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Congratulations!

We here at Ante Up always enjoy being able to pass on congratulations to worthy recipients, especially for lifetime achievements and once-in-a-lifetime victories.

So, of course, we'd like to take this time and space to congratulate **Joe McKeen** of Pennsylvania for winning the World Series of Poker Main Event in dominating fashion. Be sure to check out our story on Page 12.

But we'd also like to congratulate **Jennifer Harman** and **John Juanda** for being inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame. While winning the WSOP world title is quite a remarkable feat these days, succeeding as a high-stakes poker



pro for decades, both at cash games and the world's largest tournaments, is incredibly impressive and not to be dismissed lightly.

And we have to admit, we hold a special place in the annals of Ante Up for **Harman**. She was one of the first A-list pros who agreed to grace our fledgling *Ante Up PokerCast* back in the day.

We realize she has done thousands of interviews in her career and wouldn't remember chatting with us, but it left a lasting impression on these Ante Up publishers. And we'll never forget her adorable dogs barking in the background as we peppered her with questions.

While we realize **Barbara Enright**, the only female player to make a WSOP main event final table, was the first woman inducted in this hall, Harman's induction feels more like walls coming down in the Good ol' Boys Club, and poker can use a lot more of that.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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SCHREIBER WINS WPTDS IN CA.



Daniel Schreiber topped a field of 379 players to win the World Poker Tour DeepStacks Main Event on Oct. 26 at Ocean's Eleven Casino in Oceanside, Calif. He took home \$65,447 and the trophy. He also earned a seat in the WPTDS championship event in Calgary in December.

The heads-up final was decided by a chip-chop, Schreiber held 4.395M chips, just topping the 4.135M of **Jon McGowan** when they agreed to chop. McGowan took home \$64,746 for second place. He finished 356th at the World Series of Poker Main Event this year.

The final table was a short one, finishing in less than three hours. The rest of the final table fell as follows: **Richard Metcalfe** (third, \$34,457); **Steven Silverstein** (fourth, \$25,524); **Michael Zuchet** (fifth, \$19,143); **Peter Hengsakul** (sixth, \$15,314); **Huy Nguyen** (seventh, \$12,762); **Jason Singleton** (eighth, \$10,209).

BICYCLE CASINO: The property will become the Bicycle Hotel & Casino this month, opening its seven-story, 117,907-square-foot boutique luxury hotel Dec. 1. The hotel's 99 rooms and suites will make poker tournaments that much more convenient and attractive to out-of-town players.

L.A. TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The WSOPC runs Dec. 3-15 at the Bike and the Hawaiian Gardens Classic is Dec. 11-20.

CHUMASH CASINO: The bad-beat jackpot has been renamed as the Perfect 10s Texas Hold'em Bad Beat Jackpot. The requirement is quad 10s beaten and always will be seeded with a minimum \$1,500, increasing daily until hit.

The Saturday event is no longer a rebuy tournament and is instead a \$120 buy-in with a \$6,500 guarantee. The Wednesday 7 p.m. tournament is a \$50 buy-in with a \$1K guarantee. The Thursday 10 a.m. event is a \$40 winner-take-all tournament. Be sure to call the room for more details.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CASINO M8TRIX: The San Jose room has added tournaments with payouts based on 60 players minimum. Tuesdays feature a \$160 buy-in at 7 p.m. with a first prize of \$2.5K. On Thursday, the buy-in jumps to \$300 at 7 p.m. and a first prize of \$5K. The newest tournament is a \$200 Sunday event at 5 p.m. that pays \$2.5K to first.

PARKWEST CASINO SONOMA: In Petaluma, the room formerly known as The 101 Casino has great weekly tournaments with some deep structures. There's a \$140 Progressive Bounty event Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., a \$100 event on Thursdays (6:30) and a \$60 hold'em/Omaha event on Sundays (3:30). The poker

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MEET BRYSEN JANSEN

Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, Wash., hired **Brysen Jansen** as poker room manager nearly two years ago.



He came to poker the way many of us did, from the outside looking in at the beginning of the poker boom. In his case, this was literally the truth as he was dealing in the pit tables just outside the enclosed poker room at Muckleshoot, watched the increasing crowds pushing through the doors.

He switched to dealing poker and liked the more convivial atmosphere of the poker table vs. the more serious gambling going on in the pit. His biggest poker thrill was dealing the hand that hit a \$272K bad-beat jackpot. Three years ago, the then-poker room manager took him under her wings as a floor supervisor. His strategy for the poker room is to get all the poker business in the area with superior customer service. He often takes dealers aside to discuss how the room can improve and he also makes great use of promotional money. — **Jay Zeman**

room also has some great cash-game promotions, including extra tournament chips for playing live. Players earn an extra 1K tournament chips for bringing in any non-perishable food item to the casino.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: Promotions at the Citrus Heights property are in full swing. The \$100 and \$200 Rack Attacks run at 3, 4, 9, 10 p.m. and midnight. Also, \$100 and \$200 Aces Cracked runs from noon-1 p.m., 6-7 and 1-2 a.m. Players can earn double points by playing midnight-noon. Stones also offers wheel spins when you hit a royal flush where you can earn 1X, 2X or 3X your winning total.

TURLOCK POKER ROOM: Santa's No-Limit Bounty is Dec. 13 at noon. The \$100 event has a \$5K guarantee as players receive 10K chips and 20-minute levels with some special bounties included. For every elf you knock out, you'll receive \$50 and if you knock out Santa, you'll get \$250. Santa will be playing for the Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus County in Modesto.

PETE'S 881 CLUB: This sports bar-restaurant has the only poker room in Marin County. On Mondays, there's an \$80 event with \$20 rebuys at 6 p.m. The same event runs on Saturdays at noon. On Sunday at 4, a \$120 buy-in event has \$100 re-entries. The main tournament is the first Sunday of the month (\$220, 20K chips, \$100 unlimited re-entries before the first break).

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ORLEANS IS WORTH MAKING A VISIT

The Orleans, the popular locals favorite on Tropicana Boulevard, two miles west of the Las Vegas Strip, is a worthwhile stop for visitors. If you don't have a car, you can get there and back via a shuttle bus that runs every 45 minutes to and from the center of the Strip. If you don't mind staying off the Strip, the hotel has some of the best room rates in town.

The poker room recently changed its tournament schedule and it's not all no-limit hold'em. Mondays and Saturdays at noon is \$75 Omaha/8. The same tournament runs Thursdays at 7. Wednesdays at noon is a \$75 Omaha/8-stud/8 event. Tuesdays at 7 is \$100 PLO while Sundays at 7 is a \$100 HORSE tournament. All of these tournaments have 20-minute levels and 10K stacks.

There are two superstack turbo NLHE tournaments on the schedule: Mondays at 7 (\$100) and Fridays at noon (\$75). These tournaments have 15-minute levels and players start with 20K chips.

Bounty tournaments run Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 for \$125 (\$25 bounty). Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon are \$75 NLHE events. These also have 20-minute levels and 10K stacks.

The most popular regular NLHE tournament in town runs Friday at 7 p.m. (\$125, 12,500 chips, 30-minute levels).

A nice variety of cash games are always available. No-limit players enjoy the \$1-\$3 game with a \$100 minimum and a \$500 maximum. During busier times, you can find a \$2-\$5 game (\$200-\$500 min-max). Multiple limit hold'em and Omaha/8 games are available, too.

Hold'em and Omaha games have progressive bad-beat jackpots. Promos change monthly, so ask about them. Recent promos have included high hands of the hour, big bonuses for high hands during certain hours, cash rewards for playing the most hours during a month and cash drawings.

MIRAGE: Daily tournaments have been added at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. to join the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. tournaments. Most days these have a \$65 buy-in for 10K chips with 20-minute levels.

"The Stack" tournament has been a popular Saturday fixture for years and is running on Fridays and Sundays, too.

It starts at 11 a.m. and offers players a 25K starting stack with 25-minute levels. The regular 7 p.m. tournaments on Fridays and Saturdays are now \$100 events. Both nights the starting stack is 15K, and on Friday there's a \$25 bounty. Levels are 20 minutes.

Promos for the cash games include a bad-beat jackpot, high hands (\$100 for quads, \$200 for straight flushes, \$500 for royals) and \$75 for Aces Cracked (8 a.m.-2 p.m.). The most popular cash games are \$1-\$2 NLHE (\$100-\$300 min-max) and a

\$3-\$6 limit game with a \$30 minimum buy-in.

SUNCOAST: The locals room in Summerlin has started spreading a big cash game. It starts every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and is \$2-\$5 NLHE. The game has a mandatory button straddle and the buy-in is \$500 minimum and \$3K maximum.

HARRAH'S: The mid-Strip room is running a \$10-\$20 HORSE game Tuesday nights at 6. Added to the traditional HORSE mix is deuce-to-seven triple-draw. The game is being dubbed "HorseT." The stud games have a \$1 ante, a \$3 bring-in and a \$10 completion. The minimum buy-in is \$100. After just a few weeks, it's filling up with a healthy waitlist.

VENETIAN: **Berzad Teranie** of California won the \$1,600 Deep Stack Main Event for \$66K. He outlasted **Anuj Agarwal** (\$60K), also from California, and **Nemesio Alegado** of Illinois (\$53K). The prize pool was \$420K with nearly 290 entries.

The Winter Weekend Extravaganza will be Dec. 9-13. The highlight is a \$250 event with three starting days beginning Dec. 10.

It offers a \$100K guarantee. Single-day tournaments between \$125 and \$200 are scheduled and all events have guarantees.

New Year's Extravaganza returns as well. It runs Dec. 25-Jan. 10. That's a bit longer than past New Year's events. The big event is a \$400 tournament that's part of the River Card tour and has a



\$150K guarantee.

The two starting dates are Jan. 1 and 2. There's also a three-starting-flight \$250 event that starts Dec. 27 with a \$100K guarantee. On Jan. 6, a four-starting-flight \$250 tournament features a \$150K guarantee. The other tournaments are single-day affairs priced between \$125 and \$300. Again, all events have guarantees.

WYNN: Pennsylvania's **Joseph McKeehen**, just before winning WSOP main event at the November Nine, took down the championship event of the Wynn Fall Classic, earning \$90K. **Seth Berger** of New York earned \$60K for second and **Jeff Roberson** of Nevada won \$38K for third. The \$1,600 buy-in had more than 260 entrants and a \$388K prize pool.

BELLAGIO: The WPT Five Diamond World Poker Classic runs Dec. 4-20. The \$10,400 main event begins Dec. 14 and runs to Dec. 19. If that isn't a big enough buy-in for you, you can enter the \$100K Alpha 8 event Dec. 18.

Other events include a \$10,400 PLO tournament Dec. 10 and a pair of two-day seniors events, one priced at \$1,090 on Dec. 7 and one at \$1,600 on Dec. 10. NLHE events priced between \$500 and \$5,000 round out the schedule.

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MCKEEHEN DOMINATES, WINS WSOP, \$7.6 MILLION

Joseph McKeehen, the 24-year-old pro poker player from the Philadelphia suburb of North Wales, Pa., put on one of the most dominant performances in November Nine history, bringing to close the 46th annual World Series of Poker at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas by pocketing a whopping \$7.6 million.



It's his first WSOP victory, and what a title it is, besting more than 6,400 players. "This is definitely the greatest accomplishment anyone can have in this game," McKeehen after his win. "I was always confident I could make money playing the game professionally, but to get this really proves something."

Josh Beckley was runner-up (\$4.4M) followed by 61-year-old **Neil Blumenthal** (\$3.3M).

Also, longtime popular pros **Jennifer Harman** and **John Juanda** were elected to the Poker Hall of Fame, becoming the 49th and 50th members. Juanda, 44, has five WSOP bracelets and more than \$16M in tournament earnings while Harman, 50, has more than \$2.5M in tournament earnings and two bracelets, but it's her prowess at the world's biggest cash games that makes her remarkable.

RENO/LAKE TAHOE

HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE WSOPC: **Robert Georato** won the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event, earning his third WSOPC ring and \$153,505. This is the biggest tournament cash of Georato's career. He's a retired math teacher that plays poker professionally. It's also the third time he has qualified for the Casino Global Championship. He beat nearly 480 players.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Tulalip Casino's new 12-table poker room will have its revamped "Poker Pow Wow" on Jan. 22-31, featuring a \$520 main event with \$10K added and three Day 1s.

All other tournaments also have added money or guarantees, so a good time will be had by all.

The opening event will be a good preview to the main, a \$235 buy-in NLHE tourney with \$5K added and a pair of Day 1s (Jan. 22-23) and a final Day 2 on Jan. 24.

For those who need practice before next summer's World Series of Poker, Jan. 25 will be a \$150 pot-limit Omaha event with a \$10K guarantee. The next day is a \$225 seniors event with a \$12K guarantee, which was won by Ante Up ambassador **Jay Zeman** last year so here's your chance to knock him off his throne.

If you didn't get enough PLO on Jan. 25, then Jan. 27 is a \$235 PLO event with a \$12K guarantee.

The main event begins the next day and runs till Jan. 31.

Tulalip is the fifth-largest poker room in the region. It routinely spreads NLHE games with \$1-\$3 and \$3-\$5 blinds and PLO games with \$2-\$2, \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10-\$25 blinds (subject to the Washington state-mandated \$500 limit per bet, of course). ♠

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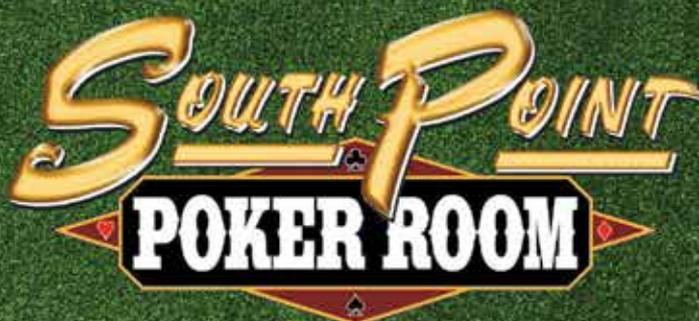
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Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room hosts the Fall Point Challenge on Dec. 13 at 11:15 a.m. All players that have made two final tables between July 26 and Dec. 5 will qualify for this tournament. The service fee is \$50 and has a guaranteed prize pool of \$40K as 40 places will be paid regardless of how many qualify.

