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## **MIDWEST**

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It's our annual Kongkey Awards

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SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD	11:00am	\$300 No Limit Hold'Em Seniors Event 50+ <b>10K Guarantee</b>	\$260 + \$40	15,000/30 min
MONDAY, APRIL 4TH	11:00am	\$230 Flight A Two Day Event* <b>75K Guarantee</b>	\$200 + \$30	15,000/30 min
	5:00pm	\$230 Flight B Two Day Event* <b>75K Guarantee</b>	\$200 + \$30	15,000/30 min
TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH	11:00am	\$230 Flight C Two Day Event* <b>75K Guarantee</b>	\$200 + \$30	15,000/30 min
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH	11:00am	\$300 No Limit Hold'Em Bounty* <b>25K Guarantee</b>	\$160 + \$40 + \$100	15,000/30 min
	7:00pm	\$120 No Limit Hold'Em* <b>10K Guarantee</b>	\$100 + \$20	20,000/20 min
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH	11:00am	\$400 No Limit Hold'Em Flight A Two Day Event* <b>50K Guarantee</b>	\$360 + \$40	20,000/40 min
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Ante Up, YOUR Poker Magazine, is dedicated to everyday poker players and their poker rooms.



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## Let's work together

February is the month of love and we here at *Ante Up* like to think of it as a time to form relationships. The taste of New Year's champagne may still linger in your senses, and with it, some resolutions. But most people generally make personal resolutions and tend to forget the professional side of things.

So this month, we'd like to dedicate this space to speak directly to those who work in highly competitive poker markets and schedule poker tournaments.

We can't tell you how many times we have spoken to poker room managers or tournament directors who have decided against scheduling a tournament series because a competing property will wait until their event is announced and schedule is released before swooping in with a competing series that runs a week earlier, or even concurrently, and poaches players and their limited bankrolls.

It's alarming how many events reach the scheduling and advertising stage only to be canceled. Quite a few long-running series have disappeared for these very reasons and our industry is not benefitting from this.

Those guilty of poaching may have helped their bottom line for now, but in the end, they're doing more harm than good. Eventually, they'll have frustrated, resentful players and a market rife with undercutting and vengeful tactics.

While we all know competition among properties benefits the players, when these properties use methods that border on spite, the players ultimately suffer.

Why not reach out to competitors and practice reasonable business protocol to work together to avoid stepping on each other's toes?

Let the players rebuild their bankrolls in a comfortable, timely manner as they enjoy a well-thought-out season rather than being plied and pulled in countless directions. Here's your chance to extend an olive branch and make a resolution that's worth honoring. Your players will thank you for it.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# VORNICU WINS WSOPC MAIN AT BIKE

**V**alentin Vornicu captured the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at the Bicycle Casino near Los Angeles in December. He earned \$197,110 and his seventh WSOPC ring.



"I'm speechless," Vornicu said. "This is my first main-event ring. I've been chasing the main event. It's my second ring at the Bike. This is the first casino I've won two rings at."

The event drew 641 players for a prize pool of \$961,500. Vornicu is tied with **Ari Engel** and **Chris Reslock** for second on the all-time rings list. The only player with more rings is **Alex Masek**, who won his ninth in Event 7 (\$365 NLHE). He outlasted a field of 143 players to earn \$12K.

**Stuart Pfeifer**, a former *Los Angeles Times* reporter, won his first major tournament and earned his first ring. His prize was \$55,110 for outlasting 1K players in Event 3 (\$365 NLHE).

Event 4 (\$365 NLHE) was a scheduled two-day event, however it finished in one day. When it got to heads-up between **Dale Beaudoin** and **Scott Stewart**, they agreed to finish the tournament before heading home for the night.

Beaudoin denied Stewart his fifth ring, which would have moved him into a tie for fourth on the all-time list with four other players. For outlasting a field of 153, Beaudoin took home his second ring and \$12,395.

**Nadim Shabou**, a French businessman living in Arizona, took home his first ring and \$17,255 in Event 5 (\$580 NLHE), giving **Wendy Freedman** her second runner-up finish of the series. Freedman earned \$10,660.

**Phillip Penn** added another mixed-game cash to his resumé by winning his first ring in Event 6 (\$365 Omaha/8). He topped nearly 125 players to take home the ring and \$10,400.

Turkish pro **Erkut Yilmaz** won his first ring in Event 8 (\$1,125 NLHE) and \$25,915.

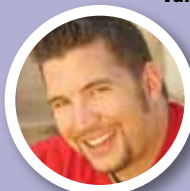
"It feels good," Yilmaz said. "It was a short field, but a win is a win and money is money. I'm happy." This event attracted 81 players.

**Steven Curran** grabbed his first ring and \$10,810 in Event 9 (\$365 turbo). The full-time project manager defeated **Massoud Eskandari**, who is a tournament regular in the Los Angeles area with more than \$1 million in earnings, including a runner-up at the WPT Legends of Poker main event in 2014. Eskandari earned \$6,675 for second.

Local realtor **Mark Peckham** earned the second five-figure score of his career and won his first ring by taking down Event

## MEET JIMMY DELLA VALLE

A comedian, actor and former poker pro, **Jimmy Della Valle** lives in Los Angeles with his wife, **Vanesa**, and his cat, **Marvin**. He has headlined more than 5,000 comedy shows in all 50 states as well as internationally. He just finished a sitcom script on poker in which he'll star. He plans to shoot the pilot this year.



Growing up in New York in a blue-collar Italian-Irish family, his father taught him how to play poker. "I actually could sit down at 5 years old with my saved-up allowance and gamble the money against my family and win most of the time." He worked in the gaming industry at Mohegan Sun, Turning Stone, Hollywood Park and also ran a casino event company in Los Angeles. "I love poker because you're playing the people, not the casino or dealer."

He played the first year of the World Poker Tour when it was at Foxwoods. "I was getting married, my fiancée told me to choose her or the cards. I was the chipleader in the New England Poker Classic at Foxwoods and it was going to play for three more days, which would have delayed our honeymoon. I chose her and that was the end of my big poker dreams." — **Kittie Aleman**

10 (\$365 Monster Stack).

**Craig Chait** took home his first title and ring with a win in the final tourney of the series, Event 12 (\$3,250 NLHE). He bested a field of 38 players to take home \$51,300.

**LOCALS THRIVE IN VEGAS:** The WPT Five Diamond Classic played out at the Bellagio in Las Vegas in December. **Lauren Roberts** of Manhattan Beach took seventh (\$173,552) and **Markus Gonsalves** of San Diego was 10th (\$68,181).

## RENO

**PEPPERMILL CASINO:** The second Saturday of the month event (Feb. 13) is a \$235K deepstack at noon.

**ATLANTIS CASINO:** WPT DeepStacks is returning for two events (March 17-27 and Aug. 18-28). The 40 players with the most hours of play through February will be splitting \$13K and WPTDS main-event seats (\$1,100 value) in the Lucky 13 promotion. In addition, any player who makes 13 bonus hands in 13 weeks will win \$13K.

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Sun, 3/6	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
	7pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
Mon, 3/7	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT - RT Satellite	\$90
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$240
Tue, 3/8	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT - RT Satellite	\$90
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$240
1 Wed, 3/9	11am	<b>NLHE \$50,000 GUARANTEED</b>	\$550
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT - RT Satellite	\$90
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$240
Thu, 3/10	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 1 player wins a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$385
	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$740
	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$240
2	11am	<b>NLHE \$100,000 GUARANTEED</b> TWO DAY EVENT	\$1,100
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 players win: \$1,100 entry or (2) \$550 entries	\$125
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to a \$385 WPT - RT Satellite	\$90
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$385
Fri, 3/11	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 1 player wins a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$385
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3	11am	<b>H.O.R.S.E.</b>	\$550
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	All Day	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$740
	10am	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT - RT Entry	\$385
4 Sat, 3/12	12pm	Day 1A	
Sun, 3/13	12pm	Day 1B	
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	9-30am	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players win a \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder Entry	\$740
	10am	TURBO Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a \$3,500 WPT-RT Entry	\$385
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$1,100 entry to Event #5	\$240
5 Mon, 3/14	11am	<b>KNOCKOUT BOUNTY   \$500 BOUNTIES</b>	\$1,100
6	5pm	<b>NLHE \$30,000 GUARANTEED</b>	\$300
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 win a \$550 entry to Event #7	\$125
7 Tue, 3/15	11am	<b>SIX HANDED HOLD'EM</b>	\$550
8 Wed, 3/16	5pm	<b>BLACK CHIP BOUNTY   \$100 BOUNTIES</b> <b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED</b>	\$300

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## LAY WINS WPT SWING AT THUNDER VALLEY

Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln recently held its annual World Poker Tour California Swing Kickoff Series with a \$400 tournament and \$100K guarantee.

It was a one-day tournament and drew 515 players from all over the region to create a \$180K prize pool. Once the final table reached seven players, there was a prize-pool chop.

The official winner was **Ricky Lay** from Galt, Calif., who took home \$23K. Second-place went to **Chris Primo** of Sacramento (\$18K), followed by **Carl Oliver** from Emeryville, Calif., (\$16K), **Dan McGee** from Fair Oaks, Calif., (\$15K), **Lance Donnell** of Reno (\$12K), **Jay Chao** from King City, Calif., (\$11K) and **John Bettencourt** from Stockton, Calif., (\$10K).

The top-10 finishers received a \$400 Super Mega seat for a chance at another seat into the \$3,500 Rolling Thunder main.

**STONES GAMBLING HALL:** The Citrus Heights property will host the Big Game tournament on Feb. 7 at 3:30 p.m. during the Super Bowl. The event will have a \$125 buy-in with 12K chips and 20-minute levels.

There also will be extra money added with \$50 pot-splashes for every touchdown and \$25 for every field goal. This event will have an unlimited number of re-entries through the first six levels. Stones also features some amazing promotions such as Rack Attacks, Aces Cracked, Double Points and Royal Flush Wheel Spins.

**LUCKY CHANCES:** The poker room in Colma hosts a \$20K first-place guarantee tournament on the last Sunday every month, which falls on Feb. 28.

The event is a \$350 buy-in with 12K chips and 30-minute levels with re-entries allowed for the first four levels. This is a player-favorite event and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The room also has some great daily tournaments throughout the week, all with guaranteed first-place prizes. Lucky Chances has a \$100K hold'em jackpot and other jackpots, including Omaha/8 and stud.

**BAY 101:** In San Jose, a variety of satellites are running for the poker room's upcoming \$7,500 Shooting Star event, which runs March 7-11. There will be daily \$275 satellites Feb. 16-26 and \$550 satellites Feb. 20, Feb. 27, Feb. 29 and March 1-2. There will be \$1,100 satellites March 3-5 and all satellites begin at 9:30 a.m.

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# MGM LAS VEGAS HAS UNIQUE PROMO

The MGM poker room introduced a new promotion to start the year. Replacing all previous promos, it's called Drive for Five. Players receive a card to use at the table while playing and it has five poker hands the player must make to win: two pair, three of a kind, a straight, a flush and a full house. It's any two pair, any set, etc., not a specific rank. When a player wins a pot with one of those hands, that hand is stamped on the player's card. When all five hands are stamped, the player receives \$100. Only one card from the player's hand needs play to qualify and the pot must contain \$20.

If a player has a winning hand that could meet the requirements of more than one qualifying hand, only the best hand possible earns a stamp. In other words, if a player has a hand that makes both a straight and a flush, the player could only get a stamp for the flush.

As part of the promotion, drawings are every hour on the half-hour. One randomly selected player in a cash game wins a cash prize based on how many stamps they have on their card. If they have zero or one stamp, they win \$25. If they have two or three stamps, they win \$50. If they have a card with at least four stamps, they win \$100.

This promo was introduced on a trial basis for January but early reports are it's quite popular. The room may tweak some of the details going forward, but you can expect a version of this promo to be running for some time.

**ARIA:** Long-time Binion's tournament director **Paul Campbell** has moved to Aria to manage the tournaments and he quickly made his first change.

The Friday and Saturday dailies will have \$240 buy-ins. Players start with 20K chips. The levels are 30 minutes for the first 15 levels and then 40 minutes. Late registration and unlimited re-entry are available for the first six levels. The starting time is 11 a.m.

The popular \$125 tournament still runs Sunday through Thursday at 1 and nightly at 7. The levels are 30 minutes throughout, the starting stack is 10K and late registration and unlimited re-entry is open through the fourth level.

