randall Blankenship, \$1,354
3. Matthew Boddorf, \$1,229
4. Jeremiah Niccum, \$1,198
5. Soufiane Semlali, \$1,153
6. Anthony Summers, \$1,051

7. Martin Gorenc, \$442

8. Amado Veloria, \$354

9. Jeremy Chew, \$160

10. Ravinder Sharma, \$160

Event 8 • \$160 O/8

Entries: 120 • Pool: \$15,600

1. Brandon Waddell, \$4,180
2. Kevin Miller, \$2,069
3. Donald Talmage, \$2,069
4. Gerardo Gonzalez, \$2,068
5. Ronald Spence, \$1,045
6. Icha Ux, \$836
7. Alexis Aguilar, \$696
8. Gary Pisarek, \$557
9. Richard Balistrieri, \$418
10. Russell Coffee, \$304

Event 9 • \$455 NLHE

Entries: 855 • Pool: \$342K

1. Patrick Ng, \$41,254
1. Dalton Still, \$29,807
1. Hien Tran, \$29,070
1. Marcos Stokes, \$27,620
1. Jason Beckstrom, \$24,004
1. Ronald Quinones, \$23,820
7. William Zaiss, \$10,050
8. Daniel Mendez, \$7,950
9. Samedy Kuoch, \$5,950
10. Ai Tran, \$4,850

Event 10 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 139 • Pool: \$11,120

1. James Minghihi, \$3,561
2. Dylan Kubochi, \$2,057
3. Mario Lopez, \$1,334
4. Adriano Wise, \$917
5. Thomas Lloyd, \$706
6. Gary Hansen, \$550
7. Sou Saetern, \$434
8. Allan Kwong, \$322
9. Andrew Walker, \$222
10. Albert Sanchez, \$183

Event 11 • \$160 HORSE

Entries: 68 • Pool: \$8,970

1. Michael Postle, \$2,729
2. William Chao, \$1,911
3. William Watchman, \$1,229
4. Matthew Boddorf, \$910
5. Don Gresser, \$683
6. Tyler Patterson, \$546
7. Matthew Short, \$455
8. Ronald Talmage, \$364
9. Sheila Triggs, \$273

Event 12 • \$260 NLHE

Entries: 576 • Pool: \$126,720

1. Saad Aljoher, \$16,820
2. Cam Outlaw, \$9,500
2. Kham Saechao, \$9,500
2. Jimmy Zeledon, \$9,500
2. Roger Bailey, \$9,500
2. Kelsey Uy, \$9,500
2. Mike Cooper, \$9,500
8. Victor Paredes, \$3,200
9. Tyler Rose, \$2,500
10. Dylan Lask, \$2,500

Event 13 • \$160 PLO/8

Entries: 61 • Pool: \$7,930

1. Mason Rosenberg, \$1,769
1. Keith Hudson, \$1,300
1. Kim Phan, \$1,300
1. Sylvia Day, \$1,300
5. John Cang, \$595

6. Howard Andrew, \$476

7. Ronald Talmage, \$397

8. Larry Wong, \$317

9. Brandon Waddell, \$238

10. Una Seo, \$238

Event 14 • \$400 HU

Entries: 64 • Pool: \$21,760

1. Ray Villaman, \$6,528
2. Craig Buchmiller, \$4,352
3. Mason Rosenberg, \$2,720
3. Joseph Hinds, \$2,720
5. Charley McLean, \$1,360
5. Mike Postle, \$1,360
5. Scott Long, \$1,360
5. Eyyal Altar, \$1,360

Event 16 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 145 • Pool: \$18,850

1. Patrick Lyons, \$4,000
2. Jeffrey Spruitenberg, \$1,523
2. Amie Shilly, \$1,523
2. Thomas Riggs, \$1,523
2. William Millhene, \$1,523
2. Kevin Ostenberg, \$1,523
2. Barry Birdwell, \$1,523
2. Steven Marion, \$1,523
2. Gary Pisarek, \$1,522
10. Kam Tam, \$352

Event 17 • \$125 Seniors

Entries: 158 • Pool: \$15,800

1. Priscilla Brotherton, \$1,508
1. Edward Schlegel, \$1,508
1. Jaime Reyes, \$1,507
1. David Williams, \$1,507
1. Cy Williams, \$1,507
1. Del Medeiros, \$1,507
1. Kevin Nguyen, \$1,507
1. Michael Morgan, \$1,507
1. Brent Bixby, \$1,507
10. Thomas Rakela, \$295

Event 18 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 126 • Pool: \$10,080

1. Steven Tada, \$2,592
1. Jeffrey Brock, \$2,591
3. Nader Haddad, \$1,260
4. Stephen Jazdzewski, \$857
5. Dylan Kubochi, \$680
6. James Reyes, \$529
7. Efraim Romero, \$428
8. Barbara Kearney, \$328
9. Bavneet Grewal, \$227
10. Quan Chau, \$176

\$1,650 Main Event

Entries: 489 • Pool: \$715,407

1. Jonathan George, \$60,248
2. James Haytko, \$54,528
3. Ian Kalman, \$44,996
4. Khoa Tran, \$54,898
5. Dan Harnetz, \$48,166
6. Hong Zhang, \$40,809
7. Rafael Gonzalez, \$35,105
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9. Craig Buchmiller, \$40,709
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11. Adam Duong, \$11,633
12. Lavonne Joyce, \$11,633
13. Tyler Martin, \$9,222
14. Steven To, \$9,222
15. Jeffrey Farnes, \$9,222
16. Eugene Schwartz, \$7,762
17. Jose Fernandez, \$7,762
18. Sai Sirandas, \$7,762
19. Paul Saso, \$6,546
20. Rudy Robledoo, \$6,546

* Top10 in the main did an ICM chop

A GREAT RELATIONSHIP AND A GREAT EVENT

By Scott Long

Come Oct. 16, Thunder Valley Casino Resort and the Ante Up Poker Tour will celebrate an annual anniversary of the first major tournament series for both brands, the Ante Up NorCal Classic.

"The Ante Up NorCal Classic was our first tour event back in 2012 and our first \$1K buy-in," said **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations for Thunder Valley, near Sacramento, Calif. "We have definitely come a long way since then. The NorCal is a great reminder of how far poker has come in this region."



And evidence of just how far it has come is easy to find, as the sixth Ante Up NorCal Classic, which runs Oct. 16-22, comes on the heels of the most successful Ante Up World Championship at Thunder Valley ever, quickly followed by the first World Series of Poker Circuit event at Thunder Valley.

"This has been a remarkable year for events. It started back in March during WPT Rolling Thunder, then record-setting turnouts continued throughout the Ante Up Worlds and we expect the same for the WSOP Circuit," Erwin said. "I'm sure it will continue during the NorCal and then the WPT Deep-Stacks Championship at the end of the year. It's definitely a privilege to bring these events to the Northern California region and see so many people visit and play."

While the Ante Up World Championship has expanded to three weeks of play, the NorCal is specifically designed to be a shorter and more accessible series, though still featuring the highlight of any Ante Up Poker Tour series, the main-event champion appearing on the cover of *Ante Up*.

"The NorCal is a one-week series and includes some of our most popular events, like the Action 8 and the Change Up," Erwin said. "I have offered the main event at \$500 and \$1K buy-ins. This year, it will be a one-flight, \$1,100 event with a structure that will only be offered in this event during 2017. Some of the antes are different from what is considered standard and we are trying to play to the money in Day 1. One conversation that seem pretty consistent is that players would like to get to the money in Day 1 in events at the \$1K price point and below. Some of the tweaks that have been made should allow us to do

Schedule

For more details, including satellite schedule, be sure to visit AnteUpMagazine.Com/ThunderValley.

Oct. 16, 5 p.m., Event 1: \$160 @TVPokerRoom Kickoff (\$20K guar.)
Oct. 17, 11 a.m., Event 2: \$125, no antes (\$7,500 guarantee)
Oct. 17, 5 p.m., Event 3: \$160 Change Up (\$10K guarantee)
Oct. 18, 11 a.m., Event 4: \$125 Knockout (\$7,500 guarantee)
Oct. 18, 5 p.m., Event 5: \$160 Omaha/8 (\$10K guarantee)
Oct. 19, 11 a.m., Event 6: \$125 (\$7,500 guarantee)
Oct. 19, 5 p.m., Event 7: \$235 Stacked (\$20K guarantee)
Oct. 21, 11 a.m., \$1,110 main event Day 1: (\$150K guarantee)
Oct. 22, noon, main event Day 2
Oct. 22, 2 p.m., Event 9: \$260 Action 8 (\$10K guarantee)
Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Event 10: \$160 Knockout

exactly that."

The Change Up, which debuted during the Ante Up World Championship, switches to a six-handed shootout format when 24 players remain, with the winners of each table facing off in a heads-up bracket. The Action 8 has proved to be popular, too, as players start with 20K chips in an eight-handed format with antes starting immediately. Six other no-limit hold'em events are on the schedule, including two bounty events, and an Omaha/8 event.

As always, Thunder Valley Casino Resort proves to be a tremendous backdrop to a poker series, with AAA Four Diamond luxury that makes it an attractive stop for traveling players, especially those in the Bay Area and Reno. Thunder Valley features a Las Vegas-style casino, 300 oversized and well-appointed guest rooms, a spa with complimentary steam room and sauna access for hotel guests, and a wide variety of restaurants, bars and entertainment venues, including the signature High Steaks Steakhouse, to keep players entertained when away from the poker table, as well as plenty of cash-game action in the poker room.

"The partnership with Ante Up has simply been amazing," Erwin said. "It's wonderful to have a national publication that brings so much attention to our events and has helped us build our following long before we knew what we are doing today was even possible." ♠

Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year race begins

Ante Up has switched its Player of the Year race this year from its traditional calendar year to a calendar that ends with the Ante Up World Championship.

"It's more befitting of the way we calculate our Player of the Year to have the 'season' culminate with our biggest

event of the year, the Ante Up World Championship in July and August," Ante Up's **Scott Long** said. "The change also will intensify the already-competitive nature of that signature series at our great partner, Thunder Valley Casino Resort."

The first two series of the year

where players can earn points will be Ante Up Poker Cruises on Aug. 26 and Sept. 18, with the first scheduled land-based series being the Ante Up NorCal Classic at Thunder Valley Oct. 17-22.

For the upcoming Ante Up Poker Tour series schedule, be sure to visit AnteUpPokerTour.Com.

SEIDMAN TAKES SAN DIEGO CLASSIC, \$38K

Barry Seidman won the \$250 San Diego Classic at Ocean's 11 Casino, earning \$38,873. He finished 70th in this event in April. The \$150K guarantee was beat by nearly \$100K.

Rounding out the top nine were **Anders Wright** (\$26,687), **Daniel Lujano** (\$26,546), **Richard Vasse** (\$20,264), **Shaun Davis** (\$11,470), **Mike Piellucci** (\$8,830), **Daniel Illingworth** (\$6,875), **Scott Murrie** (\$5,415) and **Jose Cisneros** (\$4,315).

HUSTLER CASINO: **Chester Burnett** took first in the \$777,777 Feeling Lucky tournament. The event, which used the Quantum format, drew 2,296 Day 1 entries at \$375 and 92 Day 2 entries at \$2,900, which pushed the prize pool to \$964,762, easily beating the guarantee. Burnett took home \$160,697 for his win. He has a long list of tournament cashes and this win pushed his overall earnings to nearly \$400K.

WSOP RECAP: The World Series saw great representation from California with 19,427 Golden State entries over the 70-plus events. Two Southern California players earned bracelets in the last few events.

Nipun Java captured his second bracelet in Event 71 (\$1K online), good for \$237K. In June, he won his first bracelet in the Tag Team event for \$75,318. He has lifetime earnings of \$1M-plus in WSOP events. After the WSOP, he flew to Florida and captured a major event at the Hard Rock in Hollywood.

See the South Region roundup for more on this remarkable run.



Adrian Moreno of Corona earned his first bracelet and \$528,316 in Event 74 (\$1K Little One for One Drop). He cashed in two other events this summer, too (19th place, Event 60, \$888 Crazy Eights, \$26,070 and 23rd place, Event 47, \$1500 NLHE, \$37,831).

Moreno has lifetime WSOP earnings of \$618,735.

Jana De La Cerra took third in Event 70 (\$10K women's championship) for \$57,930.

Three SoCal players placed in the top 10 in Event 72 (\$10K stud championship). **Amir Mirrasouli** was fourth for \$73,810. **John Monnette** added to his impressive resumé with his 64th WSOP cash and took fifth. His \$53,621 prize brought total WSOP winnings to \$2,329,989. Monnette cashed in 14 events this summer and earned his third bracelet in Event 22 (\$10K no-limit deuce-to-seven lowball draw).

Bryce Yockey also had a nice run, too. His sixth-place finish in Event 72 gave him six cashes this series for 31 cashes total. He earned \$40,066, which gives him \$1,629,877 in WSOP earnings. Yockey won his first bracelet in Event 51 (\$10K pot-limit Omaha/8).

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RIP GENE TRIMBLE

Well-respected gaming industry veteran **Gene Trimble** died July 12 in Las Vegas. He had a long, eventful career in gaming and poker. He was poker room manager for the Palms Casino Resort from its 2001 opening until early 2006, playing a vital role in *Celebrity Poker Showdown* being filmed there.

He continued to run the Palms' casino chip design and release program and poker tournament events part-time until retirement in 2012.

Trimble started as a poker dealer at the Holiday Center Strip in 1980 and was poker manager at the Four Queens (1981-96), creating its Four Queens Poker Classic, the second-largest tournament in the world after the WSOP. Other jobs he held along the way include positions at Fiesta (Rancho) Hotel Casino and 600 days at sea running poker cruises for Classic Poker Cruises.