The 13th annual Holiday Toy Drive is Dec. 19 at 11:15 a.m. Buy-in is one, new, unwrapped toy, valued at \$10 or more. There is a \$35 service fee and a prize pool of \$12,500 guaranteed.

The Staycation Weekend Classic runs Jan. 29-31. This three-day event will have buy-ins of \$200 (Friday), \$300 (Saturday) and \$300 (Sunday). If players register for all three days, they'll receive a free deluxe room on Jan 29 and 30. Staycation Weekend Classic Shootouts begin Dec. 19. One-winner shootouts have a \$100 buy-in and two-winner shootouts are \$180. There also will be a \$110 Staycation satellite Jan. 17 at 11:15 a.m. This event pays one Staycation Weekend Classic package (one entry to each day, valued at \$800) for every 10 entries.

WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO: At press time, the poker room's bad-beat jackpot was \$110K-plus, growing \$500 a day. To win this jackpot, quad 10s or better must lose. Players must play pocket pairs for the quads, and as always, both hole cards in the winning hands must play.

HON-DAH CASINO RESORT: There are quite a few promotions running, such as the Monday Night Football Splash Pots, Tuesday Low Roller Day, \$100 High Hand on Friday and Saturday, Progressive Pair Hot Seats Tuesday-Thursday and Early Bird High Hand Bonus Draws. Also, congratulations are in order for the poker room's latest Tournament of Champions winner, **Daniel Weaver**.



HOT POKER SPOT: Bucky's has joined Casino Del Sol Resort in becoming the second Arizona poker room to offer the Hot Poker Spot side bet. This is a side bet players can make during a hold'em cash game in which players can win \$1K for a \$1 wagered in the designated side-bet spot.

COLORADO

BLACK HAWK: Ameristar Black Hawk is offering a high-hand bonus of \$500 every two hours. The room spreads an action-packed \$30-\$60 limit game daily. It's not only juicy, but it gives you a choice of five tables on the weekends. ... Golden Gates, Colorado's "Tournament Central," holds at least six major

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MEET JEFF PECK



Jeff Peck has been poker room manager at Midnight Rose in Cripple Creek, Colo., for the past year and has served in many positions in the industry, including poker room manager at Double Eagle in Cripple Creek and a blackjack dealer at multiple properties.

He's married, has a daughter in Colorado Springs and loves to play poker. He said his favorite hold'em hand is pocket sevens.

And what's his biggest poker moment? "I finished 61st in a World Series of Poker Circuit event at Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla.," Peck said. His accomplishment came in the \$1 million guarantee ring event. He also enjoys playing ace-to-five triple-draw, which is known as California lowball. — **Dick Stein**

tournament series each year. That means about every other month you can play some serious tournament poker against the Denver locals and a good deal of visiting amateurs and pros. The Mid-States Poker Tour was wrapping up at press time with its \$1,100 main event.

CRIPPLE CREEK: Wildwood Casino's poker room has announced more high hands (Wednesday-Sunday) for amounts ranging from \$50 to \$150 per hour. Even a big hand award of \$50 per hour is made to the Omaha/8 games (10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays). The free Sunday continental breakfast in the poker room continues to be spread at 10 a.m. ... The Midnight Rose poker room is experiencing good turn out for the Ante Up Poker League, which consists of weekly (\$75) and monthly (\$150) tournaments with points being offered for participation, rank and champion bonus. At the end of the season (Dec, 18), the top five in points will win prizes to be added to their cash prize pool winnings along the way. First place in points will win an Ante Up Poker Cruise for two on NCL's *Jewel* out of Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera (airport transfer and NCL gratuities included.) Second place in points will win a trip for two to Las Vegas. You also can reap those rewards and other prizes through live hours played. Poker room manager **Jeff Peck** is proud of his "Throwback Thursday Stud" games, which are spreading at levels of \$4-\$8 and \$5-\$10. See his profile on this page.

And finally, the free-room promotion for four hours of live play continues to be offered on Monday through Thursday.

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BERRY BURIES OKLA. COMPETITION

RunGoodGear.com's tournament series at Downstream Casino wrapped up Nov. 8 with **Will Berry** emerging the main-event victor for \$25,522. Each player at the final table earned a \$2K package, which includes the December RunGoodGear.com championship in New Orleans.

Preliminary event winners included **Rodney Sprigg** (deepstack, \$10,305) and **John Heckencamp** (bounty, \$3,181). The Tulsa-based series' championship event will be Dec. 10-13 at Harrah's New Orleans. Call (918) 919-6000 and use promo code "POKER" for discounted hotel rates.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: At press time, the Veterans Day River Poker Series was in full swing. The 46-table room is open 24/7 and offers Aces Cracked (Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-3 p.m., 8-midnight) and a quads-beaten progressive bad-beat jackpot. A variety of games at different stakes can be found, including NLHE, limit, PLO and PLO-PLO/8 mix. NLHE tournaments run daily with buy-ins from \$65-\$300.

CHOCTAW CASINO: **Jordan Smith** won the Fall Poker Series Main Event and \$118,147. The series offered 40 events, including PLO, PLO/8 and NLHE. The 30-table poker room in Durant offers daily tournaments with buy-ins ranging from \$60-\$180. Progressive hold'em and static Omaha bad-beat jackpots are offered among a substantial promotions list.

HARD ROCK CASINO TULSA: The 13-table room continues to feature different games throughout the week, including \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$5-\$10 PLO, \$10-\$20 Omaha and \$6-\$12 Omaha/8 with a kill. Promotions include hour promos (including double hours times) for freerolls, apparel and cash giveaway entries. Short-term promotions occasionally are offered, such as the recent splash pots during the WSOP main event final table whenever a player was eliminated.

At press time, the Hard Rock Poker Open was kicking off, so look for results in a future issue. Significant for the region in this series' schedule is a \$550 six-game mix featuring NLHE, deuce-to-seven triple-draw (and single draw), PLO, stud/8 and Omaha/8.

INDIGO SKY CASINO: A real value is the poker newsletter distributed via email that includes a monthly tournament calendar and upcoming promotional information. It's found on the casino website as well but often the calendar appears in the newsletter first. Tournaments offer buy-ins of \$35-\$66 and include crazy pineapple, seniors and bounty. The room is closed Monday nights.

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO: The bad-beat jackpot has surpassed \$102K at press time. The room is running a variety of promotions, including Red Aces Cracked, high hand and hours-

played qualification into a \$15K freeroll.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The eight-table poker room typically offers \$1-\$2 NLHE with PLO also running. Two tournaments series are on coming up: The Reindeer Games Series, Dec. 4-13, historically is NLHE-oriented and features \$100-\$330 buy-ins.

The Winter Deep Stacks Series will run Jan. 21-24. Through Dec. 28, football splash pots run during Sunday, Monday and Thursday evening NFL games. Splashes vary in value depending on the score. Double hours earning period is Monday through Friday, 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m.

KANSAS

AMERISTAR CASINO KANSAS CITY: A bad-beat jackpot of more than \$170K tops the promotions. Mini bad-beats are also paid out starting with jacks full. Players can play four hours and get a \$15 food comp and be one of the first five players each day to get their aces beaten to win \$100. Featured games include \$4-\$8 hold'em with a kill every Wednesday and Friday to \$5-\$10 Omaha/8 with a kill beginning at 6 p.m. every Friday.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: This comfortable room offers USB ports at the tables as well as \$1-a-minute massage service. Players can use the "Display Clock Data" feature on the Bravo poker app when a tournament is running to view number of players, prize pool and blind levels.

Season 4 of the Hollywood Poker Open is kicking off and, historically, this room has run seat-time qualifiers into a pair of May tournaments that award players packages to the championship event at M Resort in Las Vegas. Stay tuned for details on how the casino will participate.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: Dec. 13 is the last day players can qualify into a \$10K freeroll on Dec. 20. The top 25 players based upon hours played and the top 25 players based upon qualifier points earned on all daily tournaments will advance.

Players can start earning tier credits for 2016, too. Earn 500 tier credits through 2015 and receive 50 tier credits to start 2016. The bad-beat jackpot was at \$112K-plus at press time.

BOOT HILL CASINO: The five-table Steve Walker Memorial Poker Room opens Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6 p.m., Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.

Closing time is 2 a.m., subject to action.

Each Monday at 6:30 p.m. is the Wild West Monday tournament. The \$65 event guarantees to pay six places. Action centers around \$1-\$2 or \$2-\$5 NLHE and PLO/8.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: The 13-table room continues to offer a NFL splash-pot promotion Thursday nights for every touchdown. Games begin at 7:25. New is an Aces Cracked promotion after midnight Fridays where you can in \$100-\$500.



Will Berry pockets \$25K for his RunGood victory at Downstream Casino.

SOUTHWEST

IF IT'S DECEMBER, THEN THE INN IS PLACE TO BE

If you find yourself at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino and Resort in New Mexico, plan to play in the One Twenty tournament each Friday in December.

Buy-in is \$120 and there's a Loser's Lounge on Saturday mornings for those who didn't win on Friday night. That's a second chance to win with no additional buy-in.

Alternate Sunday tournament play in December is the \$75 Multi-Level tournament with \$750. Be sure to ask about the details of these events when you visit the room.

And don't forget the \$20K Texas Ho Ho Hold'em event on Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. The buy-in is \$230 and to register be sure to call 575-464-7799

SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO: Lots of change going on here, including new management. *Ante Up* would like to welcome **Clarence Hilton**, who is heading up a bunch of new promotions. Some are still in the works, but one allows players to win a Mercedes-Benz. For more details, call the poker room. Also, the bad-beat jackpot surpassed \$100K at press time.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: Players can enjoy three daily events with the first beginning at noon throughout the week and December weekends. The buy-ins range from \$14-\$33. Female players were especially happy with the recent \$85 women's hold'em tournament because the buy-in was \$1,100 for any men who insisted on playing. There were no takers.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: Every player with 45 hours of live play from Nov. 1-Dec. 24 will receive \$50 to \$599 in the Holiday Race for Cash promotion.

Another special event is the Classical 95.5 KHFM bounty tournament on Dec. 19 with D.J. **Brent Stevens**. It's \$95 with \$95 bounties on the Stevens and possibly five other players.

December tournaments will include a bounty Dec. 2 and 16 (\$100 entry, \$10 bounties); Omaha/8 on Dec. 13 (\$100 added per table, \$100 entry with one re-entry) and the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack (Dec. 26, \$150). Just a reminder that players can earn 1K bonus chips for two hours of live play before the start of tournaments. There also will be unique NLHE or Omaha/8 tournaments every day (except Wednesdays) in December, with buy-ins of \$25, \$40 and \$75.

Live games this month include \$20-\$40 limit and \$1-\$2 PLO half and half every Wednesday, \$4-\$8 PLO half and half on Thursdays, \$1-\$2 PLO/8 on Fridays and \$3-\$6 Omaha every Saturday.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Well, change seems to be in the cold, southwest wind, and we welcome another new poker room manager for the Lucky Eagle poker room, **Dominic Ortiz**. All new promotions are not quite ironed out at press time. Lucky Eagle's bad beat just paid out \$74K to winner from San Antonio. ♠



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THOMPSON SHINES IN DAYTONA HPT

The Heartland Poker Tour Main Event at Daytona Beach Kennel Club was the poker room's largest HPT yet, as 389 players from all over the country generated a \$575K prize pool. Staying true to its roots, the heart of the final table was stacked with homegrown players such as Tallahassee's **Jared Reinstein** and Jacksonville's **David Jackson, Andrew Dykeman** and **Dalton Mills**. Mills finished second in his last HPT final table but this time he came up short of the televised final table in 10th place for the second time in his HPT career.



But it was Winter Park pro **Corey Thompson** who took down the title, more than tripling his best live tournament cash, pocketing \$131K. On the final hand, Thompson's pocket 10s cooled **Steve Karp's** pocket nines. Karp earned \$81,326 for second.

The preliminary series also were the most successful to date with record turnouts for each event, including 118 for the \$165 seniors, which was chopped for \$2.9K each between Ormond Beach's **Jim White** and Orlando's **Clay Taul**. Other big winners included **Alan Phillips** and **David Prociak** and **Jason Loposilvero**, who split Event 1 for \$11.6K each.

This was HPT's seventh visit to Daytona Beach since 2011. Denver's **Corey Zedo** finished fifth for \$28,350. He plans to apply a portion of the winnings toward motorcycle upgrades.

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: At press time, the Bounty Scramble \$5K Main Event was under way. The preliminary series had wrapped up and was the most successful to date. The Player of the Series was Palm Coast's **Johnny Ear**, who won Event 1 (\$200 NLHE), toppling 851 players to earn \$23K. A week later, Ear was at the final table of Event 6, which boasted a field of 613 players and a \$183K prize pool. He wouldn't fare as well, finishing fifth, but it was enough to earn him POS and entry into the \$5K, \$1 million guarantee main event. He also posted another final-table appearance for \$4.2K in Event 16.

Denis Gnidash from Fair Lawn, N.J., took down Event 16, which is considered the hardest undercard event of the series. The \$2,100 buy-in with \$500 bounties attracts a tough field of pros looking to warm up for the main event. Gnidash took home \$32K after a three-way split with 2013 WSOP champ **Ryan Riess** and **Sam Phillips**.

