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## CASH GAME SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 18 thru Wed Jan 20	5pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 earn a \$1,050 entry to the Poker Night Televised Cash Game Satellite on Jan 24	\$120
Sat, Jan 23	7pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 earn a \$1,050 entry to the Poker Night Televised Cash Game Satellite on Jan 24	\$120
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Sun, Jan 31	12Noon	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 10 win a seat in the Poker Night Live Televised Cash Game with \$10,000 Buy-In <b>ONE (1) \$10,000 SEAT AVAILABLE FOR LIVE TELEVISED CASH GAME FILMING</b>	\$1,050
Fri, Jan 29	12Noon	Day 1	 <b>\$25 - \$50 BLIND NLHE LIVE TELEVISED CASH GAME FILMING AT THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b>
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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

	Tue, Jan 19	12Noon - 10pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	thru Thu, Jan 21	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55
	Thu, Jan 21	1pm & 8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
	Fri, Jan 22	1pm & 8pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
<b>1</b>	Thu, Jan 21	4pm	Day 1A	<b>\$200,000 GUARANTEED                      NLHE DEEP STACK</b> DAY 2 - LIVE STREAM FINAL TABLE \$425
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	Sun, Jan 24	12Noon - 10pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$365 Poker Night in America Main Event Satellite	\$85
	thru Sat, Jan 30	12Noon - 10pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$365
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		1pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$365
		5pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$190
<b>2</b>	Sun, Jan 24	7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout 2x Bounty   \$50 Bounties	\$150
<b>3</b>	Mon, Jan 25	5pm	H.O.R.S.E.	\$150
		1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$365 Poker Night in America Main Event Satellite	\$85
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		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$190
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		1pm	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$365 Poker Night in America Main Event Satellite	\$85
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		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$365
	Fri, Jan 29	11am	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 advance to \$365 Poker Night in America Main Event Satellite	\$85
		1pm	10 SEATS GUARANTEED Multi-Table Qualifier TURBO - 1 in 5 advance to \$1,650 MAIN EVENT	\$365
		5pm	10 SEATS GUARANTEED Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to \$1,650 MAIN EVENT	\$365
		8pm	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$190
<b>11</b>	Fri, Jan 29	3pm	Day 1A	<b>MAIN EVENT</b> LIVE STREAM FINAL TABLE  \$1,650
	Sat, Jan 30	12Noon	Day 1B	
	Sun, Jan 31	12Noon	Day 2	
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	Sat, Jan 30	LAST TABLES AT 1pm	Single-Table Satellite - 2 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$365
		10am	Multi-Table Qualifier TURBO - 1 in 5 advance to \$1,650 Poker Night in America Main Event	\$365
<b>12</b>	Sun, Jan 31	1pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Marathon   No Breaks, 30 Minute Levels	\$150
<b>13</b>		7pm	NLHE Knockout Bounty   \$25 Bounties	\$100

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As a poker player, what would make your year happy? Maybe you have some goals you'd like to set and achieve or surpass. That's admirable, and it encourages you to visit any one of the hundreds of fine poker rooms around North America, and we are all for that.

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Or maybe your goals are a little more philanthropic. Perhaps you've tackled performing optimally and want to give back to the community. Why not participate in our Restock the Shelves food bank initiative on Jan. 18? Read our story on Page 35 to see where you can participate or even volunteer as a member of Team Ante Up or Team Blue Shark Optics.

Some of you may have a modest goal, such as taking a relaxing vacation and enjoying a stress-free environment while playing your favorite game. We have that covered for you, too.

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So, from all of us here at Ante Up Poker Media, we'd like to wish you and yours a happy new year.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# JANUARY 2016 POKER PROMOTIONS

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### SUNDAY

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### SUNDAY NIGHT

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## BIG DOG WARM UP TOURNAMENTS

Wednesday, January 6

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Wednesday, January 13

\$135 Buy-in 7pm

Wednesday, January 20

\$180 Buy-in pm

Wednesday, January 27

\$225 Buy-in 7pm

## BIG DOG MAIN EVENT

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January 18, 2016 - College Poker Tournament

February 25, 2016 - Mid-State Poker Tour

April 21, 2016 - Deep Stacks WPT

May 16, 2016 - Military Appreciation Tournament



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# BANERJEE WINS WSOPC OPENER IN L.A.

The World Series of Poker Circuit at the Bicycle Casino kicked off Dec. 3 near Los Angeles, and while it was still running at press time, here's a look at some of the early results.



**Dave Banerjee** of Diamond Bar, Calif., took down Event 1 (\$365 NLHE) for \$24,265, which brings his overall earnings to \$265K-plus in addition to his first ring. Banerjee started the final day sixth in chips out of the final 23, but a few hours later he was heads-up with **Justin Rackley** of Playa Vista, Calif., who started at the final table with the lead. It only took a couple of hands to end it as Banerjee moved all-in with quad jacks, besting Rackley's full house. Rackley won \$15,010 from an event that drew 385 entries for a \$110K prize pool. Banerjee has been on a nice run recently, coming in fourth at Hustler's Holiday Classic for \$17,525.

Event 2 (\$365 bounty) drew 140 players as **Alan Myerson** of Sherman Oaks, Calif., eliminated **Wendy Freedman** of Las Vegas for \$7,830 and his first ring, denying Freedman (\$4,845) her second. The win, though only a four-figure cash, was significant to Myerson.

"I've been playing poker for 10 years; it's always nice to win a tournament and it's nice to go over the million mark. It's a good way to end the year."

There were non-ring events, too, as **Erkinbek Ozumbekow** won the \$100K guarantee for \$13,150. With an \$150 buy-in, the event drew 1,054 entries.

Look for the rest of the results in *Ante Up's* February issue.

**HUSTLER CASINO:** **Leon Marziller** took home the trophy and \$30K in the \$250K guarantee Holiday Classic. **Peter Hengsakul** was second (\$26,325) followed by **Erich Karle** (\$24K), the aforementioned Banerjee (\$17,525) and **Britton Purvis** (\$14,850). Hengsakul recently took second in the Vegas WSOPC for \$215K.

**PALA CASINO:** The River Card Quest for the Cup mega tournament runs Jan. 28-31. But the event will start with four \$125 satellite warm-up Saturday events at 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23. These events will award five seats each.

Day 1s of the \$235 mega begin at 2:15 p.m. Jan. 28-30 with 20 percent of the field or Level 15 of each day advancing to the Day 2 final at 1:45 p.m. on Jan. 31. Re-entries are allowed for the first seven levels and there will be an optional \$15 staff bonus. Also, the popular Thursday deepstack turbo and Friday night \$2K tournaments are continuing, as are the football splash pots. Call the poker room for details.

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## MEET MIGUEL CARDENAS

**Miguel Cardenas** is a shift manager at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., and is a favorite with the players in the Up the Ante Poker Room.



### How did you get into the poker industry?

I got into poker as a kid and started by playing and watching my family's home games. As soon as I turned 18 years old, friends and I started playing in my local casino in San Diego and I've been in the poker industry ever since.

**What is your favorite variation of poker to play?** I'm old school when it comes to playing poker. I still prefer playing bigger limit games like \$15-\$30 and \$20-\$40 over no-limit hold'em. It's a harder game to find in this area, though.

**What is the best part of working in the poker room at Thunder Valley?** Working with such a great team and being part of the major success we've had the past several years.

**Do you prefer cash games or tournaments?** I play cash mostly. I would like to start playing more tournaments, but having a full-time job and working weekends makes it difficult.

**What are your other hobbies?** I'm an avid golfer. I play about three to four times a week and I like to do a little biking. I hit the gym three to five days a week as well. — **Garrett Roth**

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO:** The property near Pendleton, Ore., recently wrapped up the largest of its three-times-per-year Round Ups (Nov. 6-15) and this one featured \$40K added to the prize pools.

Here's a look at all of the winners: **Aaron Thivyanathan** from Renton, Wash. (Event 1, \$12K); **Corren Spargur** from W. Richland, Wash. (Event 2, \$20K); **Mark Maze** from Boise (Event 3, \$9K), **Kit Jackson** from Ponca City, Okla. (Event 4, \$10K); **Tam Nguyen** from Salem, Ore. (Event 5, \$6K); **Marc Martell** from Olympia, Wash. (Event 6, \$3K); **Ricardo Ramirez** from Hillsboro, Ore. (Event 7, \$13K); **Michael Kinney** from Sandpoint, Idaho (Event 8, \$19K); **Michael Lucas** from Lake Oswego, Ore. (Event 9, \$14K); **Ron Brown** from Sprit Lake, Idaho (Event 10, \$24K), **Minh Thy Leadao** from Portland (Event 11, \$42K); and **Adam Kelsch** from Wilsonville, Ore. (Event 12, \$3K).

**Jorge Canada** won the overall tournament championship with a third-place finish in Event 10 and a fourth in Event 9.

# GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS

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# PLENTY OF SUB-\$100 VEGAS EVENTS

The daily tournaments with \$100-plus buy-ins tend to get the most attention, but many players who come to town for just a quick two- or three-day visit may not want to commit to playing in a tournament that could easily take 10 hours or more if they run well. After all, people also come to Vegas to see shows, go to nightclubs, sunbathe at the pool and enjoy some fine dining. So let's take a look at some of the regular more affordable buy-in tournaments that won't take too much time, even if you're fortunate enough to finish first.

- MGM runs one of the most popular morning tournaments at 11, sporting a \$70 buy-in, \$2K guarantee and a 15K stack. The first nine levels are 15 minutes and 20 minutes after that. The same tournament is offered Sunday through Thursday at 7 p.m. without the guarantee. The room has turbos daily at 2 p.m. and Sunday through Thursday at 10 p.m. The \$50 buy-in gets you 10K chips and 10-minute levels.

- Treasure Island offers \$75 tournaments at 2 p.m. (\$750 guarantee) and 10 p.m. (\$1,500 guarantee). The starting stack is 12K and the levels are 20 minutes. There are daily 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. tournaments for \$65, with 20-minute levels and an 8K starting stack.

- The Rio has \$60 tournaments daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. They all have \$500 guarantees and start with 10K chips and 20 minute levels.

- The Stratosphere's daily tournament starts at 7 p.m. On Monday and Wednesday, it's a \$70 buy-in with \$20 bounties. The starting stack is 6K and there's a \$20 add-on for another 6K. The rest of the week it's \$50 for a 4,500 chips and the same \$20 add-on for 6K extra. The levels are 20 minutes. A nice bonus is free pizza during the first break.

- South Point has a \$60 tournament daily at 10 a.m. and 2 a.m., plus a 7 p.m. event every day except Wednesday and Sunday. These tournaments have a \$5 bounty, 20-minute levels and 4,500 chips. The Wednesday and Sunday evening tournaments start at 6 and have a \$100 buy-in. The starting stack is 7,500 and offers a \$10 add-on for 2,500 more.

- Daily \$40 tournaments at Excalibur start at 9 a.m. with 15-minute levels. The buy-in at 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. is \$45 with 20-minute levels. The starting stack for all tournaments is 5K.

- Luxor's tournaments are daily at 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. (5K chips, 20-minute levels, \$45 buy-in).

- Monte Carlo has a daily 9 a.m. tournament with 4K chips and 20-minute levels. On Wednesday, it's \$60 with \$10 bounties; the other days it's \$50 to enter. The 2 p.m. and 11 p.m. tournaments have a \$40 buy-in for 4K chips, with a \$20 add-

on for 4K more. The levels are 20 minutes. The 6 p.m. tournament offers 10K chips and 20-minute levels. Wednesday the buy-in is \$75 and there's a \$10 bounty, the other days it's \$65.

- Mandalay Bay has a daily \$40 event for 4K chips at 10 a.m. There is a \$5 add-on for another 1K. The levels are 20 minutes. The other two dailies are 15-minute levels. The 3 p.m. is \$40 for 5K chips with a \$20 add-on for another 5K. The 10 p.m. is \$65 and starts with a 10K stack.

**GOLDEN NUGGET:** Golden Weekend was a huge success. The \$140 buy-in, \$50K guarantee main event on Nov. 28 had 787 players and a prize pool of \$82K-plus. The final table agreed to a chip-chop as the top prize of \$7,373 went to **Michael Gatto** of Las Vegas. **Robin Hamilton** of California earned \$5,775 for second and **Colin McAliee** of Ireland received \$5,411 for third.

**CAESARS PALACE:** The tournament schedule has been revised. There are four daily tournaments, all with 20-minute levels. The 10 a.m. tournament has a \$100 buy-in for 10K chips and a \$1,500 guarantee. At 2 p.m. it's \$125 for 12K chips and a \$2K guarantee. The 6 p.m. tournament has a \$125 buy-in, 15K chips and a \$2K guarantee. The 9 p.m. (\$150) has a 15K starting stack and a \$2,500 guarantee.

The cash games are always busy as the \$1-\$2 NLHE has a \$100-\$300 min-max buy-in. The \$2-\$5 game is \$200-\$1K. The room offers \$2/hour comps and max rake is \$4.

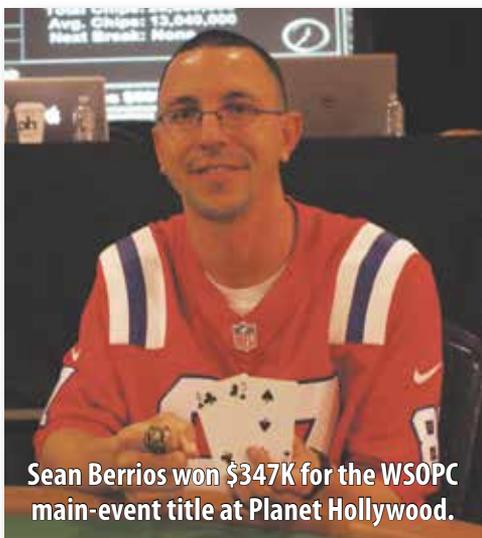
**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** **Sean Berrios** of the Virgin Islands earned \$347K for winning the main event of the WSOPC on Nov. 23. Two Southern Californians, **Peter Hengsakul** (\$215K) and **Antonios Roungeris** (\$157K) took second and

third, respectively. More than 1,300 players competed for a prize pool of nearly \$2M in the \$1,675 event.

