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## Time to restock

January is our favorite month of the year at Ante Up.

This is the month that witnesses the awesome generosity of the poker venues and players all across North America that participate in our annual Restock the Shelves food bank initiative with Blue Shark Optics. Since we started, you have helped feed almost 300,000 people, more than 97,000 of those just last year.

The concept is simple: Donations of food and money to food banks drop off in January after the charitable holiday season ends, but the hunger in our communities doesn't. We've encouraged every casino, poker room and poker venue that Ante Up reaches to join with us to hold one or more events in January to help make sure that need for food is still met.

In turn, they encourage you to donate by giving you additional tournament chips, raffle tickets and more. All donations stay in the community where they're collected.

Every year we are amazed by the creativity of our partners in coming up with new and exciting events.

You can see the list of the poker venues who have made the commitment to help feed their communities, and what they are offering you to participate, on Page 51.

If the poker venue you work at or play in isn't listed, there's still time for them to join this great effort.

Have the manager contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335 or [scott@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:scott@anteupmagazine.com) to find out how they can join us. We'll see you at the tables. Please bring a food donation.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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Global Poker GM  
Jonas Ödman.

# Best is yet to come

Global Poker is taking the online poker world by storm and it's not done getting better.

Ante Up caught up with Global Poker GM **Jonas Ödman** to learn about the online poker website's amazing rise toward becoming the must-play poker site for U.S. players. It appears the best is yet to come.

**Global Poker is one of the biggest sites on the U.S. poker landscape, but you haven't been around for that long. When did Global Poker launch?** The official launch of Global Poker was in December 2016. It is amazing how much it has grown in that time. Since that first day where we had just a couple of tables going, we have expanded to become the fastest-growing poker room for players in the United States.

**How many users are there on the platform?** When we launched, we obviously didn't have any players and we were deliberate with our advertising. We wanted to disrupt the status quo and encourage everyday players to the site. Our vision for Global Poker was simple: to create a social-gaming experience that was truly social. We are fortunate to have a large community of players providing real-time feedback and suggestions to Global Poker

representatives on the forums, so we're aware of how we can improve the poker experience for our players.

Our aim is to make a fun, relaxed poker environment regardless of whether you play poker every day, haven't played in a long time or are playing for your first time. We want you to feel welcome and be able to have a truly entertaining experience.

**What games does Global Poker offer?** When we started with Global Poker, naturally we began with the classics: Texas Hold'em and Omaha. We offer our players no-limit and limit, as well as pot-limit Omaha. In addition, we recently began offering no-limit crazy pineapple, which has been well-received by our recreational player base. Players can choose from full ring games and six-max games, SNGs and tournaments, meaning there's something to suit everyone's preferences. There are a few exciting announcements we will be able to make shortly about new game offerings. Players should watch this space.



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**Tell us more about crazy pineapple.** Texas Hold'em is famous the world over, with Omaha a close second, but some people have never heard of crazy pineapple. Global Poker is changing that. Global Poker is the only site to offer crazy pineapple and, since we introduced it, we've had a great response from our players. Global Poker offers its players the opportunity to win real cash prizes. We provide crazy-pineapple games with micro, low and medium stakes, so there's truly something for everyone.

**Some of our readers may not be familiar with your sweepstakes model. Could you explain it?** Absolutely. On Global Poker, there are two types of currencies players use. Our first currency is known as Gold Coins. This is the main currency on Global Poker. When players set up an account, they automatically have 5,000 Gold Coins, which they can use to try our exciting range of games.

If players want to keep playing with Gold Coins after that, they are welcome to purchase some more. We have a wide range of purchase packages to suit players' needs.

An important thing to remember, though, is our Gold Coins have no monetary value and are only to be used to enjoy playing the games on Global Poker.

Regardless of how many Gold Coins a player has purchased or has won, Gold Coins have no value outside of Global Poker and can never be cashed out.

The second currency on Global Poker is our promotional sweepstakes currency, Sweeps Cash, which players are given free as a bonus with some Gold Coin purchases or through other alternate methods of entry, such as social-media competitions or simply by writing in to ask for them.

Sweeps Cash is for use in our Sweeps Cash games. Sweeps Cash cannot be purchased and can be obtained free of charge. While players cannot purchase Sweeps Cash, any prizes that players win from our Sweeps Cash games can be redeemed for real cash prizes.

**What tournaments are on Global Poker?** The tournament schedule is one of the things we are most proud of. We have a wide range of tournaments for Gold Coins and for Sweeps Cash and offer a range of prizes.

We have tournaments beginning at various times throughout the day. There are daily tournaments, some kicking off as early as 7 a.m., and others beginning through the rest of the day. The buy-ins range from SC\$0.11 up to SC\$33 and our daily guarantees go up to \$10K, so there's something to suit all player preferences.

In addition to the daily tournaments, we also have our Weekly SC\$5,000 Bonanza, our weekend tournaments (Sunday Scrimmage and Sunday Teaser), which offer a combined SC\$70,000 guaranteed. Throughout the week, we offer our players freerolls, challenges and bonuses, all of which can land them in other tournaments and games, adding to the wealth of opportunities for our players.

On the Gold Coins side, we offer the same broad spectrum of tournaments and offers, with hundreds of thousands of Gold Coins guaranteed throughout the range of tournaments on offer.

One of the things we are most well-known for, though, is our



Richard "QuietLion" Brodie represented Global Poker at Planet Hollywood's recent WSOPC in Las Vegas.

Global Poker Championships. This is a three-legged series that takes place annually, offering our players unparalleled opportunities for fun, excitement and rewards. There are events held in Gold Coins and Sweeps Cash.

We recently ran the Eagle Cup Championship, which is one of the legs of our Global Poker Championship (the other two legs are the Grizzly Games and the Rattlesnake Open). In this year's Eagle Cup, our players won over 160M in Gold Coins and redeemed over \$1M in real cash prizes. Our winning players received exclusive Eagle Cup trophies, which are huge trophies by the way, with their names and the event they won engraved on them.

Another great feature of the Global Poker Championships is that everybody who finishes first or second in a championship event gets to take part in our Tournament of Champions.

The winner of the TOC then wins a package valued at \$5K to represent Global Poker in a live tournament. Our most recent recipient of this was **Richard "QuietLion" Brodie**, who just spent a week in Las Vegas representing Global Poker in the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood.

**What are Global Poker's plans for the future?** As alluded to before, we have a few exciting things in the pipeline for 2019. We will announce these shortly and we will be sure to tell Ante Up when the time is right so that you can share it with your readers.

I can confirm that all of these changes are in line with what matters to us as a business. The ability to provide a fun, exciting, social-gaming experience where players can enjoy a casual game of poker across the United States with a chance to win real cash prizes. ♠

# NORCAL TITLE GOES TO GREENBLATT

**Alex Greenblatt** added another 2018 major win to his resumé as he took down the \$500K guarantee WPT DeepStacks season finale \$1,500 main event at Thunder Valley Caisno Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

Greenblatt defeated a 446-entry field, collecting \$122,500 and pushing his career winnings to more than \$1.36M.

The 20-event series paid nearly \$1.3M with more than 300 players earning a tournament cash, including 808 entries for the \$250K guarantee Monolith and 418 entries for the opening One Day \$100K.

Next up on the TVPokerRoom series calendar is almost an entire January full of tourneys, starting with the Jan. 1-5 One Day \$100K mini-series, featuring a New Year's Day \$30K guarantee and the Jan. 5 \$460 One Day \$100K guarantee. This is the lead-up to the Jan. 10-21 WSOPC.

The WSOPC kicks off with the \$400, five-flight \$300K guarantee. The series includes rings for HORSE, Omaha and PLO, one of the only WSOPC stops to offer all three, plus a \$100K guarantee Monster Stack, a \$3,250 High Roller and a \$500K guarantee main event.

**BAY 101:** After skipping a year, one of the nation's most popular tournaments, the Bay 101 Shooting Star, returns March 17-22. The series opens with a \$2,100 event March 17-18.

The \$5,200 Shooting Star is March 19-22, a re-entry tourney with 40K stacks and a \$2K bounty on 30 select pros, locals and celebrities for Day 1 on March 19. For this year (at least), the Shooting Star is not a WPT event.

The tournament starts with 40-minute levels, moves to 60-minute levels and then 90 minutes. Play turns to six-handed once down to 36 players. There are 26 satellites for players to win their way in to the Shooting Star, starting at \$300.

**CLUB ONE CASINO:** Kick off the New Year with a \$30K guarantee \$150 event at 2:15 p.m. Registration runs until Level 5. Begin with 15K and play 20-minute levels. There's also a 2K add-on for \$10. The \$3K guarantee Fear The Beard tournament is 6:15 p.m. each Friday.

**TURLOCK POKER ROOM:** **Thu Tran** held off **Jessica Berryhill** and **Jimmy Alvarez** to win the semi-annual Championship Series Main Event, taking home \$19K. The 175-entry main event created a prize pool of \$84,875. **Leslie Hartman** took down the Player of the Series title, earning a free entry in to every Turlock Poker Room tournament through May 31. She had a sweat to the final table of the main event, barely holding off **Shane Heine** for the series win.

**STONES GAMBLING HALL:** **Loretta Sax** won the championship in the Western Senior Series, defeating **Monte Gilley** heads-up in

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## MEET KYLE KITAGAWA



If you love poker, you might want to follow Cali\_Kidddd on Instagram because his passion for poker is extraordinary. His nickname evolved from old timers calling him "the Kid" in cardrooms. **Kyle Kitagawa** has been playing poker intensely for 15 years so he's experienced most of the daily grind on a physical and emotional level. Though his dedication for poker is still abundant, he's been playing less by balancing his life with career and business goals.

**Most memorable poker experience?** My first WPT, a \$3,500 buy-in. My table was stacked with **Sam Panzica**, **Faraz Jaka**, **Zo Karim** and **Matt Salzberg**. The adrenaline rush was intense, more than anything I've experienced and I've done some crazy and stupid things in my life. I kept telling myself I could beat these guys. I also remember telling myself that this is the life I want.

**How do you handle tough stretches in poker?** It's easier to fall into bad habits during downswings. It's important to realize this because it forces you to evaluate your game and fill the leaks. Recognizing mistakes and fixing them is the only way to succeed in this game and I've improved the most during downswings. So doing more hand reviews, trainings, hand analysis, game selection and focusing on healthy choices like a workout routine, sleeping habits and diet.

**Hobbies?** Good food, traveling, working out, wine, beer, women, sports, dogs, people and poker. — **Philip Chow**

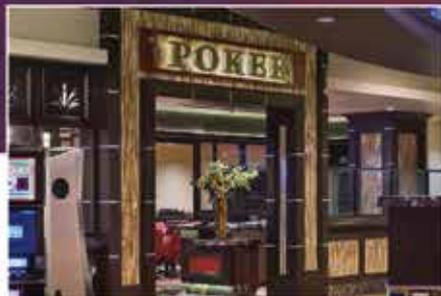
the 76-entry tournament.

**JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO:** Looking ahead to the 2020 World Series of Poker Main Event, Jackson Rancheria's poker room is giving away an \$11,500 package to all players who record 2,020 hours of live play during 2019. Double Hours can be earned Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**LUCKY CHANCES CASINO:** **Jashti Kumar** took down the \$1,080 Gold Rush for the second straight year. Kumar earned \$72,880 after an ICM chop with **Dan Casetta** in the 566-entry tournament. The final table included former WPT champ **Pat Lyons** and **Alex Greenblatt**. Just two weeks earlier, Kumar won a WSOPC ring at Harveys Lake Tahoe, in the same event, for a second straight year. — **Dan Ross is Ante Up's Northern California Ambassador and owns Hold'em Media Group, including Hold'em Radio Podcast Network and the Hold'em Live Updates tournament reporting team. Email dan@holdemradio.com.**

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Mon, 1/7	11AM & 7PM		\$80	
Tue, 1/8	11AM & 7PM		\$80	
Wed, 1/9	11AM & 7PM		\$80	
Thu, 1/10	9AM		\$80	
Thu, 1/10	10AM	1A	 <b>\$300,000 GUARANTEED</b>	
	4PM	1B		\$400
1	Fri, 1/11	10AM		1C
	4PM	1D		
	Sat, 1/12	12PM		1E
	Sun, 1/13	12PM	FINAL	
Thu, 1/10	1PM & 8PM	<b>MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY</b> <i>PLUS \$25 WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY \$425 IN THE PRIZE POOL</i>	\$80	
Fri, 1/11	9AM, 1PM & 8PM		\$80	
Sat, 1/12	9AM & 8PM		\$80	
Sun, 1/13	9AM		\$80	
	11AM		<b>\$40,000 GUARANTEED NLH KNOCKOUT   \$100 BOUNTIES   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY</b>	\$400
	Sun, 1/13	1PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 6 WIN A \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRY <b>THREE (3) \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$60
	4PM	<b>MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRY AWARDED FIVE (5) \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$280	
Mon, 1/14	9AM, 1PM, & 7PM	<b>MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY</b> <i>PLUS \$25 WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY \$425 IN THE PRIZE POOL</i>	\$80	