LOUISIANA

COUSHATTA CASINO: The annual \$550 Fall Blowout tournament drew 112 players and when the tournament reached the bubble stage (13 players left), the negotiated a chop of the \$54,320 prize pool. Overwhelming chipleader, **Jeremy Tinsley**,

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MEET DAVID BENNETT



David Bennett is an avid poker player who lives in the Tampa Bay area, but don't call him a pro.

How long have you been playing and what are your goals/aspirations with the game? I

started playing poker around 2007. My initial focus was on the cash games, but shortly after moving to Florida in 2010, I began playing a lot of local tournaments. Two weeks after moving to Florida, I won \$78K in a tournament at Derby Lane (in St. Petersburg) and have been hooked ever since. Though poker has been my main source of income for the past five years, I still do not consider myself a professional poker player. My main goal is just to continue to improve my game and become more consistent with my play. I believe consistency is what truly separates the pros from the skilled amateurs. I feel if I continue to work at it, the results will come naturally.

Why did you start the Derby Lane Poker League two years ago?

(It's) a way to offer some of the local players an opportunity to win their way into larger buy-in tournaments. We play once a week and members are awarded points for finishing in the top five. This year, we will be sending five of the 27 members to Las Vegas for the WSOP. Though very competitive, the league has a family feel to it. Members are always very supportive and genuinely want each other to succeed outside of league play. — **Andrew Malowitz**

received the biggest portion (\$9,661) for first place. **Bruce Soileau** was second (\$8,369).

Said tournament director **Darron Simon**: "We're interested in making this a multiple-starting-day tournament in January to increase participation and prize money for the players."

The Winter Classic runs Dec. 9-13 (See the ad on Page 36).

ISLE OF CAPRI: Poker room manager **David "Stew" Stewart** has returned to the Lake Charles Casino's eight-table poker room. Stewart briefly left the Isle to open and manage the six-table poker room across the lake at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles. It didn't take Stew long to realize he missed his "home" and is eager to return the Isle of Capri as the premiere poker room in southwest Louisiana. He has introduced quite a few player promotions and new tournaments to the weekly schedule. Check out the poker room's website or find it on Bravo.

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Ante Up Poker Cruises hit the high seas for its first back-to-back sailings in late October, beginning with a 13-night voyage from Boston to Tampa, with stops in five exotic southern Caribbean islands, including St. Lucia, where Ante Up publisher **Scott Long**, poker room manager **Ramze Sleiman** and passengers **Brent Philbin**, **Sharon Beauchamp** and **Bobby Beauchamp** ziplined through a rainforest.

On the second half of the voyages, a packed poker room offered players plenty of tournament and cash-game action, plus three free poker courses and an open-bar cocktail party.

Philbin, pictured with Ante Up dealers **Nicolle Provoste Serruys** and **Jennifer Brady**, won the \$20 rebuy tournament that was so fast and furious with rebuys and add-ons that it generated a \$3,648 prize pool, while veteran Ante Up cruiser **Vic Sabo** was declared the champion of the \$100 main event after a three-way deal was reached.

For more information on Ante Up Poker Cruises, visit AnteUpCruises.Com.

L.A. CRUISERS GET FREE BEVERAGE PACKAGE

Ante Up Poker Cruises has announced that all guests sailing on its Jan. 24 sailing out of Los Angeles will receive a complimentary beverage package. Also, online poker professional **Tony Giorciari** will be aboard to teach free and paid poker classes.

“The drink package offers tremendous value to this sailing and we’re pleased to be able to offer it to all of our guests,” said **Scott Long**, who owns Ante Up Poker Cruises with **Chris Cosenza**. “Also, Tony has enjoyed phenomenal success playing online in Nevada and we’re looking forward to our players benefiting from his expertise.”

Giorciari will teach a free intermediate strategy class on the first sea day, will offer a two-hour advanced strategy class for \$100 the next day and will be available for private paid instruction.

The drink package includes soda, juice, beer, wine, spirits and cocktails up to \$15 each and a \$15 discount on drinks that cost more than that. Guests will get a 20 percent discount on bottles of wines. Some exceptions apply. Contact Ante Up for full details.

The Jan. 24 cruise aboard NCL’s *Jewel* leaves from L.A. and makes three port calls in the Mexican Riviera: Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta. Rates start at \$799 per person based on double occupancy while supplies last.

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BAY AREA HITS IT BIG AT PPC ARUBA

The Poker Players Championship is one of the favorite tournament series in the bay area, with stops in Ocala, Naples/Ft. Myers and Tampa Bay Downs. These series send many players to Aruba for the PPC World Championship. Of the 10 players who made the final table, four were from the Central Florida poker area and the champion has a home in Tampa. The four Central Florida finalists were **David Kidd** (eighth, Naples, \$11,360), **Steve Trizis** (seventh, St. Petersburg, \$15,147), **Danny Lobado** (second, Tampa, \$62,480) and PPC world champ **Vincent Fiorenza** (Oviedo, \$106,027). Fiorenza also won the HPT Daytona Beach stop last year, defeating local pro **Carlos Loving**. And this is the second six-figure score of Fiorenza's career.

With the conclusion of the world championship comes the end of the player-of-the-year race, which went to Tampa Bay player **Allen Wiseman**. With 10 cashes for more than \$60K this past season, Wiseman earned the POY title and entries into the North American Championship at the Silks Poker Room and the World Championship in Aruba.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: The Winter Open runs Dec. 3-20 and will include numerous guarantees, a ladies event, a seniors event, PLO and four multiday events (\$150 buy-in/\$50K guarantee; \$350/\$150K; \$560/\$200K and \$1,650/\$300K).

DERBY LANE: The St. Petersburg poker room has added guarantees to many daily tournaments. Sundays will have a \$5K

guarantee on the 1 p.m. \$150 tournament. Tuesdays will be a Player Appreciation \$207 event (\$200 to the prize pool) and will have a \$15K guarantee. Check the Derby Lane calendar to see when your favorite tournament will be running.

FT. MYERS-NAPLES GREYHOUND: The popular Miller & Moulton celebrity event is Dec. 17 (\$75, 7 p.m.).

MISSOURI

HOLLYWOOD CASINO: The St. Louis property has launched a unique new promotion called Sets Cracked. This promo pays players whose pocket pairs make a set, full house or quads and lose to another pocket pair. An interesting aspect of this promotion is though each player must hold a pocket pair, both hole cards do not have to play to qualify. This means your set still gets paid when it loses to a four-card straight or flush, provided the winning player is holding a pocket pair. Each rank (deuces through aces) has its own \$100 daily jackpot that increases by \$25 for every day that it does not hit. That's at least \$1,300 up for grabs every day.

AMERISTAR CASINO: **Kane Lai**, the doctor from Highlands Ranch, Colo., ran well and played even better on the way to his first HPT victory (\$150,593).

Lai's final opponent was logger **Chris Cornell** as they got all of the chips in the middle with Lai holding a better flush. Cornell, a Clarksville, Tenn., native, earned \$92,055.

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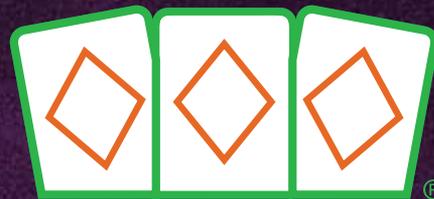


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DIAZ POCKETS \$134K AT ISLE OPEN

The Isle Poker Room in Pompano Beach closed out its rotation of four major tournament series in late October with the conclusion of the Isle Open main event, as the \$1,500 buy-in tourney easily surpassed the \$500K prize pool guarantee with 477 entries.

The event attracted many of South Florida's top players, including **Maurice Hawkins** of West Palm Beach, who sat in to play just one day after arriving home from a top-50 finish in the World Series of Poker Europe Main Event in Berlin, and Parkland's **Matt Waxman**. Hawkins finished 25th and Waxman was eliminated in 21st place.

On the final day after **Lenny Duvdivani** of Sunrise and **Dmitry Agrachov** of Weston went out in sixth and fifth place, respectively, the final four launched into a marathon session that lasted several hours. But shortly after **Hans Winzeler** was eliminated, the final three players agreed to chop, handing the trophy to **David Diaz**, a WSOP bracelet-winner in 2011.



Diaz, who finished second over the summer in the main event of the WSOPC at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, collected \$134,523 for the victory while **Evan Teitlebaum**, also of Parkland, took home \$110K for second. **Joey Couden** of Blacklick, Ohio, cashed in third for \$90K.

For Couden, it was a breakout second-half in 2015 after three cashes at the World Series, as this was his third major final table after a victory at the Florida State Poker Championship in August at the Isle. Diaz (No. 341) and Couden (No. 345) are ranked in the Global Poker Index.

HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD: The casino continues to expand its association with two major poker entities: the World Poker Tour and the *Poker Night in America*. The WPT returns for its regular mid-April appearance with the Seminole Hard Rock Showdown. However, the WPT also revealed it is doing away with the WPT World Championship, which was at the Borgata last April, and would be replacing it with a new event called the WPT Tournament of Champions, scheduled for April 21-23 at Hard Rock Hollywood, immediately after the Showdown. All Season XIV champions will receive an automatic invite and will have their airfare and hotel accommodations paid for, and members of the WPT Champions Club can buy-in for \$15,400. This means no players will be allowed to participate that have not won a WPT event.

"The season-ending WPT Tournament of Champions will truly be a championship event," WPT CEO **Adam Pliska** said.

As for *PNIA*, it will cover the Rock 'n' Roll Open final table (Nov. 27-Dec. 2) and bring back televised high-stakes cash games, including the return of an all-ladies table.

"We're looking forward to the anticipated encore of Ladies Night," said **Jason Newman**, director of poker marketing for Seminole Gaming.

The WPT also announced the facility would host a WPT DeepStacks event Jan. 14-18 with a \$1,100 buy-in.

MARDI GRAS: Some of **David Litvin**'s friends and employees refer to him as the "King of the Freeroll" because the director

of the Big Easy Poker Room has had tremendous success with small nightly events and a major guaranteed freeroll about once a month. So, with the holidays rolling around, December will feature two freerolls at the Hallandale facility. The first will be Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and will feature a \$10K guarantee, but the tournament fills up quickly, so getting your free ticket shortly after they become available at 10 a.m. that day is advisable. Big Easy will up the ante with a special freeroll on New Year's Eve at 7 p.m. with a \$15K guarantee. It will feature a special \$500 high-hand giveaway unique to the tournament, with qualifying during the first 30 minutes of action after the break. Litvin talked about the continued success of the events paying for themselves.

"We always have at least 150 players at the rebuy period, so the interest is still there," he said. "These freerolls attract people that will eventually play cash games, but most people treat it as a great value, knowing they will spend some rebuy money to have a shot at a really nice prize pool."

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GOLDEN NUGGET: The Biloxi poker room does a great job of keeping its tournament and promotions updated on its website. Visit goldennugget.com and select the Biloxi property for specifics. Highlights this winter include a breakfast or lunch buffet for anyone playing at least three hours of live action, live and tournament bad-beat jackpots and tons of fun high hand/splash-the-pot opportunities.

SCARLET PEARL RESORT AND CASINO: Expect lots of fun promotions when this property opens Dec. 9 in D'iberville.

BEAU RIVAGE: Poker room manager **Johnny Grooms** also does a great job of keeping monthly live promotions fresh and exciting. Check out beaupoker.com for a calendar and break down of everything going on for the remainder of 2015, which includes the popular "Lose an Omaha hand with four unpaired wheel cards or two aces and two wheel cards and win \$100." Simple, to the point, easy money. Can't beat that.

PEARL RIVER RESORT: In the middle of the state, table games administrator **Neal Atkinson** has some crazy good promotions in his poker room. Check out pearlriverresort.com for details. Highlights include a prime-time Aces Cracked promo awarding prizes from \$30-\$225 and a "suited card splash the pot" where a single suited flop awards a hearty pot splash with additional money awarded if the turn and the river are also the same suit.

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AMERISTAR VICKSBURG: **Chan Pelton** captured the HPT main event and \$42,560. The rancher from College Station, Texas, took over the chip lead with seven players left and never relinquished the lead. ♠



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KACHITTAVONG WINS WPF AT FOXWOODS

After a four-way chop, **Soukha Kachittavong** walked away with the trophy of the Foxwoods World Poker Finals Main Event, which drew 243 entries for a \$589,275 prize pool in Ledyard, Conn. Kachittavong and **Je Wook Oh**, who was second, each earned \$76,037.

The third-place finisher, **Matthew Wantman**, actually earned the most, pocketing \$107K, while **Ryan Mostafa** finished fourth (\$70,037).



Robert Campion, who was fifth, \$34,767 to his bankroll.

Playing out of Woonsocket, R.I., **Kachittavong** increased his live earnings to \$372,582. The cash, his fifth at this year's World Poker Finals, was the richest of his career.

A New York resident, Oh pushed his career take to \$604,235. He has 27 cashes in 2015, including a pair at the World Series of Poker, where he was 86th in the main event. Wantman's cash was his best live showing, bringing his career earnings to \$507,903. He's cashed 28 times this year, five of those at the WSOP.

Mostafa, from Stamford, Conn., has made more than \$190K on the live circuit. The first cash of his career came at Foxwoods in July 2012.

The payout took Campion's winnings to \$76,364. A New York resident, he has cashed 10 times, the first coming at the 2014 World Poker Finals.

The sixth-place finisher was **Evan Paushter**, who earned \$27,696. **Peter Sennon** collected \$22,392 for seventh.

Some of the undercard events winners include **Robert Pasaretta** of Pascoag, R.I., who captured the final \$300 Big Stack for \$6,296, and **Robert Courtney** of Millbury, Mass., who won the seniors event for \$11,507.

