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Guaranteed, there are quite a few bracelet-winners from this year's World Series of Poker who got their start playing for pretzels or pride. And someday that might be you.

For now, let's congratulate the newest WSOP champ, **Scott Blumstein**, for defeating more than 7,200 players and taking home a whopping \$8.15M. Our full coverage of the WSOP begins on Page 8.

We'll see you at the tables.

— **Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long**

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JERSEY BOY OH BOY!

Scott Blumstein of Brigantine, N.J., combined superb play and a wave of great cards to dominate the World Series of Poker's main-event final table for an \$8.15 million payday!

By Christopher Cosenza

Who says rookies can't win? In his first \$10K World Series of Poker Main Event, **Scott Blumstein** proved you don't need to be the most experienced WSOP

participant to capture the event's most prestigious prize. But he was ever so humble after doing just that.

"I don't have an ego in this game," he said. "I know where I stand. I know two weeks ago I was just a New Jersey online grinder and nothing's really changed. ... This is just one poker tournament. It takes variance and luck and playing your best. And all those things came together."

Blumstein, 25, was just one of 7,221 players hoping to win the coveted bracelet and \$8.15M first-place prize, but now he joins the likes of **Doyle Brunson, Phil Hellmuth, Johnny Moss** and **Johnny Chan** as world champion.

"Money doesn't motivate me, it doesn't drive me," he said. "I didn't want to win this thing for the \$8 million. But it's nice to have some freedom now. That was the goal, to get to the point where I can do what I want. And I think I'm going to have that opportunity now, whether it's poker, whether it's business, whether it's going back to school, whatever it is, I have the freedom to do that now."

Blumstein faced off with **Daniel Ott** of Altoona, Pa., for the title, and while there was a bit of back-and-forth in the early going of heads-up play, Blumstein really controlled the action and never was in danger of losing his lead or the title.

Ott survived one all-in, but a few hands later the two players were all-in preflop again. Blumstein's A-2 was dominated by Ott's A-8 and it looked like Ott might double-up again to make a match of it, but a deuce on the river gave Blumstein the pot and the last of Ott's chips.

"It's a dream come true," Blumstein said. "That river was the best card you could have asked for. ... A normally inconsequential deuce just changed my life."

Ott, 25, also in his first WSOP main event, earned \$4.7M for second.

When play was three-handed, history nearly saw a double-elimination for the title.

A three-way all-in preflop brought the fans in the Brasilia Room at the Rio to their feet. France's **Benjamin Pollak** moved all-in with Q-10, Ott moved all-in over the top with K-9 and Blumstein called with A-Q. Historically, there's been just one double-elimination at the main-event final table, but that wasn't for the title. Blumstein had a chance to bust both players and send everyone home, but a king flopped and Ott tripled-up.

Pollak, who was the most experienced player left on the final day, was the first eliminated and earned \$3.5M for third.

Heading into the final table, many pundits picked pro **Ben Lamb** to win the crown. It was his second main-event final table (his first was 2011) and third career top-14 showing at this massive tournament. But as the short stack, it was just too much to ask as he exited ninth for \$1M.

As for the tourney itself, the main-event prize pool was a remarkable \$67.8M. The series drew 120,995 players from 111 countries for the 74 events, generating a total prize pool of \$231M.

Ivey, Ulliott inducted into HOF

The Poker Hall of Fame inducted first-time eligible **Phil Ivey** and British legend **David "Devilfish" Ulliott** on July 21. Ivey and Ulliott are the 53rd and 54th members of the HOF.

Ivey sits fifth all-time on the live tournament money list with \$23.8M in winnings, which doesn't take into account his online results. He's the youngest in WSOP history to amass 10 victories.

"I want to thank the living members of the Poker Hall of Fame as well as the media who voted for me to be part of the Poker Hall of Fame," he said. "It's an honor."

Ulliott, who died from cancer in 2015, played a major role in helping the game grow in England. He won a bracelet in 1997.

— The WSOP contributed to this report.



1. Scott Blumstein, \$8,150,000
2. Daniel Ott, \$4,700,000
3. Benjamin Pollak, \$3,500,000
4. John Hesp, \$2,600,000
5. Antoine Saout, \$2,000,000
6. Bryan Piccioli, \$1,675,000
7. Damian Salas, \$1,425,000
8. Jack Sinclair, \$1,200,000
9. Ben Lamb, \$1,000,000



Ev. 1 • \$565 NLHE
Entries: 651 • **Pool:** \$325K
Bryan Hollis, 33, of Maryland made his first WSOP cash count, winning the casino employees event and \$68,817. **Chris Solomon** was second (\$42,508) after just 25 hands of heads-up play.



Ev. 2 • \$10K Tag Team
Entries: 102 • **Pool:** \$958K
Igor Kurganov and **Liv Boeree**, pros who are a couple, won their first bracelet by doing it as a team, earning \$274K. They donated half of their winnings to Raising for Effective Giving.



Ev. 3 • \$3K Shootout
Entries: 369 • **Pool:** \$996K
Upeshka De Silva, a native of Sri Lanka living in Texas, won his second bracelet and \$230K, edging runner-up **Louis Helm**, giving him more than \$1.7M in career earnings. Helm won \$142K.



Ev. 4 • \$1.5K O/8
Entries: 905 • **Pool:** \$1.2M
Ben Zamani of Boca Raton, Fla., won his second career bracelet and \$238K. **Jared Hemingway** was second (\$147K). "He played well," Zamani said. "He was aggressive enough to be dangerous."



Ev. 5 • \$565 Colossus
Entries: 18,054 • **Pool:** \$9M
Thomas Pomponio of New Jersey pocketed a career-best \$1M and his first bracelet by beating the massive field, including **Taylor Black** during heads-up play. Black, of Santa Cruz, Calif., won \$545K.



Ev. 6 • \$111K One Drop
Entries: 130 • **Pool:** \$13.7M
 Las Vegas pro **Doug Polk**, known as WCGRider online, won his third bracelet in four years, besting **Bertrand Grospellier** heads-up for \$3.68M at the high roller charity event.



Ev. 7 • \$2.5K Mixed
Entries: 225 • **Pool:** \$506K
Jesse Martin beat a tough final table for \$130,948 in the triple-draw event. For his second bracelet, he needed to beat bracelet-winners **James Obst** (\$81K) heads-up and **Chris Bjorn** (third, \$52K).



Ev. 8 • \$333 WSOP.com
Entries: 2,509 • **Pool:** \$752K
Joe Mitchell won the "Little Grind" for his first bracelet and \$122K. The Oregon native beat **Mark Scacewater** (\$73,539) heads-up in the event that began online but finished at the Rio.



Ev. 9 • \$10K O/8
Entries: 154 • **Pool:** \$1.44M
 High-stakes pro **Abe Mosseri**, a New York native, earned his second career bracelet for \$388,795. His first came in 2009 in a 2-7 triple-draw event. **Daniel Negreanu** was second for \$240K.



Ev. 10 • \$1K Tag Team
Entries: 843 • **Pool:** \$758K
Nipun Java and **Aditya Sushant** are the first Indian-born players to earn bracelets after besting a field of 843 teams for \$150,637. "This was a last-minute call for us to team up," Java said.



Ev. 11 • \$1.5K DC
Entries: 364 • **Pool:** \$491K
David Bach, who owns a \$50K players championship bracelet, captured another mixed bracelet, winning the six-max dealer's choice title for \$119K. "I play mixed games all the time," he said.



Ev. 12 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 1,739 • **Pool:** \$2.3M
David "Dragon" Pham earned his third bracelet for \$392K, beating **Jordan Young** (\$242K). "Of course the money comes first," he said, "but winning a bracelet means so much!"



Ev. 13 • \$1.5K NL 2-7
Entries: 266 • **Pool:** \$359K
Frank Kassela earned his first non-stud bracelet, third overall, and \$89K. "Nothing feels better than winning a WSOP bracelet." **Bernard Lee** was second (\$55K) in the lowball event.



Ev. 14 • \$1.5K HORSE
Entries: 736 • **Pool:** \$993K
 Brooklyn native **David Singer** outlasted California's **Kevin LaMonica** in a four-hour heads-up duel to win his second bracelet and \$203K. It was his 40th WSOP cash. LaMonica pocketed \$126K.



Ev. 15 • \$10K HU
Entries: 128 • **Pool:** \$1.2M
 Madrid's **Adrian Mateos**, 22, is the youngest to win three bracelets. He earned \$324K after beating **John Smith** (\$200K) for the heads-up crown. Smith finished second last year, too.



Ev. 16 • \$1.5K 6-Max
Entries: 1,748 • **Pool:** \$2.3M
 Southern Cal pro **Anthony Marquez**, 33, led the entire final table en route to his first bracelet and \$393K. He defeated **Demoesthenes Kiriopoulou** heads-up. "I'm overwhelmed," Marquez said.



Ev. 17 • \$10K DC
Entries: 102 • **Pool:** \$930K
John Racener of Tampa, Fla., and November Nine fame, earned his first bracelet in the six-max dealer's-choice event for \$274K. "I've been wanting this forever," he said. "I've got so many seconds and thirds."



Ev. 18 • \$565 PLO
Entries: 3,186 • **Pool:** \$1.59M
Tyler Smith won the first pot-limit Omaha bracelet of the summer, good for \$244K. It was his first bracelet and he had to overcome a massive field to do it. **Jason Stockfish** was runner-up (\$138K).



Ev. 19 • \$365 Giant
Entries: 10K • **Pool:** \$3M
 A local poker room shift manager, **Dieter Dechant**, 56, of Henderson, Nev., won \$291K and his first bracelet in a NLHE event that had qualifying that lasted more than a month.



Ev. 20 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 7,761 • **Pool:** \$10.4M
Pablo Mariz took down the Millionaire Maker, earning a remarkable \$1.22M and giving Canada its first bracelet of the summer. Mariz defeated **Dejuante Alexander** in 23 hands of heads-up play.



Ev. 21 • \$1.5K 8-game
Entries: 472 • **Pool:** \$637K
Ron Ware, third in this event last year, finally earned the bracelet and \$145K. "It's just a slow grind. Just gotta be patient and wait for chips. You can't chase chips that don't belong to you," he said.



Ev. 22 • \$10K NL 2-7
Entries: 92 • **Pool:** \$864K
 San Diego's **John Monnette** won his third bracelet in dominating fashion, running over the table en route to the \$256K payday. His other bracelets came in stud/8 and an eight-game mix.



Ev. 23 • \$2.6K NLHE
Entries: 1,759 • **Pool:** \$4.1M
Joseph Di Rossi is the first player from Argentina to win a bracelet and he did it in the Marathon debut, earning \$690K. He had the lead at the start of the final table and never lost it.



Ev. 24 • \$1.5K LHE
Entries: 616 • **Pool:** \$831K
 Utah's **Shane Buchwald**, in his first Vegas bracelet event, won gold and \$177K in the limit tourney. "It's hard to believe. It's actually my first WSOP event that I've ever entered."

**Ev. 25 • \$1K PLO**

Entries: 1,058 • Pool: \$952K

Iowa's **Tyler Groth**, 32, won his first bracelet and \$179K. He usually plays Omaha/8 and was surprised to win the PLO title. "I am an O/8 player ... I am in shock; I am really shaking," he said.

**Ev. 26 • \$10K Razz**

Entries: 97 • Pool: \$911K

James Obst, who made his name as an online player, has his first bracelet, earning \$265K. **Eric Kurtzman** lost his lead and was runner-up (\$163K). **David "ODB" Baker** finished third (\$112K).

**Ev. 27 • \$3K 6-max**

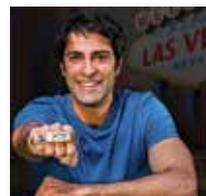
Entries: 959 • Pool: \$2.5M

Popular U.K. pro **Chris Moorman**, who has \$14M in online winnings, has his first bracelet and adds nearly \$500K to his \$4M-plus live earnings. It was his fifth WSOP final table. "It's kind of surreal," he said.

**Ev. 28 • \$1.5K 2-7 TD**

Entries: 326 • Pool: \$440K

Brian Brubakee, a mixed-game pro from L.A., won his first bracelet and \$109K. "It was a lot of fun. Pretty intense, there were a lot of swings throughout the final table," Brubaker said.

**Ev. 29 • \$2.5K NLHE**

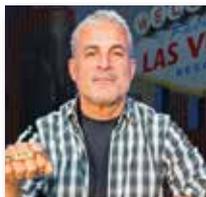
Entries: 1,086 • Pool: \$2.4M

Gaurav Raina took **James Calvo** into an unscheduled fourth day to win his first bracelet and \$456,822. Calvo earned \$282K. "I never had a hand," Calvo said. "I was airballing most of the time."

