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	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 8 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$80
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$150
Wed, Jan 14	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 players earn entry into Event #1	\$100
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	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 8 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$80
	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to \$540 Main Event Qualifier	\$150
Thu, Jan 15	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite 1 in 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 4 advance to Main Event \$540 Qualifier	\$150
1 Thu, Jan 15	4pm	Day 1A	<b>\$200,000 GUARANTEED</b> NLHE Deepstack Tournament Final Table streamed live on Sun, Jan 18
Fri, Jan 16	11am	Day 1B	
Fri, Jan 16	4pm	Day 1C	
Sat, Jan 17	11am	Day 1D	
Fri, Jan 16		No Single-Table Satellites	
Sat, Jan 17		No Single-Table Satellites	
	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
Sun, Jan 18	Noon	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85
	Noon	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360
	11am	Multi-Table Satellite TURBO - 1 in 4 players advance to \$540 Qualifier	\$150
	1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 3 in 10 players advance to HPT Main Event Flight 1A on Thu, Jan 22	\$540
	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360

2	7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout 2x Bounty with \$50 bounties	\$150	
Mon, Jan 19	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
3	11am	\$15,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Holiday Hold'em Event	\$125	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
4	5pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Six Handed	\$235	
	8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
Tue, Jan 20	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$360 Qualifier	\$85	
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
5	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED Omaha 8 or Better	\$150	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
	3pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 earn a \$300 entry to Event #6	\$70	
6	5pm	\$40,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Black Chip Bounty with \$100 bounties	\$300	
	8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
Wed, Jan 21	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
	2pm & 7pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
7	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Escalator	\$150	
	1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
8	5pm	PLO with Two (2) Free Buys 12,000 in chips include free buys	\$200	
	8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
Thu, Jan 22	Noon & 6pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT \$360 Main Event Qualifier	\$85	
	Noon & 6pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
9	11am	H.O.R.S.E.	\$150	
	1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Main Event	\$360	
10	Thu, Jan 22	Day 1A	<b>HPT MAIN EVENT</b> HEARTLAND POKER TOUR Televised Final Table at Red Lantern on Mon, Jan 26	
Fri, Jan 23	11am	Day 1B		
Sat, Jan 24	11am	Day 1C		
Sun, Jan 25	11am	Day 2		
	Thu, Jan 22	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to Main Event	\$360
11	8pm	Open Face Chinese (Pineapple)	\$280	
Fri, Jan 23	10am-4pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$360 Qualifier	\$85	
	10am-4pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	\$185	
	8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
Sat, Jan 24	1pm	Single-Table Qualifier - 2 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
	9:30am	Multi-Table Qualifier TURBO - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	\$360	
12	Sun, Jan 25	1pm	NLHE Survivor - 10% of the field win \$2,000	\$225
13	7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout Bounty with \$50 bounties	\$150	

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Scott  
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## Happy New Year!

Where did 2014 go? It seems like the years just keep getting shorter and shorter. It's just like when you're running well in a poker tournament or at the cash tables and the next thing you know it's midnight. When things are going well, the time just flies right by you.

In early 2014, we welcomed the wonderful folks from *Southwest Poker News* and have enjoyed a remarkable relationship with them. We also crowned a bunch of Ante Up Poker Tour champions, including our world champ **Justo Avalos**, and we traveled the world on five exciting Ante Up Poker Cruises.

So what's in store for 2015? Well, we'll have another four fantastic poker cruises (ports of call include Aruba; Bahamas; St. Kitts; St. Lucia; Barbados; Curacao; Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico and Key West).

But right off the bat, we're giving back to the community with our Restock The Shelves initiative on Jan. 19. We have partnered with our good friend **Kerry Karoutsos** of Blue Shark Optics and have asked poker rooms across the country to help us collect food for their local food banks and pantries. But it can't be successful without you. Please turn to Page 24 to see which rooms and locations are teaming with us to help feed those less fortunate in your community and read how you can help by playing in their events.

What else is happening this year for the Ante Up Nation? The beautiful Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., has agreed again to be the location for our Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship, which was wildly successful last August, attracting an incredibly formidable main-event field, setting records for attendance and generating a million-dollar-plus prize pool overall.

But the beauty of poker is that it's never quite predictable, and neither is the poker industry. So while there are some givens in this business, the fun is finding out what will happen. Here's to a happy and healthy 2015 for you and yours.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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JAN 11 SUN	MAIN DAY 1C	\$440	SKC	1PM	15K	30 MINUTE
JAN 14 WED	MAIN DAY 1D	\$440	DERBY	4PM	15K	30 MINUTE
JAN 15 THU	MAIN DAY 1E	\$440	SKC	4PM	15K	30 MINUTE
JAN 16 FRI	MAIN DAY 1F	\$440	DERBY	1PM	15K	30 MINUTE
JAN 16 FRI	MAIN DAY 1G	\$440	DERBY	6PM	15K	30 MINUTE
JAN 17 SAT	MAIN DAY 1H	\$440	SKC	1PM	15K	30 MINUTE
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# THUNDER VALLEY KEEPING TOURNEYS HOT

The New Year means new resolutions and fresh opportunities to build your bankroll. There are many ways to do that around Northern California as the year kicks off strong with a major tournament series and some great events to help restock the shelves of your local food banks.



**GARRETT ROTH**  
NORCAL

Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln is partnering with the World Poker Tour and starting the year off with three tournaments as part of its WPT Kickoff.

The first is a \$150 no-limit hold'em event with a \$25K guarantee on New Year's Day at 11 a.m. The second event is a \$150 bounty with a \$10K guarantee on Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.

Finally, Thunder Valley and the WPT will hold a one-day \$100K guarantee Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. This tournament will have a \$400 buy-in with host and legendary WPT executive tour director **Matt Savage**.

There also will be two satellite events Jan. 2 (5 p.m. and 8 p.m.) with a \$90 buy-in and the top 20 percent winning a seat into the \$100K guarantee.

Thunder Valley hosts another Heartland Poker Tour series Jan. 15-26. This 10-event series kicks off with a \$200K guarantee Jan. 15-18 and includes a live-streaming final table. Other events include bounty, six-handed, Omaha/8, Escalator, pot-

limit Omaha, HORSE, Open Face Chinese Pineapple and Survivor.

The series is highlighted by the \$1,650 main event, which has three starting days (Jan. 22-24) with Day 2 on Jan. 25. The nationally televised final table will be played at Thunder Valley's Red Lantern on Jan. 26.

The most recent HPT main event at Thunder Valley had a prize pool of \$700K-plus with winner **Joseph Christman** of Pacifica, Calif., taking home \$165K.

One final note on Thunder Valley: If you're looking for the recap of the successful Ante Up Poker Tour NorCal Classic, please read our coverage on Page 37.

**RESTOCK THE SHELVES:** Jan. 19 is a day to give back to your community by participating in one of our Restock the Shelves events around Northern California.

There are six poker rooms hosting one of these charitable events. The 101 Casino (Petaluma), Bankers Casino (Salinas), Livermore Casino, Jackson Rancheria, Lucky Chances in Colma and Red Hawk Casino (Placerville) will participate so it will be easy for you to go no matter where you live in NorCal. The main objective of these tournaments is to collect as many non-perishable canned goods for the local community, which is a great way to continue the holiday cheer while helping the less fortunate. — **Email Garrett at roth@anteupmagazine.com.**

## Bike's Winter Poker Series runs Jan. 2-15

The Winter Poker Series at the Bike runs Jan. 2-15 and this series has something for every bankroll with buy-ins from \$50 to \$2,200.

A few of the events that are expected to be popular: Event 4, a \$100K guarantee deepstack starts Jan. 5. There will be two sessions each day Jan. 5-7 at noon and 5 p.m., with a \$150 buy-in. The top 12 percent each day advance to Day 2 on Jan. 8. Players can buy in directly to Day 2 for \$1,500 and will start with chips equivalent to 50 big blinds.



**KITTIE ALEMAN**  
SOCAL

Event 9 is the \$200K guarantee deepstack with Day 1 on Jan. 10. This event also has three Day 1 sessions twice daily at noon and 5, with a \$235 buy-in.

Players will have 25K chips and top 12 percent each session advance to Day 2 on Jan. 13. Players can buy in directly to Day 2 for \$2,200 and will start with 50 big blinds.

In both events, any player who qualifies more than once for Day 2 will receive \$1,550 (\$1K plus an entry to Event 13).

There also will be a PLO/8, HORSE, Omaha/8 and several NLHE events with various guarantees and buy-ins. Check for all the details at thebike.com.

**AGUA CALIENTE:** The poker room is winding down its monthly freeroll promotion that has been running since March and culminates in the Anniversary Tournament this April. The final two \$3K freerolls will be Feb. 4 and March 4. There will be a choice of noon or 6 p.m. Players can only play in one.

To qualify for either, players need to log 20 hours of live play in the previous month.

The top 10 finishers in each month's tournament will qualify to play the Anniversary event to win a share of \$30K in cash and prizes. For a list of all of the room's promotions, go to hotwatercasino.com.

**PLAYERS CASINO:** It's going to be a full month for this Ventura poker room. On Jan. 4 and Jan. 18 at 11 a.m., there will be \$75 events with \$1,500 guarantees. Each event offers 6K chips and 20-minute levels. There will be no rebuys or add-ons, but re-entry is offered in the first hour.

Saturdays at 11 a.m., there is \$75 deepstack with a \$2K guarantee for first place. With a 10K stack and a \$50 optional add-on for another 10K, plus 20-minute levels, this is a budget-friendly tournament with a good structure.

There are a lot of other tournaments so go to pventura.com for details.

— **Email Kittie Aleman at anteupkittie@gmail.com.**

# THE 101 CASINO

## TOURNAMENTS

### Monday Night

#### Turbo Tournament – 6:30pm

\$60 BUY-IN NO LIMIT HOLD'EM (\$55 + \$5)  
8,000 Starting Stack

### Throwback Thursday

#### Tournament – 6:30pm

\$120 BUY-IN NO LIMIT HOLD'EM (\$105 + \$15)  
8,000 Starting Stack

### Tuesday Night Progressive

#### Bounty Tournament – 6:30pm

\$140 BUY-IN NO LIMIT HOLD'EM  
\$85 + \$40 + \$15 (\$85 to prize pool,  
(2) \$20 bounty chips, \$15 entry fee)  
8,000 Starting Stack

### The Lazy Saturday

#### HA Tournament – 6:30pm

\$60 BUY-IN 1/2 POT LIMIT OMAHA,  
1/2 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM (\$55 + \$5)  
8,000 Starting Stack

### Wednesday Night

#### Turbo Tournament – 6:30pm

\$60 BUY-IN NO LIMIT HOLD'EM (\$55 + \$5)  
8,000 Starting Stack



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- Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 pm
- Sunday 6:00 pm

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# VAN SANFORD BESTS TOUGH BESTBET FIELD

To say that bestbet Jacksonville's second televised World Poker Tour main event was a success would be an understatement. The 461 entrants generated a \$2 million prize pool, doubling the guarantee and making it one of the largest in North Florida poker history. And who claimed that historic title? It was pro **Ryan Van Sanford**, who pocketed \$421K from the \$5K buy-in event.



A series of 19 events warmed up the felt before the main event and some of the biggest winners of the Fall Series included pro **Aaron Massey** and locals **Alan Franco, Taurus Jackson** and **Kristen Kober**.

Kober had a monster series, winning the \$240 event and the \$200 opening event, to bring her earnings for the two weeks to \$30K and the Player of the Series title.

The property was rife with anticipation as the Bounty Scramble main-event final table started. **Jared Reintstein** looked to become the second bestbet regular to take down a televised event, but he fell short of his dream, losing a coin-flip with 8-8 vs. the A-10 of South Florida pro and runner-up **Chris Bolek**. He earned \$135K, his largest career cash.

Eventual winner Van Sanford had a remarkable few days as he turned 21 during the tournament. What better way to celebrate such a special occasion than with a monster payday?

The Bounty Scramble was like no other event in Florida history as 40 celebrity players wore custom bestbet medallions, marking them as bounties worth \$2,500. Some made early exits, such as **James Calderaro** and "Mad" **Marvin Rettenmaier**, while others such as **Zohair Karim**, local radio personality **Allie "McDeal" Hollander** and world-class player **Shannon Shorr**, who was also the last bounty standing, went deep and made the money. Other notables who cashed included one-time *Ante Up* Player of the Year **Darryll Fish**, **David Diaz** and former World Series of Poker champion **Jamie Gold**, who was also the only player in the field to collect two bounties.

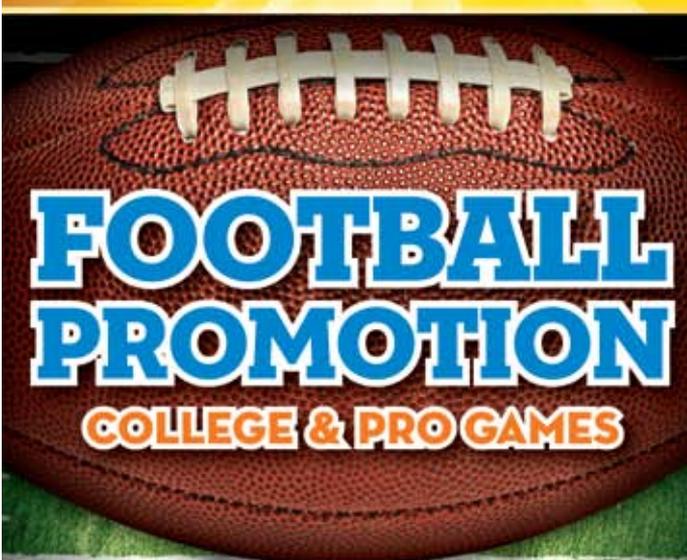
The Mid-States Poker Tour hits bestbet Jan. 23. There will be plenty of satellites into the \$1,100 main event and the poker room is giving away more than 40 seats via high hands. Call the room for more details.