	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN
3	Mon, 1/14	10AM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED</b> NLH   SINGLE ENTRY	\$400
4		4PM	H.O.R.S.E.   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY   Final Table Tue, 1/15 • 1PM	\$400
	Tue, 1/15	9AM, 1PM, & 7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY PLUS \$25 WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY \$425 IN THE PRIZE POOL	\$80
5		10AM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED</b> SIX HANDED   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$400
6		4PM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED</b> OMAHA 8   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY   Final Table Wed, 1/16 • 1PM	\$400
	Wed, 1/16	9AM & 1PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY PLUS \$25 WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY \$425 IN THE PRIZE POOL	\$80
7	Wed, 1/16 • 10AM Day 1A 4PM Day 1B Thu, 1/17 • 12PM Day 2 Final		<b>MONSTER STACK \$100,000 GUARANTEED</b>	\$400
	Wed, 1/16	5PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 6 WIN A \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRY <b>THREE (3) \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$60
		8PM	MULTI-TABLE <i>TURBO</i> SATELLITE - \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRY AWARDED <b>FIVE (5) \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$280
	Thu, 1/17	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRY	\$80
8		9AM	<b>SENIOR EVENT</b>   1 DAY EVENT, SINGLE ENTRY	\$250
9		10AM	<b>\$30,000 GUARANTEED</b> NLH   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$400
10	Thu, 1/17 • 4PM		<b>WSOP CIRCUIT</b> <i>High Roller</i> 8 hour Day 1 • Day 2 Final Fri, 1/18 • 12PM	\$3,250
		5PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 6 WIN A \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRY <b>FOUR (4) \$280 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT SATELLITE ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$60
		7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRY AWARDED <b>TEN (10) \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$280
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		7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRY AWARDED <b>FIFTEEN (15) \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$280
	Sat, 1/19	9AM	LAST CHANCE <i>TURBO</i> SATELLITE - \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRY AWARDED <b>THREE (3) \$1,700 WSOP CIRCUIT MAIN EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$280
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		7PM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$1,125 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY <b>TWO (2) \$1,125 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$160
	Sun, 1/20	9AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - \$400 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #12 ENTRY	\$80
12		11AM	POT LIMIT OMAHA   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY	\$400
		1PM	MULTI-TABLE <i>TURBO</i> SATELLITE - \$1,125 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT #13 ENTRY <b>TWO (2) \$1,125 WSOP CIRCUIT RING EVENT ENTRIES GUARANTEED</b>	\$160
13		4PM	NLH 8 HANDED   2 DAY EVENT   ONE (1) RE-ENTRY Final Table Mon, 1/21 • 12PM	\$1,125
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# FIRST MAJOR FOR MASSMAN AT LAPO



**A**lex Massman captured his first major title at the L.A. Poker Open at the Commerce Casino in mid-November. He took home \$136K, the trophy and a \$10K entry into the next L.A. Poker Classic main event. The LAPC starts Jan. 16.

Massman said this was the first time he wore sunglasses at the table. His brother gave them to him and rather than leave them in his bag, he decided to give them a shot. The score brings Massman's earnings to \$544,266.

**Adam Demersseman** got \$90,340 for second, more than doubling his lifetime earnings. He recently took third in the WPT DeepStacks at Ocean's 11 in San Diego for \$27,300.

Other notable winners from this series include **Lang Lee** (Event 1, \$11,685), **Peter Hengsakul** (Event 2, \$23,880), **Ryan Buckholtz** (Event 4, \$8,410), **John Rock** (Event 7, \$5,060), **Travis Tachibana** (Event 9, \$33,560), **Frankie O'Dell** (Event 10, \$5,980), **Ronald Saxe** (Event 12, \$5,015) and **Hai Le** (Event 13, \$10,570).

**HUSTLER CASINO:** **Robert Toye** took down the **Larry Flynt** Holiday Classic in Gardena. He earned \$35,859 after a five-way chop. Rounding out that top five were **Chuanhao Zhang** (\$30,480), **Mark Mazza** (\$24,600), **Pedro Reyes** (\$20,400) and **Kyung Lee** (\$20,230).

This event ran Nov. 19-30 and with 1,228 Day 1 entries at \$250 and 47 Day 2 entries at \$1,900, it smashed the guarantee of \$250K to climb to \$321,699.

**OCEAN'S 11:** The next event costs \$250 and runs Jan. 24-27, featuring six starting flights. Players can take advantage of the popular Quantum Reload format.



**PALA CASINO:** Longtime poker room manager **George Arsenis** is moving back to the East Coast. His last day was Dec. 2. Arsenis is a well-liked manager and always had the best interests of the players at heart. Originally from New Jersey, he's moving back to his roots. Table games manager **Mike Buckholz** will oversee the poker room and floor supervisor **David Newman** will cover day-to-day operations.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**TULALIP CASINO:** January kicks off with the annual Poker Pow-Wow, 16 days of tournaments that starts with a \$10K guarantee for \$120. There's also a \$500 PLO event, a \$1,500 tourney and wraps up with a \$500 main event that will have three starting flights. For more information, visit the property's website.

**WILDHORSE RESORT AND CASINO:** November saw the annual Fall Poker Round-Up with \$40K-plus in guarantees. Here are the winners: **Zach Bailie** (Event 1, \$15K), **Ricky Larson** (Event 2, \$11K), **Brian Lawrence** (Event 3, \$17K), **Ron Anderson** (Event 4, \$7K), **Bohr He** (Event 5, \$4K), **Kao Saechao** (Event 6, \$8K), **Zachary Schacher** (Event 7, \$5K), **Timothy Cureton** (Event 8, \$4K), **Bob Schulhauser** (Event 9, \$12K), **Richard Hampton** (Event 10, \$13K), **Ricky Larson** (Event 11, \$24K), **Mike Jutte** (main event, \$39K) and

**John Gerritz** (Event 13, \$5K). The next major event in Pendleton will be April 4-14.

**CHINOOK WINDS CASINO:** The Lincoln City, Ore., property will host its annual winter tournament Feb. 16-24. More information will be available at the casino's website.

**PLAYER NEWS:** **Kao Saechao** of Damascus, Ore., and **Maxwell Young** of Seaside, Ore., had an outstanding year and surpassed \$1M in career winnings. Young is seventh and Saechao is ninth on the Oregon all-time earnings list. Young had 34 major cashes in 2018 with six wins, including a WSOPC main-event title for \$263K. Saechao had 43 major cashes last year with seven wins and a remarkable 16th-place finish in the WSOP main event for \$350K.

## RENO

**PEPPERMILL HOTEL CASINO:** Las Vegas-based pro **Matt Stout** has lifetime tournament earnings of more than \$4M, but recently began to shift his focus toward pot-limit Omaha cash games and working on building up his non-profit company, the Charity Series of Poker.

Stout and his girlfriend, **Brittney**, decided to make one last tournament trip before expecting their first child.

Both cashed in the \$600 Run It Up Reno Main Event. From a field of 687 entries, Brittney finished 87th for \$1,020 while Stout went on to capture the title, taking home a sizable trophy and \$70K.

**HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE:** **Scott Sanders**, aka Hamburger Man, captured the WSOPC main-event title. The 30-year-old from San Jose, Calif., conquered a field of 442 entrants in the \$1,700 three-day event.

The crowning achievement was Sanders' second win of the series. Before he became main-event champ, Sanders won the Monster Stack by defeating 332 entrants in Event 8. Between the Monster Stack (\$25,201) and the main (\$147,314), Sanders got nearly \$175K in the series.



And he almost got eliminated on a technicality. Sanders lived to see another hand when his main-event life should have most likely been extinguished.

"I actually made a mistake to where I should have been out of the tournament," Sanders said. During Day 2, Sanders sat with 13 big blinds and accidentally shoved out of turn, bypassing **Michael Hubbards'** action.

A tournament director ruled if Hubbard decided to limp, Sanders' all-in bet would've stood, but if Hubbard raised then Sanders would have the option to fold. Hubbard raised and Sanders opted to fold. Another player behind woke up with pocket queens, a hand that would have sent Sanders packing.

"So, basically, I made a mistake that should have busted me in 36th place," he said.

# SAM'S TOWN REDUCING RAKE IN VEGAS

Sam's Town, the popular locals casino on Boulder Highway, is fighting the trend of rake inflation by offering players a \$2-max rake on its hold'em games between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. The main game is \$2-\$6 spread-limit with a \$30-min buy-in. It's a kill game and offers players "action" buttons (sometimes called "overs"), which allow the game to become no-limit when the only players left in the hand are players with those buttons.

A \$1-\$2 no-limit game, with a \$100-\$300 buy-in, runs less often. The \$3-\$6 Omaha/8 game runs daily. The minimum buy-in is \$30.

Promos include a bimonthly \$5K freeroll, 80 hours in the two-month period to qualify. There are progressive high-hand bonuses and bad-beat jackpots for hold'em and Omaha/8.

There are four daily tournaments. At 10 a.m., a \$26 hold'em tournament starts out with an hour of limit before changing to no-limit. The 1 p.m. is \$45 with one \$10 rebuy. At 7 weeknights and 10:30 nightly, a \$50 event is offered. Friday nights at 7, it's \$40 with unlimited \$10 rebuys for the first hour. Saturday nights at 7, a \$120 deepstack bounty runs with a 10K stack, a \$5 dealer add-on for 2K more and a \$25 bounty.

All tournaments, except the 10 a.m., offer players 500 more chips for registering at least a half-hour before the start of the event. The tournaments have a bad beat jackpot.

**GOLDEN NUGGET:** The main event of Golden Weekend in November saw **Torin House** of Las Vegas take down the \$12K first-place prize. **Matthew Hartigan** of Omaha earned \$7K for second and **Dermot Cumiskey** of Ireland scored \$5K for third. The \$200 event had 317 players and the prize pool was \$50K.

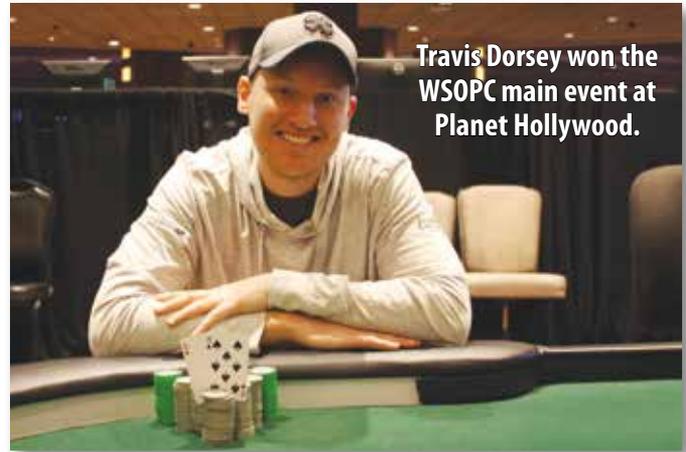
The Nugget hosts the Moose International series Jan. 12-16. Most of the events are open to the public and all events have guarantees between \$3K-\$25K. Buy-ins are \$75-\$200. Each buy-in includes a \$5 donation to the Moose charity. Historically, these events are wild and loose affairs with the great action spilling over into the cash games.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** **Travis Dorsey** of Boerne, Texas, won the \$1,700 main event at the WSOPC in November, taking home \$169K. **Ryan Tosoc** of Chicago took second for \$104K and **Daniel Strelitz** from Torrance, Calif., received \$76K for third. The event had 500-plus entrants and a \$785K prize pool.

**SOUTH POINT:** The next \$205K freeroll will be in April. Players need 120 hours of live play between Jan. 1-March 31 to earn a seat. First place is \$40K and all players who qualify receive \$120. Players get more chips in the freeroll for extra hours of play.

**VENETIAN LAS VEGAS:** The \$1,600 main event at Deep Stack Extravaganza in November was settled when **Peter Nigh** of St. Louis and **Ben Palmer** of Florida agreed to a heads-up chop. Nigh claimed \$85K while Palmer received \$83K. Dylan Weisman from Southern California earned \$46K for third. There were 315 players and the prize pool was \$452K.

The next DSE runs Jan. 28-Feb. 25. The \$1,600 main event has three Day 1s, starting Feb. 19, and offers a \$1M guarantee. The \$1,100 Mid-States Poker Tour event has the first of its two starting flights Jan. 31 and has a \$650K guarantee.



Travis Dorsey won the WSOPC main event at Planet Hollywood.

The series starts with \$400 Monster Stack with a \$100K guarantee and two starting flights beginning Jan. 28. A one-day, \$1,100 doublestack event with a \$100K guarantee runs Feb. 2. There are three \$400 doublestack events with \$100K guarantees and two starting flights. The first starting flights for those are Feb. 4, Feb. 11 and Feb. 23.

A \$600 Monster Stack with a \$150K guarantee has two starting flights beginning Feb. 8. An \$800 eight-max with a \$250K guarantee has three Day 1s starting Feb. 14.

A one-day \$400 Omaha/8 is offered Feb. 4. Feb. 11 is the day for a \$400 PLO/8 contest. Both have \$10K guarantees.

Most of the 6 p.m. events are bounty tournaments or rebuy events and have a \$200 buy-in. There also are a few Survivor tournaments sprinkled in.

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There are changes for Venetian's busy cash room in 2019. The big news is the base no-limit game has changed from \$1-\$2 to \$1-\$3. The buy-in for the game remains \$100-\$300. There are no changes in the \$2-\$5 game, with a buy-in of \$200-\$1K, or the \$5-\$10, which has a buy-in of \$800-\$5K. The room sometimes spreads a \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 game with a minimum \$40 buy-in, and a \$1-\$2 PLO with a \$100-\$500 buy-in.

The bad-beat jackpot starts at \$50K and increases incrementally by \$1,500 a day. Initially, quad aces must be beaten. The qualifying losing hand decreases one rank for every \$50K that is added to the pool. The losing hand receives 50 percent, the winning hand receives 25 percent and the rest of the table splits the remaining 25 percent.

The January cash-game promo runs daily between noon and midnight. The high hand for every half-hour will receive \$500. An exact matching hand to the high hand wins \$1K.

In February, there will be a random table cash giveaway. Every hour between noon and midnight, a random table will be selected and every active player at that table will have \$100 added to their stack.

Players earn \$1 an hour in comps. In addition to food, which can be delivered to you at the table, comps can be used toward tournament buy-ins or for a massage while playing.

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

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# ACTION IS HEATING UP IN ARIZONA

The temperature may be cooling in Arizona, but the poker action continues to heat up at Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room in Scottsdale.