**BINION'S:** The downtown room has changed its tournament schedule. Daytime events have moved to 1, including its popular weekend deepstack on Saturdays, which has a \$10K guarantee.

The \$160 buy-in event starts players with 20K chips and has 30-minute levels. Late and re-entry is open for four levels.

The rest of the week the 1 p.m. has a \$100 buy-in for 15K chips and 20-minute levels, late and re-entry open for the first three levels.

The evening tournament moves to 7 with its turbo format of 15-minute levels and a 7K stack for a \$70 buy-in. Late and re-entry is open for four levels.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** The mid-Strip room started the year by

announcing it was reducing the maximum rake from \$5 to \$4 per pot. The \$1-\$2 game is known for action. The buy-in is \$100-\$300 and straddles are allowed from any position. The under-the-gun straddle is \$5, the button straddle is \$10 and players can straddle from any position for \$20. Every hour, pots are splashed for between \$25 and \$250. High-hand bonuses are \$75 for quads, \$150 for straight flushes and \$500 for royals. A free buffet is offered for three hours of live play.

**Ryan Laplante** of Minnesota took first place in the December PHamous Poker Series weekend \$565 main event, earning \$46K. **Maziar Keshavarzi** of Texas grabbed \$24K for second and **Corey Hochman** of Arizona took home \$21K for third. The prize pool was \$200K as 349 players entered.

The next PHamous Poker Series Weekend was scheduled for Jan. 28-30 with a \$600 main event with starting days running Jan. 28-31, so if you get this in time, check it out.

**LUXOR:** The south-Strip room has been running a series of \$100 "Preferred Players" periodically. They are \$100 buy-ins with 30-minute levels and 10K stacks. In addition to the prize pool, various house-funded prizes are awarded, including gift cards, free tournament entries, free shows and food comps. The next one is Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

**BALLY'S:** The World Series of Poker Circuit comes to Bally's on Feb. 25-March 7. The series kicks off with a \$250K guarantee, \$365 event with six starting flights, two a day starting on Feb. 25. A \$250 seniors event is March 3. The \$1,675 main event has a \$1 million guarantee and two starting flights beginning March 4.

**VENETIAN:** Deep Stack Extravaganza I runs through March 2. New for this series will be two "Double Stack" events that start players with 24K chips. The \$400 buy-in event has 40-minute levels, a \$100K guarantee and two starting flights beginning Feb. 11. The \$300 buy-in is a one-day event with 30-minute levels and a \$15K guarantee on Feb. 29.

A \$250 PLO event runs Feb. 8 and a \$250 Omaha/8 tournament is Feb. 22. Nightly events at 7 offer \$200 and \$300 buy-ins. All the tournaments and most of the satellites have guaranteed prize pools. More than \$2.9M is guaranteed for the series.

The \$1,600 main event has three starting flights beginning Feb. 18 and features a \$750K guarantee.

**GREEN VALLEY:** The fourth annual Charity Poker Tournament for Kids will be Feb. 27, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Green Valley. The top prize is an entry to the this year's World Series of Poker Main Event.

**BELLAGIO:** The Five Diamond WPT Classic had 639 entrants for the \$10,400 buy-in event for a prize pool of \$6,198,000. **Kevin Eyster** (\$1,587,000), **William Jennings** (\$929K) and **Benjamin Yu** (\$607K) took the top three prizes. ♠

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at [robvegaspoker.blogspot.com](http://robvegaspoker.blogspot.com).



# BAD BEAT HITS AT WILD HORSE PASS

**W**ild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino in Arizona paid out a \$125K Super Bad Beat Jackpot on Dec. 8 when **Rafael Ramirez** lost with quads to a queen-high straight flush. Ramirez received \$62,500 and the player that beat him received \$31,250. The other seven at the table each took home \$4,464.

Wild Horse Pass has added Aces Cracked 24-7 except during sports games in which it offers splash pots and Tuesday and Wednesday daytime tournaments.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN:** The Super Sunday Bash is Feb. 7 and the poker room opens at 7 a.m. It will have \$100 splash pots for every touchdown or safety and \$50 for field goals on all live tables. High-hand splashes are before and after the game plus halftime splashes. Players also can win \$2K on quarterly scores on the Big Squares board.



**HON-DAH:** The property's newest Tournament of Champions winner is **Ramon Najera**, pictured at left.

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** The Arena Poker Room had a record 593 entries in the Christmas Toy Tournament on Dec. 19.

It featured a \$12,500 prize pool and an opportunity for players to give to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Toy Drive. Players donated an unwrapped toy valued at a minimum of \$10.

"We are thrilled that a record number of people brought toys to donate during this year's tournament," director of poker **Tom Young** said. "It was a great sight to see all of the gifts under the tree. We know they helped make this holiday a joyful one for many children."

This was the 13th year for the toy drive.

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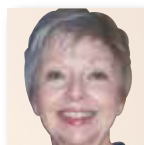
**BLACK HAWK:** At Ameristar Black Hawk, the quads bad-beat jackpot was at \$252K at press time. A week after this one hits, the new qualification will start at aces full of kings and reduce to aces full of queens and so on every week until hit. The high-hand promotion is no longer offered. **Andy Ormsby**, formerly of Cripple Creek, has joined the Ameristar team. ... The Golden Gates Poker Parlor first hosted the Heartland Poker Tour in October 2007. The twice-yearly offering has seen participation grow steadily and is running again Feb. 12-21. ... The Lodge Casino has a full array of promotions. Tournaments are Friday and Saturday. Bad beats hit regularly with the last one paying \$5K. High-hand bonuses continue at \$100 per hour and a Monte Carlo board provides another way for play-

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## MEET BRYAN CAMPANELLO



**Bryan Campanello** holds a World Series of Poker bracelet and three World Series of Poker Circuit rings and is a Run-GoodGear.com team professional. He has nearly \$775K in career tournament earnings, including his most recent cash, 17th place for \$2,250 in the Hard Rock Poker Open Main Event in Tulsa.

**What's new with you?** I've cut back on traveling so much and just playing at the Hard Rock Tulsa and other places around the region. I moved to Tulsa in August.

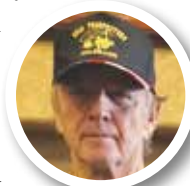
**What encouraged you to move?** I'd been traveling to Tulsa to play and I have friends in the area so it made sense to move.

**How enjoyable is it to live in Tulsa?** I enjoy the city, great environment with a wonderful casino in the Hard Rock, where we just got done hosting a tournament series. There was lots of action at any stakes and a great room. — **Robert Kelly**

ers to participate. Call for details.

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** The Ante Up Poker Cruise league ended in December at the Midnight Rose poker room and the two winners of cruise packages were **Thomas Bailey** and **Robert "Cowboy Bob" Moore**, both pictured at right. Bailey earned his cruise out of Los Angeles by winning the league while Moore logged the most live-game hours. Bailey was not on the board early but broke through late with a strong finish and will take his father with him. They work together in the construction marketplace in Colorado Springs.

Moore will be traveling with **Diana Kettle**, a hold'em player who loves Omaha. The weekend \$45 tournaments, which uniquely featured a tournament bad beat, will continue but at \$40 without the jackpot. Accumulated monies will be put into the prize pools of those tournaments at a rate of about \$1K per event until depleted. Also, the Colorado State Poker Championship returns in April. ... Wildwood Casino's Friday, Saturday and Sunday deepstacks, though hampered a bit by the snow, still are a popular draw. The endless soup and chili pots are trademarks of this venue. Don't forget the room is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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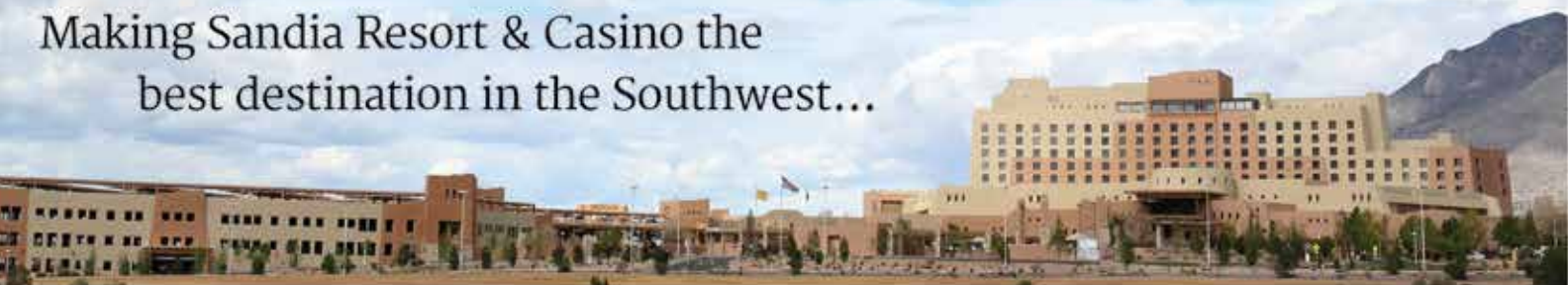
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OMAHA	February 10	7PM	\$55.00 Buy-in
PINEAPPLE	February 17	7PM	\$55.00 Buy-in

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Saturday, February 13	Starts at NOON	\$125.00 Buy-in	\$50.00 Bounty
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# TOURNEYS HIGHLIGHT N.M. SCENE

There are quite a few special events running at Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino this month. On Feb. 7 is a \$30 event with unlimited \$20 rebuys in the first hour and one \$25 add-on at the end of the first hour. Tickets are earned every hour on Super Bowl Sunday for drawings (\$50, \$100, \$150) at the end of every quarter.

On Feb. 20 is a bounty event with **Erica Viking** and the **Hoff** from 102.5-FM. Buy-in is \$102 with \$102 bounties on the DJs and four other players.

Weekly tournaments include Sunday (\$30), Monday (\$30, one rebuy), Tuesday (\$40, one rebuy), Wednesday (\$50, one rebuy), Thursday (Omaha/8, \$30, unlimited rebuys for first hour and one \$25 add-on), Friday and Saturday (\$75) and the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack (Feb. 27, \$150). Players are encouraged to earn 1K bonus chips for two hours of live play before the start of each tournament.

Special weekly cash games this month include \$20-\$40 limit Wednesday mornings, \$1-\$2 PLO half-and-half Wednesday afternoons, \$4-\$8 Omaha on Thursday afternoons, \$1-\$2 PLO/8 Friday afternoons and \$3-\$6 Omaha on Saturdays.

Other promotions include the first seven players seated by 10 a.m. receive an extra \$25 for a \$50 buy-in and the first seven players on Thursday and Sunday to play Omaha by 3 p.m. receive \$20 for a \$100 buy-in. Finally, there's the Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat Jackpot and quads-or-better high hands and Sunday-Thursday late-night high hands can win \$225.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT:** Poker Squares are back. Also, the One-Twenty tournaments continue with first-hour rebuys on Fridays and a free Losers Lounge tourney on Saturday mornings for non-winning players the previous night. There's the Multilevel Hold'em event with \$750 added on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21. The \$75 event is Feb. 14 and the exciting Race to the Main Event \$330 tournament is Feb. 27-28.

**SANDIA CASINO AND RESORT:** New manager **Clarence Hilton** has his players bubbling over with enthusiasm with some special events this month. There's a \$55 Ladies Night tourney Feb. 3, and a \$55 pineapple event Feb. 17. Ask about the Omaha event.

Big bounty tournaments run throughout the month with increasing buy-ins and bounties: \$125 with \$50 bounties Feb. 13, \$175 with \$75 bounties on Feb. 20 and \$225 with \$100 bounties on Feb. 27.

Promotions include first big hand of the day bonuses. The first royal earns \$150, the first straight flush \$75, the first Omaha royal \$150 and first Omaha straight flush \$75. Because this is a Leap Year, all bonuses double on Feb. 29. Plus, Happy Hour (Monday-Thursday, 4-7 p.m.) brings three-times points to all players in the poker room.

**ISLETA CASINO:** **David Lloyd** has been named interim manager of the poker room. New promotions are shaking up the room: Hot Seat Drawings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Player Rewards, which features \$100 drawings 2-11 p.m. on Thursdays. There are new \$25 tournaments on Fridays and Saturdays at noon (no longer at 2 p.m.) and 7 p.m. tournaments range from \$30-\$240. Call for more details.

