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Christopher Cosenza

Scott Long

A worthy award

Since the days of Texas road gamblers when machine-gunning thugs protected interests in a cash game, poker has been striving for legitimacy in America. There have been milestones along the way that have inched our game closer to this goal: **Billy Baxter's** landmark victory vs. the Internal Revenue Service in 1986 when he sued to have gambling winnings be considered business income; the legalization of casinos; the advent of televised poker events; charity poker fundraisers; mainstream poker magazines and even the regulation of online poker in a handful of states.

This month, another milestone will be passed, and this one looks to glorify our game like never before. The inaugural American Poker Awards debuts Feb. 27 at the SLS Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Some poker-award efforts have come and gone, but this ceremony has the folks from the Global Poker Index behind it and they are treating it like other respected award nights, such as the ESPYs and the Oscars, including a red-carpet spectacle (Who are you wearing?!?) and a daylong Global Poker Conference beforehand.

There will be 14 awards, 10 chosen by a panel, three based on GPI's player-ranking systems and one people's choice award. A panel of 60-80 people with backgrounds in media, casino management, sports and sponsorship, including *Ante Up*, were chosen to nominate finalists for the awards. Nine prominent members of the poker community will decide the winners, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award.

While we won't pretend any award ceremony actually legitimizes its corresponding endeavor, the American Poker Awards certainly can be a vehicle for furthering poker as a mainstream pastime worthy of such praise, admiration and accolades. We'd like to thank and commend GPI founder **Alex Dreyfus** and his staff for putting this together.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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MONDAY, MARCH 2ND	1:00pm	\$250 Pot-Limit Omaha Hi only* 10K Guarantee	\$220 + \$30	10,000/30 min
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	11:00am	\$250 No Limit Hold'Em Seniors Event 50 Plus* 25K Guarantee	\$220 + \$30	15,000/30 min
TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD	7:00pm	\$120 No Limit Hold'Em* 10K Guarantee	\$100 + \$20	20,000/20 min
	11:00am	\$400 No Limit Hold'Em Day 1A Two Day Event* 100K Guarantee	\$360 + \$40	20,000/40 min
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH	7:00pm	\$120 No Limit Hold'Em* 10K Guarantee	\$100 + \$20	20,000/20 min
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH	11:00am	\$250 No Limit Hold'Em* 25K Guarantee	\$220 + \$30	15,000/30 min
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH	11:00am	\$1,100 No Limit Hold'Em Main Event* 125K Guarantee	\$1,000 + \$100	30,000 1-9 40 min, 10 + 50 min
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WPT CALIFORNIA SWING RETURNS FEB. 28

For one month a year, California players are treated to a series of World Poker Tour events that span 500 miles from the Commerce Casino in Los Angeles (Feb. 28-March 5) to Bay 101 Casino in San Jose (March 9-13) and then ending at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln (March 14-18). The California Swing is a great opportunity to become a WPT champion and take home some of the largest prize pools on the circuit while never having to leave the state.



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

Thunder Valley recently held a special promotion for its players where anyone earning 80 hours of live play between Nov. 1 and Dec. 21 would be entered into a satellite for entry into all three WPT California Swing events. First prize included a \$10K entry into the L.A. Poker Classic (Commerce), \$7,500 entry into the Shooting Star (Bay 101) and \$3,500 entry into the Rolling Thunder (Thunder Valley). The winner would also receive \$1K and become part of Team TV Poker, which includes players such as **Chris Hinchcliffe**, **Tyler Patterson** and **Matt Boddorf**.

After 164 qualifications, 127 players showed up to play the satellite. When the dust settled on the first day of play, the final six players came back Jan. 2 to fight it out for the \$22K prize

package. Thunder Valley director of poker **Ben Erwin** brought in the WPT's **Matt Savage** to host the final table.

After an action-packed and quick final table, the winner was local cash player **Thai Nguyen** (Roseville) who took home the incredible WPT package. Second-place finisher **Chris Doung** (Elk Grove) didn't walk away empty-handed as he earned an entry into the \$3,500 Rolling Thunder main event. The other final-table members included Hinchcliffe (Lincoln), **Charlito Aseberos** (Elk Grove), **Paul Lee** (Elk Grove), and **Mousa Helo**.

Newly crowned satellite winner Nguyen is no stranger to the Up the Ante Poker Room. With his past experience and his determination to play in the largest games, he's eager to prove himself and was proud of his homecourt victory.

"This is my home casino," Nguyen said, "I haven't played any of these events before and I'm really excited."

Nguyen flips houses when he's not playing poker and just recently sold his salon. He plans on parlaying this satellite into life-changing money and it was clear he had more than poker on his mind when making his decisions at the final table.

"I'm married with a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter so I want to win for them."

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	Tues, 3/17	Day 3 • 12pm		
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4	Mon, 3/16	5pm	NLHE \$40,000 GUARANTEED	\$300
5	Tue, 3/17	11am	SIX HANDED HOLD'EM	\$555
6	Tue, 3/17	5pm	BLACK CHIP BOUNTY \$40,000 GUARANTEED WITH \$100 BOUNTIES	\$300

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HARRAH'S WSOPC MAIN TITLE GOES TO YU

In one of the fastest main events in recent memory on the World Series of Poker Circuit, **Sean Yu** emerged victorious to earn his first ring and \$101,881 at Harrah's Resort Southern California.



**KITTIE ALEMAN
SOCAL**

It played out so quickly the tournament ended a night early. There were still three players left when the event reached the point when play was scheduled to stop (**Neil Scott**, who finished third, **Dan Stir**, second, and Yu).

The tournament director gave the players the option of playing two more levels, and before the extra levels had concluded, Yu held all the chips.

Yu is a pro who recently started specializing in tournaments, a decision that's paying dividends.

"I play mostly tournaments," he said after his victory. "I used to play cash for many years and started playing tournaments only at the beginning of this year. This year has been phenomenal."

Three WSOP bracelet-winners made the money. **Brandon Paster** finished ninth, **Jordan Morgan** was 29th and **Eric Baldwin** finished 30th. Bracelet-winners **Josh Pollock**, **Brent Hanks**, **Robert Cheung** and **Howard "Tahoe" Andrew** also were in the tournament.

Former November Niner **Soi Nguyen** finished 24th. **Bernard Lee**, also famous for a deep WSOP main-event run, made Day 2 and ended 26th. The 283 entries generated a \$424K prize pool as the top 30 were paid.

Event 2, a one-day \$365 turbo, was **Raad Farida's** first WSOPC win (\$11,341). When the final table began, one of the most interesting stories involved **Adam Sadick**, who finished second in Event 1. That tournament ended at about 2 p.m. so he jumped into this event wound up playing two final tables in one day. He bowed out in fourth (\$3,717).

Nyle Rock won his second ring exactly one year after his first, taking home \$11,543. Before the final table began in Event 6 (six-max), Rock half-jokingly said Dec. 9 is a lucky day for him. He earned his first ring in the same room in an event that started on Dec. 9, 2013.

Other event winners: Event 1, **Vincent Moscatti**, \$14,275; Event 3, **Scott Stewart**, \$33,926; Event 4, **Jason Wortham** (\$9,542); Event 5, **Travis Margers** (\$10,172); Event 7 (PLO), **Steve Forman** (\$7,446); Event 8, **Slade Crooks** (\$11,589); Event 9, **Rohan Jain** (\$17,919) Event 11, **Mike Sims** (\$8,551) and Event 12, **Conrad Monica** (\$8,911).

The \$250 seniors event went to **Lorri Broda** (\$10,711).
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PROMOTIONS TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH

The Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs, which was in the middle of another PPC event at press time, has restructured its daily tournaments and promotions. Daily events have extremely affordable buy-ins with guarantees and some daily high-hand promotions only require one card.



ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.

See the website and calendars for details and while you're looking those over, check out the food menu for some of the best food in the area.

Also, the Silks was one of the area's Restock the Shelves venues on Jan. 19 as *Ante Up*'s **Scott Long** and Blue Shark Optics founder **Kerry Karoutsos** were your hosts for the event.

DERBY LANE: After the successful *Ante Up* Poker Tour series, the St. Petersburg room has had some great promos, including being the home of the \$500-every-15-minutes promotion.

The room also hosted a Restock the Shelves

event on Jan. 19, where I was on hand for *Ante Up* as pro **Sam Medina** represented Blue Shark Optics.

HARD ROCK: The Tampa room has been making some remarkable changes. Each month, it offers a series with good guarantees, including the Winter Little Slick that ran in January and the Winter Deepstack series this month (Feb. 19-March 1).

Along with these series, the Hard Rock is the home of the "time" promotions. Players are rewarded for putting in time at the tables with gas cards, gift cards and cash.

The poker room also added ambassadors to help promote its product and assist players with communicate with management. Tampa pros **Natasha Barbour** and **John Racener** will be ambassadors through 2015.

It's great to see the poker scene in the Tampa Bay area blossom. Remember all promotions are subject to change and you should check websites for availability.

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TUTHILL LOOKS FOR CHANGE IN MIAMI

Miami Jai-Alai has had a rollercoaster history with its Crystal Card Room over the years, going from a huge ornate room behind the jai-alai court to locations elsewhere in the building, including the CourtView Club restaurant on the fourth floor to the parimutuel betting area known as the North Lounge.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

The revenues were consistent for many years under long-time poker directors **Joe Rodriguez** and **Nelson Costa**, but after Costa moved on to the new Hialeah Park, things went on a downward slide. Even with its nice location on the Casino Miami floor, revenues had dipped.

Now, Casino Miami has decided to go to the bullpen for a veteran executive from Atlantic City.

Enter **Jim Tuthill**, whose family history in the gaming industry stretches to the 1930s and '40s in Las Vegas. **James Tuthill Sr.** was a legendary executive in Las Vegas and Atlantic City for many years and his son has established his own legacy all over the world. He broke into the business in Las Vegas in the early 1970s and stayed there until 1979 when A.C. was opening and he had the chance to move east.

"I worked my way up and opened the first poker room in Atlantic City at the Sands," he said with a chuckle. "I think we beat Bally's by about five minutes."

Of course, the gambling business has morphed into something different from the days when he graduated from UNLV and started in Sin City as just Lake Tahoe, Reno and Vegas were open for legalized gambling then.

"Now it's more of a convenience type of situation, being able to jump in your car from almost anywhere in the country and having a short drive of an hour or so for a gaming experience," he said.

Tuthill made his major mark at the Sands in Atlantic City for many years, and his latest efforts in New Jersey were as VP of Gaming at the Golden Nugget, until he departed the Northeast in June to bring his experience to South Florida.

"That proliferation of gaming and convenience in the region has presented some new challenges, but I think A.C. still has a place in the gaming landscape up there," he said. "They're going to have to retool and streamline their product."

It was the new and exciting challenges in Miami that convinced him to relocate: "Every region is a challenge, but it's incumbent on any property in area with competition to find their niche and come up with a formula that works for them."

Construction is under way at Casino Miami that will cordon

off the area differently and allow the Crystal Card Room to admit 18-year-olds, something that hasn't been allowed by state regulations since it opened this room because of its location on the casino floor.

"In terms of competition, I think a lot of operators make the mistake of getting into a 'gas war' with other properties and we have some ideas that we think will be a lot of fun for our guests and we're in the process of dialing those in.

"Of course, you have to be cognizant of what your competition is doing, but I don't think you can base your plans simply on that."

With Magic City slightly more than two miles away, and Hialeah Park, emerging as the highest revenue-producer among poker rooms in Dade County, also nearby, Tuthill is looking for new avenues to attract business, but also realizes some of the traditional ways of doing business are needed to set a foundation for growth.