The MegaStack Challenge, which runs Dec. 4-14, has more than \$1 million in guarantees, including a \$300K guarantee for the \$1,650 main event, which has two flights on Dec. 12 and concludes the next day. Other interesting events from the series include the \$600 opening event, which has a \$500K guarantee and three Day 1s, and a \$400 event on Dec. 9, which has a \$100K guarantee and two starting flights that day with Day 2 on Dec. 10.

And finally, save the date as the poker room will join Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics to host a Restock the Shelves tournament on Jan. 18. Call the poker room for details.

MOHEGAN SUN: There are lots of \$85 bounty events this month, pretty much daily at 10 a.m., but the highlight might just be the \$230 Holiday Hangover event, which sports five

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MEET MATT GLANTZ



Matt Glantz is a popular poker pro who recently ended his run as Parx Poker Room Ambassador in Philadelphia. He is well-known for his poker play, but his tournament structures are legendary and he was integral in establishing the property's Big Stax series.

When was the first time you learned to play poker? My first time playing poker was in my late 20s. I was a derivatives trader at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange when I got invited to a \$5-\$10 seven-card stud game after work one evening. It was the first time I ever played a hand of poker and was instantly hooked.

What's the biggest win of your career and are there any poker moments you found memorable or life-changing? The European Poker Tour's London High Roller when I took first for \$862K. That was a big score at the time and got me thinking about tournaments for the first time. Previously, I was just a cash-game player.

Would you say the rest of your poker career will be focused mainly on tournaments or cash? I feel as though I'm still primarily a cash-game player but tournaments are definitely (important) now and going forward will be a significant part of my schedule. Tournaments are a great challenge and a ton of fun, but for me, cash games are a much steadier way to make a living. The variance in tournament poker keeps the tournaments a secondary form of poker for me.

Do you have a favorite venue and what makes your poker room different? My favorite poker room is obviously Parx. For many years, I couldn't wait for poker rooms to become legal in Pennsylvania. When I found out four years ago that Parx was opening up a huge poker room only 25 minutes from where I live, I was thrilled. (As) the poker ambassador for Parx Casino, we (were) able to grow the game's popularity in the Philadelphia area. This is something I really enjoy. The staff at the Parx Poker Room is the most player-oriented friendly staff in any room anywhere. This is what sets our room apart from all the others. — **Jo Kim**

Day 1s from Dec. 27-29 (11 a.m. and 5 p.m.) and Day 2 on Dec. 30 (noon). Call the poker room for further details. And don't forget the \$10K guarantees every Wednesday (\$120, 7 p.m.) with 20K starting chips and 20-minute blinds. Seating may be limited, so register early.

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The Ante Up Set Sail Series at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, as Ante Up Poker Cruise packages were given to **Ellen Douras, Mercedes Blake, David Strittmatter, Michael Wilson** and **James Pickett**.

Players earned a raffle ticket for each event in the series that they entered, with five names drawn on the final day. These winners received packages for the April 18 sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla. The Ante Up Set Sail Series designation is placed on any tournament series that awards at least five cruise packages. All cashers in all events earned Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year points.

Tourney winners included **Gertrude Dinnocenzo** (Event 1, \$1,092); **Louis Kanaras** (Event 2, \$3,750); **James Sloat** (Event 3, \$4,900); **Thomas Grey** (Event 4, \$16,500); **James Gardner** (Event 5, \$2,488); **Joanne Liu** (Event 6, \$13,250) and **John Mullecker** (Event 7, \$2,500).

Also, the poker room's Getaway Weekend will be Dec. 18-20. On Dec. 18, there will be a \$10K guarantee (\$125), followed by a \$15K guarantee on Dec. 19 (\$175) and a \$2,500 guarantee on Dec. 20 (\$35).

Over the holiday weekends, there will be a series of events. Dec. 26 will be a \$20K guarantee (\$195), followed by a \$3,500 guarantee on Dec. 27 (\$35). On New Year's Day, look for a \$10K guarantee (\$125) and a \$30K guarantee on Jan. 2 (\$240).

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SUGARHOUSE CASINO: The property's fourth \$100K Showdown ran Oct. 28 Nov. 1, gathering 550 players. Since its launch in April, the tournament has increased in popularity, meeting the guarantee each time. **Rathe Miller** claimed the championship for \$33,202 and **Alex Palumbo** took second (\$18,673).

Anthony Cuffari, an active tournament player in the region, bagged a record of nearly 650K chips for Day 2 but finished eighth. "My reading skills made a huge improvement through daily tournament experience," he said. "I've been able to pick up on tells by reading body language, getting into better situations in position and making big calls based on the players."

PARX: The Big Stax XIII series ran Sept. 29-Oct. 13 as 332 players entered the \$110 main event.

Vinny Pahuja, Michael Esposito and **Thomas Revello** agreed to three-way chop after Revello agreed to take home \$66K as chip leader while giving Pahuja, who was second in chips, the trophy and title. Pahuja added \$62K to his tournament resumé of nearly \$2M. Esposito, who's been playing poker for three years, took home his biggest tournament cash for \$50K.

"I try not to give anything away to reveal information about my hands," Esposito said. "I spend most of my time playing cash, but I'll be playing tournaments more frequently now."

CHARITY EVENTS: Atlantic City will host Winter Wonderland on Dec. 12, in conjunction with a group of poker players on the 2+2 Forum. The event is run by **Billy Vogel**, a poker pro from New Jersey. Proceeds this year will benefit the Global Medical Relief Fund. Check the 2+2 Forum for more details. ♠



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MN FALL CLASSIC GOES TO IOWA'S CLARK



The Fall Poker Classic, Minnesota's largest tournament series, returned to Canterbury Park on Oct. 3-18, drawing many of the best players in the Midwest.

Scotter Clark of Marion, Iowa, won the \$1,100 main event, taking home \$85,940 after fighting for more than three hours heads-up against **Vladimir Revniaga**.

This was Clark's first cash that appeared on Hendon Mob. The main event drew 377 entries, an increase from 363 last year, for a \$365,690 prize pool.

This year's FPC included 15 tournaments and 11 bonus evening events. For the first time, the series included a \$5,250 high-roller event that drew a respectable 32 entries for a \$157,600 prize pool. **Robbie Wazwaz** of Brooklyn Park, Minn., took the top spot for \$70,920. **Tony Hartmann** and **John Morgan** were second and third, respectively. **Lucas Mernin** of Robbinsdale, Minn., won the \$550 event for \$23,455.

Soni Lo won the \$340 HORSE event for \$8,381. **Derek McMaster** won the \$235 Omaha/8 event for \$7,006.

Wazwaz was the top earner for the series with one win and two cashes for a total of \$86,226. In 2015, Wazwaz has had 18 tournament cashes for \$273,805, showing he has continued the trend he started in January when he won the Great Minnesota Freeze Out.

Revniaga had the second best total (\$49,462) spread across three cashes to increase his lifetime Hendon Mob earnings by more than 38 percent. **Mitchell Shock** cashed three times for \$41K. **Carl Carodenuto** cashed four times (\$36K) and **Charles Costanzo** rounded out the top five with three cashes (\$29K).



The Ultimate 100K guarantee preceded the FPC. **Thomas Sawyer** of Lake Delton, Wis., won the title for \$23,698. The event had a \$150 buy-in and drew 1,114 entrants across six Day 1s, generating a \$128,110 prize pool.

RUNNING ACES: The poker room's signature tournament, the \$280 Hallow Scream, drew 616 entrants across six Day 1s for a \$134,205 prize pool. **Luke Vierkant** of Sauk Rapids, Minn., outlasted the field for \$34,308.

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MEET JOSH REICHARD

Hailing from Janesville, Wis., **Josh Reichard**, 24, is a poker pro who has been traveling the tournament circuit for four years. He captured his fourth World Series of Poker Circuit gold ring in late October at Horseshoe Hammond in Indiana. Reichard, who won the Mid-States Poker Tour stop at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells in 2013, topped a WSOPC field of 216 to win Event 12 (\$365 turbo) to capture the \$16,201 first-place prize.

He also had second- and third-place finishes during the series, which gave him 117.5 points and the Casino Championship title, earning a seat into the first WSOP Global Casino Championship.

It's the third time he has qualified for the season-ending championship, but is he optimistic this time?

"The first one was disappointing," he said. "I ran deep and got it in good with 25 left and lost. The second one I was one of the first eliminated. ... I look forward to having another shot at it." — **Chad Holloway**

declined to hear a case regarding the Ho-Chunk Nation being able to offer poker via electronic tables, meaning the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruling from April, which stated video poker at the casino was legal, will stand.

State Attorney General **Brad Schimel** and Assistant Attorney General **Clayton Kawski** asked the court to hear the case, which focused on whether video poker was a Class II or Class III game.

If the latter, where players bet against the house, it would be prohibited as described by the IGRA. The tribe maintained it was the former because it was not banked by the house.

The Supreme Court declined the case, which was among 1,600 other passed cases, with no comment.

POTAWATOMI CASINO: On Nov. 2, a massive \$213K bad-beat jackpot hit. **Cero Zuccarello's** quad fours lost to the quad eights of **Robert Michelini Jr.**

Both players flopped a set and the turn and river improved both.

Zuccarello (top right) of Monona received \$64,015, Michelini of Pewaukee won \$42,678, five other players at the table earned \$12,803 and 57 others in the room won \$748.



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HEAD, STYBANIEWICZ EARN WSOPC INDIANA MAIN EVENTS

After an epic heads-up match in the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event that lasted more than six hours, **Russ Head** eliminated **Abhishek Yerra** to earn the title and the \$133K at Horseshoe Southern Indiana.

"I am going to win it," Head said beforehand. "Last year I got second and this year I am going to win it."

Robert Cheung of Vancouver won his first WSOPC ring along with \$10K, defeating 124 entries in the turbo event.

"The game has changed a lot," said Cheung, who won a WSOP bracelet in 2007. "In 2007, everything was so much easier. Now that everyone knows how to play, the entire final table was really strong."

Cody Pack from Cartersville, Ga., won the six-max event for \$13K, picking up his third ring this year. He defeated more than 160 players, which generated a \$49K prize pool.

HORSESHOE HAMMOND: **Amanda Heidbrink** won the \$365 opener of the WSOPC in Indiana, earning \$101K. But it was **Krzysztof Stybaniewicz** who captured the coveted main event for a whopping \$365K. It was the Denver amateur's first ring.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the competition," Stybaniewicz said. "People were not going to sit down and let themselves get pushed around. They were all extremely aggressive and very good players. It was an extremely tough grind."

AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO: The Heartland Poker Tour returns the property on Jan. 14-25. The \$300 buy-in opener will again have a \$100K guarantee. Last August's opener had 989 entries.

MAJESTIC STAR: The seniors tournament fell short of the \$4K guarantee, drawing just 21 entries. **Andre Pierre** won \$2K and the title after a lengthy heads-up tangle with local pro **Nadim "King" Saleh**. WPT DeepStacks winner **Tim McCarthy** made the final table along with **Gary Herstein**, who leads the list for the most tournament cashes here.

TROPICANA EVANSVILLE: The Mid-States Poker Tour visits on Jan. 23-31 with a \$50K guarantee for its \$350 buy-in.

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MESWAKI CASINO: The MSPT returned to Tama and beat the \$300K guarantee to pay out more than \$400K. **Rich Alsip**, a pro from Eden Prairie, Minn., who was runner-up in this event in March, came back with a score to settle, and this time he took down the top prize of \$101,229.

The final table began with pro **Matt Alexander** sporting a huge chip lead, but he went out seventh after losing most of his chips in a flip. **Derek Dempster** and Alsip traded blows once head-up play got going until Alsip turned bottom pair into trips on the river to disappoint Dempster's top pair. Then, to make matters worse, Dempster shoved his short stack with 5-4 offsuit and Alsip called with the same hand, only to see Alsip earn a flush.

HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS: The Holiday Poker Classic again runs during the last week of the year with the \$550 main event kicking off Dec. 26 at noon with play continuing the next day at 1. There will be several main-event satellites as well as many \$150 fat-stack events to give players plenty of time to play.



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FERRAROTTI WINS MICHIGAN ST. CHAMPIONSHIP AT FIREKEEPERS

FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Mich., hosted the Michigan State Poker Championship as part of the Mid-States Poker Tour and once again sported one of the largest tournaments in the state.

While the MSPT didn't top its turnout from earlier this year, there were 559 entries to produce a \$559K prize pool and a first-place prize of \$134,642, which went to **Michael Ferrarotti** of Livonia, Mich.



Linda Callear of Morley, Mich., was the "Last Woman Standing" and nearly became the second female MSPT champion. She made the final table but lost a flip to **Bill Rogers**, who three-bet all-in with K-Q. Callear called with 7-7 but Rogers flopped a queen, sending Callear home with \$38,662 for fourth place.

Ferrarotti's victory also was his first MSPT cash, beating Rogers of Midland, Mich., in heads-up play. Rogers took home \$75,703 after a wild final hand of the tournament. Ferrarotti raised to 160K with K-5 and Rogers, holding A-Q, made it 500K with 1.5M behind. Ferrarotti moved all-in for 9.1M and Rogers snap-called. The flop came K-10-K and Rogers was down to four outs. He hit a jack on the turn for Broadway and the lead, forcing Ferrarotti to hit one of 10 outs for the title. A five on the river paired his other hole card for a full house and the Michigan State Poker Championship.

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HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS: The property is excited to kick off its premier tournament series this month, running the popular Ohio Championship on Dec. 4-13, featuring \$150K in guarantees, including a multiday \$100K guarantee \$550 main event.

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO: The poker room is gearing up for a big month as the annual Arctic Blast series runs Dec. 10-20. Things kick off with a \$330 tournament that has a \$50K guarantee. The 11-day series wraps up with a \$100K guarantee \$660 main event.