A prolific collector of casino chips and tokens, he joined the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club and was enshrined in its hall of fame. He also wrote many articles on chip- and poker-related matters for *Gaming Times*, *Club*, *Poker Digest* and *Blackjack Confidential*. With **Mark Lighterman**, Trimble published a book on the H.C. Edwards records regarding that company's manufacturing of chips for illegal games for nearly four decades starting in the 1940s.

He always was willing to talk about the business and mentored so many poker room managers.

Trimble leaves behind an impressive body of work and will be missed by the industry. — **Elliott Schecter**

PALA CASINO SPA & RESORT: Chipleader **Jake Amaya** of La Habra, Calif., won \$3,502 and the championship of the Pala River Card tournament on Aug. 6, when the final four players agreed to a chop. There were 125 players in the field for an \$18,250 prize pool. Amaya was followed by **Matt Goddard** of Carlsbad (\$2,540), **Gary Karner** of Laguna Woods (\$2,530), **Patrick Mitchell** of Carlsbad (\$2,190), **Dana Katzenmeir** of Rancho Santa Fe (\$1,229), **Anthony Ditomaso** of El Cajon (\$1,018), **Thomas Cyszczon** of San Diego (\$890), **Russell Davies** of San Diego (\$720), **Eugene Zou** of Fallbrook (\$635) and **Richard Lanes** of El Cajon (\$509).

PECHANGA RESORT AND CASINO: The Temecula poker room is now sharing space with a new off-track betting area. It seats 65 and had 22 large TVs.

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Sat, 9/16	10AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65

2	Sat, 9/16	6PM	NLH TURBO ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$365
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Sun, 9/17 • 10AM		MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65
3	10AM	SENIOR EVENT	\$250
4	1PM	\$25,000 GUARANTEED NLH KNOCKOUT \$100 BOUNTIES ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$365
	7PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135
Mon, 9/18 • 10AM		MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$365 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$65
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9	11AM	\$50,000 GUARANTEED NLH ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$580
10	4PM	NLH 6-HANDED ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$365
	7PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135
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Sat, 9/23 • 4PM		MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$2,200 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY	\$275
	8PM	♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣	\$135
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STONES FALL CLASSIC SEPT. 29 IN NORCAL

Stones Gambling Hall in Citrus Heights, Calif., will host its \$250K Fall Classic series Sept. 29-Oct. 8. It will have six events with the first five being one-day tournaments. The series kicks off with two \$120 events Sept. 29, a morning no-limit hold'em tourney and a \$5K guarantee Omaha/8 event in the evening.

The third tourney is Sept. 30 and will be an amplifier event where the buy-in and starting stack will escalate depending on what time a player enters the tournament. For example, if a player buys in from 10-10:30 a.m., it will cost \$120 and they'll receive 10K chips. But they buy in from 1:40-2:20, their buy-in will be \$550 and they'll receive 60K chips with other price levels in between. There will be unlimited re-entries for the first eight levels of this event.

The fourth tourney is Oct. 1 and is a \$300 bounty with \$100 for every knockout. Next, there will be a \$200 six-max event Oct. 2.

The \$450 main event runs Oct. 5-8 with a \$150K guarantee. Finally, this series will have special guest commentators, including **David Tuchman**, **Justin Hammer**, **Jonathan Little** and **Annette Obrestad**. See the ads on Pages 17 and 19 for more on this series and the \$20K Limit Hold'em promotion.

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT: The Lincoln property hosts the World Series of Poker Circuit in its Up the Ante poker room Sept. 14-25. There will be 12 ring events, kicking off with a \$250K guarantee \$365 NLHE tourney that plays out over four days (Sept. 14-17). Some other highlighted tournaments are a \$25K guarantee bounty with a \$365 buy-in on Sept. 17 and a \$50K guarantee with a \$580 buy-in on Sept. 20. There are two mixed-game options during the series: \$365 pot-limit Omaha on Sept. 18 and a \$365 HORSE event Sept. 19.

The two biggest events will be the \$1,675 main event with a \$500K guarantee (Sept. 22-25) and a \$2,200 high roller (Sept. 24-25). Thunder Valley will have satellites starting Sept. 11 and they will run throughout the series. See the ad on Pages 14-15.

Finally, if you missed it, coverage of the Ante Up World Championship at Thunder Valley can be found on Pages 8-11.

RENO

The Silver Legacy poker room is flourishing after celebrating its grand opening in July.

Games are being played until around 2:30 a.m. on a regular basis. The Vegas-style atmosphere in the room creates a lot of attention from passers-by. The turnout of regulars and tourists has been impressive, as the location of the room seems perfect as it stands between Circus Circus and the Eldorado.

The sportsbook, restaurants and restrooms are just steps from this spacious room. The room is lively with high ceilings, 12 flatscreen TVs, three custom chandeliers, and a concessions bar that serves drinks, snacks and sandwiches throughout the day. Private tournaments are available for business, golf groups, birthday parties and more. In addition, the poker room is available on the Bravo Poker Live app, which allows players to view cash-game lists and tournament schedules.

As for promotions, Monday Madness gives away \$100 an hour. This promo features two \$50 hot-seat drawings per hour

(7-11 p.m.). The winner must be present and playing in a live game to claim prize money.

The new \$3-\$6 limit promotion features two \$20 hot-seat drawings per hour from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PEPPERMILL CASINO: Enjoy the graveyard high-hand promotion from 2 to 10 a.m. daily. The payout is \$100-\$350 depending on the progression and requires a \$20 pot qualifier.

HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE: The schedule for the World Series of Poker Circuit will be announced soon, but the dates are Oct. 26-Nov. 6. Stay tuned for details. Cash games have new promotions: Receive \$100 for making quad nines or better, \$300 for straight flushes and \$500 for royals.

GRAND SIERRA: Players earn \$2 per hour in comps for live play. The room also provides a free buffet at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. daily.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TAYLOR-BRADY STAYS HOT: We reported in August that **Esther Taylor-Brady** of Portland, as of press time, had made three final tables at the World Series. Well, she wasn't done there. She took third in Event 67 (\$25K pot-limit Omaha/8 High Roller) for a remarkable \$544K. In addition to her four final tables, Taylor-Brady had four other WSOP cashes to nearly double her lifetime total tournament winnings to \$1.5M.

WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO: The Pendleton, Ore., property completed its Summer Round-Up on July 23. Winners included **Angel Iniguez** from Richland, Wash., (Event 1, \$5K), **Daniel Johnson** from Meridian, Idaho, (Event 2, \$7K), **Dick Turner** from Ellensburg, Wash., (Event 3, \$11K), **Michael Young** from Pendleton (Event 4, \$3K), **Kim Wood** from Salem, Ore., (Event 5, \$19K) and **Gunnar Gunderson** from Walla Walla, Wash., (Event 6, \$2K).

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT: The South Sound Fall Poker Championship runs Sept. 4-11 with seven tournaments and a total of \$10K added to the prize pools. The series features a seniors event and a Survivor event. Buy-ins range from \$50 for the opening super-satellite to \$340 for the main event Sept. 10.

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: Twice a year, the Lincoln, Ore., casino closes its seven-table poker room and fills a meeting room next door with 20-plus tables. This time it's for the Fall Coast Classic, which runs Sept. 16-24. Starting with a \$340 six-max event that sports a \$75K guarantee, the tourney has two Day 1s (Sept. 16-17).

There will be single-day events during the week, including a \$150 tourney, \$130 seniors, \$160 Omaha/8, \$110 bounty, \$160 pot-limit Big O/8, \$180 NLHE and an \$80 add-on event (each with guarantees) and culminating in a two-day \$575 main event with a \$150K guarantee Sept. 23-24.

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO: If you missed the ad in *Ante Up's* August issue, here is a reminder: The \$55K-added Summer Poker Classic runs Sept. 13-17. Event 1 will be a \$250 shootout with \$4K added and Event 2 is a \$200 Omaha/8 tourney.

The remaining events are NLHE: Event 3, \$200, \$4K added; Event 4, \$300, \$5K added; Event 5, \$500, \$10K added and Event 6, \$750, \$20K added. The remaining \$14K in added money will be distributed to the top four players in overall tournament performance.

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9/29, 6pm	Omaha 8 \$5,000 Guaranteed	\$120	10/4, 6pm	Mega Main Event Satellite	\$110
9/30, 10am	Chip Amplifier \$45,000 Guaranteed	\$120-\$550	10/5, 10am	Main Event 1A \$150,000 Guaranteed	\$450
10/1, 10am	Assassin's Bounty \$35,000 Guaranteed (includes \$100 bounties)	\$300	10/5, 6pm	Mega Main Event Satellite	\$110
10/2, 10am	Classic 6 Max \$15,000 Guaranteed	\$200	10/6, 10am	Main Event 1B \$150,000 Guaranteed	\$450
10/3, 10am	Mini Main Event Satellite	\$60	10/7, 10am	Main Event 1C \$150,000 Guaranteed	\$450
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ARIA SEEKS POKER MASTER IN VEGAS

The Aria poker room is hosting a series of high rollers called the Poker Masters series Sept. 13-20. The player with the most total earnings over the five events will be crowned Poker Masters champion. Two-day, \$50K events run four consecutive days beginning Sept. 13. On Sept. 18, a \$100K, three-day event finishes things. The \$50K events allow a single re-entry and there's no re-entry for the \$100K event.

BINION'S: The poker room has revised its tournament schedule. The Saturday tournament at 1 p.m. now has a \$175 buy-in and graduated levels. The first eight levels are 30 minutes, the next six are 40 minutes and the levels increase to 60 minutes beginning at Level 15. Players start with a 20K stack and the tournament offers a \$10K guarantee.

On the last Saturday of each month, that tournament is replaced by the new "Saturday Special," a \$240 event that has a \$15K guarantee and starts players with 25K chips. It has the same graduated levels as the regular Saturday tournament.

New on Sunday is a \$150 tournament at 1 p.m. Players start with 15K chips and play 30-minute levels. The guarantee is \$5K.

Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. and daily at 6 p.m. is a \$125 event with a 20K starting stack and 20-minute levels.

HARRAH'S: The mid-Strip room is offering five tournaments a day at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 7 and 10. The buy-in is \$65 for 5K chips, with an optional \$5 add-on for 2,500 more. There's a \$500 guarantee. Friday and Saturday nights at 7 a \$100 bounty tournament is offered instead. The bounty is \$25, the starting stack is 10K and the \$5 add-on gets 5K more chips. The guarantee is \$1K.

Promotions for the room include high hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for a straight flush and \$300 for a royal. High hands hit during tournament play qualify for the bonus. There are biweekly freerolls for 20 hours of live play. There is a weekly freeroll for the top nine players with most hours of live play between 6 a.m. and noon.

RIO: Tournaments are offered six times a day, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4, 7, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, all tournaments are \$65, with 20-minute levels, a 5K starting stack. There's a \$5 add-on for another 5K chips. The guarantee is \$500.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, bounty tournaments are offered instead. The \$75 buy-in runs at 1 p.m., 7 p.m., and 1 a.m. and features \$10 bounties and a \$500 guarantee. The \$100 buy-in is offered at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., with \$25 bounties and a \$1K guarantee. All bounty tournaments feature 20-minute levels and have the \$5 add-on for \$5K chips.

Promotions include a micro-bad-beat jackpot. The worst losing hand to qualify is quads with a pocket pair. The losing hand gets \$500, the winning hand gets \$100 and the rest of the players at the table get \$25. High hands pay \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$400 for royals.

CAESARS PALACE: The new schedule offers four tournaments daily. The 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. tournaments have \$125 buy-ins, a 12K stack and a \$2K guarantee. The buy-in at 2 and 9 p.m.



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is \$150 for a 15K stack and a \$3K guarantee. All tournaments feature 20-minute levels.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: The Grand Finale of the Goliath series saw **Mihai Manole** of London earn \$210K for his victory. Bulgaria's **Yaron Malki** received \$130K for second and New Zealand's **Sam Ruha** pocketed \$95K for third. The \$1,650 event had 684 players and prize pool of \$1M-plus.

The regular tournament schedule features a special Sunday tournament at 10 a.m. It has a \$130 buy-in for a 10K stack, with a \$5 add-on for 5K more. The levels are 20 minutes. The guarantee is \$7,500 and first place is guaranteed to be at least \$2K. The top 15 spots will be in the money. Players can earn a free entry into this tournament by logging 20 hours of live play the week before.

Five \$80 tournaments run daily, at 10 a.m. (except Sunday), 1 p.m., 4, 7 and 10. Players start with 12K chips and play 20-minute levels. The guarantee is \$1,500.

Promos include high hands, \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$500 for royals. Any table where quads or a straight flush is hit gets a \$25 splash pot. Every player at the table when a royal is hit gets \$25. Three hours of live play between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. earn players a \$20 food voucher or a free buffet.

VENETIAN: The top prize in the \$5K Deep Stack main event went to Spain's **Javier Gomez**, resulting in a \$561K payday after a three-way chop. **Paul Hoefer** of Germany took home \$393K for second and Sweden's **Martin Jacobson**, 2014 WSOP champ, received \$398K for third. With 688 entrants, the prize pool was \$3M-plus, easily topping the \$1M guarantee.

BELLAGIO: **Patrick Leonard** of the United Kingdom took home \$475K for winning this year's Bellagio Cup in July. When play was four-handed, Leonard, **Jonathan Karamalikis**, **Adrian Attenborough** and **Stefan Schillhabel** made a deal and then played for the title. As a result, Karamalikis received \$523K, though he was runner-up. Attenborough earned \$361K and Schillhabel claimed \$299K. The \$10,400 event attracted 271 entrants, creating a prize pool of \$2.6M.