## OKLAHOMA-KANSAS

**HARD ROCK CASINO TULSA:** Play 300 hours of cash games through Feb. 29 and earn \$1K toward tournament buy-ins. Play more than 40 hours monthly to qualify for a \$15K freeroll. Players can turn hours into apparel.

**RIVER SPIRIT CASINO:** Daily tournaments offer buy-ins from \$20 (rebuy) to \$70 (bounty). Single-table bad-beat jackpots (jacks full) can be hit during tournaments with payouts reaching \$1,500. Tuesday night's tournament is a hold'em-Omaha mix.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** In December, the poker room moved and was reduced from 13 to eight tables. The game of choice continues to be \$1-\$3 NLHE with \$1-\$2-\$5 PLO-PLO/8 running occasionally. Manager **Meredith Denoncourt** led New Year's Day and weekend tournament promotions that saw a large turnout. A new promotion for playing 10 hours earns you a Kansas Star stadium blanket.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** Until April 30, players can qualify for the Hollywood Poker Open satellite. The field is capped at 110 players, including 20 with the most hours played each month. The top-five players each month on the tournament leaderboard also qualify provided they have a minimum of five live hours. Also, 10 players qualify as wildcards through drawings, which take place during cash games May 13-14.

**CHOCTAW CASINO DURANT:** Running in early February is a *Poker Night in America* cash-game promotion. Playing 20 hours of at least \$2-\$5 will earn entry to the Feb. 6 drawing for a \$10K seat into the game. Play 20 hours of \$1-\$2 or \$1-\$3 will earn entry into the same drawing on Feb. 13.

**AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY:** A Player Appreciation freeroll will be April 2 at noon. Qualification closes March 28. The prize pool is \$15K with \$5K for first. Ameristar is awarding 100 seats: the top 25 tournament players, top 25 limit players, top 25 no-limit players and 25 wildcard spots to be drawn an hour before the tournament starts (players can earn two entries per day).

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** Through March, 50 players can qualify into a \$10K freeroll March 26 (25 from cash games, 25 from tournaments). Also, the bad-beat jackpot was more than \$140K at press time. The room offers several events throughout the week and new this year is a \$120 Saturday Super Stack with 20-minute levels with re-entries through the first break.

**GRAND CASINO:** Daily tournaments are \$30-\$50 with the exception of Sundays, which typically costs \$115. All are NLHE with one regular PLO event. All tournaments are re-entry for the first hour. The room offers a variety of promotions that include Aces Cracked, double points earned and more.

**RIVER SPIRIT CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot was \$102K-plus at press time. The room is running a variety of promotions, including Red Aces Cracked, high hand and hours-played qualification into a \$15K freeroll.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The casino wrapped up a short tournament series that's part of a quarterly series. The Winter Deepstack Series ran Jan. 21-24 and offered four events with \$125 buy-ins. Look for the next short series to run in April.



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# SCARLET PEARL DOING WELL IN MISS.

New and exciting things are going on in South Mississippi poker. Starting with the Scarlet Pearl, officially up and running almost two months now, there are plenty of fun promotions to check out. The new room boasts 10 tables, all with USB chargers, plenty of room between them and especially comfortable chairs. The room offers free wi-fi and advertises NLHE, Omaha, Big O, stud, razz, badugi, lowball and Chinese Poker upon request. Business is good and there's almost always several games going. Stop in and say hello to poker room manager **Karen Kaegin**, formerly of Gold Strike Tunica.

Promotions at the Pearl include Aces Cracked every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. as you can win \$50 when your rockets fail to win. Every Wednesday from 3-9 p.m., there's a \$75 splash-the-pot promotion, along with a Super Senior tourney. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-2 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. all hold'em games feature a high-hand promotion that awards \$100 an hour. In any Omaha game, if you get a two-card royal you win \$200.

The Pearl likes to keep it interesting, too, by offering unique promotions such as "Paid in Spades." Sunday through Wednesday at the top of the hour from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., a random table is selected. At that table, all active players will be dealt one card. The highest spade will win \$100. If a player receives the ace of spades, they win \$200 and every other player at the table wins \$50. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, the top of the hour has a hot-seat drawing worth \$100. You need to be seated and playing for 30 minutes to be eligible.

The newest room in Biloxi features a full tournament roster, each with buy-ins capped at \$100 every day except Sunday. Each tournament features unlimited re-entry during the first level, except the Super Senior on Wednesday.

The tournament lineup looks like it will draw a crowd with a variety of choices and structures, including deepstack and value-added options. You can get more information by downloading the Bravo app or checking out the room online at [scarletpearlcasino.com](http://scarletpearlcasino.com).

**BEAU RIVAGE:** Poker room manager **Johnny Grooms** and shift manager **Michael Williams** are leaving for different properties (in other states) within the MGM family.

Speaking of the poker room, it has moved to where the Memphis Q restaurant used to be, which is a much more convenient location. The room also was upgraded as part of a multimillion-dollar renovation. Be sure to check it out.

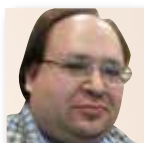
As for tourney news, look for a report from the Million Dollar Heater and Tunica's WSOPC stop in next month's issue.

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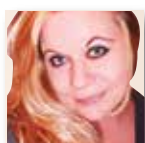
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## MEET JOHNNY PHAM



**Johnny Pham** was born in San Jose, Calif., and poker has been in his blood since childhood. His mother and stepfather were managers at Bay 101 so poker is in his blood. He's tournament director at bestbet Jacksonville.

**What made you get into the tournament scene?** I was attending college and hit a big tournament in L.A. and moved to Las Vegas when the Wynn opened. I started working up through the ranks under the tutelage of **Jesse Hollander** and **Deb Giardina**. I don't just respect them as the industry's best leaders and as my bosses, but also as individuals. They groomed me for my position and I credit their inspiration.

**When the last card fell in the inaugural Bounty Scramble, which you helped create, how did you feel?** It felt like the culmination of all my years working in this business. I put my whole body into, taking all that inspiration from every last individual who helped me get here. ... After eating, sleeping and breathing poker for 12 years straight, I felt validation.

**What's next for Johnny Pham?** Bigger and better. There's a saying that goes, "Everything under the sun has been done," and that just means go farther, because the sky is the limit. — **Charles Allison**

**ISLE LAKE CHARLES:** The eight-table room, which is in the Grand Palais Casino and opens at 10:30 a.m., features a variety of cash games, including the usual no-limit hold'em (\$1-\$3, \$2-\$5, \$5-\$10), \$4-\$8 limit and \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 pot-limit Omaha.

**HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY:** The popular \$100 Aces Cracked and \$50 Splash Pot promos run daily and tournaments are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS:** Did you know this 20-table poker room accepts call-in reservations? If you call 504-533-6043, you can reserve a spot on a list as long as the call is made 30 minutes before your arrival. Also, don't forget the World Series of Poker Circuit makes its final stop of the season here May 12-23.

**ELDORADO SHREVEPORT:** Any player holding quad eights or better that's beaten in Omaha will win \$1,500 for the table. The bad-beat hand wins \$600, the high hand wins \$300 and the remaining players split \$600. Only one of these bad beats will be paid per day per table. The main bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a qualifier of quad fives. Players earn \$2 an hour in comps.





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# WSOPC HITTING PBKC THIS MONTH

No matter what a person's standing in life may be, the changing of the calendar offers new hope and optimism, and certainly that's true for poker players, not to mention poker executives. But **Noah Carbone**, director of poker at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, barely can contain his excitement when he thinks about what 2016 might bring. While preparing for the sixth year of the World Series of Poker Circuit's 12-day event at the greyhound track, a busy Carbone counted off a few of the positives.

"With a bad-beat jackpot passing the \$275K mark, our numbers are way up so far this winter and we have some of the biggest games we have ever seen going on daily," he said in mid-January. "If it hasn't been hit when the WSOP Circuit gets under way on Feb. 4, we may have a hard time finding a place at the tables for everyone."

Of course, he realizes it could all end at any time, but even a half-million-dollar payout shouldn't diminish the growing popularity of a room that has created a high-stakes area (three tables), full most of the time with players buying in for \$2,500 or more. Carbone has staffed the area with a host, **Willie Meila**, to help facilitate filling those tables.

"It's just crazy how busy it has been," Carbone said. "On a Monday afternoon, we had 31 tables going at one time and I don't think that's driven just by the bad beat."

One attractive promotion is the consistency of the high-hand giveaways across all game levels, \$200 for each 20-minute period from noon to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, doubling to \$400 at the top of the hour. On Saturday and Sunday, the jackpot payouts double to \$400, \$400, \$800.

Also in the back of everyone's consciousness is the possibility that slot machines could be added at PBKC this year or next, depending on the ratification of the state's gambling compact with the Seminole Tribe by the Florida Legislature, a deal **Gov. Rick Scott** signed in December. This would satisfy the wishes of Palm Beach County residents, who voted for slots in a special referendum in 2012.

And while this is the closest PBKC has come to joining their parimutuel brethren in Dade and Broward counties as casino operators, Carbone knows it's far from a done deal.

"I think we have been around this situation long enough to realize that we need to see something more definite before we start celebrating," he said.

Until then, Carbone will maintain his focus on hosting another successful "12 Rings in 12 Days" circuit event, which will bring in some of the best players from around the country.

The series opens with the popular Monster Stack at noon on Feb. 4, with its \$365 buy-in and is followed at 5 p.m. by the HORSE event. A \$580 NLHE re-entry event features four

opening sessions on Feb. 5-6, while the \$1,675 main event has opening sessions at noon on Feb. 12-13 and will hit the final table on Feb. 15. **Peter Vitantonio** is the defending champion for the main.

**HIALEAH PARK:** It hasn't reached a final resolution, but the investigation by the Florida's Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering into complaints about Hialeah Park's handling of its second anniversary tournament has reached the confirmation stage that several violations occurred in the \$200K guarantee from late August.

The division issued a report on Dec. 29 accusing the poker room of 11 violations of procedures and internal controls, most of them related to poor accounting. Players accused the floor staff of inserting friends into events without collecting buy-ins, then placing them in advantageous positions at the felt.

At press time, the state was giving the facility until Jan. 18 to respond to the charges and file an appeal, and when the process is concluded, the division could levy fines or other penalties, all the way up to license suspension.

Management declined to respond to inquiries regarding this story and the DBPR cited state regulations that would not allow them to comment on an active investigation.

Several management personnel have since left the property, including poker director **Nelson Costa** and assistant **Daniel Sierra**. Costa said he felt his main responsibility was to raise the revenue numbers, which he

accomplished without question, but he acknowledged management held him accountable for misbehavior of the employees he was supervising.

He denied personal involvement, but said, "There was a theft that occurred, but it was nowhere near the amount that people were talking about. I thought I did a good job there and to get let go because of one incident was a bit harsh."

Costa has been replaced by **Angelo Garcia**, the director of compliance for the facility, though it's unclear whether Garcia will remain in that position long-term.

**DANIA POKER ROOM:** The Casino at Dania Beach was expected to be open at press time after a year-long hiatus for building improvements to the facility, so look for a review of the 30-table room in the next issue. **Elio Molina**, an employee of the Magic City poker room in Miami for nearly 10 years, has been named the director of poker, but many details of the room have yet to be revealed.

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# HARD ROCK TAMPA GUARANTEES HIT

On three consecutive weekends, the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino's poker room in Tampa knocked out large buy-in guarantees.

The first was the \$350 buy-in \$150K guarantee, which ended up at \$220K-plus. The trophy went to **Steven Bennett**, who outlasted 741 runners for \$24K.

The second weekend (\$560, \$200K) surpassed a \$315K prize pool. **Michael Laake**, a dealer and professional player from the Tampa area, took home the trophy and \$54K.

The \$1,650 main event more than doubled its \$300K guarantee (\$642K) and went to **John Templeton**, who earned a whopping \$134K.

**DERBY LANE:** The St. Petersburg property is hosting an anti-bullying charity event Feb. 21 with *Blind Side* star **Quinton Aaron**, who portrayed NFL star **Michael Oher**. There will be a plethora of celebrities in attendance, including current and former Buccaneers. Buy-in will be \$120 and you can follow @anteupandrew on Twitter for live coverage.

**NAPLES-FT. MYERS POKER AND RACING:** The poker room announced its popular Naples-Ft. Myers Poker Championship for March 18-20. The series opens with a \$550 PLO Championship on March 18 at noon and is followed by the two-day \$1,100 no-limit hold'em championship on March 19 at noon. The NLHE event sports a \$100K guarantee. For more info, call 239-992-2411.