HORSESHOE NEWS: Rock Gaming LLC has taken over management operations of the Horseshoe Cleveland and Horseshoe Cincinnati properties. Each casino will be rebranded and transitioned from the Caesars Rewards programs and brand to new names and rewards programs by Rock Gaming.

RIVERS CASINO: The property is bringing back its popular New Year's Eve hot-seat promotion, which features hourly \$500 hot seats from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and culminates with a \$5K hot seat at 2 a.m. This has been a huge draw in past years and has become a favorite way for locals to ring in the New Year.

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In *The Course: Serious Hold'em Strategy for Smart Player*, by **Ed Miller**, this poker pro and columnist presents material exactly what is needed to play at the \$1-\$2 and \$1-\$3 NL tables and then takes it two steps forward, providing the necessary guidance to advance into \$2-\$5 and even the \$5-\$10 tables.

I believe this book really helps those struggling at the lower end of these no-limit tables, concentrating on preflop decisions, card ranges and, of course, position. Suited-ness plays a role, but Miller skillfully allows you to select the right time to apply this factor, giving it the extra allowance needed to play a particular pot.

Recently, one of my online clients here in Maryland, who has read the book five times, yes, five times, and has memorized the charts, the ranges provided and more, is smoking them at the \$2-\$5 tables at the Horseshoe Casino and Maryland Live.

On a recent cruise, there was no daily poker table available (this could have been avoided if he had gone on an Ante Up Poker Cruise). However, on the way back to port, there was a poker tournament, which he played, applied the same theo-

ries and won first place, a \$2K watch and a ton of swag. I'd like to hear from those who have read the book. And for those who haven't, I highly recommend you get the e-edition or the book from reputable book stores and online distributors such as Amazon.com.

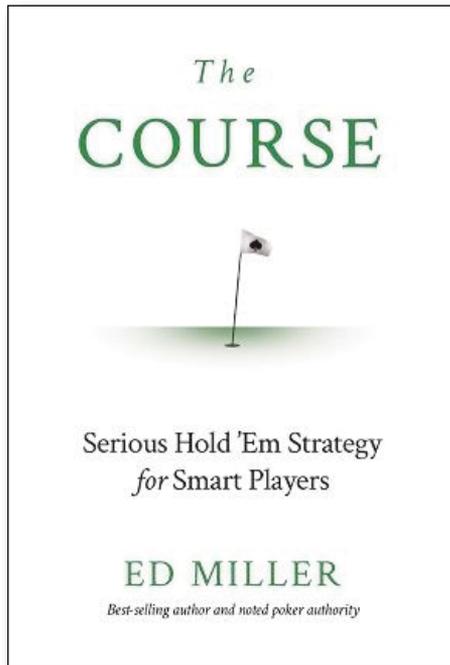
If you haven't read this book, ask yourself if playing poker is just entertainment or recreation. Should that's the case, then don't bother acquiring this book. But if it's your intention to supplement your income, create a new stream of permanent income or to move into larger stakes in the cash-game world, then don't delay; get this book today.

I rarely review a book where I had the privilege to receive it before publishing to report any errors (grammatical, punctuation or confusing sentences) to the author.

In addition, if I felt a particular subject could be further explored from a player's perspective, I made that observation for any updates the author may make in the upcoming editions. But, to be honest, they were minor. It's a terrific book and many of my clients have purchased it and they all said it instantly

helped make their game better.

— **Al Spath is pro poker instructor/mentor who is producing a free instructional poker video series (Building a Bankroll at the Micro Limits) with videos on YouTube (Al Spath) and Twitch/TV (AlSpath).**



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HERE ARE SOME TIDBITS FOR CASH GAMES

After seeing my columns here in Ante Up, many players attend to email me seeking my coaching help. One recent student told me he usually played \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em cash games and included a few tidbits from his poker bio. We set up a consultation call and in my response I included a few tips. My tips come from my gut; I do not have a canned response. Here's what I included in my response:



MARK BREMENT

"Make sure your preflop raise narrows the field to one or two players. And stop limping. Hope that tidbit helps."

The response I received: "Wow, thanks for the tip. I was just telling my wife how I am playing too passive. I will call you next week."

TIDBIT 1: Bet-sizing is a big deal. Flopping top set is not a good reason to play it slow, resulting in teasing players to catch the turn. The turn can lead to a substantial increase in outs for opponents. Most players fail to recognize where their blunder occurred. But we certainly remember getting our set of aces cracked by runner-runner.

TIDBIT 2: Be sure to over-charge opponents. Ultimately, this makes you the house. You have manipulated the odds in your

favor, which is why owning a casino is a good thing. Recently, I overheard a player lament his luck and the story cited was the aforementioned scenario. He let all three players catch the turn on the cheap.

The play caused him an exit in a tournament and he failed to realize his bad play with three players drawing most likely had manipulated matters from being a strong favorite after the flop to becoming an underdog on the turn. We often mistake the winner to be lucky because he was drawing thin, but forget to factor in all of the outs we never get to see.

TIDBIT 3: There is zero luck in poker. Let's not kid ourselves; we make our own breaks. I used to take a survey in my class and most students came in at 60-40. If zero luck confuses you, think of a major-leaguer who is getting great wood on the ball, but is in a slump. His linedrives are being caught. He's down in the dumps because his average is suffering. His hitting coach tells him not to change a thing, which leads to the last tidbit.

TIDBIT 4: Your poker coach's No. 1 job is to help you untangle your play. Losing might be variance or blunders, big leaks or subtle. Don't fall prey to chasing ghosts.

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

"Make sure your preflop raise narrows the field to one or two players. And stop limping. Hope that tidbit helps."





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WHEN IN DOUBT, BE SURE TO BET OUT

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DAVID APOSTOLICO

Now, the assumption your opponent had two over cards is not a bad one.

The bottom line is, though, you never know for sure what your opponent has when calling into you.

He could be on a draw, have a monster or a slightly worse hand. Or he could be floating you, thinking you didn't hit the flop and is waiting for you to give up on the hand so he can take it.

The point of this article is not to provide a blueprint of when to bet and when to check. That is so situation-dependent on so many factors.

Good players inherently will know the right thing to do based on the situation, though in hindsight the decision may prove wrong. The point of this article is a philosophical one.

If you're truly torn between checking or betting, then I would encourage you to bet. Most players tend to be risk-averse. If they have doubts, they would rather check. The problem with that line of thinking is you have now increased your risk by conceding power to your opponent.

By not continuing to exert pressure on your opponent, you have increased the likelihood of pressure being exerted on you. Good opponents will pounce on your indecisiveness and make you pay for it.

Again, this article isn't meant to be an advocate for overly aggressive betting.

Rather, over your next few sessions, keep this in the back of your mind. When you are truly wrestling with a decision to bet or check, go ahead and bet. See how opponents react and how the hand plays.

Don't be results-oriented but objectively determine if betting was the right decision based on the information you had at the time. You're more likely to find out where you stand and what your opponent's relative strength is by betting rather than checking. So, when in doubt, bet out.

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IF THEY NEED TO VENT, THEY'RE WEAK

I sat with a few poker players once and asked, "How many of you have heard of ventilators?" There were some chuckles; one guy asked if that was anything like a little battery-powered fan with a squirt bottle. Another said he thought I had mentioned it somewhere but wasn't sure. It was confirmed: Most people really don't know about ventilators and that's almost forgivable except for poker players and law enforcement officers.



**JOE
NAVARRO**

Before I list the ventilators, let me say I recognize that we ventilate ourselves all the time if the temperature becomes significantly warm.

However, the presence of others in close proximity can cause us to ventilate ourselves also, as can a difficult college test or an interviewer's piercing questions.

In these cases, you may find yourself ventilating your shirt by pulling or tugging at it away from your body. We do this to relieve physical as well as psychological discomfort.

When I got into law enforcement, I began to observe that suspects often ventilated themselves while the innocent did not. This served me well, not in detecting deception, but rather, in seeing which questions caused the suspects discomfort.

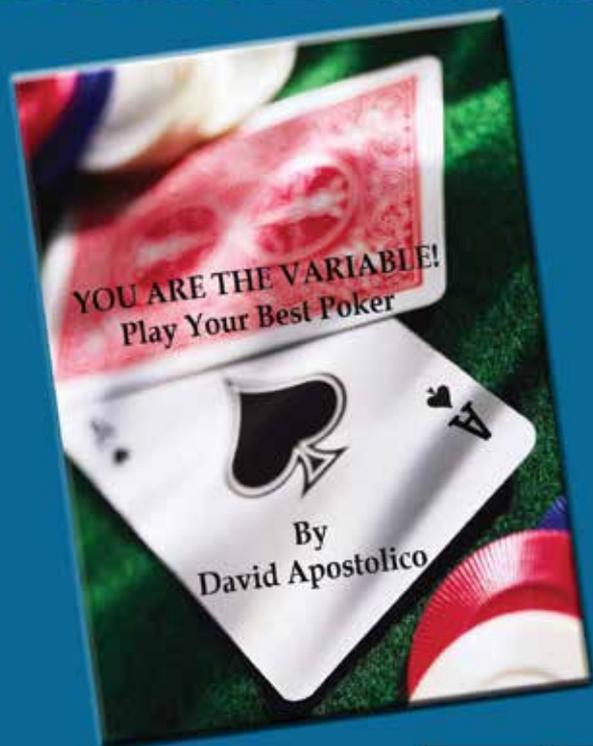
What can cause psychological discomfort at the table? The same things as in life: insecurity, doubt, fear, apprehension, a sense of weakness, vulnerability or anxiety; all the things we

associate in poker with being weak or marginal or with reluctantly being forced to act.

Here are five ventilators you can look for while playing. Chances are something is bothering the individual and with all of the other information you have gathered at the table, this may give you a significant advantage in discerning what the other player is thinking, feeling or fearing as they contemplate their next move or after going all-in.

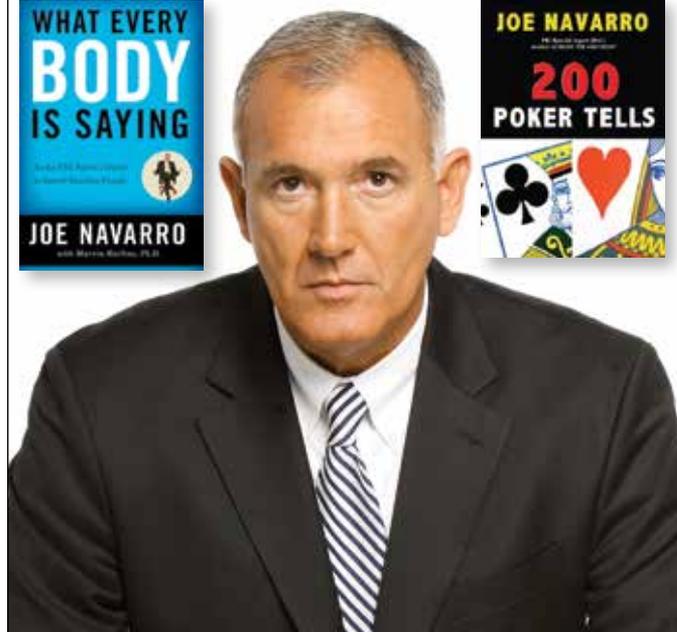
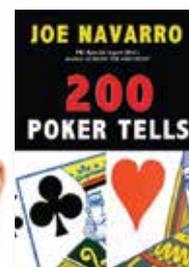
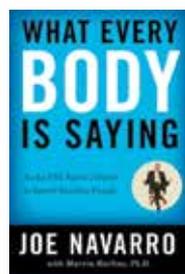
- Look for players to run their fingers through their hair multiple times in quick succession.
 - Players who wear hats will lift their hat completely off the head or angle it upward in such a way as to let in air.
 - Female players ventilate slightly differently than men when it comes to hair. If they have hair down to the neck they will lift up the hair at the nape of the neck brushing the hair upward, an effort to allow air to cool the neck.
 - Look for players who pull on their shirt buttons or the front of their shirt by lifting it away from the skin. This may be repeated by both hands lifting up the shirt simultaneously just above the pectorals. The lifting of the shirt allows air to flow beneath the fabric cooling the skin.
 - Pulling at the collar is also often missed. This tell (behavior) was popularized by comedian **Rodney Dangerfield**.
- **Joe Navarro is the author of the international bestseller *What Every BODY Is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*.**

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DOES THE GAMBLER'S FALLACY APPLY HERE?

The gambler's fallacy is the belief that the chances of something happening with a fixed probability change as the process is repeated. Basically it says something happens, the thing that happens differs from what is normally expected and therefore it won't happen again, e.g. flips of a coin, red-black and other games of chance.



STEPHEN BLOOMFIELD

Poker, as we know, is a game of skill with opportunities (some call luck) and with incomplete information. I want to try to expand the information aspect.

In poker, gambler's fallacy takes the form of, "he had aces last time, he couldn't possibly have aces again," or "he sucked out on the river for a flush, that can't happen again." Assuming everything remains the same, the odds are the same each time.

Conversely, we lead ourselves to think, "I'm due; I will make my trips because I haven't made trips in so long." No, the odds remain the same.

So, do you fall into the gambler's fallacy when playing, betting or raising? Because when it doesn't happen, you're surely likely to tilt and blame your misfortune on thinking something was likely to happen when the odds really stayed the same.

These fallacies are fallacies in games of pure chance.

What about poker? Statistically, the odds of getting pocket aces don't change. The odds of flopping a straight don't change.

Poker isn't about pure chance; there's skill involved and there are numerous decisions on each street that confound the game.

But we fool ourselves all of the time. A poker room runs a high-hand promotion and the room fills up. The high hand every hour seems to be a straight flush, often a royal flush. What happened to the odds? Maybe we just remember the straight flushes, or maybe people play differently when there's a big promotion.