WYNN: **Yazdi Ardavan** won the championship event at the Wynn Classic in July, earning \$237K. **Mohammadi Homan** took second for \$212K and **Scott Hall** received \$201K for third. The \$1,600 event drew 2K-plus entrants, resulting in a prize pool of nearly \$3M, smashing the \$1M guarantee.

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Talking Stick Resort will host its first Senior Poker Tournament, \$500 event that runs Sept. 16-18 in the Arena Poker Room in Scottsdale, Ariz. There is a \$130 satellite on Sept. 3 at 11:15 a.m. and every five entries will result in one seat to the main event.

In other news, the property hosted a few tournaments this summer, including a July 8 bounty event that saw **Steven Nichols**, **Michael Khoshaba**, **Thomas Ruwald**, **Jesus Ortega**, **Raghavendra Dronavalli**, **Robert Bohr**, **Michael Moon**, **Jason Borden** and **Bob Queen** each receive \$2,132 in a nine-way chop.

On July 15, **Oleg Simanovsky** (\$3K) and **Dennis Krahn** (\$2,800) chopped the \$160 event, with the next 12 players each taking home \$1,894. Those players were **James Arredondo**, **Kenneth Wroblewski**, **Michael Waxman**, **Gary Rickman**, **William Conner**, **Anthony Bagneschi**, **Gary Kaiser**, **Vladimir Fomine**, **David Domanski**, **Brian Perzinski**, **Jason Kenney**, **Jonathan Zaun** and **Ahmad Sahak**.

Richard Wible captured \$7K at the \$160 July 22 tourney. **Mark Choe** and **Sambuddha Ghosh** chopped second and third for \$3,725 each. **Roger Wilson**, **Antony Moffis**, **Brian Dupont**, **John Han** and **Raymond Mulligan** each pocketed \$2,015 for fourth-eighth.

The Arizona State Poker Championship was still running at press time, so look for results in the next issue.

WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO: The poker room recently started a \$70 bounty tournament on Fridays at noon and pays \$25 bounties. It's becoming quite popular. Football Splash Pots on selected NFL games are as follows: \$50 for field goals, \$100 for touchdowns and \$200 for safeties. The number of live tables determines the number of splashed pots.

VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO: The End of Summer Super Stack tournament is Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. This \$285 tourney has a \$20K guarantee and \$50 satellites will be Fridays and Saturdays at 5 p.m. Single-table satellites will run whenever eight or more players register. Fantastic Fridays will run 2 p.m.-2 a.m. every Friday in September. The top two hands each half-hour will receive \$100 (full house or better and must use at least one hole card). Progressive Quads or Better, Red or Black Aces Cracked, high hands, and Monday Madness promotions still are running and Football Splash Pots have started. Check with the poker room for details.

COLORADO

BLACK HAWK: At Golden Gates, **Shane Faulk** of Parker, Colo., dominated the final table of the \$1,100 Heartland Poker Tour Main Event, beating 600-plus entrants for \$132K and the bracelet. **David Charnick** of Boulder parlayed a \$260 qualifier into \$82K for second. **Michael Englert** of Windsor, Colo., also via the qualifier, took third for \$54K and fourth went

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MEET RYAN HUGHES



Playing poker in Arizona for nearly two decades, **Ryan Hughes** is a two-time World Series of Poker bracelet-winner.

He had one of his best runs this past summer, too. Hughes had 16 cashes for \$244,088, which brought his lifetime tournament winnings \$2M-plus, and is second in the WSOP Player of the Year race.

What sets you apart from other tournament players? I believe my greatest skill set for tournaments is being able to eliminate any mistakes that I make. I play more hands than most of the other good players so being able to do that while not making any major mistakes is a recipe to accumulate a lot of chips. Hand-reading ability is also extremely important. Being able to narrow your opponent's range really makes planning out your strategy for that hand and future hands a lot easier. Finally, I have a lot of heart. If you're at my table, you better be prepared to go to battle against me. I'll be ready, and I love being in the trenches.

Parting words? Only time will tell on bracelet No. 3. I consider myself the favorite to win pretty much every single tourney I play, so the odds are in my favor. — **Chris Cronin**

to **Rory Hayes** of Cheyenne, Wyo., for \$37K. **Jason Tate** of Lakewood, Colo., placed fifth (\$27K), followed by **Danny Gonzales** of Denver (\$21K), local pro **Ian Schwartz** (\$18K), **Tom Bouziden** of Colorado Springs (\$15K) and **Baskaiyel Baker** of Socorro, N.M., (\$12K). ... At Ameristar, the bad-beat strategy has shifted from small and frequent to huge. The qualification starts at quad eights with 60 percent of the drop going to a primary jackpot and 40 percent to a secondary pool. Each increase of \$50K to the primary beat drops that qualification one notch. By way of example, at about \$500K you would only need aces full of jacks beaten to trigger the award.

CRIPPLE CREEK: At Midnight Rose, the popular weekend tournaments have been changed to allow an earlier finish on Friday nights. The Flopzilla is Friday at 4 p.m. With 20-minute blinds throughout, \$120 gets you 40K chips. Late and re-entry also are available. The Meganormous is on Sunday at 2 p.m. with escalating blinds. Here, \$150 gets you 50K chips with late and re-entry available. If you're around the whole weekend, the newly structured Fast and Furious Freeze Out Turbo on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. provides 30K chips for \$65 with 12-minute blinds and no late or re-entry.

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ISLETA SURGING IN N.M.

The Isleta Casino Resort poker room has seen a resurgence over the past year with much of the credit going to poker room manager **Johnny Duong**. He made some must-needed changes and the results were positive.

"The Isleta Poker Summer Classic was a great success," he said. "We had a total of 104 entries (\$250 buy-in, house added \$3K to the prize pool). On behalf of our poker room staff and Isleta casino, we would like to thank all the players that participated in making it a great event. We will announce a Fall Classic Tournament soon."

Congratulations to local favorite **Cruz "Missile" Baca** for taking first and \$9K-plus.

Mondays offer a crazy pineapple event for \$15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Each Wednesday brings Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25. And the Thursdays Beginners NLHE is \$15 at 7 p.m. Each Friday and Saturday you can play in added-money tournaments for \$100 at 7 p.m.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT: The property has stayed consistent this summer in its schedule. Teaming with local radio stations, it has scheduled several "celebrity" bounty tournaments about once a month. The ongoing big monthly event includes the \$150 Last Saturday of the Month tournament, which starts at 1 p.m. If you find yourself sitting on the rail early, you can join the consolation tournament that starts at 6:30 p.m. For more details, check the Where to Play section of *Ante Up*.

SANDIA CASINO RESORT: Regular weekly tournaments include Sunday's \$50 event at noon and a \$45 offering at 5 p.m. On Mondays, you can participate in the Sprint Tournament for \$50. Or at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, play a bounty tournament for \$75.

If you're looking for something a bit more fun, there's the \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series, where each week's tournament features game such as stud, River Down, Big O/8, Ladies Night, pineapple, HORSE, or Omaha/8. Check the website or Ante Up's Where to Play section for more info.

With its premium location, just north of Albuquerque and less than an hour from Santa Fe, Sandia can provide a lot of action.

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SANTA ANA CASINO: Every day at noon you can find a solid \$2-\$6 limit game in the table-games area. There's talk of some expansion here and with this location formerly being a premiere poker destination, it would be great to see some progress.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: Consistency is key here, as the weekly tournament schedule remains the same for most of the year. Most days it's NLHE, with the occasional pineapple tournament on Wednesdays. In addition, you can join the Player of the Year promotion to earn big bucks for finishing in the top five for the year. Call the poker room for details.



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LEE WINS WPT IN OKLA.

Jay Lee captured the World Poker Tour's Festival of Poker Main Event at Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., earning \$593K on Aug. 8. **James Hutton** was runner-up in the \$3,700 tourney, good for \$366,895, and **Joshua Kay** was third (\$270,801). The tourney, as part of the 38-event series, drew 924 entries for a \$3.1M prize pool.

Cecil Briceno topped a field of 455 entries to win the opening \$350 event, collecting \$27,305. **Herman Reynolds** outlasted a field of 500 to win the \$560 seniors event, earning \$18,188. The \$1M guarantee \$350 monster stack drew 3,943 entries as **Aaron Fletcher** came out on top, winning \$177,471.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO: The WPT DeepStacks runs Sept. 15-25; call 918-919-6000 and use code WPTDS17 to get a 40 percent room discount. On the schedule are several no-limit hold'em events and one pot-limit Omaha tourney. Several satellites into the \$1,100 main event, which has a \$200K guarantee, will run.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: Running through Sept. 11 is the River Series. The \$2,500 main event with a \$2M guarantee is the featured event. Daily tournaments are suspended till Sept. 15.

AMERISTAR CASINO KANSAS CITY: The Heartland Poker Tour makes a stop Oct. 5-16. At press time, the event schedule was not available but hotel information was. Call 816-414-7000 with code HPTAKC to get \$90 room rates Sunday-Thursday and \$159 Friday and Saturday. The main event will be \$1,650.

HARD ROCK TULSA: Sept. 28-Oct. 8 is the Oklahoma State Championship of Poker. It opens with a \$100 event that has a \$3K guarantee, followed by a two-day, four-flight, \$235 Kick-off Classic with a \$100K guarantee. Most events in the series sport \$85-\$100 buy-ins, but there's a \$70 event, a couple of \$235 buy-ins and the two-day, \$1,100 main event with a \$150K guarantee.

Other events on the schedule include seniors, Jack and Jill, bounty and six-max events. The lone non-NLHE event is a \$100 PLO. Hotel rooms cost \$89 using code OKPOKER2017.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: The quarterly \$10K Tournament of Champions is Oct. 14 for the top 40 qualifying players. From July through September, players earn points in tournaments.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: Daily Quad tournament players have the chance to win a progressive jackpot. Amounts are awarded for quad aces through quad 10s. The \$25 tournaments have \$5 (1K chips) and \$10 (2K chips) rebuys through the first break if your stack is less than 3K. The \$5 optional dealer-appreciation add-on yields 2K more.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: Qualification into the quarterly \$35K freeroll ends Sept. 30 with \$10K for first.

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO: Sept. 9 is the \$15K freeroll for players who logged 40 hours of live play in August. Featured games are \$1-\$2 PLO Monday evenings, \$1-\$3 NLHE Thursday evenings, and eight-max \$10-\$20 Big O with a kill Tuesday and Thursday early evenings and Saturday afternoons.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: Sept. 23 is the \$10K freeroll for those who have qualified through Sept. 19. The top 25 cash players and top 25 tournament players qualify. Should a player make both lists the field size reduces.

PRAIRIE BAND CASINO: The poker room closed. ♠

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JACE CAPTURES FLORIDA STATE TITLE



Daryl Jace of Saugus, Mass., defeated nearly 550 players to pick up the \$142K first prize at the Florida State Poker Championship Main Event at the Isle Poker Room in Pompano Beach, Fla., on July 31.

Jace took the lead halfway through the final table after picking off a bluff by chipleader **Josias Santos**, then steamrolled the rest of the table to enter heads-up play against **Sam Mayer-Backer** with a 7-to-1 advantage. After chop discussions were fruitless, Mayer-Backer battled back to even before succumbing in a vicious cooler, as his pocket 10s ran into Jace's pocket aces.

Mayer-Backer picked up just under \$100K for second, while Santos collected \$64K. Coral Springs native **Abbey Daniels**, who burst on the poker scene in 2011 at the WPT Seminole Showdown in her second major tournament, finished fourth, while **Tony Ruberto** took fifth and **Danny Shiff** was sixth after leading for much of the event.

HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD: The fifth annual Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open kicked off in early August with a huge opening event as 3,173 players ponied up \$570 for a shot at the \$1M guarantee. As the event rolled into Day 2, the pool surpassed \$1.5M, and the big winner was **Nipun Java**, a native of Calcutta who lives in Los Angeles.

Java, who won two titles at the World Series this summer (\$1K Tag Team, \$1K online), became the first Indian-born player to capture a WSOP bracelet. The popularity of poker is surging in India and Java's big summer, which continued in South Florida, confirmed his belief that his success can only help get more players from his country excited about playing the game.

"I think poker is suited to our psyche," he said, "a lot of hard-working people with good math backgrounds, so the relationship with poker is growing."

With close to half of the chips in play, Java collected \$230K-plus after agreeing to a four-way chop with **Alfredo Guevara**, **Josh Robins** and **Ana Clara Freitas**.

Event 2, a \$300 event, also ended in a chop between **Nigel Murray**, **Jeff Fogel** and **Hector Pacheco** with Murray taking home \$18K-plus and the trophy.

The focus on this event, however, was the courageous effort by Fogel, who's suffering from the advanced stages of ALS, commonly known as **Lou Gehrig's** disease. Fogel, who has lost the use of his arms and legs and is assisted by friends to move



MEET MATT REYNOLDS

Matt Reynolds, a L'Auberge Baton Rouge poker room dual-rate supervisor, started his career at Harrah's New Orleans in 2010 and floored the World Series of Poker landing in his home state.

He's passionate about his career and puts customer service above all else.

What would you say would be the draw to your poker room? It would be for sure the friendly, knowledgeable staff and its talented dealers.

What poker games do you like to play when you're not in a suit? I like to play tournament no-limit hold'em and cash pot-limit Omaha.

What other hobbies do you have? I like to play golf, play music (a variety of instruments) and (I'm) an avid gamer.