**DBKC:** If Daytona Beach is synonymous with anything, it's NASCAR and the Daytona 500, aka the Great American Race. In a tribute to the event that put the city on the map, DBKC will be holding its first Great American Poker Tournament in February. Promotions for the event run until the big day, which will coincide with the Daytona 500.

**EBRO:** The Panhandle room is making great strides in cementing its tournament scene. Aside from holding the yearly Emerald Coast Championship, Ebros also was one of the first rooms in the state to offer a weekly tournament featuring a guarantee with its \$30 event, which has a \$3K guaranteed prize pool every Thursday night. — **Email Charles at anteupcharles@gmail.com.**



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1/25	Sun	11am	Main Event	Main Event Final Day		40/60 min		

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1/15	Thu	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
1/15	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/16	Fri	4pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
1/16	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/17	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
1/17	Sat	3pm	#2	All-in or Fold Hold'em, w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
1/17	Sat	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
1/18	Sun	1pm	#3	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	3pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
1/18	Sun	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	12pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/19	Mon	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/20	Tue	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/20	Tue	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/20	Tue	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/21	Wed	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/21	Wed	3pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/21	Wed	7pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Flight #5	\$200	30 min	12,000	
1/22	Thu	12pm	#6	Event #6 Final Day				\$50,000
1/22	Thu	1pm	#7	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
1/22	Thu	3pm	#8	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	20 Seat Guarantee
1/22	Thu	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/23	Fri	12pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
1/23	Fri	4pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	\$200,000
1/23	Fri	7pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em Super Satellite	\$260	20 min	10,000	
1/24	Sat	12pm	S.S.	No Limit Hold'em TURBO Super Satellite	\$260	15 min	10,000	
1/24	Sat	2pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,100	40 min	20,000	
1/24	Sat	7pm	#9	No Limit Hold'em TURBO	\$240	15 min	10,000	
1/25	Sun	11am	Main Event	Main Event Final Day		40/60 min		
1/25	Sun	3pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	

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# BOLEK ROCKS WAY TO \$480K, RNR TITLE

It was serious business in the ballrooms of the Seminole Hard Rock Resort & Casino as Day 2 of the Rock 'n' Roll Open's \$2 million guarantee main event got under way. Meanwhile, on the other side of the complex, TV equipment was being set up to record the fun and frivolity of the celebrity cash games to air on *Poker Night in America*. But first, let's recap the RNR finale.



**DAVE LEMMON**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA**

Local South Florida pro **Chris Bolek** of Boca Raton was rarely high on the leaderboard early in the event, but like his second-place finish a month earlier at the WPT bestbet Bounty Scramble in Jacksonville, he used patience and perseverance to grind his short stack to the final table.

Shortly after **Jeff Chang** went out in fourth, Bolek found his 3 million chips trailing badly to chipleader **Andy Andrejelic** (8M) and **Sean Winter** (7M). Andrejelic took a big hit after running into Winter's pocket aces, then Bolek finished him off with pocket 10s. Despite relatively close stacks (9.87M to 8.08M) entering heads-up action, Bolek got it done quickly by winning nearly every big pot until his stack had climbed to 15M-plus. Once again pocket 10s served Bolek well as they held up vs. Winter's A-5 to capture the title.

Still exhilarated by his \$284K payoff in early November, Bolek eclipsed that by defeating 600 entries to collect \$480,200 at the facility that's less than 30 miles from his home.

"I'm a South Florida player and I play here a lot," Bolek said. "The structures are great here, competitive with anything else in the country."

So while the main event was concluding, *Poker Night in America* continued to record interesting material in the Paradise Live venue. The two days of cash games featured **Shaun Deeb**, **Gavin Smith**, **Jean-Robert Bellande** and **Ken Aldrich** among others. Whether it was from overabundant partying on South Beach or too much tryptophan over the Thanksgiving holiday, the men seemed sluggish and several of the contestants seemed uninvolved. So leave it to the women to save the day. Top female player **Vanessa Selbst** led the table in star power, while **Danielle Moon-Andersen** joined the action along with 2011 WSOP ladies champion **Marsha Wolak** and South Florida's **Ebony Kenney**, **Lily Kiletto** and **Jessica Dawley**. The table interaction was exciting as the women drank shots, told stories and played some competi-

tive poker.

"This is without a doubt the greatest thing we have ever done," show producer **Todd Anderson** told me during the production. "We've wanted to try a ladies-only game for a while, but weren't sure how it would work. In fact, I ran the idea past Vanessa and she said she would participate, but wasn't sure if it would draw enough players. But when I put the word out there, the response was incredible. Everybody wanted to play."

When play was completed, it appeared Selbst had accumulated the biggest windfall, helped along by the final hand, which the women agreed would be a blind Omaha hand with no betting. As you might surmise, it was Selbst who raked in the substantial final pot by showing quads. Social media was buzzing with reaction to the live stream and Wolak told me she received several comments from women were so intrigued by the game that they wanted to definitely start to play more, including a few that had never taken the time to learn.

For fans of poker television, it's refreshing to see a little different look at the game, something that consultant **Nolan Dalla** is proud to work on.

"There's an adjustment period required for the viewer of this show. It's raw; there's nothing rehearsed about it and it's like what you would feel and hear if you were sitting down at one of these high-stakes cash games," said Dalla, who moonlights during his time away from his regular position as World Series media director. "Our challenge is to make this show better, make it more interesting and go outside the realm of what we've shown in the first season."

The episodes will air in late March and early April during the program's second season on the CBS Sports Network. If your cable system doesn't carry CBSSN, you can view previous episodes on YouTube.

**ISLE CLASSIC:** The Isle Poker Room at Pompano Park gets the year started with its Isle Classic series featuring 11 major events, beginning with a \$350 no-limit hold'em event with a \$300K guarantee and eight opening sessions spread over four days. The tourney runs Jan. 7-11. The main event, which is Jan. 22-26, will have a \$1,200 buy-in and a \$500K guarantee. For more info, go to [theislepompanopark.com](http://theislepompanopark.com).

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# PPC WINTER FEST LANDS AT SILKS ON JAN. 18-25

The PPC returns to the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs for the Winter Fest on Jan. 18-25 as the \$580 main event will have a \$100K guarantee and four starting flights.

The series kicks off with a \$225 no-limit hold'em event that has a \$10K guarantee, plus there will be pot-limit Omaha, SHO (stud, hold'em, Omaha), a seniors event and Open Face Chinese. This series has been a fan favorite of the Tampa community for the past three years.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

**SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB:** The Warrior Dog Foundation charity event concluded Dec. 7 with more than 130 players on hand to benefit the those four-legged friends in the Navy SEAL and special-operations community. Many players from the Tampa community and dealers and staff from Derby Lane, which co-sponsored the event, came out to help this great cause.

One special guest was Carlos, who spent time in Afghanistan and was in service when he and his handler tripped an IED, injuring both. Carlos protected his handler and kept him safe until evacuation teams arrived to transport them.

After rehabbing, Carlos was deployed twice more into service and finally retired. The Warrior Dog Foundation runs the sanctuary for these heroes.

## RESTOCK THE SHELVES



Between donations and player contributions the charity raised more than \$13K. The poker event ended in a 10-way chop and those players were **Julio Martinez, A.J. Froto, Fish Phommavog, Joleen Loper, Melton Little, Whitney Hardman, Nathan Alderson, George H., John Andrick** and **Steve Zaritsky**.

For more information on the Warrior Dog Foundation, visit [warriordogfoundation.org](http://warriordogfoundation.org).

**DERBY LANE:** After the Warrior Dog Foundation, Derby Lane will be part of the Restock the Shelves initiative created by *Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics. Details of the tournament are still in the works, but Derby Lane joins the Silks as two of the Tampa Bay rooms that will host tournaments during the nationwide event on Jan. 19.

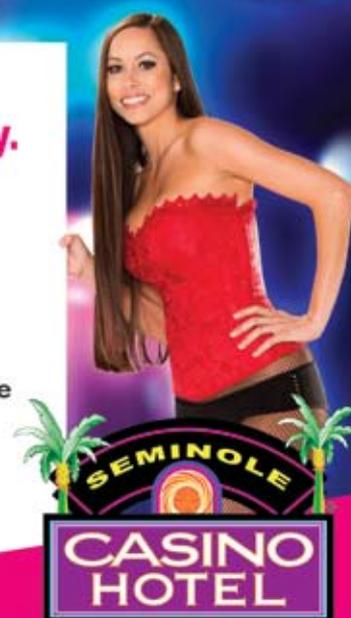
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# BUSY TIME ON TAP FOR A.C.-PHILADELPHIA

There are several events scheduled in 2015 that may give players something to look forward to in the Atlantic City-Philadelphia region. The year will be kicking off with the Restock the Shelves charity event in multiple poker venues on Jan. 19, hosted by *Ante Up* and Blue Shark Optics.



**JO KIM**  
**NORTHEAST**

There are also talks of regulating Internet gaming in Pennsylvania. SugarHouse will be opening its new building in the fall with a permanent poker room. Philadelphia will begin the construction of the recently passed license for Live Casino and Borgata will host its Winter

Open Jan. 13-30.

**BORGATA:** The Fall Open (Nov. 4-20) had eight guarantees for the series that totaled \$2.475M. There were 44 events and the opening tournament drew 2,191 entrants for the \$1M guarantee.

**Jeff Gilbert** from Bensalem, Pa., won the event after firing only one bullet to claim his first trophy and \$184,902. Among the notable players was **Rocco Luciano** of Philadelphia with a 13th-place finish for \$7,970.

**Steve Wolansky** of Florida took home the main-event trophy and \$330,887 after four days of grinding. **Taylor Von Kriegenbergh (\$186K)** fell victim to Wolansky when they were heads-up as Wolansky's postflop straight draw ended up completing a runner-runner flush.

**Paul Volpe** finished fourth (\$95,016).

It was Wolansky's second major title in 2014 after grabbing a World Series of Poker bracelet over the summer.

**PARX:** Big Stax IX was under way as the January issue went to press. The Big Stax 300 event gathered 1,410 entrants with 214

players making it into Day 2 after four Day 1 heaters.

The final four players competed for three levels, but in the end it was **Chad Rosow** of New York who took home his first trophy.

It was a tough competition for Rosow, for the other three opponents were all respected notables with numerous cashes.

**Eric Rivkin**, a respected player from the region, was fourth.

"Typically, I always crush hard on Day 1s especially at Parx and Borgata, but then run into stacked tables thereafter and countless spots where I'm favored but run bad," Rivkin said.

He took home \$18,887, adding to his live earnings of \$400K.

Rosow adds \$73,561 to his earnings of \$11K, making it his biggest cash-in in his poker career.

Finishing 56th was **Moe Farah**, who now stands as the leader of Parx all-time cashes. Farah has proved to be a solid player in the Philadelphia area with 18 cashes this year in nearby tournaments, 10 being final tables. In the past year, Farah has collected trophies from the Borgata Open and Parx Big Stax, as well as a World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

Farah's most recent victory was the Big Stax six-max in October for \$10,563, making his live earnings nearly \$200K. Farah had three-way chopped the six-max with **Will Failla** earlier in 2014.

A longtime player, but only playing seriously for the past two years, Farah has built a strong reputation to be feared in the area. He makes it look easy, but to the contrary Farah has a strong will and mentality of a winner.

"I've been determined to get better, putting in a lot of hours and hard work to improve my game," he said.

— **Email Jo Kim at anteupjokim@gmail.com.**



## Backa earns nearly \$40K by winning at Mohegan

By **Dave Lukow**

**Marsel Backa** is back on top. A native of Albania, Backa outlasted 164 players to win the \$1,100 main event of the Mohegan Sun Fall Showdown. The victory, which paid \$39,801, was the second of Backa's career.

**David Stefanski** earned \$27,897 for second while **Dominick Pelli** was third (\$17,942) as the main event generated a \$160K prize pool. With the win, Backa has cashed 13 times, including four in 2014. He's totaled \$77,850 in winnings, more than double what he had before the tournament.

The cash was the 15th of the year for Stefanski of Waterford, Conn., who has 59 in his career. Pelli has 19 cashes and more than \$52K in earnings. His showing in Uncasville marked the seventh time he's made a final table.

**Kenneth Frey** was fourth (\$13,284), followed by **Andrew Lauer** (\$9,971).

**SENECA NIAGARA:** **Rick Block** emerged first after a three-way split in the \$1,000 main event of the Fall Classic. Block earned \$40,050 for the win, his second on the live circuit. It was the third time he's cashed.