**Ev. 30 • \$10K HORSE**

Entries: 150 • Pool: \$1.4M

David Bach cemented his legacy as one of the best mixed-game players in history with this third career bracelet, good for \$383K. **Daniel Negreanu**, who was chipleader, finished sixth.

**Ev. 31 • \$1K Seniors**

Entries: 5,389 • Pool: \$4.8M

Illinois' **Frank Maggio** won the largest senior event in history and \$617K. "I've been coming out here every year since I turned 50," he said, "I cashed a couple of years ago and this year's a big surprise."

**Ev. 32 • \$1.5K O/8**

Entries: 688 • Pool: \$928K

Vladimir Shchemelev earned his second bracelet and \$193K. How does it compare to his first win? "Not as much pressure as the first time," he said. "The first bracelet was tough."

**Ev. 33 • \$1.5K NLHE**

Entries: 1,698 • Pool: \$2.29M

Germany's **Chris Frank** won his first bracelet and \$384K. "I've been playing the live circuit for pretty long and I've always dreamed of winning something big. And now I've done it."

**Ev. 34 • \$10K 2-7 TD**

Entries: 80 • Pool: \$752K

Ben "BYU" Yu, an L.A. native living in Vegas, earned his second bracelet by defeating an elite field in the triple-draw event for \$232K, pushing his WSOP career earnings past \$1M.

**Ev. 35 • \$1K S. Srs.**

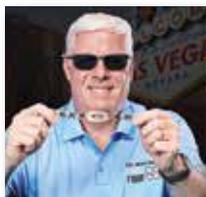
Entries: 1,720 • Pool: \$1.5M

James Moore, 66, topped a record-setting field of Super Seniors to win \$259K and his second bracelet in his third WSOP cash. The New Hope, Pa., player beat Jacksonville's **Kerry Goldberg** for the title.

**Ev. 36 • \$5K 6-max**

Entries: 574 • Pool: \$2.6M

In just his third career WSOP cash, **Nader Kakhmazov** captured his first bracelet and a whopping \$580K. He beat online pro **Chris "Big Hunt" Hunichen** (\$358K) for the title.

**Ev. 37 • \$1K NLHE**

Entries: 2,020 • Pool: \$1.8M

Tom Reynolds, a 62-year-old accountant from North Carolina, beat a massive field, including a final table full of pros, for his first bracelet and \$292K. **James Hughes** was second (\$180K).

**Ev. 38 • \$10K LHE**

Entries: 120 • Pool: \$1.1M

Pennsylvania native and 2015 world champ **Joe McKeehan** grabbed his second bracelet in another \$10K event, earning \$311K to push his career WSOP winnings to \$10M-plus. "It felt good," he said.

**Ev. 39 • \$1K NLHE**

Entries: \$1,868 • Pool: \$1.68M

After six years off, Swedish pro **Rifat Palevic** won the bracelet in just 15 hours, pocketing \$184K. He came to the final table as the short stack but made it to heads-up with **Ryan Olisar** (\$113K).

**Ev. 40 • \$1.5K Stud/8**

Entries: 595 • Pool: \$803K

Ernest Bohn, uncle to Hall of Fame bowler **Parker Bohn**, won his first bracelet, beating a final table that included **Justin Bonomo** and **Max Pescatori**. The 68-year-old from New Jersey earned \$173K.

**Ev. 41 • \$1.5K PLO**

Entries: 870 • Pool: \$1.1M

Reno pro **Loren Klein** won his second bracelet and \$231K. When asked how it felt to win again, he said, with a laugh: "It feels terrible. No, it feels good." He has more than \$1.45M in WSOP winnings.

**Ev. 42 • \$10K 6-max**

Entries: 332 • Pool: \$3.1M

Moscow's **Dmitry Yurasov**, who for years dominated European high rollers, has his first victory in America, pocketing an impressive \$776K and the bracelet. He beat **Tommy Chen** (\$479K).

**Ev. 43 • \$1.5K NLHE**

Entries: 1,025 • Pool: \$1.3M

Israel's **Ben Maya** doesn't play tournaments, but that didn't stop him from winning this enormous shootout and \$257K. He beat Belgium's **Thomas Boivin** (\$159K) for his first cash and bracelet.

**Ev. 44 • \$3K HORSE**

Entries: 399 • Pool: \$1M

California pro **Matt Schreiber** learned on the fly to win his bracelet and \$256K, denying **Phil Hui** his second bracelet. "I'm very inexperienced in stud and (split games) ... it's coming as a shock to me," he said.

**Ev. 45 • \$5K NLHE**

Entries: 505 • Pool: \$2.3M

England's **Chris Brammer** won the two-day turbo-style event for \$527K, pushing his career WSOP earnings to \$1.1M-plus. It may be his first bracelet, but he boasts \$5M in online winnings.

**Ev. 46 • \$1.5K PLO/8**

Entries: 830 • Pool: \$1.1M

Nathan Gamble of Texas, a 27-year-old Army veteran, won his first bracelet and \$223K. "Right now, I'm in shock. I used to play (PLO/8) growing up ... so, I have extreme confidence."

**Ev. 47 • \$1.5K NLHE**

Entries: 6,716 • Pool: \$9M

In the Monster Stack event, **Brian Yoon**, 27, earned his third bracelet and a remarkable \$1.09M. The Henderson, Nev., pro has made three final tables at the WSOP, and he's won them all.

**Ev. 48 • \$10K S/8**

Entries: 125 • Pool: \$1.1M

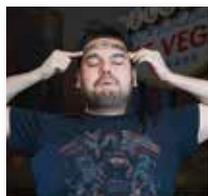
In back-to-back summers, **Chris Vitch**, 34, has won bracelets, this time in the stud/8 championship for \$320K. "To get one in a \$10K makes me feel like I really can compete against the elite"



Ev. 49 • \$3K PLO
Entries: 630 • Pool: \$1.7M
 In a six-max variation, Miami's **Luis Calvo** won his first bracelet and \$362K in only his third career WSOP cash. "I'm not really a big fan of tournaments, but ... I knew that I would enjoy it."



Ev. 50 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 1,927 • Pool: \$2.6M
Chris Bolek, 28, of Boca Raton, Fla., beat nearly 2K players for his first bracelet and \$266K in this bounty event. He also has a WSOPC ring earned at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in Florida.



Ev. 51 • \$10K PLO/8
Entries: 207 • Pool: \$1.9M
 California pro **Bryce Yockey** earned his first bracelet in a big way, beating 200-plus players for \$511K. "I told everyone before the event that I'm going to go out there and win it."



Ev. 52 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 1,580 • Pool: \$2.1M
Mohsin Charania won \$364K and his first bracelet. It's being called the completion of poker's Triple Crown as he also has a WPT and EPT title. "This is pretty damn awesome." He's the sixth to complete the feat.



Ev. 53 • \$3K LHE
Entries: 256 • Pool: \$691K
 In a six-max variation, **Max Silver** of Britain won his first bracelet for \$172K, which was his first limit cash. His final foe, Bay area-player **Tommy Zhang**, won \$106,694 for second.



Ev. 54 • \$10K PLO
Entries: 428 • Pool: \$4M
Tommy Le won the eight-max PLO championship, beating a final table that included two-time bracelet-winners **Scott Clements** and **Jason DeWitt**, for \$938,732 and his first bracelet.



Ev. 55 • \$1.5K Stud
Entries: 298 • Pool: \$402K
 After 13 years at the WSOP and five final tables, Chicago's **Tom Koral** has his first bracelet, winning \$97K by overcoming a 20-1 chip lead to **Tsong Lin**, who won \$60K for second.



Ev. 56 • \$5K NLHE
Entries: 623 • Pool: \$2.8M
Andres Korn became just the second Argentinian to win a bracelet when he beat Taiwan's **Pete Chen** for the title and \$618K. Chen earned \$382K. "This was beautiful," Korn said.



Ev. 57 • \$2.5K O/8-S/8
Entries: 405 • Pool: \$911K
Smith Sirisakorn scooped his first bracelet and a whopping \$216K in the Omaha/8-stud/8 mix event. "I'm in shock," Sirisakorn said. "I'm still kinda dazed." He had no reported cashes before this event.



Ev. 58 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 1,763 • Pool: \$2.3M
 He needed a fourth day to get it done, but **Artur Rudziankov** captured his first bracelet and \$396K, just the second player from the Czech Republic to do so. **Prats Garcia** was second (\$244K).



Ev. 59 • \$2.5K Mix
Entries: 197 • Pool: \$443K
 In a tourney called the Big Bet Mix, **Jens Lakemeier** eliminated the final four players in about 20 hands for \$112K and a bracelet. Some of the games were Big O, NL five-card draw, NLHE and PLO.



Ev. 60 • \$888 NLHE
Entries: 5,242 • Pool: \$4.1M
 In an eight-max event known as Crazy Eights, Romania's **Alexandru Papazian** won \$888,888, his first bracelet and the first for his country. "I ran good; I think I played good."



Ev. 62 • \$50K PPC
Entries: 100 • Pool: \$4.8M
Elior Sion notched one of poker's most prestigious titles by winning the Poker Players Championship, \$1.3M and getting his name on the **Chip Reese Memorial** trophy. "I was fortunate to win."



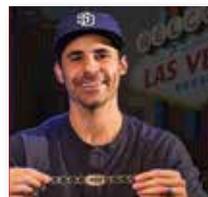
Ev. 63 • \$1K NLHE
Entries: 1,750 • Pool: \$1.5M
Rulah Divine turned a \$60 WSOP.com qualifier into \$262K and his first bracelet, beating a huge field, including runner-up **Patrick Truong** (\$162K). "This is surreal," said Divine of North Las Vegas.



Ev. 64 • \$1.5K Mix
Entries: 1,058 • Pool: \$1.4M
 Germany's **Sebastian Langrock**, a *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* champ, won his first bracelet and \$268K. He won the German version of the game show in 2013. "I had this feeling before," he said.



Ev. 65 • \$1K NLHE
Entries: 1,413 • Pool: \$1.2M
 Facing 30-minute blinds, **Shak Zurr** became Israel's second bracelet-winner this summer, earning \$223K. **Ognjen Sekularac** was trying to become the first Serbian winner.



Ev. 66 • \$1.5K NLHE
Entries: 1,956 • Pool: \$2.6M
Chris Klodnicki, 32, earned \$428K and his first bracelet by beating nearly 2K players. The poker pro with Jersey roots needed an extra day to overcome a large chip deficit to **Emile Schiff** (\$265K).



Ev. 67 • \$25K PLO
Entries: 205 • Pool: \$4.8M
James Calderaro of Venice, Fla., won a whopping \$1.28M and his first bracelet, which he gave to his son. Calderaro defeated Russian **Alexey Rybin** (\$796K) during a raucous heads-up match.



Ev. 68 • \$3K NLHE
Entries: 1,349 • Pool: \$3.6M
Harrison Gimbel of Jupiter, Fla., began Day 3 26th of 27 players but worked his way up to win his first bracelet and \$645K. "It was a swingy day," he said about Day 3's roller-coaster ride. "I'm happy."



Ev. 69 • \$1.5K Razz
Entries: 419 • Pool: \$565K
 Chicago's **Jason Gola** outlasted **David "ODB" Baker** to take the lowball title and \$132K. Gola had to beat a final table that had a combined 18 bracelets, including **Phil Hellmuth's** 14.



Ev. 70 • \$1K Ladies
Entries: 718 • Pool: \$654K
Heidi May, a pro from Australia, earned her largest WSOP cash by far (\$135K) and her first bracelet. "It's a welcoming environment," she said of the event. "This was a really fun tournament."



Ev. 72 • \$10K Stud
Entries: 88 • Pool: \$827K
Mike Wattel of Chandler, Ariz., outlasted **Chris Ferguson** for the stud championship and \$245K. It's the second bracelet for the mixed-games expert, but his first came in 1999.



Ev. 74 • \$1K NLHE
Entries: 4,391 • Pool: \$3.9M
 The Little One for One Drop allowed **Adrian Moreno** to earn his first bracelet. It was bittersweet for him, though. "I lost one of my best friends and flew home for the funeral. Then I flew right back."

There are no photos from Events 61 (\$3,333 NLHE) and 71 (\$1K NLHE) because they were played online. **Tom "FLOATZ" Cannuli** won Event 61, which had 424 entries for a \$1.3M prize pool. He earned \$322K and his first bracelet. In Event 71, **Nipun Java** of Los Angeles earned \$237K in the WSOP.com event that had 1,312 players and a \$1.2M prize pool. It was his second bracelet of the summer.

MUCKLESHOOT'S CLASSIC IS SEPT. 13-17

After its successful Spring Classic, where four of the five events sold out, Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, Wash., hosts its Summer Classic with \$55K added to the prize pools Sept. 13-17.

Event 1 will be a \$250 shootout with \$4K added and Event 2 is a \$200 Omaha/8 tourney. Event 3 is \$200 with \$4K added; Event 4 is \$300 with \$5K added; Event 5 is \$500 with \$10K added and Event 6 is \$750 with \$20K added. The remaining \$14K in added money will be distributed to the top four players in overall tournament performance.