What would say is the best draw to the L'Auberge Baton Rouge poker room? I think the promotional aspect is strong here, featuring things such as a \$30K freeroll and hourly cash-back incentives for regular players. — **Ron Hope**

his cards and chips, won \$12,432 after nearly nine hours of play. The girls basketball coach and inspirational speaker was featured in the 2015 documentary *Who Is Lou Gehrig?* and awed many with his 158th-place finish in the 2015 Colossus event in Las Vegas, the largest tournament in WSOP history with 22K-plus entries.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES: The Heartland Poker Tour, which has awarded \$7M-plus in the St. Louis market, returns Sept. 20-Oct. 2. The opening event is a \$350 Monster Stack with a \$100K guarantee. This series will feature two senior events and the \$1,650 main event will have three starting flights: 1A on Sept. 28, 1B on Sept. 29 and 1C on Sept. 30.

"Ameristar St. Charles is a beautiful property. Our events in the St. Louis market always draw a great crowd and we're looking forward to putting on another successful event," HPT marketing manager **Korey Stewart** said.

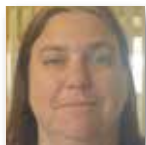
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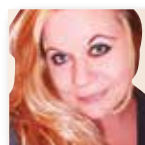
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WPT DEEPSTACKS HITS C. FLORIDA

The WPT DeepStacks series returns Sept. 1-10 to the Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Fla., and offers a \$200K guarantee for its \$1,100 main event. That tourney, one of five primary events in the series, begins Sept. 8 and matches the largest guarantee in Southwest Florida history.

"The Southwest region of Florida is overflowing with passionate poker players and there's a lot of untapped talent that WPT DeepStacks is looking forward to showcasing on its global stage," WPT DeepStacks Executive Director **Chris Torina** said.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The Silks Poker Room is hosting a \$50K guarantee Sept. 14-17 for \$330. There will be five Day 1s and 20K stacks. See the ad on Page 7 for more info. The Summer Series was still running at press time, look for results next issue.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: **Tommy Bates** has left as director of poker. No new director was named at press time.

WSOP SUCCESS: What a series for the Tampa Bay area. Former main-event runner-up **John Racener** broke through with a huge win in the \$10K dealer's choice and **James Calderaro**, who has a WPT title (2014 Lucky Hearts at Coconut Creek), added the coveted WSOP bracelet to his resumé and earned \$1.2M.

With 205 entries putting up \$25K, Calderaro came up against some of the game's greats. The final table included several players who are regulars at major live events: **Dan Smith**, **Ben Tollerene** and **Esther Taylor-Brady**. But the Venice resident earned his first bracelet and promptly gave it to his son.

Also, **A.J. Kessel** and **Marvin "Duckman" Karlins** made some noise in Vegas. Kessel, a transplant from the Philadelphia area, had an incredible run with 10 cashes and three final tables. Karlins had four WSOP cashes, including 17th in the \$1,500 no-limit deuce-to-seven lowball event. But he didn't reserve all of his success for the WSOP. He finished 36th in the Ultimate Goliath Stack at Planet Hollywood and seventh in the Aria's \$400 Poker Classic, giving him cashes this summer.

NORTH FLORIDA

EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: The late-July megastack drew 278 entries over three flights. The \$69,500 prize pool exceeded the \$40K guarantee as 78 players survived to Day 2 and 30 cashed. **Craig Rawson** was the leader after a six-way chop, each player taking home a little more than \$8K.

September continues the regular Thursday night \$3K guarantee and the Sunday \$220 deepstack events. At the cash tables, there's an array of high-hand bonuses all month. See the calendar at goebro.com.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK: The \$50K guarantee at the end of July reached \$61,200 as **Simon Philip** outlasted 305 players who paid \$270 to take home \$13,770 and the championship.

This month is \$20K guarantee tourney with three starting flights runs Sept. 28-30. Satellites are available throughout the month. Regular tournaments include a \$2.5K guarantee each Wednesday and a \$2K guarantee on Fridays.

The World American Sign Language Series of Poker charity visits Sept. 1-2. See pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com for details.

CREEK GREYHOUND: The July 15 \$10K guarantee event drew 59 players to push the prize pool to \$11,800. Eight players

cashied with **Neal Autry**, **Jenny Chandler** and **Wayne Chandler** chopping the top three spots for \$2,714 each.

The WPTL continues through September with other tournaments available. Check the calendar on the Gretna website.

As far as promotions, high hands are popular and the poker room regularly spreads Omaha/8.

BESTBET ORANGE PARK: The three-day, \$30K guarantee, \$200 tournament ended July 9, attracting 288, of which 34 cashed. The top three chopped \$22,675 with **Shane Kouckey** of Palatka, Fla., taking the championship title. **Timmy Wade** finished second and **Daniel Cosenza** was third.

Bestbet has weekly tournaments and high-hand bonuses. Check out the calendar at bestbetjax.com.

DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB: The Great American Poker Tournament Heatwave event ended its nine-day run with a Daytona Beach Poker Club record-setting \$107,880 prize pool and 899 entries. **Kirk Mackey** took first for \$6,800 and a paid entry fee into the February GAPT championship.

Daytona hosts daily tournaments and high-hand promotions. See daytonagreyhound.com for details. Also, look for the Heartland Poker Tour to return in October.

ORANGE CITY POKER: The newest poker room in north Florida has aggressive high-hand promotions. For more info, be sure to check out orangecitypoker.com.

ARKANSAS-MISSISSIPPI

The poker room at Oaklawn in Hot Springs, Ark., has closed, leaving the folks of Arkansas with the options of league games, crossing a state border or playing in West Memphis at Southland Gaming and Racing.

Southland has a fun, electronic poker room upstairs near the greyhound racing. There's substantial daily action for NLHE and low-limit pot-limit Omaha games.

The poker room offers daily tournaments (\$10-\$40) and a monthly freeroll (\$1K prize pool) for the top cash-game players (ranked by hours played).

The property has come a long way from being the "dog track of West Memphis." Just a few miles over the bridge from Memphis on I-40, the property has been renovated and expanded numerous times over the past decade to rival any resort in Tunica, Miss., in terms of luxury and accommodations.

The greyhound track is one of the last few in the country where you can watch live greyhound racing.

The on-property restaurants cover a broad array of tastes and interests, but the Steakhouse Bourbon Street is an exceptional hidden gem that far too often goes unnoticed.

IP: The World Series of Poker Circuit returns Sept. 7-18 with the \$1,675 main event Sept. 15.

BEAU RIVAGE: In Biloxi, Miss., the Gulf Coast Poker Championship runs Sept. 7-18. The \$345 opening weekend event, called the Monster, has a \$250K guarantee. Be sure to register early. On Sept. 14, there's a deepstack \$50K guarantee for \$345. The \$1,340 main event begins Sept. 17 with two starting flights. For more information, visit beaurivage.com.

PEARL RIVER RESORT: See the AUPT preview on the Page 30.



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\$1,000,000 MAIN EVENT GUARANTEE

October 5 - 25, 2017

SATELLITE SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
Thu	8/24	6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	5 Seats
Fri	9/1	6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	5 Seats
Thu	9/14	6:00pm	MEGA into \$25K HIGH ROLLER	\$590 w/ \$40 re-buys	5,000	1 Seat
Sat	9/23	12:30pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	5 Seats
Fri	9/29	6:00pm	MEGA into \$25K HIGH ROLLER	\$590 w/ \$40 re-buys	5,000	1 Seat
Mon	10/2	12:30pm	S.S. into Event #1	\$90	6,000	
Tue	10/3	12:30pm	S.S. into Event #1	\$90	6,000	
Wed	10/4	12:30pm	S.S. into Event #1	\$90	6,000	
		7:30pm	S.S. into Event #1	\$90	6,000	
Fri	10/6	3:30pm	S.S. into Event #1	\$90	6,000	
		6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	5 Seats
Sat	10/7	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Thu	10/12	12:30pm	S.S. into Event #7	\$90 w/ \$20 re-buys	2,000	
		6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	5 Seats
Fri	10/13	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Sat	10/14	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Sun	10/15	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Mon	10/16	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Tue	10/17	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Wed	10/18	7:30pm	S.S. into Main Event	\$550	10,000	
Thu	10/19	6:00pm	MEGA into \$25K HIGH ROLLER	\$590 w/ \$40 re-buys	5,000	1 Seat
Fri	10/20	6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	10 Seats
Sat	10/21	6:00pm	MEGA into Main Event	\$550	10,000	10 Seats

Single table satellites running daily. Nightly super satellites at 7:30pm. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this tournament at any time. See online for full details.
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Bryon Kaverman



Shannon Shorr



Chance Komuth



Matt Affleck



Anthony Zinno



Darren Elias



Loni Harwood



Jessica Dawley



Sam Soverel



Esther "E-Tay"
Taylor Brady



Marvin Rettenmaier

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
Thu	10/5	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1A	\$360	15,000	
Fri	10/6	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1B	\$360	15,000	
Sat	10/7	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$360	15,000	
		3:00pm	Event #2 NLH w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sun	10/8	12:00pm	Event #1 Final Day			\$100,000
		1:00pm	Event #3 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000	
		4:00pm	Event #4 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
Mon	10/9	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000	
		6:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000	
Tue	10/10	12:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000	
		6:00pm	Event #5 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000	
Wed	10/11	12:00pm	Event #5 Final Day			\$50,000
		3:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Thu	10/12	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH Day 1A	\$570	20,000	
Fri	10/13	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH Day 1B	\$570	20,000	
		3:00pm	Event #8 All-in or Fold w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
Sat	10/14	12:00pm	Event #7 NLH Day 1C	\$570	20,000	
		3:00pm	Event #9 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
Sun	10/15	12:00pm	Event #7 Final Day			\$150,000
		1:00pm	Event #10 Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
		4:00pm	Event #11 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
Mon	10/16	12:00pm	Event #12 NLH	\$240	10,000	
Tue	10/17	12:00pm	Event #13 NLH	\$350	10,000	
Wed	10/18	12:00pm	Event #14 NLH	\$350	10,000	
Thu	10/19	12:00pm	Event #15 NLH	\$570	15,000	
		4:00pm	Event #16 CSOP NLH w/ \$100 Re-buys	\$220	10,000	
Fri	10/20	12:00pm	Event #17 NLH 6 MAX w/ \$500 Bounties	\$2,100	15,000	
		3:00pm	Event #18 HIGH ROLLER	\$25,000	100,000	
Sat	10/21	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1A	\$5,000	30,000	
		3:00pm	Event #19 NLH	\$350	10,000	
Sun	10/22	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$5,000	30,000	
		3:00pm	Event #20 NLH 10 Hour Ironman	\$1,100	25,000	
		7:00pm	Event #21 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Mon	10/23	12:00pm	Main Event Day 2			
		3:00pm	Event #22 NLH Heads Up	\$570	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #23 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Tue	10/24	12:00pm	Main Event Day 3			
		3:00pm	Event #22 Final Day			
Wed	10/25	4:00pm	Main Event Final Table			\$1,000,000

PEARL RIVER OPEN KEEPS IMPROVING

By Scott Long

Two of the many things you can count on with **Paul Dutsch** and his popular tournament team is Southern charm and creativity, and both will be on full display as the Ante Up Poker Tour makes its fourth appearance at Pearl River Resort.

The Pearl River Poker Open will run Oct. 26-Nov. 5 at the resort in the middle of Mississippi and, as always, will close with a \$100K guarantee \$800 buy-in main event, the winner of which will appear on the cover of Ante Up and get a seat in the 2018 Ante Up World Championship. But two unique events in particular this year should encourage players to come to Choctaw early and stay for the entire series, which boasts a total of \$245K in guaranteed prize money.

On opening weekend, immediately after the \$340 multiday kickoff event with a \$100K guarantee, will be the One Day Mini Main, a \$390 event that mimics the main event.

"The One-Day Mini Main is exactly what it sounds like," tournament director Dutsch said. "It features a \$25K guarantee at half the buy-in of the main event. Many of our players said they wished there was a chance to play for something more substantial than the \$230 buy-in deepstack we have typically had in that time slot. It's designed to be over on Sunday so that it doesn't conflict with many recreational players who need to be back home on Monday."

The \$190 Double Up event is Oct. 31.

"The Double Up event is a new concept we are going to try this year," Dutsch said. "Each player that cashes in the tournament will have the option to relinquish their winnings in exchange for two times the amount won in Pearl River Resort table-games promotional chips. It will be interesting to see how many players take their prize in cash and how many players double it in promotional chips, with a chance to win an unlimited amount at the pit tables."

The series also includes a \$290 seniors event and six other no-limit hold'em events, a schedule honed over the past two years based on player feedback as the Pearl River Poker Open continues to grow.

"We knew from the beginning that this series would have to be built over time," Dutsch said. "The goal is to provide today's poker player with the same customer-service experience that they would receive as a table-games or slots player. Many poker players remember receiving this type of service before the poker boom and the 'corporatization' of the casino experience. We wanted to bring it back and allow today's players to enjoy that experience that they may have only heard about."

To that end, Pearl River puts a premium on giving back to players in all the right ways.