"They chopped it three ways; I think they were tired," shift supervisor and tournament director **Jason Brooks** said. "Rick Block's an exciting player, so he made the final table very interesting."

**Veerab Zakarian**, a 19-year-old from Toronto, was second, collecting \$40K for his first cash.

**David Grana** was third (\$39,445). A resident of nearby Grand Island, N.Y., Grana cashed three times in Niagara Falls.

Overall, 263 players entered the main event, pushing the prize pool to \$230,955.

"For the main event, we surpassed our guarantee," Brooks said. "Participation has definitely been going up and up."

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# TALKING STICK LEADS WAY INTO NEW YEAR

As a poker player, January is always one of my favorite months. It's a time to reflect on the past year and to look ahead. And with that in mind, here are some events and promotions on the horizon and a recap of some successes as well.



**CHRIS CRONIN**  
N. ARIZONA

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** On Nov. 22, 109 couples entered the second annual Jack-N-Jill Championship, which has a unique structure. The women competed against each other for 30 minutes and then the men took their turn at the tables for the next half-hour. After rotating like this for several hours, the field was whittled to the final 10 couples and all of them were in the money. Rather than play any further, each couple took \$817 in a 10-way chop.

The winning couples were: **Clyde and Carol Gierut, Mark and Bernice Whisenand, Dennis and Jeanne Haser, Earl and Jeanell Hernandez, Ervin and Julianne Bierbaum, plus Lois Corona, Andrew Provencio, Bryan Kelley, Joel Perlman, Angela Allison** and their partners.

Talking Stick has large-scale events most weekends to complement its regular daily tournaments. Events this month include the Tournament Staycation Weekend (Jan. 2-4). This features three tournaments (Jan. 2, \$200; Jan. 3, \$300; Jan. 4, \$300) and each event players start with 13K chips. If you enter

all three days of the of the Staycation, you'll receive two free nights at the resort. To sign up for a three-day package, call (480) 850-7734. You can also sign up for individual days at the poker cage.

Also, don't forget the End of the Month event on Jan. 31 (\$195), which gets you 6K chips.

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# WITH NEW YEAR, LOOK FOR NEW CHALLENGES

Any self-respecting poker player is likely to include at least one card-related item among his or her New Year's resolutions. Unless your game has no holes and your bankroll management is flawless, there are no doubt things you resolve to do better this year.



**BRIAN PEDERSEN**  
**S. ARIZONA**

But there's more to striving for improvement beyond playing the right limits and cutting down on river bluffs. How about seeking new challenges, such as hitting up new poker rooms? As luck would have it, there are seven in the region, making it possible to play in a different one each day of the week.

For those in Southern Arizona interested in finding some different felts to bet and fold on, here's where you can play in 2015:

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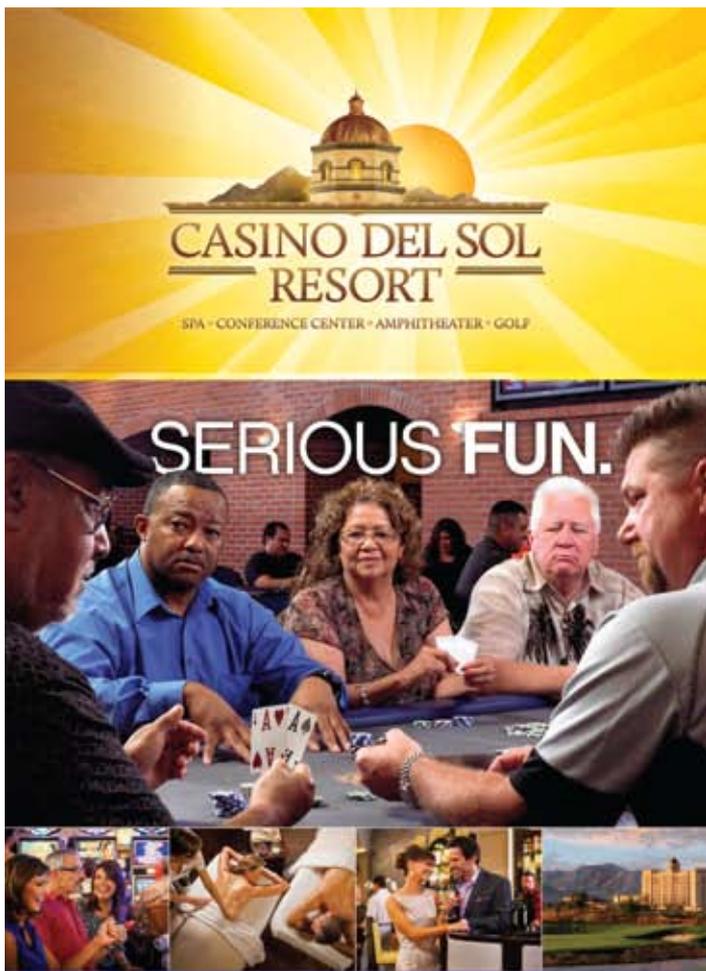
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## MINUTELLO BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO GOLDEN NUGGET

Golden Nugget recently named **Sam Minutello** to manage its 13-table poker room in downtown Las Vegas. Minutello brings with him 20 years of poker experience.

Minutello started dealing poker in Florida before he turned 21 and got his first managerial job just three years later at a three-table room on a day-cruise boat. He moved to Las Vegas to work as a dealer and floor person at the Mirage. From there, he returned to Florida to be the assistant manager at Derby Lane, helping restructure the room after a liberalization of the state poker laws. He worked with state regulators to approve tournaments in Florida. In 2004, he ran Florida's first legal tournament at a parimutuel facility.

"It was highly successful and paved the way for a lot of tournaments and the expansion of gaming in Florida," he said.

While restructuring the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs, the Mirage called Minutello, aka Sammy the Deuce, to help with a World Poker Tour event; he did all televised events. After that, he hopped over to Caesars Palace and worked a WSOPC event, which led to being lead supervisor for the WSOP for three years starting in 2005. He was the final-table announcer for all televised events during that time.

He returned to Florida to open the One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room at Sarasota Kennel Club. After seven years, he moved back to Vegas, working as a tournament floor at the Orleans and he worked the WPT event at the Aria last summer.

Minutello's first big event at the Nugget was November's \$125 Golden Saturday. The 811 entrants crushed the \$50K guarantee, pulling in \$81K. At 4 a.m., a 12-way deal was made as chipleaders, **Thomas Hunt** and **Christopher Go** each got \$4,900.

"I completely changed the structure," Minutello said. "I can't put a (\$10K) structure out for a \$125 buy-in, but I put something out there that was really close. I see the structures and the way other places are running their tournaments. I know if you put together a good product, you're going to get a good turnout."

Minutello also changed the daily tournament schedule.

"I noticed a lot of rooms don't offer a lot of value for them. I wanted to lower the juice and let people know you could get value at the Nugget. The structures are very strong for daily tournaments. I like deepstack poker. The other thing I'm doing that no one else is doing is offering a tiered blind structure. The longer the tournament goes, the longer the blind levels get and the better the structure is going to get. You're going to get

rewarded for getting deeper into one of our tournaments."

Tournaments run at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and have the best fee in town. The \$55 (\$47+\$8) tourney starts with 9K chips, optional \$5 dealer add-on for 5K more. It runs Monday through Wednesday at 11 and evenings at 7 except Thursday and Saturday. The other days, same time, there's a \$110 (\$96+\$14) tourney with 9K chips, optional \$10 add-on for 9K more.

Minutello has big plans for the summer series that Golden Nugget offers. "There are a lot of people that come into town to play the WSOP, but there's also a lot of people who come in just to see the WSOP, because they can't afford to buy into those events," he said.

"We're going to utilize the fact that there are people in town and we're going to offer really good guarantee tournaments at really affordable prices with really good structures. We want to accommodate the players that can afford the \$150 buy-ins all the way up to the \$500 buy-ins. Everything will be revamped, the structures, the juice, everything."

What about cash games? "We're going to embrace the fact that Golden Nugget has been a no-cap room for a long time. We're known for it." He envisions \$1-\$2 game with a \$60-\$200 buy-in and a \$1-\$3 game with \$100 minimum and no max.

"Eventually, down the road, I'd like to offer a \$2-\$5 game and make that the no-max game. But when you're transitioning a poker room you have to be really careful. You have to make minor transitions, because you don't want the local customer base, that's been really loyal, to feel like we're alienating them. I'm just trying to slowly transition the room to offer a little more variety than what's been there in the past.

"I have a lot of passion and enthusiasm for poker and I'm elated that the Golden Nugget has given me the opportunity to share that with the Las Vegas market."

**STRATOSPHERE:** **John Bunch** won the Heartland Poker Tour main for a \$150K. **Joey Brown** took home \$92K for second.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** More than 1,000 entered the main event at the room's first World Series of Poker Circuit event. The prize pool was \$1.5M with **John Eames** taking first for \$289K.

**VENETIAN:** The Deep Stack Extravaganza Main Event had 517 entrants and a \$754K prize pool. **Ryan Olisar** (\$161K) and **Shawn Quint** (\$99K) took home the top prizes. The next Deep Stack runs Jan. 27-Feb. 26 and offers \$2.5 million in guarantees. The \$1,600 main event starts Feb. 20 with a \$750K guarantee.

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3	7pm NLHE Tournament	\$160
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4	7pm NLHE Tournament	\$160
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6	7pm NLHE 6 Max Tournament	\$160
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	7pm NLHE Tournament	\$140
#	TUESDAY 2/3	BUY-IN
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	7pm NLHE Tournament	\$140
#	WEDNESDAY 2/4	BUY-IN
6	12pm Pot Limit Omaha Tournament	\$160
	5pm Multi Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 players advance to main event	\$200
	7pm NLHE Tournament	\$140
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10	12pm 40K Guarantee NLHE Tournament	\$550
	3pm Multi Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to main event	\$375
	5pm Multi Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 players advance to main event	\$200
	7pm Multi Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to main event	\$375
#	FRIDAY 2/6	BUY-IN
	12pm Multi table Turbo Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to main event	\$375
11A	3pm HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight A	\$1,650
	7pm Multi Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to main event	\$375
#	SATURDAY 2/7	BUY-IN
11B	10am HPT Main Event - Day 2/Flight B	\$1,650
	1pm Multi Table Turbo Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to main event	\$375
11C	3pm HPT Main Event - Day 2/Flight C	\$1,650
12	8pm NLHE Survivor Tournament - top 14% receive \$900	\$160
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## CALIFORNIA

**The 101 Casino**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** 6:30 p.m., \$60 buy-in  
**Bankers Casino in Salinas**

**Benefiting:** Monterey County Food Bank  
**Event details:** 6 p.m., \$65 buy-in with one \$60 rebuy and one \$60 add-on

**Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort**

**Benefiting:** Interfaith Foodbank  
**Event details:** 7 p.m., \$50 buy-in for 4,000 units and a \$2,000 guaranteed prize pool, and an additional 1,000 units for players logging one hour of live play before the event. Players who donate a non-perishable food item receive a \$5 discount on the buy-in.

**Livermore Casino**

**Benefiting:** Tri-Valley Haven  
**Event details:** 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. \$45 buy-in with \$20 rebuys and add-ons

**Lucky Chances**

**Benefiting:** North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City  
**Event details:** 9:30 a.m., \$65 buy-in with one optional \$50 rebuy. Lucky Chances is donating \$10 for each player above whatever players donate.

**Red Hawk Casino**

**Benefiting:** Twin Banks Food Bank  
**Event details:** 6:15 p.m.; \$60 buy-in for 5,000 units. Donation of money or non-perishable food items gets additional 1,000 units.

## CONNECTICUT

**Foxwoods Resort Casino**

**Benefiting:** United Way of Southeastern Connecticut  
**Event details:** 11 a.m., \$300 buy-in. All players who make a donation will be entered into a drawing for 10 seats into the \$200 Super Satellite.

## FLORIDA

**Daytona Beach Kennel Club**

**Benefiting:** Jerry Doliner Food Bank  
**Event details:** 12:30 p.m. \$65 buy-in for 5,000 units. Players making an optional \$5 add-on for charity receive 2K units more. All players who make a cash or food donation will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

**Derby Lane**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** To be announced

**Tampa Bay Downs**

**Benefiting:** Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center  
**Event details:** 1 p.m. \$30 buy-in weekly satellite and 7 p.m. \$120 buy-in with a \$5,000 guarantee. All players who make a cash or food donation will receive an extra 500 units.

## MINNESOTA

**Running Aces Card Club**

**Benefiting:** Family Pathways  
**Event details:** 6 p.m. freeroll. Players start with 2,000 units and may purchase up to five, \$10 add-ons for 5,000 additional units. An extra \$5 add-on for 3,000 units more.

## LOUISIANA

**Coushatta Casino Resort**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** To be announced

## MISSISSIPPI

**Pearl River Resort Casino**

**Benefiting:** New Choctaw Baptist Association  
**Event details:** 7 p.m., \$35 buy-in with rebuys. Players may donate food items between 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and receive 1,000 more units for their first donation, and one drawing ticket for each of up to five food donations. At 9 p.m., five winners will be drawn and each receive \$100 in casino chips (one hour of cash-game play required).