**VENETIAN:** **Mohammad Eshagi** of Las Vegas won \$137K and the title in the \$1,600 Deep Stack Extravaganza's Main Event Nov. 18. **Nipun Javia** of California claimed \$85K for second and **Christian Soto** from New Jersey earned \$62K for third. The prize pool was \$625K with more than 425 entrants.

**MESQUITE:** A little more than an hour from Las Vegas on the Utah border, the town of Mesquite has one poker room, at the Eureka Casino Resort. Twice a year, it hosts the Eureka Open. The next one runs Jan. 15-24. Most of the events are \$80-\$100 no-limit tournaments. The series ends with a \$20K freeroll on Jan. 24. Entry is earned with a minimum of 25 hours of live play starting Jan. 10, with more starting chips awarded for more hours of play. Players can enter this tournament for \$500. Many Las Vegas pros make the drive to play in this series.

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



Sean Berrios won \$347K for the WSOPC main-event title at Planet Hollywood.

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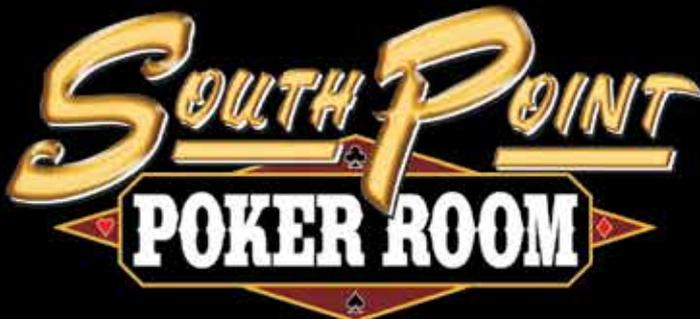
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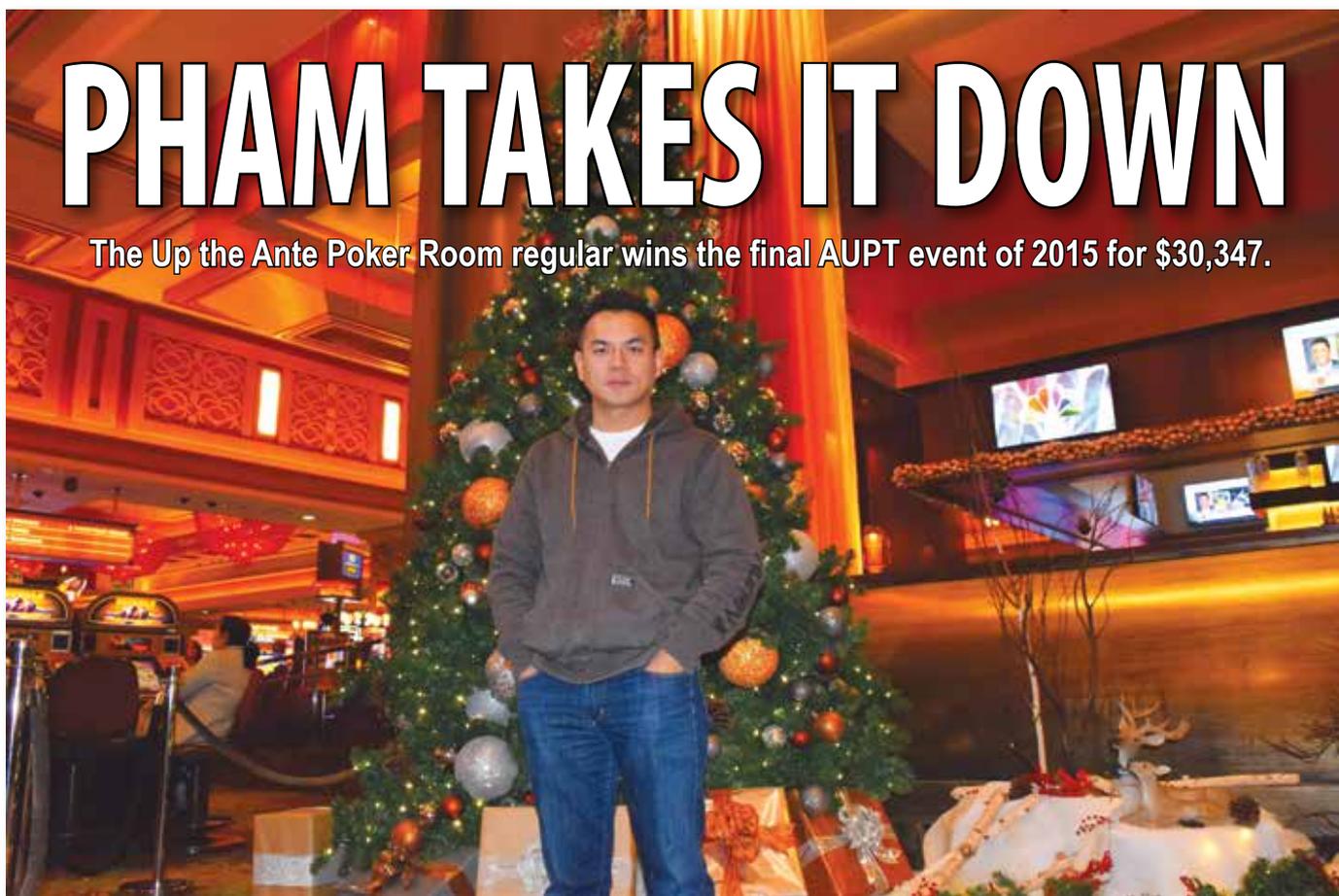
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# PHAM TAKES IT DOWN

The Up the Ante Poker Room regular wins the final AUPT event of 2015 for \$30,347.



By Scott Long

You can find **Andy Pham** at Thunder Valley Casino Resort almost every day.

And if you looked for him on Nov. 29, you would've found him at the top of an eight-way chip-count chop that gave him the Ante Up NorCal Classic Main Event title and \$30,347 of the prize pool that far exceeded the \$150K guarantee on the last Ante Up Poker Tour series of 2015.

"I don't mind playing it out; I had the chips," Pham of Elk Grove said of the deal. "But I wanted to see how the numbers came out. If it wasn't at least \$30K, then I wasn't going to take it. So when they came back, I thought it made sense. It was a very nice, friendly final table."

While the deal may have resulted in an anticlimactic end to Day 2, which started with 42 players and lasted just five and half hours, Pham's path to the top spot was anything but.

He came into Day 2 with 156K units, 18th most in the field, and was patient.

"I learned long ago that you don't have to risk your stack," said Pham, who also won a seat in the 2016 Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley and a personalized champion's jacket. He also was part of a deal to end Event 6. "I play a lot of small-ball poker."

Pham would later use that image to double-through **Mario Sequeria** with a stack of about 800K when play was short-handed at the final two tables.

"He opened and I called with pocket sevens in small blind," Pham said. "The flop came A-7-3 with two diamonds. I checked and he bet 40K. I raised real big and he called. When he called, I knew it was all over. The king of clubs came on the turn and I moved all-in and he snap-called with A-J. I think because of my erratic play earlier, he thought I was trying to make a play on him and he didn't give me credit for much. He's very solid. He was the guy I had to look out for and I was happy I knocked him out."



What does he plan to do with the cash he won this series? "Play more," he said with a laugh.

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**Event 1 • \$400 NLHE**

Entries: 495 • Pool: \$172,755

1. Moshn Said, \$19,199
2. Matthew Smith, \$19,008
3. Hieu Le, \$17,387
4. Nicolaus Estrella, \$17,261
5. Kris Nunez, \$16,473
6. Hung Sam, \$6,547
7. David Silva, \$5,459
8. Alex Samo, \$4,353
9. Anthony Recchia, \$3,265
10. Michael Postle, \$2,401



**Event 2 • \$150 Bounty**

Entries: 140 • Pool: \$11,200

1. Jeffrey Spiesman, \$1,454
2. Daniel Guevara, \$1,454
3. Michelle Murillo, \$1,354
4. Philip Mollat, \$1,354
5. Harvivek Dadhwal, \$1,353
6. Brandon Sano, \$1,353
7. John Cramer, \$1,153
8. Stephen Mordus, \$325
9. Richard Vine, \$224
10. Kenneth Fitzgerald, \$185



**Event 3 • \$150 NLHE**

Entries: 104 • Pool: \$13,000

1. Greg Alaways, \$1,479
2. Gregory Williams, \$1,479
3. N/A, \$1,479
4. Vladimir Ventosa, \$1,479
5. William Watchman, \$1,479
6. Mark Warner, \$1,479
7. Adam Sanchez, \$1,479
8. Stewart Lampe, \$1,479
9. Chris Arsenaault, \$367
10. Priscilla Coyne, \$267



**Event 4 • \$200 PLO/8**

Entries: 39 • Pool: \$6,330

1. Jeffery Roy, \$1,707
2. Randy Smith, \$1,408
3. Carlton Camrye, \$997
4. Jeff Sardello, \$916
5. Michael Gilligan, \$851
6. William Hall, \$575
7. Tom Tseng, \$176



**Event 5 • \$125 HORSE**

Entries: 52 • Pool: \$5,200

1. Michael Postle, \$999
2. Mike Walker, \$909
3. Roger Beiles, \$762
4. Alexander Geche, \$743
5. Brian Stuart, \$721
6. Tom Tseng, \$312
7. Scott Rist, \$247
8. Ronald Spence, \$195
9. Nader Haddad, \$156
10. Phillip Jolley, \$156



**Event 6 • \$300 Bounty**

Entries: 140 • Pool: \$23,200

1. Jonathan Willis, \$2,996
2. Andy Pham, \$2,995
3. Terry Wheeler, \$2,995
4. Veejay Arokiasamy, \$2,995
5. Joseph O'Grady, \$2,995
6. Thai Nguyen, \$2,995
7. Gary Goff, \$1,058
8. De Huynh, \$851
9. Matthew Boddorf, \$645
10. James Cope, \$476



**Event 7 • \$125 O/8**

Entries: 59 • Pool: \$5,900

1. Casey Cornilison, \$1,611
2. Charles Wey, \$1,130
3. Frank Cobos, \$767
4. Thomas Riley, \$590
5. Ronald Talmage, \$443
6. Jeffery Hart, \$354
7. Gary Tanko, \$280
8. Tommy Carpenter, \$221
9. Armas Schwartz, \$177
10. Samedy Kuoch, \$177



**Event 8 • \$150 NLHE**

Entries: 211 • Pool: \$26,375

1. Prabhakar Thonduru, \$2,017
2. Michael Linington, \$2,017
3. Souchoy Saelee, \$2,017
4. U.B. Safapour, \$2,016
5. Vince Cardinale, \$2,016
6. James Duffy, \$2,016
7. Richard Lambert, \$2,016
8. Bobby Corpus, \$2,016
9. Jeffrey DePaulo, \$2,016
10. David Doan, \$2,016



**Event 9 • \$340 NLHE**

Entries: 164 • Pool: \$50,000

1. Rasul Shevchenko, \$11,000
2. Sean Drake, \$10,150
3. Darryl Okamoto, \$5,605
4. Jeffrey Surdez, \$4,150
5. Theresa Cummings, \$3,115
6. Steven Nelsen, \$2,490
7. Phuoc Nguyen, \$2,070
8. John Mercer, \$1,660
9. Michael Harvey, \$1,240
10. Christopher Probst, \$905



**\$1,100 Main Event**

Entries: 231 • Pool: \$231,000

1. Andy Pham, \$30,347
2. Dinh Le, \$26,321
3. Jimmy Zeledon, \$24,089
4. Jose Cervantes, \$23,798
5. Joshua Shaw, \$23,728
6. Gregory Pincombe, \$18,052
7. Francisco Santana, \$16,416
8. Anton Dimagiba, \$13,054
9. Michael Postle, \$5,429
10. Joe Fernandez, \$3,973



**Event 11 • \$235 NLHE**

Entries: 68 • Pool: \$13,600

1. Chet Sickle, \$2,200
2. Adam Sanchez, \$1,850
3. Gaudencio Lucca, \$1,750
4. Patrick Lyons, \$1,580
5. Armando de los Reyes, \$1,400
6. Justo Avalos, \$1,230
7. Suzanne White, \$1,000
8. Pete Manzanaras, \$1,000
9. Shannon Kahahane, \$825
10. Prabhakar Thonduru, \$765



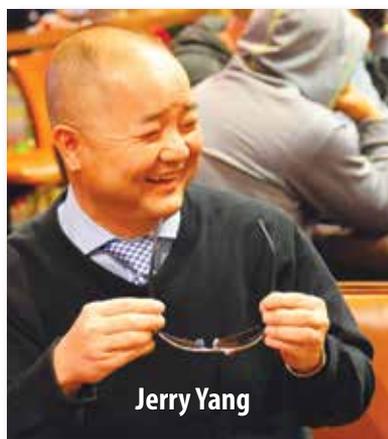
**Event 12 • \$100 NLHE**

Entries: 85 • Pool: \$4,930

1. Michael Durzan, \$789
2. Rich Gadbois, \$788
3. Rieni Gagliardi, \$788
4. Jennifer Thon, \$788
5. Ruben Luna, \$788
6. Elizabeth Boulos, \$271
7. Renee Keahey, \$222
8. Nader Haddad, \$173
9. Andrew Hernandez, \$123
10. Odisa Nyong, \$100

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The \$1,100 main event was a star-studded event attracting former World Series main event champ **Jerry Yang**, WSOP bracelet-winner **Andrew Barber** and past Ante Up world champions **Cy Williams** and **Justo Avalos**, who cashed. **Joe Fernandez**, who owns Turlock Poker Room, finished 10th and **Michael Postle** was ninth.