"You can sum up what this series has come to be known for in one word ... value," Dutsch said. "It doesn't matter whether you are talking about the seat-added megas, the \$800 buy-in,

Schedule

For structures and satellites, see anteupmagazine.com/pearlriver

Oct. 26, 6 p.m., Event 1 Day 1A: \$340 NLHE (\$100K guarantee)

Oct. 27, 6 p.m., Event 1 Day 1B

Oct. 28, 11 a.m., Event 1 Day 1C

Oct. 28, 5 p.m., Event 1 Day 1D

Oct. 29, noon, Event 1 Day 2

Oct. 29, 2 p.m., Event 2: \$390 One Day Mini Main (\$25K guarantee)

Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Event 3: \$230 Deepstack Turbo

Oct. 30, noon, Event 4: \$290 Seniors (\$20K guarantee)

Oct. 30, 4 p.m., Event 5: \$230 NLHE

Oct. 31, noon, Event 6: \$190 Double Up (Players have option of taking their winnings in 2x promotional chips instead of cash)

Oct. 31, 5 p.m., Event 7: \$230 NLHE

Nov. 1, noon, Event 8: \$230 Deepstack

Nov. 2, noon, Event 9: \$340 Double Deep Monster Stack

Nov. 3, noon, \$800 Main Event Day 1A (\$100K guarantee)

Nov. 3, 6 p.m., \$800 Main Event Day 1B

Nov. 4, 11 a.m., \$800 Main Event Day 1C

Nov. 4, 5 p.m., \$800 Main Event Day 1D

Nov. 5, noon, \$800 Main Event Day 2

Nov. 5, 2 p.m., Event 11: \$190 Deepstack

\$100K-guaranteed main event, the Double Deepstack Monster Stack with an amazing structure, the \$340 buy-in \$100K-guaranteed Event 1, tableside food service or the amazing hotel rates. Value for today's players exists at Pearl River like nowhere else."

Satellites are a big part of the value Pearl River gives to players, with 16 scheduled during the series, most of which feature added or guaranteed seats, and 20 more that will run before the series that started Aug. 17.

Cash-game action is heavy during Ante Up Poker Tour series, with limit and no-limit games available daily and big pot-limit Omaha games break out on weekends.

The Pearl River Poker Open plays out in the upscale Time Out Lounge, which features 12 TVs so players don't miss any of the college football or NFL action while playing in a comfortable and private area. Owned and operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the two casino-resorts at Pearl River together offer more than 1,000 hotel rooms, 2,400 slot machines, 59 table games and a 14-table poker room, as well as the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Geyser Falls Water Theme Park and numerous dining and entertainment options.

"I am really looking forward to this year's Poker Open," said **Neal Atkinson**, director of table games. "It's always very humbling to see all the support from the regional players and friends I have known for so long since my Tunica days. I hope the word is spreading and we will also see even more new faces this year. Now that I am director of table games for three properties, I have the luxury of poker room manager **Denise Dahl** and longtime colleague Paul and his crew to fulfill the vision of this growing tournament series." ♠



COUSHATTA'S FALL CLASSIC IS SEPT. 27 IN LA.

The Fall Poker Classic at Coushatta Casino Resort starts Sept. 27 with a \$220 seniors event. The \$440 main event runs Sept. 30-Oct. 1 with two starting flights on Sept. 30. See the ad below for more information.

In promotions, every Monday progressive quads pay \$100-\$500. Friday's Straight Flush Bonus pays \$200-\$1K. Rules and qualifications are posted in the poker room. High hands are every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1-10 p.m. for \$100.

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: The poker room hosts its \$100K freeroll Sept. 10. The top 60 hourly players who qualified since July 1 can enter. Official rules will be posted in the poker room.

The bad-beat jackpot was at \$131K at press time and the mini-bad-beat is 10 percent of the main. Call for details.



ANTE UP POKER CRUISE GIVEAWAYS: The L'Auberge Casinos (Baton Rouge and Lake Charles) participated in an Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaway. Congratulations to all the winners, some pictured above, including **Clifford Hebert, Ben Roberts, Dan Prejean** and **John Haney**. The poker cruise leaves Galveston, Texas, on Sept. 17. If you'd like to have your poker room participate in these giveaways, ask your poker room manager to contact **Scott Long** at 727-331-4335.

In other L'Auberge Casino Resort news, the Lake Charles property's bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$200K-plus at press time. There's also a Descending Bad Beat promotion and weekly \$10K drawings for cash and prizes. Players earn one entry for each hour of live play and all entries will be tracked. Winners must be present and playing to win.

BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot was \$151K-plus at press time. The room also features a new bounty tournament. Call for details.

HARRAH'S CASINO NEW ORLEANS: Aces Cracked runs at noon Monday-Wednesday-Thursday and pays \$200. Flush Flopped runs noon-6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. When the dealer flops a flush, the next pot will be splashed with \$200.

High hand with rollover will run 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and \$6,400 will be at stake during this promotion.

An overnight high hand with rollovers will run midnight until noon Sunday-Thursday with limit players playing for \$125 and NLHE players vying for a \$125 bonus when aces full of 10 get beat.

The bad-beat jackpot was at \$131K at press time and the mini-bad-beat is 10 percent of the main jackpot.

HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY: The bad-beat jackpot was \$200K-plus at press time. The room also has a mini-bad-beat jackpot of \$5K for aces full of 10s beaten. Aces Cracked pay \$200 in NLHE every day 8 a.m. until noon (but Tuesdays it's in limit). There's also \$200 splashed pots Monday-Thursday. ♠

Wednesday-Sunday September 27-October 1, 2017

Registration is cash only at Poker Room Cashier.
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Event 1

**\$220 NLH Buy-In Seniors
Tournament**

11am Start Time
Wednesday, September 27

Event 2

\$250 NLH Buy-In

12pm Start Time
Thursday, September 28

Event 3

\$440 NLH Main Event

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September 29 • 12pm Flight 1A
September 30 • 12pm Flight 1B
October 1 • 12pm Finals

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MARYLAND LIVE HOSTS WPT SEPT. 22



The Maryland Live poker room will sports \$800K-plus in guarantees for its WPT series.

The World Poker Tour returns to the Maryland Live Casino Sept. 22-Oct. 4 with 20 events, including a \$2M guarantee main event Sept. 30 for \$3,500. There are two starting flights (Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, both noon) with a ton of satellites along the way.

Most of the other events have guarantees with \$800K-plus spread across 17 events. Some of the ones of note include the \$200K guarantee opener (Sept. 22, 11 a.m., \$350), HORSE (Sept. 22, 1 p.m., \$330), a ladies event (Sept. 23, 1 p.m., \$230) and five-card PLO (Sept. 28, 4 p.m., \$350, \$20K guarantee). There are a bunch of NLHE events, including a handful of \$50K guarantees and a \$100K guarantee (Sept. 28, \$1,100, noon), so see the ad on the facing page for more info.

MGM NATIONAL HARBOR: The poker room is set to hosts its first series, the Potomac Poker Open, Nov. 24-Dec. 4. More details will be reported when they are available.

Did you know there is a poker host for this fine poker room? Call 301-971-5600 to check on games or to get on a list. You can even ask about the safety deposit boxes that are made available to the higher limit players.

DELAWARE

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO: The \$100K guarantee Delaware Poker Championship, in its seventh year, highlights a massive championship weekend Aug. 30-Sept. 4 of eight elite events. The championship tournament is Sept. 1-3 and guaranteed prizes for the weekend will reach at least \$160K.

The \$550 main event features two opening flights (Flight A, Sept. 1, 10:15 a.m.; Flight B, Sept. 2, 10:15 a.m.) for 30K chips and 30-minute blinds. Players knocked out of the first flight can enter the second flight. Only the larger of the two stacks earned from Flights A and B will move on to the second day of the tournament.

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Do you consider yourself a cash or tournament player? Definitely a tournament player. I do like cash games and I'll mix it up a bit, but my passion is with tournaments. The return on investment is just ridiculous on the East Coast and it suits my game more than cash, where I sometimes feel like I'm just chasing money.

You have multiple final-table results despite having a job. Would you say having a job has any disadvantages or limits your volume of play? Not at all, actually. However, my wife, four kids, two dogs take up a lot of my time, which I consider to be an advantage to my life overall. Family means more to me than any tournament. My family, especially my wife, is supportive when I play and I couldn't have the success without them.

Any sick brags from your poker career? I've had the opportunity to play against the best in the world. I got knocked out on Day 4 in the WSOP main this year with **Gus Hanson, Scotty Nguyen**, WPT champion **Mike Linster** and multiple bracelet-holders at my table.

Along the way, I've met some genuinely good people that I'll have as friends for life like **Asher Conniff, Alyson Parker, Don Dombach** and All-American **Dave Swanson**.
— Jo Kim

Those who make the cut reconvene Sept. 3 for the final day. There are six \$65 satellites with 12-minute levels as one out of 10 participants earn a seat into Flight A. Players who play multiple satellites and win more than one seat may use the second seat for Flight B. Check with the poker room for the satellite schedule.

Six other NLHE events include a \$10K-guarantee Black Chip Bounty and one pot-limit Omaha tournament.

In other tourney news, beginning Sept. 9, Dover Downs will offer guarantees every weekend. Saturdays at 11:15 will be a \$5K guarantee for \$100. Sundays at 11:15 is a \$10 tournament with four spots paid guaranteed: Minimum payouts will be \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$50, though with bigger fields come bigger payouts.

Also during the week, players who participate in three of the four 11:15 tournaments Monday-Thursday get a free seat into the Friday 11:15 tournament.

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Date	Time	Event	Buy-in	Date	Time	Event	Buy-in
9/22/17	11:00AM	EVENT 1A NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY \$200,000 GTD	\$350	9/28/17	12:00PM	EVENT 12 NO LIMIT 1-DAY \$100,000 GTD	\$1,100
	1:00PM	EVENT 2 HORSE	\$330		2:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 5 SEATS GTD	\$400
	3:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400		4:00PM	EVENT 13 5 CARD PLO \$20,000 GTD	\$350
	7:00PM	EVENT 1B NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY \$200,000 GTD	\$350		8:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 5 SEATS GTD	\$400
	8:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400	9/29/17	12:00PM	EVENT 14 6 MAX BLACK CHIP BOUNTY \$20,000 GTD	\$400
9/23/17	11:00AM	EVENT 1C NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY \$200,000 GTD	\$350		2:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 10 SEATS GTD	\$400
	1:00PM	EVENT 3 LADIES NO LIMIT	\$230		4:00PM	EVENT 15 TRIPLE STACKS \$20,000 GTD	\$240
	3:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400		8:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 10 SEATS GTD	\$400
	7:00PM	EVENT 1D NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY \$200,000 GTD	\$350	9/30/17	12:00PM	MAIN EVENT DAY 1A \$2,000,000 GTD	\$3,500
	8:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400		1:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 10 SEATS GTD	\$400
9/24/17	11:00AM	EVENT 1 DAY 2 NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY	DAY 2		4:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 5 SEATS GTD	\$400
	12:00PM	EVENT 4 NO LIMIT RE-ENTRY \$50,000 GTD	\$350		8:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 10 SEATS GTD	\$400
	7:00PM	EVENT 5 DOUBLE GREEN CHIP BOUNTY \$20,000 GTD	\$200	10/1/17	12:00PM	MAIN EVENT DAY 1B \$2,000,000 GTD	\$3,500
9/25/17	12:00PM	EVENT 6 POT LIMIT OMAHA \$25,000 GTD	\$575		2:00PM	TURBO SATELLITE GTD	\$400
	4:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400		7:00PM	HIGH ROLLER SATELLITE GTD	\$820
	6:00PM	EVENT 7 NO LIMIT 2-DAY EVENT \$50,000 GTD	\$575		7:00PM	EVENT 17 NO LIMIT \$20,000 GTD	\$230
9/26/17	12:00PM	EVENT 8 BLACK CHIP BOUNTY \$50,000 GTD	\$400	10/2/17	12:00PM	MAIN EVENT DAY 2 \$2,000,000 GTD	DAY 2
	4:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400		2:00PM	EVENT 18 HIGH ROLLER	\$10,000
	6:00PM	EVENT 7 DAY 2 NO LIMIT	DAY 2		6:00PM	EVENT 19 NO LIMIT \$20,000 GTD	\$230
	7:00PM	EVENT 9 TRIPLE STACKS \$20,000 GTD	\$240	10/3/17	12:00PM	MAIN EVENT DAY 3 \$2,000,000 GTD	DAY 3
9/27/17	12:00PM	EVENT 10 NO LIMIT 1-DAY \$50,000 GTD	\$575		2:00PM	EVENT 20 KNOCKOUT BOUNTY TURBO \$100,000 GTD	\$1,100
	4:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 2 SEATS GTD	\$400	10/4/17	TBD	MAIN EVENT FINAL TABLE \$2,000,000 GTD	FINAL TABLE
	7:00PM	EVENT 11 NO LIMIT TURBO \$40,000 GTD	\$560				
	9:00PM	MEGA SATELLITE 5 SEATS GTD	\$400				

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NEW JERSEY'S BLUMSTEIN SAYS WSOP WAS 'CRAZY EXPERIENCE'

After leaving the East Coast for Las Vegas with the sole intention of playing the \$10K World Series of Poker Main Event, **Scott Blumstein** had the best run of his life. Though his tournament resumé totaled \$300K-plus in earnings, Blumstein never had cashed in a WSOP event. With the total prize pool at nearly \$68M, Blumstein was one of 7,221 players who entered for a chance to win life-changing money. After selling a big chunk of his buy-in at a mark up, Blumstein entered the Rio not knowing he would soon surpass his biggest win of \$199,854 from last year.



Blumstein entered the final table as the leader and dominated after crippling the next leader for most of the opponent's stack. After 13 days of tournament play, Blumstein achieved most players' dream of winning the WSOP main, doing it at the age of 25 and cashing for a remarkable \$8.15M.

"It's a crazy experience," Blumstein told *Ante Up*. "Something I could have never imagined. I'm still trying to soak it all in and enjoy it."

When Blumstein isn't chasing live tournaments, he spends most of his time playing online in New Jersey. When asked if he'd continue to play as a poker ambassador, Blumstein said, "I wouldn't say I'm looking to fill that role specifically, but I love the game of poker and I would obviously love to see it grow. It would be great to be an ambassador for the benefits and good parts of poker, without condoning the bad parts of the game."