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

A \$15-\$30 Omaha/8 slugfest breaks out occasionally, too. Fridays and Saturdays, Omaha players vie for \$100 high hands every half-hour 9 a.m.-noon, plus a \$20K bad-beat jackpot (quad 10s).

Sunday tournament winners get a free entry into the December Tournament of Champions with the rest of the 250-player field filled by players who pay \$250 and who qualify by being top point-getters that didn't win a tournament.

WSOP: Once again, Pacific Northwest players were well-represented at WSOP final tables, starting with Event 1 (**Christopher Gallagher** of Portland took seventh for \$8K) and ending with Event 64 (**Esther Taylor-Brady** of Portland took fourth for \$85K).

Along the way, **Forrest Auel** from Hood River, Ore., (sixth, Event 4, \$39K), **Matt Affleck** from Mill Creek, Wash., (eighth, Event 5, \$103K), Taylor-Brady (sixth, Event 10, \$12K; eighth, Event 14, \$19K), **Brandon Cantu** from Ridgefield, Wash., (eighth, Event 1, \$11K), **Michael Coombs** from Bremerton, Wash., (fifth, Event 14, \$45K), **Shawn Buchanan** from Abbotsford, B.C., (10th, Event 17, \$25K; fifth, Event 34, \$49K), **Scott Davies** from Vancouver (fourth, Event 18, \$77K), **Adam Brown** from Bellevue, Wash., (sixth, Event 25, \$30K), **Rick Fuller** from Snohomish, Wash., (sixth, Event 28, \$14K), **Grant Dennison** from Portland (fifth, Event 33, \$92K), **Noah Vaillancourt** from Cowichan Bay, B.C., (seventh, Event 33, \$51K), **Terrence Chen** from Portland (eighth, Event 38, \$32K), **Yevgeniy Timoshenko** from Seattle (third, Event 33, \$224K), **Kate Hoang** from Federal Way, Wash., (eighth, Event 51, \$45K), **Scott Mayfield** from Scotts Pass, Ore., (eighth, Event 53, \$17K), **Scott Clements** from Mt. Vernon, Wash., (fourth, Event 54, \$278K), **Bonnie Rossi** from Federal Way (eighth, Event 57, \$18K), **Lee Watkinson** from Lakebay, Wash., (sixth, Event 58, \$71K) and **Ian Johns** from Newcastle, Wash., (10th, Event 62, \$125K) made final tables.

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MEET JAMES "BODYGUARD" KIM



James Kim worked in the security industry for many years, but the only thing he's protecting these days are his chips at the poker table.

Most memorable experience? When I first started playing poker in college, I lost a huge pot and left the casino extremely upset. As soon as I sat in my friend's car, I punched the dashboard in frustration and the airbag popped on my face.

Tell me about your home games? We used to play small buy-in home-game tournaments. Players who busted were required to drink a certain amount of shots. The first one who busted usually had to take three shots of alcohol.

One time a random girl came over to our home game and braggingly said, "Of course I know how to play Texas Hold'em." I asked her, "So what's the two highest cards that you could be dealt?"

She said, "An ace and a king." I laughed so hard and told her "No, it's an ace and an ace."

She looked confused and asked, "But isn't ace and king the two highest cards?" My response was "Never mind!"

Why do you like to play at the Atlantis Casino in Reno? I enjoy the self-service soup and beverage bar. The poker room is extremely clean and located next to the sportsbook. The Aces Cracked and bad-beat promotions are awesome. They give many perks for their poker players.

— **Philip Chow**

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ATLANTIS CASINO: The WPT DeepStacks returns Aug. 17-28. There are multiple events and satellites leading up to the main event.

The two flights for the \$1,100 main event are Aug. 25 and 26 at noon. This event has a \$250K guarantee.

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| | 7PM | ♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣ | \$135 |
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| Mon, 9/25 | 12PM | Final | |
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| | 8PM | ♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣ | \$135 |
| Sun, 9/24 | 11AM | MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$2,200 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY | \$275 |
| | 7PM | ♦ ♠ NIGHTLY NLH ♥ ♣ | \$135 |
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CAPITOL CASINO: The Sacramento poker room has some great tournaments each month and its largest events are on Saturdays.

The first Saturday is a \$100 event while the second Saturday features a \$220 buy-in. Players can earn entry into these events by playing a daily weekday tournament where one seat from each of those events is given to the winners.

The third and fourth Saturdays start players with double the normal stack and a \$3K guarantee for a \$60 buy-in. These events all have rebuys and/or add-ons.

LIVERMORE CASINO: A \$175 deepstack runs every third Saturday at 10 a.m. with \$2K guaranteed for first place. There's a \$120 bounty event on the last night of the month at 7.

It has \$20 bounties and \$1K guaranteed for first. Livermore keeps track of points for its leaderboard and players can climb the ranks by cashing in daily tournaments.

Popular promotions include a mega jackpot, which can pay \$100K, a mini-jackpot for \$2K and an Omaha jackpot for \$5K. There are \$20 bonuses for the first nine players who play in a live game by 10 a.m. Other promotions include Aces Cracked, royal flush bonuses and daily high hands.

PETE'S 881 CLUB: This San Rafael poker room and sports bar combination has some fine tournament action.

The first Sunday of every month is a \$220 event that gives players 20K chips with unlimited \$100 rebuys for the first four rounds.

Another popular event is the \$120 Sunday event, which starts at 4:30 p.m. and has \$100 rebuys. Also, the Bad Beat Jackpot usually hovers around \$100K for cash-game players.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: The Citrus Heights property has announced its \$250K Fall Classic, which is Sept. 29-Oct. 8. The \$450 main event, which has a \$150K guarantee, will have three starting flights (Oct. 5-7 at 10 a.m.). There will be a handful of \$110 satellites to the main.

One tourney of note is the Chip Amplifier, which has buy-ins between \$120-\$550, depending on when you enter, allowing you to start with a deepstack whenever you decide to play. More details can be found in the ad on the facing page.

Other events include the \$120 Classic Warm Up (Sept. 29, 10 a.m.), a \$120 Omaha/8 event (Sept. 30, 10 a.m., \$5K guarantee), and a \$200 six-max (Oct. 2, 10 a.m., \$15K guarantee).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The WPT Legends of Poker runs at the Bicycle Casino through Aug. 29. With 26 events and buy-ins from \$75-\$4K, there's sure to be something for everyone.

No-limit hold'em is the dominant game, of course, with 15 events, including bounty, deepstack, and survivor. Other sched-

The WPT Legends of Poker runs at the Bicycle Hotel & Casino until Aug. 29.



uled games include pot-limit Omaha, Big O, Omaha/8, and Big HORSE (O will be Big O) events. And there will be some great guarantees from \$25K to \$1M.

The popular Mega Millions event runs Aug. 11-22, utilizing the Quantum Reload format and packing a \$1M guarantee. Buy-ins for this event vary, so call the poker room for details.

The \$4K main event Day 1s are Aug. 25-27 at noon, while Day 2 (Aug. 28) starts at noon (no late registration) and there's an option to buy in directly.

Mega satellites to this event are Aug. 3, 9, 25 and 26 for \$430. For more information about events, buy-ins and times, go to thebike.com

WSOP: Southern California players ran well this summer at the World Series. **Nipun Java** from Northridge, along with teammate **Aditya Sushant** of India, took down the \$1K Tag Team event and each earned their first bracelet and \$75,318. Java won a second bracelet later in an online WSOP event.

David Pham from Cerritos won his third bracelet and \$392K in Event 12 (\$1,500 NLHE).

Anthony Marquez of Ventura, in his third cash, took his first bracelet in Event 16 (\$1,500 six-max) for \$393K.

John Monnette of Palmdale racked up \$425,797 in 12 cashes, including three top-10 finishes and his third bracelet (Event 22, no-limit deuce-to-seven) for \$256,610. This brings his lifetime WSOP earnings to \$2.2M. **Brian Brubaker** of Manhattan Beach and **Brendan Taylor** from Pasadena took first and second, respectively, in Event 28 (\$1,500, deuce-to-seven triple draw). This was Brubaker's first bracelet and he cashed for \$109,967. Taylor took home \$67,952.

Event 44 (\$3K HORSE) went to **Matthew Schreiber** of Laguna Niguel. He has 17 cashes and this was his first bracelet. He took home \$256,226 to bring his earnings total to \$407K.



Brian Yoon of Torrance took home \$1.09M and his third bracelet for Event 47 (\$1,500 Monster Stack). **Bryce Yockey** of Los Angeles won \$511,147 and his first bracelet in Event 51 (\$10K PLO/8) and **Smith Sirisakorn's** first bracelet win also was his first WSOP cash, good for \$215,092 in Event 57 (\$2,500 Omaha/8-stud/8).

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PELEKH WINS BINION'S TITLE IN VEGAS

The \$850 championship to the Binion's Dog Days of Summer Poker Jam saw **Zinoviy Pelekh** of Plymouth, Mich., take home the title and \$58K in late June. **Jiqiang Tong** of Wilton, Conn., was second (\$41K) and **Mixime Chilaud** of France was third (\$40K).

The event got off to a slow start with only 57 entries on Day 1A, but finished strong with a final number of 433 over three starting flights. The prize pool, guaranteed to be \$200K, reached \$318K.

When the series ended, Binion's unveiled a new daily tournament schedule. There are two \$125 tournaments Sunday through Friday, at 1 and 6 p.m. Players start with 20K chips and 20-minute levels. Registration is allowed for the first six levels and the subsequent break.

On Saturdays, the popular 1 p.m. tournament has been revised. There's still a \$10K guarantee and the starting stack remains 20K.

But the first eight levels are 30 minutes, the next six are 40 minutes and the rest of the tournament has 60-minute levels. Late entry is allowed before Level 5.

GOLDEN NUGGET: **Sacha Mendelsohn** of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, won the main event of the Grand Poker Series, taking home \$113K. **Marco Palacios** of Austin, Texas, took second (\$96K) and **Yuk Lee** of Las Vegas was third (\$84K). The \$570 event brought 2K-plus entrants downtown, resulting in a \$1M prize pool, doubling the \$500K guarantee.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: Goliath 2017's main event drew 1,300-plus entrants over five starting flights, resulting in a \$2.375M prize pool.

Ralph Wong of Washington, D.C., won the championship and \$421K. The United Kingdom's **Luke Breerton** received \$260K for second and Las Vegas' **Anthony Spinella II** earned \$191K for third.

ARIA: **Jon Borenstein** won the WPT500, earning \$230K. **Joep Raemaekers** received \$160K and **Aleksandr Gofman** took home \$115K. At the final table, Borenstein was down to five big blinds at one point.

The event had nine starting flights and attracted 3,500-plus players with its \$1M guarantee. The prize pool exceeded \$1.7M.

VENETIAN: As part of the Deep Stack Extravaganza, the Venetian offered a \$10K high roller in early June. The event drew 107 players, creating a prize pool of \$1M-plus. **David Stamm** of San Francisco won the event for \$306K. **Sam Soverel** of Las Vegas was second (\$190K) and **Paul Volpe** of West Chester, Pa., took third (\$133K).

The October Extravaganza runs Oct. 17-22. The biggest event is a \$340 doublestack with two starting flights beginning Oct. 20. Players start with 25K chips and play 40-minute levels. There's a \$100K guarantee. The rest of the schedule is filled with one-day tournaments for \$200, \$300 and \$400.

The room revised its daily schedule as there will be two daily tournaments (noon and 7 p.m.). Monday through Thursday the noon event is a \$150 event with 30-minute levels and a 12K stack. The guarantee is \$9K.



Friday at noon, it's a \$200 superstack, with a 15K stack, 30-minute levels and a \$15K guarantee. Saturday, it's a \$340 doublestack with 40-minute levels, a 24K stack and a \$25K guarantee. Sunday afternoon is a \$200 rebuy tournament that starts players with 12K chips and has 30-minute levels and a \$20K guarantee. Rebuys are offered for the first six levels.

Monday evenings, there's a \$150 superstack with 15K chips, 20-minute levels and a \$5K guarantee.

The Tuesday night offering is a \$200 bounty event with a 12K stack, 30-minute levels and a \$9K guarantee. The bounties are \$50.

Wednesday night is a \$125 rebuy with a 12K stack, 20-minute levels and a \$7K guarantee. Rebuys are offered for the first six levels.

A \$125 bounty event runs Thursday evenings with 12K chips, 20-minute levels and a \$7K guarantee. The bounties are \$25. Friday is a \$200 rebuy with a 12K stack, 30-minute levels and a \$17K guarantee. Rebuys are offered for the first six levels.

Saturday and Sunday evenings feature a \$150 superstack with a 15K stack, 20-minute levels and a \$5K guarantee.