## NEVADA

**Caesars Palace Las Vegas**

**Benefiting:** Three Square  
**Event details:** 2 p.m. \$125, \$2K guarantee, but donations will be collected starting 24 hours earlier. Poker room staff are participating in a separate promotion for donations.

**Golden Nugget Las Vegas**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** To be announced

**Planet Hollywood Las Vegas**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** 9 p.m., \$80 buy-in. 10,000 units, 20-minute levels, with \$1,000 guaranteed to first and \$400 guaranteed to second. Donations will be taken during all tournaments that day.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Bonfire Bar & Grill in Indian Trail**

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**Benefiting:** Operation Reach Out  
**Event details:** To be announced

## WASHINGTON

**Little Creek Casino Resort**

**Benefiting:** To be announced  
**Event details:** Please note that this event takes place on Thursday, Jan. 15 - 7 p.m., \$55 buy-in. 5,000 units. Donate two cans of food and receive 500 bonus units.

## ONLINE

**Advanced Poker Training**

**Benefiting:** Feeding America  
**Event details:** 8 p.m. Free to enter. All players are asked to make a donation to Feeding America via its website before the event. Prizes include one-year APT Membership, Mike Caro Grand Power Poker package and an APT T-shirt.

**HogWild Poker Leagues**

**Benefiting:** Feeding America  
**Event details:** 8 p.m. Winner gets a laptop donated by HogWild Poker Leagues.

GRAND SIERRA STARTS  
2015 WITH HEARTLAND

By Matthew Stuart

Kicking off the year right is the poker room at Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, which welcomes the Heartland Poker Tour on Jan. 30-Feb. 9. Buy-ins to the HPT events are as affordable as \$140 and there will be satellites leading up to the main event, which will have its final table televised nationally from the property's popular nightclub LEX (See the ad on Page 23).

**ATLANTIS:** The poker room runs a \$50 event daily at 11 a.m. with a progressive \$100 bonus for quads or better. Graveyard bonuses start at \$125.

**ELDORADO:** This downtown casino offers \$3-\$6 limit, \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$1-\$5 stud. A new tournament called the Terminator is popular. After you eliminate players, you carry a \$25 bounty token through the tournament. Also, daily events are \$30 and the First Friday Freeroll has a \$2,500 prize pool.

**PEPPERMILL:** Games such as \$3-\$6 limit and \$5-\$10 NLHE are popular, as was the addition of noon and 6:30 p.m. events. Ultimate Poker players will receive refunds via mail rather than at the cage.

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## COLORADO

## HPT returns in February

The Heartland Poker Tour returns in February to the Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk. The HPT has become Colorado's most lucrative tournament, boasting seven straight \$1 million-plus prize pools. The series runs Feb. 13-23, including the televised four-day main event. For more info, visit [hptpoker.com](http://hptpoker.com).

**ISLE CASINO:** The nine-table room has the easiest bad-beat qualifier in town. There are three ways to win with a bad beat and the more difficult the hand, the more money you'll win. The easiest qualifier is aces full of 10s, which gets you 10 percent of the full jackpot. — Hans Hollenbeck



# A SMATTERING OF EVENTS & PROMOS

The New Year has kick-started the tournaments and promotions in New Mexico. Here's a look at some offerings.

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** The poker room will hold a \$40 event with unlimited \$25 rebuys for the first hour, one \$30 add-on and \$5 bounties. There also will be bounty tournaments on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, an Omaha/8 event Jan. 11 and the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack on Jan. 31.



**MARY BRADLEY**  
NEW MEXICO

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** The fifth annual Pass Punt & Kick tournament is Jan. 18. The \$230 event caps its field at 100 players, so get there early. And everyone loves the Friday night weekly unlimited rebuys for an hour and the

OneTwenty Tourney with its Saturday Losers Lounge.

**ISLETA:** The poker room has Player Reward drawings on Thursdays every hour from 6-10 p.m. for \$200 each. Isleta also offers cash for high hands Monday-Thursday (\$50 for quad jacks or better and \$100 for straight flushes).

**ROUTE 66:** Hopefully you've picked up this issue hot off the presses because Route 66 is offering a \$115 New Year's Eve tournament at 8 p.m. with \$2,105 added to the prize pool in celebration of the New Year. There's an optional \$15 add-on.

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## Vitelo shines at Fall Roundup

The Wildhorse Resort and Casino, four miles east of Pendleton, Ore., recently concluded its Fall Poker Roundup, which had \$40K added to the prize pools. Three times a year Wildhorse closes its four-table poker room to fill its bingo hall and one of its big meeting rooms with a sea of poker tables. This rendition ran Nov. 7-16.



**JAY ZEMAN**  
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**Sam Vitelo** of Portland captured the \$520 main event, which had \$10K added, for \$42K. The series featured 12 events, including HORSE, seniors, Omaha and a high roller.

Here's a list of the winners: **Josh Norman** from Selah, Wash., (Event 1, \$12K); **Jose Perez** from Wapata, Wash., (Event 2 for \$21K); **Chad Wassmuth** from Lewiston, Idaho, (Event 3 for \$10K); **Terry Fuerst** from Bainbridge Island, Wash., (Event 4, \$10K); **Bonnie Overfield** from Moses Lake, Wash., (Event 5, \$7K); **Jorge Caneda** from Kennewick, Wash., (Event 6, \$4K); **Greg Hoeschen** from Burbank, Calif., (Event 7, \$10K), Caneda (Event 8, \$18K); **Michael Kinney** from Big Lake, Alaska, (Event 9, \$13K); **Himmaphoum Bounthinh** from Portland, (Event 10, \$24K) and **Joseph Novak** from Kennewick, Wash., (Event 12, \$2K).

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**JENNIFER GAY**  
**MISSISSIPPI**

The series, which has \$1 million in guarantees, features a \$2,650 main event that runs Jan. 11-14 and has a \$500K guarantee. You can find more information at [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com).

**WSOPC:** After the MDH, we move north to Tunica, where the World Series of Poker Circuit runs Jan. 22-Feb. 4. This will be the first time Horseshoe has taken the reigns for the WSOP. This necessary change follows the closing of Harrah's last year. While Harrah's always hosted an excellent event, Horseshoe has been the home for Tunica poker for longer than I can remember. This should bring the feel of a new event with all of the regular faces you expect to see in Tunica.

**HOLLYWOOD:** Over at Hollywood Casino Tunica, the Hollywood Poker Open is planning its regional stop for Season 3. The qualifier for Mississippi will be Feb. 26-March 8. With excellent structures, regional HPOs can be great for the casual player looking to qualify for the annual HPO Championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas in June. You'll want to try hard to win your way in to this one.

Hollywood is known in Tunica for its fine customer service and appreciation for local players so you're going to have a great time and be well taken care of there.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** It's never too early to be thinking of warmer days. The Beau Rivage's Spring Break Poker Classic runs March 26-April 6, which is right around the time the weather

### MISSOURI

#### Two tours headed to St. Louis in 2015

The World Series of Poker Circuit and the Heartland Poker Tour continue to vie for the St. Louis poker dollar, bringing their tours to the Gateway to the West this year.

The WSOPC returns to Lumière Place Casino & Hotels on Feb. 19-March 2 and will award to seats into the season-ending WSOP national championship in May.

"We are excited and honored to host our second WSOP event at Lumière Place," said **Jeff Babinski**, VP and GM of Lumière Place.

Not to be outdone, the HPT hits River City Casino a month later on April 3-13. HPT also visits Ameristar Casino in St. Charles on Oct. 30-Nov. 9. For more info, go to [hftpoker.com](http://hftpoker.com). — **Christopher Cosenza**

starts to get beach-worthy in the Biloxi area, so bring the family and plan a vacation around a huge tournament.

This is probably the smallest of the three events the Beau hosts annually, but you can expect several hundred in each noon event. The schedule of events is up at [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com).

The local poker rooms run great promotions and regular daily guarantees for their house tournaments, too. As always, I'll keep you updated on these promotions throughout the year as they materialize. You'll also see me around the tournaments, throughout the year, playing at least a few noon events at each of the big series.

Thanks for following along this year and I look forward to seeing you on the felt in 2015.

— **Email Jen at [jennifergay80@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifergay80@hotmail.com).**



## QUIN WINS MSPT EVENT AT BELLE OF BATON ROUGE

Louisiana resident **Jeff Quin** took down the Mid-Stakes Poker Tour's \$1,100 main event at the Belle of Baton Rouge on Nov. 21-23. He earned \$33,640.



**DANNY WADE**  
**LOUISIANA**

The Belle, which held several \$65 and \$250 satellites, had two starting days for its final event and exceeded the \$100K guarantee with 115 entrants.

Runner-up **Garrett Theriot** scored \$18,500 and **Randy Landry** was third (\$10,653). This was the MSPT's second stop in Baton Rouge in 2014.

**GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES:** On Dec. 7, the Golden Nugget opened its six-table room, making this the third poker room in Lake Charles. Manager **Dave "Stew" Stewart** is excited and re-

lieved to finally be open.

"It was a long, hard process but we finally have the doors open and the cards in the air," he said. "We have all the bells and whistles that every poker player loves: (automatic shufflers), flatscreens, comps. Come by and check out Lake Charles' newest, most exciting poker room."



**HORSESHOE:** The Horseshoe Bossier City hosts a World Series of Poker main-event mega every other Monday at 6 p.m.

The buy-in runs \$140 and the rebuys are \$100 with alternates taken until the end of Level 4. This is a popular tournament in the NW region. Call the poker room for more info.

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Gulfreund wins Soaring Eagle HPT title

The Heartland Poker Tour rolled into Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant on Nov. 14-23 for its final trip to Michigan in 2014. More than 440 players generated a \$666,600 prize pool as **David Gulfreund** of Chicag captured the historic title and \$156,649.



SCOTT MILLER  
MICHIGAN

It was Gulfreund's fourth HPT final table in about three years, each time beating his previous run. He faced off against **Reginald Roberts** of Springfield, Mo., who was at his fifth HPT final table and looking for his third championship in the past four years. The long heads-up fight finally came to an end when an ace on the river gave Gulfreund's A-8 the victory over Roberts' J-J. Roberts settled for \$96,657.

Former World Series of Poker champ **Joe Cada** made his second final table at the HPT in Michigan. Cada finished eighth for \$17,998 when his K-K could not hold up against the A-10 of **Vincent Fiorenza** of Oviedo, Fla. Fiorenza was looking for his second HPT win but finished fifth (\$32,663).

**Michael O'Neil** of Royal Oak was third (\$63,327) followed by **Cuong Tran** of Midland (\$43,996). **James Wetherell** of Coleman was sixth (\$25,331), **Antoinette Fiorenza** of Daytona Beach, Fla., was seventh (\$21,931) and **Yaroob Kaskorkis** of Grand Rapids finished ninth (\$14,665).

Soaring Eagle ran a \$300, two-day event the week before the HPT main event, attracting 415 runners as **Russ Potts** took the win and \$25,015. — **Email Scott at anteupscottm@gmail.com.**



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Stars are shining in Ohio

**Phil Hellmuth** bested 250-plus players that included **David Baker**, **Jennifer Tilly** and **Greg Mueller** and some of the region's best players to win the main event of the Fall Pittsburgh Poker Open at the Rivers Casino. He beat Baker heads-up for the title, earning \$54K for his time spent in the Steel City. It's Hellmuth's first piece of hardware since 2012.



DAN  
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**HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO:** The Arctic Blast Poker Challenge blew into town and brought with it **Gavin Smith** and **Todd Brunson**. The \$300 opening event crushed the \$50K guarantee by more than double, attracting 411 players. **Mark Nieman**, **Anthony Ferrara** and **Timothy Mulroy** chopped for \$17K each. See the ad on the next page for the HPO.

**HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS:** **Mike Sexton** hosted a charity event to benefit the OSU men's gymnastics program. He shared his time with all of the 35 tables of tournament and cash players on Black Friday. Sexton is a native of the Dayton area and has a long history of giving back to the game.

**HORSESHOE CINCINNATI:** The poker room has a consistent \$10-\$25 game running three times a week with a \$25-\$50 game running every week or so that features players from Louisville, Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

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# MOTION TO DISMISS FILED IN HOME-GAME RAID

In late July, Division of Criminal Investigation agents, with Camanche police and Iowa state patrol, arrested 10 players at a weekly poker home game. The players were charged with a Class D felony, which is punishable by five years in prison. The charge is defined as “the sum of money or other property involved exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$5K.”



**KEN WARREN**  
IOWA

This case worked its way through the court system and in late November motions to dismiss the charges were filed on behalf of some of the players. It appears the state has 45 days to issue an indictment, according to Iowa law, or the court must order the prosecution to dismiss the case. This time period seems to have been exceeded.

Iowa code makes a social poker game all but impossible to keep strictly legal. The following restrictions apply. First, the players must have a bona-fide social relationship. Second, the

location isn't excluded by law. No one can pay a fee or rake to obtain access to the location or for the privilege of playing. The final requirement is that no one may win or lose more than \$50 during a 24-hour period. It appears the only thing that made this game unique from any other home game in Iowa was it was held in a business belonging to one of the players. That business, A&B Storage, is in Camanche and belongs to **Adrian Deering**. An additional misdemeanor charge of keeping a gambling house was added to Deering's other charge.