BORGATA: The Summer Poker Open came to a close with **Abraham Korotki** and 2015 WSOP champ **Joe McKeehen** heads-up for the Borgata title. The event set a record at 600 entrants for a \$1.5M-plus prize pool. After placing second in the \$1,090 six-max for \$22,252, McKeehen continued his deep run to another runner-up finish for \$196,425. Korotki claimed his ninth Borgata trophy, earning \$349,329.

PARX: Philadelphia players will have a new poker room to look forward to this fall. The poker room will move from the East building and expand into the main casino. The \$50M construction will add 45,000 square feet to the casino along with Lombardi's Pizza and the Liberty Bell Gastropub, creating 200 jobs. The new 48-table poker room will have 22 TVs and an exclusive three-table VIP high-limit enclave. It's tentatively scheduled to launch in November.

MOHEGAN SUN POCONO DOWNS: The poker room has announced the Pa Poker Classic, which will run Nov. 26-Dec. 2. The main event is \$550 and is Dec. 2. There will be plenty of satellites for the main event, see the ad on the facing page for details.

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September 1 st	Friday	BLACK CHIP POOLITY CHAMPIONSHIP	\$10,000.00	\$230	7:15 p.m.
September 2 nd	Saturday	THE MAIN EVENT DAY 2 FLEET-B	\$100,000.00	\$550	10:15 a.m.
September 2 nd	Saturday	TURBO CHAMPIONSHIP	\$10,000.00	\$130	7:15 p.m.
September 3 rd	Sunday	THE MAIN EVENT DAY TWO	N/A	N/A	10:15 a.m.
September 3 rd	Sunday	SURVIVOR CHAMPIONSHIP	\$5,000.00 <small>(LIMBO-1000000)</small>	\$120	11:15 a.m.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH	7:00pm	4	\$100 NL Hold Em Deep Stack	\$100
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH	11:00am	5	\$175 Green Chip Bounty	\$175
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH	1:00pm		Stage 2 Satellite 1 in 10 win a seat to Main Event	\$65
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH	5:00pm		Stage 1 Satellite 1 in 5 win a seat to Stage 2	\$18
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH	7:00pm		Stage 2 Satellite 1 in 10 win a seat to Main Event	\$65
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH	11:00am	7	\$175 NL Hold Em Re-Entry	\$175
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH	7:00pm	8	\$100 NL Hold Em Deep Stack	\$100
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST	11:00am	9	\$175 Pot Limit Omaha	\$175
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST	5:00pm		Stage 1 Satellite 1 in 5 win a seat to Stage 2	\$18
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST	7:00pm		Stage 2 Satellite 1 in 10 win a seat to Main Event	\$65
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SUMMER SLAM CHOPS IN N.Y.

Peter Raimondi grabbed the \$1K high-roller title at Seneca Niagara's Summer Slam in New York, but not the most money because of a deal at the final table. From Ontario, Raimondi was given the crown in the Summer Slam's deepstack event at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, earning \$11,500, but **Andrew Mosey** was \$12,500 for second, while **Guy Klass** (third) got \$8,676. With 82 entrants, the prize pool was \$73,501.

Like Klass, **Chris Damick**, **Raymond Williams**, **Alex Visbisky** and **Maurice Sessum** each earned \$8,676.

Jeffrey Roth edged **Blake Napierala** (second) and **David Battaglia** (third) to win Event 2 for \$8,992 in a chop. Napierala and Battaglia earned \$8,900 apiece. **Tadeusz Blaszczak** was fourth (\$8,400) and **Kevin Hetzer** was fifth (\$5K).

The prize pool for Event 2 was \$83,98, which beat the \$50K guarantee, as 520 players entered.

Arthur Gates won Event 3 (\$150 NLHE) for \$4,679 but Battaglia (second) had a better payday, getting \$7,294. The prize pool was \$43,320, better than four times the guarantee.

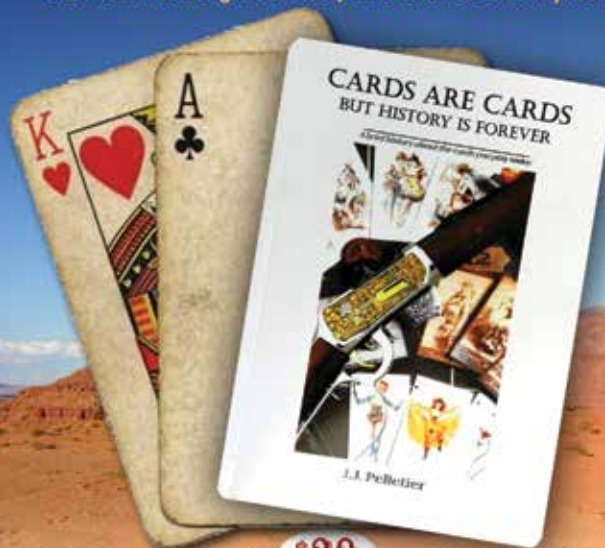
RIVERS CASINO & RESORT: The Schenectady property has a high-hand payout six times daily, beginning at 6 a.m.

TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO: The Empire State Hold'em Championships were running as *Ante Up* went to press. In the meantime, there will be high hands during some NFL games and a \$50K guarantee Oct. 4-8. See the ad at left.

FOXWOODS CASINO: The World Series of Poker Circuit was still running at press time. Looking ahead, the Foxwoods World Poker Finals runs Oct. 1-16. ♠

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LINVILLE NABS HCA TITLE IN ILLINOIS



The Hollywood staff gives Bryce Linville his giant check.

To say the inaugural HCA Poker Classic at Hollywood Casino in Aurora, Ill., was just successful would be quite an understatement. With 122 entries and a \$107K prize pool, it was the largest in Illinois history.

Bryce Linville took home almost \$43K after a seesaw heads-up battle with **Sean Chapman**, who won a Chicago Poker Classic turbo event this year.

This was Linville's first major tournament win. He finished third in last year's Tournament of Champions here.

Hollywood Aurora's poker cruise giveaways

The Chicago-area casino has more than just its remarkable HCA Poker Classic to celebrate. The poker room will be awarding 10 Ante Up Poker Cruise balcony packages for its Dec. 11 sailing to Jamaica and Haiti in a mega-freeroll on Nov. 12. The 100 players with the most cash-game hours logged during the promotional period will earn a seat, as well as 30 players who win their way in through three monthly freerolls. Players can earn seats in each monthly freeroll (Sept. 3, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5) by logging at least 60 hours of cash-game play in the preceding month or by playing on all four Wednesday tournaments during that month. For more information, visit AnteUpCruises.Com.

HARRAH'S JOLIET: The Mega Bad Beat was \$344K (quad eights) and the mini (aces full of kings) was \$22K at press time.

WSOP RECAP: Illinois had another big turnout with 3,284 entries in the 74 events; Indiana had 904. **Neil Patel**, who works as an options trader at the Chicago Board of Trade, had Illinois' best finish at 29th, winning almost \$215K in the \$10K main event of the World Series of Poker.

WSOPC: Horseshoe Southern Indiana hosts the circuit Sept. 28-Oct. 9. Horseshoe Hammond hosts Oct. 12-23.

WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP: **Lloyd Mandel** won the televised \$3K main event for \$16K. **Craig Casino**, **David Gutftuend**, **Ben Ponzio**, **Joel Schaub** and **Michael Hahn** were in the field, which

MEET SHANE WAUBANASCUM



When he's not playing poker at other casinos with friends or helping local children in the Milwaukee community through substitute teaching, **Shane Waubanasum** can be found being a floor supervisor at Potawatomi Hotel and Casino's poker room. Waubanasum has worked in poker for eight years, putting himself through college at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

How did you come to work in poker? I was looking for a job after I graduated high school and was interested in exploring poker. I applied online, went through the onboarding process and then started my poker career here at Potawatomi; the rest is history. When I first started out at the casino, I was a chiprunner for one year, a dealer for over five years and a floor person for just under two years.

What do you like most about working in poker? I very much enjoy spending time with my co-workers. Over the years, we've become really good friends and spend time together outside of the workplace. — **Chad Holloway**

generated a \$47K prize pool.

James Battaglia won his third WCPL points championship. **Mike Ligue** won the championship tournament.

IOWA

MESKWAKI CASINO: Michigan's **Carter Myers** won the Mid-States Poker Tour Main Event and \$115,109 during the last week of July. This was the largest event in Iowa history and beat the \$300K guarantee by nearly \$200K.

The final table took 99 hands, but on the final hand, Myers shoved with 10-9 and **Alan Cutler** called with A-K. Neither player connected until the river when a 10 sealed the win for Myers. Cutler earned \$69,545. The MSPT returns in late October.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO AND HOTEL: There will be will a \$200 event Sept. 10 (11 a.m.) at the Altoona poker room.

Q CASINO: The Dubuque property hosts a \$330 tournament Sept. 30 at 11 a.m.

BAD-BEAT JACKPOTS: Riverside Casino's has crossed the \$130K mark and Diamond Jo Casino in Worth was at nearly \$270K at press time.

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GHANEM WINS \$33K, TITLE AT RUNNING ACES IN MINNESOTA



Saad Ghanem of Burnsville, Minn., took home \$33K after chopping first place in the Anniversary Tournament Series Main Event at Running Aces Casino in Columbus, Minn. **Chris Doffing**, **Willfred Sweetman** and **Brent Kallman** chopped for second, third and fourth, respectively. This is Ghanem's second-largest career cash with nearly \$300K in earnings. The \$280 event drew 879 entrants for a \$191,831 prize pool.

POKER IS FUN: Mike "Schneids" Schneider, the second Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame inductee, is launching the Poker is Fun Tour. The tour is designed to cater to the recreational player and to bring the fun back to poker.

"Over the last several years, I've seen many things change about poker," he said. "Some of them good, many of them not. One of the biggest things I've noticed is a paradigm shift in who poker tournaments are catered toward. The last several years, the environment around casinos is one that has gotten more cut-throat, serious, time-demanding, and frankly, a lot less fun."

Some of the differences in this tour include: 1 percent of the prize pool will be donated to charity; most events will be one-day events; every event pays 15 percent of the field, allows two re-entries and will feature some type of "wrinkle" to the game.

The first event, Sept. 9-10 at Canterbury Park, features a "Winners Shown" wrinkle. To win the pot, a player must first show their cards.

WSOP RECAP: Minnesotans earned \$1.9M at the World Series spread over 198 cashes in 48 events. Also of note, **Christian Pham** finished 19th (\$263K) in the main event and **Chris Wallace** was 32nd (\$215K).

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WSOP RECAP: **Stephen Buell** of Green Bay finished as the last Wisconsin player standing in \$10K main event. He finished 367th out of 7,221 players for \$31,170. Other Wisconsin players to cash were **David Mowery** (783rd, \$17,243), **Byron Ziebell** (805th, \$17,243) and **William Gibbons** (994th, \$15K).

All told, 792 players from Wisconsin participated in the series, making it the 23rd represented state ahead of Tennessee (715).

Of those, 47 participated in the main event, only one of which was a woman.

VENETIAN TITLE: A day after busting the WSOP main, MSPT Season 7 Potawatomi champ **Travis Lauson** nearly 600 players to win the Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza's Event 91 (\$600 NLHE) for \$58,176.

CONDOLENCES: On June 19, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells regular **Mary Ellen Hampton**, 78, died. Hampton topped a field of 213 players to win the Canterbury Park 2010 Fall Poker Classic's women's event for \$3,056.



MIDWEST

FIREKEEPERS HOSTS MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN OCT.

In September, qualifiers will be running for the Michigan State Poker Championship, which runs Oct. 7-15 at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel poker room in Battle Creek, Mich. The last time the MSPT stopped at FireKeepers, 1K-plus players entered for a share of the \$1M prize pool.

Also, the room runs a special Fifth Sunday tournament for \$400 and 40K chips at 10 a.m.

On July 30, the event had 415 entries to create a prize pool of \$145,250. **Carl McCullough** of Ida, Mich., took the title and \$29,050. The next one will be Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. See the ad on this page for more details.

On Sept. 9 and Nov. 18, FireKeepers hosts a \$100 women's event at 2 p.m.

FireKeepers alternates between a \$120 tournament on the first and third Sundays of the month, a \$240 deepstack tournament on the second and fourth Sunday, and a \$400 deepstack every fifth Sunday.

MOTOR CITY: The bad-beat jackpot (quads) was \$674K at press time.

WSOP RECAP: Sterling Heights native **Joshua Marvin** finished 31st in the main event for \$214,913.

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JACK CASINO CINCINNATI: The Jack Fall Classic tournament series continues through Sept. 4, with the \$1K main event featuring a \$500K guarantee. It kicks off Sept. 1 (Day 1A) and Sept. 2 (Day 1B). Bag chips on both days, and receive a \$4K double-bag bonus. Satellites (\$200) will run at 9:15 a.m. both days, each guaranteeing nine seats. Day 2 is Sept. 3 and the final table plays out Sept. 4. There's a \$200 turbo Sept. 3 at 2:15 p.m. with a \$25K guarantee and a \$65 satellite will run at 11:15 a.m. The series concludes with a pair of hold'em events Sept. 4 (\$160, \$10K guarantee, 11:15 a.m.), and an \$80 turbo at 6:15 p.m. Look for results in a future issue.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO: The Hollywood Poker Challenge runs through Sept. 4. Results will be in a future issue. In the mean time, the cash-game action has been running hot and heavy, thanks to a \$6-\$12 fixed-limit OE game (Omaha-Omaha/8) with a kill. This featured game runs on Mondays at 4:15 p.m., and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Poker room manager **Elliott Schecter** said this game has been drawing a good number of players from a wide geographic area.