"Our proximity to the growing Miami International Airport and what we can do with that is something that is being discussed. I would just invite South Florida players to check out our website and look on Bravo.

"We'll be posting some items in the near future that will be of interest to real poker players as opposed to those folks that are just chasing promotions. We'd like to be a room that caters to players who want good poker action, but we'll also offer promotions as well."

In the short time he's been there, Tuthill has learned plenty about his clientele, a unique melting pot of cultures and a far cry from what he saw in Atlantic City.

"Virtually everyone who plays here is an intriguing and unique individual, each with his or her own motivations. They can be an emotional group at times, but they believe firmly in their own style of play and how they are attacking the game."

He also outlined the adjustments he has made.

"We had a ton of work to do and we still have a ton of work to do. We have worked on consistency with rulings and floor decisions from shift to shift, and help players understand them. We will change personnel when necessary, coach and counsel employees and customers alike so that we have a comfortable and professional room."

But mostly he looks forward to some added youngsters and a new layout on the floor to help improve business.

"A fresh group of individuals introduced to the room can only help us in terms of action."

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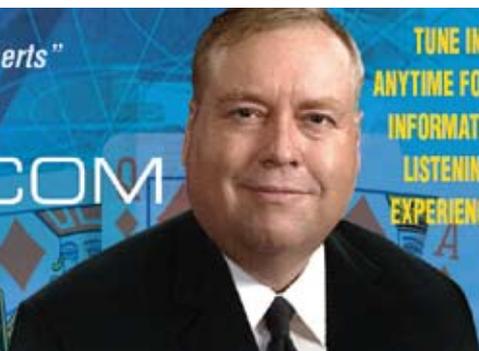
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DBKC CAPITALIZES ON BIG RACE WITH EVENT

The next few months of poker in North Florida are loaded with guaranteed prize pools.

To know the history of NASCAR is to know the history of Daytona Beach. To say the sport has had an effect on the community would be an understatement. The ties between Daytona Beach Kennel Club and America's favorite motor-sport run just as deep. At one time, DBKC was adjacent to Daytona International Speedway's parking lot.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

To show its appreciation for the biggest event in NASCAR, the poker room will host The Great American Poker Tournament on Feb. 15. This special \$275 event features a 15K starting stack and but there will be \$75 satellites every Friday at 3 p.m. that give seats to the top 20 percent of the field. The event also will come with a \$25K guarantee.

The tournament is the week of the Daytona 500, so be sure to include DBKC in your plans for the race festivities.

BESTBET: Hot on the heels of two big series, bestbet Jacksonville welcomes WPT DeepStacks on March 7-16. This tour is a fine way for midlevel players to break into the pro lifestyle. This event will have a \$1,100 entry with a \$200K guarantee. The inaugural DeepStacks main event will be the first in Jacksonville history to feature a live stream of featured tables daily as well as a stream of the final table.

Not to be forgotten, bestbet Orange Park will host a \$150 multiday tournament in mid February with six starting days and a \$30K guarantee prize pool. Call the poker room for specific dates as details were being finalized at press time.

EBRO: Keith Moore and Jared Walker have been appointed directors of poker. In a future issue *Ante Up* will profile this dynamic duo at the Emerald Coast's premier poker room.

GRETNA: The poker room is offering a variety of high-hand options with daily events such as its double full hour and bulls-eye high hands with a variety of payouts ranging from any quads to a royal flush.

CHARITY: On Feb. 21, the FSU Poker Club at Florida State will host a charity tournament to raise money for the FSU Food Pantry. Sign up begins at 3 p.m. and the tournament starts at 3:30. The event will have a bounty twist as each player will have raffle tickets. When you eliminate someone, you get their ticket. At the end of the event there will be a raffle for prizes.

Creek Entertainment Gretna is one of the sponsors for this tournament and will donate five tournament chips to be given away as prizes.

The Poker Club at FSU is looking to make this an annual tournament or possibly every semester if possible so the more successful this one is the likelihood more will be held.

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
3/13	Fri	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$1,100	40 min	25,000	\$200,000
3/14	Sat	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$1,100	40 min	25,000	
3/15	Sun	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Day 2		40 min		
3/16	Mon	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		40 min		

2015 WPTDEEPSTACKS - JACKSONVILLE SERIES

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
3/5	Thu	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	20 Seats
3/5	Thu	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/6	Fri	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
3/6	Fri	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/7	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
3/7	Sat	3pm	#2	All-in or Fold Hold'em, w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
3/7	Sat	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/8	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
3/8	Sun	1pm	#3	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/8	Sun	3pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/8	Sun	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/9	Mon	12pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/9	Mon	3:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/9	Mon	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	\$50,000
3/10	Tue	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/10	Tue	3:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/10	Tue	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/11	Wed	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/11	Wed	3:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/11	Wed	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #5	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/12	Thu	12pm	#6	Event #6 Final Day				
3/12	Thu	1pm	#7	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/12	Thu	3pm	#8	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/12	Thu	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	20 Seats
3/13	Fri	12:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
3/13	Fri	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,100	40 min	25,000	\$200,000
3/13	Fri	7:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
3/14	Sat	12:30pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
3/14	Sat	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,100	40 min	25,000	
3/14	Sat	7pm	#9	No Limit Hold'em TURBO	\$240	15 min	10,000	
3/15	Sun	2pm	Main Event	Main Event Day 2		40 min		
3/15	Sun	3pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/16	Mon	2pm	Main Event	Main Event Final Day		40 min		

All events will allow unlimited re-entries within the registration period. All events are one day events except for events #1, #6 and the Main Event. Event #1 is a four day event. There will be three starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent flights, as well as on the same day. Event #6 is a four day event. There will be five starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as on the same flight. Main Event is a three day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as on the same day. Daily Feature Table and Final Table will be live streamed on WPTDeepStacks.com. Registration for the Main Event is open until the start of Level 10. Registration for all other events is open through the first break. Multi table super satellites start February 7, 2015. Single table satellites run daily. Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion/tournament at any time.

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BUCKY'S TO GIVE AWAY ANTE UP CRUISES

Bucky's Casino in Prescott, Ariz., will send four winners on an Ante Up Poker Cruise in tournaments in March.

The tournaments will be March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Buy-in is \$60 and the tournaments are shootouts. Each day will feature shootouts at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Top three players from each shootout will advance to the multitable final at 4 p.m. where the winner will get an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for the Nov. 7 sailing out of Tampa, Fla.



CHRIS CRONIN
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TALKING STICK RESORT: The Arena Poker Room hosted its first "Stay-Cation Weekend" on Jan. 2-4. Players who signed up for tournaments on all three days received a free two-night stay at the resort.

Day 1 was a \$200 event that had 338 competitors, generating a \$57,460 prize pool. The final 11 chopped for \$4,172

each. They were **Daniel Hanson, Mark Babekov, Fabian Martinez, James Zhang, Laurence Fulop, Andrew Rubinberg, Michael Castas, Douglas Milner, Andre Boyer, Amy Strutt** and **Karen Barber**.

Day 2's \$300 event drew 351 entries for a massive prize pool of \$93,015. The top three places were **Mack Baker** (\$21,114), **Troy Sprung** (\$13,022) and **Kerri Anderson** (\$8,836).

The final event on Day 3 was a \$300 turbo bounty with 190 entries. This made the prize pool worth \$31,350 and \$19K in \$100 bounties. The final six players chopped for \$3,237 each. The winners were **Thomas Helms, Douglas Flittie, Shawn Vetter, Tristan Reader, Vladimir Fomine** and **Corey Alfred**.

FORT MCDOWELL CASINO: The Fort continues to have success with its Aces Cracked promotion. Players who lose with pocket aces within their first two hours of live play receive \$100. After the second hour it goes to \$200, and after the third hour \$300. After the fourth hour and for the remainder of the day players losing with A-A get \$400. Omaha players even qualify as long as there is an ace on the board and they receive no part of the pot.

CLIFF CASTLE: The Friday and Saturday shootout tournaments along with high hands each day continue to be the highlights at Club 52.

HON-DAH: The poker room has added a "Snowing Green" promotion to its regular list of tournaments and promotions. Players earn tickets toward cash drawings on Feb. 12 and March 19. You could win \$1K.

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ANTE UP SAILS OUT OF L.A. AGAIN IN 2016



Tampa cruisers go all out

You never know what will happen on an Ante Up Poker Cruise! **Joe Borden Jr.** was one of four frequent Ante Up cruisers on the Dec. 15 sailing out of Tampa to get Ante Up logo tattoos at Empire Tattoos in Cozumel, the same place Ante Up publisher **Scott Long** and Ante Up poker room manager **Ramze Sleiman** got tattoos the year before. Plenty of fun was had on the ship, too, as **Brenda Holdman** won the Tidal Wave Main Event. For all tournament cashers, visit anteupmagazine.com.



Ante Up Poker Cruises will return to Los Angeles in January 2016, with a seven-night sailing to the Mexican Riviera aboard NCL's recently revitalized *Jewel*.

"Ante Up has greatly increased its presence in California over the past couple of years, and we're excited to yet again give our West Coast fans an opportunity to join us on a poker cruise without having to travel very far," said **Scott Long**, co-owner of Ante Up Poker Media with **Christopher Cosenza**.

The cruise departs Los Angeles on Jan. 24, with port stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta before returning to Los Angeles on Jan. 31. The professionally staffed and equipped Ante Up Poker Room will be open more than 76 hours, featuring cash games, tournaments and free poker classes, and passengers also will be treated to an open-bar cocktail party in addition to all of the other great things that come with cruising.

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For more info or to book, visit anteupcruises.com or contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at (727) 742-3843 or cruises@anteupcruises.com. Poker rooms wishing to hold cruise giveaways should contact (727) 331-4335 or scott@anteupmagazine.com. ♠



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MGM GRAND ENJOYING NEW DIGS AFTER UPGRADES

The MGM Grand poker room recently completed the first phase of its remodel. A few years back, the room was moved to what was planned to be a temporary location during construction of the popular Hakkasan nightclub. However, when the club opened, the congestion it created made it nearly impossible for the poker room to return to near the Strip entrance.



ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

The permanent location was closed for a few days to install carpeting and a podium in the center of room. The design features 13 tables, each with USB charging units for every seat. Players must supply cords.

New chairs are on the way and should be in the room by the time you read this. More televisions are also in the plan.

The room is continuing its popular cash-drawing promotion. Players get tickets for having a flush or better, and every four hours a drawing is held. As many as 10 tickets are drawn every four hours with tickets worth between \$100-\$400.

The format for the \$10K weekly invitational has been revised. Players get 5K chips for every 15 hours of live play during the week. The top 25 finishers receive \$400 each.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: The room recently moved between the sportsbook and the popular Earl of Sandwich eatery. The design features nine tables comfortably arranged. All of its major tournament series will continue to be on the mezzanine.

The room is offering high-hand bonuses with a splash-pot element. Quads will earn \$25 plus a \$25 splash pot for the table that had the quads. For straight flushes, it's \$50 and two tables will be chosen for \$50 splash pots. Royal flushes earn the player \$100 while the player's table and three more tables get \$100 splash pots.

PLAZA: The electronic-table room opened in 2013 with three tables and recently moved to the other side of the pit to accommodate two more electronic tables. Cash games can be found for \$.25-\$.50 blinds. The low buy-in tournaments are increasingly popular. The \$5 7 p.m. tournament (with \$10 re-buys) regularly fills about four tables. The room just added deepstack tournaments on Thursdays at 9 p.m. Players get a 7K stack for \$33 with an optional 3K more for a \$5 add-on. The add-on goes to the prize pool. The tournament has a \$500 guarantee. There are also inexpensive tournaments at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

MIRAGE: As part of a major casino renovation, the Mirage temporarily closed its poker room Jan. 25. The main casino

cage will be relocated to part of the area of the current room. The newly designed room is scheduled to re-open sometime in May with 12 tables.