## NORTH FLORIDA

**BESTBET ORANGE PARK:** **Ha Vu** won the December \$30K guarantee, which had a \$150 buy-in and garnered a prize pool of \$44,447, continuing the poker room's streak of beating its guarantee. **Jermaine Gerlin**, known as "Lion" by local players, is a seasoned tournament player who has plenty of final tables and heads-up battles on his resumé, but finished second. For Ha's effort in besting a field of 387, the local poker dealer earned \$10,666, his largest cash in his career.

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** The Mid-States Poker Tour returns at the end of this month. The \$1,100 main event will have a \$200K guarantee. As usual, satellite entries can be won via high hands. The satellites include 10-seat guarantees on Feb. 13 and Feb. 20 for \$480 as well as 20-seat guarantees on Feb. 18 and March 3. The MSPT regional is \$350 with a \$100K guarantee and runs Feb. 25-28. The main event is March 4-5.

**DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB:** The Great American Poker Tour will be Feb. 14, the Monday after the Daytona 500. Satellites (\$85) will run until the start of the event, taking the top 20 percent of each field into the GAPT main event.

Recently, DBKC has listened to one of poker's key demographics and begun running a monthly 50-plus seniors-only event. The \$110 buy-in event will run the first Monday of every month and, so far, the event has been a success with a field of more than 100 seniors have turned out to play. ♠



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# SUGARHOUSE'S NEW ROOM READY

SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia is anticipating its new poker room will open this month. The \$164M project will be bringing in 500 new jobs and high scale culinary additions to the Delaware Avenue area in Fishtown. The 28-table poker room will update its image with Rush Street Gaming, owners of *Poker Night in America*. **Matt Glantz**, who's been crowned as Rush Street Gaming's producer and event manager, will be overseeing SugarHouse's poker advisory as well as its upcoming schedule for the new agenda.

"Got a ton of things in the works," Glantz said. "As of now, everything is based on gaming approval so I can't give anything away yet." Upon the project's completion, Penn Treaty Special Services District will receive a \$1M contribution from the casino.

**PARX:** The Philadelphia-area property will host its first WPT DeepStacks in conjunction with its Big Stax series on Feb. 9-March 3. The schedule is packed with various tournaments providing a wider range of buy-ins from its \$120 "Win the Button" to the Big Stax \$2,500 championship. The event will begin players with 100K chips as the series' deepest tournament. The \$1,500 Big Stax will be streamed live by WPTD. The average prize pool for the \$1,500 event has been roughly \$500K in the past with \$130K on top. Parx is anticipating the Big Stax \$330 event as its most popular of the series. It has gathered 1,500 players on average and paid about \$85K to the winner.

**BORGATA:** The Winter Poker Open still was running at press time and featured a combined guaranteed prize pool of \$6.8M. The series kicked off with its \$560 deepstack that had a \$2 million prize pool and a live-streamed final table. The \$3,500 main event, which sports a \$3M, runs until Feb. 5. The series will be recapped in an upcoming issue.

## MID-ATLANTIC

**HORSESHOE BALTIMORE:** If you're fortunate enough to get this issue early, there's still time to enter the \$350 event with a \$100K guarantee as Day 1s are Jan. 29-30 with Day 2 running on Jan. 31. Call the poker room for details. If you're too late, there's always the WSOPC, which is March 24-April 4. The schedule isn't finalized, but should be similar to past events.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** During the Super Bowl on Feb. 7, various cash prizes will be awarded when teams score. Using Bravo Random Generator, a table will be drawn every time a team scores. Players at the table win the prize corresponding to the type of score. Example: If a running back scores and Table 6 is drawn, the players at Table 6 each win \$250. ... On Sundays

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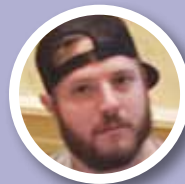


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## MEET TREVOR DEETER



**Trevor Deeter** is pro from Brigantine, N.J., who has been playing poker since 2004.

**How did you get into poker?** I started playing when I was in college shortly after the Moneymaker boom. After basketball practice in college, we would play \$5 or \$10 SNGs. I didn't start to take it seriously until 2009 when I read a few poker books and started to travel to the Tropicana to play \$1-\$2 NLHE on the weekends.

**What do you usually play?** I usually play \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em with the occasional \$2-\$5, \$5-\$5 PLO or \$5-\$10, \$10-\$10 NLHE session sprinkled in. I also play most of the tournament series on the East Coast, such as Parx's Big Stax and the Borgata Poker Opens.

**Would you say the East Coast is expanding its mix games, specifically, is there a shift toward PLO?** I'm surprised PLO has taken this long to increase in popularity on the East Coast. For individuals looking for action, it's the best game. I don't play any of the other mixed games, but there appears to be more options at Parx for the high-limit mix games.

**Where do you play mostly and what's your favorite venue?** Most of my live cash-game hours have been at the Borgata. My favorite place to play is at Parx Casino and I still consider that my home casino. — **Jo Kim**

this month, there will be \$1K high hands every hour (11 a.m.-11 p.m.). ... You also can win \$2,016 with the top four high hands each hour Tuesdays through Thursdays (11 a.m.-11 p.m.).

**CHARITY IN D.C.:** All In Enterprises hosts its annual World Series of DC Poker until Feb. 14, which is when the main event runs. For details, go to [allinenterprises.org](http://allinenterprises.org).

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO:** The Delaware property hosts its Getaway Weekend with a series of events Feb. 5-7.

There's a \$15K guarantee with a \$165 buy-in Feb. 5, followed by a \$25K guarantee (\$200) on Feb. 6 and a \$5K guarantee (\$75) on Feb. 7. There are many cash-game promotions this month. After 25 hours of play, players receive \$2 per hour in comp dollars. There will be other comp promotions throughout the month, see the poker room for details.

**HARRINGTON RACEWAY:** Look for hourly \$100 high hands from 1-6 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday and a Midnight Madness tourney with \$1K added to the prize pool. Call for details.

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SATURDAY	3/12	11 am	1A	\$600 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM Multi Day Event / With Re-Entries Three Day Event	<b>\$500,000</b>	\$530/\$70	20,000 1-8 / 30 Min 9 & Up / 40 Min Day 2 & 3 / 60 Min
SUNDAY	3/13	11 am	1B				
MONDAY	3/14	11 am	1C				
TUESDAY	3/15	Noon		\$600 NLH Day 1A, 1B & 1C Combine			
SATURDAY	3/12	Noon	2	\$300 OMAHA HI/LO 8+		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
SUNDAY	3/13	Noon	3	\$300 PLO HI/LO 8+ With Re-Entries		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
TUESDAY	3/15	Noon	4	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min
WEDNESDAY	3/16	11 am	5	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$260/\$40	20,000 / 30 Min
THURSDAY	3/17	11 am	6	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SENIORS With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$350/\$50	20,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
THURSDAY	3/17	Noon	7	\$300 PLO HIGH ONLY With Re-Entries		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
FRIDAY	3/18	11 am	8	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min
SATURDAY	3/19	11 am	9	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM LADIES ONLY With Re-Entries		\$215/\$35	20,000 / 30 Min
SATURDAY	3/19	Noon	10	\$1,650 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$150,000</b>	\$1,500/\$150	25,000 1-9 / 40 Min 10 & Up / 50 Min
SATURDAY	3/19	6 pm	11	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SUPER STACK TURBO With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$215/\$35	40,000 / 15 Min
SUNDAY	3/20	11 am	12	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SIX-MAX With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$350/\$50	20,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
SUNDAY	3/20	Noon	13	\$300 7 CARD STUD HI-LO 8+		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
MONDAY	3/21	11 am	14A	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM Multi Flight Event / With Re-Entries	<b>\$100,000</b>	\$350/\$50	20,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
MONDAY	3/21	5 pm	14B				
TUESDAY	3/22	Noon		\$400 NLH Flights A & B Combine			
TUESDAY	3/22	Noon	15	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY With Re-Entries Two Day Event		\$250/\$50 \$100 Bounty	20,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
WEDNESDAY	3/23	11 am	16	\$500 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK FREEZOUT(NO RE-ENTRY) Two Day Event	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$440/\$60	30,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
WEDNESDAY	3/23	Noon	17	\$300 7 CARD STUD		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
THURSDAY	3/24	11 am	18	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK BOUNTY SEMI TURBO With Re-Entries		\$250/\$50 \$100 Bounty	30,000 1-15 / 20 Min 16 & Up / 30 Min
THURSDAY	3/24	Noon	19	\$300 HOSE		\$260/\$40	10,000 / 30 Min
FRIDAY	3/25	11 am	20A	\$2,700 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM CHAMPIONSHIP Multi Day Event / With Re-Entries Three Day Event	<b>\$500,000</b>	\$2,500/\$200	30,000 / 60 Min
SATURDAY	3/26	11 am	20B				
MONDAY	3/28	11 am					
				\$2,700 NLH Days A & B Combine			
SATURDAY	3/26	6 pm	21	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SUPER STACK TURBO With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$215/\$35	40,000 / 15 Min
MONDAY	3/28	11 am	22	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min
TUESDAY	3/29	11 am	23	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min

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The event in Uncasville, Conn., not far from New York City and Boston, will be the first Ante Up Poker Tour championship series in the Northeast.

"Our players have been clamoring for an Ante Up Poker Tour series in the Northeast and we're excited to finally bring them one in that poker-rich region," said *Ante Up*'s **Scott Long**, who publishes the magazine with **Christopher Cosenza**. "Mohegan Sun has a great history of poker tournaments and offers a beautiful, amenity-filled resort experience for players to enjoy before and after each event."

The series will run April 2-10, featuring nine no-limit

hold'em events with buy-ins ranging from \$120 to the \$1,100 main event. The main will be a two-day tournament with a \$125K guarantee where the winner gets a seat in this year's Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in California and his or her photo on the cover of *Ante Up*, in addition to what is sure to be a large cash prize.

The series also will offer a full day of satellites on April 8. For more info, including a complete schedule of events, visit [anteupmagazine.com/mohegansun](http://anteupmagazine.com/mohegansun).

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## BACKA EARNS MEGA TITLE AT FOXWOODS

**Marsel Backa** edged **Long Tran** to win the \$1,650 main event of the December MegaStack Challenge at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn.

Backa earned the trophy and \$65,191. **Backa** and Tran, who are good friends, agreed to split the top two payouts, allowing Tran also to collect \$65,191.

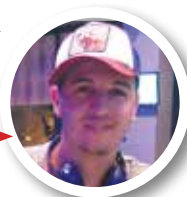
The cash was the 20th for Backa, who plays out of Waterbury, Conn. The payday, the largest of his career, increased his earnings to more than \$203K.

The split brought Tran's lifetime winnings to \$77,097. He has five cashes, one coming at the 2014 World Series of Poker.

**Tou Kue** of Coventry, R.I., was third (\$32,554). He has nine cashes, including three in 2015, and \$75,142 in earnings.

**Ralph Macri** took fourth (\$26,306), his third cash in 2015 Mega. He's won \$327,654 and cashed 60 times in his career. **Samantha Cohen** of Boca Raton, Fla., banked \$19,730 for fifth. She also has impressive numbers, including 42 cashes (15 coming at the WSOP) and more than \$448K in winnings. The showing at Foxwoods was her most lucrative of 2015.

**Brian Altman** of Longmeadow, Mass., won the \$600 opening no-limit hold'em event for \$84,208 after edging **Lou Giampa** of the Bronx (\$54K).



For more results, go to [foxwoods.com](http://foxwoods.com).

Don't forget the next MegaStack Challenge is this month (Feb. 5-15) and has \$725K in guarantees. The \$1,650 main event runs Feb. 13-15 and guarantees a \$300K prize pool.

There will be two starting flights on Day 1, one at 11 a.m. and the next at 5 p.m. Players start with 30K chips and blinds are 40 minutes for the first 12 rounds, increasing to an hour after that.

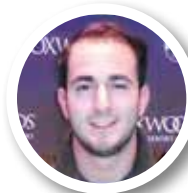
Next month is the Foxwoods Poker Classic, running March 12-29 with \$1.6 million in guarantees. See the ad on the previous page for the schedule and further details.

### NEW YORK

**TURNING STONE RESORT CASINO:** **Gerald Mortensen** outlasted 300 entrants to win the \$570 SuperStacks Hold'em Series, which had a \$100K guarantee for its main event. Mortensen earned \$34,612 for the December win. **Hayden Glassman** pocketed \$22,124 for second, while **Christopher Chabris** won \$14,824 for third.