MGM: The tournament schedule has been slightly revised. Every day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. the \$80 tournament features a 15K stack and starts with 15-minute levels that increase to 20 minutes at Level 10. The 11 a.m. tournament has a \$2K guarantee and the 7 p.m. has a \$1K guarantee.

At 2 p.m. daily and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, a \$60 turbo runs, offering a 10K stack, 10-minute levels and a \$500 guarantee.

The main cash game at MGM is \$1-\$2 NLHE with a \$100-\$300 min-max buy-in. The \$2-\$5 game has a \$200-\$500 min-max and offers double the comps of the \$1-\$2 game.

The room frequently changes its promos so it's best to check with staff to see what's offered. Recently, the room paid the three highest hands during a six-hour period (4-10 a.m. and 4-10 p.m.) \$300, \$200 and \$100. And a progressive pyramid for selected full houses recently awarded a lucky player \$12K. Special promos for specific days also have been offered.

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TSR also hosts its first Seniors Poker Open (see the ad on the facing page) Sept. 16-18. There will be two starting days and then Day 2 on Sept. 18.

You must be 50 or older by Sept. 16 to enter. This \$500 event starts players with 12K chips. A \$20 add-on bonus gets players 5K more.

Super satellites are Aug. 20 and Sept. 3 at 11:15 a.m. for \$130. One entry will be given away for every five players. Also, \$65 single-table shootouts run whenever 10 players enter.

There were quite a few recent tournament results, too. The \$345 Big Stack on June 3 drew 170 players for a \$50,150 prize pool.

Edward Kamins, Larry Yin, Justin Leonard and **Jobie Gross** chopped for \$4,500 each. **Robert DeFabrizio, Jason Fisher, Timothy Callahan, Murphy Russo, Eric Thielen, Tom Hanna, Terence Sheridan, Kevin Robins, Michael Castas, Gordon Woodruff, Jarret McMillan, Ronald Warnicke** and **Edward Coyne** each pocketed \$2,317.

The June 24 Last Saturday of the Month title went to Michael Parker, who received \$7,500 for his stellar play.

Johnathan Renstrom, Vankata Tayi and **Nathan Pfluger** got \$4,900 each while **Mikal Smith, Marilyn Cristiano, Justin Brooks, Daryl Lark, Bob Queen** and **Kenneth Perkins** each got \$2,327.



HON-DAH CASINO RESORT: **Gail Parent** won the coveted Tournament of Champions.

Also, **Julie McLeod** and **Dwight Garrels** won satellites to earn seats into the state championship. Winners of the Summer Tag Team

event were **John DeLong** and **Olga Danelowitz**.

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MEET NATHAN GAMBLE



Texas resident **Nathan Gamble**, who won Event 46 at the WSOP this summer (\$1,500 pot-limit Omaha/8) started playing poker at a young age.

"I started playing when I was 13,"

he said, "so poker has always been a big part of me. I think it's just about

maintaining a balanced life. I got engaged

recently ... and it's just having the ability to realize that poker isn't everything. It's the people around you. It's about everywhere you end up in life that you are able to make a difference at. So, hopefully I can make a difference after this."

The 27-year-old is an Army vet, serving 2013-16, and he said he has some pretty nice plans for his bracelet, giving it to his father to thank him for all of his support over the years.

"My dad put together tournaments, home games, and has always supported me in this," Gamble said. "And honestly, he doesn't have a chance of getting one. So, this one goes to him. It means the world to me."

He said his success last year made winning this event that much easier.

"Last year, I had the main-event cash and made it to Day 5, where they put me on the secondary feature table," he said. "That got my nerves. I had **Greg Raymer** on my left and a couple other guys. So, just having that exposure and having that time in a game that I'm extremely comfortable with helped a lot."

Gamble earned \$223K from his bracelet win. You can find our complete World Series coverage on Pages 8-11.

— **Compiled from news reports**

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL: The poker room has a few tournaments. The Sunday Showdown starts at 1 p.m. (registrations begins at 10 a.m.) and costs \$130 with an optional \$10 add-on. There's also a Super Tuesday rebuy event that starts at 7 p.m. (registration is at 5 p.m.) You can rebuy into this \$35 event for the first hour. And don't forget the \$50 Thursday event that starts at 7 p.m. (registration begins at 5).

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RIVER SERIES STARTS AUG. 30 IN OKLA.

The WinStar World Casino's River Series runs in Thackerville, Okla., Aug. 30-Sept. 11 and registration for all events begins Aug. 1. As a result of this always successful series, the daily tournaments will be suspended Aug. 21-Sept. 15.

There will be eight events in this series, including a \$400 event that sports a \$300K guarantee and begins on Sept. 7. There will be three starting flights Sept. 7-9 with the final day being Sept. 10. Play begins at noon in the WinStar World Casino & Resort Global Event Center.

The crown jewel of this series will be the \$2,500 main event, which has a \$2M guarantee and three opening round days (Sept. 1-3). Day 2 is Sept. 4 and the final table is Sept. 5.

Other events include the \$500 pot-limit Omaha event on Sept. 5 and the \$500 six-max on Sept. 6.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The Blast to the Past series usually runs in late August but a schedule hasn't been released yet. Call the poker room for details.

CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT: The 38-event World Poker Tour's Festival of Poker series concludes Aug. 8. The \$3,700 televised main event begins Aug. 4. Call 888-652-4628 and use code WPT17 to get \$99 room rates.

The series began July 20. Some promotions include an Omaha bad beat, mini-bad-beat jackpots, early-bird special where the first 30 players who buy in for \$80 minimum Monday through Friday 6-9 a.m. receive \$20 in chips and Aces Cracked, among others.

HARD ROCK TULSA: The bad-beat jackpot was more than \$110K at press time.

Featured games are \$6-\$12 Omaha/8 with a kill, 5 p.m. Mondays; \$1-\$3 NLHE with a \$5 rock (\$200-\$500 min-max), 6 p.m. Tuesdays; \$5-\$5 PLO, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; \$10-\$20 Big O, 5 p.m. Wednesdays; \$10-\$20 O/8 with a kill, 5 p.m. Fridays; \$20-\$40 O/8 with half-kill, 5 p.m. first Friday of the month; and \$2-\$5 NLHE, Friday and Saturday. The monthly \$10K is Aug. 6. It has a \$160 buy-in with a \$20 optional add-on. It's commonly held the first Sunday of the month.

RIVERWIND CASINO: The 17-table room's promotions include \$50 high hands, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; \$2-\$5 splash, 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays; \$50 hot seat, 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays and \$2-\$5 hot seat, 1-5 p.m.

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO: The room has a player-loyalty program, splash pots, overnight high hands, and a freeroll. Daily events cost \$50-\$75 and include seniors, bounty, and superstack.

CHEROKEE CASINO ROLAND: The poker room closed July 29.

MISSOURI/KANSAS

DOWNSTREAM CASINO: WPT DeepStacks returns Sept. 15-25. It features primarily NLHE with a pot-limit Omaha as well as satellites into the \$1,100 main event, which has a \$200K guarantee. Rooms can be booked at a 40 percent discount. Call 918-919-6000 and use code WPTDS17. In response to player requests, some changes have been made to cash games. The \$1-\$2 NLHE games will have a \$50-\$200 min-max buy-in. Button or under-the-gun \$5 straddles will be allowed. The \$1-\$3 game will have a \$100-\$300 min-max with a 75 percent of the big

stack rule. The button or under-the-gun straddle is \$6.

AMERISTAR CASINO KANSAS CITY: The Heartland Poker Tour returns Oct. 5-16, though the schedule wasn't available at press time. Call 816-414-7000 with code HPTAKC to get \$90 room rates Sunday-Thursday and \$159 Friday and Saturday. Featured games here are \$4-\$8 HO, 10 a.m. Thursdays; \$3-\$6, 8 a.m. daily; \$5-\$10 O/8 with a kill, 6 p.m. Fridays; and \$4-\$8 O/8 with a half kill, 6 p.m. Saturdays.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: The \$35K quarterly freeroll qualification continues through Sept. 30. The event guarantees \$10K for first place. Players qualify through tournaments or through hours of cash play.

The bad-beat jackpot has some changes as \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE and all limit games from \$3-\$6 to \$20-\$40 are eligible. Also, short-handed reduced-rake games are eligible.

Featured games are \$2-\$2 PLO, 6 p.m. Tuesdays; \$5-\$5 PLO, around 5 p.m. four nights per week; \$20-\$40 limit, noon Fridays; \$25-\$50 limit mixed, 1 p.m. Tuesdays; \$50-\$100 mixed, 2 p.m. Thursdays; \$3-\$6 limit, 8 a.m. Wednesdays and 2 p.m. Sundays; \$2-\$5 NLHE, 11 a.m. Wednesdays; and \$4-\$8 Omaha/8, 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: The top 25 cash players and top 25 tournament players will vie monthly in a \$10K freeroll. Expect it to be the second Sunday of each month. Call the poker room for details.

COLORADO

This always is a great time for out-of-town players to vacation in the Centennial State, so why not have a refresher on the places where you can play poker?

BLACK HAWK: This town is 50 miles west of Denver. The Ameristar has 22 tables and is open 24-7. Poker room manager **David Clark** describes business as brisk and credits in part the Decreasing Bad Beat Jackpot and the around-the-clock high hand.

Golden Gates, where the Heartland Poker Tour was visiting at press time, features 23 tables and is open 24-7. The HPT is the jewel of Colorado with prize pools often exceeding \$1M. Manager **Nathan "Cage" Yanchunis** credits tournaments and the HPT, Mid-States Poker Tour, Colorado Poker Championship, along with weekend high hands, for the room's success.

The Lucky Lady has five tables and starts at 9:30 a.m. Supervisor **Tommy Lam** said the Decreasing Qualifier Bad Beat promotion and smaller stakes niche poker are what bring business into the room.

The Isle is the sister property to Lady Luck and offers nine tables 24-7. Poker room manager **Dan Borash** feels the Modified Monte Carlo Board and the unique "stair step" bad-beat awards are the signature promotions in his room.

CRIPPLE CREEK: This town is 50 miles west of Colorado Springs. The Midnight Rose has eight tables and is the only game in town. It's 24 hours on weekends and a 10 a.m. start time Monday-Thursday.

Poker room manager **Jeff Peck**, affectionately called the godfather of poker promotions, always has several in play but the most popular now is his meganormous deepstack tournament.

SOUTHWEST: NEW MEXICO



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SANDIA LEADS WAY WITH TOURNAMENT SELECTION

Sandia Casino Resort in Albuquerque poker room has the most action, the biggest games and the most jackpot payouts in the state. Sundays have \$50 tourneys at noon and a \$45 event at 5. On Mondays, there's a \$50 sprint tournament and at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday you can play in a \$75 bounty event.

If you're looking for something a bit more fun, there's the \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series, where each week's tournament features games such as stud, Big O/8, Ladies Night, pineapple, HORSE and Omaha/8. Check the casino's website or our Where to Play for more info. Just north of Albuquerque and less than an hour from Santa Fe, Sandia is in the perfect location.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT: The poker room has teamed with a few local radio stations for some exciting tournaments with celebrity bounties. Past events like these cost around \$100 and took place the third week of the month, so call for the poker room for more details. There's also the \$150 Last Saturday of the Month event, which starts at 1 p.m. And if you find yourself sitting on the rail early, you can join the consolation tournament that starts at 6:30 p.m.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: Most tournaments here are NLHE, but you can find occasional pineapple tournaments on Wednesdays. You can join the Player of the Year promotion and earn big bucks for finishing in the top five for the year. Check the website or our Where to Play section.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: The Test Your Might \$20K tournament hadn't completed at press time, so look for results in a future issue. In the meantime, experience some of the best live hold'em in the state. Each Friday is a \$120 event at 6 p.m. and every Sunday at 2 p.m. is a \$75 event. Earn bonus chips when playing in cash games before each tourney.

SANTA ANA CASINO: Every day at noon, a solid \$2-\$6 limit game spreads in the table-games area. There are some big things in the works here so stay tuned. This used to be the premier poker destination, so it would be great to see an expansion of poker offerings.

ISLETA CASINO RESORT: This is the state's only poker room open 24 hours. There's a wide range of tournaments to fit every budget and every skill level. Mondays feature crazy pineapple for \$15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday is Omaha/8 at 7 p.m. for \$25. New is the Beginners NLHE on Thursdays, again \$15 at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday offer money-added tournaments for \$100 at 7 p.m.

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A FAIR SHOWING FOR S. FLA. AT WSOP

When **Ben Zamani** of Boca Raton earned his second career bracelet in the World Series of Poker's fourth event, it looked like it might be another great year for South Florida players in Las Vegas.

However, while many of the area's stars such as **Matt Waxman, Rob Mizrachi, Jason Mercier, Maurice Hawkins, Sam Soverel** and **Mukul Pahuja** each made a final-table appearance, it wasn't until the second half of the series that a South Floridian would grace the bracelet stage again.