The other players charged are **Kevin Colschen, Cory Boyer, Ryne Schubert, David James, Raymond Thomas, Ricky Devries, William Rebel-sky, Douglas Partin and Billie McCullough**.

**RIVERSIDE CASINO:** The popular Cold Turkey Showdown saw **Jeremy Nielson** win the title and \$12,349. **Tucker Stone** won \$1,628 in the heads-up event, **William Laughlin** pocketed \$4,263 for his win in Event 1 and **Corey Harris** won Event 2 (\$2,172).

— Email Ken at [anteupken@gmail.com](mailto:anteupken@gmail.com).

## American Poker Awards debuts Feb. 27

The inaugural American Poker Awards will be handed out Feb. 27 at the SLS Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The latest in a string of initiatives from Global Poker Index, the awards will resemble the European Poker Awards, which is entering its 14th year. There will be 14 awards, 10 chosen by a panel, three based on GPI's player-ranking systems and one people's choice award.

A nominating panel of 60 to 80 people with backgrounds in media, casino management, sports and sponsorship will be chosen to suggest finalists for nine awards. A jury of nine prominent members of the poker community will de-

cide winners in those nine categories, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominees announced in early January.

Winners will be announced at the Feb. 27 ceremony that will begin with red-carpet arrivals and will be preceded by a daylong Global Poker Conference.

“The European Poker Awards have set a benchmark of success and the American Poker Awards will follow in its footsteps,” GPI founder **Alex Dreyfus** said. “This is a game-wide celebration too – we're not just looking to reward players and contributors, but everything from North America's best poker venues and poker events, to major online initiatives and game innovations, among others.”

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# PHAM TAKES DOWN BIG TURKEY

**C**hristian Pham of St. Paul, Minn., continued his amazing year by winning the Big Turkey tournament at Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus on Nov. 21-23.



**JOHN SOMSKY  
MINNESOTA**

Pham took home his second largest career cash of \$28,481. He won a World Series of Poker Circuit event in May, earning his biggest career cash of \$214K.

He also finished 11th in the WSOP national championship and has several more cashes bringing his Hendon Mob total for the year to a dozen.

The Big Turkey tournament drew 233 entrants, which is down from last year's 252 but still doubled its \$50K guarantee. Second-place finisher **Joe Barnard** also secured his second largest

career cash (\$16,781). The final table included two other players with more than \$200K in career earnings.

Sixth-place finisher **Lance Harris** also placed fourth in Event 11 of this year's WSOP. Seventh-place finisher **Andrew Dick** was eighth in the 2014 Millionaire Maker.



**OBIT:** Casey Kressin, 29, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chipewewa Falls on Nov. 30 after a traffic stop resulted in paramedics being called to treat Kressin's asthma attack. Kressin was a frequent player at Canterbury Park and had much tournament success there, including winning a bonus event during October's Fall Classic.

"Casey was one of those players having the absolute most fun when splashing (chips)," fellow player **Steve Lillehaug** said. "(He) will be missed."

Kressin is survived by two daughters. — Email John at [john.somsky@gmail.com](mailto:john.somsky@gmail.com)



Kressin won a recent undercard event in the Fall Classic.

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# RESTOCKING THE SHELVES WITH HOGWILD

Monday nights at 9:30 Eastern on OnTiltRadio.com, **Ted Leahy** and I co-host the *Taking It Down Show*. Leahy, a Blue Shark Optics team member, and I (Team Ante Up), will play the Restock the Shelves tournament on HogWildPoker.com on Jan. 19.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
N. OKLAHOMA

Typically, we wrap our night by providing final-table coverage of our HWP-based Final Table League game and a home-game league we host on PokerStars.net.

On Jan. 19, we'll supply coverage of HWP's Restock the Shelves event. If you can't make it to a participating casino poker room, then join us in playing the event.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** The poker room wraps up its Ante Up Poker League promotion on Jan. 6 with a \$1K freeroll. The winner will receive an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** Having the day before Thanksgiving off, I joined a field of 60 runners for the \$50 freezeout.

It was the first tournament I've played at the venue and I'd love to share details of a stunning victory, but I busted somewhere in the top half of the field in the 500-1K level.

I had fun, dealers were quick and we'll get 'em next time.

**HARD ROCK:** I'm finally able to report results from November's Hard Rock Poker Open. The opening \$150 event, which had a

\$150K guarantee, drew 1,265 entries as **Andy Andrews** of Tahl-equah, Okla., earned \$20K for his victory.

On the other end of the series, **Will Berry** of Norman, Okla., won the \$100K guarantee main event for \$16,143. **Jarral D'Andrea, Jack Murdock, Brian Hanes, Suzie Benzel, Bruce White, Carlton Bailey, John Heckencamp, Sarah Postelwait, Randall Turley** and **Marlion Claman** won the events in between.

A group of seven players split the 29-player "Chop It" event.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** The Kansas Speedway poker room continues to qualify players into two May freeroll tournaments. In December, players began qualifying based upon seat time for the month.

Through April, 20 players will qualify each month into the events.

The top four from each freeroll will win \$2,500 entries to the Hollywood Poker Open Championship at the Las Vegas M Resort and Casino in June plus \$1,500.

**HARRAH'S CASINO:** Over the holidays, I was hoping to get in some seat time at casinos in the region.

One location I haven't visited in years that is targeted is the Harrah's poker room in North Kansas City.

Be sure to check out February's issue for a travel report.

— **Email Robert at anteuprob@gmail.com.**

## Chops highlight WinStar Veterans Day Mini-River

Each year, WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, Okla., runs a handful of Mini-River events in addition to its River Series, which runs mid August through Labor Day. These smaller events usually coincide with holiday weekends such as Presidents Day and Memorial Day with its most recent coming this past Veterans Day.



**JOHN D SHORT**  
S. OKLAHOMA

The first event was a three-day \$270 tournament that saw 138 people take their chance. It chopped five ways for \$4,978 each between

**Jordan Smith, William Hundley, Marcus Kwan, Larry Bamsey** and **Steven Vogel**. **David Williams** came in

sixth for \$1,801 but I don't think it was *that* David Williams.

The other event was the \$1,100 bounty tourney. As part of the buy-in, players received a \$500 casino chip as a bounty on themselves. After 199 players took a shot and the dust settled, they chopped it four ways for \$15,460 each.

The choppers included **Eileen Buckley**, Bamsey (him again), **Stuart Hosen** and **Phillip Norman**. Landing in fifth for \$6,328 was **John "Cowboy" Land** and in sixth for \$4,816 was **T.J. Cloutier** and yes it was *that* T.J. Cloutier, the Poker Hall of Famer who has the most major tournament wins in history.

**WSOPC CHOCTAW:** From Jan. 1-19, Choctaw Casino Resort in

Durant, Okla., will host its fifth World Series of Poker Circuit event. The opening event, dubbed Hangover Hold'em, begins at 2 p.m. on New Year's Day. Choctaw's stop has the second largest fields on the circuit behind Hammond, Ind., which is near Chicago.

**TDA:** As a follow-up to the rules discussion in the November issue, the Tournament Directors Association rules state players should know and comply with the rules, Rule 2: Player Responsibilities. To help with that, I submit two poker-rule pet peeves.

During the last hand before a break, a player looks at his cards and immediately gets up and walks away from the table, in essence folding out of turn by abandoning his hand.

That is a violation of Rule 30 and should gain a one-round penalty. The other is when a player folds his hand without facing a bet. An example would be the player that is first to act postflop just mucks his hand when it's his turn.

That violates Rule 50 and is subject to a penalty.

Feel free to look up these two rules up on pokertda.com and while you're there, why not read all of the rules?

The sooner we all get on the same page, the better off our game will be.

— **Email John at anteupjohndshort@gmail.com.**



## HOLLYWOOD PERRYVILLE OFFERS \$500K BAD BEAT

From Jan. 15-Feb. 15, Hollywood Casino at Perryville will offer a \$500K bad-beat jackpot in any of eligible games. But it's not like any usual bad beat, this one is very specific: The hand will need to be quad nines beaten by a diamond straight flush that is 5-9. The breakdown is \$250K to the losing hand, \$125K to the winning hand and \$125K divided among the other players at the table.



**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC

In addition to the busy cash tables, a variety of affordable tournaments run most evenings to appeal to all levels. These tournaments are attracting large fields with sizable payouts for buy-ins such as \$35-\$45.

**HORSESHOE BALTIMORE:** Beginning Feb. 26, the World Series of Poker Circuit begins. This is the first time the WSOPC has been in Maryland. There will be 14 ring events, including \$1,675 main event March 6. Look for satellites, single and multitable, throughout the month. Also, Ante Up Poker Cruise package satellites continue to be offered each Friday evening in January.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** There are a number of guarantees at Maryland Live this month. On Jan. 17, the Live 500 double black-chip bounty tournament sports a \$50K guarantee. This event features \$200 bounties for each person you eliminate. On Jan. 19, a \$330 black chip bounty has a \$30K guarantee. But the most interesting event may be Jan. 26-Feb. 1, when the poker room will offer a series of \$100 tournament flights that lead to the final \$100K guarantee.

**HARRINGTON RACEWAY:** The Delaware poker room offers a variety of daily tournaments with \$45-\$100 buy-ins. These events include standard no-limit hold'em, bounty, Omaha and Omaha/8. Most events have guaranteed payouts that vary. The cash tables have many promotions during football games and for high hands.

**DOVER DOWNS:** The Royal Crown Poker Room now offers the Money Wheel as prizes range from \$25-\$300. Players have the option to spin once and take what they get, or they can spin a second time for "double or nothing" and could win \$600. For more info on this promotion, be sure to call the poker room.

Drawings on Jan. 9-10 every 15 minutes from 7 p.m. to midnight will be for free spins and a chance to win \$600.

In other Dover Downs news, **Valorie Daman** of Virginia and **Daniel Llacera** of Delaware each won Ante Up Poker Cruise packages in AUPC satellites.



**CHARITY:** All In Enterprises hosts the World Series of Charity Poker DC 2015 at various locations throughout the Washington area on Saturdays in January. The main event will be Feb. 8. Go to [allinenterprises.org](http://allinenterprises.org) for more info.

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# MCEUEN WINS HPO QUALIFIER; PUPILLO ROLLS

The Hollywood Poker Open regional in Lawrenceburg, Ind., recently concluded with **Jesse McEuen** coming out on top of a record field. He earned a seat to the HPO Championship at the M Resort in June and \$50K.

Short-stacked with two tables left, the 35-year-old pro from Akron, Ohio, used a series of all-in moves to get a better idea of players' strategies. McEuen won the World Series of Poker no-limit hold'em ante-only bracelet in June and has close to a half-million in career winnings.

**John Moe** of Cincinnati finished third in the main and captured two titles (PLO, NLH) to earn \$30K from three events. **Harlan Hunt** won the seniors event. Cincinnati's **Steven Mink** won \$22K in the \$450 deepstack.

**LOCAL SUCCESS:** Chicago native **Nick Pupillo** recently picked up a couple of tournament victories at the Seminole Hard Rock's Rock 'n' Roll Poker Open. The talented 22-year-old pro is off to a good start, winning three tournaments within 30 days and nine 2014 final tables with \$250K in winnings.

**HORSESHOE S.I.:** Since the turn of the century, stud games have vanished from poker rooms across the nation, but at Horseshoe Southern Indiana a \$30-\$60 game has been running on

weekends for years. During the recent WSOPC, games were running as big as \$50-\$100.

Also, as of press time, the NLHE bad-beat jackpot was at \$250K (quad eights) and the limit bad beat was \$158K. You can find updates on the poker room's Facebook page.

**WCPC:** The Windy City Poker Championship held its year-end charity event with its best turnout. More than 100 players came to Jenny's in Mokena in an event that raised funds for the American Legion of Round Lake Park.

The noon Ante Up Chicago Charity Championship qualifier awarded the top seven players \$1K main-event seats with eighth and ninth place winning \$250 seats for a qualifier on Jan. 24.

The event also included the championship for the Windy City Poker League, which featured a \$3K-plus prize pool that included a \$1K main-event seat.

The Jan. 31 televised main event guarantees a minimum of 30 players participating with many more expected. For information on how you can win a seat or play in the event, which will be live online with commentary from Ante Up's **Scott Long**, contact [kirk@windycitypokerchampionship.com](mailto:kirk@windycitypokerchampionship.com) or check [outwindycitypokerchampionship.com](http://outwindycitypokerchampionship.com).

There will be two events Jan. 17 and Jan. 24 in the Tinley/Orland area, as well.

— Email "Chicago" Joe at [chicago.joe@comcast.net](mailto:chicago.joe@comcast.net).



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
ILLINOIS/IND.



**Nick Pupillo won a pair of events at the Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla.**



# Potawatomi altering \$5-\$5 game's max buy-in

Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee has become a hotbed of pot-limit Omaha action. The room hosts weekly \$5-\$5 games that tend to play much bigger than advertised; in fact, it's common for players to win or lose five-figure sums.



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
WISCONSIN

Previously, the low blinds limited the maximum amount of the buy-in, which upset many players. In response, poker room manager **Jeff Gemini** has instituted a player-friendly change that will undoubtedly make the games bigger and better.

Instead of a fixed maximum buy-in, the room is offering players the opportunity to buy in for the amount of the biggest stack at the table.