CAESARS PALACE: The room's official grand reopening was a huge success. In early December, the room filled up with players in the early afternoon for the promotion that didn't start until 7 p.m. By the time I showed up at around 3 p.m., the waitlist for the \$1-\$2 NLHE game was more than 140 players deep. Every 15 minutes a random player was given cash and at midnight the room gave away a seat to the 2015 WSOP.

The room's new location has proved to be a hit with tourists and locals alike. They also like the \$2/hour comps and the lack of a jackpot drop. Until the start of the WSOP, the room is giving away \$1K and \$1,500 WSOP seats on Sundays to players who qualify for the drawing by playing 10 hours during the prior week.

WYNN: The Wynn Classic runs Feb. 25-March 18. All of the events have guarantees, including the \$2,100 main event has two flights beginning March 15, and has a \$300K guarantee.

SUNCOAST: Gerry Boone is the new poker room manager in the elegant Summerlin area of Vegas. Boone has been working in table games for Boyd Gaming, parent company of the Suncoast, for several years. He worked in poker in California, too.

HOUSE RULES: Players visiting Vegas poker rooms from around the world are sometimes surprised by different house rules than they experience in their local rooms.

The truth is, the rules in Vegas differ from room to room. Recently, I started reaching for chips to bet my straight on the river and the player to my left said, "If you're betting, I'm calling whatever you put out." I then went all-in, and the dealer placed the "all-in" card in front of me and the "call" card in front of the other player. When I tabled my hand, the player disputed that he had called and was told "verbal is binding." After a discussion with a floorperson and the shift manager, he reluctantly turned over his chips to me.

Months later, in another Vegas room, I went to grab some chips when facing a raise and the player who had bet said, "If you raise, I probably have to go all-in." I did raise, he did go all-in, and since I had a full house I was happy to call. I won the pot and asked the dealer, "If he had not said 'probably,' but instead said, 'If you raise, I'll go all-in,' would that be binding?" The dealer said no, conditional statements are not binding in this room. When in doubt, ask.

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EXPECT MORE OPTIONS WHEN PLAYING IN RENO

By Matthew Stuart

Reno's poker scene is seeing a resurgence of limit games. California players are discovering the rake is more attractive compared to many of the rooms in their home state. As word of mouth travels quickly, you should expect more options when you visit. Here are some of them:

ATLANTIS: The poker room just recently gave away \$3K for a Steel Wheel bonus hand. ... The daily \$50 event at 11 a.m. has a progressive \$75 bonus for quads or better. ... Cash players can enjoy \$3-\$6 and \$6-\$12 limit, \$4-\$8 crazy pineapple, Omaha, razz and stud/8 and \$1-\$2 and \$3-\$5 no-limit hold'em.

ELDORADO: The downtown room offers \$3-\$6 limit and \$1-\$2 NLHE as well as \$1-\$5 stud. ... Daily tournaments are just \$30 and there's a "First Friday Freeroll" for \$2,500. ... Tables and chairs have been updated recently, too.

GRAND SIERRA: On the east side of Reno, the Heartland Poker Tour is running through Feb. 9. Results should be posted soon. ... Daily \$25 tournaments are offered alongside \$1-\$2 NL and \$3-\$6 limit. ... There's also a \$100 bounty tournament, so call the room for details.

PEPPERMILL: This room continues to run everything from \$3-\$6 limit to \$5-\$10 NLHE, plus noon and 6:30 p.m. tournaments. It's the largest room in town with 19 tables (including tournament tables). You can expect local grinders in addition to weekend high-limit games.

— Matt Stuart is Ante Up's Reno Ambassador. You can email him at renoanteup@gmail.com.

Sky Ute offers plenty of choices

Often, poker rooms are faced with finding innovative ideas and promotions to ensure a steady stream of regular games are played. One of these rooms, Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio, Colo., has a smattering array of promotions and choices for its players.

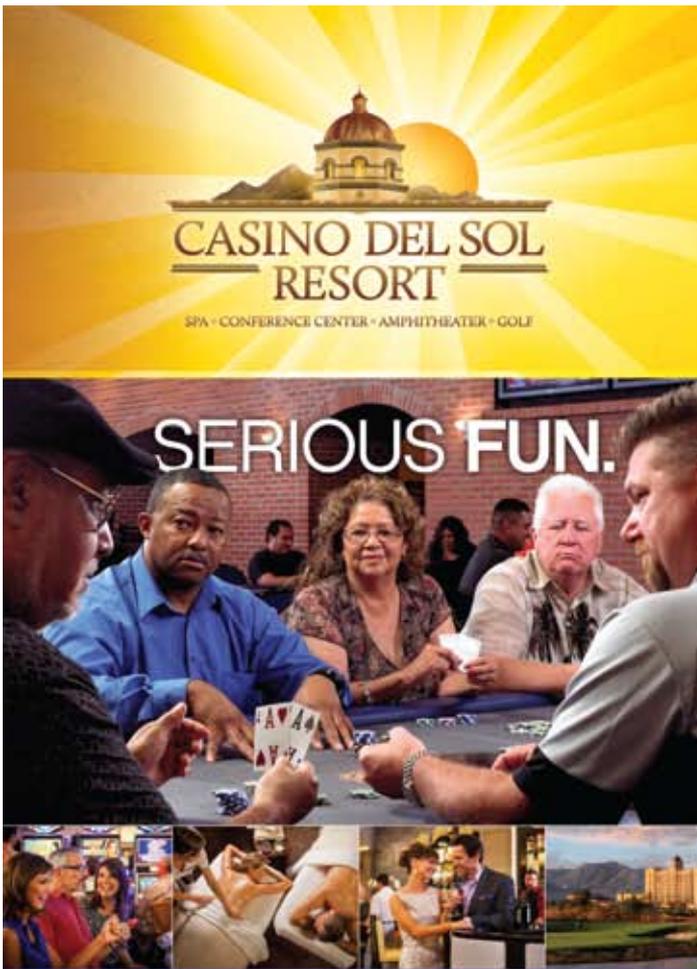


HANS HOLLENBECK
COLORADO

The poker room boasts a high-hand jackpot that increases every three hours throughout the day on Wednesdays, a solid dealer's choice Omaha game on Thursdays, a bevy of tournaments scattered throughout the weekends and a wildly popular bounty-rebuy tournament on Mondays.

GOLDEN GATES: As for the Eastern slope, the Heartland Poker Tour returns to the Golden Gates Casino in Blackhawk, Colo. I will update the winners in the next issue. Don't expect to see many open seats in the Golden Gates room during the stretch between Feb. 13-23, but do expect many players salivating.

— Email Hans at anteuphans@gmail.com.



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The Inn of the Mountain Gods poker room is offering a Road to the World Series of Poker Main Event season, starting with the two sessions on Feb. 21 and the final is Feb. 22. There is a cap of 200 players so be sure to sign up early. Buy-in is \$330.

(See ad at right)



MARY BRADLEY
NEW MEXICO

SANTA ANA STAR CASINO: If you've picked up this issue in time, then you might be able to enter the Jan. 31 Ladies Only \$50 tournament. If not, you can enter the \$440 bounty event Feb. 7; each bounty is \$100. Sign up by Feb. 6 for 500 extra chips. The Valentine's Day bounty tournament costs \$115 as \$75 goes to the prize pool and bounties are \$25.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: Player-reward drawings are Thursday evenings at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Players will earn one entry into the drawing with every hour of live play.

SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO: Changes this month include the regular Sunday and Tuesday tournaments. Sunday noon tournaments will cost \$45 for 4,500 in chips with unlimited rebuys during the first three levels. Tuesday 7 p.m. tournaments cost \$55 for 5,500 chips, also with unlimited rebuys during the first three levels.

— Email Mary at anteupmary@gmail.com.



Spring season is heating up

Muckleshoot Casino is having its Spring Classic on March 18-22. This year's series has five tournaments with a total of \$55K added: a \$300 Omaha/8 tournament and four no-limit hold'em tournaments with \$200, \$300, \$500 and \$750 buy-ins.



JAY ZEMAN
PNW

Muckleshoot is 31 miles southeast of Seattle in Auburn, Wash., and is the largest poker room in the region with 32 tables. It routinely spreads \$4-\$8 limit and Omaha/8 games and NLHE with \$3-\$5 blinds (subject to the state-mandated \$500 limit per bet, of course). It also gets the occasional \$15-\$30 Omaha-8 slugfest going.

SOCIAL CLUB: The Final Table Poker Club in Portland is one of the largest of the Oregon social gaming clubs with 15 poker tables. To conform to Oregon regulations, there's no rake for the cash games or house fees on the tournaments and the dealers are paid from tips. There is a daily \$10 fee to join the club. In addition to three or four tournaments per day, it also organizes cash games as 1.5-hour shootouts. Players cash out at the end to perhaps enter another one.

March 14 is its next big tournament, a \$300 buy-in with a \$100K guarantee. — Email Jay at anteupjay@gmail.com.

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MILLION DOLLAR HEATER KICKS OFF WITH RECORD

The Million Dollar Heater started with a bang in Biloxi on Jan. 2. The opening event is always one of the most anticipated Mississippi tournaments of the year. The \$345 buy-in and three starting flights give runners multiple opportunities to re-enter, adding up to a staggering 2,331 entrants for the largest event in Mississippi history.

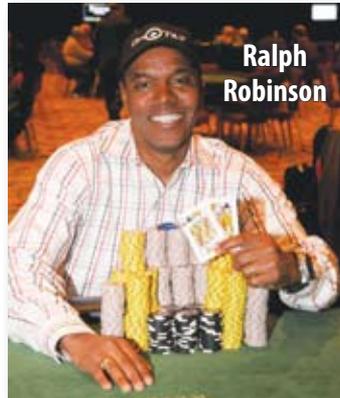


JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

The attendance nearly was a 20 percent increase over last year's 1,900-plus entrants as the prize pool was \$678,321, far exceeding the \$500K guarantee. People come from far and wide to compete for the opening weekend prize pool keeping the field of players diverse and interesting. The top 250 earned a check with just over \$85,000 going to first place.

First place would go to long-time regular contender **Ralph Robinson** of Stone Mountain, Ga., for \$85,333. Robinson, a 24-year team leader for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, is a solid player who often makes a deep run, but this is his most sizeable cash.

The official final table represented a large array of southern states with two Georgians, three from Alabama, two from Louisiana, one visitor from North Carolina and a local from Biloxi.



Ralph Robinson

Second place went to **Suzanne Miller** from Notasulga, Ala., for \$51,892. Despite recent trends toward more women competing in the large events, it's still unusual to see a woman take top three. Congrats, Suzanne!

Robinson picked up the lead when play reached five-handed and maintained it through to the finish. It wasn't always smooth sailing for Robinson, though. He fired three bullets just to make Day 2.

"I played every flight," he said. "I got a little unlucky and just decided to play the last flight super aggressive."

After making Day 2, he slowed things down a notch, carefully choosing his spots and building a mountain of chips.

Robinson said he loves playing at the Beau Rivage.

"This is a great place to play," he said. "The staff is excellent. Top-notch. That's why I come here."

This issue will hit the stands right in the middle of the Horseshoe Tunica's inaugural World Series of Poker Circuit (Jan. 22-Feb. 3). I hope to see many of you there and get your updates. I'll also be at the Beau Rivage for the Spring Break event March 26-April 6. Come find me and keep those emails coming.

— Email Jen at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.