Louie Calvo of Sunny Isles Beach, a regular at the Magic City Poker Room in Miami, grabbed his first bracelet in Event 49 (six-max pot-limit Omaha) to earn \$362K. The next afternoon, **Chris Bolek** of Boca Raton took down the \$1,500 bounty event for \$266K. Bolek, a regular at the Isle Poker Room in Pompano Beach, made a huge comeback after nearly being eliminated several times and was the short stack with 10 players left. When the final five needed to return for a fourth day to complete the large event (1,927 entries), Bolek was a distant fourth in chips.

"I came in pretty short to the final table and I just wanted to give myself a shot to win," said Bolek, who won the Isle Classic in 2013 and the Rock 'n' Roll Open at Hard Rock Hollywood in December 2014. "People say how good it is to visualize things so I spent some time trying to do that to get into the right mind-set and it just kind of all came together, perfectly."

KINGS COURT KEY: The six-table poker room opened June 19 in a temporary facility next to the property's new jai-alai fronton in the southern part of Dade County, a quarter-mile east of U.S. 1 in Florida City.

Aaron Roiter, a former tournament director at Hialeah Park, runs the room. Early promotions included hourly high hands from noon until midnight each day, while a full bar serves drinks and food. Hours are from noon to 2 a.m. Sunday-Thursdays, with two more hours of play on Friday and Saturday until 4 a.m. Call 786-787-2575 for more information.

SEMINOLE PROPERTIES: The Seminole Tribe will be busy over the next two months with several big tournaments in August and September. First is the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open in Hollywood, highlighted by the \$5,250 championship with a \$3M guarantee. That premier event will join three other huge tournaments to once again comprise the Big 4, with all four final tables played simultaneously on Aug. 15 and live-streamed online at SHRPO.com. The TV production will be filmed for a later showing on *Poker Night in America*'s Season 6 via the CBS Sports Network.

Tournament director **Tony Burns** said the SHRPO is the se-

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MEET IAN FULLER

Tampa Bay-area rounder **Ian Fuller** has been playing poker since he was a 12-year-old in New York. Early on, friends would play draw and stud "for whatever coins we had. I continued playing these types of home games my whole life.

It wasn't until around 2005 that I started to take the game seriously and really began to play Texas Hold'em."

He loved the strategy behind the game and how by never playing a hand the same way twice you could manipulate the players into giving you their chips. The sense of accomplishment fueled him to study the game more and get better.

He has several accomplishments of which he's proud. He believes his greatest accomplishment was a heads-up chop in a World Series of Poker daily deepstack that had 2,149 players, the largest field in history. "Beating a field that large helped prove to myself that I have the skill and stamina to play that long and win." He also is fond of his first-place finish in a triple-stud event at the 2012 Grand Series at the Golden Nugget. "I've always wanted to be good at all forms of poker."

Fuller strives to maintain a healthy balance of poker and life. As for poker advice? "Study and practice. The only way to get better at anything is to work hard at it and dedicate yourself to doing so. Read books, read magazine articles on strategy and watch videos on YouTube. Talk to other players. Try to pick up something new from all of them. Then incorporate the new information into your game. Practice at a stakes that the money won't hurt you, then when you've got it down, bring it to your regular game." — **Sara Malowitz**

ries' crown jewel. "We're excited to once again welcome the poker world to South Florida and are really looking forward to the return of the Big 4, along with the addition of a \$50K buy-in, \$1M guarantee Super High Roller and a \$10K buy-in, \$500K guarantee one-day event."

Those new events will be played Aug. 8 and 15, respectively.

In addition, the Charity Series of Poker will join the Hard Rock to host the **Jeff Conine** Celebrity Poker Classic benefiting the **Joe DiMaggio** Children's Hospital Foundation on Aug. 7.

The series, in its fifth year, kicks off Aug. 3 with a \$570 tourney that boasts a \$1M guarantee. For more info, including formats for the Big 4 events, go to SHRPO.com.

The facility also hosts the WSOP Circuit Sept. 21-Oct. 2.



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Naples-Ft. Myers Greyhound Track and Poker Room, slightly off the beaten path of the Tamiami Trail, hosts a \$30K guarantee main event as the culmination to its Summer Poker Series, which runs Aug. 7-13. The \$260 event will have satellites for \$30 at noon daily Aug. 7-10 with an extra one running Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Other tournaments in the series include a \$180 kickoff event with a \$15K guarantee (Aug. 7, 6 p.m.), a \$130 tourney (Aug. 8, 6 p.m.) and a \$155 bounty event (Aug. 10, 6 p.m.).

The main event has a fine structure. With 30-minute blinds on Day 1 and 25K chips, the play of this tournament is deep. Blinds are 40 minutes on Day 2, so there should be some quality play in a race to the finish. Call the poker room at 239-992-2411 for more details or see the ad in our July issue.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The Silks Poker Room hosts its 10-event Summer Series with \$100K-plus in guarantees Aug. 3-13. The \$580 main event, which will have five starting flights Aug. 10-12, has a \$60K guarantee and a \$135 satellite on Aug. 10 at 1 p.m.

Other events include PLO (Aug. 4, \$330, 6 p.m.), bounty (Aug. 5, \$330, 6 p.m., bounties are \$100), tag team (Aug. 6, \$420 per team, 1 p.m.) and a \$100 charity tourney and dinner for the **Jesse Heikkila** Foundation (Aug. 8, 6 p.m.). There's also a seniors event (Aug. 9, \$150, 1 p.m.) and a ladies event (Aug. 5, \$150, 1 p.m.) among others. For more information, see the ad on Page 29 or visit tampabaydowns.com/poker.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: WPT DeepStacks recently came to town and put up its third-largest main event in its brief history. Three of the series' five events drew 500-plus entries and a "who's who" of Central Florida players attended, especially the main event. Along with local favorites **Steve Trizis**, **Mike "Gascard" Collins** and **Chrissy Holubeck**, other entrants included last year's winner, **Anthony Astarita** (22nd), **Karl Manouchakian** (ninth), **Danny Lobato** (eighth) and **Amelio Amato** (seventh).

Local pros such as **R.J. Sullivan**, **Chris Hyden** and the Hard Rock's ambassador, **Wally Maddah**, joined the 700-plus entrants looking to win the top prize. And that brings us to champion **Rex Clinkscales**. The poker pro, who left the World Series in Las Vegas to come to Tampa, found his way to the title, the guitar trophy, \$162,354 and a seat into the \$5,250 Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open Main Event in August. Also, Clinkscales is invited to the WPT DeepStacks Championship.

RACENER WINS: Tampa's **John Racener**, the 2010 WSOP main-event runner-up, finally has his bracelet. In the \$10K dealer's choice event, he used his chip lead and hold'em to put the pressure on **Chris Klodnicki** and **Viacheslav Zhukov** to earn \$273,962.

SEMINOLE IMMOKALEE: The WPT DeepStacks runs Sept. 1-10 with 28 events in nine days, featuring a \$1,100 main event with a \$200K guarantee.

NORTH FLORIDA

CREEK GREYHOUND ENTERTAINMENT: The poker room hosts the World Poker Tour League every Wednesday night and two Friday nights in August. The Wednesday buy-in is \$30 and the Friday buy-in is \$40. Each tournament begins at 7 p.m. Other tournaments in August include a \$2K guarantee for \$60 Aug. 5, a \$120 bounty Aug. 11 and a \$10K guarantee for \$270 Aug. 19. Satellites are available for this event. See the ad on Page 45 or go to creekentertainment.com for details. At the end of the month, there's a \$5K guarantee for \$120 at 7 p.m. Aug. 25.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK AND POKER ROOM: There's a \$2.5K guarantee here every Wednesday in August at 7 p.m. Also available are \$60 tournaments every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., a \$20K guarantee for \$180, featuring starting flights Aug. 24-26 at 1 p.m. Day 1 survivors resume play Aug. 27. Satellites for this event will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. And there's \$70 bounty event Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. See the ad on Page 45 or, for more information, go to pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com.

EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: This Panhandle poker room's tournament schedule includes a \$5K guarantee for \$30 event every Thursday and a \$220 deepstack at 2 p.m. Sundays. Aug. 11 is hosting a \$7.5K guarantee for \$110.

Cash games offer high-hand bonuses and pay \$250 for royal flushes daily.

ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB: Daily high hands continue this month, including \$1K high hand Saturdays. For available times, go to orangecitypoker.com.

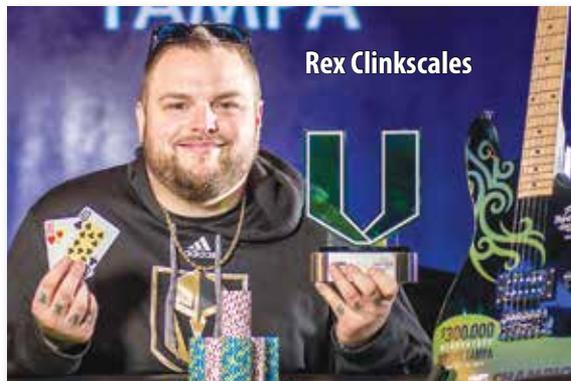
DAYTONA RACING AND CARD CLUB: There are a couple of notable events with guarantees this month. Aug. 6 is a \$10K guarantee for \$90 at 1:10 p.m. and Aug. 27 is a \$20K guarantee for \$220. Thursdays in August feature a popular bounty tournament featuring local radio personalities. See the poker room's website for more details.

BEST BET JACKSONVILLE: The summer warm-up series runs Aug. 18-27. Event 1 is a \$360 buy-in \$100K guarantee with four starting flights Aug. 18-19 at noon and 6 p.m. The surviving players finish Aug. 20. The \$570 main event has three starting days (Aug. 24-26 at noon) with the final day Aug. 27. The main event has a \$150K guarantee. One of the featured events is \$300 heads-up tournament limited to 64 players.

Satellites are available Aug. 12, 17, 23 and 25. Aug. 23 is a \$550 mega-satellite into the WPT main event at BestBet Jacksonville in October. See the ad on the facing page.

High hands run all month, including satellite-seat giveaways starting Aug. 13.

BEST BET ORANGE PARK: There are \$50 tournaments Sundays at noon and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 features a \$100 stud/8 tournament at noon.



JACKSONVILLE SUMMER WARM UP

\$250,000 IN EVENT GUARANTEES

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| Thursday | Aug. 17 | 6:00pm | MEGA STL into bestbet Series Package | \$230 | 10 Seats |
| Friday | Aug. 18 | 12:00pm | Event #1 NLH Flight #1 | \$360 | |
| | | 6:00pm | Event #1 NLH Flight #2 | \$360 | |
| Saturday | Aug. 19 | 12:00pm | Event #1 NLH Flight #3 | \$360 | |
| | | 6:00pm | Event #1 NLH Flight #4 | \$360 | |
| Sunday | Aug. 20 | 12:00pm | Event #1 Final Day | | \$100,000 |
| | | 3:00pm | Event #2 Monster Stack | \$350 | |
| Monday | Aug. 21 | 12:00pm | Event #3 Deepstack | \$150 | |
| Tuesday | Aug. 22 | 3:00pm | Event #4 NLH Heads Up | \$300 | |
| Wednesday | Aug. 23 | 12:00pm | Event #5 NLH 6 Max | \$240 | |
| | | 3:00pm | Event #4 Restart Final 4 | | |
| | | 6:00pm | MEGA STL into Main Event | \$150 | 20 Seats |
| Thursday | Aug. 24 | 12:00pm | Main Event NLH Day 1A | \$570 | |
| | | 6:00pm | MEGA STL into WPT Main Event | \$550 | 5 Seats |
| Friday | Aug. 25 | 12:00pm | Main Event NLH Day 1B | \$570 | |
| | | 5:00pm | Event #6 Big O/8 | \$350 | |
| | | 6:00pm | MEGA STL into Main Event | \$150 | 20 Seats |
| Saturday | Aug. 26 | 12:00pm | Main Event NLH Day 1C | \$570 | |
| | | 7:00pm | Event #7 NLH | \$240 | |
| Sunday | Aug. 27 | 12:00pm | Main Event Final Day | | \$150,000 |
| | | 3:00pm | Event #8 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties | \$350 | |
| | | 7:00pm | Event #9 NLH Turbo | \$240 | |

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WSOPC RETURNS TO N.C. AUG. 2-14

The World Series of Poker Circuit returns Aug. 2-14 to Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina on Aug. 2-14 with the \$1,675 main event, which has a \$1M guarantee, beginning Aug. 11 with the first of two starting flights.

The other highlight of this series is the Global Casino Championship, which has \$1M added to the prize pool and has a \$10K buy-in, unless you won your seat during the season. It's a three-day event beginning Aug. 8.