Now take it to your normal table. When you're factoring in the math, the patterns, the tells and you're about to make a decision, don't decide the villain can't have pocket aces again. It's just as likely the villain was dealt pocket aces this time as last time or even the next time.

Don't let this so-called logical scenario rule your decision-making; the gambler's fallacy is what keeps the house in business. For poker, keep your head in the game and don't fall for this fallacy.

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RESOLVE TO STAY HEALTHY AT THE TABLE IN 2016

This seems like the perfect time for some New Year's resolutions, poker-style. I'm not referring to strategy, as there are plenty of qualified pros to give you one-liners worth remembering next year. **Doyle Brunson** says, "Never go broke with a queen in your hand." His son, **Todd**, says, "The third raise is always aces." **Daniel Negreanu** warns not to overvalue a pair of 10s. "After all, they're just 10s."



**DR. FRANCIS
TOSCANO**

I'm also not going to focus on any of my personal poker goals. I have some such as, "Always try to keep count of the pot," and "Play more razz." But those are really of no concern to anyone but me.

No, I'm supposed to be the medical guy, so I thought I'd review the most important nuggets of healthy advice I've given you in my past columns and ask you to consider taking some of these good health habits into the new year.

NO. 10: Get a flu shot. You've gotten one, haven't you? I sure have. Regular poker players are at a particularly high risk because they sit at a table with nine people and pass cards and chips around. The flu always gets a lot of press this time of year because it's so darn contagious and seasonal flu kills 35,000 Americans every year.

If you play a lot of poker, you should get a flu shot EVERY year. And if you do get sick, do everyone a favor and stay home. Have some soup.

NO. 9: Wash your hands, a lot. ... after a bathroom break, before eating, and at the end of your session, wash up. If you can't find soap and water, use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your nose or mouth during play. Sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow, not your hand. If someone at your table is sneezing or coughing, cover your mouth.

NO. 8: Get enough sleep. If you're planning to play late, catch a nap earlier in the day or sleep late the next morning. Don't replay hands in your head while you're trying to get to sleep, especially those bad beats. Let them go.

NO. 7: Limit your caffeine. ...and not just coffee or Red Bull.

Colas and even green tea "energy" drinks are loaded with the stuff.

NO. 6: Don't hold your bladder too long. Limit your fluids during the latter stages of a tournament when the blinds escalate and take advantage of breaks in the action to take care of business. Did I mention washing your hands?

NO. 5: Don't let a blood clot sideline you. Sitting at the table for hours can cause blood to sludge in your legs. Point your toes and contract your calf muscles every time you get the button. Get up frequently and walk; do deep knee bends; exercise your legs; wear elastic socks.

NO. 4: Don't lean on your elbows. This goes for online and live play. That little watery blob at the tip of your elbow is a bursa. If you traumatize it enough by leaning on it, it can swell up or even get infected. And, for gosh sakes, don't stick a needle in it. If it's hot and red, see a doctor. If it's not, leave it alone.

NO. 3: Exercise your mind and memory. Pay attention to the play, especially when you're not in a hand. Look for patterns. Resolve to remember them. Challenge yourself. Learn other games, such as razz!

NO. 2: Don't use drugs to improve your game. The slight and temporary performance improvement you might experience by using speed or coke isn't worth the enormous danger to your health. If you don't have ADD, forget Ritalin and Adderall. They're just as risky. Pharmaceutical quality speed is, after all, still speed.

NO. 1: Don't smoke at the table. ... cigars, cigarettes, anything. And don't let others smoke at your table. Clearly you'll have more control over this resolution if it's your home game, but you can voice your objections and refuse to attend games where smoking is allowed.

And, if you have a choice, choose a non-smoking cardroom. No matter how good a game might be, it's not worth breathing carcinogens.

— **An avid poker player, Frank Toscano, M.D. is a board-certified emergency physician. He's medical director for Red Bamboo Medi Spa in Clearwater.**

If you're sick, do everyone a favor and stay in bed.



CALL THE FLOOR

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A CARDS SPEAK RULE

I was in a \$1,000 tournament in a major Las Vegas tournament series. A player in early position raised and it folded to the big blind, who shoved all-in. The original raiser tanked for a while before throwing both his cards face up and saying, "I call."



ELLIOTT SCHECTER

He never moved or even touched any of his chips and his statement was not real clear. The dealer thought he said, "I fold."

The big blind threw his hand in face up as well. Most of the table heard the second player call, but we all just watched as the dealer scooped up both hands, turned the cards over and pushed them into the muck.

The dealer then pushed the pot to the big blind. The deck was never mixed into the muck. Several players said, "Wait," and the player at issue said he called. The dealer said, "I heard you say fold." Several of us confirmed we thought we heard him say call. The floor was called and ruled that as long as the exact hands were known, they can be brought back.

Someone asked how mucked hands can be taken out of the muck? The floor said these were "tabled hands" and not mucked hands, so out they came. The deck was never compromised, so the hand was reset and the flop, turn and river were dealt. Was this correct? — **Dave Rendahl, via email.**

VERBAL IS BINDING

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ELLIOTT SAYS: It sure would have been nice if any of the players at the table, especially the pair involved in the hand, would have spoken up and said "Stop!"

If the hands and board don't play in this situation, what's to stop dealers from doing this every time their least favorite players get action on their all-in bets? Thankfully, the players were paying attention and were able to assist in reconstituting the all-in hands. The deck, having been luckily kept to the side, was intact for the board to be dealt. The rules that apply to the showdown apply here as well since the action was closed and the active hands must be tabled.

The Cards Speak rule means the players as well as the dealer are responsible for reading the hands and determining the winner at showdown.

— **Elliott Schecter is poker room manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo.**
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TEMPERANCE VS. TEETOTALISM

BY FATHER PAUL KAMMEN



Reflecting on growing up and early gambling experiences, I can recall two stupid bets I made as a kid. In fourth grade, I took the eighth-graders to defeat the staff in a volleyball game, lost and then got upset about it not knowing how to pay off whatever I bet. All I remember is the teacher saying Dan, the student with whom I placed the bet, would not come after my family. (She also may have said, “Did you learn anything about gambling?” I think we know the answer to that question). And in seventh grade, I placed a bet (with no knowledge of what a “spread” was) of \$5 that the Timberwolves, then in their inaugural season, would certainly defeat the Bulls (then with **Scottie Pippen, Michael Jordan** and the rest). This did not happen and it cost me five bucks.

I never went to a GA meeting and, in the years that have followed, I have continued to enjoy gambling; but now it's entirely poker, the game I learned from my grandpa, who strangely somehow dealt me four aces with a joker as one of my first hands. However, I don't play the game professionally. I play for small stakes, as I live in a town with two cardrooms. I also enjoy writing, having written on

small stakes stud and stud/8, completing two books on the game, and I wrote some columns for a time. But as I said, a pro player I am not, nor am I a pro writer, as is obvious from this column.

I became a priest, being ordained a little more than seven years ago serving in the Twin Cities after six years at seminary following my stint at the University of Minnesota. I had hoped not to share with anyone in the parish that I had written about poker; but sure enough, when my archbishop introduced me to the parish, he promptly informed them I had written a book on poker. He didn't mind at all and I think he found it humorous. I consider poker an enjoyable hobby, along with bowling, photography and jogging. It's a hobby with a goal of making money, of course, but I also enjoy the stories and the competition and find it a great way to unwind. Which leads me to the point of the column: What is the morality of playing poker and gambling and does it constitute sin?

I strongly say no. It's true some sects of Christianity have taken hard stances against gambling and alcohol; but the Catholic Church does not state these are absolutes to be avoided. Certain things are moral absolutes in Catholic morality, such as taking innocent life and no premarital sex. These things we determine from scripture and tradition, the teachings of the saints and church authorities who interpret scripture. There's no prohibition of gambling or alcohol use in the Bible.

So then, does this mean you should find a case of Milwaukee's Best and cash in the savings account for a night of fun at the local casino? Not quite. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says it best: Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others.

The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter, unless the damage inflicted is so slight that the one who suffers it cannot reasonably consider it significant. The point is gambling is risky; one does not have to do it at all and many don't. Gambling also can be a dangerous slippery slope for people. So what is the bottom line on gambling? It comes down to embracing temperance.

Temperance is a virtue that moderates pleasures. Teetotalism is an absolute avoidance of things; hence it is more proper to call Prohibition of the '20s not the result of temperance movements, but of teetotalism. Temperance causes us to use restraint. Thus, I think the best course of action is for a gambler (or for our readers, a poker player) to ask themselves the hard questions: Is poker too much in my life? Am I playing above my bankroll? Am I making excuses to not be with my wife or husband or children tonight just so I can play in this tournament? Am I cheating at

the game? Am I using money that I need for bills or tuition? Am I using money that needs to go to my spouse or family? Am I sneaking out of work to play or hiding my play from my spouse? Indeed, the catechism is quite right when it points out how the passion for gambling can become an enslavement.

Poker needs to be enjoyable. Ideally, you can have some fun and augment your income. Perhaps you lose more often than you win; if it's your money and you're not causing yourself harm by using money you need, but would spend the same on dinner and a movie, I don't think it's a big deal. Obviously there's short-term variance in the game.

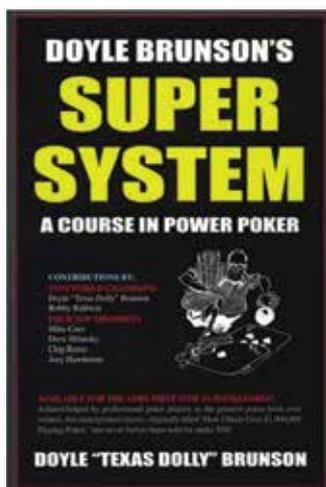
But for many, losing is a way of life. How many people populate tables constantly chasing time and time again, win a pot here and there, but essentially play slots with cards and not sound poker? The moment it becomes money you need, or money your family needs, you need to get away from the table or the mouse. With this, there are also the things money can't buy, such as the moments with our families. Poker night with the guys or an hour before bed online is one thing, but if night after night is spent at the table and you have a family, you really are missing out on a lot. Yes, there are those who do this for a living, but even those who do so need to find time for their families. The game

of poker will always be there; our families won't.

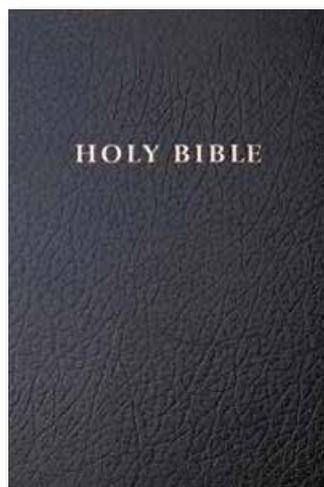
The bottom line is poker can be enjoyable. You like it otherwise you wouldn't be reading this magazine. And yet for some reason, there are those who see it as a sinful activity or question its morality. It has the potential to become sinful in the Church's eyes, but it also is something that can be enjoyable when done in moderation. My advice? Budget accordingly and be open about it with a spouse. Make sure it never gets out of control and if people start saying things such as, "Hey, seems like you're never around anymore," or "You seem to be getting stressed out about your poker game, is everything OK?" then hear them out. Don't be afraid to ask friends and family for help.

Poker is a great game, and I've enjoyed it ever since I got those five aces "dealt" to me. I find it a great way to unwind, to perhaps have a story and hopefully win a few bucks. It most likely always will be a part of my life. But my primary vocation is to the church and the people of my parish. I also make priorities for my family and friends. No matter what your beliefs, we can all agree the people in our lives matter most, which is why we serve humanity by volunteering and giving to charity. These are the things that really matter and I hope you keep them as the top priority in your life.

If, like me, you think poker is awesome then keep it up. But remember, so much more important than a game of cards is what we do away from the table. The key is to keep our priorities right. ♠



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ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40, 7p).	High hand pays \$50 for straight flush & \$50 for quads (Wed., 8p); Fill the House with Full House receives \$15 (Fri.); Aces Cracked pays \$40 (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily). Bad-beat jackpot (daily); high hand; straight- & royal-flush bonuses.
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckycasino.com	Mon-Fri. shootout (10a) & multitable (6p); Sat. deepstack (noon).	Graveyard High Hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$125, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$145, 7:15p); annual Christmas Toy Drive Tournament, Dec. 19. See ad Page 15.	High Hand Giveaway (Fri., 7p-11p); Grave Cash Giveaway (Mon.-Fri., 2a-6a).
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 10a); Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$45, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); royals pay \$100 (daily).
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 7p); Sat. (\$95, noon).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; 15/30 hold'em (Mon. & Fri.); call for details.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Mon. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a).	Aces Cracked pays up to \$400 (24/7); bad beat in hold'em is aces full of 10s; Aces Cracked; High Hand Wheel Spin; Splash Pot (call for details); Football Promo.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$5, 7p); Wed. (\$10, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$10, noon); many events have rebuys.	Aces Cracked w/multiplier; straight and royal flush pays \$50 and \$100 (daily); steel wheel bonus for Omaha & stud; high-hand (daily, 5p-1a); football splash pots.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahssakchin.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$20, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Fri. \$1K guar. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p); ask about WSOP satellites and SNGs.	\$100 high hand (Fri. & Sat.); Early Bird Bonanza (Sun.-Thurs.); Low Roller Tuesdays have a \$10 match play.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys & add-on, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p).	Splash Pot (daily, 7p, 8p, 9p, 10p, 11p and midnight); Aces Cracked; royal flush pays \$100.
TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT (928) 856-7200 • twinarrows.com	Thursday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads; royals pay \$200-\$500; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300 (daily); football splash pots.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	W. (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); S. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Su. (\$30 w/add-on, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$5K guar. (\$110, 12:15p); early bird chips and TOC qualifiers. See ad below.	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); progressive royals start at \$200 and increase by \$100 daily; Rolling Cash Fever; high hands (daily).
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 3:30p). See ad on facing page.	