In addition, the room has been running various high-hand promotions every day of the week and comps are \$2 per hour. Details are on the room's website.

JACK CASINO CLEVELAND: The \$100K Pigskin & Poker promotion begins Sept. 7 and runs through Dec. 31. Cash-game and tournament players will earn drawing tickets by making big hands (aces full or better) from noon until midnight. Each Sunday during the promotion, one ticket will be drawn every hour from noon until 8 p.m., with each winner receiving \$500.

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POKER TDA SUMMIT ADVANCES GAME

By Elliott Schecter

The TDA completed its biennial gathering on July 1. Several changes to rules were made and some new rules and procedures were added. Each change won't be covered here. Go to the TDA's website (pokertda.com) for a complete look at the rules and changes.

For the most part, these changes and additions fell into two broad categories.

Some revisions and additions were made to add clarity, to simplify language and to make universal implementation of accepted rules easier.

Except for the technical changes made to stud procedures and for how to deal with multiple undercalls, almost all of the changes addressed the issue of speeding up the game by eliminating needless delays, specifically the rules regarding the tabling of cards, showdown order and discarding irregularities, too few cards on the button, incorrect and invalid bet amounts or declarations, non-standard and unclear betting, reduction of the clock to 30 seconds maximum, hand-for-hand play with a stopped clock and a two-minute runoff per hand completed.

Based on feedback from tournament players over the years, we all agreed pace of play and overall event length had to be dealt with in a positive, constructive manner. This dissatisfaction with the pace of many tournaments was fairly universal across the buy-in ranges and player pools.

The increasing amount of player-created delays through needless tanking or ambiguous action was sapping the joy out of tournament poker for a lot of players.

We addressed this in two ways: We agreed to make two serious changes to procedures, one to the clock and one to hand-for-hand play, that deal with tanking in a progressive way that helped TDs across the industry eliminate the tedium that was starting to creep up more often.

By granting TDs more explicit latitude in the granting of clocks and their length, up to and including the imposing of five-second count-downs when deemed required, we should be able to stamp out a great deal of the unnecessary tanking delays that a lot of players find annoying.

We also agreed to a series of rule changes that mostly have to do with ambiguities resulting from players making their actions unclear when verbally betting or by manipulating chips.

We've now set pretty clear rules for those situations where too many times the game was delayed while we were trying to figure out what a player meant when they announced an irregular or inapplicable amount.

Making these rulings generally wasted a lot of time because of the inevitable arguments that ensued. Unclear betting was conducive to angle-shooting, both by bettors and by callers.

The chief reason the TDA agreed to make these changes was to improve the tournament-poker experience around the world. We're in the service industry and ultimately selling customer service and guest experiences.

We felt if we didn't find ways to make the tournament experience enjoyable, or at the very least less tedious, we would eventually be watching a lot of players lose interest and maybe even enter fewer tournaments. The TDA did a great job this year of confronting this challenge.

— Elliott Schecter is poker room manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo.



NEW RULES

- Showdown and discarding irregularities, which covers situations such as **Andras Koroknai vs. Gaelle Baumann** at the 2012 World Series of Poker, and partial tabling problems.
- Button dealt too few cards.
- Burns after substantial action has occurred, clarifying that in the event a hand is killed after substantial action because of having too many or too few cards, the burn is to protect the stub, card order is random and that one burn only should occur for each street.
- Incorrect bet amounts. When do they stand in pot-limit, limit and no-limit?
- Invalid bet declarations, such as declaring "call" or "raise" when it's checked to the player, or "check" when there's a bet to a player.
- Bet amount not established, such as situations where Player A declares "bet" but before he declares an amount, Player B declares "call."

NEW RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES

- Hand-for-Hand Play Procedures
- Tournament Stud Dealing Procedures

EDITS TO CURRENT RULES

- Clock time now variable, with a 30-second maximum clock. Also expanded tournament-director discretion to call the clock on chronic time abusers.
- Language regarding video-blogging and use of betting apps and charts.
- Discrepancies between declared bets and pushed-out chips.
- Clarifying how to rule on situations where there have been more than one undercall.
- Rules and illustrations specified on adding new chip or chips to previously bet chips that have not been pulled in.
- Clarify that checking the exclusive nuts when last to act on the river is not always an automatic soft-play violation.

* Go to PokerTDA.com for complete rules.

PERSPECTIVE: CALL THE FLOOR

SHOWDOWN ORDER WAS USED CORRECTLY

I was in a daily tournament at a local casino. On the river, Player A checks, Player B bets and Player A calls. Player A was in the motion of showing his cards when Player B mucks. Player A then declares that since the other player mucked, he doesn't need to show his cards. The dealer seems fine with this and no one object so the chips are pushed to Player A.



ELLIOTT
SCHECTER

Later, I questioned the rule and was told this was a new rule at this chain of casinos, where if one player chooses to muck at showdown, the other doesn't need to show. Is this a new standard rule or have you seen this anywhere before? Can you see what the intended

benefit to this is? I thought in a showdown situation all cards should be turned over, or a player can choose to muck but the cards must be turned up if a player requests them to be. Surely this rule could only aid collusion or chip dumping.

— Andy from Scotland

ELLIOTT SAYS: TDA Rule No. 16: Showdown Order says in a non-all-in showdown, if cards aren't spontaneously tabled, the TD may enforce an order of show. The last aggressive player on the final betting round (final street) must table first.

If there was no bet on the final street, then the player who would be first to act in a betting round must table first (i.e. first seat left of the button in flop games, high hand showing in stud, low hand showing in razz, etc.).

Except where house policy requires a hand to be tabled during the order of show, a player may elect to muck his hand face down.

The rule regarding the situation from the tournament in Scotland you described was agreed upon at the previous meeting of the TDA. It was decided players who felt they were caught bluffing could muck without showing and the caller could win without showing just as in a cash game.

I see your point regarding collusion via chip dumping and will see if the TDA can revisit this precise situation at our next gathering in the hopes of modifying it.

Let's face it, cash poker and tournament poker are different games and activities and the rules are supposed to account for that. All of this being said, the hand you described was conducted according to current TDA rules.

— Elliott Schecter is poker room manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo.
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PLAYING LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME

We here at *Ante Up* often get readers, who only play for fun online or have just played tournaments in free leagues, asking for brick-and-mortar advice. They've never experienced playing live cash-game poker in a casino or cardroom, so this article kicks off a three-part series on playing live for the first time.



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SPATH**

When entering a poker room, you must find the front desk or podium to see if there are any open seats in your preferred cash game, if not they'll put your name on the waiting list.

Once a seat opens, chips usually can be purchased from the cashier or from the dealer at your table. Some smaller rooms might sell you chips at the podium.

If you buy chips at the table, put your money on the table in front of you where the dealer can reach it.

Your chips should remain in front of you and near the rail of the table, though they can be slightly to the side so you can look at your cards.

Players can request to change tables for various reasons: Their table is too tight, too loose, a bully might annoy them or they want to play at a table where maybe they know the styles of the players. Viewing sporting events while playing could be

detrimental to your survival, so don't move to watch TV.

BETTING: Cards are dealt and bets are made in clockwise order. Someone sitting at the table will have the dealer button in front of them indicating they're the theoretical dealer for that hand.

Just like online poker, the two positions to the left of the button are the blinds that must post a pre-determined forced bet. The small blind is to the left of the button and the big blind is just left of the small blind.

TABLE STAKES: You may use only the chips on the table in front of you. Some casinos allow you to put paper money on the table, though most only allow \$100 bills. You only can bet up to the amount of chips and cash you have on the table at the start of the hand. You can't reach in your pocket for more money; that only happens on TV westerns.

Next time in Part II, I'll discuss string bets, splashing the pot, protecting your cards and more. Part III will include actions such as calling time, cashing out and getting comps.

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POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

EMOTIONS, TILT AND OTHER BAGGAGE

Emotions and feelings can't be controlled. We can understand how we think about them; we can understand what arouses a feeling; we can understand the behavior that's the outcome of the arousal and we can understand provocation. We can learn to regulate behavior that results from arousal whether it is feeling mad, sad, glad or bad.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

The impairing manifestation of emotions is anxiety and depression.

It has been said depression is when you don't really care about anything. Anxiety is when you care too much about everything. And having both is just like hell.

Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in America, affecting 40M adults. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates 16M adults had at least one major depressive episode in 2012. That's 6.9 percent of the population. According to the World Health Organization, 350M worldwide suffer from depression. It's a leading cause of psychological disability. Obviously, depression and anxiety are major problems and may need professional help. They can be chronic, acute or situational.

Tilt is the major psychological factor at the poker table. The parallels between anxiety, depression and tilt are numerous. Tilt is somewhat hard to define, but even if we can't define it, we know it when we see it.

Let me suggest that tilt is the behavior correlation of the emotion that was been aroused by provocation. You can't control the feeling, but you can regulate the behavior.

Tilt at the table is typically situational. If you're suffering from anxiety and/or depression, you can't play optimal poker. The poker game is not the place to alleviate anxiety or depression. If you tilt at the table, learn ways of dealing with it. Tilt is a term that's used to describe your behavior, often resulting in the player adopting a less than optimal strategy.

Some quick fixes include:

- Be aware that something in you has changed.
- Do a quick self-inventory.
- Try a visualization.
- Utilize relaxation techniques, including deep breathing or focusing on a mantra.
- Take a break. Remember, you're allowed to leave the table.
- Take a lap around the room.

Of course, check your real-world problems at the door; don't bring them to the table; don't use the poker table to "self-medicate" these problems.

The point of poker psychology is to help you keep your head in the game. You can't do that if you have outside issues impairing your play and you can't do that if you don't have a tilt strategy.

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TURNING PRO

CARE ABOUT MONEY, NOT ABOUT CHIPS

That headline is funny, right? It's basically exactly what the casinos wanted when they first started using chips in the 17th century. They want you to forget the little green clay thing represents two meals at Chipotle, so you're more likely to lose your money to them. Why am I advocating you do exactly what these big rich casinos want you to do?

BRENT
PHILBIN

YOU'RE NOT GAMBLING AGAINST THE HOUSE: In this game, once you've turned pro, you know you're a winner at poker. You do know this, right?

You have thousands of hours of winning play to prove it on a spreadsheet somewhere, right?

Since you're winning at the game that these chips are being used in, you don't need to respect them. You have the edge against everyone else.

YOU CAN'T PLAY OPTIMAL POKER IF YOU'RE AFRAID TO LOSE: It's just that simple. There's a good reason why some of the best players are known for being broke; their ability to play the game perfectly has ruined their ability to decide which place to go for dinner or how much to bet on a craps roll.

However, you don't want to sit in a game with any of these broke pros. They will eat you alive.

You need to have the mind-set of a broke poker player while you're in the game and find a way to shut that off the second you get up.

FOLLOW YOUR RULES: As a pro, you have a certain set of rules you need to follow. Everyone is different. If I lose around 300 big blinds in a game, it's time for me to quit.

If I've run that badly, I won't know the difference between playing even worse. Continuing to run bad means there's a good chance my mental state has degraded and I haven't noticed. I set this rule before I ever touch a chip and while I'm in the heat of battle I don't break it.

MANAGE YOUR MONEY LIKE AN ACCOUNTANT OUTSIDE THE GAME: Track absolutely everything. Do a personal budget, use apps, spreadsheets, coupons, etc. It's important to separate your bankroll from the money you use for your life.

One way I usually do this is by never cashing out at a local casino that I go to regularly. I can't spend poker chips at the strip club (well, maybe in Vegas) or the fanciest sushi place in all the land.

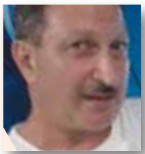
Learn this concept and you'll be one of the few dangerous pros who also isn't broke.

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COACH'S CORNER

KEEN OBSERVATIONS FROM WSOP FINAL

More than 120K players entered World Series of Poker Events this summer in Las Vegas. Millions watched the final table of the main event, which I enjoyed because it aired with a 30-minute delay, allowing us to watch the players in "real time" and explore the nuances of tournament play. Many hands played out as raise-and-take-it pots, which would be boring to a non-player, but it's these hands that set up the action in on future hands. I have several observations about the final table and I hope this will help you grow your game.

MARK
BREMENT

OBSERVATION NO. 1: Utility of money had a great effect on the overall play at the final table. Players often are faced with decisions that involve this concept.

For example, when a tournament hits the bubble stage of play, most players tighten up their play. The reason? No one wants to finish out of the money.

Conversely, more skilled tournament pros take advantage of this and pick up many unchallenged pots during bubble play. Players simply don't want to risk getting eliminated.

Something similar happened at the final table. While there was awesome talent at that table, play began to mimic bubble play.

The idea of chipping up for an extra \$200K kept the play ul-

tra-tight. Again, the same concept of bubble play was in effect.

Simply put, the utility of money played a major role on the decisions the players were making. Can you blame them? \$200K is a big deal. But there was one player who was not at all concerned about that. After all, ninth place paid \$1M.

OBSERVATION NO. 2: It must be obvious to anyone who watched the event that there was one player who was having a grand time. Utility of money was working to his advantage. John Hesp, 64, had the time of his life, picking up all the loose chips. He came close to winning the whole thing as he chipped up to leader.

His unconventional style and his happy demeanor were a perfect combination to face the more talented foes. He finished fourth for \$2.4M. Please don't take this the wrong way, Mr. Hesp, but you clearly had the least knowledge of optimal game theory tournament poker.