COUSHATTA'S BLOWOUT ENDS IN A 13-PLAYER CHOP

On Dec. 27, the Coushatta Casino Resort hosted its final big tournament of the year as 134 players took advantage of the holidays to fight it out on the felt in the \$550 Winter Blowout. The prize pool was nearly \$65K and after 11 hours of play the final 13 players negotiated a chop.



DANNY WADE
LOUISIANA

Leader **Daniel Tupper** of New Llano, La., earned the biggest cut, taking home \$5,500. The other 12 players each received nearly \$5K.

"Though we weren't able to sell out this tournament, most likely because of the holiday season, I'm glad so many players were able to make the trip to Coushatta to support this tournament," poker room manager **Randall Litterall** said. "We are really looking forward to bigger fields for our next tournament series, Coushatta's Spring Classic in March."

For more info, check the Bravo Poker App and the Coushatta app.

SMOKING BAN? The Louisiana State Police, the agency that oversees gambling in Louisiana, estimates more than \$100 million will be lost in revenue and state fees in the first two years

if the New Orleans City Council adopts a ban on smoking in public.

This issue will be discussed soon and businesses that expect to be hit hardest by a proposed ban include Harrah's New Orleans, Louisiana's only state-run land-based casino and home to one of the biggest poker rooms in the Pelican State. Regulators also expect a smoking ban to affect a horse racing track and video poker halls around the city. Opinions on smoking in public and how it may affect revenue are greatly divided in a city that historically has been relaxed on vice laws.

ISLE LAKE CHARLES: The poker room has increased its monthly freeroll to \$10K. The first 60 players with 50 hours of live play each month will receive an entry into the no-limit hold'em freeroll.

"We're excited to offer our regular poker players this promotion as a way to reward them for their continued loyalty," poker room manager **Charles Mouhot** said.

Players may check out the Bravo App or call the poker room at 337-430-2407 to get the freeroll dates each month.

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Beginning Feb. 26, the World Series of Poker Circuit visits Horseshoe Baltimore, marking the first time the WSOP will be played in Maryland. There will be 14 ring events with the \$1,675 main event beginning March 6. There will be satellites, single and multitable, into many of the events throughout the month.



MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

DOVER DOWNS: The Crown Royal Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino will be running a series of guarantee tournaments Feb. 6-8. On Feb. 6, there will be a \$15K guarantee with a \$100 buy-in. On Feb. 7, there will be a \$30K guarantee with a \$225 buy-in and on Feb. 8 is a \$5K guarantee (\$50).

There also will be many promotions on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 1). High-hand jackpots will be given away every hour from noon-midnight. There will be a \$5K contest to guess the final score of the Big Game. Every player at a table gets a guess. If anybody is correct the table splits \$5K. There will be a \$2K freeroll as the final 10 players each receive \$200.

On Presidents Day (Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m.), there's a special tournament with a \$75 buy-in for a \$3K guaranteed prize pool. Call the poker room for more details.

HARRINGTON RACEWAY: The Delaware poker room also offers promotions during the Super Bowl on Feb. 1. There will be \$100 hourly high-hand jackpots running 2-6 p.m. on the hour. During the game, there will be \$100 splash pots at two random tables at the end of each quarter. Also, there's a Midnight Madness tournament with one re-entry and \$1K added to the prize pool. Call the poker room for more details.

DELAWARE PARK: The poker room hosts a \$100K freeroll March 19. Players need to earn 120 hours of play between now and March 14 to earn entry into the event. Tournament players also receive two hours of play for each tournament they enter. Also, on Feb. 7, there will be a \$25K guarantee for a \$200 buy-in. — Email Michael Young at anteupmike@gmail.com.



Tony Lazar is AUPT POY

By virtue of his victory at the Ante Up Poker Tour Spring Poker Classic at Running Aces Harness Park in Minnesota, **Tony Lazar** has captured the 2014 AUPT Player of the Year title.

The Plymouth, Minn., player won \$48K for that crown and also cashed two other times in AUPT events, including a 15th-place finish at the AUPT World Championships at Thunder Valley in August.

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ALEXANDER WINS PRAIRIE MEADOWS EVENT

Matthew Alexander of Robbinsdale, Minn., won the Heartland Poker Tour event in December at Prairie Meadows. Alexander pocketed \$69,043 after he eliminated friend **Kou Vang** of Maplewood, Minn., who earned \$42,961 for second. The main event had 176 entries for a prize pool of more than \$250K. In other events, **Ronald Thomas** won \$2,861 in the \$150 pot-limit Omaha tourney, besting a field of 53. The \$250 deepstack drew 161 players and **Patrick Hoberg** won the title and \$9,561. There was a \$150 NLHE survivor event that had 23 players and chopped three ways between **Anthony**



KEN WARREN
IOWA

Wildes, Michael Tidman and **Steven Fox**, who each received \$900.

RAID UPDATE: Last issue, we covered the raid by Iowa authorities of home poker game.

Three of those charged have filed motions to dismiss based on Iowa rules for criminal procedure. It seems an indictment must be filed within 45 days or charges must be dismissed.

In this case, the prosecution appears to have failed to meet that timeframe.

A judge hasn't ruled on the motion, however, at press time. Three others charged in this case entered guilty pleas and two were granted six months of unsupervised probation and the third was fined \$625.

HORSESHOE: The Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs held its annual Holiday Poker Classic between Christmas and New Year's Day. There were several events and another strong turnout. The \$770 main event drew 134 players and went to **Brent Kallman**, who took home \$25,512. There was a \$250 Omaha/8 event that ended in a three-way chop, as did the \$130 Fat Stack event. The \$200 pot-limit Omaha event ended in five-way chop. **Matthew Sztamburski** won the \$350 Fat Stack for \$4,440.

With so many chopped tournaments, one wonders what happened to the competitive spirit in Council Bluffs. Does anyone want to win anymore?

The Horseshoe also announced the Run Good Series. This is similar series to the one that just completed and will run March 4-8. I hope to attend. Rest assured no chop will happen if I'm in the money.

Here's the schedule: March 4 kicks off with main-event satellites and a \$125 bounty event. March 5 hosts more satellites, a \$200 PLO and a \$160 deepstack event. On March 6, there is an interesting \$40 all-in-or-fold event at noon and the \$675 main event gets started at 7. There will be two more main-event flights March 7 and the final event is a \$125 tourney at 11 a.m. on March 8.

— Email Ken at anteupken@gmail.com.



PUCCIO FIGHTS NERVES, WINS HPT AMERISTAR

Mike Puccio, a landscaper from Deerfield, Ill., won the Heartland Poker Tour's main event at Ameristar East Chicago, earning \$164K and he said his first nationally televised final table was a nerve-racking experience.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

"I've been excited and nervous for the last two days," he said afterward. "I haven't been able to close my eyes."

It was the first cash for four players at the final table, including runner-up **Bledar Shaholli** (\$100K). HPT veteran **Ben Castle** made his third final table, finishing fifth. The real estate developer from Hinsdale has 12 cashes for a career total of \$173K.

James Casement from Pingree Grove, Ill., won \$40K in the \$300 opener, which had a record 783 entries and a \$200K prize pool. HPT returns to Chicagoland on April 30-May 10.

In other news, two-time HPT winner **Aaron Massey** was 2014's HPT Player of the Year. Third all-time in HPT earnings, Massey is one of Chicagoland's best tournament players with 11 career wins and 88 cashes totaling more than \$2M.

SEMINAR: Greg "Fossilman" Raymer will host a training seminar Feb. 16 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Schaumburg, Ill. The full-day \$300 course designed to improve your game will feature a three-hour lecture followed by four hours of live lab. Class size is limited to 40 so sign up soon.

"This is an exceptional value with Raymer being one of the best instructors in the country," said **Jim Kasputis Sr.** of Rockford Charitable Games. To reserve a spot or for more information, call Kasputis at 815-914-7529. Participants will be eligible to play in a RCG freeroll, which has a \$1K guarantee after the seminar.

RCG is running \$6-\$12 limit Omaha/8 on Mondays and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. These games typically run all day. For information, call 847-293-7941 or text Omaha to 88202.

CHARANIA WINS: **Mohsin Charania** captured the WPT Five Diamond World Poker Classic at Bellagio in Las Vegas, winning \$1.4 million. The Des Plaines native started playing online while studying finance at the University of Illinois and has earned more than \$3.5 million online.

HOLLYWOOD AURORA: **Robert Merrell** won the Tournament of Champions on Dec. 21. This unique tournament has winners and runners-up play in a yearly event. Wednesday's tournament remains Chicagoland's longest running.

MAJESTIC STAR: WPT DeepStacks will make its first visit to Chicagoland on July 23-Aug. 2. The main event starts July 28.

WCPL: **David Wexler** won the inaugural Windy City Poker League's championship on Dec. 5 at Jenny's Steakhouse and Pub in Mokena. WCPL will run a spring and fall league. For more details, go to facebook.com/chicagopokerleague.

— Email "Chicago" Joe at chicago.joe@comcast.net.



LIU CAPTURES \$106K & MSPT TITLE AT CANTERBURY

The Mid-States Poker Tour visited Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., from Dec. 12-14 and drew 432 entrants. **Peixin Liu** of Blaine, Minn., took home \$106,483 of the \$416,784 prize pool after beating **James Wilson** heads-up. This was



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

Liu's third MSPT final table and his largest career cash. It was Wilson's first MSPT final table and second MSPT cash. Liu and Wilson started heads-up play with similar stacks and battled for more than an hour before Liu emerged victorious. This was also the third MSPT final table for **Leo Fussy** and the second for **John Reading**.

MSPT POY: **Kou Vang** of Maplewood, Minn., did not cash at MSPT Canterbury and finished in second place in the player-of-the-year race with 3,150 points. He was 200 points shy of



winner **Michael Deis** of Ann Arbor, Mich. Vang recently finished second at the Heartland Poker Tour event at Prairie Meadows in Iowa, losing to field and fellow Minnesotan **Matthew Alexander** of Robbinsdale. Check out the Iowa column on Page 30 for a recap.

AWARDS: **Jay Phillips** has taken over organizing the Minnesota Poker Awards. The 2014 winners were Vang (Best Male Player and Most Intimidating Player), **Heidi Roggenkamp** (Best Female Player), **Chris "Fox" Wallace** (Best Achievement), **Mike Lovelace** (Poker Champion), **Brian Soja** (Nice Guy Award), **Jay Phillips** (Nice Gal Award and Most Entertaining Opponent), **Marc Powers** (Best Twitter @the_poker_joker), **Tristan Wilberg** (Best Cardroom Employee), **Issac Tucker** (Rising Star), **Todd Breyfogle** (Best Cash Game Player) and **John Morgan** (Fan Favorite).

— Email John at john.somsky@gmail.com

Ante Up teams with PokerRadius.Com for special Ante Up Group

The Ante Up Nation now has a dedicated "Groups" discussion forum on PokerRadius.Com, a new poker social networking website.

"One of the things of which we're most proud here at *Ante Up* is our interaction with our fans, going all the way back to the first episode of the *Ante Up PokerCast* in 2005," said **Scott Long**, co-owner of Ante Up Poker Media LLC with **Chris Cosenza**. "The ways we communicate with each other change so rapidly these days. We see potential in Poker Radius' model for our fans to meet other like-minded players and for other players to become part of the Ante Up Nation."

To access the Ante Up Group on PokerRadius.Com, play-

ers must register for a free, basic account, which they can use to create a profile, make connections and participate in all group conversations. A premium plan is offered for players seeking a richer experience, including entries in contests and special offers from Poker Radius partners.