The PokerStars Players Championship MoneyMaker Tournament had 895 entrants as **Furkan Beg** emerged as champion, earning a \$30K Platinum package plus \$5K. Chris MoneyMaker not only attended but he scored \$6,088 and 12 others chopped for \$2,237.

The \$500 Seniors Open had 345 players and veteran pro **Mike Krescanko** won \$30K and the title after a chop. Other top finishers included **Amir Doroudian** (\$15K), **Ronald Abeyta**, **Robert McMillan**, **Sean Wright**, **Danny Lindstrom** and **Dan Wood**, who each took home \$11,503.

The Nov. 10 bounty event, which had a \$240 buy-in, ended in a six-way chop between **Etab Meheretab**, **Peter Wood**, **Nicholas Romano**, **Nathaniel Spivey**, **Richard Seymour** and **Theodore Steele**, earning \$2,650 each.

The next day, **Marsha Wolak** captured the Arizona Ladies State title. The WSOP bracelet-winner chopped the prize money for \$4,452 each with **Susan Friedman**, **Leonor Shia** and **Robin Foss**, then played it out for the title.

The annual Thanksgiving charity event raised \$6,825 for United Food Bank and **William Striplin** won the End of the Month event for November, pocketing \$4,500.

Staycation satellites will be Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 as the Staycation Weekend will be Jan. 11-13. The annual Winter Poker Classic will be Feb. 9-11 with satellites on Jan. 20 and 27.

**GILA RIVER VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO:** Wednesday nights at 7:15 is a \$40 Hump Day rebuy; Saturday at 11:15 a.m. will be a Super Stack \$5K guarantee for \$110, and Sunday at 11:15 is a \$30 freezeout. On Dec. 1, the \$10K guarantee toy drive event saw Robert Walp take top honors and \$2,500. **Tom Cannon** finished second for \$1,600. The most recent TOC winner was **Shahzad Hasan**, who pocketed \$3,010, with second place going to **John Boruch** (\$1,412). The next TOC is Feb. 23.



**HON-DAH RESORT:** The newest Tournament of Champions winner is **Frank Nunez**. The Snowflake Meltdown promotion runs this month as players receive cash for qualifying hands. See the ad on Page 22 for details.

**BUCKY'S CASINO:** Look for these Random Rewards: On New Year's Eve, there will be hourly \$100 high hands for Omaha (3-11 p.m.), along with hourly \$100 high hands for hold'em (4-midnight); New Year's Day will be Aces Cracked around the clock, including the first winner

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## MEET IRENE RODRIGUEZ-WILKINSON



Working for Isleta Casino on and off for 23 years, **Irene Rodriguez-Wilkinson** started dealing poker in 2000 when Isleta asked for volunteers to learn the game. She met her husband in 2005 and they have four wonderful children and seven grandchildren.

"I've been able to work at Isleta for so many years because of the friendly environment from the team members and upper management," she said.

She also enjoys the customers she interacts with daily.

"When you work in the poker world, your players become your family and there are times you see and spend more time with the players than your own family," she said.

She has seen a lot of interesting nights in the poker room, but none of them top when security had to be called after a huge pot-limit Omaha hand at about 2 a.m.

Two players were heads-up at the river and Player A went all-in for \$2K-plus. Player B called, so the pot was \$4K-plus. Player A turned over two cards and mucked his other two cards. Player B, realizing Player A's hand was dead, turned over his four cards and won the pot. In short, Player A wasn't happy.

When she isn't working, she can be found camping, fishing, spending time with family and, of course, playing poker. — **Joey Ramirez**

paid \$1K, followed by same-color aces earning \$200 and any other pocket aces \$100.

## TEXAS

**SOCIAL CARD CLUBS OF TEXAS:** A \$250K guarantee and fundraiser ran at four sites (Poker Club in Killeen, Post Oak Poker Club in Houston, SA Card House in San Antonio and Texas Card House in Austin) across two weekends in December to help raise nearly \$90K for SCCOT's education and advocacy efforts. The prize pool was \$283K from 911 entries. The final day was Dec. 8 at Texas Card House as **Dave Alfa** and **Allan Baker** outlasted nearly 60 Day 2 players to pocket \$62,500 each after a chop. Another SCCOT multi-city fundraiser will be announced in the spring.

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## Young shines at Choctaw's WSOPC in Okla.

The World Series of Poker Circuit ran Oct. 24-Nov. 12 at Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla. **Maxwell Young** won the \$1M guarantee main event, earning \$263K for his \$1,700 buy-in and his fifth ring.

**Jared Hemingway**, who finished second, won his first ring a few days earlier, capturing the \$400 six-max for \$20,616. Other series winners were **Schulyer Thorton, Wesley Cutshall, Kristi Garcia, Trung Pham, Jorge Cosenza, Wilbern Hoffman, Joshua Vizcarra, Rex Worrell, Anthony Bogard, Carl Brewinton** and **Lloyd Hemingway**. **Martin Ryan** won his seventh ring in taking down a \$600 event. The tour returns here Jan. 2-14.

**HARD ROCK TULSA:** The RunGood series ran Nov. 13-18. **Jack Wright** took down the opening bounty tournament for \$6,562; **Rick Cogdon** won the deepstack for \$13,201; **Bart Bogard** earned the pot-limit Omaha title for \$10,986; **Daniel Lowery** and **Julie Cornelius** captured the Jack & Jill event for \$1,210, and **Jerry Moore** earned the main-event crown, after a three-way chop, and \$38,417.

**HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY:** The \$10K quarterly freeroll qualification started again in early December and will run into February. The royal-flush promotion pays, depending upon the suit, \$1,317-\$1,919. A \$1-\$2 PLO game is featured Wednesday, Friday and Saturday while \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE are commonly spread.

**RIVER SPIRIT:** The monthly \$15K freeroll for all players who put in 40 hours of play in December is set for Jan. 12. Jan. 19 is the \$4K freeroll for the top 40 in tournament points.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY:** Qualifiers into the room's quarterly \$35K freeroll will play Jan. 19. The next qualifying period begins Jan. 1. Ask about new promotions, including Cracked Wild Hands and Race for High Hand, which pays \$100, \$75 and \$50 for the top three hands. Plus, every day (10 p.m.-6 a.m.) there's a \$100 high hand every hour with a rollover.

**KANSAS STAR:** Players earn \$1 an hour in comps. The \$10K final quarterly freeroll from 2018 will be Jan. 5.

**RIVERWIND:** Promotions (Monday-Thursday) vary each day and at different times. They range from \$50 and \$100 high hands to \$2-\$5 NLHE splash pots.

**WINSTAR WORLD:** The Veterans Day series ran Nov. 2-12. The \$600 main event went to **Jeremy Marrer** for \$17,732. Other winners were **Ray Supe, Joshua Gordon, Ashley Hine, Mark Couture, Jim Clark** and **Dean Crosek**. Several events chopped.

**AMERISTAR:** This 13-table room offers a variety of mini-bad-beats, starting at jacks full of deuces, earning the loser a minimum of \$250. The Busted Bullets promotion continues as the first five players who lose with pocket aces receive \$100.

**INDIGO SKY:** New Year's Eve (7-11 p.m.) pays \$500 with high hands. At midnight, the top-three high hands will win a share of \$2,019. The Saturday night bounty tournament is \$60 with a \$10 optional dealer add-on and \$20 bounties.

## NEW MEXICO

**SANDIA CASINO:** The poker room has tournaments throughout the week at 7 p.m. Monday is the \$45 Sprint; Tuesday is the \$75 bounty; Wednesday features alternating \$45 tourna-

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ments (first Wednesday, women's event, then Omaha/8, pineapple and River Down); Thursday is another \$75 bounty; Friday is a \$100 event and Sunday at noon (\$50).

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT:** A \$30 New Year's Day tournament, with 3,500 chips, will be at 2. The \$330 deepstack is Jan. 12 at 1. Players receive 20K chips and it's limited to 60 players. The \$98 Greatest Hits bounty event (7,500 chips) will be Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. and will pay \$98 in bounties. The bounties will include **Chaz Malibu** and maybe five others.

The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month deepstack is Jan. 26 at 1 as players receive 15K chips and 20-minute levels.

**ISLETA CASINO:** Tournaments run daily (\$10-\$50) at 2 or 7. There's a \$100 tournament Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. and the room is adding \$1K to the prize pool. Players can win a seat in a \$50 satellite on Jan. 5, 12 or 19 at 7 p.m. There are hot-seat drawings on Thursdays (11-6 p.m. and 8-midnight).

**ROUTE 66 CASINO:** Daily \$28 tournaments with a \$5 add-on run at noon, 3 and 7. The events on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays pay bounties. There also is a tournament bad-beat jackpot for all events.

The player-of-the-year promotion focuses on performance in tourneys throughout the year. The room dedicates about \$5K to the top qualifiers and hosts a freeroll for the top 50.

## COLORADO

**BLACK HAWK:** The MSPT Denver Poker Open \$1,100 main event began with 383 runners at Golden Gates Casino, but it was 46-year-old dentist **Mike Itoafa** who earned the title and \$81,735. "I'm feeling great, I'm excited," said Itoafa, who won the Colorado Poker Championship for \$49,679 in August. It marked his second major title at the venue in less than four months. **Shawn Kjetland** from Colorado Springs took \$50K, **Rich Monroe** was third for \$36K and **Ben Keeline** from Longmont, Colo., was fourth (\$27K). "There were a lot of great players at this final table," Itoafa said after the win. "I know **Ben Keeline** won the Colossus, he's an excellent player. The table was solid all around, a lot of respect there."

In December, **Jay McVeigh** fought through 71 entrants in the Colorado Poker Championship Kickoff to take first for \$41,388. **Jason Blount** was second (\$25K) and **Mary Kay Playeur** was third (\$16K). Look for more results in our next issue. Golden Gates continues to offer \$1K high hands on non-event weekends. Call for details. ... At Isle of Capri, earn a free room for six hours of play and select from a future free night stay (Sunday-Thursday) or a \$20 bus-ticket reimbursement. ... At Ameristar, play at one of 22 tables, where the descending bad beat (quad sixes) has \$150K in the primary jackpot. Earn \$1-an-hour comps while you play and four hours in one day qualifies you for a poker rate at the hotel.

**CRIPPLE CREEK:** The Midnight Rose continues with deepstack weekend tournaments. Enter the Fast & Furious Freezeout on Saturdays for \$65 and get 30K chips, and play the Meganormous tournament on alternate Sundays, where a 50K stack is yours for \$120.

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# PLESUV ROCKS SOUTH FLORIDA, WPT

**Pavel Plesuv** of the Czech Republic put his name on the WPT Champions Cup for the first time by going wire-to-wire at the final table of the \$3,500 Rock 'N' Roll Poker Open in late November at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla.

**Trung Pham** won the opening \$360 deepstack, which had 4,558 entries, and **David Peters** won the \$5K event for the second straight year. **Chris MoneyMaker**, who stuck around for a few tournaments after his PSPC Tour (in which he finished second), won the Feeding South Florida charity event and a \$360 Omaha/8 tourney within days of each other.

**Andres Riquiez** of Miami won the PSPC event for \$14K and a \$30K PokerStars Platinum Pass, defeating the famous poker ambassador in heads-up play.

"The concept of the MoneyMaker Tour is to give someone the opportunity that I had 15 years ago, that is, to make life-changing money," MoneyMaker said. "We wanted to give amateurs or small-time pros around the country a chance to win one of these Platinum Passes and we ended up having 11 tournaments to do that."

He added to the fun by playing in all 11 tourneys around the country. The Hollywood property also awarded a Platinum Pass to **Jorge Aristizabal**, who won the prize in a drawing.

The WPT returns for the Lucky Hearts Open Jan. 10-22 with 25 events on the primary schedule. The \$1,100 WPT DeepStacks Main Event has a \$1M guarantee and three opening sessions Jan. 17-19 at noon, with the final table live-streamed on WPT.com Jan. 22. A \$250 women's event with a \$10K guarantee is Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. with a main-event seat on the line. Also, the series concludes with an interesting \$1,100 Big Stack PLO event at 5 p.m. Jan. 22.

**CASINO MIAMI SOLD:** Billionaire **Phil Ruffin**, who owns Treasure Island in Las Vegas, bought the Casino Miami property, including its jai-alai and poker operations, from Fronton Holdings in December. The property's Crystal Card Room has been closed since April 2016 because of a lack of business, but part of Ruffin's plan is to reopen a poker room this year. He told the *Miami Herald* he intends on building a hotel on the 21 acres, which is a short distance from Miami International Airport.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

**SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB:** The recent \$500 Fall Classic at the One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room had a \$100K guarantee, which was met easily as a plethora of satellites provided 128 entries before the event even started. Six players, including local pro **Carlos Loving**, chopped the main event and \$71K.

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## MEET STEVE BIERMAN

A 57-year-old New Orleans native and a LSU graduate in computer science, **Steve Bierman** also is a former business owner who offered computer training to some of the largest companies in Louisiana.

**How did you get into playing poker?** I play at Harrah's Casino in New Orleans and they were having a tournament for a seat in the WSOP Circuit event here and I decided to enter it and ended up winning the seat. Then I decided if I'm going to play tournament poker, I might as well be good at it, so I hired local poker coach **Bill Phillips** to teach me the ins and outs of tournament poker. Subsequently, I made it deep into Day 2 and got knocked out by **Chris Moorman**. I was hooked.

**What are some of your most notable accomplishments in the poker world?** In 2017, I was in fourth in points for the WSOP championship tournament. Also, this year I won a six-max tournament in the Philippines in an APT event.

**What do you do for fun when you're not at a poker table?** I love to work out and meditate. Also, I like the arts and I'm a season-ticket holder to the Sanger Theatre and the New Orleans Saints.