Every event in this WSOPC stop has a prize-pool guarantee, including \$500K for the \$365 opening event. For more on this series, go to wsop.com.

LOUISIANA

COUSHATTA CASINO AND RESORT: **Richard Artificaritch** won the \$550 Summer Classic Main Event in a seven-way chop for \$9,567. **James Euebanks, Stephan Fletcher, Shaun Calvit, Capt. Ron Hope, Derek Normand** and **James Weatheby** pocketed \$9,565 each. **Michael Dunn** was eighth (\$3,547), followed by **James Martinez** (\$2,660) and **Renee Skinner** (\$2,217).

Larry Reynard won the Summer Classic opener for \$3K and the other nine players at the final table chopped for \$2,460 each.

Promotions this month include Sets Cracked for \$100 Sunday-Friday (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), mini-bad-beat jackpot (\$2K, aces full of kings) and Aces Cracked for \$100 every Wednesday. High hands are paid \$100 every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday (1-10 p.m.).

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: The room will host a \$100K freeroll Sept. 10. The top 60 hourly players in a NLHE jackpot-eligible game from now until Aug. 31 qualify. Players may earn more tournament chips based on their rankings. The top 10 players receive 2,500 more chips, players 11-20 get 1,500 more and 21-30 get 1K more. Official rules are posted in the poker room.

Other promotions include a bad-beat jackpot that surpassed \$162K at press time, straight flushes pay \$100 and royals earn \$200. Ask about the Aces Full Frenzy that pays \$100 to the first person to hit aces full.

BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot approached \$150K at press time. The room also features a new bounty tournament; rules are posted in the poker room.

HARRAH'S CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot was around \$180K at press time and the mini-bad beat is 10 percent of the main jackpot. Aces Cracked run Monday-Wednesday-Thursday and pays \$200. Flush flopped will run noon-6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday when the dealer flops a flush the next pot will be splashed \$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 roll overs will run from midnight-noon on Sunday-Thursday with limit players playing for \$125 and NLHE players playing for \$125 bonus when aces full of 10s get beat.

LAUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES: The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was at \$160K at press time. Straight flushes pay \$100 and royals are \$200.

HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY: The bad-beat jackpot was \$200K at press time. The mini-bad beat (aces full of 10s) pays \$5K. Ask about Aces Cracked, which pays \$200, and \$200 Splash Pots.

MISSISSIPPI

Just as the summer wraps up in the desert, all the exciting autumn events are falling into place in the Magnolia State. Starting in Tunica, Horseshoe hosts a Run Good series Aug. 15-20.

The series kicks off with a \$135 RG Pro bounty tournament at 7 p.m. Knock out a RG Pro and receive one of 10 prizes ranging from \$1K to RunGood gear and apparel.

Aug. 16 features two \$20K guarantees (noon, 7 p.m.), followed by a \$10K guarantee Aug. 17. Plenty of mega-satellites are lined up to give you a chance to win your way into the \$560 main event with a \$100K guarantee. The main will have three starting flights (Aug. 18, 7 p.m. and Aug. 19 at noon and 7 p.m.) and will restart Aug. 20 at noon.

For even more added value, every preliminary event prize pool will include a \$1,500 cruise for two to the May 2018 RG Championship Poker Cruise. The main event will award 10 \$1,500 cruise packages. There are awesome room rates for this event, but expect them to fill up quickly. Call the poker room at 662-357-5608 to book. See the ad on Page 25 for more info.

BEAU RIVAGE: In Biloxi, the official dates of the Gulf Coast Poker Championship have been announced. Make your reservations for Sept. 7-18 and enjoy poker along with a little end-of-summer getaway on the beach. Poker room manager **Henry Garrison** announced he has increased the guarantee for the \$345 opening weekend event, called the Monster, to \$250K. Be sure to register early.

On Sept. 14, there's a deepstack \$50K guarantee for \$345. Mid-week events historically have a smaller turnout so you don't want to miss the possibility for an overlay here.

The main event, scheduled for Sept. 17, features a \$1,340 buy-in and two starting flights. Championship events at the GCPC always exceed expectations and lure players from all over. For more information, visit beaurivage.com or see the ad on Page 7.

PEARL RIVER RESORT: The Choctaw property hosts the Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Open from Oct. 26 until Nov. 5, but that doesn't mean you can't start qualifying now.

This month, super satellites to the \$340 opening event run Aug. 17 (6 p.m.), Aug. 20 (noon) and Aug. 31 (6 p.m.) for \$50. There is an optional \$20 add-on for more chips and the events guarantee five seats.

If you're interested in the \$800 AUPT main event, \$75 mega satellites this month on Aug. 24 (6 p.m.) and Aug. 27 (noon) guarantee two seats each. For more satellite and AUPT info, see the ad on Pages 2-3.

AMERISTAR VICKSBURG: The Heartland Poker Tour, returning here for the sixth time, runs until Aug. 7. The \$1,100 main event has a \$100K guarantee and begins Aug. 4. Call 855-888-7281 and use code HPTAVB for \$79 rooms.



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Dover Downs Hotel and Casino hosts the seventh annual Delaware Poker Championship, which will have eight events, over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 30-Sept. 4). The kick-off event (Aug. 30) has a \$5K guarantee and the \$100K main event begins Sept. 1 with the first flight.

But before the poker room's signature series, there will be three tournaments Aug. 11-13 in a Getaway Weekend with combined guarantees of \$24,500, including one for \$15K.

The Getaway Weekend schedule is as follows: Aug. 11, 11:15 a.m., \$7,500 guaranteed, \$95 buy-in, 25-minute blinds, 30K stack; Aug. 12, 11:15 a.m., \$15K guarantee, \$125 buy-in, 30-minute blinds, 30K stack; Aug. 13, 11:15 a.m., \$2K guarantee, \$35 buy-in, 15-minute blinds, 30K stack.

Two satellites run for the \$15K as one player in 10 wins a seat. The schedule is Aug. 7 and 9, 7:15 p.m., \$20 buy-in, 12-minute blinds, 5K starting stack. Also, all players who are dealt in the first hand of the August satellites and tournaments receive a bonus of 500 chips. Players that register for the August tournaments more than one hour before the scheduled start receive a bonus 1K chips. See the ad on Page 32 for more.

MARYLAND

MARYLAND LIVE: The poker room celebrates its four-year anniversary with high hands and lucky tables and seats. See the ad on the facing page for more info.

CONNECTICUT



FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO: Eugene Roemischer of Natick, Mass., pocketed \$45,440 after making a deal when play reached three-handed at the \$625K guarantee Summer Kickoff series' \$1,200 main event in Mashantucket, Conn.

He was followed by **Thiru Sadagopan** of Andover, Mass., and **Anthony Harris** of Cranston, R.I., who each took home \$29,757. The event drew 175 players for a \$194K prize pool.

Another highlight of this series was the \$500 opening event, which went to **Stavros Kosmidis** of Fitchburg, Mass., for \$52K. The tourney drew a whopping 743 entries for a \$317,113 prize pool. **Kevin Durgin** of Scarborough, Maine, was second (\$37,750) and **Andy Bimonte** of New York was third (\$34,369).

Before the Summer Kickoff, **Antonio Cristallini** outlasted 224 players to take first in a \$300 Memorial Day event. The win was worth \$13,631. **Stephan Porter** got \$8,610 for second and **Jason Francks** was third (\$5,553). The prize pool was \$56,091.

Soukha Kachittavong opened the series with a win in the \$250



MEET JENNIFER SHAHADE

Living in Philadelphia, **Jennifer Shahade** is a longtime PokerStars rep.

How do you balance your time between personal life and poker? I just had a baby, so I've been keenly aware of balance in the past year. Rather than focusing on the negatives, such as playing less, I am so thrilled to get the chance to play especially online on PokerStarsNJ with little **Fabian** right there with me. I also felt I played some of my best poker pegggers, since I was focused on being healthy and rested.

What would you say are the advantages and disadvantages of being an online pro? I'm not a full-time online pro since I live in Philly, but the pros of online are getting to play more hands so you can improve very quickly and also get a sense for your win-rate, changing population tendencies quickly.

And, of course, being able to stay healthy and cut down on expenses will allow you to be more aggressive with your bankroll. — **Jo Kim**

event. The Rhode Island resident picked up \$25K. **Edwin Centeio** was second (\$24,419) and **Hoa Thai** was third (\$19,317) as 990 participants pushed the prize pool to \$203,584.

The World Series of Poker Circuit visits Aug. 17-28. The schedule wasn't completed at press time.

NEW YORK

TURNING STONE RESORT: **John Huening** earned \$29,405 for recently winning the East Coast Poker Championships Main Event. **Gregory Miller**, from Corning, N.Y., was second in the \$570 event, adding \$18,547 to his bankroll.

Andrew Martin was third (\$11,561), followed by **Christopher Gardiner** was (\$8,166) and **Joseph McKittrick** (\$5,910). With 207 entries, the prize pool was \$103,500.

Randy Cattelane of Syracuse pocketed \$9,500 after winning the series' \$250 event. **Matthew Miceli** got \$8,317 for second and **John Goepfert** (third) earned \$8,316.

On June 25, **Matthew Hawkes** won the Summer Poker Classic for \$7,500. There were 281 participants to generate a \$59,010 prize pool. In other news, the Jumbo Bad Beat Jackpot (aces full of kings) was at \$348K at press time.

SENECA NIAGARA: The poker room is giving away \$12K in high hands on Labor Day (Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.).

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SHURILLA NABS SUGARRUSH CHALLENGE AFTER BIG CHOP

The SugarHouse Casino poker room's third \$100K guarantee SugarRush Challenge ran June 21-25 as 663 players entered the \$250 event over the course of eight flights in Philadelphia.

Anthony Shurilla, who had most of the chips when it reached 12 players, took home the trophy and \$16,102 after the ICM chop.

"It was the best poker I played on back-to-back days," Shurilla said. "I flopped a set on my first hand of Day 2 to win a big pot and maintained a healthy stack the rest of the way."

There were 153 players left for Day 2 with 20 more entrants opting to buy in for \$1,100 and receiving 100K chips, slightly less than chip average. The final count of 683 entrants pushed the prize pool to \$155,915.

Though the event ran at the same time as the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, SugarHouse brought in 200 more entrants than its June event last year with more new faces in the field and at the final table.

The tournament, designed for locals by **Matt Glantz**, has been showing positive results.

"The SugarRush structure allows for a lot of play, especially with longer levels on Day 2," Shurilla said.

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA: As the WSOP main event kicked off, Philadelphia players who remained behind looked ahead to winning a seat in 2018 by entering the Diamond Delight V. The \$130 tournament ran July 6-16 and featured 19 Day 1s.

Some changes were made to the structure so that the option for rebuys was available for fewer levels, making it a shorter Day 1 until 10 percent of the field remained for each flight. All players who came back for Day 2 made the money automatically.

Aside from the prize pool, the final three players received a seat in the 2018 WSOP main event, a seat in the WSOP Millionaire Maker and \$1K for first-, second- and third-place finishes, respectively.

They also receive one-year of Diamond Status. Results will be in a future issue.

PARX: The Big Stax series runs July 30-Aug. 22 and will be recapped in a future issue.

BORGATA: The Atlantic City poker room hosted the Deep-stacks Challenge series June 12-24 and **Nick Singhal** of New York won the most money in the final event (\$6,327) after a 10-way chop. The players ran one final hand for the trophy and **Kenny Han** made the nut flush for the hardware.

The \$400 tourney drew 159 players for a \$55,650 prize pool. The series had 13 events. The Summer Open was still running at press time, so look for results in a future issue.

GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY: The tournament leaderboard promotion runs until Sept. 30. The point system is explained on the poker room's website, but \$2 is extracted from each tourney entry fee.

The winner gets 25 percent of that promotional fun and the percentage decreases through 20 places. Players earn points for entering tourneys and in the money finishes. ♠

TOURNAMENT WEEKEND
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

DELAWARE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP

| DATE | DAY | TOURNAMENT | GUARANTEE | BUY-IN | START |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| August 30 th | Wednesday | THE KICKOFF | \$5,000.00 <small>(Plus \$200.00 Buy-In Fee)</small> | \$120 | 11:15 a.m. |
| August 31 st | Thursday | POE LIBERTY OMAHA CHAMPIONSHIP | \$10,000.00 | \$140 | 11:15 a.m. |
| September 1 st | Friday | THE MAIN EVENT DAY 1 FLIGHT A | \$100,000.00 | \$550 | 10:15 a.m. |
| September 1 st | Friday | BLACK CHIP ROYALTY CHAMPIONSHIP | \$10,000.00 | \$230 | 7:15 p.m. |
| September 2 nd | Saturday | THE MAIN EVENT DAY 1 FLIGHT 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>(L100000 Guarantee)</small> | \$120 | 11:15 a.m. |
| September 3 rd | Sunday | DEEP STACK CHAMPIONSHIP | \$10,000.00 | \$130 | 7:15 p.m. |
| September 4 th | Monday | THE FINALE | \$10,000.00 | \$75 | 11:15 a.m. |

SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS

One in ten participants will win a seat into the \$100,000.00 Delaware Poker Championship VII.