"Our bigger players are really happy with the change," he said. "They can now buy into the game without being behind

when they jump in. We've talked about the change for a while. Being able to buy in for the amount of the big stack is something our bigger players appreciate."

Potawatomi has made several changes recently and not just in the poker room. In August, the property opened a luxurious 381-room, 19-story hotel immediately vaulting it to the forefront of the casino hospitality in the region.

"This change is an important one when looking at what makes our guests happy, especially those that play on a larger scale," Gemini said. "It makes the room more player-friendly. It was also done to adapt to the rules other poker rooms in the region are implementing."

The Potawatomi poker room can be reached at 414-847-7605.

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Heather Reese's up-and-down path through the Ante Up Poker Tour lands her the main-event title.

By Scott Long

Luck be a lady at the Ante Up Poker Tour at Pensacola. **Heather Reese**, an optometrist from Gulf Breeze, Fla., got lucky at all the right times, especially when it was four-handed, to work herself into a position to be included in a four-way deal that ended the \$250 buy-in event at Pensacola Greyhound Track & Poker in Pensacola, Fla. And then in the one-hand playoff for the title, she turned over queen-eight. One lovely lady came on the flop and another on the turn, and just like that, Reese finds herself on the cover of *Ante Up*.

"I had a lot, lost a lot, had a lot, lost a lot," said Reese, who made it to the end of Day 3 in the World Series of Poker Main Event this year. "Obviously, you have to get lucky. I got lucky when it mattered. It's not all skill for sure."

A decidedly short stack after **Bobby Washington** was eliminated in fifth place, Reese knew the chop discussions that had ebbed and flowed throughout the final table wouldn't begin again until she was eliminated or doubled up. Fortunately for her, it was the latter. After two double-ups brought her stack in line with the other three, a deal giving each player \$11,170, just shy of second-place money, was reached. First-place without the deal would have been \$17,350.

Winning the final hand also gave Reese an entry in this year's Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., and a personalized tour champion's jacket.

The other three in the deal were **Thomas Rutland**, who won the PPC title at Pensacola in 2014; **Ned Griffis**, who started Day 2 with just 34,300 chips, and **Matthew Sirchia**, who just moved to the area from Michigan a few months ago. It was the third time Reese has chopped a \$50K guarantee event at Pensacola for more than \$10K.

"You just can't give up. Once I had just 37K and came back. It's a matter of patience and constantly changing gears," said Reese, a mother to 6-year-old **Estelle**. "My husband (**Randall Reese**) cashed in this event. But I made him go home and be Dad."

The tournament attracted 421 entries and its \$84,200 prize pool easily exceeded the \$50K guarantee. The tournament featured four starting flights, with late entry and re-entry allowed for the first four hours, giving players multiple shots to



earn the big payday. The successful event drew players from several surrounding states. "**Boston**" **Rob Mariano** of *Survivor* fame, who lives in Pensacola, finished 24th after coming to Day 2 eighth in chips.

"It went great, because not only was it a big tournament experience for our regular players, but we had several players drive in from elsewhere in Florida, and Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia," said **Les Davidson**, poker room manager at Pensacola Greyhound Track. "I think some of those players who visited us for the first time took a liking to our Big O cash game. We're quickly becoming the place to play Big O."

With the buy-in already affordable at \$250, Pensacola Greyhound Track and its sister property, Creek Entertainment Gretna near Tallahassee, made it even more affordable for players by running a number of \$50 satellites. About 145 of the entries were satellite winners.

"It gives them a big tournament feel for a small buy-in, especially for our local players to be able to satellite in for just \$50," Davidson said.

Pensacola Greyhound Track treated not only tournament players, but cash game players as well, to an expansive buffet each day of the tournament with a different menu each day.

"We do this for all of our \$50,000 guaranteed events," Davidson said. "The players really enjoy it." ♠

## Ante Up Poker Tour at Pensacola \$250 buy-in • 421 entries • \$84,200 prize pool

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Heather Reese, \$11,170*  | 9. James "Oz" Oswald, \$1,450 | 17. Bob Beck, \$785              | 25. Christopher A. Johnson, \$660 | 33. Douglas Keller, \$575        | 41. Alex Sanney, \$495                            |
| 1. Ned Griffis, \$11,170     | 10. Kenneth Gray, \$1,250     | 18. Dean Fretting, \$785         | 26. Randall Reese, \$660          | 34. Grady Bowman, \$575          | 42. Andre Verardi, \$495                          |
| 1. Matthew Sirchia, \$11,170 | 11. Tri Nguyen, \$1,070       | 19. William "Bill" Murphy, \$660 | 27. Donnie Deluna, \$660          | 35. Christopher Adams, \$575     | 43. Lionel Cox II, \$495                          |
| 1. Thomas Rutland, \$11,170  | 12. Vando Chea, \$1,070       | 20. Daniel Stout, \$660          | 28. Gregory Gontarski, \$575      | 36. Richard Terrell, \$575       | 44. John Tran, \$495                              |
| 5. Bobby Washington, \$4,620 | 13. Josh Hardin, \$910        | 21. James Hassell, \$660         | 29. Eric Greenley, \$575          | 37. Jimmy Nguyen, \$495          | 45. Lynn Roger Morris, \$495                      |
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ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC, THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT

# LONCAR WINS ANTE UP NORCAL CLASSIC, \$37K

The Roseville, Calif., player gets the best of a five-player chop.

By Scott Long

**Michael Loncar** came away with the best of a five-way deal to end the third Ante Up NorCal Classic Main Event, pocketing \$37,835 in the Ante Up Poker Tour championship at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

Loncar earned a seat in this year's Ante Up World Championship Main Event, also to be played at Thunder Valley, and a personalized AUPT champion's jacket.

**Steve Foutty** and **Dan Stir** got \$27K each in the deal, while **Harun Begic** and **Chris Hinchliffe** each got \$26,400.

The \$500 buy-in generated a \$284,676 prize pool, easily surpassing the \$250K guarantee.

"The Ante Up NorCal Classic saw a record turnout of 638 entries," Thunder Valley director of poker **Ben Erwin** said. "We saw players from all over Northern California and from across country make their way out to play in the event. The event is sure to return next year."

But this NorCal featured five more events, plus a Western Senior Poker Tour event. And it all played out in the

AAA Four Diamond property, which features spacious guest rooms, highly rated restaurants, a well-appointed spa and a poker room that seems to grow with every major event.

**Rasul Chevchenko** of Carmichael, Calif., got the series started with a victory in the \$150 Facebook/Twitter Kickoff that saw 266 entries.

The series continued with a staple on Thunder Valley's tournament schedule, an Omaha/8 event that ended in a seven-way deal with **Claiborne Carter** of Elk Grove, Calif., named champion.

**Sue Xiong** of Merced, Calif., was declared the champion in the 214-entry Event 3 and Event

4 was a \$140 "Bankroll Builder" with a flat payout structure. **Thomas Riggs** of Modesto, Calif., was the chipleader when the event ended.

**John Sheehan** of Novato, Calif., capped off the series by winning Event 6, a \$150 knockout tourney with 161 entries.

The Ante Up Poker Tour will return to Thunder Valley in early August for the Ante Up World Championship and then again in November for the third Ante Up NorCal Classic. ♠



### \$500 Main Event

638 entries • \$284K Prize Pool

1. Michael Loncar, Roseville, Calif., \$37,835
2. Steve Foutty, Santa Rosa, Calif., \$27,000
3. Dan Stir, Carmichael, Calif., \$27,000
4. Harun Begic, Rocklin, Calif., \$26,400
5. Chris Hinchliffe, Olympia, Wash., \$26,400
6. Johnnell Williams, Vallejo, Calif., \$10,697
7. Cherie Wallace, S. San Francisco, \$8,914
8. Phi Tran, Stockton, Calif., \$7,104
9. David Olson, Applegate, Calif., \$5,348
10. Ruben Nieto, Olivehurst, Calif., \$3,922



### Event 1 • \$150 NLHE

266 entries • \$33,250 Prize Pool

1. Rasul Shevchenko, \$4,003
2. Richard Palmer, \$2,159
3. Peter Ho, \$2,159
4. Darrius Noriega, \$2,159
5. John Burbine, \$2,159
6. Theresa Cummings, \$2,159
7. Jonathan Brown, \$2,159
8. Joseph Hickson, \$2,159
9. Robert Lewis, \$2,159
10. Ronald Powell, \$2,159



### Event 2 • \$180 Omaha/8

61 entries • \$10K Prize Pool

1. Claiborne Carter, \$1,265
2. Gary Hanson, \$1,265
3. Terry Johnson, \$1,264
4. Michael Burditt, \$1,264
5. Steven Slater, \$1,264
6. Jed Nelson, \$1,264
7. Howard Andrew, \$1,264
8. Daniel Romney, \$400
9. Robert Badour, \$300
10. Rudy Robledo, \$250



### Event 3 • \$250 NLHE

214 entries • \$50K Prize Pool

1. Sue Xiong, \$4,999
2. Eric Peterson, \$3,904
3. Charles Mendoza, \$3,904
4. Richard Palmer, \$3,904
5. David Valdez, \$3,904
6. Loc Hoang, \$3,904
7. Shain Matthews, \$3,904
8. Deryl Taylor, \$3,904
9. Craig Blank, \$3,904
10. Ferdinand Echevarri, \$3,904



### Event 4 • \$140 NLHE

47 entries • \$5,640 Prize Pool

1. Thomas Riggs, \$990
2. Mathew Artesi, \$930
3. Steve Parino, \$930
4. Stephen Knapp, \$930
5. David Taylor, \$930
6. Said Rahmani, \$930



### Event 6 • \$150 NLHE

161 entries • \$12,880 Prize Pool

1. John Sheehan, \$1,200
2. David Hunkins, \$921
3. Maru Ahmed, \$921
4. Nathan Ayala, \$921
5. Carlton Camyre, \$921
6. Gildo Tournour, \$921
7. Thompson Phu, \$921
8. Virgilio Serrano, \$920
9. Steve Parino, \$920
10. Aram Alexander, \$920

Full results can be found at anteupmagazine.com.

# HOLD'EM RADIO JOINS AUPT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hold'em Radio, one of the leading live broadcast teams in the poker community, has been named the Official Audio Partner of the Ante Up Poker Tour and will provide three days of live broadcasts at all 2015 Ante Up Poker Tour championship events.

"Watching Dan Ross and his entire team at Hold'em Radio work several events this year showed me how passionate they are about poker and their clients, and how skilled they are with live broadcasts and social networking," said Scott Long of Ante Up Poker Media LLC. "Adding Hold'em Radio's broadcasts to our Ante Up Poker Tour events adds tremendous value for our host properties and gives players in all of the events even more exposure."

Hold'em Radio will be onsite for at least three days at each Ante Up Poker Tour championship event, capped by a continuous live broadcast of the final table of each main event on HoldemRadio.com and other websites. The show will have frequent radio updates, including interviews with players and host property staffers, and will have live updates to its blog and social networking accounts of chip counts on the top players, photos, hand recaps, prize-pool updates, notable bustouts and stories about players and the property.

"The Hold'em Radio and Ante Up teams focus on the poker

players in communities across the country, from those working to win the daily at their local poker room and finding weekend tournaments to compete in, to the bucket list of going to play in the World Series of Poker," said Ross, owner of Hold'em Radio. "We're glad to be able to bring focus to those players and help give them the spotlight. Working with the Ante Up Poker Tour is a great opportunity for us and we look forward to be part of the team for each main event in 2015."



Hold'em Radio, based in Reno, Nev., has provided coverage of AUPT events at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., including the Ante Up World Championship, as well as at The 101 Casino in Petaluma, Calif., and has broadcast team members in Las Vegas, Reno and Northern California, as well

as in the Midwest, South and along the East Coast. For more information, visit holdemradio.com.

The AUPT features up to 12 championship events each year, including the Ante Up World Championship at Thunder Valley Casino Resort. Host properties are free to design and run their event as they wish to maximize local participation, which in turn attracts more out-of-town players. The winner of each main event appears on the cover of *Ante Up*. For more information, visit anteuppokertour.com. ♠



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# USE DOWN TIME TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

By Sean Hansen

You're sitting at the poker table, waiting for the Under the Gun player to look at his cards. "Come on, man, act!" you think to yourself for the 30th time. He folds, someone raises from middle position and you look at your cards to find  $K\heartsuit-J\heartsuit$ . You look up and start thinking about what to do. Call? Fold? Raise? Who is this guy that raised? Who are in the blinds? Hmmm, what to do.

You're doing it all wrong!

You should have known, by the time the action reached you, what you would be doing with every possible hand you could have been dealt. How in the world do you do that? By not letting yourself get brain-dead at the poker table.

When I'm waiting on my turn to act, my brain is operating at full capacity. I have made a plan for what to do with each of my pre-constructed ranges against each player type and once I look at my cards, I'm already thinking about not only the flop, but in some cases, the turn and river.

While the previous hand is being cleaned up and the cards are being shuffled, I'm taking inventory of my position, who's in the blinds, who's on the button, what their stack sizes are and reminding myself of their player type.

I'm watching each player as the cards are dealt, particularly

those who look at their cards before it's their turn to act. I'm counting stack sizes to help me determine how to set up the right stack-to-pot ration for my hand type, whatever it might be.