**What do you do for a living besides play poker?** I own some apartments in the greater New Orleans area and have made a good living off of them. It's made it easier to feed my need for tournaments. — **Ron Hope**

**HARD ROCK TAMPA:** The Super 7s tourney, with a \$100K guarantee, runs Dec. 28-30, giving players 30K chips and a Big Blind Ante structure for the \$777 multiday tournament.

**DERBY LANE:** In St. Petersburg, there's a New Year's Eve \$50 knockout tournament at 6 p.m. for 15K units (with \$5 add-on) and 20-minute blinds. Knockouts are \$10.

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** Silks Poker Room hosts a \$55 Ultra Stack BBA event on New Year's Eve at 1 p.m. Players get 20-minute levels, 10K chips and 5K more for an optional \$5 add-on. The room closes at 9 that night so you can attend NYE parties.

**MELBOURNE GREYHOUND TRACK:** Club 52 has a lot going on this month, starting with giving away \$1K every 30 minutes on Jan 19 and satellites (Jan. 12, 19 and 26) for February's \$100K guarantee, which starts Feb. 19. See the ad on Page 43 for more.

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Saturday, January 19	12PM	Event #1 NLH Flight #3	\$360	20,000	
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Sunday, January 20	12PM	Event #1 Final Day - Live Streamed			\$100,000
	1PM	Event #3 NLH w/\$100 Bounties	\$350	15,000	
Monday, January 21	12PM	Event #4 NLH Deepstack	\$150	12,000	
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Wednesday, January 23	12PM	Event #6 Pot Limit Omaha w/\$100 Re-buys	\$350	8,000	
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Saturday, January 26	11AM	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$1,100	25,000	
	3PM	Event #9 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	15,000	
	7PM	Event #10 NLH Turbo w/\$50 Bounties	\$240	12,000	
Sunday, January 27	11AM	Main Event Final Day Live Streamed			\$200,000
	1PM	Event #11 NLH Monster Stack	\$350	20,000	
	7PM	Event #12 NLH Turbo w/\$50 Bounties	\$240	12,000	



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# BAZELEY LOVES N.C., WINS WSOPC



In 2014, **Jake Bazeley** won his first World Series of Poker Circuit title by taking down the main event at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina. Four years later, the poker pro did it again.

Bazeley beat 1,127 entrants in the \$1,700 main event for \$311,616 and his second career ring.

"This I was more prepared for. That last time was my first huge win," he said, comparing his main-

event victories. "I was comfortable today, coming in ... been here before."

Day 3 began with seven-time ring-winner **Kyle Cartwright** as chipleader. Cartwright would be Bazeley's heads-up opponent.

Bazeley started with a huge advantage, but Cartwright doubled up immediately. In the end, Bazeley had the last say when his pocket 10s struck the knockout blow against Cartwright's A-Q.

## NORTH FLORIDA

**PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK:** This month's schedule features a \$180 event with a \$20K guarantee and three Day 1s Jan. 24-26. Day 2 is Jan. 27. The Panhandle poker room hosts tournaments daily at 7 p.m., including \$2K guarantees Friday and Saturday and \$2.5K Wednesday. Satellites into the \$20K run throughout the month.

For a little variety, an Omaha/8 event (\$60) will be Jan. 12. The November \$20K saw **James Stephens** and **Bryan Clark** chop for \$4,900 each.

**CREEK GREYHOUND:** The Tallahassee-area poker room has some aggressive high-hand promos at the cash tables, including double cash prizes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10 a.m.-7 p.m.) and hourly \$200 high hands Jan. 12 (1-11 p.m.). On Tuesdays at 6 p.m., a \$5-\$10 PLO game spreads.

Tournaments include a \$2K guarantee Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. (\$60) and the monthly \$10K is Jan. 19 at 1 (\$180). There are \$60 satellites available multiple times each week.

The November \$10K finished in a three-way chop between **Ray Ashley**, **Mike Knudson** and **Paul Force** for \$2,400 each.

**ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD CLUB:** Orange City, near Orlando, continues its tournament schedule of Great American Poker Tour events Mondays (\$100), Tuesdays (\$125) and the third and fourth Thursdays (\$150) at 7:10 p.m. The first Thursday features a 101.1 radio event for \$65.

**DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB:** **David Fowler** beat a field of almost 110 players to win the \$250 GAPT premier deepstack for \$4,500 and a \$500 GAPT seat from a



\$22,965 prize pool.

In the two-week Holiday Moneymaker, **Alex Maccini** was declared winner as 12 players chopped for \$4,443 each. **Grant Leber** took second and earned a seat into the GAPT Championship in February as 614 entries made for a prize pool of \$73,680.

January events include a \$10K on Jan. 6 (\$100), a \$150 GAPT Road to the Championship on Jan. 20 and a \$75K Blizzard Event for \$150 with 11 Day 1 seatings (Jan. 12-19). See the ad on Page 29.



**BESTBET ORANGE PARK:** The \$30K deep-stack event on Nov. 12 drew 270 players as **Faisal Mir** of Jacksonville won the title and \$10,430.

There are \$50 tournaments Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at noon.

**BESTBET JACKSONVILLE:** The College Poker Invitational had 77 entries and **Justin Quoos** won the event and \$1,113 from the \$2,925 prize pool. See the ad on Page 26 for the full schedule of the Jan. 18-27 series that has a \$200K guarantee \$1,100 main event, which has to Day 1s beginning on Jan. 25.

**EBRO GREYHOUND PARK:** With area curfews lifted in the wake of Hurricane Michael, poker room has resumed and revamped its tournament schedule.

Evening tourneys will begin at 6 p.m. Check goebro.com for more information as the regular schedule is a work in progress.

## LOUISIANA

**L'AUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE:** The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) at press time was a poker-room record \$319K.

**HARRAH'S CASINO NEW ORLEANS:** The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was at \$185K at press time. Other promotions include a mini-bad-beat jackpot and high hands Monday-Thursday (8 a.m.-4 p.m.).

**COUSHATTA CASINO:** Promotions include Monday splash pots (\$50) and quad bonuses (\$50-\$1K); Sets Cracked and splash pots on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (\$100); Kings Cracked (\$100-\$200) and Sets Cracked (\$100) on Thursdays, and Sundays feature high hands for a spin on the wheel (\$100-\$400).

The bad-beat jackpot reached \$100K at press time and a mini-bad beat pays \$2,500.

**ISLE CASINO LAKE CHARLES:** The bad-beat jackpot is \$100K and get \$100 daily for quads. Look for results in a future issue from the property's Louisiana State Championship, which was running at press time.

**L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT LAKE CHARLES:** The bad-beat jackpot (quad fives) was \$133K at press time. Other promos include \$100 for a straight flush and \$200 for a royal.

**GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES:** Royals pay \$200 and straight flushes get \$100.

**HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY:** The mini-bad-beat (aces full of 10s) pays \$5K. Aces Cracked earns \$100 and splash pots are Monday-Thursday (\$100).



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Also on Sunday is a \$400 Big O tournament. There aren't many opportunities to play this in an event setting so this will be a great chance to test your skill. On Jan. 8, the seniors event features a \$50K guarantee for \$255 and a 10K stack.

For those who want to play deep, Jan. 9's \$50K guarantee Monster Stack starts with 25K chips. For \$360 you can play either starting flight and play down for a Day 2 restart on Thursday. As with all events at the MDH, if you make Day 2, you make the money.

On Jan. 11, don't miss the \$1K PLO championship, which will be a freezeout. The \$2,700 main event guarantees \$300K and infinite bragging rights for taking down the title event. Starting flights are Jan. 12-13 with Day 2 on Jan. 14.

Every night at 7, there will be a satellite opportunity with two seats to the main event. Expect prize pools to go beyond guarantees and potential long registration lines for the first event. Beat the crowd by registering early. Poker-room-rate ho-

tel rooms are in limited blocks and will fill up quickly. Call 228-386-7092 for more information or to make your reservation.

**HORSESHOE TUNICA:** The WSOPC runs Jan. 17-28. The \$1,700 main event kicks off with two opening flights Jan. 25 and 26 at 11 a.m. Other events include a \$400 four-day (Jan. 17-20) Event 2, which has four starting flights and unlimited re-entry, a pair of senior events, a women's event, pot-limit Omaha and an eight-max. See the ad below or go to [wsop.com](http://wsop.com) for more.

## MISSOURI

St. Louis native **Joshua Turner** won Event 4 of November's World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, taking home \$15,235 and his seventh gold ring. The circuit grinder made two more WSOPC final tables in November, finishing fourth in Event 8 (\$400 NLHE) and eighth in the monster stack at Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., before his Planet Hollywood win.

Another St. Louis-area pro, **John Richards** of Roxanna, Ill., made two final tables during the WSOPC stop at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina, finishing eighth in the monster stack and Event 13.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO ST. LOUIS:** The poker room runs at least two tournaments every day with \$60-\$550 buy-ins, including a \$125 Sunday seniors event and the \$550 Five-Thousandaire-Maker, which pays spots in \$5K increments.

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# MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP JAN. 3

The Maryland State Poker Championship runs Jan. 3-13 and has 19 events at the Live Casino Hotel. Event 1 kicks off with a \$360 buy-in, multiple-flight \$100K guarantee.

The \$1,100 main event begins Jan. 11 and has a \$150K guarantee. Other events include HORSE (\$300, Jan. 3, 12:15 p.m.), five-card pot-limit Omaha (\$300, Jan. 4, 12:15 p.m.), women's championship (\$300, Jan. 6, 3:15 p.m.), seniors (\$300, Jan. 7, 11:15 a.m.) and heads-up (\$400, Jan. 8, 7:15 p.m.). See the ad on the facing page for promos at the Hanover room.

**DC CHARITY POKER:** All In Enterprises is hosting the World Series of Charity DC Poker Jan. 27 and Feb. 2 with the main event Feb. 10. Check All In's website for more information.

## DELAWARE

**DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO:** There will be three tournaments with a combined \$40K in guarantees Jan. 25-27, all at 11:15 a.m. The events begin Jan. 25 with a \$10K guarantee, a \$25K guarantee on Jan. 26 and a \$5K guarantee Jan. 27.

There are two \$33 super-satellites for the \$25K event. One player out of every 10 entries on Jan. 23 at 7:15 p.m. and Jan. 24 at 7:15 p.m. earn an entry into the Jan. 26 event.

The poker room also has a new promotion. When you play at least 20 hours each week, you'll receive a \$100 reward bonus. Players may collect the cash from 10 a.m. Friday through 10 p.m. Monday. Uncollected rewards will be forfeited.

## CONNECTICUT

**FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO:** A number of high-hand promotions highlight the schedule. Monday Madness will give away \$36K on Jan. 14 and Feb. 4 (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) as \$1K is awarded every hour and half-hour, plus \$500 every quarter of and quarter past the hour. There's also High Hand Frenzy on Tuesdays (10 a.m.-10 p.m.), paying \$500 every 30 minutes. This also runs Fridays and Saturdays (noon-midnight).

Looking ahead, the Winter Deep Freeze Challenge, which has a combined \$300K guaranteed, runs Feb. 6-11. The opener costs \$500 and gets players a \$100K stack, while the \$1,200 main event has two opening flights on Feb. 9 (11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) and players start with 40K chips and 40-minute levels. Day 2 has 60-minute levels.

The highest hand in the first level of all Deep Freeze events wins back the buy-in.

**MOHEGAN SUN CASINO:** The 42-table room in Uncasville, Conn., hosts a \$120 event with a \$10K guarantee on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. In other tourney news, **Matt Beverly**



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## MEET ALEX JIM



Known as El Chapo, **Alex Jim** is a pro player from Brooklyn.

**How did it feel beating 1,500-plus entrants to claim your first World Series of Poker Circuit ring at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut?**

I'm grateful to have been able to run good to win such a huge field tournament. I've gotten pretty close to winning tournaments a few times (lately,) so closing this one out was definitely a great feeling.

**Are there any special bonds you've made through poker?** I've made a lot of poker friends in this game that have become my real-life friends and I'm very fortunate to have them in my life. It's nice to have good people in your corner to get through the lows and experience the highs.

**What's your annual tournament schedule like?** My annual tournament schedule is ever-changing. I generally just play a combination of local series and online throughout the year, but may start traveling to play more live and will hopefully continue to play full summers at the WSOP. — **Jo Kim**

won the recent Best of the Best freeroll for \$4,080, beating 110 players. Call the room to see how to qualify for the next BOB.

## MAINE

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO BANGOR:** The state's only live poker room has progressive high hands on Tuesday and Thursday, \$100 high hands on Fridays and a \$500 royal-flush jackpot. On Saturdays, there's a \$100 re-entry tournament with 25K chips and 20-minute levels.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**MGM SPRINGFIELD:** The poker room has a hot-seat hot-table promotion, a bad-beat jackpot, a variety of tournaments and a \$1K royal-flush promotion.

## PHILADELPHIA

**SUGARHOUSE CASINO:** The Philadelphia poker room broke its attendance record with 350 entries into its Big Rush tournament. The \$100K prize pool was divided among 45 of the 61 Day 2 players and the final table chopped with **Daniel Ralstan** of Merchantville, N.J., earning the top spot and \$14,700. Other cashers included **Mat Storms** of Miami, Pa., (\$8,666), **Terrence Heinz** of Cherry Hill, N.J., (\$7,620) and **David Kilcoyne** of Hatboro, Pa. (\$7,392).

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The 32-table Turning Stone Resort Casino poker room in Verona, N.Y., hosts its Winter Poker Meltdown with its \$50K main-event guarantee Jan. 3-6. See the ad on this page.

The room also offers a number of high-hand promotions, a bad-beat jackpot and poker-room hotel rates if you plan on spending the night.

**DEL LAGO RESORT CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot was approaching \$100K at press time.

**RIVERS SCHENECTADY:** The Unlucky 7s promotion pays a share of \$77,777 to a player who loses with quad sevens or better. Call the poker room for more info.