"We are so excited to partner with *Ante Up* and host the official *Ante Up* message forums, the ultimate destination for discussing all things poker," said **Jason Richeda**, CEO and founder of Poker Radius. "Together, our goal is to continue building a strong interactive poker community that enables players to share experiences and contribute to helping improve the game and inspiring generations to come." ♠

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BIG TOURNAMENT MONTH ON THE HORIZON

February is shaping up to be a huge tournament month in Oklahoma and Kansas. Three tournament series are on the schedule, giving local and touring players plenty of opportunities to test their skills. Here's a look at what's going on:



ROBERT KELLY
N. OKLAHOMA

DOWNSTREAM: After hosting the inaugural RunGoodGear.com \$100K guarantee series in 2014, Downstream Casino kicks off the series' second year. Scheduled for Feb. 4-8, the series offers a \$20K guarantee (\$330) and a \$100K guarantee main event (\$675). Once again, a \$10K World Series of Poker seat is an added prize for the main-event winner.

Per-night hotel rates are set on a graduated scale from one night (\$99) to four nights (\$69). Call (918) 919-6000 and use the promo code POKER. In January, the poker room and RunGoodGear.com partnered with OnTiltRadio.com's Taking It Down show to award a \$125 bounty-tournament seat.

HARD ROCK: The Oklahoma State Championship of Poker runs Feb. 19-March 1. See hardrockcasinotulsa.com for the schedule.

HOLLYWOOD KANSAS SPEEDWAY: The poker room continues to qualify players into two May freeroll tournaments. In December, players began qualifying based upon seat time for the month. Through April 20, players will qualify each month into the events. The top four from each freeroll will win \$2,500 entries to the Hollywood Poker Open Championship at the M Resort and Casino in Las Vegas in June plus \$1,500.

INDIGO SKY: After hosting a successful Heartland Poker Tour stop in 2014, the property will again host a tour stop Feb.

26-March 9. There will be satellites leading up to the \$1,665 main event, which has three flights running March 6-7. Six other tournaments make up the event schedule with \$150-\$250 buy-ins. Those include pot-limit Omaha, bounty, turbo, survivor and deepstack. Call (888) 992-SKY1 for hotel reservations and use promo code HPT15 for \$89 room rates.

Among the changes made at the beginning of the year was a rake reduction to 10 percent up to \$3. Look for a sweethearts' tournament around Valentine's Day.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The Reindeer Games tournament series ran Dec. 5-14. The opening \$230 event, which had a \$15K guarantee, drew 92 entries as Tulsa's **Mesgana Tesfalidet** earned \$5,520 for the win. Sand Springs' **Della Jones** captured the \$30K guarantee main event, overcoming a field of 110 entries and turning her \$330 buy-in into \$9,900. **Nicholas Rosenberger, Nick Koliastasis, Virginia Brent, David Mathews, Rocky Cottrell, Steven Coster** and **Daniel Hughes** were other event winners. **Brian Swafford, Christopher Culver** and **Lance Lachney** chopped the survivor event.

CHARITY: I represented *Ante Up* in the Jan. 19 online tournament hosted by HogWildPoker.com. Jointly sponsored by Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics, the Restock the Shelves event was a fundraiser to benefit local food banks around the country. As part of OnTiltRadio.com's *Taking It Down*, my Blue Shark Optics-sponsored co-host **Ted Leahy** and I competed as well as provided live coverage.

In January, I attended the Cards for the Cure charity tournament in Wichita. It was a benefit for the Kansas office of the Susan B. Komen Foundation. Look for details in a future issue. — **Email Robert at anteuprob@gmail.com.**

Coyle wins U.S. Ladies Championship at Choctaw

The Ladies International Poker Series stopped at Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla., recently for its United States Ladies Poker Championship. The \$300 event drew 80 entries and after a hard-fought tournament **Dori Coyle** of Plano, Texas, won the title for \$5,920 and a \$250 seat to the LIPS Poker Queen Championship this summer in Las Vegas at the Golden Nugget.



JOHN D SHORT
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Debbie Espe of Georgetown, Texas, was second for \$3,700 and **Lisa Schuessler** of Durant got third (\$2,590). When asked about her championship, Coyle said, "It was a great tournament and a fabulous structure, which is why I decided to fire another bullet late in the day Saturday. A very strong final table with a lot of classy ladies."

LIPS was founded in 2004 by **Lupe Soto** with a vision: to promote and provide tournaments for female players seeking opportunities to challenge other women in comfortable, friendly and competitive environments.

Headquartered in Las Vegas, LIPS, best known for the

Queen Grand Championship, U.S. Ladies Championship, Canadian Ladies Championship and various state championships, founded the Women in Poker Hall of Fame in 2008.

"LIPS is thrilled to have had the opportunity to hold the U.S. Ladies Poker Championship at Choctaw Casino," Soto said. "The location and the property couldn't be more perfect as it's centrally located in the country and the amenities are first-class. The Choctaw management and staff went out of their way to help make this event extra special for the ladies in attendance. We look forward to growing this event into the premier event in women's poker."

As a final note, Choctaw poker room hostesses **Regina Young** and **Cyndi "Skippy" May** did a great job keeping the waiting lists in good order and making sure the magazine racks were full with the latest issues of *Ante Up* for players to read. The players and staff really appreciate the excellent effort shown by these two friendly faces every day.

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MICHIGAN

**Zarlenga's breakout year remarkable**

This month, we take a look at **Jason Zarlenga** of Lansing. Zarlenga, originally from Boardman, Ohio, has three siblings (**Joy**, **Jaime** and **Josh**) and was raised by his parents **James** and **Joyce**.



SCOTT MILLER
MICHIGAN

He went to Kent State and majored in finance with a minor in pre-law. He worked for Ace's Gaming Supply at Trippers Poker Room as a dealer before having his breakout year, which helped him pad his career winnings to nearly \$250K. He started off the run at the Mid-States Poker Tour event at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Mich., where he topped the field of 411 entries to pocket \$101,482.

Next he went to Las Vegas for the World Series of Poker, earning a couple of cashes in bracelet events, including a 35th-place finish in Event 55 for \$13,552 and a 382nd-place finish in the Millionaire Maker (Event 8).

In September, he went to Milwaukee for another MSPT event at Potawatomi Casino, and again he topped a massive field (487) to walk away with the \$120,164 first prize. This win made Zarlenga the MSPT's all-time money-winner and it put him in contention for MSPT Player of the Year.

He plans on following the circuit through May before heading to Vegas for the WSOP again. Congratulations on an excellent year.

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WISCONSIN

**Ho-Chunk event raises cash for FD**

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosted a Holiday Celebrity Knockout Event on Dec. 7, a \$300 tournament that attracted 134 entries plus three celebrity bounties in Lake Delton Fire Chief **Darren Jorgenson**, PPC pro **Mark "Poker HO" Kroon** and 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet-winner **Chad Holloway**.



CHAD HOLLOWAY
WISCONSIN

The tournament helped raise money for the Lake Delton Fire Department. The buy-in went to the prize pool and players were given an option to add-on, half of which went to the fire department. All told, the event raised \$1,370 for the charity while awarding thousands more in prizes. Of the celebrities, Jorgenson was the first to go after about two hours into play.

In Level 7, Holloway followed him out the door via **Joseph Donny's** ace-king, which dominated the ace-queen of Holloway. Kroon, who was the last celebrity standing, exited a couple of hours later at the hands of Madison's **Holly Lawler**, who also collected \$400.

As for the rest of the event, **Pat Kellogg**, **Patrick Walsh**, **Eric Borcherding**, **Terry McCaughey** and **Steven King** chopped for \$5,070 each. They were followed by **Jeremy Charles** (\$2,071), **David Heysek** (\$1,594), **Larry Ormson** (\$1,249), **William Castillo** (\$986), **Leonard Gerrits** (\$542), **Richard McKenzie** (\$542) and **Charles Coutts** (\$542).

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KALAS HAD ONE HELLUVA POKER YEAR

Kane Kalas, son of Phillies Hall of Fame broadcaster **Harry Kalas**, is gaining a reputable image as a poker force in the Philadelphia region. Within the past year, Kalas has more than \$700K in tournament earnings, stirring up media and nearby poker rooms. His first televised appearance at the WPT Borgata Championship saw him capture his cash (\$500,364) finishing second to **Darren Elias**.



JO KIM
NORTHEAST

Kalas finished the year strong, claiming first at Parx's Big Stax IX for \$79,015. At the final table sat many notable players, including **Ken Silberstein**, **Joe McKeehen**, **Greg Himmelbrand** and Parx ambassador **Matt Glantz**.

Himmelbrand, who had the lead heads-up for nearly three levels, fell short-stacked when Kalas called a four-bet all-in with pocket aces. Himmelbrand took second (\$47,148) to boost his career earnings to just shy of \$800K.

"(It) was a great year for me both on and off of the felt," Kalas said. "I put in more live tournament volume in 2014 than in any year prior and, as a result, I was able to quickly learn ways to exploit my opponents that may be less relevant or lucrative in the online cash games, to which I am accustomed.

And there's nothing like notching your first live victory.

"Coming in second in WPT Borgata was very exciting for me as it was my first final table in a major poker tournament and my biggest monetary score," he said, "(but) winning the Parx Big Stax winter event in December was thrilling in a different way. It marked the first live poker tournament that I've

taken down. There is something unique about the feeling of holding up a trophy, which represents that you have achieved the best possible result in a tournament with hundreds of entrants. Obviously, variance is a huge factor in poker, specifically in live tournaments and especially when examining the results of one player over the course of only a year. I have no doubt that I ran well in 2014. That being said, I'm certain that, going into 2015, I am playing the best live tournament poker of my career and I am excited by and hopeful about what this year will bring."

PARX: Big Stax X runs until Feb. 23. Look for results in a future issue.

HARRAH'S/WSOPC: Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City hosted the last World Series of Poker Circuit stop of 2014 on Dec. 11-22. **Justin Liberto**, who bubbled the main event, came back the next day to win \$10,583 and his first ring in the last event of the series. Liberto has come close to a ring before at the WSOPC main at Harrah's Philadelphia in April, finishing second.

Mukul Pahuja commemorated the mark of his 5-year poker career by winning the main event for \$148,345. Pahuja, who came to the final table as the shortest stack, made five knockouts, including notables **Mike Dentale** and **Adam Teasdale**. Dentale, who placed fourth for \$49,673, was chipleader starting Day 3 and also at the start of the final table. Second in chips starting Day 3 was **Gajan Jeganathan**, a high-limit cash player at Parx, who finished third (\$67,006). Pahuja is ranked 12th in the Global Poker Index and has almost \$3.4M in earnings.

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Mohegan Sun springs into action with Showdown

By **Dave Lukow**

Mohegan Sun has a lot of great things going on for its poker players. It's Spring Showdown returns at the end of this month (Feb. 28-March 8) and sports \$500K in guarantees. The \$1,100 main event, which is March 7 at 11 a.m., has a \$125K guarantee, 30K chips, 40-minute blinds through Level 9 and 50-minute blinds thereafter. See the ad on Page 7 for the full schedule, which includes PLO, bounty, ladies and seniors.

In other Mohegan Sun news, every weekend the Connecticut destination is holding the Weekly Star Event on Mohegansunpoker.com. Sit-n-go and multitable satellites run on Saturdays. Winners advance to the Weekend Poker Series Tournament, billed as "the greatest Sunday free-play poker event available online."

The winner of that tournament receives a two-night stay, with a guest of their choice, at Mohegan Sun's hotel.

Players receive 1,000 free chips upon registering at mohegansunpoker.com.

TURNING STONE: Look for results from the Winter Poker Melt-

down in a future issue as the series was still running at press time. Also, Turning Stone features a \$225 monthly Sunday bounty tournament, which is slated to run Feb. 9, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1.