Jerry Yang

Postle cashed in three of the first five events, rocketing him to second place in the AUPPT Player of the Year rankings. Going into Day 2, he needed to finish at least 27th to move ahead of **Christian Francia** of Bayonne, N.J.

As player of the year, Postle will win five nights in a Thunder Valley suite for the Ante Up World Championship and a \$250 food credit.



Justo Avalos

This was the fourth Ante Up NorCal Classic and it featured 12 events. There were some interesting twists on no-limit hold'em, including an escalator event where the blind levels increased each level, a countdown event that started eight-handed, went to six-handed and finished four-handed, and a marathon event that started players with

20K units and 40-minute levels, but no breaks.

"It was a great week," Thunder Valley director of poker **Ben Erwin** said. "The adjustments we made to the main to make it a unique \$1K, the players definitely noticed. They appreciated the extra chips and the extra play. I definitely think we found a recipe for the main event that we'll use for the NorCal next year." ♠

## SATELLITES RUNNING AT THUNDER VALLEY

The Up the Ante Poker Room at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., is kicking off the year right with satellites and large guarantees. Look for \$100 multitable satellites on Jan. 1-2 at 7 p.m. as winners receive entry into the World Poker Tour Rolling Thunder Main Event. On Jan. 3, the \$100 turbo satellite begins at 11 a.m. followed by a \$400 super mega-satellite at 1 p.m., which will have 20 entries to the \$3,500 WPT main event guaranteed.

Thunder Valley also hosts a \$25K guarantee New Year's Day at 11 a.m. for \$150. But the most popular event will be the \$100K guarantee WPT California Swing one-day event Jan. 2nd at 11 a.m. This event will be \$400 and will draw players from all over the region. This same event last year drew an amazing 561 entries with the eventual winner being **Charles Schlinger** from Los Banos, pocketing \$18K-plus.

**GRATON RESORT & CASINO:** There are some great promotions and tournaments this month in Rohnert Park. High hands can pay \$100 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Omaha high hands pay \$50. Graton offers players \$100 for an \$80 buy-in during early bird hours (Monday-Friday, 8-10 a.m.).

Graton offers \$60 tournaments on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. \$35 events on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. There's \$140 Sunday bounty event at 10 a.m. featuring \$25 bounties on every player.

**TOWERS CASINO & CARD ROOM:** This Grass Valley poker room is north of Sacramento and hosts affordable daily tournaments, including a \$25 event at noon for 2K chips and 15-minute rounds. The \$60 Saturday night bounty deepstack is at 5 and starts players with 8K chips and 15-minute rounds. Towers also adds \$500 to the prize pool on Saturday nights.

**ARTICHOKE JOE'S CASINO:** In San Bruno, incredible jackpots have paid more than \$3.3M over the past year. The room features a \$100K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, a Big Hand Double Hand Jackpot (\$19K at press time), Double Hand 9-High Jackpot (\$3K at press time) and an Omaha jackpot (\$26K at press time).

### RENO

**PEPPERMILL CASINO:** The second Saturday of the month event (Jan. 9) is a \$235K deepstack at noon. November's event had a \$15K prize pool with \$5,100 for first. Also, the annual Peppermill Poker "Big Game" party is Feb. 7 with football, cash drawings, football squares, food and splash pots.

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

**EL DORADO:** The company recently bought the other half of Silver Legacy and all of Circus Circus Reno, so the poker room may be moving to the center casino of the three properties. Stay tuned for details. Ask about the daily bonus payouts. ♠

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The Staycation Weekend Classic runs Jan. 29-31. Buy-ins for each day are \$200 (Friday), \$300 (Saturday) and \$300 (Sunday). Players registering for all three days will receive a free deluxe room Jan. 29-30.

- The fifth annual \$400 Winter Classic is Feb. 20-22 at 11:15 a.m. each day. There will be a \$110 satellite Feb. 14 at 11:15 a.m. as one WPC seat will be awarded for every five entries.

- The 13th annual Thanksgiving charity tournament drew 386 players (50 more than last year) to the Arena Poker Room and raised \$9,650, which was donated to the United Food Bank. **Ronald Warnicke, Perry Pronia, Travis Alexander** and **Alejandra Villa** chopped the event for \$1,802 as 40 players cashed.

**FORT MCDOWELL CASINO:** The poker room has a \$300 Aces Cracked promotion, high-hand wheel spins and tournaments every day at noon and 7 p.m. with an extra tournament on Saturdays at 4.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN:** If you'd like to get a jump on the World Series of Poker, every Wednesday night there are single-table tournaments for \$1,500 WSOP seats. The buy-in is \$220 with first receiving a \$1,500 entry, second gets \$300 and third earns \$200. Ak-Chin also has \$10K WSOP seat SNGs on Saturdays 5-9 p.m. Call for details.

**VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO:** If you lose with pocket aces in hold'em or with a flopped set of aces in Omaha, you can spin the wheel to win as much as \$300. VQ also offers sports splash pots and a full slate of tournaments each week.

**WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO:** There are sports splash pots nearly every day. Players also can win \$100 Monday-Friday getting their pocket aces beat in hold'em or 6-4 cracked in Omaha games. While playing, guests enjoy half-price on all menu items. At press time, the Super Bad Beat Jackpot was more than \$125K.

## TEXAS

Things are looking good for an early 2016 reopening of two abandoned Texas casinos: Speaking Rock near El Paso (the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo) and that of the Alabama-Coushattas

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## MEET TOM SCHNEIDER



**Tom Schneider** has many poker achievements to his credit, including four World Series of Poker bracelets, 10 WSOP final tables, two World Poker Tour final tables, \$2.4 million in career tournament winnings and, of course, he was named the 2007 WSOP Player of the Year.

**Excluding the WSOP, how often throughout the year do you play cash games or tournaments?** The WSOP and the Arizona State Poker Championship are pretty much the only poker tournaments I play now. Tournaments are tough on the bankroll and even tougher on the ego if I'm running bad. However, there's nothing like the WSOP to get my competitive juices flowing.

**What would you change for the ASPC event?** I spoke to **Tom Young**, the director of poker operations at Talking Stick Resort, about having two different starting times each day so that more people get a chance to play and more people can rebuy. I believe this would increase the prize pool substantially, reduce the number of alternates and keep them from having to add a fourth starting day because of the high demand.

**Where is your all-time favorite place to play and why?** There's no place like home, no, not my house, but Talking Stick Resort. I've been playing there for such a long time and it's nice to see friendly faces when I walk in. The dealers are amazing, the food is good, the room has 50 tables and the floor people accommodate most everything the players want to do. There are many other great poker rooms across the country and I have had the pleasure to play in many of them. — **Chris Cronin**

in East Texas. Both tribes have continued their push to reopen since they were ordered to shut down by a federal court in 2001.

Tribal officials in Texas believe they have the legal footing they need under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and will be re-opening casinos and creating jobs early this year.

**KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO:** The poker room's Super Tuesday tournament has \$500 added and a \$25. The Thursday Throw-down sports a \$45 buy-in and \$5 one-time optional dealer appreciation, but the event is limited to the first 50 players. Players can enjoy massages for \$1 per minute.

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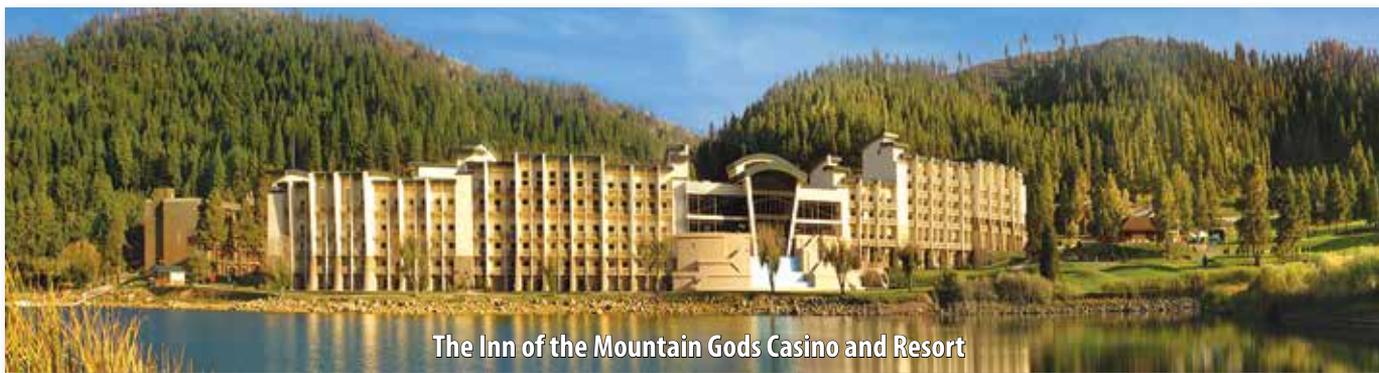
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# PASS-PUNT-KICK AT THE INN JAN. 24

The \$230 Pass-Punt-Kick tournament at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino and Resort starts at noon Jan. 24 at Ruidoso Convention Center, where a 65-inch TV will be awarded. The tournament is set up to have 100 players plus alternates. You'll get 10K chips, but there's an optional \$10 dealer bonus for an extra 5K chips.

- The biweekly multilevel tournaments where players can buy in at three different levels will be Jan. 3, Jan. 17 and Jan. 31.

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO:** The \$10K guarantee on Nov. 14 was quite a success, drawing 76 entries for a \$15,200 prize pool, so another one is planned for March 12. Call for details.

There will be a \$30 New Year's Day tournament with unlimited first-hour \$20 rebuys and one \$25 add-on at the end of that hour.

And finally, the Last Saturday of the Month Deepstack will be Jan. 30 (\$150). Players can earn 1K bonus chips for two hours of live play before the start of tournaments.

## KANSAS-OKLAHOMA

**HARD ROCK TULSA:** The Hard Rock Open saw strong turnouts for several events, including 939 for Event 2 (\$150, \$100K guarantee); 106 for Event 7 (\$130 seniors); and 263 for the \$675 main event, which went to Tulsa's **Marlon Gabriel** (\$42,123). **Justin Gardenhire** won two events, the six-game mix and pot-limit Omaha with rebuys.

**RIVER SPIRIT CASINO:** The daily tournament schedule offers buy-ins from \$20 (rebuy) to \$70 (bounty) events. Single-table bad-beat jackpots can be hit during tournaments with jacks-full beaten with payouts as much as \$1,500. Tuesday night's tournament is a hold'em-Omaha mix. The bad-beat jackpot climbed past \$102K at press time. The room is running a variety of promotions, including Red Aces Cracked, high hand and hours played qualification into a \$15K freeroll.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** In December, the poker room was moved and reduced from 13 to eight tables. The game of choice continues to be \$1-\$3 NLHE with \$1-\$2-\$5 PLO-PLO/8 running from time to time.

**FIRST COUNCIL CASINO:** The property opened a four-table poker room in mid November. The casino last housed a poker room in 2011. Owned by the Otoe Tribe, it's the sister casino to Paradise Casino in Red Rock, Okla. Paradise has two tables in its table-games area. Posted rake is 10 percent to \$5 with \$4 pro-

motional drop taken for hold'em games only.

**BOOT HILL CASINO:** The property has closed its five-table **Steve Walker** Memorial Poker Room, but moved poker tables into the table-games area on the floor.

**PRAIRIE BAND CASINO:** Offering a five-table enclosed room, players enjoy NLHE as well as \$5-\$10 hold'em-Omaha/8. Tournaments are Sundays and Thursdays.

**GRAND CASINO:** Daily tournaments run with \$30-\$50 buy-ins with the exception of Sundays (\$115). All tournaments are re-entry for the first hour.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** At press time only a handful of results from the Reindeer Games series had been reported. **Chuck Chadwick** of Fayetteville, Ark., beat nearly 120 players in Event 1 (\$125, \$10K guarantee) to pocket \$3,126 and the title.

## COLORADO

**BLACK HAWK:** At Ameristar, the bad-beat jackpot was \$150K-plus at press time, with both resets at nearly that amount as well. Four hours of play earns you a discounted room rate in the high-rise hotel. If you haven't stayed there, you are missing out on a Vegas-like experience, including a buffet, spa and roof top pool with an open-air hot tub. ... Golden Gates Casino hosts the Heartland Poker Tour on Feb. 12-21. This is a popular series that attracts many players from outside the Colorado area. ... The Reserve Casino Hotel has a new table-games manager, **Matt Andrighetti**, who recently relocated from Cripple Creek.

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** At the Wildwood Casino poker room the Friday, Saturday and Sunday deepstack tournaments continue to draw players. The robust prize pool is pumped by players eagerly re-entering as many times as they want to through the first break. Please note that Sunday's tournament start time has changed to 2 p.m. ... After the successful Ante Up Poker League ended in December, the Midnight Rose poker room has a cash tournament league running Jan. 1 through March 25, consisting of weekly \$80 and monthly \$160 tournaments. The top-four point-earners will divide the prize pool, estimated to be about \$5K. The early bird special that refunds \$10 out of a \$100 buy-in for being in the first game spread is popular and getting a game started early every morning. The Four Flushes promotion runs every day except Saturday. ... We have it on good authority the Colorado State Poker Championship will return in April. ♠



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# BAZELEY ROCKS RNR OPEN IN S. FLA.



**Jacob Bazeley** of Cincinnati won the Rock 'N' Roll Poker Open Main Event at Hollywood's Seminole Hard Rock Casino by defeating a tough final table that featured a mix of big-name pros and grinders from around Florida.

**David Prociak** of Winter Park staged an epic 68-hand heads-up fight, which included several lead changes down the stretch, before succumbing to Bazeley, who increased his career live earnings to more than \$3M.