When a player enters the pot, I'm double-checking his stack and again reminding myself of his tendencies, preflop and postflop. I'm making a plan for how I will play against him.

- What range of hands can I consider playing?
- What do I do with top 6 percent hands?
- What do I do with pairs?
- What do I do with suited connectors?

By the time the action comes to me, I know exactly what I'm going to do.

Once I look at my cards, if I'm folding, I fold instantly; I never "Hollywood." Then I watch the rest of that hand with interest, looking for tells, leaks, watching the chip stacks, etc., and by the time the hand is over, I start the cycle again.

When you go brain dead at the table, you wake up when you look at your cards and gaze around like you just warped in from a strange world and must decide how to survive. Which of us is most likely to play this hand better, me or you?

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MORE BY JOE NAVARRO



WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING

## PITTING FATIGUE AGAINST TELLS AT THE TABLE

How does fatigue affect tells? It's a significant question because most people aren't aware of how much information they're revealing when they aren't fatigued. Even when they have a good poker face they blow it by revealing their strength somewhere else on the body. So here is the lowdown:



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Unequivocally stress and fatigue, as well as alcohol and drugs, affect tells. They affect how well we can perceive and conceal them.

Our motor skills suffer significantly when we are fatigued or under the influence of alcohol. We know this from 80-plus years of studies conducted on pilots. Not only do we become sloppy, knocking over chips, not covering hole cards, we also do a poor job of observation.

Serious players must treat the body and mind like an athlete treats his mind and body. Many pros work on their mental and physical health, treating their body and mind as an enterprise.

You have to exercise and eat well. You have to train yourself to endure long hours of play where you will make thousands of decisions and observations. You have to train to deal with all the factors associated with major events (noise, close quarters, obnoxious people, emotions, fears and apprehensions, personal or health-related issues, etc.). It's not easy to concentrate when your wife is about to give birth or your bankroll is on the line.

Because stress and fatigue wear you out mentally, you may think physically you're fine, but your face is easier to read and prone to leak information, especially around the eyes and mouth. Your shoulders and neck also will reveal more information.

So what can you do? Stay strong, stay healthy and eat normally so your blood sugar isn't all over the place. This isn't vacation; you can't go on a food binge to comfort yourself because it affects so many of your body systems you need.

Get up from the table often and walk around the room or casino. Humans weren't designed for sitting but rather walking. Physiologists call the calf muscle a "second heart." By walking around, you release pooled blood from your lower legs and it helps to get rid of lactic acid build-up, which causes the shakes after stress.

Rotate your neck and shoulders and drink lots of water. Out West you need to drink 40 percent more water each day than on the humid East Coast.

In the end, your well-being is a huge factor when it comes to playing poker. Poker is about the brain operating at its maximum, being able to observe, think and react. And that's something on which you can bank.

— 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 Magazine*.



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# BLUFFING NEEDS RIGHT CONDITIONS

If you could pick your ideal time to bluff, when would it be? I would think you'd want five existing factors: a big pot, one opponent, a weak or vulnerable opponent, a hand played like it's strong on your part and fold equity. I find most players bluff at less optimal times. They may semibluff to a draw, bluff when they miss a draw, make a position move preflop with a dwindling stack, make continuation bets, etc.



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Those moves may be effective depending on the situation and opponent. However, they aren't likely to contain all five of the ideal conditions. A semibluff, a failed draw bluff and continuation bets are often transparent. A preflop move may be transparent and isn't made with a big pot except for the late stages of a tournament.

So, what would be the ideal bluffing situation? I like to isolate a tight-aggressive player who likes to make continuation bets but won't make a hero call. How is this done? First, it helps if you have position or at least know you'll be heads-up. For instance, say a TAG player open-raises from middle position. It folds to you in the big blind. I tend to call with any two cards here. Depending on the texture and size of the flop, I will check-call the flop. Then I check-raise the turn. If my opponent checks behind on the turn, I have enough information to bet the river,

though I'd be careful if an ace hit an otherwise benign board. You've played this hand to create the five conditions while letting your opponent build the pot for you.

Or, try this where you use position to help build the pot yourself. A TAG player opens from early position for 2.5 times the big blind. It gets folded to you on the button.

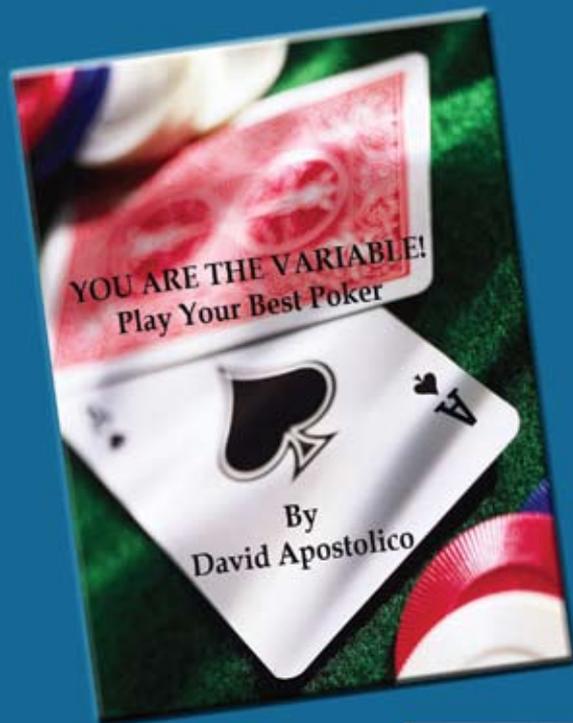
I like to make a minimum raise here with almost any two cards to get the blinds to fold and find out how strong the open-raiser really is. You run the risk that he might reraise, in which case you have to let go of the hand.

If he calls, you have all five conditions in place. You have built a pot, you have one opponent who is vulnerable to your position and aggressiveness and you have made the case that you have a strong hand.

There are plenty of other situations I'm sure you can identify or manipulate to get the five conditions. It will take practice to get comfortable, but give it a try. One word of caution: In poker, nothing is absolute and you will need to make adjustments on the fly depending how the board and action plays out. Good luck.

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# CHIPPING UP EARLY IS VITAL TO WIN

*Editor's note: This is Part II in a series on playing SNGs to work on your tournament game.*

We play our best in January because we are clinging to those resolutions, but unfortunately old tendencies re-surface and leaks creep back in like a fog in the night.



**MARK BREMENT**

The most difficult adjustment for a strong, solid, tight-aggressive winning cash player to make in his tournament game is to get loose and chip up in the early stage of a tournament. Most opponents are playing tight. We must embrace the math that proves the value of your stack is decreasing over time as the blinds increase and we must adjust. Obviously, this is not the case in a cash game, where patience trumps cunning. Let's get down to brass tacks.

You're playing a nine-handed SNG online. You're playing for the purpose of practicing your tournament game. The first three rounds are considered early stage. Your immediate goal is to chip up to 1,900 or more. To accomplish our mission, we must get busy. So busy, that the starting two cards almost become irrelevant. This is easier than it sounds. First off, opponents are playing the standard SNG strategy of tight. Note that they're also multitabling, which makes them easy targets. We can define their range; conversely, they don't know where

we are. This means we'll pick up more than our share of uncontested pots.

Our newfound style will help encourage us to take more flops in a big multitable live tournament. The great tournament pros, and you can take this to the bank, do not fear the flop. This is how the great ones gain their edge. This holds true for the Player of the Year players who accrue many cashes and lots of points.

After several uncontested pots, we have managed our first goal of 1,900 chips. Just imagine if we can do this 75 percent of the time. Our results will speak for themselves. We hunker down, change gears and our astute opponents have us pegged as loose with their poker-tracking software. We have them right where we want them. Dazed and confused.

We have now entered Phase 2 of our SNG strategy: the middle stage.

A few things to keep in mind:

- We're practicing like a golfer who goes to the range.
- We're tracking our early stage success and results.
- If we run into a wall and our stack becomes less than 1K, we will alter our plan.
- Our big-picture goal is to cash 40 percent of the time.

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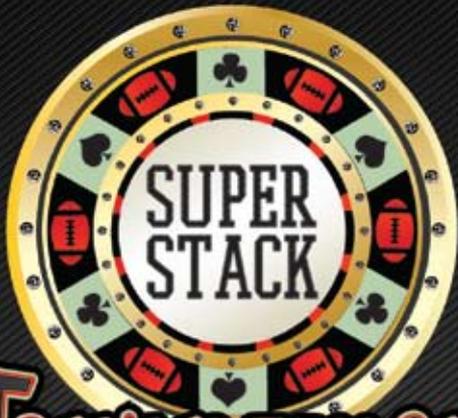
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## ARIZONA

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<b>BLUEWATER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40, 7p).	High hand pays \$50 for straight flush & \$50 for quads (Wed., 8p); Fill the House with Full House receives \$15 (Fri.); Aces Cracked pays \$40 (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily).
<b>BUCKY'S CASINO</b> (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Fri. KO (6p).	Omaha high hand (Wed., 9a-4p & Fri., 9a-4p); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p).
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$130, 7:15p). See ad Page 19.	\$50K Mega Omaha/Stud Jackpot; Graveyard High Hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a); call for more promos.
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 10a); Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$45, 11a & \$15, 7p).	High Hand Giveaway (Fri., 7p-11p); Grave Cash Giveaway (Mon.-Fri., 2a-6a). See ads on Pages 10 and 20.
<b>CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 7p); Sat. (\$95, noon). See ad Page 18.	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); royals pay \$100 (daily).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Mon. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a). See ad Page 21.	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; 15/30 hold'em (Mon. & Fri.); call for details.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$5, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of deuces beaten by quads and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$100.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$15, 7:30p); Wed. Omaha (\$15, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10, 7:30p); Fri. (\$30, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$45, 12:30p); Sun. (\$15, noon).	Aces Cracked w/multiplier; Splash Pots (daily, \$30 every hour, full house to qualify); progressive high hands and royals; football and basketball splash pots.
<b>HON-DAH</b> (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 6p); Tue. (\$15); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$25, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); early bird chips (call for details).
<b>TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT</b> (928) 856-7200 • twinarrows.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>VEE QUIVA HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sat. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30 w/add-on, 11:15a); early bird chips and TOC qualifiers.	Call for information and see ad below.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p). See ad on facing page.	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s); Rolling Cash Fever; high hands (daily).

## CALIFORNIA

<b>THE 101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	 Mon. turbo (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. progressive KO (\$140, 6:30p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$120, 6:30p); Sat. HA (\$60, 6:30p); monthly \$20K guar. (call for dates). Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked in hold'em; PLO and Big O; high hands in hold'em & Omaha/8; OFC Pineapple running. Restock the Shelves Jan. 19. High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$300; quads pays \$100; straight flush pays \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Daily tournaments, including NLHE, Mexican Poker and others (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Quads Bonus Hands; high hands.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 10a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com		



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Two days, two chances to win!

- \$110 Entry Fee
- \$5,000 prize pool guaranteed
- Start with \$10,000 in tournament chips
- Early birds playing from Noon earn up to an additional \$5,000 in chips
- Play in a live game from 12:00PM-1:00PM and receive additional \$3,000 in tournament chips.
- Play in a live game from 1:00PM-2:00PM and receive additional \$2,000 in tournament chips.

See Poker Room for details.



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# CALIFORNIA (Continued)



WHERE TO PLAY

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<b>BAY 101 CASINO</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 9:30a); Fri. (\$180, 9:30a); Sat. (\$230, 9a); Sun. (\$180, 9a).	Call for information.
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Quantum Reload \$30K guar. on Sat. (\$40-\$100); 2015 Winter Series, Jan. 2-16 (call for details).	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); \$5K freeroll, Jan. 4 (call for details).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); \$50 hourly high hand (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-2a); \$100 royal flush (daily); \$100 high hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a).
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); 1st and last Sat. (\$60 w/\$50 add-on); 2nd Sat. (\$220 w/re-entry); 3rd Sat. (\$150 w/\$50 bounties); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$50-\$80, 7:15p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	\$20K bad-beat jackpot (daily); royal flush jackpot in hold'em; hourly high hands.
<b>COLUSA CASINO</b> (530) 458-8844 • colusacasinocom	Mon. \$200 freeroll (7p) (call for details); Tue. (\$40, 7p); first 9 eliminated receive \$60 for \$40 buy-in for live poker; Thurs. Bail Out (cash out) event; call for details.	Call for information.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasinocom	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Bargain Buy-In (\$80 gets \$100 to first nine players).
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasinocom	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$55, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a).	Mega bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; progressive high hands; Moonlight High Hands (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$51, 8p); Sat. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$36, noon); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 8p); RiverCard event, Jan 30-31 (\$125).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Double High Hand (Mon.-Thurs., mid.-close); Pay for Play (\$5/hour); monthly cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasinocom	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p). Gardens Classic, Dec. 12-21.	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; stud progressive.

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## SLAPSHOTS & SPLASH POTS

8 winners will score a pair of Suite Tickets to see the Arizona Coyotes VS the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday, February 7. Plus, the winning tables will have a \$100 - \$300 Splash Pot added.

Be here beginning at 7PM on Saturday, January 17.

## FOOTBALL SPLASH POTS

During televised NFL and NCAA games, select tables are splashed with \$50 - \$200 per touchdown, field goal and safety.