**SENECA NIAGARA:** Jan. 18-20 is a \$150 event that features four starting flights and a \$25K guarantee. In other tourney news, **Victor Adams** of Canada won the Fall Poker Classic for \$53K in November. He beat nearly 250 players in the \$1K event, which had a \$200K guarantee and \$219K prize pool. **Chris Meyers** was second (\$33K) and **Vadim Rozin** finished third (\$24K).

### ATLANTIC CITY-PHILADELPHIA

**BORGATA:** The Borgata Winter Open starts Jan. 15 with the \$2M guarantee deepstack kickoff, a \$600 event with multiple opening flights. The series hosts 23 events, including the \$1M guarantee Almighty Stack on Jan. 22 for \$450, the \$200K guarantee six-max for \$1,090 on Jan. 25 and the televised World Poker Tour WPO main event, which has a \$3M guarantee. It costs \$3,500 and begins Jan. 27 with multiple Day 1s.

If you're reading this early, the Deepstacks Challenge runs Dec. 26-30 and the series has \$160K guaranteed across five events.

As for results, the Fall Poker Open completed Nov. 21, culminating with New York's **Wenhao Ying** taking down the \$2,700 main event, which had a \$1M guarantee. Ying pocketed \$200K, beating nearly 440 players. **Matt Wantman** of Stoneham, Mass., was second (\$172K), followed by **Paul Volpe** of West Chester, Pa., (\$150K), **Dat Vu** of Denver (\$76,830) and **Mike Glick** of Las Vegas (\$60K).

**Frank Lagodich** of Canton, Ohio, and **Joe Cappuccio** of Hammonton, N.J., chopped the \$600 opener for \$128K each. The \$500K guarantee event drew 1,474 entries for a \$795K prize pool. ♠

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# HOWARD NOTCHES MESKWAKI WIN IN IOWA



**Taylor Howard**, 28, of Altoona won \$89,939 by beating 422 entrants in the \$300K guarantee Mid-States Poker Tour Main Event at Meskwaki Casino in Tama, Iowa on Nov. 4.

"I'm on top of the world," Howard said.

"I've been close to some big, big scores on tours before. I got fourth in this event a few years back. I've been close online. It feels good to win one."

Before the victory, Howard had \$37,189 in tournament earnings, including the \$24,423 for the aforementioned fourth-place finish.

"The MSPT brings out some grinders and it was a tough final table," said Howard, who had to contend with 21-year-old up-and-comer **Ian Matakis** for the title. "I don't have an insane amount of live heads-up experience. I felt like he was a little bit better than me as a heads-up player so I just started ripping. He was a great player." Matakis won \$55K for second.

As for the money, Howard has a couple of ideas: "I said I'd take my girlfriend on a trip. I need a new car, so we'll go look at cars, too."

The MSPT will return to Meskwaki in late March.

**RIVERSIDE CASINO:** The annual Cold Turkey Poker Showdown ran over Thanksgiving weekend. **Yip Phou** won \$2,040 in the Omaha/8 opening event; **Brady Mears** earned \$3,011 for winning Event 2 and **Edward Nolan** claimed Event 3, good for \$3,775.

**DIAMOND JO WORTH:** The bad-beat jackpot was \$227,098 at press time.

**CLOSING:** Rhythm City Casino has closed its poker room.

## CHICAGOLAND

**AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO:** **Josh Reichard** topped a field of 434 entries, winning the Heartland Poker Tour Season XIV Championship for \$221K-plus. The accomplished pro from Janesville, Wis., explained his plans for the cash.

"I'm probably going to invest in some real estate," he said. He then added: "Play more poker, obviously," the champ said with a smile.

The \$221K is the largest cash of his career by a wide margin, but it didn't come easy, with well-known players at the final table that included **Aaron Johnson** along with **Jim Kasputis** and **Jerry Gumila**, who both made their third trip to the final table here. Johnson moved ahead of **Ossama Estafanous** with his fourth-place finish, for POY honors. This marks

## MEET RALPH MASSEY



**Ralph Massey** is a traveling pro from Chicago.

**How do you balance poker in your life?**

I try not to let it affect my mood too much. I can't control what happens to me on the felt but I can control how I react to it. I also make sure to exercise daily and maintain my social life as much as possible.

**Would you consider yourself a cash or a tournament player and how much traveling do you do?** I'm mainly a tournament player now, but my background is in cash. I play so many tournaments these days that when I bust I'd much rather go out then jump in a cash game. I travel about eight months of the year, but I'm "homeless" due to tournaments. I'm currently leaning toward (living in) Miami.

**What got you into poker?** My brother, **Aaron Massey**, and ESPN. Aaron started playing around the time **Chris Money-maker** won the WSOP and he taught me how to play. A few years later, I found the private games in Chicago and quickly became a fixture there, playing from open to close most nights. — **Jo Kim**

the second year in a row that Chicagoland players have lost the POY race at the final table. **Gary Herstein** lost in 2017 to **Ari Engel**.

**Blake Jakel** defeated 1,055 entries in the \$350 opener for \$56K. **Jason Mangold** won the heads-up title for \$5K-plus. **Joe Jeffery** won the Big O for almost \$7K. **Nicklas Kalogris** won the \$300 seniors for \$6K-plus. **Paul Bianchi** won the seniors championship \$16K-plus and won the seven-game mix for \$2,796.

**HARRAH'S METROPOLIS:** The property re-opened its poker room with hours being Friday-Sunday noon-6 a.m.

**MAJESTIC STAR:** The MSPT returns to this Chicagoland property Jan. 25-27 and Aug. 16-18. Both main events have a \$200K guarantee. In other news, **Rashad Ibrahim** won the inaugural Turkey Run for \$5,520, beating 125 entries, which created a \$20K-plus prize pool. And a new company led by **Rod Ratcliff** has acquired two gaming licenses in Northern Indiana, hoping to move both of Majestic Star's riverboat casinos to inland sites.

**TROPICANA EVANSVILLE:** The MSPT has three events planned. The first two will be Jan. 30-Feb. 3 and May 22-26. These will be regional tourneys with a \$100K guarantee. Aug. 23-25 will be a \$200K guarantee.

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# WISCONSIN STATE TITLE GOES TO HALAN



The Wisconsin State Poker Championship had 748 entries at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino. That surpassed the 701 entries from 2017 to become the largest major tournament (\$1K-plus buy-in) in state history. **Brett Halan**, 27, won it for \$144,812. It marked the third year in a row a player from Illinois walked away with this title.

**BONUS TOURNEY:** A \$570 bonus event after the MSPT at Potawatomi drew 86 entries and went to **Mike Wolff** for \$13,761. Other notables to cash included **Michael Hanson** (second, \$8,505), **Jerry Gumila** (third, \$5,951) and **Mirslav Semanisin** (fourth, \$4,334).



**REICHARD DOES IT AGAIN:** Be sure to read the Chicagoland report to learn about 10-time World Series of Poker Circuit ring-winner and MSPT champ **Josh Reichard's** HPT main-event victory at Ameristar East Chicago, which shot him past \$1.1M in tournament earnings.

## OHIO-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**JACK CASINO CLEVELAND:** The Mid-States Poker Tour brings its \$1,100 tournament here Jan. 17-20, featuring a \$300K guarantee. Three Day 1 flights will begin at noon each day (Jan. 17-19) with play resuming for Day 2 on Jan. 20. A plethora

of satellites are running up to the event, some with buy-ins as affordable as \$70. Call the poker room for more information.

**MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO:** The Washington, Pa., property hosts the HPT series April 4-15, with a \$1,100 main event.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBUS:** The HPT visits April 18-29. Look for details to be announced soon.

## MICHIGAN

**FIREKEEPERS CASINO:** The final \$5K quarterly event is Jan. 12. The qualifying period runs until Dec. 31. The \$55K grand finale for the quarterly events is Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. and \$20K is guaranteed for first place.

The qualifying period for this event was all of 2018. See the Battle Creek property's website for details. Also, there's a black-chip bounty event for \$350 at noon on Jan. 20. Players start with 20K chips, get 30-minute levels and can re-enter once through the fourth level. Registration opens a week before the tourney.

**GUN LAKE CASINO:** The 14-table poker room in Wayland has \$55 tournaments at 11 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The 6:30 p.m. tournament on Thursdays costs \$80 with registration starting at 2:30. The Saturday event costs \$100 with \$25 bounties. Cards are in the air at 11 a.m. with registration beginning at 7.

Check the website or use the Bravo app to find out more details.

## MINNESOTA

### RUNNING ACES CASINO:

**Blake Bohn** of Eden Prairie, Minn., took home \$27,134 after winning the \$500 Big Turkey event in Columbus.

This win places Bohn just shy of \$3M in lifetime earnings.

He also is ranked first on the Minnesota all-time money list. Bohn was heads-up

**Matthew Sundberg** with a 3.1M-to-2.1M lead when he offered a chop. Sundberg wanted a chance to play against one of the best players around and declined. Bohn has been on fire, with eight final tables and two wins over the past year. The Big Turkey tourney drew 222 entrants, generating a \$96,903 prize pool.

**CANTERBURY PARK:** Win your share of \$2,019 on New Year's Eve in a hot-tables promotion. Call the Columbus property's poker room to learn how. There's also a \$150 double-stack tourney at 6:30 that night, getting you 20K chips and 20-minute levels.

**TREASURE ISLAND CASINO AND HOTEL:** The Island Poker League wraps up fall qualifying Jan. 5 and will have its freeroll for the top-10 players on Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. More details can be found on [ticasino.com](http://ticasino.com). ♠



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## TURNING PRO

## SHOULD YOU TRY TO BECOME A PRO?

Can I be a pro poker player? This is a question I get asked often. It varies from “Should I learn poker?” to “Do you think poker is still beatable?” But most of the time my answer is always the same: Probably not.



**BRENT  
PHILBIN**

If that sounds discouraging, that’s because it should. I want to examine why that’s my answer, while realizing how hypocritical that sounds.

The first thing we have to realize is, by definition, most people who play poker lose. Even in the event that 50 percent of the players had enough skill to be winning players, they have to be better than the other 50 percent. Then those who can win are contending with the rake.

Poker is a zero-sum game, which means there are winners and losers. It’s not possible for each person on that felt to be a winner; it’s a rule that most of the players in the game will lose. So that’s the first hurdle.

Just based on the rake alone, less than 50 percent of the players will win, meaning most will lose.

Then those who become winning players may not have all of the tools necessary to win for a long period of time. There

are many people who mishandle finances and this trickles over into bankroll management. It takes a lot of discipline to play the correct stakes at the correct times. Blowing money after a big win feels natural, so we can eliminate another group of the players right there.

Finally, if you can manage your money properly and learn the game well enough to be a winning player, you need to keep learning to continue to be a winning player. So there are winning players who manage their funds properly but slowly become losing players simply because they didn’t keep up with the times.

When it’s all said and done, a random guess at the number of players in the game who can be profitable and stable enough to make a living might be 5 percent. That’s roughly the odds of hitting a one-outer with two cards to come.

So back to the original question: Would I suggest someone be a poker pro, knowing their chances of success are the same as the odds of hitting a one-outer with two cards to come? Hell no. If you’re going to pursue the path of the poker pro, there’s a ton of work ahead of you.

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## COACH’S CORNER

## 2019 RESOLUTIONS THAT MAKE SENSE

Poker resolutions are made by players determined to improve their game. I decided to make a few calls to learn what, if any, resolutions might my diligent students have made.



**MARK  
BREMENT**

Several had ideas that revolve around bankroll management. Let’s lump them together and Resolution 1 is to adhere to a stop-loss system. Capping losses is a great idea. Every player has a threshold of pain.

This is a number where we get to a point when our decision-making at the table becomes a bit fuzzy. I have yet to meet a player who doesn’t fall in to this form of tilt at one point or another.

To be your best in poker, it pays to dig deep and figure out what your mind-numbing number is. Or, you should quit if you’ve lost a specific number of blinds. A loss of 200 big blinds is where I call it a night. The game will be there tomorrow.

Don’t fall in to the “I will leave when I get even” rut. Instead, pay attention to what your hourly rate is over 40 hours of play, which leads to the second-most common resolution I’m hearing.

Resolution 2 is keep better records. What does this mean? Let’s face it; poker players want to play cards. “Shut up and

deal” is a good way to sum it up. That said, poker is measured in dollars. Do yourself a favor; know your hourly win-lose rate. Stay keenly tuned into this figure. Earning between five and 10 big blinds an hour over 40 hours of live play is a great way to keep your eye on the ball.

Read my past three columns on keeping records. You will be well on your way to a fruitful 2019.

Resolution 3 might be the most critical of all: Be prepared to play. It seemed like all of my students had ideas on this matter. Embrace that poker is a brain game, a game of skill. Have a checklist to make sure all of your little errands are behind you to ensure you bring max-focus to the table. Often, we think we are playing our A game and don’t realize we’re a bit off the mark. Avoid big meals before and during play. Also, watch what you eat before gametime.

Resolution 4 was short and sweet: Pay more attention to table selection. Anyone who has read my columns knows how much importance I place on this concept. My motto is “Lifetime hobby of profit and fun.” Take these resolutions to heart and you will reap the rewards. Thanks to the readers and students for all of the great ideas.

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# REMEDY FOR DISASTER: SPORTS COMEBACKS

Have you ever started out a session stuck? Like losing more than half of your buy-in within 15 minutes? If this hasn't happened to you, it will, so pay attention.



WILLY NEUMAN

Don't call attention to the situation. Not every player at the table is watching everything that's going on. And maybe those who are might forget about it when some other event occurs. When you draw attention to yourself, you are making yourself a target. You're inviting players to take shots at you.

"Look, he's running bad; let's pile on and take advantage!" You should act like it's business as usual, and that may take some skilled acting because you may be on tilt. Lose any negative thoughts that may be in your head. Here's how I deal with this highly unpleasant, yet inevitable situation: sports. I think of some of the greatest come-from-behind sports victories.