The competitions start at 11 a.m. Each player begins with 20K chips.

FALLSVIEW: The World Poker Tour is returning to Fallsview Casino Resort. From Feb. 7-16, the Niagara Falls, Ontario, venue hosts the Fallsview Classic. The highlight of the series, the \$5K WPT main event, starts Feb. 13. The prize pool for the tourney is expected to exceed \$2 million.

A \$550 super satellite for the main event will be Feb. 12.

Situated above Horseshoe Falls, Fallsview Casino Resort has been offering gaming and entertainment options for more than a decade. The floor has more than 3,000 slot machines and 100 gaming tables.

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HOOSIER HAPPINESS

Charles Sickmeir of Evansville, Ind., takes down the final Ante Up Poker Tour title of 2014 with a dominating performance at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla.

By Dave Lemmon

The Ante Up Poker Tour ended 2014 on a high note in December as **Charles Sickmeir** of Evansville, Ind., won the final tournament of the year at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. The event also completed the AUPT's first Florida Swing, following events in Pensacola and St. Petersburg.

The 32-year-old Sickmeir picked up the largest payoff of his career, collecting \$27,750, but not before a grueling three-hour-plus heads-up battle with **Timothy Miles** of Tallahassee.

After three opening sessions attracted 222 entries, the field was narrowed to 32 players returning for the final day Dec. 14. One of the afternoon's most interesting hands came with 14 players left. **Robert Petrekin** looked to grab the lead when he called an opponent's all-in after a beneficial all-diamond flop of 2-4-5. Holding the A♦ and three, Petrekin held the wheel straight and when the 3♦ came on the turn, it give Petrekin a flush. Though no one at the table seemed to notice, the one card that could affect the hand would fall on the river, the 6♦. A roar went up when the players realized the board was a straight flush, gibing the ready-to-depart player a new life with a chopped pot. Petrekin would go on to make the final table and finish sixth (\$5,290).

After **Greg Marcus** of Miami (\$6,935) and **Ryan Gianquitti** of Boynton Beach (\$9,235) were eliminated in fifth and fourth place, respectively, the field was down to three.

Brian Butler, the only amateur remaining, was noticeably conspicuous throughout the day by the fact that he was forced to take several phone calls during the afternoon, which pulled him away from the table several times. It turns out when you work for The Donald, business usually takes priority over poker, despite a deep run in a big tournament. Butler is the manager of Trump National Transportation, a limo company featuring a fleet of high-end vehicles such as a Rolls Royce Phantom, a Maybach and a Tesla. Servicing members of Trump's three South Florida clubs, including the ultra-exclusive Mar-A-Lago, Butler said, "All calls for transportation for any members come through me, so my phone rings 24-7. Poker is important for me, but business has to take priority."

He made a serious run at the title, but was eliminated third, which earned him \$12,485 but not the photo on this month's magazine cover. Butler won a satellite into this \$575 event in the club's popular \$30 buy-in/\$20 rebuy event the previous week, a tournament that regularly reaches its \$10K guarantee.

"The price was right for me," he said, "and this tournament structure was great. But once I made the final table I really wanted to get my picture on the cover."

So with Sickmeir, who entered the day as the chipleader



Sickmeir earned \$27,750 for the victory.

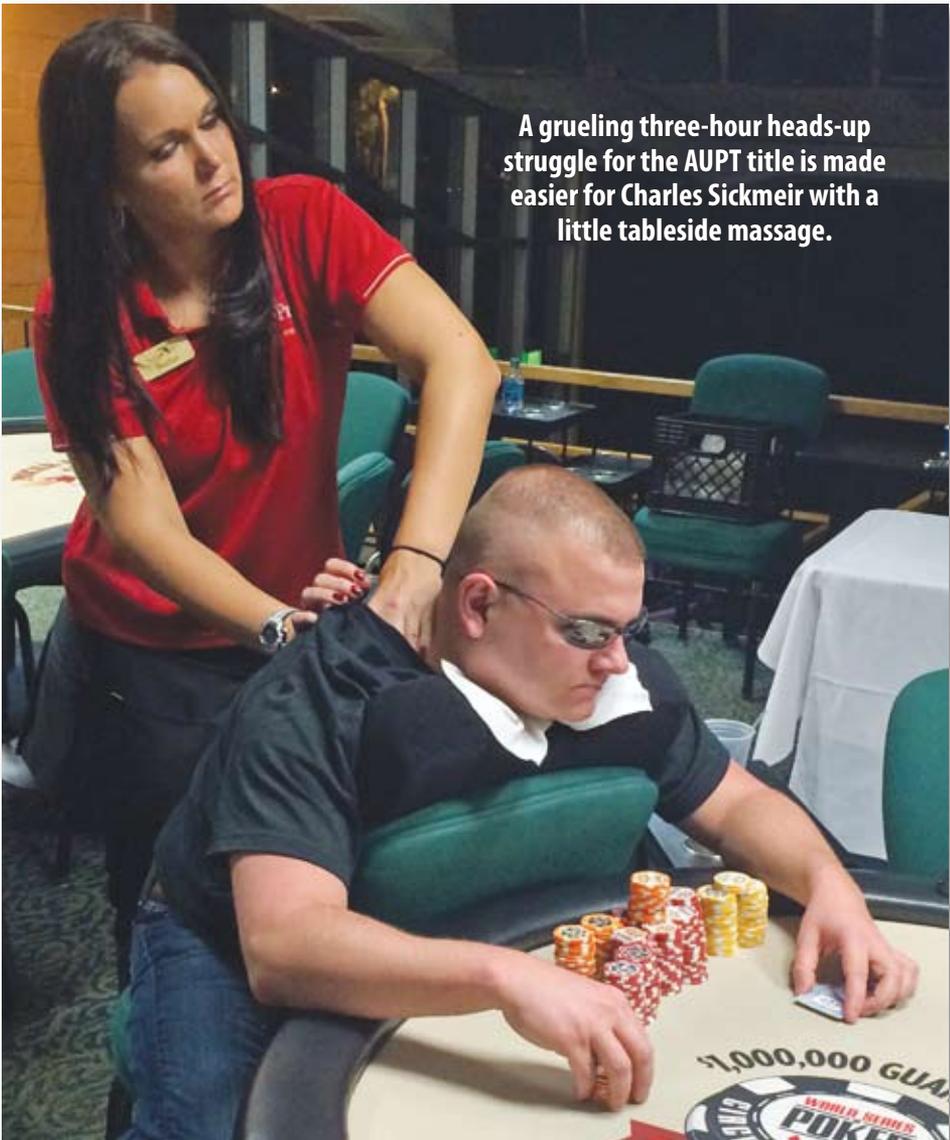
with 283K, back in charge, he would try to finish things off against Miles, who was at a 5-to-1 disadvantage as heads-up play began shortly before midnight. Miles, a big Florida State fan who had picked up a big title this summer at the Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa for nearly \$300K, had scratched and clawed his way from 27th place when the day began with one of the short stacks (40K).

After about an hour of tight, cautious play, Miles took over the lead after seeing his flopped straight hold up against Sickmeir's pocket kings and subsequent flush draw that failed to connect. Now it was the laid-back Evansville native that was on the short end of a 3-to-1 advantage, but Sickmeir decided to take a shot with pocket sevens against Miles' K-Q offsuit, and when the board ran out A-3-8-J-8 things were nearly even

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AUPT AT PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB



A grueling three-hour heads-up struggle for the AUPT title is made easier for Charles Sickmeir with a little tableside massage.



Event 2: \$30 NLHE w/rbs
Entries: 141 • Pool: \$12,255

- 1. Eugene Kleyman, \$2,625
- 2. Aaron Payne, \$2,620
- 3. Nesly Baptiste, \$1,400
- 4. Chad Creamer, \$1,000
- 5. Ashton Peek, \$725
- 6. Michael Mascitelli, \$625
- 7. Ben Delcambre, \$485
- 8. David Felger, \$485
- 9. Seamus Hoban, \$380
- 10. Ben Bracken, \$305



Event 3: \$135 NLHE
Entries: 48 • Pool: \$4,800

- 1. Brian Kicklighter, \$1,760
- 2. Scott Turner, \$1,070
- 3. Erik Romm, \$735
- 4. Sammy Mujeeb, \$560
- 5. Mike White, \$475
- 6. David Klingelsmith, \$200

again, ensuring a late night in West Palm Beach.

Though no chop was ever discussed, it was nearing 3 a.m. when Sickmeir broke through.

- \$575 Main Event**
Entries: 222 • Pool: \$111K
- 1. Charles Sickmeir, \$27,750
 - 2. Timothy Miles, \$17,150
 - 3. Brian Butler, \$12,485
 - 4. Robert Gianquitti, \$9,235
 - 5. Gregory Marcus, \$6,935
 - 6. Robert Petrekin, \$5,290
 - 7. Howard Darnold, \$4,095
 - 8. Larry Powell, \$3,220
 - 9. John McCarthy, \$2,565
 - 10. David Baker, \$2,075

Miles picked up top two pair on a K-Q-x flop and Sickmeir, holding J-10 offsuit, called Miles' all-in and then saw a nine on the turn. He avoided a king or queen on the river to take ultimate control of the match, finishing it out a couple of hands later.

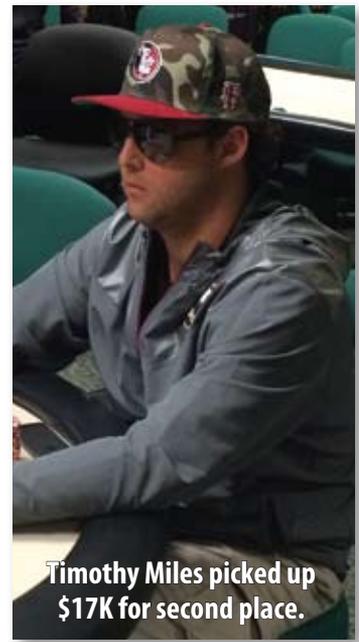
Miles collected \$17,250 for second. Sickmeir had nothing but praise for his opponent, saying afterward, "That was a grind, but it was a good match and he was a great player. I got lucky in a couple of spots."

He said he usually plays cash games when he comes to Florida and takes advantage of the kindness of a good friend who lets him stay at his apartment. "If I see a good tournament while I'm down here, I'll play," he said.

He was also too polite to say he also takes advantage of the softer Florida games, but the look on his face said it all.

"I've done well in Florida," was all he offered. Three final tables in 2013 at the Isle, and now his first major title at PBKC certainly confirms that notion.

So, besides the big payday and a \$1,650 seat at the Ante Up World Championships in August at Thunder Valley outside of Sacramento, Sickmeir will receive a personalized Ante Up jacket. Oh yes, and a desire to do it again soon: "It was a great tournament and I'll be playing plenty more Ante Up poker Tour events when I can." ♠



Timothy Miles picked up \$17K for second place.

ANTE UP WORLDS STAY AT THUNDER VALLEY

After a successful Ante Up World Championship series at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in August, the Ante Up Poker Tour's marquee event will return to the resort just north of Sacramento, Calif., in August.

"It's been an amazing experience watching the relationship between Thunder Valley and *Ante Up* grow," said **Scott Long**, who is publisher of Ante Up Poker Media with **Christopher Cosenza**. "Two years ago when we hosted the first Ante Up NorCal Classic at the beautiful resort, neither Thunder Valley nor Ante Up were known nationally for tournaments. Now, both are."

Dates and details of the Ante Up World Championship series will be announced later, but the event will play out in early August like it did in 2014, making it one of first major tournament series after the World Series of Poker concludes.