Buy-in for each satellite is \$65.

- August 20th - 11:15 a.m.
- August 27th - 11:15 a.m.
- August 28th - 7:15 p.m.
- August 29th - 7:15 p.m.
- August 30th - 7:15 p.m.
- August 31st - 7:15 p.m.

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SERIES RETURNS TO HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO

The Hollywood Poker Challenge returns Aug. 24-Sept. 4 to Hollywood Casino in Toledo, Ohio, culminating in the \$1K main event, which has a \$150K guarantee.

Poker room manager and *Ante Up* Call the Floor columnist **Elliott Schecter** is excited by this series and its main event, which has three Day 1s (Sept. 1-3). Players who advance from one flight can play the remaining flights to try to improve their position with a larger stack. Multiple qualifiers will have their smaller (unused) stacks bought back for \$4K. Satellites (\$180) are available.

The \$350 event, which sports a \$75K guarantee, has Day 1 flights Aug. 25-26. Satellites are \$90. Non-hold'em events include a \$110 HORSE on Aug. 27 and a \$110 PLO on Aug. 29. Other hold'em events include bounty tournaments, a six-max and a \$110 senior event on the final day.

JACK CASINO CLEVELAND: The poker room has been running cash-game promotions on certain days. On Mondays, the Mad House Ladder runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Wednesdays, it's Hump Day High Hand Splash. And on Fridays, High Hand Hulabaloo runs noon to midnight. Call for details.

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS: The Columbus Summer Classic runs Aug. 10-20. The \$550 main event has flights on Aug. 18 and 19. There will be \$75 satellites to the main Aug. 17 at 12:15 and 7:15 p.m., each with 15 seats guaranteed.

The series also features a \$350 deepstack with a \$125K guarantee. That tournament begins with flights on Aug. 11 and 12. Satellites (\$50) for that will be Aug. 10 at 12:15 and 7:15 p.m., also with 15 seats guaranteed.

Other hold'em events include a \$200 seniors event (50-plus) on Aug. 13, a \$240 black-chip bounty Aug. 14, a \$250 Super Stack on Aug. 16, and the \$200 Sunday Second Chance on Aug. 20. The only non-hold'em event, a \$200 pot-limit Omaha tourney, runs Aug. 15.

THE MEADOWS: Once per month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, \$300 will be awarded every hour for the high hand. Make a royal flush and win a progressive jackpot (the amount is posted at the room).

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO: The Erie, Pa., poker room hosts daily sit-and-go tournaments. Available buy-ins are \$45, \$85 and \$125. The top three finishers cash with the winner getting 65 percent of the payout.

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KUETHER JUST MISSES: Wisconsin native **Joe Kuether**, along with

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MEET JAMES "NINJA" BATTAGLIA



Born in Chicago, **James Battaglia** grew up in Sacramento but lives as a poker pro who travels between both cities.

As a Windy City Team Pro, he was runner-up in the HPT's six-max event this year.

With poker, what do you find different between Chicagoland and California? There are a lot of great local players here, making tournaments much tougher. Players such as **Aaron Massey**, **Nick Jickov**, **Bob Chow** and **Nick Pupillo** inspire me. I need to be playing my best when they are at the table.

What is your favorite poker room? Stones Gambling Hall in Citrus Heights, Calif. It's a small room where the staff does an exceptional job giving players a pleasant experience, making me feel at home the minute I walk in. Their duck tacos are the best I have ever had.

What made you decide to be a poker pro? I absolutely love poker; it's my passion. It's the perfect combination of everything I love math, psychology, competition and money.

Playing in Windy City Poker Championship tournaments has helped getting me to the level I needed to be.

— **Joe Giertuga**

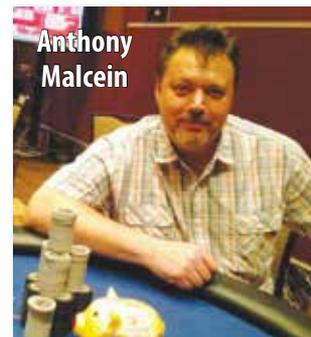
teammate **Ankush Mandavia**, finished second for \$84,662 in the World Series of Poker's Event 2 (\$10K Tag Team Championship) in Las Vegas.

GOLDEN WIN: In mid June, **Anthony Malcein** of Eau Claire, Wis., topped a field of 3,329 entries to win the Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series Event 16 \$200K guarantee for \$85K.

MOVING ON UP: Brookfield's **Amit Makhija**, who is fourth on Wisconsin's all-time money list, finished 12th in the WSOP's Event 42 (\$10K six-max) for \$39,284.

That brought his lifetime earnings to \$2.76M.

ONLINE SUCCESS: Milwaukee's **John Sun**, who won the 2016 MSPT Iowa State Poker Championship, placed third in the WSOP's Event 8 (\$333 WSOP.com) for \$39,592. Online poker is regulated in Nevada.



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FIELD CHOPS WAY TO A MINN. VICTORY



Bridgette Field of Shakopee, Minn., took the Easy Money tournament trophy after being the chipleader during an eight-way chop at Running Aces in Columbus, Minn.

Field started Day 2 with the second-shortest stack but took home a career-best \$13K. **Ben Valder** of Minneapolis had the second largest stack and took home \$11,050. The \$350 Easy Money tournament, held in June, drew 310 entries for a \$90,210 prize pool.

WSOP: **Ryan Laplante** of Brainerd, Minn., went heads-up for his second bracelet in Event 64 (\$1,500 NLHE/PLO) but finished second (\$165,983). **Tara Cain** of Willmar, Minn., finished second in Event 61 (\$3,333 online) for \$201,408. Minnesotans again earned \$1M-plus during the WSOP.

CANTERBURY PARK: **Todd Melander** of Minneapolis earned \$21,792 after taking down the \$275 Cheap & Deep Tournament in Shakopee. There was a five-way deal made to take \$12K each and leave the remaining for first and second place. Even after the chop, this is Melander's largest lifetime cash. The tournament drew 662 entries for a \$145,640 prize pool.

The property hosts the MSPT regional series Aug. 5-13, with a \$350 main event and \$100K guarantee.

MICHIGAN

Jordan Young, a Twin Lake native, finished second in the World Series of Poker's Event 12 (\$1,500 no-limit hold'em) for \$242,160, losing to pro **David "Dragon" Pham**, who earned \$392K. The tourney drew 1,739 runners to the Rio in Las Vegas.

On the final hand, Pham went all-in with K-9 and Young called with A-7. A king on the river ended Young's hope for a bracelet.

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT: The \$1,100 Michigan Poker Classic returns this month with 40-minute levels and a \$150K guarantee. Day 1s are Aug. 10-12 with \$250 qualifiers running through Aug. 10.

CHICAGOLAND

Skokie native **Tom Koral** staged an epic comeback after having a 20-1 chip disadvantage to win almost \$97K and his first World Series of Poker bracelet in the \$1,500 stud event.

Koral won the 2011 Chicago Poker Classic, the 2013 Oregon State Poker Championship and has almost \$2M in live earnings. He has five WSOP final tables.

Frank Maggio won history's biggest WSOP seniors event for \$617K. The 56-year-old from Calumet City defeated 5,389 entries. It took just eight hands heads-up against William Murray to capture his first bracelet.

Mohsin Charania of Des Plaines defeated 1,580 entries, winning his first bracelet in the \$1,500 NLHE event. He has \$5.6M-plus in earnings and became the sixth player in history to win the triple crown: EPT, WPT and WSOP victories.

Around Vegas, **Kenneth Baime** from Glenview won \$16K at

the Wynn Summer Classic's \$400 tournament.

HOLLYWOOD JOLIET: The poker room closed June 29. It opened in the late 1990s and was the state's second-busiest room at the turn of the century.

PAR-A-DICE: The bad-beat jackpot at press time was \$101K (quad deuces). The \$355 monthly Super Sunday Bounty Tournament has been popular. Call for details.

TROPICANA EVANSVILLE: The MSPT Indiana State Poker Championship runs Aug. 12-20 with a \$250K guarantee main event, which costs \$1,100 and is Aug. 18-20.

IOWA

GRAND FALLS CASINO: The MSPT returns Aug. 19-27 in extreme northwest Iowa for a \$150K guarantee main event. There will be many satellites, some as cheap as \$65, during the first part of the week for the \$1,100 event.

HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS: In the southwest part of the state, the Horseshoe Poker Classic runs Aug. 21-27. The \$350 main event will have a few \$85 satellites during the first three days.

RIVERSIDE CASINO: The 11th annual Poker Classic is Aug. 19-20 in eastern Iowa, consisting of two events.

On Aug. 19, there's a \$125 bounty event and then Aug. 20 is the \$200 championship.

DIAMOND JO CASINO: The bad-beat jackpot continues to climb and taunt area players in Worth, reaching \$264K at press time. ♠



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MAKE A DEAL? KNOW HOW TO DO IT

A couple of my friends just had a nasty disagreement over swapping percentages in a tournament. Neither of them was trying to “get one over” on the other, but they both perceived a deal that they made differently and it really became ugly once one of the parties cashed in their event. Making deals is a good way of decreasing variance and sharing successes. But it’s important to know the conventional wisdom with deals. Most times deals are talked about specifically, but in the event they aren’t, here are the “default” ways these deals should be handled.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

- Last-longers are on a per buy-in basis unless otherwise stated. A last-longer is a pool of money collected at the beginning of a tournament that pays the last person standing in the event. If this is in a re-entry event, if you bust out, you must then buy in to the last-longer again just as you’re buying into the tournament again.

- Percentage swaps are on a per buy-in basis unless otherwise stated. Just like a last-longer, once you’ve busted the tournament, you need to swap an additional percentage with the person you swapped with to continue to have action with them. Example: Players A and B swap 5 percent. Player B busts out and Player A is still playing. If Player B re-enters, he needs to

ask Player A to swap again. Now, Player A would have 5 percent of Player B and Player B (the player who busted out) would have 10 percent of Player A.

- All payouts are paid without taxes withheld. **Jamie Gold** had a very public incident with a friend when he won the main event. And this probably stemmed from his voicemail message that said he would give half “after taxes.” Taxes never should be something you take out of the person’s percentage unless you’ve stated it beforehand. The tax burden is extremely simple to pass on should this situation come up, but definitely speak with a professional.

- If the casino doesn’t facilitate a tournament chop, insist on getting the largest payout. There are some jurisdictions that don’t allow casinos to modify the prize pool, so a tournament deal is left to the players to handle later. Once that money is paid, you have no recourse should the person who got the most money says, “I’m paying you after taxes” or “I’m not paying you; I like keeping my money.” Take the largest share of the money and give a 1099 to those that you need to pay to make the chop even. You’re a professional now; act like one. Also, if you’re me, you just don’t chop. That makes everything a lot easier.

— **Brent Philbin is a poker pro who lives in South Florida. You can reach him at Brent.Philbin@gmail.com.**

STRATEGY: COACH’S CORNER

ADJUSTING YOUR GAME IS IMPORTANT

In many sports, we’re told to “Keep your eye on the ball.” In poker, we call this “paying attention.”

In Texas Hold’em, we should strive to understand the concept of game texture. The texture of a game is often defined by how loose-passive the players are, or conversely, how tight the players at a table are playing. At a tight or tough game, typically two or three players will see a flop and most often there’s a preflop raise.



**MARK
BREMENT**

In a passive game, there are four or more players who take a flop and in a game like this, there are often fewer raises before the flop. It’s your job to take advantage of these scenarios and adjust your game accordingly. Let’s examine a few ideas on how to accomplish this.

IDEA 1: You’re in a game where many players are limping to see the flop.

Also, when you put in your standard raise, instead of narrowing the field, the opponents seem to ignore the raise and you find yourself in a multiway action hand.

You’re in a passive game, which can be dangerous. Assuming you’re a tight-aggressive-solid player, it’s time to make adjustments. Most likely, you’ll have to increase your preflop raise to narrow the field.

It’s your job to find the sweet spot to accomplish this. I often

hear, “I can’t beat the lower-stakes games” and in games where there’s multiway action. It should be obvious there will be many more straights and flushes and therefore our big pairs are likely to go down in flames.

Adjust your game and keep in mind that games often change texture from hour to hour. We always must be adjusting, too. Changing gears is one of the attributes of the world’s best players. Time to step up and encompass this into your game plan.

IDEA 2: Allow me to contradict my July column, which emphasizes the importance of starting hand-discipline.

In a passive game, opponents aren’t “doing their job” and are allowing you to open your starting-hand range. Many strong players shy from opening their game because what makes them winning players is a strong discipline.