The win was the second for Mortensen of Syracuse, N.Y., and marked the 15th time he's cashed live. The payout increased his career earnings to more than \$52K.

**James Fisher** was fourth (\$10,460). ♠





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**HOLLYWOOD AURORA:** **Jim Schmitt** won the Tournament of Champions and \$6,166 after going heads-up with **Ryan Sully**. Cash-game rake has been reduced to \$5 plus \$1 for the promotional fund. Also, Hollywood Poker Open Sunday qualifying tournaments will be running until May 1. Buy-in is \$120 or play a minimum of 15 hours of live poker per week. The latest information can be found on Bravo Poker Live.

**MAJESTIC STAR:** Two longtime local pros locked horns in the monthly senior tournament. **Bobby Brown** came out on top vs. **Floyd Roberts**, winning \$1,908. The 51 entries had notables **Bob Chow** and **Pete Falco** in the field.

**AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO:** The Heartland Poker Tour returns April 21-May 2.

## MINNESOTA

**CANTERBURY PARK:** **Carl Carodenuto** of Orono, Minn., bested a record field to win the Mid-States Poker Tour in December. The \$116,103 prize was Carodenuto's first MSPT cash and largest of his career. Carodenuto beat **Kirby Rogers** of Eden Prairie, Minn., heads-up for almost 45 minutes before Carodenuto's A-K held against Rogers' flush draw. The 470 entries made up the largest field in Minnesota history for a \$1K or larger buy-in event. The live stream featured **Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler** and **Matt Alexander** as commentators.

**Mark Hodge** of Corcoran, Minn., won MSPT Player of the

## MEET CHRIS LICHMAN



Originally from Portage, Wis., where his parents and sister still are, dealer **Chris Lichman** lives in nearby Reedsburg with his fiancée and two children while working at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. He began there in 1997 and has been in the poker room since it opened in 2004.

**How did you get involved working in the poker industry?** When Ho-Chunk Gaming expanded table games to offer craps, poker and other various games, I jumped at the chance to be included in the room since one of our favorite family past times was to get everyone together on the holidays, sit around the kitchen table and play cards while catching up on each other's lives. It was always enjoyable to sit with the adults and listen to all the stories.

**What's your favorite part about working in the poker industry?**

I enjoy getting what's basically a total group of strangers and get them talking, telling stories, telling jokes, all while waiting for the possibility of pulling in that monster pot.

**What's your most memorable experience working in the poker industry?** Dealing the final table of an MSPT event. The thrill of it being broadcast across the web along with the buzz from the players who made it to the final table was just an overwhelming experience that will not be forgotten any time soon. — **Chad Holloway**

Year with 3,540 points. The race went down to the wire as second-place finisher **Richard Alsup** made the Canterbury Park final table, but the ninth-place finish wasn't enough to overtake Hodge, who had eight MSPT cashes, three final tables and earnings of \$62,492.

**RUNNING ACES:** **Michael Mernin** of Robbinsdale, Minn., won the Cold Hard Cash Main Event, a Running Aces signature series. The tournament ended with a three-way chop between Mernin, **Will Sweetman** and **David Vogelgesang** as Mernin agreed to take \$20K for his sizable lead. The \$280 event drew 543 entrants and generated a \$119,610 prize pool. This event was live-streamed on twitch.tv and is available for replay on YouTube.

Running Aces also held a \$5K-added freeroll the day after Christmas. **Rich Cockrell**, **John Grawien**, **Tom Celski** and **Peter Creese** chopped for \$1,394 each. The event drew 285 entrants and generated a \$14,055 prize pool.

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## BANGHART CLAIMS HOLIDAY EVENT AT HORSESHOE IN IOWA

**J**effery Banghart won Horseshoe Council Bluff's \$550 Holiday Poker Classic, which always draws a good crowd for the multiple events and the great cash games that surround them.

He took home \$18,386 after beating runner-up **Jose Mendoza** (\$11,363). Some well-known names were in the field, including fourth-place finisher **Brandon Fish**, who has two World Series of Poker Circuit rings and four WSOP cashes for nearly \$225K. "Farmer" **Phil Mader** also was on the board with an 11th-place finish. He has nearly \$300K in WSOP winnings.

The Horseshoe also has made a couple of changes to its regular tournament schedule. The first three Saturdays of each month will be a \$150 Fat Stack (10K chips). On the fourth Saturday, the event becomes a \$250 Fatter Stack with 15K chips.

**MESKWAKI CASINO:** Satellites begin this month for March's \$300K guarantee Mid-States Poker Tour.

### OHIO-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO:** The Hollywood Poker Open regional is Feb. 25-March 6. The 28-event series has multiple satellites to the \$1,125 main event, which has its Day 1s on March 4-5 and has a \$150K guarantee. The winner also gets a seat to the HPO final in Las Vegas this summer. See the ad on Page 31.

**RIVERS CASINO:** The Three Rivers Challenge is Feb. 21, featuring 19 events and a \$1K two-day main event, which has drawn 200-plus players. The main event is Feb. 27 at noon.

**HORSESHOE CLEVELAND:** The Rock 'n' Roll Harley-Davidson Championship has four starting days, each at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 19 is Day 1A, Day 1B is Feb. 20, Day 1C is Feb. 21 and Day 1D is Feb. 26. The event features a \$300K guarantee with \$100K guaranteed for first. Day 2 will be Feb. 27, followed by Day 3 on Feb. 28. In addition to the top three players from the Friday, Saturday and Sunday tournaments winning seats into the tournament, the poker room will put in the top 63 players with the most hours for the first two weeks of February. Each day has a 250-player cap, so make sure to register early for the huge event.

### WISCONSIN

**HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN DELLS:** On Dec. 6, the annual Holiday Celebrity Bounty event attracted 155 entries for a \$37,200 prize pool and raised \$1,550 for the local fire departments. **John Brunner**, who won a seat via 94.1 WJJO, finished 15th for \$521. **Doug Berry**, **Zach Tabak**, **Cole Tautges**, **Ryan Page** and **Robert Kalteux** worked a five-way chop that saw them all take home \$5,245.

**HO-CHUNK GAMING:** Wisconsin Dells and Nekoosa separated their shared bad-beat-jackpot to create their own jackpots, each taking the portion it had deposited into the joint fund.

**HO-CHUNK GAMING NEKOOSA:** The annual Polar Poker Blast, a \$330 event with a \$20 optional add-on and a required bounty of \$20, runs March 5-6.

**POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO:** The Heart of Canal Street event drew 142 entrants. An eight-way chop saw **Steven Berensten**, **Michael Lewis**, **Andrew Bevernitz**, **Vicente Hinog**, **Jay Pink**, **Frank Cerminara**, **Michael Brennan** and **Andrija Solovjev** each take home \$4,820. ♠



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**POMPANO PARK**

# Postle posts POY performance

Rancho Cordova, Calif., pro realizes his dream by winning Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year.

By Scott Long

**M**ike Postle said he never thought he'd play enough events to be in consideration for a player-of-the-year title. But after Postle began a heater at the Ante Up NorCal Classic in November, he learned he might not be right about that.

"I remember hearing about being on the leaderboard after a couple of cashes and then my first HORSE win, but again, due to not playing as much, it never crossed my mind of having a chance," said the poker pro from Rancho Cordova, Calif. He then embarked on a whirlwind end to the last AUPT series of the year to earn just enough points to be named the Ante Up Poker Tour's 2015 Player of the Year.

Postle, who won five nights in a suite at Thunder Valley Casino Resort for the 2016 Ante Up World Championship, a \$250 resort dining credit and a personalized Player of the Year Ante Up jacket, said winning the title probably means more to him than it would to other players.

"First, being that I was very close to the top in a number of leaderboards online back in the day but never dedicated the time necessary to actually win one. For live events, I've just never played anywhere near enough of them," said Postle, who played extensively online before Black Friday and now concentrates on live cash games and tournaments. "Second, between my online days when my then-girlfriend had two children from a previous marriage and now where I have one of my own since 2010, it's just so much harder to dedicate the time to do everything you'd sometimes like to be able to do in poker or anything really."

Postle started playing card games at age 4, and broke into gaming as a dealer at a Wisconsin casino before moving to Tunica, Miss., where he enjoyed most of his success as a player. He had big cashes in World Poker Tour events in Aruba and Tunica, narrowly missing out on appearing on *Ante Up*'s cover as well, before moving to the Sacramento, Calif., area for the birth of his daughter, **Annabella**, in 2010.

"Poker has been my sole income since 2004, which gets harder and harder as the years go by but has allowed me to travel more in the last 10 years

and have more fun and experiences than probably 99 percent of people do in their lifetime, so I'm extremely blessed and thankful," Postle said.

All cashers in all AUPT events earned POY points based on a formula that weighs the number of entrants heavier than buy-in, with a premium placed on winning events. Postle got on the leaderboard in a big way when he had three cashes in the Ante Up World Championship in August, but it was a strong start at the Ante Up NorCal Classic at Thunder Valley in November that vaulted him into the POY conversation.



Postle cashed in two of the first three events and then his victory in Event 5 put him tantalizingly close to overtaking then-points leader **Christian Francia**, who had won the massive main event at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas in July. Problem was, so were two of Postle's friends, **Darrel Dier** and **Sean Drake**, who ended up third and fourth on the leaderboard, respectively, but

remained in contention as Day 2 of the NorCal Classic main event resumed. After Dier and Drake were eliminated, Postle had to finish 26th or better to overtake Francia and he needed to fade Dier and Drake if they entered either of the last two events of the series.

"After accumulating a big stack for the majority of Day 1, going into Day 2, for the first time in my life, I think I debated heavily on my strategy, which previously has always been to go with my instincts and play to win, never wavering when I feel like I have the best hand," Postle said. "Of course, this is why I usually have a big stack or end up with heart-break right before the money since I'm known to put pressure on shortly before we get in the money and being more aggressive than most due to the passive nature of most players at that point. After losing a couple of hands, I had to battle just to get to 26th. What happened between 35 players remaining to when I busted in ninth all-in preflop three ways holding A-A ended up being one of the best poker tourney decision-making stretches ever for me, though it once again ended in a disappointment."

Disappointment, that is, in not winning the main event and its big payday, but not in finally achieving that elusive goal of being a player of the year. ♠

## POY final standings

Mike Postle, 1,453.05
Christian Francia, 1,367
Darrel Dier, 1,144.03
Sean Drake, 1,113.67
James Sloat, 1,060.19
Hieu Le, 1,024.7
Danny Gonzalez, 1,003.74
Ryan Teves, 966.62
John Farmer, 964.16
Dong Nguyen, 927.65
Nils Dahlin, 912.63
Andy Pham, 905.2
Kelly Samson, 899.97
Sok Chean, 819.72
Eric Thompson, 814.17
Vien Chau, 808.95
Moshn Said, 801.47
Welther Marmol, 789.24
Todd Harris, 784.95
Thomas Hunt, 742.4
Paul Shrader Jr., 718.65
Justo Avalos, 701.16
Walter Quarenta, 683.5
Phuoc Nguyen, 682.58
Ross Bybee, 664.04
Grant Coffman, 655.95
Aaron Iqbal, 655.16
Sean Nguyen, 654.06
Hector Rodriguez, 645.33
Gregory Pincombe, 644.86
Cy Williams, 636.84
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Rob Brancomagalhaes, 631.96
Richard Collins, 624.67
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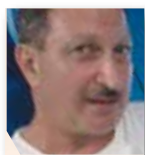
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## COACH'S CORNER

## IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, THEN PLAN TO FAIL

There are several traits of my students who show significant improvement after signing up for my course. One that really stands out is, they do what I ask.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

**MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS:** If chess masters have a host of coaches and endeavor to be ready to play, I submit this trait is just as significant to poker success.

In today's game, the competition is ferocious. In getting ready to play and planning our poker day, we gain an edge. For serious players 50 and older, four hours is enough. Playing four hours of perfect poker is no easy feat.

**CHECKLIST:** Develop a checklist before you play. If your cell is a distraction, leave it in the car. Make sure you're committed to being the most focused player at the table.

A common quote in this ever-vexing game is "If you can't spot the fish, you're it." That makes sense.

**POKER DIARY:** Do your off-the-table job. Your diary will include significant hands, played well and misplayed, but no bad beats allowed, and copious notes on opponents. Also, track your winnings and losses and hours played. Make this a labor of love, but have fun.