Popular pro **Jessica Dawley** was the first eliminated on Day 5, followed by former world No. 1 "**Mad Marvin**" **Rettenmaier**, while **Joshua Gibson** of Ft. Myers and **Martin Carnero** of Davie took third and fourth.

Seven of the top 11 players on Florida's all-time money list played, but most failed to cash: **Jason Mercier**, **Noah Schwartz**, **Matt Waxman**, **John Racener**, **Harrison Gimbel** and **Vanessa Rousso**.

Only Mercier (29th) and Gimbel (23rd) took home a payday.

Rousso, fresh off her third-place finish in the CBS reality program *Big Brother*, also competed before the *Poker Night in America* cameras in SHR's second high-stakes cash game for women only, along with **Danielle Anderson**, **Abbey Daniels** and **Samantha Abernathy**, among others. Rousso was the big winner among the women, profiting more than \$19K from her \$5K buy-in. In the two days of open cash action, which will be televised on the show this year, **Dan Shak** and **Mike Sigel** were the most successful, each taking home a profit of \$21,250.

A large field of 766 helped the event easily surpass its \$2 million guarantee, with Bazeley collecting \$568K for the win and Prociak cashing for almost \$331K. The next big series at the Hard Rock will be the Lucky Hearts Poker Open (Jan. 7-20) with the main event featuring just one opening session on Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

**NO ISLE CLASSIC:** After hosting the Isle Classic for six consecutive years to open the yearly tournament calendar in January, the Isle Casino & Racing in Pompano Beach has decided not to hold that series this year. Instead, it will concentrate on cash games during the busy tourist season in South Florida.

The inaugural main event, with its \$900 buy-in, was won in 2010 by South Florida local **Steve Karp**, and in subsequent years as the buy-ins grew to \$2,500 in 2012 and 2013, the championship became a showcase for the area's top pros. Waxman and **Chris Bolek** were among the other champions, while last year's main event went to **Albert Destrade**, whose previous claim to fame was a third-place finish on reality TV show *Survivor*.

Besides the vigorous competition in the South Florida poker

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## MEET RYAN TEPEN



It's a rare occasion when **Ryan Tepen**, a 31-year-old college football fanatic, is not sporting the apparel of his alma mater, the University of Missouri, at the poker table.

Born and raised in Bowling Green, Mo., the Team Run Good pro has been grinding the tournament circuit since 2011, amassing almost \$750K in that time. He came into the final table of the Heartland Poker Tour St. Charles main event as an overwhelming chipleader, but ultimately finished fourth.

**How did you get your start in poker?** I started playing free bar poker in college. I thought I was good and was quickly humbled when **Dutch Boyd**, his brother **Bobby** and a couple of others from "the Crew" showed up one night for a breast cancer awareness event in our free bar league. However, I made friends with them and my game started getting better as I sweated them playing online in 2005.

**How many months of the year do you spend on the road?** I'd say I travel and play nine months out of the year, which is insane but can be a lot of fun at times. I've met a lot of amazing people along the way and I have been able to travel to a lot of cool places that most people my age do not get an opportunity to do.

**What is your favorite game?** Probably badeucey, but no-limit deuce-to-seven is right up there.

— **Todd Lamansky**

market, it's apparent that this tournament became a casualty of the Broward casino's extreme popularity.

"January is one of our most cluttered months in terms of promotions and we've made the decision to concentrate on the regular action that our players desire," Isle GM **Rob Wyre** said. "To have both tournaments and numerous cash tables at such a busy time, something has to suffer."

Wyre said a number of poker-playing tourists come to the facility regularly from the Northeast each winter after being acquainted with **Stan Strickland**, who arrived at the Isle in 2013 after seven years at the helm in Atlantic City at the Borgata. "Stan is an outstanding poker director and a lot of players have followed him down from up north," Wyre said.

The next major series at the Isle will be the Battles at the Beach (Feb. 29-March 21).

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# PATTERSON MAKES HISTORY AT JAX

The bestbet Bounty Scramble ended with a historic moment as **Tyler Patterson** became the first player marked as a bounty to make a final table, and he followed through by winning the \$5K main event for \$375K in early November.

The event drew 412 players for a \$1.9M prize pool. The four-day event saw many celebrity bounties fall, including **John Racener**, **Anthony Zinno** and former bestbet WPT winner **Doc "Nabil" Hirezi**. WSOPC champ **Loni Hardwood** went out ninth (\$35K), which secured Patterson as the sole-surviving bounty and a bonus prize of a \$200 bottle of champagne.

**George Wolfe**, the winner of the inaugural WPT DeepStacks in early 2015, also made a deep run in the event, finishing just shy of the televised final table in seventh (\$60K), just four spots ahead of close friend **Andre Pillow**, who was 10th.

**Marvin Karlins** went to the final table with the lead, but his unorthodox style couldn't hold up against a final table featuring heavy hitters such as Patterson, **Benjamin Zamani** and **Stan Jablonski**, who came into his third WPT final table of the season needing at least a fourth-place finish to take the lead in the WPT Player of the Year standings. Jablonski went out third (\$162K) to secure his position atop the leaderboard.

Going into heads-up play, Patterson held a nearly 3-1 lead over Zamani and it took less than a level for Patterson to take down the title and his own \$2.5K bounty, the first player in WPT history to achieve the feat.

**DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB:** The Daytona 500 is right around the corner, which means DBKC is revving up for its next iteration of the ever-growing Great American Poker Tournament series. Dubbed the Champion Tournament, this \$50K guarantee comes with a \$330 buy-in and runs Feb. 14, the same day as qualifying and just a week before the big race. There are \$85 satellites running until the week of the main event. For more info, call the poker room.

In other news, the selection of new games has expanded to include Three Card Poker, One Card Poker, Two Card Poker and Ultimate Texas Hold'em.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** The Panhandle property made history in December by opening the first Fortune Pai Gow table in a Florida poker room.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

**TAMPA GREYHOUND:** The poker market in the Tampa Bay area has five poker rooms, and with such major players as the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs, Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa, Derby Lane in St. Petersburg and One-Eyed Jacks in Sarasota, it's easy for Tampa Greyhound Track to slip in between the cracks. Formerly Lucky's Card Room, it was known as "that room with PLO." But now it hopes to change all of that.

Over the past few months, the poker room has updated with a different website (tgt poker.com), high-speed WiFi, a new menu, table layouts, games, TVs, carpet, promotions and tournaments. There's a new high-hand promotion and affordable buy-in tournaments with little to no rake. New games such as Three Card Poker and Ultimate Texas Hold'em offer a change

of pace and there's still PLO and consistent \$1-\$2 and \$1-\$3 games.

The room is looking to bring people back with its convenient location right off Interstate-275 between Bird Street and Busch Boulevard.

The Monthly Challenge has a \$125 buy-in, a \$5K guarantee and is the last Sunday of the month. With a 25K stack and 25-minute blinds, this tournament is one of the best values in the area. The room also will participate in the Ante Up-Blue Shark Optics Restock the Shelves event Jan. 18. This event offers you a chance to play a great tournament while helping locals in need.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** The PPC returns to the Silks Poker Room on Jan. 1-10 with more than \$100K in guarantees, including an opening \$235 event that has a \$30K guarantee.

## MISSISSIPPI

**BEAU RIVAGE:** The year starts out strong with the Million Dollar Heater. Beginning Jan. 7 and running through Jan. 20, this event is consistently one of the best of the year for Mississippi poker. The first weekend of the MDH notoriously breaks records. Early registration is strongly encouraged as the alternate lists can get quite long.

Event 1 (Jan. 8-10) packs a powerful \$500K guarantee for just a \$345 buy-in. If the main event (Jan. 16-20) is more your speed, it also features a \$500K guarantee with a \$3,200 buy-in. Daily mega-satellites (\$150 with \$100 re-entries) run every day from Jan. 7-16 with one main-event seat guaranteed each time. These megas, especially midweek, are historically a great value with small fields. Nightly \$100 tournaments (Jan. 10-15) feature a running event leaderboard that offers another opportunity to win a seat into the main.

The tournament crew and poker room staff are second to none in terms of hospitality. It's strongly suggested that you book your rooms immediately to get the poker rate. They will sell out. Visit [beaupoker.com](http://beaupoker.com) for more information.

**HORSESHOE TUNICA:** Right after you bag the championship at the Beau, the northern end of the state kicks off the biggest Tunica series for the year. The World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Horseshoe begins Jan. 21 and runs through Feb. 1.

A few fun tournaments on the list for this event include the non-ring \$250 deepstack \$10K guarantee on Jan 25 at 4 p.m. Southern players love a good guarantee and this one will pack the house. On Jan. 28, the 11 a.m. ring event (\$580 buy-in) features a \$50K guarantee. This is a two-day event.

One thing that sets Tunica apart from the others is the exceptional live action that takes place every night at the Shoe. It will be, without a doubt, around-the-clock action and single-table satellites. Sort of a destination for PLO players and action junkies, you'll find everything from the usual \$1-\$2 games to high-limit mixed games when events are in town. Tunica has an abundance of great hotel options, but there's nothing quite like being able to walk to the event. The rooms onsite tend to sell out quickly. Visit [wsop.com](http://wsop.com) for venue information and phone numbers.



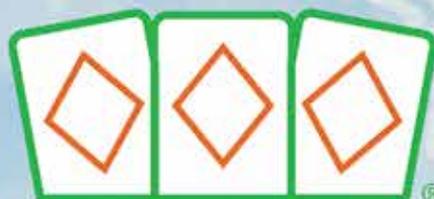
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# WEINMAN WINS WSOPC TITLE IN N.C.

In April 2013, **Daniel Weinman** found himself heads-up for the WSOPC main-event title at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina. He was denied by North Carolina native **John Bowman** and settled for being runner-up. Fast-forward 18 months and Weinman has found his redemption in the same building. The pro from Atlanta claimed the gold ring that eluded him the last time around, winning \$280,260 and an entry into the Global Casino Championship.

"It's pretty awesome," Weinman said after his win. "I was in the same spot two years ago the first time they held this event here. I had the chip lead for a long time at that final table and couldn't really close it out."

As was the case the last time, Weinman was chipleader and the most experienced player at the final table, and he was in and out of the top spot on the leaderboard all day long. He was responsible for the first two eliminations, first with pocket aces against **Hamid Izadi's** pocket nines, then A-10 against **Virgil Beddingfield's** A-5.

From there, Weinman cruised into three-handed play and he was only at risk for his tournament life once. At that point, **Kelly Joe Andrews** was in control of more than half the chips in play, but over the course of two orbits, Weinman took his whole stack. First, Weinman three-bet shoved with pocket threes against Andrews' K-J, fading his opponent's straight and flush draws to double-up and turn the tide. One orbit later, he found the same pocket threes against Andrews' A-Q, and once again, Weinman's small pair won.

That knockout gave Weinman a big lead entering heads-up play against **Edward LeBlanc**, and the duel lasted just a few short hands.

"I was actually really nervous," Weinman said. "I haven't been deep in a big tournament in a long time and I played 40 tournaments at the series this summer. ... Something about the final day of the tournament, the pressure is real. I didn't sleep well; I couldn't eat this morning and I still haven't eaten all day. This is fun; I forgot how fun it is making a final table."

The \$1,675 event attracted a field of 1,010, a record for this venue and an increase of more than 25 percent over last season's turnout. The total prize pool came to \$1.5M and the top 108 players were paid.

## LOUISIANA

**COUSHATTA CASINO:** The latest installment of Winter Classic ran Dec. 9-13, beginning with the popular \$325 seniors tournament, which drew 164 players and paid 20 spots.

The tournament ended in a seven-way chop for almost \$5K apiece.

The equally popular \$300 mega-satellite saw 30 players out of the starting field of 169 earn \$1,500 in tournament-entry chips to be used for the final two events.

Event 3, the \$500 tourney, drew 165 entries and ended in a three-way chop. Chipleader **Jason Daly** earned \$14,500 for the win as second and third went to **Troy Carpenter** and **Jose Cavazos**, who picked up



It took 18 months, but Daniel Weinman avenged his loss at the WSOPC Cherokee.

\$10,420 each.

The Winter Classic concluded with the \$1K main event, which attracted 88 players, including **James Browne**, who won the title and \$21,435.

Many notable Southwest Louisiana grinders made their way to the final table and a nice payday, including **Charles Clubb** (ninth, \$3,175), **James "JT" Thomas** (eighth, \$3,572), **Corey Theriot** (fifth, \$6,351), **Jacob Seale** (fourth, \$7,938), **Danny Doucet** (third, \$11,114) and runner-up **Huey Hulin** (\$14,289).

"Overall, we're pleased with the turnout for the week," tournament director **Eugene "Danny" Wade** said. "We're always looking for ways to improve our quarterly series and that included a makeover of our main-event structure. It was well-received by the players and is more consistent with other \$1K events out on the circuit. This was a very strong main-event final table and Mr. Browne played extremely well and is a deserving champion."

## MISSOURI

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO ST. LOUIS:** The poker room will be giving away four \$2,500 seats to the HPO Championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas on June 23-25. The seats will be awarded during the HPO Poker Party on Jan. 10.

Drawings will be every 30 minutes from 1-7 p.m. with the four seats being given away at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7.

Cash prizes will be awarded during the other time slots. Entries into the drawing are earned by playing cash games in the poker room until Jan. 3, so you still have a few days left to get in on the action.

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** The Happy New Year Tournament runs Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. Players will receive 20K chips and 30-minute blinds for their \$240 buy-in.

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# HUBBARD BREAKS BPO BARRIERS IN A.C.



**Stephanie Hubbard** won the opening event of the Borgata Fall Poker Open after chopping the remaining prize pool three ways, becoming the first woman to win a BPO event and pocketing \$160K. She was chipleader after Day 1A and Day 2.

“I was very excited to bag the chip lead on 1A,” she said. “I felt like this was my tournament to win and wanted to continue the momentum from Day 1 throughout.”