We become uncomfortable playing hands we’d normally muck. Because opponents are allowing you in the hand for a great price, don’t be afraid to take them up on their offer. You are getting a form of preflop implied odds.

There are ways to approach this. I like to stay tight in early position and loosen my middle-position starting-hand range.

There are many low-limit games where table texture is passive. Making the right adjustments will increase your hourly earn rate. Games change often; keep your eye on the ball.

— **Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima CC. Email him at brementmark@gmail.com.**

SOME SECRETS OF WORLD CHAMPIONS

As one of the founders of **AdvancedPokerTraining.com**, I was pleased to host the sold-out Secrets of the World Champions seminar at the Rio Hotel and Casino on July 1.

Jonathan Little, author of 12 poker books, took the microphone first, and gave an interactive two-hour lecture on his secrets for chipping up at various stages of a tournament.



**STEVE
BLAY**

Example: Late in a tournament, with two tight players in the blinds, you can profitably raise with any two cards from the button.

He was followed by two-time WSOP bracelet-winner **Scott Clements**, who spent two hours with us even though he was playing in the televised \$10K PLO championship final table that day at 1 p.m.

Scott revealed his secrets of final-table play and his rules for physical and mental poker health.

Example: Don't sacrifice sleep to play in a bad cash game when you have a tournament the next day.

After lunch, I spent some time talking about my experience as **Qui Nguyen's** advisor, using three hands from last year's main event to explain the concepts of Hand Range Estimation and the Minimum Defense Frequency.

The hands we went over are just three of the 172 hands Qui and I review in our upcoming book *From Vietnam to Vegas: How I Won the World Series of Poker Main Event*, which is available for pre-order via D&B poker publishing.

It was really a thrill for me to get back into teaching, after a long hiatus because of the demands of running Advanced Poker Training. I've been trying to set aside a few hours a week to do some private coaching again. If you're interested, visit advancedpokertraining.com/steve.

My talk was abruptly interrupted when **Scotty Nguyen** arrived around 3 p.m. I know where I stand in the poker hierarchy and nobody wants to hear me lecturing about hand ranges when the Prince of Poker is in the building.

Scotty is still the most fun person in the poker world and we watched videos of some of the greatest moments from his career. He discussed his thought-process and instincts.

Example: Know your opponent's motivations as a player and be in tune with how that will affect their decisions.

We plan to have videos of all these lectures available for purchase at advancedpokertraining.com/secrets.

Scotty and Jonathan stuck around to play sit-n-go tournaments with us. The winners got I Beat the Pro certificates and Blue Shark Optics. Join us next year?

In other news, don't forget to check out our new Heads-Up Trainer, poker forum and free no-download odds calculator, tournament prize chop tool and shove-or-fold calculator. They're all available at **AdvancedPokerTraining.com**, then click Free Tools from the top menu. ♠

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Manager**

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| 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 | Saturday (\$60, 10a); Sunday (\$60, 10a). | Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha. |

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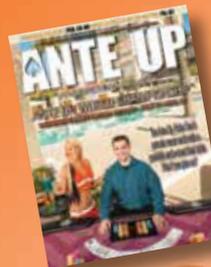
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| BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com | M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p; M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p. | Numerous jackpots (call for details); WPT Legends of Poker runs until Aug. 31. |
| BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL (707) 668-9770 • bluelakecasino.com | Daily tournaments (buy-ins vary, but mostly \$30-\$50); call for times. | Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked. |
| 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 | M-F (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Th. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. \$3K guar. 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). | 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 • harrahsincon.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 (\$60, 3p); Free Rollin' Summer Series runs until Aug. 19. | \$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). | \$20K bad-beat jackpot. |

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| LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com | Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p). | Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud. |
| 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). | 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 • normandiecasino.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 • palacasin.com | Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); River Card Championship, Aug. 3-6. | \$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed., 10a-7p). |
| PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasin.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; progressive royal-flush jackpot. |
| 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; quads bonus; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; straight flush, quads, shipwrecked and high hands. |
| 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). | Rack Attack; Aces Cracked. See ad on Page 17. |
| 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 41. | Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands. |
| THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com | Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8/PLO8/HORSE (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$160, 6p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship runs until Aug.6. See the 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, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p). | Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; Mexican Poker \$100 high hand. |
| WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.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

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| 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). | 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. |
| SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com | Monday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$50, 7p); Saturday (\$120, noon); 1st Saturday of month (\$210, noon). | Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Monday & Thursday); high hands (Friday). |

CONNECTICUT

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| FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com | Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); WSOPC, Aug. 17-28. | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy (Tue. & Thurs.-Sat.) with \$500 paid every 30 minutes. |
| 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

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| 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 | Daily at 11:15a & 7:15p; Mon. (\$35 & \$25); Tue.-Fri. & Sun. (\$35 & \$35); Sat. (\$55 & \$35). See ad Page 32 for Delaware Championship schedule and satellites. | High hands (daily); Hot Seats; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel. |
| 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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| BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com | Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). See ad on Page 27. | 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 GREYHOUND (850) 875-6930 • creekenertainment.com | Wednesday \$2.5K guar. (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p). | Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45. |
| 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 | 12 weekly tournaments; \$7.5K guar., Aug. 1 (\$110); Emerald Coast Championship 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); Wednesdays (\$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. See ad on Page 51. |
| HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com | Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p). | High hands. |
| ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.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 | No tournaments. | \$200 high hands hourly (\$100 every 30 minutes), 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 | Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple. | High hand jackpot in hold'em. |

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| PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com | Su-M (\$60, 7p); W (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$20K sat (\$60, 7p) & Su (\$60, 1p); F \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sa \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sa \$20K guar. (\$180, 1p), Aug. 24-26. | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page. |
| SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skpoker.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 • seminolecoconutcreekasino.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); Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open, Aug. 3-16. | 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.). |
| SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com | Tuesday-Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p). | \$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-2a (Sun.-Thurs.) & 8p-6a (Fri.-Sat.). |
| TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com | Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K. See ad on Page 29 for Summer Series Aug. 3-13. | 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 • tgtpoker.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

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| 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 • harrahsjoliyet.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 • hollywoodcasinourora.com | Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p). | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. |
| 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 • jumerscrf.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 • rccgpoker.com | Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p). | Select quads and hourly drawings win cash. |

INDIANA

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| 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); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p). | Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot. |
| 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); Indiana State Poker Championship, Aug. 12-20. | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. |

IOWA

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| 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); MSPT, Aug. 19-27. | 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. |
| MESKWKI 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 • qqcasinoandhotel.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 \$500 guarantee (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$25, 7p); first Saturday (\$125, 2p); Sunday \$400 freeroll (noon). | Tournament bad-beat jackpot. |

KANSAS

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| 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); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); Sat. (\$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. |
| PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com | Open 24/7 based on demand. Call for details. | High hands. |

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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 • couchattacasinoresort.com | Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). | 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. | 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. Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaway. |
| 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; get paid for straight and royal flush. |

MARYLAND

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| 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. See the ad on Page 31. | 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

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| 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. |
| 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); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p). | Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. |

MINNESOTA

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| CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com | Daily at 10:30a (buy-ins vary) plus a 6:30p tourney on Wed. (\$235) and Sun. (\$100) MSPT, Aug. 9-13. | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked (Tue. & 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. |
| 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. |

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| AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg | Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p); Heartland Poker Tour runs until Aug. 6. | Player comps and rewards. |
| BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com | Daily (call for details). See ad on Page 7 for Gulf Coast Championship. | 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/rb, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon); RunGood Poker Series, Aug. 15-20. | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud. |
| IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com | Daily (\$60, noon). | 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 AAPT details. | Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p). AAPT 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); \$100K guarantee series runs Aug. 2-13. | Cash giveaways. |

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| 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. |
| 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 • harrahsnkcc.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; high hands; Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha. |

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| LOCATION | TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS | JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS |
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| 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

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| ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com | Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a). | No jackpots. |
| ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com | Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); WPT DeepStacks, Aug. 25-28. | EZ Way Bad Beat; daily tournament high hand pays \$250; \$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; royals capped at \$599. Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250. |
| BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com | Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p). | |
| 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); \$5K freeroll (Friday). | 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 • harrahsvegas.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; Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; High Hand of the Hour. |
| MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com | Daily \$2K guarantee (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sunday-Thursday (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p). | Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday, 5a-10a). |
| 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 (Mon.-Fri.). |
| 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 guar. (\$130, 10a). | High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot. |
| RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.scdv.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; monthly freeroll; \$5K freeroll for tournament players. |
| 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 • samstownlv.com | Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p). | Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid. |
| 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; bonus hands 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 19. |
| STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com | Monday through 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, Aug. 31-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); monthly seniors event, Aug. 2 w/\$12.5K guar. (\$300). | No promotions. |

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



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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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| 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

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| 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. |
| 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

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| 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 • innothemountaingods.com | Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad on Page 23. | 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

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| 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 • senecaniagaracasino.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). | \$500 high hands & lunch buffet (Mon.); \$200 high hands every 30 min. every other Wed. & Sat.; \$100 every 20 min. w/rollover every other Fri.; Sept. 4 \$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

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| 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; WSOP Global Casino Championship and WSOPC, Aug. 2-14. |
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OHIO

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| HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com | Mon. & Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$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. See ad on Page 35. |
| 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. |

OKLAHOMA

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| 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); WPT Choctaw runs until Aug. 8. | \$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). | 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 (Tue.-Thurs.); 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. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Deuces Wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p). | High hands. |
| 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). | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. |

OREGON

| LOCATION | TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS | JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS |
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| CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com | Monday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$100, 4p); Saturday (\$95, 2p); Sunday (\$80, 6p); closed Wednesday & Thursday. | 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 hand (Sunday); Wheel Spin (Saturday); Monte Carlo (Monday-Friday). |
| 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

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| HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahshchester.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 (Friday & Saturday). |
| 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). |
| 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. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$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 Giveaway (Friday); \$400 high hands (Saturday). |

RHODE ISLAND

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

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| 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

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| KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com | Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); Thursday Throwdown (\$45, 7p); Sunday Showdown (\$120, 1p). | Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. |
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WASHINGTON

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

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WORLD SERIES THOUGHTS

The World Series of Poker recently ended another record-breaking year. Over the past two months, we've been discussing some of the great stories to come out of this summer. Here are some of them:



Liv Boree and Igor Kurganov, who are a couple, won Event 2 (\$10K Tag Team) and donated half of their \$273,964 prize to charity.

CHRIS: I love this story. Awesome! Every year there's a story that makes you go, "Gosh, I love the game!"

Nipun Java and Aditya Sushant became the first Indian-born players to win World Series bracelets when they won Event 10 (\$1K Tag Team).

SCOTT: The story of this Series is the tag-team events. You couldn't ask for two better stories.



Ante Up fan Steve Pavlichek wrote us recently for advice on playing the main event because his good friend died before he could make it to the World Series and bequeathed entries to his poker buddies. All five of Tom's friends advanced to Day 2 and Steve's table was picked to be feature on broadcasts, with interviews about his story. Steve made it to Day 4 and cashed.

CHRIS: I just got a little choked up there. I got chills. I'm so happy for them.

SCOTT: How amazing is that? That's gold for a TV producer. If you randomly pick a table because, let's say **Phil Hellmuth** is on it, and all of a sudden you start talking to the other players and you find *this* story, that's great, isn't it?



Daniel Negreanu, who had a wager that he'd win three bracelets this series, didn't win one, but finished sixth in Event 30 (\$10K HORSE). David Bach won, giving him his second bracelet of the series.

CHRIS: The more we bring up Daniel Negreanu's name, the more money he makes, so the bet is going to be offset.

SCOTT: Exactly. That's what I've been saying. He's a master marketer.

CHRIS: But can we say that David Bach is the greatest mixed-games tournament player there is?

Nearly 4,000 players fired multiple bullets in Event 5, the \$565 Colossus, with one player entering 12 times. The 18,054 entries made the tournament the third-largest in history.

CHRIS: That guy who entered 12 times, that's seven grand!

SCOTT: The total field size was down. People were trying to make that some kind of bellwether. But it doesn't mean players weren't spending that money on another event. It just means that they decided that one event isn't as exciting. Folks just decided I'm not going to spend three bullets on this event that I don't think is a good value anymore, but I'm going to spend that \$1,500 on an event that maybe I wasn't going to play before.

Rifat Palevic won Event 39 (\$1K super turbo bounty) and because of that super-fast structure, his prize worked out to be \$12,260 an hour.

SCOTT: Now I'm curious whether we can work out the hourly rate for other tournaments. I'd imagine the main event, which is a much longer tournament but with a much bigger prize, may not be close to this.



At age 22, Adrian Mateos become the youngest player to win three bracelets when he won Event 15 (\$10K Heads-Up).

CHRIS: Let me tell you how amazing this is. A lot of 22-year-olds can't even spell "three," never mind win three bracelets against the world's toughest competition.

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