Players who share their diary with me always win but let's

not kid ourselves, I have dedicated students who get out of bounds and stray from the plan. Here's one: "The table had typical low-stakes players who limped repeatedly, thus creating many multiway pots. I observed that when any of them raised, it meant a strong hand. With this knowledge, I had a pretty good idea of the type of hands they were playing and acted accordingly."

Please note, this player used to spend 8-10 hours at the table and was losing overall. He now has about seven sessions under his belt and is showing a more than \$50-per-hour win-rate. I am not promising you a win rate, just improvement.

He is doing everything I ask and more. Did I mention he's 78? Applause.

Here's another email: "I played four hours today; the first three were fold, fold, fold. Anything I played, I won a small pot or folded on the flop. In the last hour, I got back to down \$36. ... It was one of the better days. ... I was focused, read well and survived the terrible cards and missed flops. The few hands I had in the first three hours I played well won a few small pots and folded when I should."

Accolades to him because followed his plan, left a little stuck and came back to crush them the next day.

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## POKER INSIDER

## WHEN YOU PLAY FOR A FREE CARD, IS IT?

Raising preflop from late position in hopes of convincing opponents to check on a subsequent round, is not really getting a free card, is it? You did bet more than the required amount initially and it appears to most that your efforts are rewarded with free-card status in the next betting round, thus reaching one of your objectives.



**AL  
SPATH**

Other great reasons to raise preflop would include adding money to the pot, thinning the field, defining the strength of your hand and finding out the strength of hands that choose to call rather than reraise. So when do you use this technique?

Getting this so-called free card works to your advantage when your drawing hand is more likely to be weaker than those contesting the pot. But conversely, you do not want to give free or cheap cards when your hand is stronger than those contesting the pot. When your hand is strong, you should bet a larger portion of the pot in your attempt to eliminate players and get heads-up with a player out of position and needing help to improve.

An exception would be if you flopped a complete hand, such as a straight, flush or full house. With a made hand on the flop, you often must consider giving a free card if you can, so oppo-

nents can catch up and pay you off later in the hand. If it's unusual for you not to make a continuation bet, then fire a small bet and build the pot, but nothing to scare them. You should consider betting from late position with a four flush, an open-ended straight draw or even a gutshot draw with two cards to come.

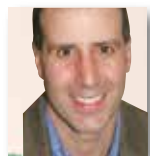
Or when you hit a middle pair and they still check to you. This is a classic semi-bluff situation where betting gives you two ways to win. The one place I would use caution is when your open-ended straight draw or gutshot draw is against two suited cards on the board. I'd be aware of the potential flush and proceed with caution. Bet appropriately, giving opponents minimal drawing odds.

In conclusion, play solid, aggressive poker and try these techniques when you have a good read on opponents, you have the right combination of hole cards or when you have (or can buy) the button position with your action. Use semi-bluffs as part of a winning strategy while trying to gain free cards, however, remember position is a critical factor.

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# THERE ARE PLENTY OF RISKS FOR PLAYING TIGHT

On a recent trip to Las Vegas, I sat at a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em table for a few hours with mostly recreational players and I was amazed at the tightness of the play.



**DAVID  
APOSTOLICO**

Many of the players seemed risk-averse and their moves reflected that. What they didn't realize was that by being ultra-tight, they were playing most vulnerable.

Many flops were seen with six or more limpers. Once flopped, players would not fold top pair to any bet.

Let me offer a few examples as to just how dangerous this kind of play is.

In one hand, a player limped from the button with A-K suited and saw a flop six-handed. A king-high flop seemed good for him but with that many players he was third best.

Two hands of two-pair were ahead and our button called until the end, losing a big pot. Of course, a simple preflop raise would have prevented this kind of trouble. It should be noted that most players would limp and then fold to a big preflop raise, which itself is very exploitable.

On another hand, a limper with pocket 10s couldn't fold on an A-K-2 flop and lost plenty of money that could have been avoided.

The absolute worst hand I saw, however, was a limper in mid

position with pocket queens. With two limpers in front of him, he chose to limp and, incredibly, saw a hand seven-handed. The flop came Q-9-3 rainbow, giving him top set.

The flop got checked around. I don't have an issue with him checking as he's way ahead.

But the turn brought a second club and, again, the betting was checked around the table. Now, not only is he asking for trouble but what is he waiting for to bet? If he wants to get any value out of his hand, he has to bet something.

The river brought the trouble he was seeking with a third club. Again, it got checked around to the button, who made a big overbet. The queens called lost to A-5 of clubs.

I ended up doubling my money in two short hours before I had to leave.

I had no memorable hands, but was able to easily exploit this play by taking plenty of hands preflop and being situationally aggressive and alternatively limping with some speculative hands without fear of being punished.

The moral of the story is that you can never sit at a poker table with risk aversion being your top goal. It's a sure way of losing.

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Mental toughness is talked about a great deal. But who really knows what that is or how to develop it? To be mentally tough, one has to devote time and energy to the endeavor. It's probably not necessary for the occasional recreational or entertainment player. But if you're a serious player, a regular, a grinder and up the food chain, then it's essential.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

Certainly mental toughness involves learning how to manage variance and how to deal with tilt, but it's more than that. I've identified three aspects crucial to developing mental toughness and playing poker, skills that one needs to play at their peak: flexibility, responsiveness and resiliency.

Flexibility is the ability to absorb the unexpected and react appropriately. It means you have to be aware of the table make-up and be aware when it changes. If your straight gets flushed on the river, you need to quickly analyze if there is something different you can do next time. For example, you flopped the straight and merely called the bettor. On the turn, a second spade came and you decided to bet, but it's a bet to entice the flush draw instead of a bet to make him fold.

Most important, however, is avoiding tilt. As things start going poorly, remain flexible in your approach and look for new ways to solve the problem.

A regular \$2-\$5 player told me he was felted for three buy-ins in a game he usually beats. I asked him if anything had changed.

He realized a \$5-\$10 game had just broken and three players from that game joined his table.

He hadn't realized the effect of these players, that the betting pattern became much more aggressive and he got caught speculating for much more money than was the case 30 minutes before. He realized this became a bigger game and he probably should have left.

To play at your peak, you have to be responsive to change. Responsiveness is more internal than reactive. One needs to identify opportunities, challenges and threats, be aware of what is happening at the table and who is at table.

It's essential to be resilient and be able to deal with the variance. One has to endure the downs and enjoy the ups. Remaining realistically optimistic and avoiding pessimism and egotism is essential.

Negative thoughts can become a self-fulfilling prophecy, while egotism can make you think you have more control than you do.

A good player continually learns and even re-educates the basics. Be flexible, responsive and resilient and keep your head in the game.

— **Dr. Stephen Bloomfield** is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. Email him at [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

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# GET A BACKBONE!

Our bodies constantly transmit information, and that includes how we sit. Like software on your computer, our brain always is assessing the environment around us, even if you don't realize it, which can be disastrous as a poker player. If you're not careful, your brain main react to your hole cards and community cards in ways you may not intend.



**JOE  
NAVARRO**

It's nearly impossible to sit still for hours on end at a poker table. An hour? Sure, but once you're a couple of levels deep into the second day of a tournament, your body gets restless and needs pacifying through stretching, leaning and adjusting. We move into positions that comfort us, so that means you will change your posture numerous times during a tournament or long cash-game session.

We slouch, sit up and lean back into our chairs. But, consciously you likely don't think about how you sit. Your limbic brain, however, never takes a break. It's always looking out for you.

Your subconscious decides just how engaged you'll want to be in certain situations. It assesses any violations of your space, alerting you to adjust. If the player on your left places her cell phone too close to your space, your subconscious will tell you to move. Or it will make you stare at her or ask her to move it. If you find this hard to believe just move your drink into someone else's space at the table and watch what happens to their torso.

I once had the privilege of playing with the late **Sam Simon** and a few of his friends. For those of you who don't know, Simon was one of the *Simpsons* creators. A famous poker player who played in this game had a huge lead at the table.

All of the players in this game liked to talk, but during one hand, after the turn card, I noticed she was talking from a much lower place from where she had just been. Her body had sunk as her torso went from upright to slouched. I wasn't in the hand and it was a friendly game, so I said, "Someone is hurting right now."

Unfortunately for her it took her until the river to let go of the hand, realizing she was beat. Then she asked me what I noticed. I told her that her body had sunk suddenly when the turn card landed. She couldn't believe it was that obvious.

Isn't it remarkable the best in the game still have difficulty recognizing simple tells? Our limbic brain controls

our posture at all times, we just don't notice it. When someone gets good news their internal excitement is reflected in their posture.

When they hear bad news, their shoulders sink and their posture shrinks. Psychiatrists know this and use it to see if their patients are making progress, especially when dealing with depression.

Check this theory out at home. The next time you play online and get pocket aces, see if your body sits up just a little bit.

Do you get engaged a little more with your computer? The change in your posture will be noticeable. Once you recognize the changes based on your reaction, it'll be easy to see those changes in opponents.

Watch for players who sit up instantly after looking at their hole cards. Also, if their posture falls, you can deduce they likely have a poor hand and won't play.

Don't watch the flop, turn or river, look at your opponents instead. The cards will be there when you're ready.

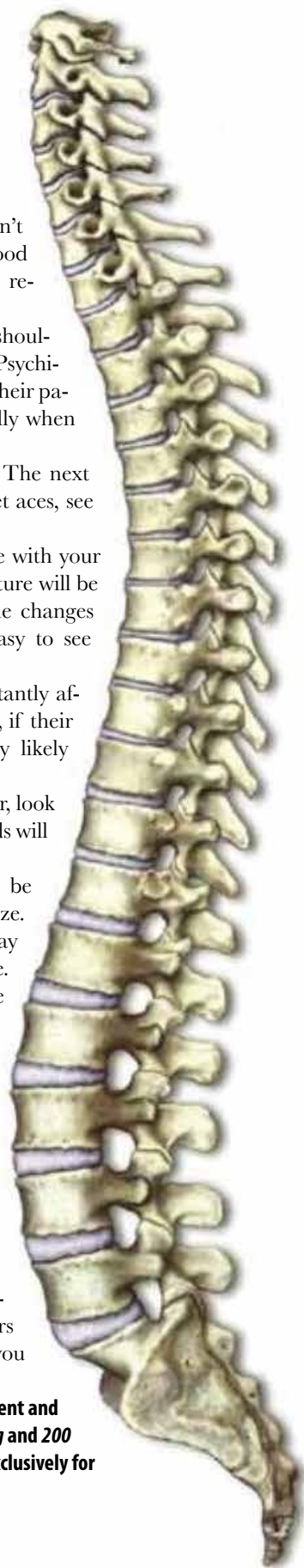
Be aware that you'll constantly be adjusting in ways you may not realize. You may sit up when strong and may sink when weak. Just be attentive. Of all nonverbal tells, your posture is not as hidden as you may think.

The more repetitive and predictable your actions become, the less opponents will focus on you.

Try to find a position that's comfortable and try to use that position at all times.

If you notice you're giving away too much information with your posture then walk around for a bit. That distraction will take the pressure off and may realign what others perceive. Your bankroll will thank you for it.

— **Joe Navarro is a former FBI Special Agent and is the author of *What Every BODY is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. He writes about poker tells exclusively for *Ante Up*.**





## CALL THE FLOOR

# BE AWARE OF HOUSE RULES AT ALL TIMES

I was in a cash-game hand at local casino, heads-up with another player who had me covered. At one point, the other player bet and I shoved.

He dwelt up for a while and after a minute or two I was pretty sure he was folding. I moved my cards over the betting line with the cards under my hand. I did not let go of the cards and they never went near the muck.



**ELLIOTT SCHECTER**

The other player said, "That's a fold!" I said it wasn't and moved my cards back and forth over the line. This was probably not the best thing to do, but I'd had a few drinks and it seemed like the thing to do at the time.

He was getting angrier and kept saying, "Look, his cards are over the fold line." The dealer agreed with me that as I hadn't released my hand, it wasn't a fold.

The other player eventually mucked and I took the pot without the floor being called.

After the hand had completed, a couple of regulars said it was a bad ruling and that my hand was dead.

I know in some casinos the betting line on the table is ignored, but in this one it is enforced. What's the correct ruling please? — **Neil Walker, via email**

**ELLIOTT SAYS:** It appears this casino has a strict interpretation of what the betting line means. It seems to be an action line where any cards or chips that cross it are considered bets or folds.