Hubbard, **Matt Stout** and **Jim Lillis** played for \$10K differences. It was Stout’s second time finishing second in a BPO event, losing to **Asher Coniff** earlier in 2015.

“I knew Matt was hungry for a win after being heads-up before,” Hubbard said. “I had a 5-to-1 lead and just wanted to small-ball him and swing the chip advantage.”

Stout earned \$102K while Lillis won \$65K for third.



In the other big story, Brooklyn pro **Mike Dentale** took down the main event for \$336K, pushing his career earnings past the \$1M mark. **Jason Paster** finished second (\$189K) and **Henry Lu** was third (\$121K).

The Borgata Winter Poker Open runs Jan. 19–Feb. 5 and sports a \$3 million guarantee as part of the World Poker Tour Borgata Championship.

## DELAWARE

**DOVER DOWNS:** On Jan. 1, there will be a \$10K guarantee with a \$125 buy-in at the Crown Royal Poker Room. There’s also a \$30K guarantee (\$240) on Jan. 2 and a \$2,500 guarantee (\$40) on Jan. 3.

There are many cash-game promotions this month, too. After 25 hours of play, players receive \$2 per hour of comp dollars and there will be other comp promotions throughout the month so see the poker room for details.

**HARRINGTON RACEWAY:** The poker room has added a new tournament on Thursday nights. It’s a \$75 mixed bounty with \$10 bounties and the game is limit hold’em and Omaha/8. The tournament’s defending champ will have a \$50 bounty, but if the champ wins again then that player gets to keep the bounty. Also, on Wednesdays, a \$1K guarantee Omaha-O/8 mixed event runs and has become a popular tourney.

## MARYLAND

**HORSESHOE BALTIMORE:** The poker room is hosting a multiday, \$350 buy-in, \$100K guarantee at the end of the month that

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## MEET JON BUTLER



**Jon Butler** has worked in the SugarHouse Casino’s poker room as a shift manager since the opening of its temporary tent in November 2014.

**How long have you worked in the poker industry and where did you begin?** Eleven years with no experience or official training. I got hired at the Tropicana in A.C.

I quickly moved on to the Borgata and worked there for 10 years before getting hired at SugarHouse. I learned a lot while at Borgata.

I was very fortunate to be able to learn from some of the best people in the industry. Between working the live games and helping with tournaments, I was able to develop a strong understanding of the game from business side.

**Are there any differences in the players or games between Atlantic City and Philadelphia?** From what I have seen in Pennsylvania poker rooms, the players seem to be more local. A larger percentage of players are recreational.

They seem to come in after work and play for a few hours before calling it a night. Atlantic City has its share of local players, but it also has a national draw, though that is diminishing.

That is one of the reasons I left Atlantic City. With the increase in casinos, most noticeably in Pennsylvania, I worry Atlantic City won’t last. Philadelphia’s population is so large that I don’t see this being a problem here.

— **Jo Kim**

is certain to garner a lot of attention. This is not the usual \$350 event that runs Saturdays at 11 a.m. as that tournament sports a mere \$20K guarantee. The first-day flights for the \$100K will be Jan. 29-30 with Day 2 on Jan. 31. For more info, call the poker room.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** Throughout January, the poker room is giving away four packages to see the Super Bowl in San Francisco. They will include hotel, airfare and two parties before the game. Drawings will be on Sundays. Tickets can be earned by hours played throughout the week. Call the room for more details.

**CHARITY POKER IN DC:** All In Enterprises again is hosting annual World Series of DC Poker. Lead-up events will be Jan. 31 and Feb. 6 with the main event Feb. 14. Visit [allinenterprises.org](http://allinenterprises.org) for details.

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**NORTHEAST**



**Brian Altman kicked things off at Foxwoods Casino by taking down Event 1 of the MegaStack Challenge in December, good for \$84,208.**

## ALTMAN CAPTURES OPENER AT FOXWOODS MEGA EVENT

The December edition of Foxwoods Casino's popular MegaStack Challenge was still running at press time in Connecticut, including the \$1,650 main event, which guaranteed \$300K. Overall, the MegaStack Challenge guaranteed more than \$1 million in payouts.

Early winners included **Brian Altman** of Longmeadow, Mass., who won the \$600 opening no-limit hold'em event for \$84,208 after edging **Lou Giampa** of the Bronx (\$54K). **Aaron Augusten** of Boston captured Event 3 (\$300 NLHE) by winning \$7,053 and the trophy after an eight-way chop.

**Paul Zarcone** of Holbrook, N.Y., won the \$230 Omaha/8 event and \$3,462 while **Joseph Kosko** of Southington, Conn., won the trophy and \$3,730 in the \$230 NLHE event while **Ralph Macri** of Redding, Conn., won the top prize of \$5K after a five-way deal.

On the heels of this successful MegaStack Challenge, Foxwoods has planned another one for Feb. 5-15, and this one guarantees \$725K. The \$1,650 main event runs Feb. 13-15 and guarantees a \$300K prize pool.

There will be two starting flights on Day 1, one at 11 a.m. and the next at 5 p.m. Players start with 30K chips and blinds are 40 minutes for the first 12 rounds, increasing to an hour after that. For more on this series, including a pair of \$100K guarantees, see the ad on the facing page.

### NEW YORK

**TURNING STONE:** The poker room is hosting a \$50K guarantee on Jan. 7-10 with a \$250 buy-in (see the ad on the left)

The SuperStacks Hold'em Series, which featured 14 events and \$100K guarantee main event with a \$570 buy-in, finished in early December. **Jay Mortensen** of Syracuse, N.Y., who has had quite a few five-figure scores in his poker career, took down the main-event title for \$34,612, beating 300 players. He has nearly \$214K in career earnings and the tournament beat the guarantee, paying \$150,500 to the field. **Hayden Glassmen** of Rochester, N.Y., was second (\$22,124) and **Christopher Chabris** of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was third (\$14,824)

Other winners in the series included **Christopher Siriano** of Camillus, N.Y., who won the opening event, which sported the

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# MEGASTACKCHALLENGE

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT TYPE	GUARANTEED	BUY-IN ENTRY FEE	STARTING CHIPS TIME PER LEVEL
FRIDAY	2/5	11 am	1	\$600 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$100,000</b>	\$530/\$70	20,000 1-23 / 40 Min 24 & UP / 50 Min
SATURDAY	2/6	11 am	2	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min
SATURDAY	2/6	Noon	3	\$250 OMAHA HI/LO 8+		\$215/\$35	10,000 / 30 Min
SUNDAY	2/7	11 am	4	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SUPER STACK TURBO With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$215/\$35	40,000 / 15 Min
MONDAY	2/8	11 am	5	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$260/\$40	20,000 / 30 Min
TUESDAY	2/9	11 am	6	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SENIORS With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$215/\$35	20,000 / 30 Min
TUESDAY	2/9	Noon	7	\$250 PLO HIGH ONLY With Re-Entries		\$215/\$35	10,000 / 30 Min
WEDNESDAY	2/10	11 am	8A	\$400 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM Multi Flight Event / With Re-Entries	<b>\$100,000</b>	\$350/\$50	20,000 1-12 / 30 Min 13 & Up / 40 Min
WEDNESDAY	2/10	5 pm	8B				
THURSDAY	2/11	Noon		\$400 NLH Flights A & B Combine			
THURSDAY	2/11	Noon	9	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY With Re-Entries		\$210/\$40 \$50 Bounty	20,000 / 30 Min
FRIDAY	2/12	11 am	10	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min
SATURDAY	2/13	11 am	11	\$250 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM LADIES EVENT With Re-Entries		\$215/\$35	20,000 / 30 Min
SATURDAY	2/13	11 am	12A	\$1,650 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM CHAMPIONSHIP Multi Flight Event / With Re-Entries Three Day Event	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$1,500/\$150	30,000 1-12 / 40 Min 13 & Up / 60 Min
SATURDAY	2/13	5 pm	12B				
SUNDAY	2/14	Noon		\$1,650 NLH Flights A & B Combine			
SUNDAY	2/14	11 am	13	\$500 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM With Re-Entries Two Day Event	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$440/\$60	20,000 1-23 / 40 Min 24 & UP / 50 Min
MONDAY	2/15	11 am	14	\$300 NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BIG STACK With Re-Entries	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$260/\$40	30,000 1-25 / 20 Min 26 & Up / 30 Min

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## NORTHEAST

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other \$100K guarantee. The \$250 event drew 863 entries to easily surpass the guarantee, paying out \$181,230, including \$27,168 to Siriano. **Albert Smith** of Ithaca, N.Y., won Event 2 (\$330 bounty) for \$2,460; **Mary Maltbie** of Fabius, N.Y., won Event 3 (\$225 bounty) for \$1,500; **Daniel Mazza** chopped Event 4 (\$230 NLHE) with **Zouheir Ibrahim** for \$1,300 each; **Richard Vanneil** of Weirsdale, Fla., won Event 5 (\$225 bounty) for \$1,720; **Chris Moroch** of Yonkers pocketed \$1,300 for winning Event 6 (\$230 NLHE) and **Jeff Beachy** won the final event, a deepstack turbo good for \$1,970 after chopping with **Mike Burke**.

In other Turning Stone news, the poker room hosts the \$125 Syracuse Crunch Knockout Tournament on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.



Players from the Tampa Bay Lightning's AHL minor-league hockey team will be wearing their Crunch jerseys in the field and if you eliminate one, you win their jersey, which they will sign. Players start with 10K chips and will have 20-minute blinds. Registration begins at 6 p.m.

**SENECA NIAGARA:** **Kurtis Boutelle** outlasted 290 players to win the \$1K Fall Poker Classic Main Event and nearly \$63K at the Niagara Falls poker room, which guaranteed \$200K for the tournament's prize pool.

From Frewsburg, N.Y., Boutelle, 29, works as a machine operator. The win was his first on the live circuit, but he has cashed five times.

**Nathan Torrance** was second (\$39,557) and **Alex Visbisky** was third (\$28,512). A resident of Liverpool, N.Y., Torrance cashed for the seventh time and more than \$66K in career earnings. The cash was the eighth for Visbisky and the richest of his career. **David Battaglia** of nearby Buffalo was fourth (\$21,063), followed by **Silvio DeRubeis** (\$15,669) and **Ryan Rivers** of Niagara Falls (\$11,816).

## WEST VIRGINIA

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO CHARLES TOWN:** The West Virginia property has launched Dueling for Dollars. The object of the game is for the player to choose whether their card is higher or lower than the community card.

To begin, each player makes a wager before receiving a card. The player may select the player's or the dealer's wagering spot. If the player selects the player spot, the player is wagering that their card will be higher than the community card. If the player selects the dealer spot, the player is wagering that their card will be lower than the community card.

Once all wagers are made, the dealer distributes one card per player and draws the community card. Players betting correctly receive even money, while those betting incorrectly lose the wager. In the event of a tie, player and dealer duel by each drawing another card, the winner of which takes 1x the original wager for victory, or the player may surrender and forfeit half of the wager.

"We couldn't be more excited to announce the addition of Dueling for Dollars to our lineup of table games," VP of gaming **Bill Florence** said. ♠



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# BOHN AND MEEHAN ENTER MINN. HOF

**Blake Bohn** and “Minneapolis” **Jim Meehan** are the newest members of the Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame.

Bohn, a Mid-States Poker Tournament pro from Savage, Minn., has had success as a cash-game player since the 1990s.

He first made a splash on the tournament scene in 2005 when he cashed in two events at Canterbury Park’s Fall Poker Classic, just missing the \$1K main event’s final table. His accomplishments include winning the Chicago Poker Classic and the Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event at Running Aces in Columbus, Minn., both in 2013 when he amassed more than \$800K. In the past three years, Bohn has had six cashes of more than \$200K, bringing his total tournament earnings to more than \$2.3 million.

“Since 2010, Blake’s name has been commonplace in the Minnesota poker scene. There is no denying the poker skill he has and his results prove it,” Running Aces shift manager **Tristan Wilberg** said.

Meehan has been playing poker since the 1960s. He went to law school in St. Paul, and worked for 20 years as a lawyer before going into semi-retirement as a pro poker player. After much success as a local and regional rounder, he hit the tournament scene in the early 1990s, scoring big in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, including a second-place finish in a 1997 WSOP \$3K hold’em event for \$115,800.

**RUNNING ACES:** **Leo Fussy** of St. Cloud, Minn., won the Big Turkey tournament Nov. 18-22. Fussy earned \$26,397 after tangling for more than an hour heads-up with **William Criego** of Prior Lake, Minn. This was Fussy’s largest career cash and seventh tournament win, according to the Hendon Mob. The \$500 Big Turkey event drew 216 entrants and generated a \$94,284 prize pool. Running Aces also debuted its RFID table and streamed the final table on twitch.tv.

The broadcast went well, though there were a few glitches where some hands didn’t have all of the hole cards shown. Hopefully, this will be the first of many such broadcasts.

Running Aces also held its \$5K-added Black Friday freeroll on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The 365 players bought enough \$10 add-ons for an extra 5K chips to bring the prize pool to \$17,615. The tournament ended with a 19-way chop for \$818 each. You don’t see that in Minnesota often.

## IOWA

**RIVERSIDE CASINO AND RESORT:** The popular Cold Turkey Poker Showdown ran over Thanksgiving weekend as **Terry Bender** won the main event, a \$375 tourney that drew 102 players. Bender earned \$10,099. Event 2, a \$250 bounty tournament,

## MEET CRAIG CASINO



After five years of watching the Heartland Poker Tour, **Craig Casino**, 56, decided to play poker. Six years later, he has assembled an amazing record that includes the nickname, *Mr. HPT*. He leads the HPT in money won, final tables and cashes. In 2013, he won the largest tournament held outside Las Vegas, defeating 5,165 entries at the Chicago Poker Classic. Away from the table he’s a certified arborist and he’s been married for more than 40 years.