My favorite, being a competitive runner, is **Lasse Viren**.

You should check out the video of his 1972 Olympic 10,000-meter win. After that victory, he was listed as the greatest athlete of the year. With just a couple of minutes before the

race was over, he fell.

Any normal athlete would have been doomed and forgotten, but he got up and used the setback as motivation to get back in the race. He regained his position and then put on a kick that still is considered unparalleled and set a record. Now, approaching 70, he's still being interviewed and asked to recount that unfathomable moment.

You don't care about running? Fine, pick another comeback. Football? How about when the Bills overcame a 32-point deficit in 1993 in the second half to win 41-38?

Basketball? Consider when **Reggie Miller** notched eight points in nine seconds for the Pacers to beat the Knicks in the 1985 Eastern Conference Finals.

It can happen. You can regain lost chips if you get in the right mind-set and focus on winning. If you're mired in anger and self-pity, it's best to walk away from the table until you can get into a winning frame of mind. Come back to the game refreshed and ready to get back in the race to victory.

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## A FOCUSED APPROACH FOR MTT IMPROVEMENT

Tournament poker demands maximum flexibility. In cash games, you may be able to get away with a consistent approach, given the right table and opponents.



STEVE BLAY

In tournaments, if you fail to adapt to varying structures, player mixes, stack depths and tournament stages, you'll be in significant trouble.

Tournaments with 20-minute blind levels, aggressive structures and shallow starting stacks call for a different plan of attack than those with hour levels, gradual structures and starting stacks of 200 big blinds or more.

Part of the problem with improving at tournament poker is you don't get to see specific scenarios often enough to really improve at them.

For example, suppose you play 10 tournaments a month. You cash in two, making the final table in one. That's only two opportunities to practice your bubble play in a month and only one chance to practice your final-table tactics.

With that in mind, I've built several tools into **AdvancedPokerTraining.com** to help you build this array of required tournament poker skills.

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- Middle of the tournament, medium stack size, you flop an open-ended straight draw out of position. What line should you take? Check-raise? Check-call with a plan to check-raise the turn if you make your draw? Lead out on the flop?

- Late in a tournament, you have the awkward 15-25 big-blind stack. You have a playable but not great hand (e.g., low/middle pairs, weak suited aces). There's an open raise and action is folded to you in the big blind. Do you shove and hope the villain folds? Does the position of the raiser affect your decision? Is there any room for flattening or is it all shove or fold?

The Combat Trainer allows you to practice these scenarios hundreds of times in an hour.

So if you're making the leap from cash to tournament play or just looking to brush up on your tournament skills, check out these great tools at **AdvancedPokerTraining.com!**

— **Steve Blay is the founder of AdvancedPokerTraining.com. For private coaching requests, visit steveblay.com.**

# HERE ARE 12 STEPS TO TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Over the next 12 months, I'm going to break down 12 layers of tournaments, from the preregistration mind-set to how to face many final-table scenarios and situations along the way.



**MICHAEL  
LAAKE**

## Step 1: Mind-set evaluation

Before each tournament, I've asked myself, "How excited are you to play today?" If my answer is lacking enthusiasm, then I'll prioritize how important it is to be playing today and if it makes more sense to take the day off.

Some full-time pros are sponsored or backed, like I was for most of my career.

Being sponsored-backed can make this situation difficult because on one hand you want to get out there and make everyone proud, but on the other hand, sometimes you want to sleep in and watch TV and not have to look at, or interact with, humans for the day.

This was back when I was irresponsible with my mind-set. Things have changed. Most of this series won't involve meditation or mind-set coaching.

If this is something you're interested in learning or doing, I support this decision, but understand this needs to be a full-time commitment.

You need to make 15 minutes at the same time each day all 365 days and use an app such as Headspace (meditation) or Primed Mind (mind-set coaching) and build a routine and stick with it. After a few months, it will allow you to reach impressive levels of control with your emotions.

## The non-negotiables

**SLEEP:** Get a proper night of sleep.

**FOOD:** I'm not going to claim to be a nutritional expert, but I feel better when I eat something in the morning before playing. Also, have a plan for what your eating schedule will look like throughout the day as you're going deep in the tournament.

**HYGIENE:** I have to shower first thing in the morning. I know plenty of people who shower in the evening and can play the next morning.

Please just brush your teeth and put on some deodorant. It's non-negotiable.

**INVESTORS:** If you're selling action to others or being sponsored, make sure you remind them the morning of the event that you're on your way to play, what time you plan on registering, if you don't do regular business, make sure each person knows what percentage of the action they do have and make sure people know when they don't have action.

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<b>BLACK OAK CASINO</b> (877) 747-8777 • blackoakcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$40, 10:30a), (\$60, 7p); Friday (\$40, 10:30a); Saturday & Sunday (\$45, 10:30a). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands \$50 Aces Full, Mon. & Wed. (9a-11p), Thurs. (2p-11p); Cash Giveaway, Tue. (10a-midnight);
<b>BLUE LAKE CASINO AND HOTEL</b> (707) 668-9770 • bluelakecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday & Tuesday (\$30); Wednesday & Thursday (\$40); Friday-Sunday (\$50). <b>PROMOS:</b> Players earn points for live play.
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$5K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO</b> (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday (\$50, 10:30a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); 1st Saturday (\$100, 11a); 2nd Saturday (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Saturday \$3K guarantee (\$60, 11a); Sunday \$3K guarantee (\$60, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday & Tuesday (\$20). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$40, 10:15a); Monday (\$10, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$40, 7p); Friday (\$150, 7:15p); Saturday (\$120, 1:15p); Sunday (\$100, 1:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Monday-Friday (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Saturday Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 1:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for schedule. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for promotions.
<b>ELK VALLEY CASINO</b> (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday Omaha, (\$40, 6p); Monday (\$20, 6p); Tuesday (\$30, 6p); Wednesday (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll (6p); Saturday (\$45, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See the ad on Page 39 for WSOP satellite schedule.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • flb365.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Saturday \$1K guarantee (7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Players get paid \$120 for a \$100 buy-in (Friday).
<b>GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$30-\$150); Monday-Friday (1p & 6:45p); Saturday (10a & 1p); Sunday (2:15a & 1p); WPT, Jan. 12-16. <b>PROMOS:</b> Daily jackpots; Aces Cracked.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$45, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 6:15p); Friday (\$45, 10:15a); Saturday (\$65, 12:15p); Sunday KO (\$65, 2:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Mega hold'em jackpot; Omaha jackpot.
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$60, 10a); Monday KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$35, 10a); Sunday KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Saturday (\$550). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsmcon.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday \$1K guarantee (\$35, 8p) Saturday & Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$35, noon); Saturday \$2.5K guarantee (\$55, 8p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$35, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bonus Wheel; high hands; pay for play.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$60); Monday-Friday (noon & 7p); Saturday (noon & 7p); Saturday Big O event (\$60, 3p). <b>PROMOS:</b> \$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday (\$185, 7p); Thursday KO (\$185, 7p); Friday (\$100, 7p); Sunday (\$250, 3p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. \$2K guar. KO, (\$60, 6p); Tue. O/8 (\$40, 10:30a) & \$500 guar. (\$30, 6p); Wed. (\$30, 10:30a) & \$500 guar (\$30, 6p); Thurs. crazy pineapple (\$30, 10:30a) & \$500 guar. (\$30, 6p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. \$1.5K guar. KO (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 10:30a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Earn a seat in the 2020 WSOP main event by playing in 2019.

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# CALIFORNIA (Continued)

LOCATION	
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday & Saturday (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thursday (\$60, 6:40p); Friday KO (\$30, 10a); Sunday (\$60 w/rebuys, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIMELIGHT CASINO</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$45, 11a); Mon. & Wed. (\$45, 7p) Friday (\$100, 10a); Sunday (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); 3rd Saturday (\$175, 11a); Last PM of the Month (\$120, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (\$120, 9:30a); Tuesday (\$200, 9:30a); Sunday (\$250, 9:30a); <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha & stud.
<b>LUCKY LADY CARDROOM</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$23, 7p); Thursday (\$10 rebuys, 7p); Friday (\$45, 7p); Saturday (\$45, 5p); Sunday (\$10 rebuys, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked wins \$100 in hold'em (1a-9a & 5p-9p every other hour).
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • luckyladyla.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Saturday \$3K guarantee (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sunday (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Foot Frenzy & high hands.
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$150, 6:15p); Wednesday (\$185, 6:15p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$235, 1p); 1st Saturday (\$340, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasinio.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday \$2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p) w/ re-entry & \$20 add-on; Saturday super deepstack (\$125, 1p) w/ re-entry. <b>PROMOS:</b> All quads, straight & royal flushes paid Mon; hourly \$100 High Hand Insurance; Sat. & Sun, \$5K High Hand Frenzy every half-hour; Progressive High Hand, Mon-Fri; Cash Wheel, Tue. & Thurs.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA</b> (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasinio.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$5K Mini-Bad Beat Jackpot.
<b>PARK WEST CASINO LODI</b> (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a) & (\$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday freeroll (1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive jackpots in hold'em.
<b>PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO</b> (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$25, 6p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$25, 11a); Sunday (noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Live splash pots; cracked hands; high hands every hour.
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechangacomo.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$2K guar. (\$25, 10a); Tuesday \$3K guar. (\$45, 10a); Wednesday \$3K guar. (\$50, 10a); Thursday \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Friday 6K guar. (\$70, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$55, 11a & \$80, 7p); Tuesday (\$25, 11:45a & \$70, 7p); Wednesday (\$130, 11:45a); Thursday KO (\$70, 7p); Saturday (\$130, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a & \$55, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live hold'em events). <b>PROMOS:</b> Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
<b>STONES GAMBLING HALL</b> (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.- Fri. (\$50, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); Sun. turbo (\$100); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Double jackpot for limit.
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Mon.-Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. (\$10, 6:30p) w/\$10 rb or \$20 add-on; Fri. (\$10, 10a) & (\$120, 6:30p); Sat. (\$30, 10a) & (\$15, 6p) w/\$15 rb & \$15 or \$30 add-on; Sun. (\$70, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Wednesday KO (\$60, 7:15p); Friday (\$50, 11:15a); Saturday, WSOP main-event qualifier till May (\$225). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands. See ad Page 41.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11a); Mon. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Wed. rotation (\$100, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 11a & \$100, 7p); WSOPC, Jan. 10-21. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Pages 18-19.
<b>TURLOCK POKER ROOM</b> (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (9a w/re-entry, \$20-\$30); Mon. (\$30, 6p); Tue. bounty (\$30, 6p); Wed. Omaha (\$25, 1p & bounty \$40, 6p); Thurs. Mexican poker (\$30, 5p); Fri. (\$85, 5p); Sat. (\$30, 5p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11a) & (\$70, 4:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands, royals.
<b>WIN-RIVER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K deepstack (\$55, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive straight flushes.

# COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$60, 10a); M-Th (\$80, noon); F & Su (\$200, noon); Sa (\$300, noon); Su survivor, (\$120, 7p) M-Th KO (\$100, 7p); F & Sa (\$140, 7p); HPT, Feb. 6-18; MSPT, April 3-14; WPTDS, May 9-13. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands can pay \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour; Fri. pays \$500 & Sat. pays \$600.
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Fri. Big Blind Ante League, (\$125, 4p) & last Fri. (\$250, 4p); Sat. Fast & Furious Freezeout, turbo (\$60=25K, \$65=50K, 12:30p); Sun. Meganormous Stack, (\$110=40K, \$120=50K, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Happy Hour Hands, (Mon.-Wed.); Throwback Thurs; Free Zs, play 4 hours and stay for free, (Mon.-Thurs.).

# CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a-6p); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 6p); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$20K guar. (\$300, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad eights.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands can pay \$600.

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$45-\$100); Monday-Wednesday (noon & 7p); Thursday (noon & 7p); Friday (noon, 7p & 10p); Saturday (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sunday (9a, noon, 3p & 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Hourly high hands.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$30, 7:15p); Sun. Tue. Thurs. & Sat. (\$35, 7:15p); Wed. (\$45, 7:15p); Fri. (\$85, 7:15p) Sat. (\$65, 11:15a), (\$35, 7:15p); Sun. (\$30, 11:15a); \$40K guar., Jan. 25-27. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; \$100 high card.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High-hand giveaway; Aces Cracked.

# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 25 for the \$200K main event this month.
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>BIG EASY CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • thebigeasycasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$500 high-hand jackpot every half-hour (2-10p).