OBSERVATION NO. 3: Scott Blumstein played great. In his interview after the win, he mentioned he had a coach. His short-handed play and his heads-up play were far superior to that of his opponents.

He came prepared. Understanding short-handed play must be a critical component to take your game to the next level. Get yourself a coach; it will pay off in spades.

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ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Monday-Friday (noon); Wednesday & Thursday (6p).	Omaha High Hand; get paid for straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked.
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Monday-Friday (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p); Seniors Poker Open, Sept. 16-18. See ad on Page 21.	Splash pots.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tuesday freeroll (7p); Thursday \$5K guarantee (\$120); Saturday \$200 added (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sunday (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Player comp credits pay \$1 per hour during live play.
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 6:30p); Saturday (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$70, 11a).	High hand bonus; Aces Cracked.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Monday & Thursday (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 7p).	Splash Pots.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily, usually at noon and 7p. Call for schedule. Omaha/8 events on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.	High hands (daily, 9a-noon & evenings Sun.-Thurs., 9p-mid. & Fri.-Sat., mid.-3a); Aces Cracked can win \$300 (daily).
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	T KO (\$45, 7:30p); W turbo (\$10 w/rbs, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p) & (\$80, 5:30p).	Morning High Hand Contest; Splash Pot Bonanza; Steel Wheel and Royal Flush pays \$50.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad on Page 24.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Tuesday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Saturday (varies, 11:15a); Sunday (\$30, 11:15a). See ad on Page 23.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Monday-Thursday (\$30, noon); Tuesday-Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3:30p). See ad on Page 23.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

ARKANSAS

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

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

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

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LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Monday & Wednesday-Saturday (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a); Sept. 24, (\$350).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tue. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a & \$90); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$65, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Friday \$3K guarantee (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guarantee (\$15, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Monday KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thursday \$1.2K guarantee (\$55, 7:15p); Friday \$2K guarantee (\$40, 7:15p); Quantum Tournament runs until Sept. 3.	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Monday & Wednesday, 10a-7p).
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat in HE (aces full) and Omaha (quad 8s); PLO (Wed., 2p); high hand for Omaha/Big O; buy-in bargain for HE & Omaha/Big O w/free meal; royal-flush bonus in hold'em.
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Tue. \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$25, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	No jackpots.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; straight flush, quads, shipwrecked and highs.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.- Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a); \$250K Stones Fall Classic, Sept. 29-Oct. 8.	Rack Attack; Aces Cracked. See ads on Pages 17 & 19.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Sun. (\$60, 10a); Tue. (\$10 w/rb, 10a); Wed.-Sat. (\$30 w/rb, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Sat. (\$40 w/rb, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rb, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha and stud.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Monday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$50, 7:15p); Wednesday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Friday (\$50, 11:15a); Saturday KO (\$60, 11:15a). See ad Page 45.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysort.com	M-F (\$60, 11a); M (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); W O/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); F (\$160, 6p); Sa (\$100, 11a; \$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); WSOPT, Sept. 14-25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad on Pages 14-15.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 2p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; high hands.
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winriverscasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K guarantee deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$140, 7p); HPT, Sept. 8-18.	High hands can pay \$50/hour and \$100/hour; Friday pays \$500 (5p-10p) & Saturday pays \$600 (noon-10p).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Guaranteed High Hand (call for details).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Monte Carlo board.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$100, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$40, 12:30p); Sunday (\$110, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot and mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

CONNECTICUT

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

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$35, 11a & 7:15p); Mon. (\$10, 11:15a & \$25, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100, 11:15a & \$35, 7:15p); Play in 3 of 4 M-Th 11:15a & receive seat to Fri. 11:15a tournament.	High hands (daily); Hot Seats; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel. See ad Page 34 for Delaware State Championship.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/ rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked.

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FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). See ad on Pages 28-29.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 49.
DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	High hands.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Emerald Coast Poker Championship featuring 7 events & 7 championship bracelets w/\$100K guar., Oct. 20-29.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p); Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM (786) 787-2575 • kingscourtkey.com	Open Sunday-Thursday, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a.	\$200 hourly high hands (daily); \$100 high hands pay every half-hour (1p-midnight).
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands.
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout \$2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); last Fri. of month PLO (\$70, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$130, noon). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Daily at noon and 7p (buy-ins vary); 1st & 3rd Sat. KO (\$290, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour.
OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
ORANGE CITY RACING & CARD CLUB orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K Bad Beat High Hand Bonus; high hands.
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Daily, including Sun. (\$100, 12:15p, but 1st & 3rd Sun. is \$230 deepstack; \$55, 6:15p); Mon. (\$30 seniors, 11:15a) and Last Sat. of month (\$150 NLO/8, 11:15a).	High-hand jackpot in hold'em.

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FLORIDA (Continued)

PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$20K satellite (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Monday-Friday (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Saturday (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sunday (varies, 11a & 6p); WSOPC, Sept. 21-Oct. 2.	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); Fall Little Slick Series, Sept. 10-15.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tuesday-Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p); WPT DeepStacks, Sept. 1-10.	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-2a (Sun.-Thurs.) & 8p-6a (Fri.-Sat.).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K. See ad on Page 7.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands.

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125, 7p); Saturday varies (\$125, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$40K freeroll; Splash the Pot (Sun.-Tue.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	 Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Win Ante Up Poker Cruise and cash through freerolls and by playing the most live hours. See story on Page 37 for more details.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125-\$140, 7p); Saturday (\$125-\$140, noon); call about Sunday events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday turbo (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Monday (\$125, 6:15p); Tuesday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:15p); Thursday (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Th (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p); WSOPC, Sept. 28-Oct. 9.	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

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

KANSAS

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



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BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). See ad on Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wednesday (\$145, 6:30p); Thursday (\$165, 6:30p); Friday (\$130, 6:30p); Saturday (\$120, 11a); Sunday (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday (6:30p).	Aces Cracked and high hands pay \$100.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.

MARYLAND

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

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See the ad on Page 39.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Friday & Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p); Saturday KO (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thurs. No Frills (\$70, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Daily at 10:30a (buy-ins vary) plus a 6:30p tourney on Wed. (\$235); Poker is Fun Tour, Sept. 9-10; Ultimate \$100K, Sept. 23-29 (\$175).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Omaha & stud; quads board (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Full (Wed.).
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; MSPT, Sept. 22-24.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300; Match Your Stack wins up to \$300; straight flushes \$50; royals \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details). Gulf Coast Poker Championship, Sept. 7-18.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/ Bonus Splash the Pot.
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon); WSOPC, Sept. 7-18 w/main event, Sept. 15 (\$1,675).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	 Monday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday freeroll (6p); Thursday (\$25, 6p); Friday (\$50, 2p); Saturday (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p). See ad on Pages 2-3 for AUPIT details.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p). AUPIT satellites have started for the Pearl River Open.
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Monday-Sunday, noon); satellites on Friday & Saturday (6p). Cash giveaways.	

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Friday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 2p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; HPT, Sept. 20-Oct. 2.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Survivor (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85 w/\$25 bounty, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$85, noon); last Sat. (\$160, noon); first Sun. KO (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights or better; progressive high hands for all straight flushes and royals.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (varies, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; Aces Cracked.



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

MISSOURI (Continued)

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

NEVADA

ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a); Aria High Roller 76, Sept. 1 (\$25,000); Poker Masters, Sept. 13-20.	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure.	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes; Triple Pay before 1p and double pay from 5p-7p & 11p-1a.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel; Aces Cracked; high hands.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CLUB CAL NEVA RENO (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p). Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).	
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a); Monday (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. Omaha (\$45, 6:30p).	Quads for Cash: All four-of-a-kind hands can win \$250 (call for details).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahsลาสvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p).	High Hands; Hot Seats; Shift Specific Rolling High Hands 3X (daily).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guar. (\$80, 15K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$60, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (daily, 4a-10a & 4p-10p).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; Sunday Special \$7.5K guarantee (\$130, 10a).	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots; high hands; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p).	High hands. See the ad on Page 33.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday-Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$250) and royals (\$500).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour, including food and beverage comps.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily at noon and other times with various buy-ins.	Deep Stack Extravaganza 3.5 runs until Sept. 24. Daily events suspended during DSE.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); seniors event, Sept. 6 (\$300); Fall Classic, Sept. 27-Oct. 9.	No promotions.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 10s in hold'em; WPT Borgata Open, Sept. 5-22.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily, times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room. Last Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, 12:15p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wednesday & Sunday (\$65, 8:15p); Saturday (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	High hands; mini bad-beat jackpot.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT (575) 464-7777 • innothefmountaingods.com	Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad on Page 22.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

RIVERS CASINO & RESORT (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a).	High-hand jackpot pays six times daily.
SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagarcasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F (\$125, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a & \$225, 11a); Su (\$75, 10a & \$125, 6p); last Sa (\$300, 11a); last Su \$20, 11a.	\$200 high hands every 30 min every other Wed. & Sat.; \$100 every 20 min w/ rollover every other Fri.; Sept. 4th Labor Day \$1K high hand.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TIOGA DOWNS (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Monday-Wednesday).

NORTH CAROLINA

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

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Monday & Thursday \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Friday \$5K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Saturday \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sunday \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K; Jack Fall Classic runs until Sept. 4.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrwards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p)..	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon); room open Sunday-Thursday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot coming soon.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p); WPT DeepStacks, Sept. 15-25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a & \$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$35, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$90, 4p); Sun. (\$70, 4p).	Spin the Wheel Hot Seats (Mon.); Aces Cracked; high hands (Tue. & Sun.).
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. Srs. (\$35, 2p) & deuces wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$25, 5p) & (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p); River Series runs until Sept. 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 4p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$80, 6p); closed on Wed.-Thurs; Fall Coast Classic, Sept. 16-24.	Splash Pot; royal flushes pay \$200 during tournaments.
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a & 7p); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hands; Wheel Spin.
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; Mon. (\$55 & \$75); Tue. (\$65 & \$75); Wed. (\$65 & PLO \$85); Thurs. (\$65 & \$95); Fri. (\$55 & \$65); Sat. (\$55 & \$65); Sun. (\$65).	High hands.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday-Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	M (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); T (\$50, noon & 7p); W (\$50, noon & \$60, 7p); Th (\$50, noon & 7p); F (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sa (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Su (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily). See ad on Page 35.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Friday-Sunday, 4p-midnight).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Monday (\$100, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$100, 7:15p); Saturday (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sunday (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	High-hand promotions.

RHODE ISLAND

TWIN RIVER CASINO (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	No tournaments.	Player rewards.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

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

TEXAS

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

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


WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Splash the Pot.

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

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PLAYER LOSES 70 POUNDS, WINS \$600K

Poker player **Walter Fisher**, weighing 245 pounds, hated how he looked and was in a bad place financially. Friends bet him \$1M he couldn't get to 10 percent body fat within six months. Fisher shed 70 pounds and pocketed \$600K.

SCOTT: I like this bet way more than a weight-loss bet. I don't want to say a weight-loss bet is easy, but it's pretty easy to just shed pounds. But a body-fat bet is much healthier. It's not just "Hey, I got rid of my six-packs." It's actually healthy-healthy. And that's hard to do. You can't cheat that.

CHRIS: That's huge! Can you imagine if we had friends with that much money who could say, "Hey, we're concerned about your health, go lose 50 pounds and we'll give you a half-million?"

TEXAS TESTS POKER-ROOM MEMBERSHIP MODEL

Poker rooms have opened throughout Texas, using a model popular in Portland, Ore. Games aren't raked, but players pay a membership fee to enter the poker room, with rooms making money off fees and food and beverage sales. Will they work?

SCOTT: Whether you want to call it a loophole or not, the poker entrepreneurs here say they're not violating the letter of the law because they're not taking a rake and it's just a club where people can play cards. Any time you have that, you have someone on the outside who doesn't like it and says, "Well, that's not the spirit of the law" and let's try to find a way to shut you down.

CHRIS: If that's the case, why are there no casinos in Texas? Why are they so against it? Why does it have to be this "tip your toe in the water" kind of thing? It seems that this comes down to what the issues are with people who are opposed to casinos in Texas and whether these rooms touch on the things they are concerned with, or whether these rooms are under the radar of those concerns.

PLAY-MONEY DAYS FOR BARRY GREENSTEIN

PokerListings.Com recently interviewed **Barry Greenstein** about how, to fulfill his contractual obligations to PokerStars, he has been playing a few hours a week



of play-money games. He's done amazingly well and says the players aren't as bad you might think.

CHRIS: He's absolutely right. I used to have millions and millions of play-money chips and when you start playing in the higher buy-in events, these guys know what they're doing. When I had 7M, I got it all-in with someone who had 10M and I lost. I had a pit in my stomach for like two days.

SCOTT: There's still value, right? We tend to think of play chips as having no value, but it's almost like the prison economy, right? Cigarettes in the real world cost \$2-\$3 a stick, but in prison, they are worth more because they have a different value. Once you get up to that level, you've earned those chips. So even though they don't have value to anyone else, they have value to you because you earned them.

CARDS AND FONTS

If you're interested in learning about fonts and typefaces while playing poker, pick up a deck of cards from Canadian designer **Ben Barrett-Forrest** called the Design Deck. Each of the 52 cards has a story and explanation of a different font or typeface.

SCOTT: This is just another example of how poker can be educational while playing. It's an example of something where people are having a good time, with some down time, and how can you use that to further something, whether it's education of fonts or finding Iraq's most-wanted warlords? There is salable space on 52 cards in a game when people are focused on them and one more example of how poker can distribute information.

CHRIS: That's something for a collector, because if you are playing with those cards, you're going to be, "It's your action. . . . Wait, I'm learning where Helvetica came from!" I want you to get me a deck for Christmas.



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