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CALIFORNIA (Continued)

Table listing California casinos including JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT, LAKE ELSINORE CASINO, LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM, LIVERMORE CASINO, LODI CASINO, LUCKY CHANCES CASINO, LUCKY LADY CASINO, MORONGO CASINO, NORMANDIE CASINO, OAKS CARD CLUB, OCEAN'S 11 CASINO, PALA CASINO, PECHANGA RESORT, PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA, RANCHO'S CLUB, RED HAWK CASINO, SAN MANUEL CASINO, SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO, STONES GAMBLING HALL, SYCUAN CASINO, TACHI PALACE CASINO, THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT, WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO.

COLORADO

Table listing Colorado casinos including AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK, GOLDEN GATES CASINO, ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK, LADY LUCK CASINO, LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK, MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO, RESERVE CASINO HOTEL, SKY UTE CASINO RESORT, UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL & RESORT, WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK.

CONNECTICUT

Table listing Connecticut casinos including FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO, MOHEGAN SUN CASINO.

DELAWARE

Table listing Delaware casinos including DELAWARE PARK, DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO, HARRINGTON RACEWAY.

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<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	MSPT, Jan. 15-25 w/\$200K guar., Jan. 23 (\$1,100); mega satellites to MSPT ME, Jan. 3 & 10 (\$480, 12:30p) & Jan. 22 (\$260, 7:30p). See ad on Page 11.	Bad beat in hold'em (uncapped); win \$1.1K entry to MSPT \$200K ME during select hours; \$500 high hands, Jan. 31 (2p-mid).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); deepstack Turbo w/\$50 bounties, Jan. 27 (\$200, 7p).	Bad beat in hold'em (uncapped); half-hour high hands (daily); \$500 high hands, Jan. 10 (2p-mid.).
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 632-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 49.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	♠ Mon. (\$45, 3p & \$80, 7p); Tue. (\$45, 3p); Wed. (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p, \$115, 7p); Sun. (\$190, 1p & \$50, 6p).	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-11p & Fri., noon-mid.). Restock the Shelves Jan. 19.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	♠ Daily (\$55-\$340) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p & 6p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, 8p & midnight). See ad Page 7 for Derby Lane vs. Sarasota series, Jan. 9-18 (\$440).	Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways, call for details. Restock the Shelves Jan. 19
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); Mon. KO (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. & Sun. (\$70); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$50 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half-hour (Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 1p-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Daily (noon and 7p, buys range from \$40-\$125); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$100, 7p); Sun. (\$65, noon & \$75, 7p).	High hands (hourly); \$20K royal and \$10K bad beat.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening; Isle Classic, Jan. 7-27 w/\$500K guar., Jan. 22 (\$1,200). See ad Page 39.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	\$1.5K guar. freerolls at 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and Sun. (call for type of tourney); Fri. & Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	Daily, noon-10p; high hands pay up to \$599 every 30 minutes.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	♠ M (\$50, 1p & 7p); T (\$40, 1p & 7p); W turbo (\$60, 7p); Th (\$40, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); F (\$50, 7p); Sa. varies; Su. (\$70, 1p). See ad below for Jan. 10 event (poker cruise).	Bad-beat in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Early Bird High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Twilight High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Weekend High Hand (Fri.-Sat.).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$55, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & O/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); deepstack events, Jan. 3 & 17 (\$285, noon).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. varies; Fri. varies; Sun. (\$35, 4p).	Big High Hand varies day to day (call for details). See ad Page 30.
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad Page 13 for WSOPC information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high hands every 15 minutes (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Bull's Eye Bounty (Wed., 2p-2a); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.).

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JAN 17TH

## \$500

EVERY  
30-MIN

## 12PM - 12AM

\$200 Every 30-Min 10am - 12pm & 12am - 2am

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SAT, JAN 10TH / 1PM

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\* See details for the Ante Up Poker Cruise posted in Club 52.

FEATURED TOURNAMENTS

WIN A CRUISE FOR 2  
Mega Stack - Jan 10th  
1PM / \$240

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Super Stack - Jan 24th  
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WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

Monday	Mini Stack 1pm & 7pm
Tuesday	No Limit Hold'em 1pm & 7pm
Wednesday	Turbo - 7pm
Thursday	Hold'em -1pm Bounty- 7pm
Friday	No Limit - 7pm
Saturday	Single/Multi Tables
Sunday	Deep Stack - 1pm

Featured Tournaments Jan 10th & 24th

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FLORIDA (Continued)

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB, SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON, SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK, SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD, SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA, SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE, TAMPA BAY DOWNS, TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK.

ILLINOIS

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN, HARRAH'S JOLIET, HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA, HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET, JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL, PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO, ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES.

INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS, JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS. Rows include AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO, BELTERRA CASINO RESORT, BLUE CHIP, HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG, HORSESHOE HAMMOND, HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA, MAJESTIC STAR II, TROPICANA EVANSVILLE.

IOWA

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KANSAS

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MARYLAND

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$10 add-on, 11a) w/added money and bonus hands depending on number of entries (call for details).	Progressive bad beat; quads-royals pay bonuses; 2X comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; \$2K Sunday drawings (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 9a, 11a, 2p, 5p & 8p) w/\$1K guar. prize pools.	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-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom prog. bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; high hands (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a), (\$85, noon), (\$85, 7p), (\$85, 10p). Restock the Shelves Jan. 19.	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games; Pro Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.).
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue.-Thurs. deepstack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a; \$45, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot starts at \$20K; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$500); \$5K freeroll (Fri.).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$55, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$110, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$110, 11a & \$55, 7p); Sat. (\$110, 11a & 7p); Sun. (\$110, 11a & \$5K guar., \$110, 7p). Restock the Shelves	Jan. 19. High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraesort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p). HPT (Jan. 29-Feb. 9) See ad Page 23 for details.	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play.	Multiroom bad beat, loser receives \$40K, winner gets \$20K and live players qualify for splash pots; progressive high hands (daily); high hands pay 3X on graveshift.
<b>HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60-\$100, 6K chips, 10a, 3p, 8p & 1a) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p); \$6.5K weekly freeroll on Sat. (12 hours to qualify).	High hands; \$50 high hand of the hour (daily, 3a-10a); royals pay \$500 and straight flush pays \$100.
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>LIQUOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 634-6441 • caesars.com/linq	Daily (\$40, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Sat. w/10 hours of live action play.	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500).
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Graveyard Giveaway (call for details).
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Flop It/Share It (Tue. & Thurs.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$35 w/\$5 rebuys, 11a), (\$50, 2p), (\$80, 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays up to \$2K and up to 10 winners each drawing (every four hours, daily); \$10K weekly invitational (Sun., 10a); football promo (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; call for details on additional monthly promotions.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Royals pay \$250; bad-beat jackpot pays \$40K to loser and \$20K to winner w/\$1K table share; flop any quads on Tue. & Fri-Sat. and get paid \$500; football promo.
<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).	High hands pay \$100 every 4 hours and is quads or better to qualify; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400); tourney high hand bonus.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$1.5K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p); Mon. PLO \$1K guar. (\$65).	Call for information. Restock the Shelves Jan. 19.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 10a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. (\$100, 10a) & (\$50 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. KO (\$100, 10a); Sat. KO (\$230, 10a); Sun. (\$230, 10a) & (\$60, 6:30p).	Jumbo jackpot pays up to \$40K; bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings and progresses to aces full of deuces; quad aces progresses daily to quad deuces.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$50 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$70) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon; \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); Tue. KO (\$200, 7p); Th. (\$200, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon; \$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, noon; \$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza, Jan. 27-Feb. 26 w/\$750K guar., Feb. 20 (\$1,600); daily tournaments suspended during DSE.
<b>WESTGATE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (call for details).
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon). \$100K guar. weekend, Jan. 22-25	Call for details.

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Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Details, and Promotions. Includes entries like BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO), BORGATA HOTEL CASINO, GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY, HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY, TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY, and TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT.

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NEW YORK

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# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	M (\$40, 11:30a & \$50, 6:30); T & Th. KO (\$85, 11a & 6:30); W (\$50, 11:30a & PLO \$40, 6:30); F (\$75, 11:30a & \$65, 6:30); Sa. (\$40, 11:30a & \$75, 6:30); Su. KO (\$100, 11:30a & \$75, 6:30).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand pays \$200 (daily, 9a-noon).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpcn.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. KO (\$120, 11:15a); Sat. (\$200, 11:15a); Sun. (\$120, 11:15a) & KO (\$120, 7:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 10:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<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).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st & 3rd Sat. PID Poker Series (\$100, 2:30p); \$5K HU freeroll, 2nd Sat.	High hand jackpot (daily); Game Starters (Mon.-Wed.).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Call for information. See ad on Page 17 for tournament news.	Call for information.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$13 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a); Sun. KO (\$80, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<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	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

# TEXAS

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

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. O/8 (\$35, 5p). Restock the Shelves Jan. 19.	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>LUCKY EAGLE CASINO</b> (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$25, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	\$10K progressive bad-beat jackpot; \$500 high hands; Omaha high hands pay \$250 (Sun.).

# WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Mon. KO (\$125, 7p); Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. KO (\$125, noon & \$225, 7p); Sat. (\$250, noon & \$150, 7p); Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); last Sat. of month (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

# WISCONSIN

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<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price. See ad Page 55.	Aces Cracked (Thursday); cash giveaway (Wednesday).

# WYOMING

<b>WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	2nd and 4th Sat. of month (\$50, 4p) w/ \$1K added.	Call for information.
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\* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com

# F5 poker

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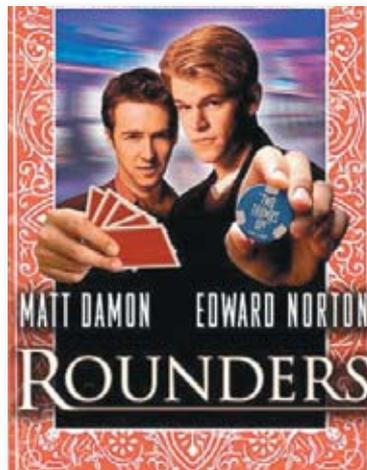
By Jeff Walsh

Here is just a sample of what you can find at Pokerfuse.Com's F5 Poker:

HALL OF FAME, NOT SHAME  
 While most everyone's eyes were on recent Poker Hall of Fame inductees **Daniel Negreanu** and tournament director **Jack McClelland** during the night of their enshrinement, a couple of keen-eyed observers noticed a



familiar face in the audience: **Howard Lederer**. The Professor came up from the underground to take a seat in the ceremony room. How'd he get the invite? We're guessing it wasn't from Daniel, who has a long-time, well-documented feud with Howie's sister **Annie Duke**. So, are you ready for the return of Howard Lederer?

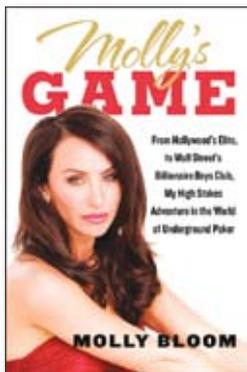


## ROUNDERS UPDATE

**David Letterman** had actor **Edward Norton** on his show to promote Norton's latest film *Birdman*, but before they talked about anything else, Letterman wanted to know if there was going to be another *Rounders*. Norton was quick to answer in the affirmative: "I think there is a possibility of it." So there's still a glimmer of hope to see the continued adventures of Mike McDermott and Worm. Maybe a sequel would bring another poker boom.

## EPIC COMEBACK

It was a triumphant return to the tables for young **Kevin "Phwap" Boudreau**. About two years ago, he was in the parking lot of the World Series of Poker when he was struck by a sudden crippling traumatic brain injury that left him hospitalized and on a long road to recovery. Boudreau returned to the tournament felt for the first time at the Mid-Stakes Poker Tour in Colorado and not only did he play, he shined. Boudreau finished fifth for more than \$34K.



MOLLY'S GAME  
 BIG SCREEN BOUND?  
 The tell-all book from **Molly Bloom**, the former hostess of the famed Hollywood

Home Games, has a big-time screenwriter attached as **Aaron Sorkin** (*Social Network*, *Moneyball*, *A Few Good Men*) has agreed to take a first crack at writing about the underground-poker exploits of big-time



actors **Tobey Maguire**, **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Matt Damon**. So, in a movie about A-list actors playing poker, which actors do you get to play actors?

## AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Police in Georgia busted a home game recently and arrested host **Mary Morgan**. She's 90. That's right, cops took the 90-year-old homeowner from the poker game to the pokey. Morgan officially became the oldest person in history booked at Dougherty County Jail as cops confiscated \$4,100 plus some miscellaneous "recreational" drugs. There's one perk to being the Gambling Granny as officials determined she should probably get her own cell.

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

**Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler**, the notorious tournament structure nit, got under the skin of officials at Canada's Playground Poker Club recently. When Kessler publicly complained about the amount of rake the card club was taking out of its World Poker Tour featured event, the Playground Club tweeted, "If you don't like that, please don't play here." Kessler wasn't the only player not to appreciate the curt reply as an avalanche of pro-Chainsaw support mounted on social media, prompting PPC to issue a public apology to Kessler and all players the next day. Don't mess with Kess!





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