"Thunder Valley is looking forward to hosting the Ante Up World Championship once again," Thunder Valley director of poker **Ben Erwin** said. "Players really responded well to the format of the 2014 main event, which featured just one re-entry so every hand mattered. We will build on that success in 2015."

Champions at all Ante Up Poker Tour series through July will earn an entry in the Ante Up World Championship. Players from Derby Lane, Pensacola Greyhound Track and Palm Beach Kennel Club in Florida have qualified for the event, as has **Michael Loncar**, the champion of Thunder Valley's recently concluded Ante Up NorCal Classic.

Thunder Valley also will host the fourth annual Ante Up



NorCal Classic in late November, giving the AAA Four Diamond property two of the 12 possible Ante Up Poker Tour events planned for the season. Additionally, the property will host the 2016 Ante Up World Championship series and the Ante Up NorCal Classic again in 2016.

Thunder Valley features spacious guest rooms, highly rated restaurants and a well-appointed spa, giving players and their guests a resort experience when they're taking breaks from the poker room.

"Ben Erwin and his terrific team have built Thunder Valley into a tournament poker powerhouse, hosting several major series throughout the year," Long said. "Knowing that Ante Up holds two spots on the resort's annual schedule is truly special to us." ♠

AUPT RETURNS TO THE 101, BIGGER, BETTER

By **Scott Long**

The Ante Up Poker Tour is returning to Wine Country in 2015. The North Bay Poker Open will run April 27-May 3 at The 101 Casino in Petaluma, Calif., featuring five events capped off by a \$400 buy-in, \$40K guaranteed main event that will put the winner on the cover of the June issue of *Ante Up*.

"The 101 Casino is excited to partner once again with *Ante Up Magazine* to host the North Bay Poker Open," general manager **Nicole Provolt** said. "The seven-day series will offer a variety of events, including a progressive bounty and HA, which is half no-limit hold'em and half pot-limit Omaha."

Last year's North Bay Poker Open Main Event culminated in unique fashion, with the final three players agreeing to chop the remaining prize pool and the extras that came with it. **Chris Hinchcliffe** took the spot on the cover of *Ante Up*, **Shawn Roberts** took the Ante Up World Championship seat and **Fernando Moncado** grabbed the bracelet.

This series will open with a \$100 warmup event, continue with the bounty and HA events, with one last NLHE event before the three-flight main event begins May 1. Players will have two satellites to get into the main during the series, and weekly satellites at 6:30 p.m. every Monday starting Feb. 1. Like last year, in addition to the prize pool and the magazine cover, the champion will get a seat in the Ante Up World Championship



The Hold'em Radio guys will be on hand once again.

Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., and a personalized champion's jacket.

Hold'em Radio will again be onsite, broadcasting updates throughout the main, as well as a live audio broadcast of the entire final table.

"We're thrilled to be bringing the Ante Up Poker Tour back to The 101 Casino," *Ante Up's* **Scott Long** said. "Not only did The 101 staff run a great event last year, the players who came out were friendly and passionate about poker. Petaluma is a great place to unwind after a grueling day at the tables with Napa and San Francisco just a short drive away." ♠



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GETTING YEARS OF TRAINING IN JUST MOMENTS

For months, I've been using AdvancedPokerTraining.com to help hone the skills of my students via Skype. In doing so, I've discovered some of the great weaknesses common to players who take poker seriously, but fall a little short. I'll share one tip in a second.



MIKE CARO

But long before I discovered APT last year and decades before I began sharing research, teaching poker, and playing it for a living, my understanding of the game was like most players still aspiring to win. At first, there was only one path to profit. Play tight. But I knew that I was leaving a lot more profit on the table. And so began my obsession with analyzing poker via a long, tedious regimen of self-training. I locked myself away and did poker math, guarding my secrets carefully. Finally, the legendary world champion, **Doyle Brunson**, charmed me into revealing my findings in his poker bible *Super System*.

After that, I started sharing everything I had discovered while training to master poker. Back then, there were no reliable statistics governing tactics and no software tools. So, I had to create my own.

BEST TOOL: If you're thinking, "Wow, what a sad life!" then you're right. But the reason I'm telling you this is that you can do everything I've done without devoting your life to it. There's a whole universe of reliable information and discussion on the web. The best tool I've found is AdvancedPokerTraining.com.

My students share their screens and I follow along as they play. Since the software allows you to compete against artificially intelligent opponents (bots), students don't need to fear slowing the game as we discuss decisions. Moreover, they don't even need me present to play independently, saving key hands for later examination.

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KEY MISTAKE: Most students call too often in no-limit hold 'em with hands such as ace-jack when the first raise came from early position. The solution is simple: Put yourself in the mind of that early raiser and ask yourself what hand you would need to make that play. Then be honest about whether your hand is competitive. Often, it isn't, so fold.

On APT, mistakes like these will show up in your training plan, which is updated weekly and you can work on it immediately by clicking the "Practice Now" button.

ATP is the No. 1 training site. So, you're lucky you don't have to walk the same path I did. But don't feel sorry for me. I enjoyed the journey.

— **Mike Caro, the Mad Genius of Poker, is the author of seven books, including Caro's Book of Tells. He's available for private coaching on advancedpokertraining.com.**

POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

WHEN SHOULD YOU LEAVE A POKER GAME?

When to leave a game and when to stay is one of more important questions in poker.

Many folks don't look at this as seriously as they should. Some folks rush into the room at lunch to grab a bit and play for an hour or so. They are at a distinct disadvantage. Their minds are often somewhere else and they have a time limit. This plays out over and over for the player who comes in with a few hours to play but has to meet their spouse for dinner or pick up their child at Little League.



STEPHEN BLOOMFIELD

This may be a fine way to spend some time and if you can afford the losses, go for it. But remember you are now creating your disadvantage. So how long is a good session? It's important to consider.

Another scenario is the player who gets fatigued and loses concentration after about six hours of play but enters a multi-day tournament. This is a humbling experience. As we age, we lose concentration and mental stamina, much the same way we lose physical stamina. However, our egos get in our own way. Look at the final tables of many major tournaments and you'll see young people. Sure, they played lots of hours online and they keep up with the more aggressive plays. But they also have the physical and mental stamina to make it through a multiday

tournament or a long cash session without the kind of fatigue, loss of attention, concentration and increased distractibility an older player may experience.

Finally, do I leave when I am down X buy-ins or up X buy-ins in a cash game? Is there a rule to follow, a feel to follow or a safe way out?

For some of us, the agony of defeat is much worse than anything else. For some folks, not losing is paramount, for others, winning the maximum is the goal.

Here is the scene: a \$2-\$5 game, \$100-500 buy-in. You buy in for \$350, get felted, buy back in for \$500 and all of a sudden the deck hits you in the head and you feel like you're in the zone. You keep stacking chips and have about \$2K on the table. You've been playing for two hours and have unlimited time to stay. Do you leave with a decent return on investment? Do you stay because you're in the zone and on a good run?

This is probably a decision you want to think about before you sit at a table. Like much of psychology, it depends. But these issues are all worth thinking about, discussing with other players or use a coach to determine.

Like everything else in poker, keep your head in the game.

— **Dr. Stephen Bloomfield is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. Email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.**



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IT'S OK TO MAKE SOME MISTAKES

I'm writing this on New Year's Day and while I'm not big on New Year's resolutions, especially when it comes to poker as poker is a game of never-ending learning, I thought I'd offer a framework for improving our games.



DAVID
APOSTOLICO

The biggest mistake I witness at the table and at times am guilty of myself is being afraid to make a mistake. That's right. The biggest mistake most players typically make is being afraid to make a mistake.

Poker is a game where you receive instant feedback on decisions. Couple that with those decisions coming in front of nine peers who most likely will continue to play with you and it's easy to see why people are afraid of making mistake. Don't be.

Famed investor **Peter Drucker** has said, "People who don't take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year; people who do take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year." The point being your rewards are much greater with taking risks and if the odds are the same why not take the risk?

Poker is much the same, though the mistakes will be at a much higher rate. Assume you'll make two critical mistakes a session whether you play super tight or with some aggression. If you're playing with aggression, your win rate will allow you to withstand a couple of mistakes. It's much harder to withstand a

big mistake when you've been playing super tight.

Here's something to consider: You will *learn* a lot more from your risk-taking mistakes than you will from your non-risk-taking mistakes. If the ultimate goal is to keep developing and become a consistent winner, learning is of utmost importance. No matter how good you are, you'll always make mistakes. Nothing in poker is static. You'll constantly be playing new players with their arcs. Evolve with them and ideally, stay one step ahead of them. You can only accomplish that by taking calculated risks.

Let's be clear that when talking about risk, we're talking about taking calculated risks based on experience you believe increases your overall profit rate. A bluff into a big pot may need to only work one in three times to be successful. Taking risk for the sake of taking risk is just foolish and reckless. You're better off playing roulette as your odds will be much better, though still a losing proposition.

Knowing the opportune times to take a risk will come with experience. The only way to gain that experience is to start taking some. If you're having trouble getting over that mental hurdle, remember the biggest mistake you can make is being afraid to make a mistake.

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MIDDLE-STAGE SNG PLAY IS CRUCIAL

I beg you to take the time to review Parts 1 and 2 from the past two issues. Please!

This column focuses on the middle stage of a nine-player online sit-and-go and we have accomplished Goal 1. Chip up to 1,900 or more. Let's do a partial review of the past two columns before we move in to our knuckle-down strategy.



MARK BREMENT

We're using this SNG format to improve our multitable tournament results. We're not thinking about hourly rate and such. We're playing only one game. Our goal is to get into the money. We are thinking big: \$100K-plus cashes in a big multiday live event.

We're catching as many flops as reasonably possible in the early stage and taking advantage of our opponents' tight play. And, yes, we have chipped up as prescribed. But again, our No. 1 goal is to make the money, which is first, second and third place at a better than 40 percent rate.

Invariably, with today's strong tight-aggressive lineup, there will be seven players remaining when we hit the 50-100 blind range (middle stage). It's time to change gears, to move from very loose to very tight. The good news is we have a significant edge. There's an extra 3K chips in play because two players are eliminated. We have an above-average stack and there are three short stacks (fewer than 1K chips) that are feeling pressure

to play. A few points to embrace:

Do not feel like it's our job to knock out players. Let our co-players do the dirty work when possible.

We should have keen notes on opponents, thereby having good reads on their range of play. This helps us avoid marginal situations. Our opponents have us pegged as a loose player, a.k.a. donkey, fish, etc. They're letting their analysis programs do their thinking for them and observe that we're way loose. They're unaware there's a fox in the hen house.

We need to accept the reality that our change of gears will take us to the bubble an extraordinarily high percentage of the time. But because we're playing selective, tight, about half of the time we'll find ourselves at the bubble with a less than optimal stack. The other half, we will be taking a strong stack to the bubble with us.

In the next columns, we'll delve into one-bubble play, possibly the most important factor of long-term success, again changing gears after we make the money and examining how to gain a larger percentage of first-place finishes and explore some game theory. In short, when in the middle stage (50-100 and 75-150 blinds), we can't afford a slight error where we dump off chips. We must play tight.