ARKANSAS

OAKLAWN PARK RACING AND GAMING (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	Mon. Bounce Back Freeroll (2p); Wed. Pay Day (\$20, 2p) & Ladies Night Freeroll (7p); Sun. Deep Stack (\$50, 2p).	Call for information.
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CALIFORNIA

AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue., Thurs. & Sat. (\$100 w/\$20 add-on, 10a); Sun., Mon., Wed & Fri. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, noon).	Splash the Pot and Aces Cracked.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$300; quads pays \$100; straight flush pays \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Daily tournaments, including NLHE, Mexican Poker and others (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Quads Bonus Hands; high hands.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 10a).	Rapid High Hands (Mon.-Fri.); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Sat., noon-5p).

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BAY 101 CASINO (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 9:30a); Fri. (\$180, 9:30a); Sat. (\$230, 9a); Sun. (\$180, 9a).	Call for information.
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Quantum Reload \$30K guar. on Sat. (\$40-\$90); WSOPC, Dec. 3-15 (call for details).	Get paid \$2.50/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
CACHE CREEK CASINO (916) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); \$50 hourly high hand (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-2a); \$100 royal flush (daily); \$100 high hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; receive extra bonus chips in live cash games (call for details).
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); 1st and last Sat. (\$60 w/\$50 add-on); 2nd Sat. (\$220 w/re-entry); 3rd Sat. (\$150 w/\$50 bounties); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tue. (\$160, 7p); Thurs. (\$300, 7p); Sun. (\$200, 5p); SNGS offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
CHUKCHAN'S GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansgold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$80, 7:15p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	\$20K bad-beat jackpot (daily); royal flush jackpot in hold'em; hourly high hands.
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked pays \$100; quads pay \$100; \$100 for \$60 buy-in at limit hold'em and \$150 for \$100 in NLHE; call for details.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CORDOVA CASINO (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Bargain Buy-In (\$80 gets \$100 to first nine players).
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 6p); Tue. HE/Pine/Omaha (\$20, 6p); Wed. (\$30, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$40, 6p); Sun. (FR, 6p); 1st Sat. \$5K guar. (\$115, 6p).	Call for information.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); call for special events.	Share the Wealth: Every qualified player in the room wins when the jackpot hits.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Sat. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, noon); Fri. & Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 8p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 8p).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Pay for Play (\$5/hour, daily); Monthly Drawings (call for details); Poker Bingo (Sun.-Fri.); Football Frenzy (Sun., Mon., Thurs., Sat.).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p); Gardens Classic, Dec. 11-20.	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; stud progressive jackpot.

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JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a).	\$50K bad-beat jackpot.
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 CARD ROOM (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LODI CASINO (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (varies, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (4p).	Prize Wheel; Mini & Super Bad Beat Jackpots; Aces Cracked; Full House Cracked; high hands; royal flush bonus; \$20K guar., Jan. 10 (\$300); call for details.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$200, 9:30a); Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a). All events have re-entry.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300; Rack Attack pays up to \$300; high hands pay up to \$300.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$10-\$60); Tue.-Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Low Drop & lucrative promotions (Mon.-Fri.); call for details.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Mon. KO (\$50, 5p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 5p); Sun. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Call for information.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$155, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud.
OCEANA CASINO (805) 270-3397 • oceanacardroom.com	Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Fri. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a & 6p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Sun. freeroll w/\$20 rebuys (9a).	First-time player cash reward (call for details).
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. (\$40, 7:15p); \$10K Holiday Survivor Freeroll, Dec. 31 (11a); call for details.	High hand pays \$100 & \$75 in Omaha (Mon. & Wed., 10a-3p); Flush Marathon (Mon., 3p-3a); Football Splash Pots (Sat. & Sun.).
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. KO (\$140, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sun. HA (\$60, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) and Omaha (quad eights); Aces Cracked in hold'em (24/7); earn \$1/hr for food comps; hold'em and Omaha/Big O bargains.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Wed. freeroll (10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Fri. & Sun. \$4.5K/\$5K guar. (\$45, 11a); Sat. \$7.5K guar. (\$45, 10a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Free Money Fridays (2p-9p).
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasi.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 1st and 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal flush jackpot; bad-beat jackpot is aces full of faces; high-hand bonus (Fri.-Sun.); quads, straight-flush bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K events held regularly, qualify by collecting stamps for 10s full or better (queens full or better in Omaha); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 11a); last Sun. of month \$20K guar. (\$225, 11a); Lon McEachern appearances.	Rack Attack; Wheel Spin; Aces Cracked; easy and hard way jackpots.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/bs, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Yahtzee; Cash Splash Frenzy; Poker Crazy (call for details).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP qualifier (\$225, 11:15a); last Sat. WSOP sat. (\$50, 11:15a). Ad Page 43.	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; Progressive High Hands; Double High Hands.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W 0/8 (\$60, 7p); F-Su \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rbs & add-on, 11a); F (\$125, 5p); Sa Survivor (\$100, 7p); Su KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$14, 9a); Mon. (\$23, 6p); Tue. KO (\$23, 6p) Wed. (\$23, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$23, 6p); Fri. (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$23, 6p); Sun. (\$110, 6:40p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is progressive; Mexican Poker on Thurs. (6p). Fri. (6p), Sat. (6p) and Sun. (6p); royal flush progressive jackpot.
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Call for information.	Gameday Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); Aces Cracked.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • golden casinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon & 7p; deepstick Fri.-Sun. (\$160-\$210, noon).	\$150 high hand every half hour (daily, 10a-4a).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier; Monte Carlo High Hand Jackpot (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$60, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	 Fri.-Sun. (\$45, 12:30p); Fri. Ante Up Poker League (\$75 or \$150, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 5:30p).	Bad beat (aces full of queens); mini bad beat & Four Flush Jackpot (Sun.-Thurs.); Ultimate High Hand Weekends (Fri.-Sun.) when jackpot reaches \$7.2K.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$85, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. NL Omaha (\$55 w/re-entry, 2p); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Mon. (\$20, noon & \$30, 7p); Wed. (\$20, noon); Thurs. (\$20, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); 1st Sat. of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Call for information.
WILDWOOD CASINO (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$100, 4p); Sun. (\$80, 2p).	High hands (Fri.-Sun.); complimentary breakfast (daily, 10a).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Megastack Challenge, Dec. 4-14.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud; high hand (Mon.-Thurs.) pays \$250 every 4 hours.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Super High Hand (every 3 hours, daily); call for details.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$35, 7:15p); Fri. (\$45, 7:15p); Sat. (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$35, 11:15a & 6:15p). See ad on Page 28.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal flush bonus; cash back rewards.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).

FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Call for information. See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mondays (\$200-\$1K) w/select hours; Thursday \$400 high hands (every 30 min., noon-mid.).
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYHOUND (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See Ad on Page 49.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); \$3,000 Full House Drawing; FREE Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); high hand (Sat. & Sun., hourly). See website for more promotions
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$45, 3p & 6p, \$100, 7p); T (\$45, 3p & 7p); W (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); F (\$100, 3p & \$135, 7p); S (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p & \$150, 6p); Su (\$200, noon & \$100, 5p).	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-11p & Fri., noon-mid.).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p & 6p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, 8p & midnight).	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website and the ad on Page 25 for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$30-\$400, 2p & 6:30p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at 2p) & (Sun., mid.-2p); Big Easy Bad Beat (quad 2s is qualifier); call for details.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. KO (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. & Sun. (\$70); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$50 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half-hour (Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 1p-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$65, 7p); Wed. (\$50, noon & \$100, 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon).	High hands (hourly); \$20K royal and \$10K bad beat.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening. See ad Page 29.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flagredogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to players at table; high hands (10a-noon); weekends pay up to \$400/half hour and weekdays pay \$250.
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	\$1.5K guar. freerolls at 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and Sun. (call for type of tourney); Fri. & Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	Daily, noon-10p; high hands pay up to \$599 every 30 minutes.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry. Ad below.	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Fri., 4p-7p).
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Early Bird High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Twilight High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Weekend High Hand (Fri.-Sat.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Wed. alternates; Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Dec. 17 (\$75, 7p).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. varies; Fri. varies; Sun. (\$35, 4p).	Big High Hand varies day to day (call for details).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon and 6:30p. See ad Page 24.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands every 20 minutes.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K sat. (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.). See ad on Page 49.

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SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$120); Fri. (\$220, 1p) Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$120, 2p).	Jackpot high hands (daily).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. \$500 added (\$50); Wed. (\$20); Thurs. (\$65); Fri. \$500 added (\$50); Sat. (\$50).	Bonus hands (daily); hourly high hands pay up to \$200/hour (Wed.); high hands (Fri. & Sat.) pay up to \$200/hour; Sunday Cash Splash; Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6p); Tue. (\$70, noon) & (\$60 w/rbs, 6p); Wed. 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$120, 6p); Th. (\$70, 11a) & (\$100, 6p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 6p); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Call for information.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Fun in the Sun, Dec. 26-30.	High hands offered; see website for details.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Winter Open, Dec. 3-20 w/\$300K guar., Dec. 17 (\$1,650).	Bad beat pays \$50K; get paid for royals (\$500); \$500 high hands (Fri.-Sun.); \$100 gas cards for every 25 hours played (Mon.-Thurs.).
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 7p); Sun. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 4p); monthly hours played & tournament leaderboard promos (call for details). Ad on Page 22.	Quads (\$0-\$100); straight & royal flushes start at \$100 & \$500; pay double (daily, 11a-1p & 2a-4a); Splash Pots (Wed.); high hands (Su.-Th., 5p-mid. & Fri.-Sat., 5p-6a & Sat., 11a-1p).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$225) at 1p and 7p with guarantees. See ad on Page 23.	High hand (Sun.-Thurs., 1p-1a); \$500 high hands every half hour (Fri., 10a-mid.); high hands every half hour pays up to \$599 (Sat., 10a-mid.).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$20-\$45); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11a-4p); Quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-8p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-8p).

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/\$60 rebuys and add-on, 1p); Sun. (\$120 w/\$60 rebuys and add-on, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sat. Survivor (\$60, 1p); Sun. deepstack (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sun. KO (\$125, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	MTTs and SNGs offered. Single-table WSOP satellites offered on demand. Best \$2-\$5 NLHE cash-game action with \$200-\$600 or table-captain max.	Several daily cash-back drawings.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p); 3rd Sat. KO (\$135).	Call for information.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 6:15p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p); re-entry/late entry available for all tournaments.	Bad beat in HE; high hands (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p) pays \$100 every 2 hours; High Hand After Dark (Fri., 6p-Sat., noon), (Sat., 4p-Sun.-noon), (Sun., 4p-2a) pays \$100 every two hours.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily; 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 hold'em and limit hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 7p); Tue. \$3.5K guar. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$225, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; seniors event (50+) on last Sun. of month w/\$4K guar. (\$125, noon).
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Extra Cash in the Box (call for details).

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; straight-flush jackpot.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High Hand Big Board.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$130) and 4th Sat. (\$350).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand jackpot.
ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF (563) 344-2693 • theislebettendorf.com	Open Tue.-Thurs. (noon-last game); Fri.-Sat. (11a-last game).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha/8; straight and royal flush jackpots; gas card giveaway (Thurs.).
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdq.com	Thursday (\$45, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. 0/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big "0" (\$30, 11a) & ante only (\$30, 5p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Call for information.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sat. KO (\$125, 11:15a); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$100, 7:05p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand; Thurs. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); live poker on Tue.-Sun.	Call for information.



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BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily; Tue. KO (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Fri. (\$175, 6:30p); Sat. (\$2420, 2p); Sun. (\$110, noon). See ad Page 36.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.).
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. Win the Button (\$70 w/\$40 rebuys); Wed. KO (\$145, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; royal flush pays \$500; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); \$100 high hand pays four days a week (call for details).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Call for schedule.	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; Hand Hand Rollover; Splash the Pot.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for information. Rungood Cup Championship, Dec. 10-13 (\$675).	Mini Jackpot in hold'em; Going Bananas (Mon.); Cash for Quads (Tue.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high-hand progressive (Thurs.); Splash the Pot (Sun.).
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways (daily).
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoclawpinescasino.com	Wednesdays (7p, \$40, rebuys allowed); Sundays (2p, \$40, no rebuys, \$10 add-on available).	Thursdays (5-10p) high hand wins \$50 in Jena cash. High hand of night receives \$200 in Jena Cash. Wed.-Thurs. high hand of the hour spins the wheel.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal-flush jackpot; Wheel Straight Flush (call for details); high hand pays \$50 per half hour (Wed.-Fri., noon-3p & 7p-10p).

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 15 min levels, 10K chips, noon); Tue., Thurs. & Fri. KO (\$85, 15-min. levels, 15K chips, 7p); call for details about the casino employees event.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better beaten.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Call for information.	Football Splash Pots pays up to \$500 during game days (call for details).
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Call for information. See ad on Page 27.	See website for changing jackpot details.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, noon); Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$65, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$40, noon); Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Match the Stack; high hand bonus (daily).
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$70, 4p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; earn tickets every day for drawings (Tue. & Fri.) - call for details.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); 1st Fri. of month (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M-W-F-Sun. (\$50, 10:30a); Mon. KO (\$120, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Th. KO (\$55, 10:30a) & (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a) & KO (\$125, 5p); Sun. (\$100, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); MSPT, Dec. 4-13 (call for details).
RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	M (\$75, 10a); T (\$30, 10a; \$150, 6p); W (\$50, 10a; \$80, 6p); Th (\$30, 10a; \$50, 6p); F (\$60, 10a; \$100, 6p); Sa. (\$80, 9:30a; \$150, 6p); Su. (\$30, 10a), (\$150, noon) & (\$50, 6p).	Call for information.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$40, 2:30p).	Call for information.