**You learned poker by reading books and watching videos, what was the most helpful?** I feel anything you can do to improve your poker skills are important. Videos help you learn to read players and the importance of positional play. Poker books help you to understand all the different styles of play. The trick is to figure out which style of play would benefit you the most against your perception of the people you’re playing.

**What tips can you give tournament players?** Several pros don’t like to get to the table until the blind levels elevate a bit. I’m usually one of the first players at the table because that’s when I get my earliest reads on opponents. ... If they know how to handle themselves and are obviously experienced, I play differently against them than I would a less experienced player who I will attempt to bully early in an attempt to chip up. — **Joe Giertuga**

had 91 entries and went to **Jason Bender**, Terry’s brother. Jason won \$5,188. **Elmer Beckler** captured Event 3, a \$125 spread-limit Omaha/8 tournament, earning \$2,552. *Ante Up Iowa* Ambassador **Ken Warren** finished fourth (\$567). One other very noteworthy item for Riverside is the bad-beat jackpot, which was around \$165K at press time.

**ISLE CASINO IN BETTENDORF:** The casino is moving onto dry land with a larger building in the spring. The target is an April-May opening and the scuttlebutt is to expect an expanded poker room.

**JUMER’S CASINO:** The poker room in Quad Cities has an attractive \$100 event every Sunday at 1 p.m.

**GRAND FALLS CASINO:** If you’re on the other side of the state, check out this poker room near Sioux Falls, S.D. It has a fine \$100 event every Sunday at 1 p.m.

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# SCHECTER LANDS PRM GIG IN TOLEDO

**Elliott Schecter** is the new poker room manager at Hollywood Casino in Toledo. He has been in the gaming industry for more than 22 years, all of which has been spent in table games and poker. **Schecter** began his career on the Discovery Cruise Line, a ship based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



Before coming to Hollywood Casino Toledo, he worked at the Snoqualmie Casino in Washington. Schecter brings to the casino a wealth of experience in the planning and coordination of televised tournaments. In addition, Schecter writes the semi-regular Call the Floor column for *Ante Up* and the *Ante Up PokerCast*.

“Hollywood Casino Toledo looks forward to Elliott bringing renewed excitement to our poker room, VP of operations **Jeff Goodman** said. “Elliott’s knowledge and experience in poker and the gaming industry is sure to be an asset to our players and poker room staff. We plan on having the poker room focus more on the local community and the region. With that in mind, we intend to run new and different promotions and events in the poker room that specifically cater to our local players.”

**HORSESHOE CASINO CLEVELAND:** The poker room is bringing back

its popular \$1K Harley-Davidson Rock and Roll City Championship. It will include three added \$1K seats for the top-three players of each of its \$140 tournaments every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in January. The championship features a \$300K guarantee and will have the dates for the events finalized soon.

**HORSESHOE CASINO CINCINNATI:** The First Saturday \$50K event, which has a \$400 buy-in, has been experiencing great success. The 12:15 p.m. tourney has 40-minute levels and deep starting stacks. Call the poker room for more details.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**RIVERS CASINO:** The Fall Pittsburgh Poker Open, which ran in November, was the biggest tournament series here. A host of pros were on hand for the events, including the filming of *Poker Night in America*’s \$25-\$50 cash game held over three days. The series highlights included records of more than 3,100 entries and more than \$600K in prize pools.



**Justin Daley** fought through a tough main-event field to take home \$71K-plus and the Player of the Series trophy. He’s has been a main-event regular at the Rivers, making the final table in three of the four \$1K events. ♠

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## LOWING CAPTURES HPO TITLE IN LAWRENCEBURG, IND., \$34K

**Josh Lowing** of Pensacola, Fla., won the Hollywood Poker Open Main Event in Lawrenceburg, Ind., earning \$34K after outlasting 229 entries and a heads-up match with **Jared Palmer**, who won a World Series of Poker Circuit ring a month earlier. The \$1,115 buy-in Season 4 opener had a prize pool of \$229K.

Also, **Scott Schwalich** came out on top of 455 entries to win the \$300 deepstack for \$27K. The Miumisburg, Ohio, native has \$760K in career earnings and finished seventh at the HPO in 2013 at the M Resort in Las Vegas.

**HARRAH'S JOLIET:** The mega bad-beat jackpot, which has quad eights as a qualifier, was more than \$500K at press time.

**MAJESTIC STAR:** After a slow start, the monthly \$125 seniors tournament had 60 entries in November. **Gene Yukon** won \$2,268 with a prize pool of \$6K. The next one is Jan. 31.

**HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA:** The bad-beat jackpot at press time in no-limit hold'em was \$194K (quad eights), limit was \$266K (quad fours) and the Tuesday-Thursday tourney bad beat was \$14K (quad deuces).

**WINDY CITY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP:** **David Wexler** won the league championship tournament in Frankfort, Ill. Since the league formed in February 2013, Wexler has emerged as a top player, winning four league and two championship tournaments. **Steve Reilly-Finch** won the fall points championship. The spring league starts Jan. 9.

For more info, email [kirk@windycitypokerchampionship.com](mailto:kirk@windycitypokerchampionship.com).

## WISCONSIN

**HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN DELLS:** In late November, **John "JohnnyGstaks" Hayes** top a field of 379 entrants to win \$98,907 and the MSPT title. Hayes became just the sixth player to win multiple MSPT main events.

The MSPT returns to the property Feb. 13-21 for the Wisconsin State Poker Championship.

**STATE NEWS:** Lottery director **Mike Edmonds** has stepped down after more than a dozen years on the job.

**KUETHER WINS:** On Nov. 22, **Joe Kuether** of Elm Grove, Wis., topped a field of 102 players in the World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood High Roller event in Las Vegas to win \$93,559. Kuether, who is the state's all-time money leader, has \$4,927,347 in lifetime earnings.

**POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO:** From Jan. 14-17, the property will host an MSPT regional, which features a \$350 main event with a \$50K guarantee.

## MICHIGAN

**SOARING EAGLE CASINO AND RESORT:** **Craig Casino** has seen plenty of success with Heartland Poker Tour since he won his first title more than four years ago. But it took a while to notch that second title, which he did in November, defeating a star-studded final table to earn \$153,323 at the Mt. Pleasant property.

"I love the HPT. It's my home game," said the man who has become known as Mr. HPT. "I'm feeling very fortunate and it's great to have the second win." ♠

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Thanks to the generosity of poker rooms that hosted events and the players who supported those events, nearly 44,000 people had a meal last January who might not otherwise would have.

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## ARIZONA

### HARRAH'S AK-CHIN HOTEL & CASINO

Benefiting F.O.R. Maricopa

**5:30 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$25 buy-in with a \$500 guaranteed prize pool. Players start with 5,000 units, but get an additional 500 for donating one can of food, 1,000 for donating two cans, 2,500 for donating three cans, 3,000 for donating four cans and 5,000 for donating five cans.

### HON-DAH RESORT CASINO

Benefiting The Love Kitchen

**6 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$30 buy-in with \$300 in house-added prize money. Players can earn more units by donating non-perishable food items (one can for 500, two cans for 1K, three cans for 2K, four cans for 3K, five cans for 4K). The high hand of the tournament will win \$50. Team Ante Up and Team Blue Shark Optics representatives will have \$50 bounties.

## CALIFORNIA

### BANKERS CASINO

Benefiting the Food Bank for Monterey County

**6 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$65 buy-in with one \$60 optional rebuy and one optional \$60 add-on. Players donating a non-perishable food item or \$5 will receive an additional 2,000 units.

### JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT

Benefiting Interfaith Food Bank

**11 a.m., Jan. 15:** \$60 buy-in, \$2,500 guaranteed

**11 a.m. Jan. 16:** \$60 buy-in bounty

**7 p.m. Jan. 18:** \$60 buy-in \$1,500 guaranteed bounty.

Players will get a bonus 250 tournament units (up to a maximum of 2,000) for every can of food they donate for every tournament.

### LUCKY CHANCES CASINO

Benefiting North Peninsula Food Pantry

& Dining Center of Daly City

**9:30 a.m., Jan. 18:** \$120 buy-in with \$4,000 first-place guarantee and 8,000 units. Players donating \$20 will get 2,000 additional units and players donating a non-perishable food item will get 1,000 additional units.

### PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA

Benefiting the Redwood Empire Food Bank

**6:30 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$140 buy-in progressive bounty event with 8,000 units, and 2,000 for \$10 staff appreciation bonus. Players bringing one non-perishable food item will get 1,000 more units and players bringing two non-perishable food items will get 2,000 more. Park West Casino Sonoma is donating the house fee to the food bank. In addition, players will get one raffle ticket, with no maximum, for each food item they bring in. The drawing for prizes, including a 50-inch Vizio Smart TV, golf package or \$100 gift card, will take place after registration closes and players need not be present to win. Also, staff members will get one raffle ticket

for each food item they donate between Jan. 1-18 for a separate raffle.

### PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

Benefiting charity to be announced

Event details to be announced

### RED HAWK CASINO

Benefiting charity to be announced

Event details to be announced

## CANADA

### COOL MULE POKER

Benefiting Thornton Community Food Bank

**7:30 p.m., Jan. 18:** Food donations will be taken during the event at the Last Shot, 4171 Innisfil Beach Road, Unit 1, Thornton, ON L0L 2N0

### ONTARIO ACES POKER LEAGUE

Benefiting the Salvation Army of Oakville

Event details to be announced.

### ORANGEVILLE POKER TOUR

Benefiting Orangeville Food Bank

**Jan. 15:** \$100 buy-in. Players will get additional units by donating at least one non-perishable food item. The loser of Team Blue Shark Optics representative Steven Kerr and Team Ante Up representative Gregory Hartwick will donate \$100.

## CONNECTICUT

### FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO

Benefiting the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut

**11 a.m., Jan. 18:** \$300 buy-in Big Stack. Players who donate a non-perishable food item or make a cash donation will get a raffle ticket. Five tickets will be drawn, with winners getting a seat in a \$200 Mega Super Satellite.

## FLORIDA

### BESTBET JACKSONVILLE

Benefiting the Mandarin Food Bank at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

**3 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$40 buy-in with \$1,000 in cash added open to anyone with a valid college ID. Students donating food will get a raffle ticket for a drawing for \$1,500 in prizes.

### DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB

Benefiting the Jerry Doliner Food Bank

and St. Vincent de Paul Society

Players participating in the \$150 buy-in Great American Poker Tour Blizzard \$50,000 guaranteed events Jan. 16-Jan. 23 will get one raffle ticket for each food item or \$1 they donate for a drawing to win a \$330 GAPT championship event \$50K guarantee seat featuring Maria Ho on Feb. 14.

### DERBY LANE

Benefiting Metropolitan Ministries

**1 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$80 buy-in with 10,000 in starting units, with an additional 5,000 for a \$5 add-on. Players bringing in a can of food

get an additional 5,000 units. The high hand in Level 7 wins \$500.

### TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Benefiting the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center

Event details to be announced

### TGT POKER & RACEBOOK

Benefiting charity to be announced

Event details to be announced

## INDIANA

### HORSESHOE HAMMOND CASINO

Benefiting Hammond Food Pantry

**12:15 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$50 buy-in Chicago Poker Classic event with a \$4K prize pool guarantee. Three \$660 Chicago Poker Classic main event seats have been added to the prize pool. Food donations will be collected from players.

## MINNESOTA

### RUNNING ACES CARD CLUB

Benefiting Family Pathways

**6 p.m., Jan. 18:** Freeroll tournament with tournament seats added. Players start with 2,000 units and get 5K more by donating a food item or giving \$5.

## MISSISSIPPI

### PEARL RIVER RESORT

Benefiting the New Choctaw Baptist Association

Five drawings for \$100 will be held Jan. 18. Players can earn five tickets per day by bringing nonperishable food items to the poker room Jan. 1-18. Players also get 1,000 in bonus chips for every tournament Jan. 1-18 for donating a nonperishable food item.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### HARRAH'S CHEROKEE HOTEL & CASINO

Benefiting the Community Table of Jackson County

**7 p.m., Jan. 18:** \$60 buy-in with up to \$20 in donation add-ons, run on live tables.

## OHIO

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# ELIMINATING BAD HABITS IS JOB NO. 1

Strong players always look to improve their poker game. Attempting to discard bad habits is something we often think about around New Year's, and in the process of coaching players, plugging leaks always is in the conversation. However, when we break a bad habit, wow, that is a breakthrough. This type of breakthrough makes a huge difference in a player's profit and loss statement. You do keep meticulous records, right? Let's talk about a few habits I encounter with students and, unfortunately, have crossed my play over the years.



**MARK BREMENT**

**PLAYING TOO MANY HOURS:** The sooner a player comes to terms with knowing he plays better when fresh, his hourly rate will double. Yes, that is a sick promise so bear with me.

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but his hourly wage skyrocketed. Your poker session is one big game that lasts a lifetime so stop thinking in terms of the daily session. Imagine having a job where your boss offered to double your hourly wage. In poker, you're the CEO.

**REVERTING TO BAD HABITS:** Players, in their quest to improve, constantly make the necessary corrections to improve their game. Unfortunately, we revert to old habits. This vexing issue recently came up with two students. The first one emailed me a hand that, after we dissected, demonstrated he had played it too passively.

We had lopped off this leak several months earlier. But passivity or lack of aggression had reared its ugly head.

In this case, he had been running a little cold and started that old limping thing, which we had eliminated. This phenomenon happens to pro athletes all of the time. That's why they all have coaches.

The next player simply got off of his poker plan. There are so many ways for this to happen that one could write a book. Keep an index card with a simple checklist. Check it every couple of hours.

Breaking some cardinal rules? There's always tomorrow, now cash out. And remember, your session is a lifetime.

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

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# THIS WILL BE YOUR BEST POKER YEAR YET

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STEVE  
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**I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON MY PERSONAL LIFE FIRST:** Problems at home often manifest themselves at the poker table, in terms of concentration, how quickly one goes on tilt, and inability to snap back from a bad beat.