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BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Fri. KO (6p).	Omaha high hand (Wed., 9a-4p & Fri., 9a-4p); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon-Fri. (\$125, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$145, 7:15p); Winter Classic, Feb. 21-23 (\$400); call for details. See at Page 21.	Graveyard High Hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a).
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).	High Hand Giveaway (Fri., 7p-11p); Grave Cash Giveaway (Mon.-Fri., 2a-6a). See ads on Pages 10 and 20.
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 7p); Sat. (\$95, noon).	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); royals pay \$100 (daily).
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). See ad Page 39.	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; 15/30 hold'em (Mon. & Fri.); call for details.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$5, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of deuces beaten by quads and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$100.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahskachin.com	Mon.-Fri. shootout (\$10, 11a); Tue. 0/8 (\$15, 7:30p); Wed. Omaha (\$15, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10, 7:30p); Fri. (\$30, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$45, 12:30p); Sun. (\$15, noon).	Aces Cracked w/multiplier; Splash Pots (daily, \$20 every hour, 9a-5p); Hot Seat Drawings (\$50/hr, 7p-1a); basketball Splash Pots (call for details).
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CALIFORNIA

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LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 3:30p) & (\$60 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 12:30p) & (\$120, 3:30p).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-2a & Fri.-Sun., 10a-2a); royals pay \$500 (daily).
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	Sun. (\$10, 3p).	Call for information.
WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 4p); Sat. HPT500 (\$75 weekly, 4p/\$200 monthly, 4p/\$500 quarterly, 2p) & Sun. Survivor (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot run-off (last Sun. of month); High Hand Extravaganza Jackpot w/\$500 high hands once jackpot reaches \$6K.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a); CPPT III runs until Feb. 9 (call for details).	Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p). See ad for schedule to \$500K Spring Showdown on Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives; daily high hand promotions (see website 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 in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini-bad beat; high hand can pay \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details); \$25K guar., Feb. 7 (\$200).
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Daily (\$45, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:15); Fri. (\$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$75, 7:15p); Sun. (\$35, 6:15p). See ad on Page 28.	Bad beat in hold'em; high hand; royal bonus; cash back rewards; \$15K guar., Feb. 6 (\$165, 1:15p); \$30K guar., Feb. 7 (\$225, 11:15a); \$5K guar., Feb. 8 (\$50, 11:15a).
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.).

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FLORIDA



WHERE TO PLAY

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	WPT DeepStacks, March 5-16 w/\$200K guar., March 13 (\$1,100); mega sats main w/20 seats guar., Feb. 20 & 27 (\$260, 7:30p); \$50K guar., Feb. 26-March 1 (\$200).	Bad beat in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hands every 15 min. during select hours (Sun.); \$1K high hands and \$200 table share, Feb. 21 (every 30 min, 2p-mid.).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); deep stack turbo w/\$50 bounties, Feb. 23 (\$200, 7p); \$30K guar., Feb. 11-14 (\$150).	Bad beat in hold'em (uncapped); Feb. 1-7 earn tickets to \$20K Cash Giveaway, Feb. 7 (2p-mid.); \$400 high hands, Feb. 19 & 26 (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 GRETNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-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); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Mon. (\$45, 3p & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 3p); Wed. (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p, \$115, 7p); Sun. (\$190, 1p & \$50, 6p).	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). See ad on Page 9 for Couples event on Valentine's Day.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$30-\$400, 2p & 6:30p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri.-Sat., 9a-9a) & (Sun., mid.-9a); Big Easy Bad Beat (aces full of kings is qualifier); call for details.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (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; PPC Isle Casino Winter Series, Feb. 16-22 (call for schedule, see ad Page 13).	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
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. (\$40, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry.	Bad-beat in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Thurs., 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. (\$55, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays min. \$10K; other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Feb. 19 (\$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). See ad Page 31.
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; WSOPC, Feb. 4-16 (call for details); 5th annual Tyler's Team Charity Classic, March 29 (call for details).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high hands every 15 minutes
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Bull's Eye Bounty (Wed., 2p-2a); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.).

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ILLINOIS

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Grand Victoria Elgin, Harrah's Joliet, Hollywood Casino Aurora, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino, Rockford Charitable Games.

INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include Ameristar East Chicago, Belterra Casino Resort, Blue Chip, Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, Horseshoe Hammond, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, Majestic Star II, Tropicana Evansville.

IOWA

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MARYLAND

Table listing Maryland casinos including Hollywood Casino Perryville, Horseshoe Baltimore, and Maryland Live Casino.

MICHIGAN

Table listing Michigan casinos including Firekeepers Casino, Greentown Hotel & Casino, MGM Grand Detroit, Soaring Eagle Casino, and Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel.

MINNESOTA

Table listing Minnesota casinos including Canterbury Park, Running Aces Harness Park, and Treasure Island Resort & Casino.

MISSISSIPPI

Table listing Mississippi casinos including Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Golden Nugget Biloxi, Hard Rock Biloxi, Harrah's Tunica, Hollywood Casino Tunica, Horseshoe Casino Tunica, IP Casino Resort & Spa, and Pearl River Resort.

MISSOURI

Table listing Missouri casinos including Ameristar St. Charles, Ameristar Kansas City, Harrah's North Kansas City, Hollywood St. Louis, Lumiere Place, and River City Casino.



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).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$10 add-on, 11a) w/added money and bonus hands depending on number of entries (call for details).	Progressive bad beat; quads-royals pay bonuses; 2X comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; \$2K Sunday drawings (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 9a, 11a, 2p, 5p & 8p) w/\$1K guar. prize pools.	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	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.).
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 (\$30, 10a); Tue.-Thurs. deepstack (\$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.	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a); \$80 bounty event at 1p.	Bad-beat progressive jackpot starts at \$20K; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); \$4K freeroll (Mon. & Fri.).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 11a & 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$110 w/\$5K guar., 11a & \$55, 7p). See ad Page 5.	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); HPT runs until Feb 9 (call for schedule).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play.	Multiroom bad beat, loser receives \$40K, winner gets \$20K and live players qualify for splash pots; progressive high hands (daily); high hands pay 3X on graveshift.
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).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.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.
LIQ HOTEL & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • caesars.com/liq	Daily (\$40, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Sat. w/10 hours of live action play.	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot; 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), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Flop It/Share It (Tue. & Thurs.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$35 w/\$5 rebuys, 11a), (\$50, 2p), (\$80, 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays up to \$2K and up to 10 winners each drawing every four hours (daily); \$10K weekly invitational tournament (Sun., 10a).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 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 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; call for details on additional monthly promotions.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Royals pay \$250; bad beat \$40K to loser and \$20K to winner w/\$1K table share; flop any quads on Tue. & Sat. 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); tourney high hand bonus.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$1.5K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p); Mon. PLO \$1K guar. (\$65).	Call for information.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 10a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. (\$100, 10a) & (\$50 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. KO (\$100, 10a); Sat. KO (\$230, 10a); Sun. (\$230, 10a) & (\$60, 6:30p).	Jumbo jackpot pays up to \$40K; bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings and progresses to aces full of deuces; quad aces progresses daily to quad deuces.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 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.-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 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$50 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
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); Tue. KO (\$200, 7p); Th. (\$200, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon; \$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, noon; \$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza runs until Feb. 26 w/\$750K guar., Feb. 20 (\$1,600); daily tournaments suspended during DSE.
WESTGATE HOTEL & CASINO (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (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. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon). \$100K guar. weekend, Jan. 22-25	Call for details on Wynn Classic.

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HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	M (\$40, 11:30a & \$50, 6:30); T & Th. KO (\$85, 11a & 6:30); W (\$50, 11:30a & PLO \$40, 6:30); F (\$75, 11:30a & \$65, 6:30); Sa. (\$40, 11:30a & \$75, 6:30); Su. KO (\$100, 11:30a & \$75, 6:30).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand pays \$200 (daily, 9a-noon).
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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); last Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st & 3rd Sat. PID Poker Series (\$100, 2:30p); \$5K HU freeroll, 2nd Sat.	High hand jackpot (daily); Game Starters (Mon.-Wed.).
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	Call for information.	Call for information.

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LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 578-4800 • 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).
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ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 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, 10:30a); 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); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$25, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	\$10K progressive bad beat; \$500 high hands; Omaha high hands pay \$250 (Sun.); \$1K high hand on 1st Monday.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Mon. KO (\$125, 7p); Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. KO (\$125, noon & \$225, 7p); Sat. (\$250, noon & \$150, 7p); Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).
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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). The \$300 Poker Polar Bear \$5K guarantee is March 7-8, see the ad on Page 33 for details.	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. MSPT satellite (call for details); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten by quads); MSPT, Feb. 14-22 (call for schedule).
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.
MENOMINEE CASINO (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$35 w/rebuy or add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
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).

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WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$50, 4p) w/ \$1K added.	Call for information.
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LIFE IN THE BRAT LANE

With 2014 winding down, 13-time WSOP bracelet-winner **Phil Hellmuth** made one last lap around the Las Vegas nightclub track and was spotted partying like a VIP with some of the biggest stars in NASCAR and the UFC. Of course, Hellmuth kicked it into high gear by hanging with NASCAR superstars **Jeff Gordon**, **Jimmie Johnson** and **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** The name-dropping doesn't stop there as the next night Hellmuth was posting photos of himself with UFC phenom and lightweight champ **Anthony "Showtime" Pettis**.



BARRY'S BILLIONS

Beloved poker legend **Barry Greenstein** (a.k.a. the Robin Hood of Poker) isn't letting the fact that PokerStars, the online site that sponsors him, isn't regulated for real money gaming in the U.S. from stopping him from grinding online. In fact, he has racked up billions playing on PokerStars ... billions of dollars in play money that is. Barry has been beating up the play-money competition and raking in the fake cash by winning not one, but two of the Sunday Billions, the largest play-money tournament on the site. Greenstein isn't the only big-name pro grinding the play dough, either. World Series of Poker champ **Chris Moneymaker** has amassed a fantasyland fortune of roughly 12.5 billion in fake chips.

COLOSSAL BOMBSHELL

The World Series of Poker announced select events from its 2015 schedule and for the first time in 35 years a WSOP bracelet will be up for grabs in an open event for less than \$1K. The Colossus, a \$565 buy-in tournament, is expected to blow the doors off the Rio as grinders from near and far will risk their modest bankrolls to get a chance at WSOP glory. With two starting flights on the opening weekend of the WSOP, officials are anticipating more than 10K entrants, making it the largest live tournament in history.

HE BANGS!

Remember **William Hung**? He was the wannabe contestant on *American Idol* that turned a failed audition of **Ricky Martin's She Bangs** into a nationwide sensation of enthusiastically bad singing. Well, he's no underdog anymore. Not only does he have a great job with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, he's crushing the tournament scene at the Aria in Las Vegas. OK, that may be an overstatement, but the Hung One was recently spotted at the Aria grinding a \$125 daily tournament and in the end, he defeated the 70-runner field, which included noted pro **Robert Williamson III**, and took home the first place prize of \$2,264.



MESS WITH THE BULL ...

Austin Bottcher, 24, thought it'd be fun to play a game of Bull Poker, where a bunch of clowns sit at a poker table in the middle of a rodeo as an unhappy bull aims to gouge them with its horns. This bull had a joker on its horns and Austin decided to "go for it" and try to get that joker from Mr. Bull. What he got was a sound beating and a snapped femur, which required four hours of surgery that left the thrill-seeker in the hospital. Doctors think with some therapy he's going to be fine.



GIVING BACK

World Series of Poker champ **Jamie Gold** recently hosted a charity tournament for the One Step Closer Foundation, which helps families dealing with cerebral palsy. Gold rounded up some superstars of the poker world, including **Jennifer Tilly**, **Phil Laak**, **Noah Schwartz**, **Robert Mizrachi** and fellow main-event champ **Joe Cada** to join celebrities such as **Jose Canseco**, **Cheryl Hines** and **Coolio** in an effort that raised more than \$50K. In the end, it was UFC star **Roy "Big Country" Nelson** who bested the field and took home \$10K.





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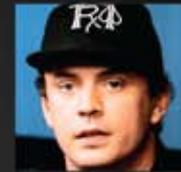
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