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AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg/poker-room	Thurs. (\$70, 7p); monthly freeroll, 2nd Sun. of month (noon); play at least 35 hours during the month to qualify.	Call for information.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule). See ad on Page 21 for Million Dollar Heater in January.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. (\$55 w/rebuy, 7p); Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (\$45 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$55 w/rebuy, 1p).	Bad beats in HE, Omaha, stud & tourneys; \$50 splash pots (Mon.-Sun.); \$100 High Hand Rollover (Mon.-Sun.); Aces Cracked \$100/\$200/\$300 (Mon.-Sun.).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$30, 3p); Tue. (\$35, 3p); Wed. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is \$30K (quads); progressive jackpot is quads or better; Splash the Pot. (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-3p).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, noon & 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	M \$1K guar. KO (\$35 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); F \$1.5K guar. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sa. \$1.5K guar. (\$70, noon) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p); 4th Sa. \$7K guar.; \$25K guar. bi-monthly (\$225).	\$1K in drawings (Sun., 1p-5p) w/5 hrs of play each week; \$50 hourly Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri., 8a-1p); prog. draw (Sun.-Fri., 6p-6a) pays \$50-\$500. See ad Page 7.
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	10 live poker tables opening Dec. 9.	Call for information.

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AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Wed. All-in (\$35 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. KO (\$80, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon); 1st Sat. Omaha/8 (\$75, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. Omaha (\$65, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); first Sunday KO (\$175, noon); 2nd-5th Sunday KO (\$85, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnk.com	Mon. (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$90, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$65, 11) & (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. (\$40, 11p); Sat. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Monday-Saturday (\$100, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Thurs. KO (\$85, noon & \$125, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; \$400K paid out yearly; call for details on overall board.

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels); High Roller XIX, Dec. 7; High Rollers Dec. 8 and Dec. 20.	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticcasinoreno.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a) w/progressive bonus hands (call for details).	EZ Way Bad Beat; quads-royals pay; \$2/hour comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spins; \$13K for Top Hour Players; Pigskin Party (Mon.), earn football squares during the week.
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 (\$125, 5p); WPT Five Diamond Classic, Dec. 4-20 (see website for details).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom prog. bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; high hands (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Open Mon., Tue. & Thurs. at 4p; Wed. & Fri. at noon; Sat. & Sun. at 10a.	Call for information.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a), (\$85, noon), (\$85, 7p), (\$85, 10p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. deep stack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid (daily).
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a; \$45, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Wheel spins \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four deuces pay \$222; royal pays \$555; football (Mon.) pays \$50 for FG, \$100 for TD and \$200 for safety.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$21K monthly freeroll; single table bad-beat jackpot; pro football promo (Sun.).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$45, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$45, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a). See ad on Page 11.	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Tue.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; play live on Tue. and get paid \$500 for flopping quads.	Multiroom prog. bad beat starts at \$75K, aces full of jacks beaten by quads; prog. high hands (daily); promos for live play; get paid up to \$1K for quads (Mon.-Sat.).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahaslasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guar. (\$50, 9a) & \$1K guar. (\$70, noon & 3p); Sun.-Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$70, 7p); Fri.-Sat. \$1K guar. (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 7p).	Royals pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100; \$6.5K weekly freeroll on Sat. (11a), 12 hours to qualify, top 20 pay; \$2/hr. comps w/\$4 max rake.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Graveyard Giveaway (call for details).
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$40 w/\$20 optional add-on, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered bonus (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Football Promotion; Rolling \$50 High Hand every hour (Tue. & Thurs.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$70, 15K chips, \$2K guar., 11a), (\$50, 10K chips, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$70, 15K chips, 7p) & (\$50, 10K chips, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays \$2.8K with two \$1K envelopes, drawing every 4 hours (daily); \$10K weekly invitational touney (Sun., 10a); FB promo pays \$100-\$500 (Sun., Mon., Thurs.).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$25 KO, 7p); Fri., Sat. & Sun. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$100, 7p).	Call for information.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$60 w/\$5 add-on, 6p) & (\$40 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 11p); bi-monthly \$8K freeroll (13 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasinoreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. ROSE (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$100, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$100, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Royals pay \$250; bad beat starts at \$75K, flop aces full of jacks beaten by quads; flop any quads on Tue. and get paid \$500; straight flush and quads (24/7).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p).	High hands pay \$100 every 4 hours and is quads or better to qualify; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400); touney high hand bonus.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 9p w/\$1.5K guarantee; daily \$500 guar. KO (\$65, 6p).	Call for information.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th. (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$100, 6:35p); T Omaha 8 (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p); W (\$60, 12:05p & 6:35p); F & Sa. (\$60, 12:05p); Su. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	Jackpot starts at \$75K; when amount is \$75K-\$100K, aces full of jacks must be beat on the flop, when over \$100K, aces full of jacks must be beat at any point.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily events (call for schedule).	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (Sa, 7a, 9a and 11a).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasinoreno.com	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p). See ad on Page 13.	High hand (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily 7p (\$50 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal and straight flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasinoreno.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$70) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon, \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon, KO, 7p); F KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$300, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su KO (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Winter Weekend Extravaganza, Dec. 9-13; New Year's Extravaganza, Dec. 25-Jan. 10; call for details.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$120, 5p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	First Wed. of month seniors tournament (50-plus) \$12.5K guar. (\$300).

* 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 JERSEY

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BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO) (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Sun.-Thurs. 11a and 7p. (\$75) and turbos at 3p (\$40); Fri. & Sat. 11a and 7p (\$200)	Call for promotions.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); Bar Poker Open, Dec. 4-7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Call for information.	High hand; Splash the Pot (daily, 11a-2p); 2X & 3X comps; qualify by playing 3 hours of live games with free buffet daily; bonus hours (Wed., 11a-11p & Fri., 11a-7p). Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Guaranteed tournaments on Sunday & Monday at 8:15p (call for details).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 5p); 95.5 KHFM event, Dec. 19 (\$95).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; 4 of a Kind or Better High Hands; Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p). See ad Page 17.	None.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$14-\$85); Mon.-Fri. (1p); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (7p); Fri. (5p, & 8p); Sat. (1p, 5p & 8p); Sun. (1p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked pays \$50 for same color and \$25 for mixed colored aces.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7p); Sun. (\$45, noon); unlimited re-entry until end of 3rd round.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad 2s); 1st Wed. of month (\$160, 7p); last Sat. of month (\$300, 11a).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Call for schedule; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); SuperStacks Series till Dec. 6.	Jumbo bad beat is quad 10s; mini bad beat is quad 2s; royals pay \$100; \$10K in cash awarded by random seat drawing and high hands in live games (call for details).

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$60, 7p); T (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); W (\$30, 7p); Th (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); F (\$120, 7p) & (\$60, mid.); Sa (\$60, 10a; \$120, 4p); Su (\$60, 2p & 7p); 1st Su (\$240, 2p).	WSOP Circuit runs until Dec. 7 (see website for schedule).
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$4K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$60, 2:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$80, 12:15p); Sat. \$4K guar. survivor (\$110, 12:15p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Ohio Championship, Dec. 4-13 (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p); \$10K guar. Sat. (call for details).	Call for information.
HORSESHOE CINCINNATI (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M (\$160, 12:15p) & (\$80, 6:30p); T & Th (\$110, 6:30p); W (\$110, 12:15p) & (\$160, 6:30p); F (\$80, 12:15p); Su \$10K guar. (\$210, 12:15p); 1st Sat. of month \$50K guar. (\$400, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	M (\$125, 12:15p); T (\$75, 11:15a); W (\$65, 11:15a) & (\$150, 7:15p); Th (\$75, 11:15a) & (\$125, 7:15p); F (\$65, 12:15p); Sat. NLHE/PLO (\$125, 12:15p); Su (\$150, 12:15p).	Call for information. Last Sunday of the month, (NLHE, \$500, noon).

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrowards.com	Daily (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$0 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$50 Splash Pots (Mon.-Wed., 1p-4p).
CREEK NATION MUSCOGEE (918) 683-1825 • creeknationcasino.net	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. (\$20 w/rbs, 2p); Mon. (\$20 w/rbs, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (freeroll w/\$20 rbs, 2p & manager's choice, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$30 w/rbs, 7p).	Call for information.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.-Thurs.); Splash Pots (Wed.); Football Squares (Mon. night).
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Saturday deepstack (\$125, noon) w/re-entry until first break, 30-minute levels and 10K starting stack (call for info on all daily tournaments).	Progressive jackpot for hold'em and static jackpot for other games; call for updated amount.
INDIGO SKY CASINO (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com)	Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$40, 2p) & (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$35, 3p) & (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat. KO (\$150); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$40, 3p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); call for details.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. \$800 guar. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sat. (\$170, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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



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OREGON

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Splash Pot (Mon., noon-5p).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 FR (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.); Rack Attack every half hour pays \$75 (Fri.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); W (\$70, 11:30a & PLO \$40, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & \$90, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$90, 11:30a & \$60, 7p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	M., W., F. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue.-Th. (\$60, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$120, 6:15p); first Sun. KO (\$230, 6:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); 4th Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 3rd and 5th Sat. Tournament of Champions satellites (\$125, 2:30p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Daily tournaments (call for information).	Bad-beat jackpot (quad sixes must be beaten).

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Daily (\$18 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p) & (\$28 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); call for full schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; see website for high-hand and bad-beat information.
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WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. Bounty Bonanza (\$165, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, noon); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$25, 11a); Sun. \$2K guar. PLO (\$40, 11a).	\$10K prog. BB; \$500 high hands every half hour (Mon.); \$750 high hands (Tue.); \$1K high hands (Wed.); \$250 Omaha high hands (Sun.); Graveyard high hands (Sun.-Wed.).

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$100+\$50 KO, 7p) and Sun. (\$100+\$50 KO, noon & \$75+\$25 KO, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); last Sat. of month (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

WISCONSIN

BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-1:30a) & Saturday (6p-1:30a); tournaments on Wednesday (6p).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten by quads).
LAKE OF THE TORCHES RESORT CASINO (715) 588-7070 • lakeofthetorches.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 5p); HPT500 league (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday); cash giveaway (Wednesday).

WYOMING

WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	Tuesday-Thursday (\$20); 2nd and 4th Saturday (\$40).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of deuces beaten.
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MCKEEHEN WINS WSOP

Joe McKeehen, a 24-year-old poker pro from Pennsylvania, is our new world champion, knocking out six of the final-table players.

CHRIS: It's probably the most dominating performance we've seen. A lot of people were comparing it to **Jamie Gold's** dominance, but I think Jamie's performance wasn't as dominating as this was. McKeehen never really sweated anything. He was just in command the whole time.

SCOTT: I wonder what kind of champion he is going to be. To really be someone who is remembered, not that everyone wants to be remembered, but if you want to be remembered, I think it's a lot harder now. You have to have a strategy, have to stick yourself out there and say, "Hey, this is what I'm going to do so people remember me after next year's 24-year-old wins and takes that title."

HARMAN AND JUANDA JOIN POKER'S HALL

Jennifer Harman and **John Juanda** became the 49th and 50th members of the Poker Hall of Fame, voted in by a panel of members and media.

SCOTT: I was a little disappointed with some of the comments on our Ante Up Group discussions on PokerRadius.Com over Jennifer being inducted.

Someone said, "Oh, she's just a stay-at-home mom"

and another one was, "She doesn't have any real accomplishments in the poker world." I think both of those are way off-base.

CHRIS: Even if some of the more important things in life have caught up with her, raising twins and being married, it doesn't mean it discounts what she's done in the past, what she's done for the sport.

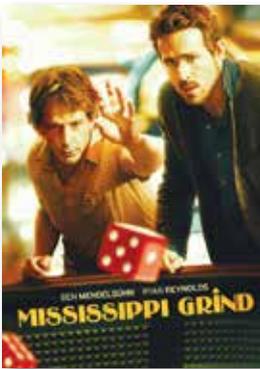
No way. She's made World Poker Tour final tables. She's won bracelets. She's won tournaments.

She's played the biggest game in the world.

She deserves it, and to say she's a "stay-at-home" mom is way off-base. Not even close.



MISSISSIPPI GRIND GETS WIDER RELEASE



As *Mississippi Grind*, the latest poker movie, makes it to the silver screen, **Jay Caspian King** wrote an essay for the *New York Times*, positing that great gambling films shouldn't end with happiness, because happiness only can be found in the chase.

CHRIS: Why can't you focus on one facet of their life or one time in their life where there was a happy story? I think it could end in happiness. You need to experience the lows so you can appreciate the highs in movies, I think. Any gambling movie

has to depict someone going broke or being miserable or getting their butt beat by the state police.

SCOTT: A poker tournament has one winner. So even a poker tournament has a happy ending for only one person. It's just like sports movies. You have a winner and a loser. It's hard for it to be happy for everyone.

DAILY FANTASY SPORTS CRUMBLING?

The daily fantasy sports industry is facing a barrage of criticism, and now poker is getting caught up in the fire, thanks in part to a bit on **John Oliver's** show. What can the poker industry do to fight back?

SCOTT: What I've finally realized is that, because of daily fantasy sports, we have lost as poker players the ability to convince the general public that poker is a game of skill. I think it's always been a tough argument for us, even though we believe it and we know it's true, it's a tough sell. If you go to politics, it's not about what's right, it's about what people perceive to be right. I think we've lost this perception game, and daily fantasy sports has really hammered it home and made it nearly impossible for us.

CHRIS: John Oliver is coming under fire now, because he kind of contradicted himself. He's trying to make it sound like it's gambling and he goes on to prove that it's skill without necessarily realizing he did it.

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