This is a quite draconian and uncommon way of enforcing the betting line. It's disappointing to read your opponent in this hand and some of the other players were upset you were awarded the pot, though your bet was standing and uncalled.

In the future, when playing in this casino, or any other for that matter, please make sure your opponent's cards are in the muck before you move your cards over the betting line.

The important concept everyone at the table except the dealer missed was the fact that even if moving your cards across the betting line can be understood to be a fold, the bet you made was your action for your turn in the betting.

Your alleged fold was an action out of turn and even then only to a raise, which would allow you to change the out-of-turn fold because the raise to you would constitute a change in action.

Furthermore, a call or fold by your opponent would have ended the action and hopefully, render your alleged fold moot.

In conclusion, your uncalled bet in this situation should have won you the pot. When all face-down cards over the betting line are dead 100 percent of the time regardless of circumstance, neither the players nor the game of poker is being well-served.

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

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<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasi.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p).	High hand (Mon., 10a-3p & Sat., 10a-7p); Limit Flush Marathon (Tue., Thurs. & Fri., 9a-9p).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasi.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini-Bad Beat Jackpot is aces full of deuces beaten by quads; happy hour bargain buy-in.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (\$40, 10:20a); Sun. \$1K guar. freeroll (1p).	Super Bad Beat Jackpot is in hold'em and qualifier is quad eights.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. KO (\$140, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sun. HA (\$60, 3:30p); qualify for \$5K freeroll in April by playing live or tournaments (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) and Omaha (quad eights); Aces Cracked in hold'em (24/7); earn \$1/hr for food comps; call for details on double hours.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasi.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); first Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; progressive royal flush.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Tue. survivor (\$35, 10a); Wed. (\$30, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Sat. (\$100/\$300, 2p).	No-limit, limit and Omaha jackpots; high hand; Rack Attack.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pcventura.com	Mon. (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wed. (\$130, 11:45a); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p).	Valentine's Day event, Feb. 14 (\$235, 11a).
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue., Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a); Presidents Day, Feb. 15 (\$60, 10a).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; progressive royal-flush; \$100 high hands (Fri.-Sun.); \$50 quads, \$75 straight flushes (Sun.-Thurs.); \$100 Ship Wrecked (Wed.).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Special events run occasionally (call for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.- Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a); Big Game Tournament, Feb. 7 (\$125, 3:30p).	\$100 & \$200 Rack Attacks (3p, 4p, 9p, 10p & mid.); \$100 & \$200 Aces Cracked (noon-1p, 6p-7p, 1a-2a); Double Points (mid.-noon); Royal Flush Wheel Spins.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su. (\$25 w/bs, 10a); M-W (\$50, 6:30p); Th. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Su. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Yahtzee; Cash Splash Frenzy.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP qualifier (\$225, 11:15a); last Sat. WSOP sat. (\$50, 11:15a). Ad Page XX.	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; Progressive High Hands; Double High Hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleysort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W 0/8 (\$60, 7p); F-Su \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rbs & add-on, 11a); F (\$125, 5p); Sa Survivor (\$100, 7p); Su KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details). See ad on Pages XX-XX.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$15, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 6p); Tue. KO (\$25, 6p) Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$25, 6p); Fri. sat. (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 6p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11:00a) & sats. (\$110, 4:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is progressive; Mexican Poker \$100 High Hand (Thurs.-Sun., mid.); royal flush progressive jackpot.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Mon. \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tue. \$2K Deep Stack (\$75, 5p); Wed. \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sun. \$1K guar. Deepstack (\$55, 4p); \$20K Stone Cold, Feb. 27 (\$230, 10a).	Aces Cracked; Progressive Straight Flushes; Quads Prize Wheel; Game Day Splash Pots, Feb. 7.

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beating quads; player comps.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$300/hour with 7 cash games playing (Mon.-Sun., 10a-10p).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll w/40 seats awarded per week (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player discounts on hotel rooms (Mon.-Thurs., noon-mid.).
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier starting at aces full of kings; \$10 Bounce Back Coupon for early birds.
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads or better receives Bonus Board Bucks.
<b>MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 12:30p); Fri. league (\$80/\$160, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 5:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; Four Flush Jackpot; Ultimate High Hand Weekends (Fri.-Sun.).
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; Monte Carlo Board; high hand (Sun., Tue. & Fri.); Bounce Back (Mon., Wed. & Thurs.); player comps.
<b>SKY UTE CASINO RESORT</b> (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
<b>UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Limit and Omaha games available.	No promotions.
<b>WILDWOOD CASINO</b> (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$100, 4p); Sun. (\$80, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot qualifier is aces full of queens.

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); MegaStack Challenge, Feb. 5-15 w/\$300K guar., Feb. 13 (\$1,650). See ad Page XX.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	High hand every 3 hours (daily); monthly top player promotion. See ads on Pages XX-XX.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$35, 7:15); Fri. (\$45, 7:15p); Sat. (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$35, 11:15a & 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal flush bonus; cash back rewards.



## DELAWARE (Continued)

<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue., Thurs. & Sat. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 1p). High-hand giveaway (Mon. & Fri., 11a-4p), (Tue. & Wed., 8p-mid.) & (Sun., 11a-1p & 9p-11p); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri., 4:30p-7:30p); quad jacks or better (Tue. & Thurs., 11:30a-4:30p).
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## FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$150 (noon & 7p); MSPT, Feb. 25-March 6 (call for schedule). See ad Page XX.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mondays (\$200-\$1K w/select hours; Thursday \$400 high hands (every 30 min., noon-mid.).
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (850) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$50K minimum; high hands (Mon.-Sun.).
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Fri. & Sat.. (\$50, 7p). See ad on Page 45.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); \$3,000 Full House Drawing; FREE Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); high hand (Sat. & Sun., hourly). See website for more promotions
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call for schedule).	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-10p & Fri., noon-mid.).
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) at 1p & 6p. See ad Page XX.	Player Rewards Program: play, earn points and get paid.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at noon) & (Sun., mid.-noon); spade royal flushes pay \$2,500 (daily).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 644-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Wed. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 7p); Sat. (\$130, 3p); Sun. (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for details); Omaha high hand (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rb); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rb); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour (Thurs.-Sun., 1p-10p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Mon.-Wed., 1p-10p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss (call for details).
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (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.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Page XX.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; high hands (daily); Weekday Draw Down (Mon.-Fri. at 2p & 11p).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; all tournaments run at 7p; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; high hands pay between \$50 and \$500. See ad below.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tue. & Thurs freeroll (7p); Sat. Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sun. freeroll (2p).	Early Bird High Hand (Fri.-Sat.); Spin to Win (Sun.-Thurs.); high hand (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 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, all others pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hand (Wed. & Fri.); quads and straight flush (Mon.).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; WSOPC, Feb. 4-15 (call for details).	Mega Bad Beat Jackpot is progressive and is in hold'em; bad-beats in Omaha and stud.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K sat. (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.). See ad on Page 45.



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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120).	Quads, straight flushes and royals pay bonuses; Early Bird High Hands.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. (\$80); Wed. (\$30); last Sat. of month \$4K guar. (\$130).	Hourly high hands pay up to \$100/hour (Fri. & Sat., 3p-mid.); hourly cash drawings pay \$100 (Sun. & Wed., 3p-mid.); bonus royal flush; hourly hot seats (Tue. & Thurs.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Daily at noon and 6p, including Mon. 0/8-stud (\$110, noon), Wed. 0/8 (\$110, noon) and Fri. HA (\$100, 6p).	Coco Showdown runs until Feb. 1 (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	\$1M Escalator Series, Feb. 3-28 (call for details).	High hands offered; see website for details.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a & \$250, 4p); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands; Hot Seats (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Sat. (\$115, 7p); Sun. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 4p); monthly hours played & tournament leaderboard promos (call for details).	\$100 quads (11a-1p); progressive straight flush and royals start at \$100 & \$500; \$100 Splash Pots (Wed., hourly, noon-5p & 30 min on Sat., 11a-1p); ask about high hands.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$45-\$225) at 1p and 7p with guaranteed prize pools. See ad Page XX.	High hands; Early Bird Promo (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$35/\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands; early bird promos (10a-2p); late night promos (10p-close).

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	No tournaments.	Comp dollars (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Tue. (varies, 7p); Thurs. (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100/\$105/\$125/\$150, 2p).	Splash the Pot; Hot Seat.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	MTTs and SNGs offered. Single-table WSOP satellites offered on demand. Best \$2-\$5 NLHE cash-game action with \$200-\$600 or table-captain max.	Several daily cash-back drawings.

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.).
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. KO (7:15p); last Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots; Full House Frenzy; VIP Poker Club; Wed. Guaranteed Progressive.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p); Sun. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$225, 5p); last Sun. of month seniors event (\$125, noon).	\$100 hourly drawings (Thurs., 5p-1a); \$1K Hot Seat (Wed.).
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot.

## IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinoresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High Hand Big Board.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	High hands; royal flushes (\$500), straight flushes (\$200) and quads (\$50); win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8.
<b>ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF</b> (563) 344-2693 • theislebettendorf.com	Open Tue. (noon-last game), Thurs. (4p-last game), Fri.-Sat. (10a-last game) & Sat. (1p-last game).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p); Mid-States Poker Tour, March 12-20.	Bad-beat jackpots.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdq.com	Thursday (\$45, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big "O" (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tue. & Wed. \$500 guar.; Fri. (\$25, 7p); \$5K guar. Mega Stack, Feb. 6 (\$100, noon); \$10K guar. Mega Stack, March 5 (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. (\$235, 11:15a); Presidents Day, Feb. 15 (\$235, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; HPO freeroll, May 15, qualify until April.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$100, 7:05p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; secondary bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PRAIRIE BAND CASINO</b> (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand; live poker is offered Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening.	High hands.



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<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Sat. (\$200, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wed. (\$145, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$165, 6:30p); Fri. (\$130, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; royal flush pays \$500; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); \$100 high hand (Mon. & Tue., 10a-10p); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 10p-8a).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot; cash giveaways (call for details); player comps for each hour of play.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a).	High hands; player reward credits.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon. (varies); Wed. (\$105, noon); Thurs. (varies).	Aces Cracked; Mystery Cash Up; Splash the Pot.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wed. (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is a decreasing qualifier (call for details).
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldllcasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 11a); Wed. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; Hot Seats; high hands.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thurs. (\$18, 1:30p); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Cracked Aces.

## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Appreciation (Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$150, 11a).	Splash Pots.
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	M (\$80, 12:15p & 0/8 \$120, 7:15p); T (\$100, 12:15p & \$150, 7:15p); W (\$120, 12:15p & \$150, 7:15p); Th 0/8 (\$80, 12:15p) & (\$120, 9:15p); Sa (\$150, 11:15a); S (\$270, 12:15p).	Ask about satellites; call for details. See ad Page XX.

## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$250 high hands; Match the Stack (call for details).
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. (\$30, 11:30a); Sun. (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Feb. 27 (\$150, 1p); March 26 (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 2p); first Sat. of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon. (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Sat. (varies, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); Minnesota State Championship, Feb. 24-March 7.
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	M (\$75, 10a); T (\$30, 10a; \$150, 6p); W (\$50, 10a; \$80, 6p); Th (\$30, 10a; \$50, 6p); F (\$60, 10a; \$100, 6p); Sa. (\$80, 9:30a; \$150, 6p); Su. (\$30, 10a), (\$150, noon) & (\$50, 6p).	High hand; Splash Pots; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$40, 2:30p).	Bonus Bucks (Fri., 10a-6p); quads pay \$44; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg/poker-room	Sunday \$2K guar. (\$65, 4p).	Player comps (call for details).
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. KO (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p); Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (\$50 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy, 1p).	Bad beats in HE, Omaha, stud & tourneys (Mon.-Sun.); High Hands Spin the Wheel (Mon.-Sun.); Splash the Pot \$50 every hour (Mon.-Sun., 10a-2p, 4p-10p & 10p-2a).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Spring Break Classic, March 25-April 4 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; seat drawings.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, noon & 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p); WSOPC, Jan. 21-Feb. 1 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; Poker Squares; Graveyard Splash the Pot; High Hand of the Hour; Pitch for 50; Hold'em Set Over Set.
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot.
<b>SCARLET PEARL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (noon); Tue. & Thurs. (2p & 8p); Fri. (2p); Sat. (11a)- call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; various high hand; Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; player comps for live play.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps; call for details.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Mon. (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$90, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad eights or better; high hands (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (\$150, noon); Hollywood Poker Open Regional, March 10-20 (call for details).	Sets Cracked Jackpot; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Thursday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, noon); Thurs. (\$30, noon); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$150, noon); last Sat. of month (\$200, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



# NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$125, 1p); Fri. & Sat. (\$240, 11a); Mon.-Sun. (\$125, 7p); High Roller, Feb. 5 (\$25K); High Roller, Feb. 6 (\$25K).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a) w/progressive bonus hands (call for details); WPT DeepStacks, March 17-27.	EZ Way Bad Beat; quads-royals pay bonuses; \$2/hour comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; \$13K for Top Hour Players.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p); WSOPC, Feb. 25-March 7.	High hands (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60, 8p); Sun.-Fri. (\$80, 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$160, 2p).	High hands; player comps per hour; special room rates.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Room open Friday-Monday and opens at 4p on Thursday.	Hourly High Full House Giveaway; quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Omaha Double Jackpot; high hands; Poker Cash Pot.
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour; Splash Pots.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$100, 10a), (\$125, 2p), (\$125, 6p), (\$150, 9p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. deep stack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid (daily).
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a; \$45, 1p, 5p); Sun.-Fri. (\$45, 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four deuces w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.).	Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$21K monthly free roll; single table bad-beat jackpot; flop quads pays \$500 (6a-noon).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$45, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$45, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	High hand; \$10 dining credit for 4 hours of cash play.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Tue.-Thurs.); Progressive High Hand Bonus.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; play live on Tue. and get paid \$500 for flopping quads.	Royal Flush Progressive starts at \$5K; Quad Flopped hands start at \$600 (daily) up to \$2.5K for Aces Flopped.
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$45, noon & \$35, 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked; Hourly High Hand; Spin the Wheel.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahaslasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guar. (\$60, 9a, noon, 3p & 7p); \$1K guar. (\$100, 10p); Fri. & Sat. events are KO events with a \$100 buy-in and \$25 bounties.	Royals pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (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.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway (daily at 6a, 7a & 8a); get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush; earn food comps.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$40 w/\$20 optional add-on, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered bonus (Mon., Wed. & Fri.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$70, 15K chips, \$2K guar., 11a), (\$50, 10K chips, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$70, 15K chips, 7p) & (\$50, 10K chips, 10p).	Win with 5 hands: two pair, 3 of a kind, straight, flush and full house and receive \$100; hourly random seat drawings for \$25, \$50 or \$100.
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked.
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$65, 6p) & (\$40, 11p); Wed. events have increased buy-ins and bounties.	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; Flush or Better promo (9a).
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (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); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	High hands: quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 9p w/\$1.5K guarantee; daily \$500 guar. KO (\$65, 6p).	High hands: quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$100, 6:35p); T (0/8 \$60, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p); W (\$60, 12:05p & 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sa KO (\$100, 12:05p); Su (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; tournament promotions.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100; player reward credits.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces (Mon. & Thurs., mid-6a & 4p-mid.); Best Full Houses (Tue., 10a-5p & 5p-mid.); \$400 Flushes (Wed., 10a-4p & 4p-mid.).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$45, noon); Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wed. & Sun. (\$100, 6p). See ad Page XX.	Earn comps for each hour of play.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily (\$45 at 10a & 7p) except Fri. (\$100, 6p) & last Tue. of month (\$100, 6p).	Cash bonuses start at \$50 for quads and \$100 for straight flushes; player comp dollars can be used for food, room rats and gift shop purchases.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon, \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon, KO, 7p); F KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$300, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su KO (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza I runs until March 2 w/\$750K guar., Feb 18 (\$1,600). All daily tournaments suspended during DSE.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$10, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. \$1K guar. (\$50, 8:30p); Sun. (\$50, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$120, 5p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Classic, Feb. 24-March 14.	First Wed. of month seniors tournament (50-plus) \$12.5K guar. (\$300).

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## NEW JERSEY

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO)</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hand (daily, 11a-mid.) pays up to \$350.
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); WPT Winter Open runs until Feb. 5.	\$15K Royal Flush Bonus; tournament player offers; bonus comp dollars.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	M, T & Th (\$80, 11-15a); T & Th (\$85, 7-15p); F (\$125, 7-15p); Sa (\$105, 12-15p); Sa \$1.5K turbo (\$50, 7-15p); Su (\$80, 12-15p); last Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, 12-15p).	High hand (daily, 2p-2a); Splash the Pot (daily, 11a-2p); bonus hours (Wed., 11a-11p & Fri., 11a-7p).. Highest hand of the hour receives \$350.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8-15p).	
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11-15a & 7-15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 5p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; 4 of a Kind or Better High Hands; Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p). See ad Page XX.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, noon & \$45, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 3p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p)- unlimited re-entry until end of 3rd round. See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Happy Hour 3X points (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p); First High Hand Bonus pays cash from Feb. 1-28 and double bonus on Feb. 29.

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad deuces).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for royal and straight flushes.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a).	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon. & Wed.).

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$60, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); W (\$30, 7p); Th (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); F (\$120, 7p) & (\$60, mid.); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$120, 4p); Su (\$60, 2p & 7p); 1st Sun. (\$240, 2p).	No promotions.
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$60, 7-15p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$60, 7-15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12-15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$120, 12-15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$140, 12-15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$25K guar. event, Feb. 21 (\$285, 12-15p).
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10-15a); Mon. (\$40, 7-15p); Wed. (\$50, 7-15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7-15p); Sun. (\$120, 12-15p); \$10K guar. Sat.; HPO Toledo series, Feb. 25-March 6.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE CINCINNATI</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M-F (\$80, 12-15p); M-W-Su \$10K guar. (\$160, 6-15p, but 12-15 on Su); 1st Sat. \$50K guar. (\$400, 12-15p); 3rd Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 12-15p); last Sat. \$5K freeroll (12-15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12-15p and 7-15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12-15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces; Omaha bad beat; high hand (daily); Rock-N-Roll City Harley-Davidson Championship, Feb. 19-28 (\$1,000).

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$25, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Splash Pots.
<b>CREEK NATION MUSCOGEE</b> (918) 683-1825 • creeknationcasino.net	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. (\$20 w/rbs, 2p); Mon. (\$20 w/rbs, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (freeroll w/\$20 rbs, 2p & manager's choice, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$30 w/rbs, 7p).	Call for information.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.-Thurs.); Splash Pots (Wed.).
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily, times and buy-ins vary, call poker room for details.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Wild Wed. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); 2nd & 4th Sat. KO (\$65, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pine. (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot; get paid to play (50 hours of live play to qualify).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$175, 11a); Sun. KO (\$230, 1p); Presidents Day series, Feb. 10-15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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## OREGON

<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Splash Pot (Mon., noon-5p).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Sun.-Fri.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$110, 1p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	\$25 cash back for Omaha players for first 20 players (Mon.); Rolling High Hand (Wed.).

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); W (\$60, 11:30a & PLO \$60, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & \$90, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$60, 11:30a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue. (\$100, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100/\$200, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$200/\$230, 7:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; HPO freerolls; high hands (Tue., 10a-10p).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p, buy-ins vary.	Bad-beat jackpot; double comps (50 hours to qualify); progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$50, 11a & \$56, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 11a & \$60, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a, \$56, 3p & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (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); WPT DeepStacks, Feb. 10-29.	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • erjecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); Sat. (\$75/\$100, 12:30p); 4th Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p); 3rd and 5th Sat. (\$35, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri. & Sat.); \$10K Straight Draw Giveaway (Sun.-Tue.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Mon.-Fri. (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (9a, 12:15p & 7p); Sun. (mid., 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Mon. (11a); Tue. (7p); Wed. (11a); Fri. (11a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Hot Seat Sweepstakes.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$70, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 11:30a & 7:15p); Wed. (\$90, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$40, 11:30a & \$100, 7:15p); Sun. (\$55, 1p & \$85, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot (quad sixes must be beaten); high hands.

## RHODE ISLAND

<b>TWIN RIVER CASINO</b> (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
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## SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon. (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$20, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot; Hot Steak Jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon. (\$12, 6:30p); Tue. (\$23, 6:30p); Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$34, 6:30p); Fri. (\$34, 6:30p); Sat. (\$23, 1p); Sun. (\$111, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$221, 2p).	Triple Poker Points (Wed., Fri. & Sat.); Rounders High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44, 3p).	Room specials (call for details).

## TEXAS

<b>KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); Thursday Throwdown (\$45, 7p); Sunday Showdown (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings.
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## WASHINGTON

<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	High hands (Mon., Tue. & Thurs.); Thurs. night Poker, Pizza and Pints (6p); Daily Double Jackpot.
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rb, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. (\$35, 5p); Sun. 0/8 (\$35, 5p); bounty, Feb. 13 (\$25, 11a); Feb. 27 (\$170, 11a).	Qualify for annual Tournament of Champions (call for details).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands (Sun.).
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guar. (10:30a); Sun.-Thurs. (7p); \$10K Wild Hearts Poker Tournament, Feb. 6 (\$200, 10:30a).	Beginner lessons available (Tue. nights); call for details.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$30, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; extra player points; call for details.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$110, 11a).	\$10K progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands (Sun.-Wed.).

## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctownntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$100+\$50 KO, 7p) and Sun. (\$100+\$50 KO, noon & \$75+\$25 KO, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands (daily); 50 players for \$50.
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Mon. (\$35, 7:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a) & seniors (\$75, 5p); Sun. (\$45, 2p).	High Hand Multiplier; Hourly Hot Seats (Mon.); Midnight Madness (Fri.).

## WISCONSIN

<b>BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO</b> (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-2a) & Saturday (6p-2a).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA</b> (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:30p); Sat. (\$90, 2p); Polar Blast, March 5-6 (\$330, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); MSPT, Feb. 13-21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## WYOMING

<b>WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$20, 6p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K.
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## SCOTT LONG'S PICKS

### KONGKEY NO. 1: SCOTT POOLE



Players outside of the incredibly competitive South Florida poker market probably won't understand why this took guts, but a few months back, **Scott Poole**, director of poker at Gulfstream Park, decided to quit playing the "rent-a-player" game that South Florida rooms

have been doing since the limits were increased in Florida. This is where the \$2 jackpot drop became cemented, and it meant rooms blow out their promotion fund and pack their room, only to see those players bolt to the next room when the promotion fund runs dry. Poole instead is plowing that promotional money into the most generous player comps in the area, deciding that he values the steady stream of loyalty over the peaks and valleys of promotions.

### KONGKEY NO. 2: (TIE)

Despite some teases, no major poker legislation advanced in the United States in 2015, and certainly not at the federal level. Partially to blame for this? The daily fantasy sports companies that flooded TV stations with ads, blatantly inviting intense scrutiny they knew their house of cards couldn't withstand. Now, the incomes that former online poker players discovered in fantasy sports are in peril and the future of online poker has been unfairly blemished.

### KONGKEY NO. 3: ANTE UP PUBLISHERS

I meant well when I tried to get enough *Ante Up PokerCasts* in the can to cover us while I was sailing from country to country to country to country to country aboard the Ante Up Poker Cruise, but I forgot to take my shoes off and miscounted by one. And then Cosenza came to the rescue, only to see his efforts foiled by the turn-of-the-century audio equipment that fan favorite **Mike Fasso** uses, followed by our normal phone-it-in show from the cruise ship. Thanks for sticking with us!

## CHRIS COSENZA'S PICKS



### KONGKEY NO. 1: WSOP JEWELERS

This time I have to give one to the jewelry makers who designed the World Series of Poker Main Event bracelet. We once joked around on the show about the different types of awards given out for different sporting events and laughed about maybe someday getting a belt. Well, this thing is as big as a cowboy belt buckle.

### KONGKEY NO. 2: POKER BRAT



**Phil Hellmuth**, for all of the flack he gets for being a brat and all of the crap he got in the past for winning only hold'em bracelets, he captured his 14th one over the summer. Second place is **Doyle Brunson** and **Johnny**

**Chan** with 10. In football, when you are ahead by a touchdown and score again they say you're pulling away. I'd say he has more than pulled away and won't be caught until I'm in diapers.

### KONGKEY NO. 3: POKER HALL OF FAME

The Poker Hall of Fame gets my final Kongkey, for continuing to induct just two players per year regardless of qualifications and for not ever considering us as voters. I've petitioned them in the past and just gave up after a few years because they've never considered us.

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