But more important, what good are poker winnings if your life is in ruins?

**I'M GOING TO TRAIN, NOT JUST PLAY:** No pro golfer trains by simply playing 18 holes every day. To be the best, you need to work on specific drills

that target weaknesses. You need to pump iron because it takes muscle to drive a ball 300 yards. Where's your poker gym? Shameless plug: Advanced Poker Training (advancedpoker-training.com) has everything you need for your poker weight room.

**I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF MY MIND AND BODY:** When one of the greatest chess players of all time was asked his secret, he said, "Your body has to be in top condition. You can't separate body from mind."

Not all poker greats have followed this rule. It makes me wonder how incredibly talented these guys must have been and how much more they could have excelled had they taken care

of their bodies.

**I'M GOING BACK TO STRAIGHT-FORWARD POKER:** A winning session can become a losing one by sloppy play. This year, I'm not going to play mediocre hands preflop just because I get bored. I'm not going to try to bluff bad players.

I'm going to stop check-raising people (because it's fun) in situations where I'd be better to just bet my hand (not as fun). I'm putting my iPhone away so I can concentrate on the game.

**I'LL TAKE A BREAK WHEN I'M LOSING:** Tournaments players don't always have this luxury, but when you sense you're in a downward spiral, you need a break, possibly for the whole night. My friend **Mike Caro** calls this the "threshold of misery," after which point any additional losses don't hurt any worse. A dangerous place to be.

**I'M GOING TO SET REALISTIC GOALS:** The SMART criteria says goals should be Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-based. This is another area where Advanced Poker Training can help.

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# THERE'S AN ART TO PLAYING BIG SLICK

Many times, you'll pickup a most commonly sought-after hand, A-K, and you'll be in position to put in a raise, only to find you have several callers. When the flop hits the board and misses your hand, you're faced with an immediate and critical decision.



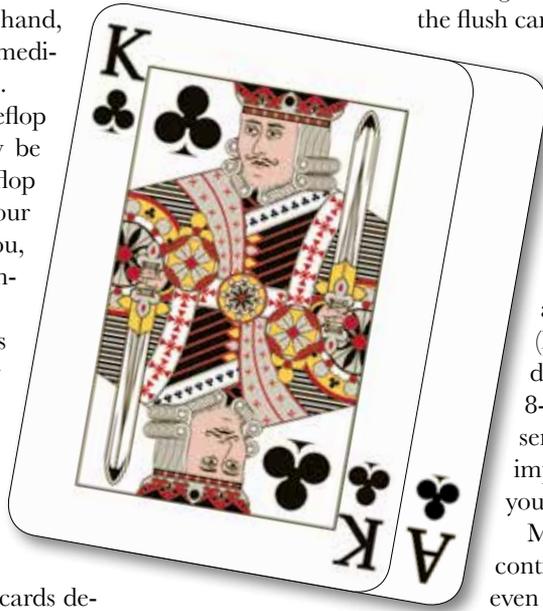
**AL SPATH**

Because of your preflop raise, you'll most likely be the first to act after the flop as players respecting your raise will check to you, and accordingly, the continuation bet is used.

Keep in mind, however, opponents are aware the flop (texture) probably didn't help your hand and one or more of them will be reluctant to fold if they hold any pair, big draw or overcards to the board.

How aggressively or cautiously you proceed with a raggedy flop (or dry board), holding two premium overcards depends primarily on the number of opponents and their quality. Should there be two or fewer opponents, the continuation bet, so aptly named as you're continuing the aggressive betting you used preflop, is made.

The correct play here is to bet again in spite of missing on the flop, unless one of several conditions exists within the texture of the flop.



If it contains three to a flush, three coordinated or running cards for a straight or a pair in the playing zone (cards others would hold if calling a raise) and your holding doesn't fit with the flush cards or straight cards, you must consider options other than a continuation bet.

To be clear, if you held A-J off-suit and the ace is in the suit of the three-flush, continue to pound the pot, and if your jack extends a run of unsuited cards (10-9-8), continue your betting sequence. Occasionally, the ace or jack will provide another draw (longer odds), such as a gutshot straight draw with a flop such as K-10-2, or 8-10-7. To continue the bet would be a semibluff, as you have many outs that can improve your holding, though presently you have only ace-high.

More experienced players using the continuation bet will use this technique even with more than two opponents, especially if they feel opponents consider them a solid-aggressive player. More next time as we build a solid foundation at the \$1-\$2 tables.

— Al Spath is the former Dean at Poker School Online and his YouTube videos (Building a Bankroll at the Micro-Limits), are free to any subscriber to "Al Spath." His TwitchTV Channel is ALSpath. Contact him at [alspath@alspath.com](mailto:alspath@alspath.com) for coaching and mentoring.

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# HOW CAN YOU PLAY POKER WITHOUT YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME?

I have to admit that one of the things I don't understand about poker players is playing on autopilot.

At a recent \$2-\$5 game at bestbet Jacksonville in Florida, the player to my right was watching a movie; a player two to my left was taking business calls, and the guy in the No. 3 seat was furiously texting and responding to emails. I didn't mind; I figured it gave me an edge.



**STEPHEN BLOOMFIELD**

They can't be paying attention to the game and when they did play a hand, it almost always was a certainty they were playing a strong hand.

Of course, sometimes they just bet on autopilot without being aware of the opponent, the board or the action.

So I tried to figure out why they choose to play poker and have these diversions.

I've asked numerous people who listen to music while they play and almost 100 percent of the answers seem reasonable.

"I want to block out all the noise and focus; I'm willing to miss out on some of the table-talk tells. ... Sometimes I just have the headphones on and not listening to anything; I can't stand all the jibber-jabber from the person next to me and I can still listen to the table talk. ... I listen to motivational music. ... It calms me down and helps me focus; the music I listen to is mellow and is just background."

How do those responses compare to watching videos, answering texts and doing other business?

These players are on autopilot. They usually are experienced and think they know what they're going to do with each hand. They're ignoring board texture, player patterns and the like.

Maybe for these folks the stakes are meaningless, so then why play?

There's a story about **Bill Gates**, who could obviously afford any stakes but likes to play \$2-\$5. Supposedly he said it's meaningful enough to most players that he can play it seriously.

One day, **Doyle Brunson** and others were playing a big cash game and Gates saw them. He asked the cocktail waitress to see if she could get Brunson's autograph for his nephew. Brunson said, "Tell Mr. Gates we will all give him autographs if he wants to join our game."

Gates said, "Please tell Mr. Brunson thanks and that I would love to join the game, but the blinds would have to be a \$1M-\$2M." The waitress came back with everyone's autograph on a cocktail napkin.

If you're not going to keep your head in the game, why play?

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



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<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$200, 9:30a); Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a). All events have re-entry.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300; Rack Attack pays up to \$300; high hands pay up to \$300.
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$10-\$60); Tue.-Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Low Drop & lucrative promotions (Mon.-Fri.); call for details.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Mon. KO (\$50, 5p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 5p); Sun. (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Call for information.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud.
<b>OCEANA CASINO</b> (805) 270-3397 • oceanaclubroom.com	Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Fri. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a & 6p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 9a); Sun. freeroll w/\$20 rebuys (9a).	First-time player cash reward (call for details).
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. (\$40, 7:15p).	High hand pays \$100 & \$75 in Omaha (Mon. & Wed., 10a-3p); Flush Marathon (Mon., 3p-3a); Football Splash Pots (Sat. & Sun.).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Bargain Buy-In (\$80 gets \$100 to first nine players).
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (varies, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (4p).	Prize Wheel; Mini & Super Bad Beat Jackpots; Aces Cracked; Full House Cracked; high hands; royal flush bonus; \$20K guar., Jan. 10 (\$300); call for details.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. KO (\$140, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Sun. HA (\$60, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads) and Omaha (quad eights); Aces Cracked in hold'em (24/7); earn \$1/hr for food comps; call for details on double hours.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Wed. freeroll (10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Fri. & Sun. \$4.5K/\$5K guar. (\$45, 11a); Sat. \$7.5K guar. (\$45, 10a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Free Money Fridays (2p-9p).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Wed. freeroll (10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Fri. & Sun. \$4.5K/\$5K guar. (\$45, 11a); Sat. \$7.5K guar. (\$45, 10a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Free Money Fridays (2p-9p).
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 1st and 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal flush jackpot; bad-beat jackpot is aces full of faces; high-hand bonus (Fri.-Sun.); quads, straight-flush bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K events held regularly, qualify by collecting stamps for 10s full or better (queens full or better in Omaha); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 11a); last Sun. of month \$20K guar. (\$225, 11a); Lon McEachern appearances.	Rack Attack; Wheel Spin; Aces Cracked; easy and hard way jackpots.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); M-W (\$50, 6:30p); Th. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Su. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha (quad eights); Yahtzee; Cash Splash Frenzy; Extreme Cha-Ching (call for details).
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Sat. WSOP qualifier (\$225, 11:15a); last Sat. WSOP sat. (\$50, 11:15a). Ad Page 36.	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; Progressive High Hands; Double High Hands.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W O/8 (\$60, 7p); F-Su \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rbs & add-on, 11a); F (\$125, 5p); Sa Survivor (\$100, 7p); Su KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$14, 9a); Mon. (\$23, 6p); Tue. KO (\$23, 6p) Wed. (\$23, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$23, 6p); Fri. (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$23, 6p); Sun. (\$110, 6:40p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is progressive; Mexican Poker on Thurs. (6p). Fri. (6p), Sat. (6p) and Sun. (6p); royal flush progressive jackpot.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Call for information.	Gameday Splash Pots (Sun. & Mon.); Aces Cracked.

## COLORADO

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

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a). See ad on Page 29.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud; high hand (Mon.-Thurs.) pays \$250 every 4 hours.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Super High Hand (every 3 hours, daily); call for details.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11:15a); Tue. (\$35, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$35, 7:15); Fri. (\$45, 7:15p); Sat. (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$35, 11:15a & 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal flush bonus; cash back rewards.

# DELAWARE (Continued)

<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).
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# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	College Tournament, Jan. 18 (\$40); call for details. See ad on Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mondays (\$200-\$1K w/select hours; Thursday \$400 high hands (every 30 min., noon-mid.)).
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYHOUND</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10k satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See Ad on Page 45.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); \$3,000 Full House Drawing; FREE Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); high hand (Sat. & Sun., hourly). See website for more promotions
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$45, 3p & Om. \$100, 7p); T (\$45, 3p & 7p); W (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$60, 3p & \$80, 7p); F (\$100, 1p & \$135, 7p); S (\$50, 11a, \$90, 3p & \$150, 6p); Su (\$200, noon).	Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-11p & Fri., noon-mid.); GAPT Blizzard, Jan. 16-24 (\$150).
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$55-\$340) at 1p & 6p. See ad on Page 25 for the Micro Series on Jan. 25-31.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at noon) & (Sun., mid.-noon); spade royal flushes pay \$2,500 (daily).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<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. & Sun., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Mon.-Wed., 1-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$65, 7p); Wed. (\$50, noon & \$100, 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon).	High hands (hourly); \$20K royal and \$10K bad beat.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening. See ad Page 31.	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 players at table; high hands (10a-noon); weekends pay up to \$400/half hour and weekdays pay \$250.
<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	Mon. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry. Ad below.	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Mon.-Sun.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Fri., 4p-7p).
<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. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Wed. alternates; Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Dec. 17 (\$75, 7p).
<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).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon and 6:30p. See ad Page 21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands every 20 minutes.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K sat. (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, Sun.-Tue.). See ad on Page 49.



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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$120); Fri. (\$220, 1p) Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$120, 2p).	Jackpot high hands (daily).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. (\$80); Wed. (\$30); last Sat. of month \$4K guar. (\$130).	Hourly high hands pay up to \$100/hour (Fri. & Sat., 3p-mid.); hourly cash drawings pay \$100 (Sun. & Wed., 3p-mid.); bonus royal flush; hourly hot seats (Tue. & Thurs.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6p); Tue. (\$70, noon) & (\$60 w/rbs, 6p); Wed. 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$120, 6p); Th. (\$70, 11a) & (\$100, 6p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 6p); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Coco Showdown, Jan. 21-Feb. 1 (call for details).
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Lucky Hearts Poker Open, Jan. 7-20 (call for schedule).	High hands offered; see website for details.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Call for information.	Bad beat pays \$50K; get paid for royals (\$500); \$500 high hands (Fri.-Sun.); \$100 gas cards for every 25 hours played (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 7p); Sun. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 4p); monthly hours played & tournament leaderboard promos (call for details). Ad on Page 37.	Quads (\$0-\$100); straight & royal flushes start at \$100 & \$500; pay double (daily, 11a-1p & 2a-4a); Splash Pots (Wed.); high hands (Su.-Th., 5p-mid. & Fri.-Sat., 5p-6a & Sat., 11a-1p).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$225) at 1p and 7p with guaranteed prize pools; Winter Fest, Jan. 1-10 w/\$60K guar., Jan. 8 (call for details). See ad on Page 23.	High hand (Sun.-Thurs., 1p-1a); \$500 high hands every half hour (Fri., 10a-mid.); high hands every half hour pays up to \$599 (Sat., 10a-mid.).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgtpoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$45); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11a-4p); Quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-8p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-8p).

# ILLINOIS

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

# INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p); 3rd Sat. KO (\$135).	Call for information.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 6:15p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p); re-entry/late entry available for all tournaments.	Bad beat in HE; high hands (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p) pays \$100 every 2 hours; High Hand After Dark (Fri., 6p-Sat., noon), (Sat., 4p-Sun.-noon), (Sun., 4p-2a) pays \$100 every two hours.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily; Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit hold'em and limit hold'em.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 7p); Tue. \$3.5K guar. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$225, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; seniors event (50+) on last Sun. of month w/\$4K guar. (\$125, noon).
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Extra Cash in the Box (call for details).

# IOWA

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

# KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sat. KO (\$125, 11:15a); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Bad beat in hold'em; HPO freeroll qualifier, Jan. 1-April 30; PLO event, Jan. 9 (\$345, 3:15p); MLK event, Jan. 18 (\$235, 11:15a); seniors event, Jan. 26 (\$125, 11:15a).
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$100, 7:05p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRAIRIE BAND CASINO</b> (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand; Thurs. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); live poker on Tue.-Sun.	Call for information.



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

## MARYLAND

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

## MICHIGAN

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

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M-W-F-Sun. (\$50, 10:30a); Mon. KO (\$120, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Th. KO (\$55, 10:30a) & (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a) & KO (\$125, 5p); Sun. (\$100, 6:30p).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$100K guar., Jan. 2-10 (\$675); Minn. Freezeout, Jan. 16-24 (\$1,100).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharnes.com	M (\$75, 10a); T (\$30, 10a; \$150, 6p); W (\$50, 10a; \$80, 6p); Th (\$30, 10a; \$50, 6p); F (\$60, 10a; \$100, 6p); Sa. (\$80, 9:30a; \$150, 6p); Su. (\$30, 10a), (\$150, noon) & (\$50, 6p).	Call for information.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$40, 2:30p).	Call for information.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg/poker-room	Thurs. (\$70, 7p); monthly freeroll, 2nd Sun. of month (noon); play at least 35 hours during the month to qualify.	Call for information.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule); Million Dollar Heater, Jan. 7-20.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p); Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (\$50 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, stud, and events (Mon.-Sun.); High Hands Spin the Wheel (Mon.-Sun.); Cash Drawings pay \$50 every 30 min. w/rollers (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$30, 3p); Tue. (\$35, 3p); Wed. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is \$30K (quads); progressive jackpot is quads or better; Splash the Pot. (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-3p).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, noon & 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p); WSOPC, Jan. 21-Feb. 1 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. KO (\$35 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); Wed. \$500 FR; Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); Fri. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p); 4th Sat. \$7K guar.;	\$1K in drawings (Sun., noon-5p) w/5 hrs each week; \$50-\$150 splash pots (Mon.-Fri., 1a-1p); Aces Cracked (Su.-Th., 5p-1a); Busted Wheel (Th., 6p-Su., 11:59p).
<b>SCARLET PEARL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (noon); Tue. & Thurs. (2p & 8p); Sat. (11a) - call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Wed. All-in (\$35 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. KO (\$80, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon); 1st Sat. Omaha/8 (\$75, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. Omaha (\$65, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); first Sunday KO (\$175, noon); 2nd-5th Sunday KO (\$85, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkcc.com	Mon. (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$90, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$65, 11a); Sat. (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$65, 11) & (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Monday-Saturday (\$100, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Thurs. KO (\$85, noon & \$125, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; \$400K paid out yearly; call for details on overall board.

# NEVADA

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/\$20 rebuys, 11a) w/progressive bonus hands (call for details).	EZ Way Bad Beat; quads-royals pay; \$2/hour comps (daily); Prize Wheel Spins; \$13K for Top Hour Players; Pigskin Party (Mon.), earn football squares during the week.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	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.	Aces Cracked (Tue.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.); \$5K Jumbo Royals/Jumbo Quads (daily); \$500 flop quads (Tue.); Omaha bad beat starts at \$10K (daily).
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Open Mon., Tue. & Thurs. at 4p; Wed. & Fri. at noon; Sat. & Sun. at 10a.	Call for information.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$100, 10a), (\$125, 2p), (\$125, 6p), (\$150, 9p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. deep stack (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid (daily).
<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.	Wheel spins \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four deuces pay \$222; royal pays \$555; football (Mon.) pays \$50 for FG, \$100 for TD and \$200 for safety.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$21K monthly freeroll; single table bad-beat jackpot; pro football promo (Sun.).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$45, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$45, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a). See ad on Page 9.	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Tue.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; play live on Tue. and get paid \$500 for flopping quads.	Multiroom prog. bad beat starts at \$75K, aces full of jacks beaten by quads; prog. high hands (daily); promos for live play; get paid up to \$1K for quads (Mon.-Sat.).
<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 • harrahaslasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guar. (\$50, 9a) & \$1K guar. (\$70, noon & 3p); Sun.-Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$70, 7p); Fri.-Sat. \$1K guar. (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 7p).	Royals pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100; \$6.5K weekly freeroll on Sat. (11a), 12 hours to qualify, top 20 pay; \$2/hr. comps w/\$4 max rake.
<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>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a & 8:30p).	Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Graveyard Giveaway (call for details).
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$40 w/\$20 optional add-on, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered bonus (Mon., Wed. & Fri.); Football Promotion; Rolling \$50 High Hand every hour (Tue. & Thurs.).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$70, 15K chips, \$2K guar., 11a), (\$50, 10K chips, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$70, 15K chips, 7p) & (\$50, 10K chips, 10p).	Grand Giveaway pays \$2.8K with two \$1K envelopes, drawing every 4 hours (daily); \$10K weekly invitational touney (Sun., 10a); FB promo pays \$100-\$500 (Sun., Mon., Thurs.).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$25 KO, 7p); Fri., Sat. & Sun. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$100, 7p).	Call for information.
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$60, 6p) & (\$40 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 11p); Wed. events have increased buy-ins.	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 & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. ROSE (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$100, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$100, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Royals pay \$250; bad beat starts at \$75K, flop aces full of jacks beaten by quads; flop any quads on Tue. and get paid \$500; straight flush and quads (24/7).
<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); touney high hand bonus.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 9p w/\$1.5K guarantee; daily \$500 guar. KO (\$65, 6p).	Call for information.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th. (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$100, 6:35p); T (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p); W (\$60, 12:05p & 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sa. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Su. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	Jackpot starts at \$75K; when amount is \$75K-\$100K, aces full of jacks must be beat on the flop, when over \$100K, aces full of jacks must be beat at any point.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p).	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (Sa, 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. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
<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). See ad on Page 11 for football promotions.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 7p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$50, 7p).	Royal and straight flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
<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-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon, \$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon, KO, 7p); F KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa KO (\$300, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su KO (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	New Year's Extravaganza runs Dec. 25-Jan. 10. Daily events suspended during NYE.
<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. PLO (\$120, 5p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	First Wed. of month senior tournament (50-older) \$12.5K guar. (\$300); Wynn Signature Weekend w/\$250K guar., Jan. 21-24 (\$600).

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## NEW JERSEY

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO)</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Sun.-Thurs. 11a and 7p. (\$75) and turbos at 3p (\$40); Fri. & Sat. 11a and 7p (\$200)	Call for promotions.
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); WPT Winter Open, Jan. 31-Feb.5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Call for information.	High hand (daily, 2p-2a); Splash the Pot (daily, 11a-2p); bonus hours (Wed., 11a-11p & Fri., 11a-7p)..
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Guaranteed tournaments on Sunday & Monday at 8:15p (call for details).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 5p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; 4 of a Kind or Better High Hands; Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p). See ad Page 14.	None.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$14-\$85); Mon.-Fri. (1p); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (7p); Fri. (5p, & 8p); Sat. (1p, 5p & 8p); Sun. (1p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked pays \$50 for same color and \$25 for mixed colored aces.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p)- unlimited re-entry until end of 3rd round. See ad Page 5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Early Bird 3X points (Mon.-Thurs., 8a-11a); Royal Weekend pays \$300 for every royal flush (Fri., 8a- Mon., 4a).

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad 2s); 1st Wed. of month (\$160, 7p); last Sat. of month (\$300, 11a).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Call for schedule; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p). See ad on Page 28.	Jumbo bad beat is quad 10s; mini bad beat is quad 2s; royals pay \$100; \$10K in cash awarded by random seat drawing and high hands in live games (call for details).

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$60, 7p); T (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); W (\$30, 7p); Th (\$60, 7p) & (\$30, mid.); F (\$120, 7p) & (\$60, mid.); Sa (\$60, 10a; \$120, 4p); Su (\$60, 2p & 7p); 1st Su (\$240, 2p).	Call for information.
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## OHIO

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

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrowards.com	Daily (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$0 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p); WSOPC, Jan. 7-18 (call for details).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$50 Splash Pots (Mon.-Wed., 1p-4p).
<b>CREEK NATION MUSCOGEE</b> (918) 683-1825 • creeknationcasino.net	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. (\$20 w/rbs, 2p); Mon. (\$20 w/rbs, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (freeroll w/\$20 rbs, 2p & manager's choice, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$30 w/rbs, 7p).	Call for information.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.-Thurs.); Splash Pots (Wed.); Football Squares (Mon. night).
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Saturday deepstack (\$125, noon) w/re-entry until first break, 30-minute levels and 10K starting stack (call for info on all daily tournaments).	Progressive jackpot for hold'em and static jackpot for other games; call for updated amount.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com)	Mon. (closed); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$40, 2p) & (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p) & (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); 2nd & 4th Sat. KO (\$65, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$40, 3p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); call for details.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. \$800 guar. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sat. (\$170, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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## OREGON

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

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & \$70, 7p); W (\$60, 11:30a & PLO \$60, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & \$90, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$60, 11:30a & 7p).	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	M., W., F. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue.-Th. (\$60, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$120, 6:15p); first Sun. KO (\$230, 6:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
<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>PRESCQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasinoc.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); 4th Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 3rd and 5th Sat. Tournament of Champions satellites (\$125, 2:30p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
<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	Daily tournaments (call for information).	Bad-beat jackpot (quad sixes must be beaten).

## RHODE ISLAND

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

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Daily (\$18 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p) & (\$28 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<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>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. Bounty Bonanza (\$165, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
<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. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, noon); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<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); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Fri. (\$77, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$25, 11a); Sun. \$2K guar. PLO (\$40, 11a).	\$10K prog. BB; \$500 high hands every half hour (Mon.); \$750 high hands (Tue.); \$1K high hands (Wed.); \$250 Omaha high hands (Sun.); Graveyard high hands (Sun.-Wed.).

## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$100+\$50 KO, 7p) and Sun. (\$100+\$50 KO, noon & \$75+\$25 KO, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<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

<b>BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO</b> (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-1:30a) & Saturday (6p-1:30a); tournaments on Wednesday (6p).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA</b> (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:30p); Sat. (\$90, 2p); Jan. 2 (\$215 w/\$50 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten by quads).
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday); cash giveaway (Wednesday).

## WYOMING

<b>WIND RIVER HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (866) 657-1604 • windriverhotelcasino.com	Tuesday-Thursday (\$20); 2nd and 4th Saturday (\$40).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of deuces beaten.
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\* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email roth@anteupmagazine.com



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### DOGS PLAYING POKER SELLS FOR \$658K

"Poker Game," one of the ubiquitous dogs-playing-poker paintings from **Cassius Coolidge**, has sold at auction for \$658K. It was painted in 1894.

**CHRIS:** I was just thinking about this recently. On TV, someone said, "Your idea of art is dogs playing poker," and I was like, "Hey, this just sold for \$658K. Don't be dissing my Cassius Coolidge art!"

**SCOTT:** I have one of these prints on the wall at home where we play poker. It used to be my mouse pad. It's also on my checks and I'll pause for laughter for people out there who are like, "You still have a checkbook?"



### DO WE PLAY FOR MONEY ... OR FUN?

**Alex Dreyfus**, poker's leading innovator, has ended 2015 with a Facebook post where he proposes that poker's first boom, which was fueled by money, has now shifted to one fueled by entertainment and that most "poker consumers" play for entertainment, not money.

**CHRIS:** I think it's always going to be a gambling experience. I don't think it's changing at all. I think there are a lot of people, when you use social media and television, who are being brought into the game now who see it as a "fan experience," but when it gets right down to it, you can't do that completely without experiencing what (the pros are) experiencing, and that's money. It's always going to be the motivating factor.

**SCOTT:** I think there's something to this; people like to follow teams, they like to wear jerseys, they like to cheer. But whether he can do this with poker, I'm still not sold. But I think back to when I first started watching poker on TV and it's hard for me to remember whether I watched it just because I was a fan of poker or did I watch it because I was a fan of the personalities I was watching? And I really think it was because of the personalities. But what I don't know is am I going to pay \$25 to get front-row seats for the next *Poker SuperStars*?

### CAN LIVE-STREAMING SAVE POKER?

Can live-streaming, including Twitch.Com, save the poker industry? That's what **Cameron Tung** asked in a recent essay on [NewYorker.Com](http://NewYorker.Com).

**CHRIS:** No. With the first boom, yeah, TV helped fuel it, but there were other things going on. Online poker was exciting and new; we had a world champion who turned \$40 in online poker into \$2.5 million; it was new to us. This is just a smaller version of what we've already known for the past decade or so. I think it's cool, but I don't think this can generate what the other things generated.

**SCOTT:** With Twitch, when you're watching someone play and they're telling you how they're playing, that's pretty powerful stuff. That used to be stuff you had to pay for. But the difference between this and the TV boom was that the TV boom reached people who didn't play poker. You're not flipping channels on the web. You're only going to find **Jason Somerville** if you know to look for Jason Somerville. It's going to engage poker players more, but it certainly doesn't have the potential to bring new players into the game.



### SHOULD BIG EVENTS END IN CHOPS?

After a recent championship event ended in an eight-way chip-equity chop, one top player asked, "Is this the what poker is now? Ending big events with deals?"

**CHRIS:** In the old days, there weren't that many players or tournaments and they played for ego, so when they played, they played. But now, they are "numbers people." If they know they can lock up a set amount of money without any variance affecting that chance, they will. It's all about numbers.

**SCOTT:** Back when all deals were even chops, I don't think we saw this. But now that ICM has taken over, I think people are saying, "I'm going to get about the same kind of money and save eight hours of playing, so why not take the deal?" If no one invented ICM or chip-equity chops, I think they'd still be playing them out. I think that's really it.



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