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

# FLORIDA (Continued)

WHERE TO PLAY

LOCATION	
<b>CASINO AT DANIA BEACH</b> (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Numerous jackpots and promotions.
<b>CASINO FORT PIERCE</b> (772) 464-7500 • casinofortpierces.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110 or \$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday \$2.5K guarantee (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Earn up to \$3/hour for live play. See ad Page 45.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p or 8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1p); last Su \$15K guar. (\$200, noon); Jan. 6. GAPT \$10K guar. (\$100, 1p); Jan. 10, (\$65, 7p); Jan. 27, \$20K guar. GAPT Champ. (\$250, noon); \$75K Blizzard, Jan. 12-20. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$10-\$500) at 10a, 1p & 6p. <b>PROMOS:</b> Player Rewards Program.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$40, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$120, 6:30p); Thursday (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$30, 8:30p); Friday (\$120, 6:30p); Saturday (\$25, 1p), (\$60, 6:30p) & (\$30, 8:30p); Sunday (varies). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (7p); Mon. (\$70); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$90); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$110); Fri. \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50); Sun. (\$70). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; royals pay \$1K.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$5K guarantee, free buffet (\$75, 6p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
<b>KINGS COURT KEY JAI-ALAI AND POKER ROOM</b> (786) 787-2575 • kingscourtkey.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Open Sunday-Thursday, noon-3a & Friday-Saturday, noon-5a. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$200 hourly high hands; \$100 high hands pay every half-hour.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$70, 7p); Friday (\$60, 7p); Sunday (\$130, noon); last Friday PLO (\$70, 11a); \$10K guarantee first Saturday of month. <b>PROMOS:</b> Straight flushes \$150; royals \$500. See ad below.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; Splash the Pot.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M (\$60, noon), KO (\$125, 7p); T (\$75, noon) & (\$100, 7p); Th KO (\$125, noon) & (\$150, 7p); F KO (\$125, noon), \$5K (\$130, 7p); Sa (\$150, noon); Su (\$130, noon, \$100, 7p); Jan. 4, \$10K guar. (\$185, 7p); Jan. 26, \$15K guar. (\$300, noon); Miller/Moulton KO, Jan. 8, (\$80, 7p); Jan. 15 (\$80, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Big Slick Royal \$10K, royals pay \$500.
<b>OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; get paid for quads and straight flushes.
<b>ORANGE CITY RACING &amp; CARD CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • orangecitypoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. GAPT, (\$100, 7:10p); Tue. GAPT, (\$125, 7:10p); 1st Thurs. 101.1 event, (\$65, 8:10p); 2nd Thurs. \$1,650 freeroll, (8:10p); 3rd & 4th Thurs. GAPT, (\$150, 7:10p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad Beat High Hand Bonus.
<b>OXFORD DOWNS</b> (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple. <b>PROMOS:</b> High-hand jackpot.
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Tue. (\$70, 12:15p & 6:30p); Wed. (\$100, 12:15p & 6:15p); Thurs. bounty (\$125, 12:15p & 6:30p); Fri. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$30, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 12:15p) & (\$40, 6:30p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday-Monday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 7p) & Sunday (\$60, 1p); Friday-Saturday (\$60, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha. See ad on Page 45.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$45, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40, 1p & 6:30p); Wed. (\$70, 1p & 100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$60, 6:30p); Fri. (\$220, 1p & 45, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 6:30p); Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay.

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<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M NLH/PLO, (\$80, noon), (\$130, 6p); T & Th Survivor (\$60, noon), T (\$80, 6p); W O/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon), Survivor (\$80, noon); Sa CP (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$150, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$150, 11a & 6p); Sun. (\$130-\$390, 11a & 6p); WPTDS, Jan. 17-22; WSOP, Feb. 7-18. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Thurs. (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); Fri. (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sat. (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$110, noon); WPTDS, June 13-17. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); hot seats (Fri.-Sun.).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$25-\$225) w/guaranteed prize pools from \$1K-\$10K. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; cash giveaways. See ad Page 27.
<b>TGT POKER &amp; RACEBOOK</b> (813) 932-4313 • tgtkpoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday & Thursday \$1.5K guarantee (\$50, 7p); Wed. every other, \$25 satellite for Sun.; last Sunday \$6K guar. (\$125, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.

## ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, when \$70K is reached, \$20K added; daily high hand, \$500, 8:30a-6:30a; Royal Flush in \$10-\$20 & \$20-\$40 limit, win \$1K; Royal Flush Rollover, start \$1K, Mon. & Tue.
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$125, 7p); Saturday (\$125, noon) <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em
<b>HARRAH'S METROPOLIS</b> (618) 524-2628 • caesars.com/harrahs-metropolis	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday (\$80, 1p) limited to 40 players. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; January promotion, high hand of the day. Call for details.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$125, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-bet jackpot in hold'em
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$40, 7p), w/\$5K starting chips. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday (\$125, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Quads and hourly drawings win cash.

## INDIANA

<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, midnight); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Splash the Pot.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p) w/\$20 rbs; Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Sat. (\$40, 2p) w/\$20 rbs; Sun. (\$80, 12:15p); final tables earn points toward freerolls. <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em; high hand, state \$300, Mon.-Fri. (9a-6p) \$150 every 3 hours w/\$1,200 cap; Monster Quads & straight flushes bonus, weekends & after 6p daily.
<b>FOUR WINDS CASINO SOUTH BEND</b> (866) 494-6371 • fourwindscasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun. (\$100 w/1 re-entry, 2p); Wed. (\$60 w/1 re-entry, 7p); Sat. SNG (\$100, noon) <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot (quads); \$500 daily high hand, noon-midnight; \$150 hour comp.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (812) 539-8000 • hollywoodindiana.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
<b>HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA</b> (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. Tue & Thu (\$60, noon); Mon. (\$70, 7p); Wed. (\$70, noon), (\$110, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon), midnight \$10 bounty (\$70, midnight); Sat. (\$90, noon); Sun. \$91, 3p); Last Sat. (\$220, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MAJESTIC STAR CASINO</b> (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> T (\$80, 7p); W (\$35, 7p); F bounty (\$130, 7p); Sa (\$35, noon), (\$125, 7p); Su (\$100, 3p) 2nd Sa \$10K guar. (\$225, 5p); 2nd Su PLO \$5K, \$50 bounties (\$250). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in hold'em; M high hand up to \$200; Tu 1st pocket queens each hour, \$75; W 1st pocket kings each hour, \$75; Th aces freeroll, 1st pocket aces each hour, \$110 Su seat.
<b>TROPICANA EVANSVILLE</b> (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$50, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (freeroll, 7p); Thursday KO (\$65, 7p); Friday (\$30, 2p); Saturday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$65, noon); 2nd & last Saturday (\$160, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight flush jackpot.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wednesday (\$40, 1p); Thursday (\$40, 6p); Saturday (\$60, noon); Sunday (\$100, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of 10s).
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); WSOPC, March 28-April 8. <b>PROMOS:</b> 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
<b>MESKWKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwki.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p); MSPT, March 22-24 & July 26-28. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun. & Tue. (\$50, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em.
<b>Q CASINO</b> (563) 585-2964 • qcasinohotel.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinolandresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tuesday (\$50, 6p); Thursday (\$30, 6p); Friday Omaha/8 (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$30, 1p); Sunday (\$60, 2p); last Saturday (\$100, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday & Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$25, 7p); first Saturday (\$125, 2p); Sunday \$400 freeroll (noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

## KANSAS

<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$65, 11:15a); Tuesday (\$65, 7:15p); Thursday (\$65, 11:15a) & bounty (\$85, 7:15p); Saturday & Sunday (\$125, 11:15a); last Sunday (\$235, 11:15a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; \$100 high hand rollover, (8a-1p) & (10p-6a); Race for High Hand, \$100-\$75-\$50, 4-8p.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed & Fri. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$85, 2p); top 40 qualifiers in each quarter tournament, Jan. 5 (11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot & secondary jackpot.

## LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$10, 11a); Wednesday-Thursday (\$35, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-9263 • coushattacasinosort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. bounty (\$80, 7p); Wed. rebuy (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Uber stack (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. super bounty (\$100, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Daily (24/7); bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; royal & straight flush prizes.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$70, 6:30p) w/re-entry; Thursday turbo (\$40, 6:30p); Friday turbo (\$70, 6p) w/re-entry; Sunday (\$130, 3p) w/re-entry & add-on. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.

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### \$60 BUY-IN OMAHA HI-LO SPLIT TOURNAMENT

January 12<sup>th</sup> • 1pm

## LOUISIANA (Continued)

<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES</b> 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monthly freerolls. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a); WSOPC, May 9-20. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$5K guar. (\$80, 6:30) w/rebuys; Wednesday (\$110, noon) 1 rebuy; Saturday \$10K guar., (\$250, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked; high hands.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoclawpinescasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. Thurs. high hand; Fri. Hot Seat; royal \$100.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Player rewards for live play in hold'em.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MAINE

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO BANGOR</b> (877) 779-7771 • hollywoodcasinobangor.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Wed. (\$80, 6p) w/rb till Level 6; Sat. (\$100, noon) w/re-entry till Level 6; Sun. (\$80, noon) w/rb till Level 6. <b>PROMOS:</b> Royal flushes, \$500 (10a-3a); Sun., Mon. & Wed, early bird \$50, (10a-noon); Tue. & Thurs. high hands \$100-\$1K (10a-3a); Fri. high hand \$100, (6p-2a).
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## MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun.-Fri. (9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HORSESHOE BALTIMORE</b> (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Tue. (\$75, 11a); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$235, 11a) & (\$75, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$150, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$150, 11a) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$250, 11a); Sun. KO (\$150, 11a & 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; get paid for royal flush.
<b>LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tournaments vary, call for information. Maryland State Poker Championship, Jan. 3-13. <b>PROMOS:</b> Late night high hands pay \$500 every hour up to \$1.5K. See ad on Page 31 for more details.
<b>MGM NATIONAL HARBOR</b> (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Royals pay \$500.

## MASSACHUSETTS

<b>MGM SPRINGFIELD</b> (413) 273-5000 • mgmspringfield.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
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## MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$40, noon); Monday-Wednesday (\$40, 6:30p); Thursday PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Friday (\$40, noon); Saturday (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sunday (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sunday (\$240, noon); Fifth Sunday 500, March 31, (\$500, 10a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GREKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • grektowncasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$40, noon); Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Thursday (\$60, 7:30p); Saturday (\$30, 11:30a); Sunday (\$40, 11:30a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>GUN LAKE CASINO</b> (269) 792-7777 • gunlakecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Wed. (\$55, 11a); Thurs. (\$80, 6:30p); Sat. \$25 bounty (\$100, 11a); Last Sunday of the month, \$100 bounty, (\$340, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; \$1/hour comp; free Wi-Fi USB chargers at every seat. See ad on Page 35.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Saturday KO (\$210, 2p); Sunday KO (\$110, 2p); Wednesday KO (\$120, 6:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasinohotel.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$40, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$70, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday (\$175, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$35, 10:30a & \$150, 6:30p); Tue. (\$75, 10:30a & \$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$35, 10:30a & varies, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 10:30a); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a); MSPT, Feb. 14-17, April 25-28 & Aug. 7-11. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Quads & Aces Full Board; Aces Cracked.
<b>FORTUNE BAY RESORT CASINO</b> (218) 753-2611 • fortunebay.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for information. Closed Sundays. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
<b>RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACE TRACK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$75 bounty, 10a & freeroll, 6p); Tue. (\$30, 10a & \$150, 6p); Wed. (varies, 10a & \$60 PLO, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 10a & \$50, 6p); Fri. (\$60 KO, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. (\$40, 10a), bounty (\$150, 6p); Sun. (\$30, 10a), (\$150, 1p) & (\$50, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; tournament bad beat.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$100, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10:30a); Sunday (\$70, 12:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked wins up to \$200; Flop Flush Friday up to \$75; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100, quads pay \$44.

## MISSISSIPPI

<b>AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG</b> (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Player rewards for live play.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (varies, call for details); Million Dollar Heater series, Jan. 3-14, \$1M in guarantees. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; Aces Cracked.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Wed. (\$65, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$100, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$165, noon); Sun. (\$135, 2p); WSOPC, Jan. 17-28 & April 25-May 5. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hand of the hour.
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$35 w/rb and bounty, 7p); Friday (\$50, 2p); Saturday (\$50, noon) & (\$125, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Splash pots, \$50-150 (Mon.-Fri, 8a-2p); high hands in NLHE, \$100 (Mon. & Tue, noon-5p). Drawings Sundays 9a-5p; Heart Seat Drawings (Wed. & Thurs. 3p-11p). See the ad on Pages 7 and 52.

## MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. \$1K guarantee turbo, (\$40, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$100, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); second Sat. \$5K guarantee (\$170, noon) & last Sat. (\$160, noon); first Sun. KO (\$175 w/\$50 bounty, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot, primary & mini; high hands; Jan. promotion, 25 hours live play gets \$100.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$85, 7p); Friday-Saturday (\$65, noon); Sunday (\$100, noon); last Saturday (\$160, noon); first Sunday (\$175, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnk.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Thurs. All-In or Fold (\$40, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$65, 11a); Sat. KO (\$85, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

# MISSOURI (Continued)

<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday varies (1p & 7p); Friday (\$60, 11p); Saturday (\$75-\$300, noon & 7p); Sunday (varies, 1p & 5p); HPT, March 7-18. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$2.5K in special high hands; bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU</b> (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands; Aces Cracked.

# NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$140, 1p); Monday-Thursday (\$140, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a, \$140, 7p); BB ante on all dailies; U.S. Open, Feb. 13-23; WPT Aria Summer Championship, May-27-31. <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$20 w/\$15 rebuys, 11a), earns points toward quarterly freeroll. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands; win cash on the Monday night Pigskin Poker Party Board; Thursday night, hot seats for wheel spins. See ad on Page 13.
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily; \$500 guarantee (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guarantee (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guarantee (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guarantee (\$75, 8K chips, 8p); WSOPC, Mach. 21-April 1. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot-clock structure. <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>BINIION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royals.
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Open Thursday (4p), Friday-Monday (10a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Quads pays \$25/\$50, straight flushes pays \$100 and royals pay \$250; bad-beat jackpot \$500; Trip Aces Cracked \$75/\$50/\$25; NFL Splash Pots, Thursday, Sunday & Monday, \$10 field goal, \$20 touchdown, \$50 safety.
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Omaha high hands pay up to \$500.
<b>CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p); Sunday (\$50, 12:30p) <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot; Four Flush; Progressive Monte Carlo (quads, straight flush & royals); high hands.
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500)
<b>CLUB CAL NEVA RENO</b> (877) 777-7303 • clubcalneva.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Friday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday (\$50, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hand progressive jackpots during tournaments.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked; Pro Football, high hand of the hour, designated games \$50; Pro Football Madness, Monday, Thursday & Sunday nights, FG \$50, TD \$100 & safety \$200.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily \$500 guar (\$65, 10a, 1p, 9p, & midnight); turbo (\$55, 4p); bounty with \$700 guar. (\$80, 6p); Fri. (10a) weekly player-appreciation tournament, \$19K prize pool, 18 hours to qualify. <b>PROMOS:</b> Quads \$100, straight flush \$200, royal \$500; Late Night Special (mid-6a) \$75 drawing.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sunday \$5K guarantee (\$125, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Aces Cracked.
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M (\$80, 10:15a & bounty \$80, 6:45p); T/O/8, (\$60, noon & casino-industry night, \$40, 10p)w/\$20 rbs; W seniors (\$60, 11:15a & (\$120, 6:15p); Th women's (\$60, 11:15a & turbo (\$60, 6:15p); F (\$80, 10:15a & HORSE (\$120, 4p); Sa (\$50, 10:15a & \$120, 3p); Su turbo (\$60, noon & PLO \$230, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Field Goal Frezzy.
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Saturday. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$40, 10a); Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 6p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$75, 6p); Friday (\$95, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Sunday (\$65, 11a, 3p & 10p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Jacks full of better guaranteed payout; rolling high hands daily, see poker menu for details.
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> All tournaments feature a guarantee: (\$100, 25K chips, 11a & 7p) & (\$65, 15K chips, 2p & 10p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Grand Pyramid payouts are \$100-\$3K; Grand Giveaway, Mon.-Fri., 4:30a-10:30p; football promos (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.)
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 11p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$100, 2p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (8a-3p); football promos; daily drawing; high hands.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. Omaha (\$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday).
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Friday (\$45, noon); Saturday (\$120, noon); Sunday (buy-in varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$235, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for details. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for details.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); Fri. (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>RIO HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily \$500 guarantee, (\$65, 10a), (\$65, 1p), (\$65, 4p), (\$65, 9p); nightly (\$55, 1a); WSOPC, Feb. 15-26. <b>PROMOS:</b> Royals \$500, straight flushes \$100.
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily, (\$25, 10a), (\$35, 1p, w/1 re-buy); Sun.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. deepstack bounty (\$110, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Amazing Aces.
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid for flopped quads.
<b>SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$40, 10a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$45 w/re-entries, 6p); Friday \$500 added (\$45, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive Bonus Hands; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals.
<b>SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO</b> (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$60, 10a); Mon. & Fri. turbo (\$60, 2p); Tue & Thurs. O/8 (\$60, 2p); Wed. & Sun. crazy pineapple (\$60, 2p); Sat. (\$130, 2p); Mon. HORSE \$1,500 guar (\$125, 6p); Tue. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. \$1,500 guar (\$80, 6p); Wed. \$6K guar. (\$125, 6p); Sun \$9K guar. (\$125, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands & freerolls.
<b>STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL &amp; TOWER</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Sunday (\$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
<b>VENETIAN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M (\$150, noon) & KO (\$125, 6p); T (\$150, noon) & KO (\$200, 6p); W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); Th (\$150, noon) & KO (\$125, 6p); F (\$200, noon) & KO (\$600, 6p); Sa (\$340, noon) & (\$125, 6p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 6p); DS Showdown, \$282K guar., Jan. 14-20; DSE \$3M guar. Jan. 28-Feb. 25. MSPT Jan. 31-Feb. 2 <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat.
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WESTGATE LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 732-5111 • westgateresorts.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Early bird special, \$20 to the first 10 players in the room before 11:30a; \$50-plus high hands hourly, (11a-2a) with full house or better.
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Thurs. \$5K guar (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$30K guar. (\$230, noon); big-blind ante for all events. <b>PROMOS:</b> None.

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

<b>HAMPTON FALLS</b> (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$70, 5:30p); Tue. (\$50, 5:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy & add-on, 5:30p); Thurs. (\$80, 5:30p); Fri. (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sat. (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p); Sun. (\$50 w/add-on, 1p & \$100, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>MANCHESTER POKER ROOM</b> (603) 668-6591	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thursday \$50 (5:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIVER CASINO</b> (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$10, 6p); Wednesday (\$5, 6p); Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$50, 6p); Friday (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Saturday (\$20, 12:30p); Sunday (\$10, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Spin the Wheel.

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. & Thurs. \$2K guarantee, (\$55, 7p); Fri. Sat. & Sun. \$1K guarantee turbo (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$4K guarantee, (\$65, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands pay \$150 half-hour, \$100 added, Aces full of 10s qualify (noon-midnight).
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$100, 11a & 7p); Tue. (\$100, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$120, 11a & 6p); Thurs. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a) WPT Winter Open, Jan. 27-31. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	<b>EVENTS:</b> M Tu & Th \$3K. (\$80, 11:15a); M Industry Night \$2.5K (7:15p); Tu & Th \$3K (\$85, 7:15); W \$2K (\$60, 7:15); F \$2K (\$60, 1:15p) & \$6K (\$125, 7:15p); Sa \$5K (\$105, 12:15p), last Sa \$10K (\$180, 12:15p) & \$500 survivor, (\$65, 7:15p); Su \$2.5K (\$80, 12:15p), \$2K guar. (\$60, 6:15p) <b>PROMOS:</b> High hand; splash pot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wed. & Sun. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. (\$65, 1:15p); WSOPC, March 7-18. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

## NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$30 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$30 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 5p); last Sat. (\$150, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; Early Bird (9a); Splash Pots (9:45a).
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT</b> (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll), must play Friday event; Sunday (\$75, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 23.
<b>ISLETA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 724-3800 • isleta.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Su \$100 added (\$25, 2p); Su M & W (\$10, 7p); M (\$20, 2p); Tu (\$20, 7p); W (\$15, 2p); Th (\$15, 7p); F \$300 added (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$100 added, (\$25, 2p), Sa Classic satellite, \$100 add (\$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in hold'em & Omaha; spin wheel & Aces Cracked on W; hot-seat drawings for \$2,019; TV giveaway. Hot seat for \$50 on Th; Joker Poker.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> daily (\$28, 3p); Sun. Mon. Wed. & Fri. \$5 bounty, (\$28, noon); Sun & Sat (\$28, 7p) \$100 added; Tue.-Thurs. (\$28, noon); Tue. Wed. & Fri (\$14, 7p) unlimited rebuys; Fri. 7p & Sat. noon (\$33) mystery bounty. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SANDIA RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

## NEW YORK

<b>RESORTS WORLD CATSKILLS</b> (833) 586-9358 • rwcatskills.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a). <b>PROMOS:</b> \$250 high hands (every half-hour, Monday, 9a-5p); \$250 high hands (every half hour, Friday, 11a-9p); top 20 hours accrued in cash games earn \$500 each.
<b>RIVERS CASINO &amp; RESORT</b> (518) 579-8800 • riverscasinoandresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$75, 10a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tuesday KO (\$100, 10a) & (\$140, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$75, 10a); Thursday KO (\$100, 10a); Sunday, (\$125, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Giving away \$140K in cash in high hands & hot-seat giveaways; \$570 midnight drawing every Jan. 1-19.
<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$160, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$100, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a & \$150, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 10a & \$125, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands pay up to \$1K.
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Open Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday (10-3a); Friday & Saturday (10-5a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>TIOGA DOWNS</b> (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun. Tues. Fri. & Sat. (\$55, 7p); Wed. senior (\$55, 12:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon.-Thurs. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a). See the ad on Page 32 for the winter series this month. <b>PROMOS:</b> Cash giveaways; high hands (Monday-Wednesday).

## NORTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Tue. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Wed. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Thurs. (\$80, 7p & \$45, 10p); Fri. (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sat. (\$250, 11a); Sun. (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Player rewards for tournament players.
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## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7:15p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45, 12:15p); Tue. \$3K guar. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7:15p); Wed. League (\$80, 7:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p); HPT April 18-29. <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M-F \$1K guar, (\$60, 10:15a); M \$1.2K guar (\$60, 7:15p); T (\$60, 7:15p); W \$1.2K guar, (\$60, 7:15p); Th \$1.2K guar. KO (\$65, 7:15p); F KO (\$120, 7:15p); Sa \$2K guar, (\$80, 11:15a) & \$2K guar. (\$25, 7:15p) w/\$10 rebuys; Su \$1.2K guar. KO (\$65, 11:15a); Sa (\$80, 3:15p) rotates HORSE, PLO w/KO & POE. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in hold'em; high hands.
<b>JACK CINCINNATI CASINO</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M turbo (\$100, 11:15a); T & Th (\$120, 11:15a & 6:15p); W (\$100, 11:15p) & NL (\$160, 6:15p); F (\$120, 11:15a) & turbo (\$100, 6:15) Sa freezeout (\$120, 6:15p); Su KO (\$110, 11:15a); M 1st & 3rd PLO (\$150, 6:15p); 2nd & 4th O/8 (\$100, 6:15p); Sa 11:15a, 1st \$50K (\$400), 2nd \$15K (\$200), 3rd \$10K (\$160), 4th \$5K (\$125). <b>PROMOS:</b> Call.
<b>JACK CLEVELAND CASINO</b> (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$30-\$120) with guarantees; MSPT, Jan. 17-20 & Aug. 1-4. <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands; splash pots.
<b>SHARK TANK POKER CLUB</b> (614) 459-2678 • sharktankpokerclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Thurs. (\$70 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$65, noon) & (\$80, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> None.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Sunday (\$30 w/rebuys, 10a); Monday seniors (\$40, 6p); Tuesday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Friday KO (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$70, 5p); Sunday (\$75, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Earn player reward points based off of tourney buy-in.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Thursday (\$60, 1p & 7p); Friday KO (\$115, 1p & 7p); Saturday \$10K guar. (\$180, noon); Sunday (\$60, 3p); WSOPC, Jan. 2-14; WPT, May 17-20. <b>PROMOS:</b> \$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot.
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Room opens at noon; Saturday (\$50, 12p) /w \$20 rbs & \$10 add-on to double stack; Sunday Short Deck, (\$20, 1p) w/\$10 add-on to double stack. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, qualifier descends at \$25K.
<b>COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO</b> (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Poker room opens at noon daily; Saturday (\$50, 2p) /w \$20 rebuys & \$10 DA to double stack; Sun. bounty (\$75, 2p) w/ \$10 DA to double stack. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot, in hold'em & Omaha.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Friday seniors (\$50, noon); Friday \$1K guar., (\$60, 7p); Saturday \$3K guar. (\$120, 5p); Sunday turbo (\$60, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Pigskin Payouts Hotseats for all NFL games, Sun. Mon. & Thurs. \$50-\$400 every touchdown, field goal & defensive score.
<b>GRAND CASINO HOTEL &amp; RESORT</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$35, 11a & \$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Thu. (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$35, 11a & \$50, 6p); Saturday (\$90, 4p); Sunday (\$70, 4p). <b>PROMOS:</b> \$300 Chase the Quads Progressive Jackpot Mon., Tue., Thurs, Fri. & Sat.; high hands \$100, Wed. & Sun.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Sun.-Fri. (\$40, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 5p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$60, 4p); WSOPC, March 13-25. <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> (888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com)	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 2p) & H/O (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & bounty \$90, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$35, 3p); 2nd Sat. champions bounty, \$1K added bounties, (\$165, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands, 1st & 3rd Sat. afternoon.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Monday (\$50, 7p); Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday KO (\$75, 7p); Wednesday (\$25, 5p) & (\$50, 7p); Friday (\$65, 7p); Saturday (\$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Descending bad-beat jackpot qualification drops one hand every day when jackpot is \$20K-plus.
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$40, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a); Sunday (\$115, 11a); Monday-Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Thursday & Saturday (\$90, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Saturday deepstack (\$175, 11a); Sunday \$100 bounty (\$230, 1p) w/re-entry. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Cracked Aces, Tuesday (11a-3p), Thursday (8p-mid.) & Friday (9a-5p).

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



Indicates this property is hosting an Ante Up event. To host an event, contact Scott Long at (727) 331-4335.

## OREGON

### LOCATION

<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$40, 6p); Sunday (\$60, 6p); Wednesday-Thursday (closed). <b>PROMOS:</b> Tournament royals.
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$35, 6:30p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Saturday (\$110, 1p); Sunday (\$35, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Rolling High Hand.

## PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> M \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 11:30); M & T turbo, (\$75, 7p); T-Th turbo, (\$40, 11:30a); W PLO bounty, (\$60, 7p); Th turbo, (\$75, 7p); F & Sa \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 11:30a); F, Sa & Su (\$65, 7p). Su \$2K guar. bounty, (\$65, 11:30a). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat in HE; high hand, Su M & W every 30 min. (\$150), T & Th every hour (\$250); F & Sa every 30 min. (\$250).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. \$1K guar. (\$50, 11:15a); Mon. & Wed. deepstack, (\$50, 7:15p); Tue.-Fri. deepstack, (\$50, 11:15a); Tues. Thurs. & Sun. monster stack turbo (\$50, 7:15p); Fri. (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100, 11:15a) & \$2K guar. \$45 rebuy, (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. \$2K guar. (\$80, 11:15a); HPT, April 4-15. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat in hold'em; progressive high hands.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN POCONO</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$30, noon & turbo \$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$50, noon); satellite (\$65, 5p & 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Sat. bounty (\$75, noon) & (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> None.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • presqueisledowns.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Thursday (\$75 or \$100, 7:30p); 1st Saturday (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Saturday (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Saturday (\$230, 2:30p); Sunday (\$50 or \$65, 12:30p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Super high hands.
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (\$50, 12:15p & 7:15p); Wednesday (\$50, 12:15p & \$100, 7:15p); Friday (\$70, 12:15p & \$125, 7:15p); Saturday (\$50, 9a, \$260, 12:15a & \$100, 7:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$75-\$325); Wednesday & Friday-Sunday (11:15a); Tuesday (7:15p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
<b>SUGARHOUSE CASINO</b> (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday \$4K guar. (\$125, 7p); Wednesday \$5K guar. (\$125, 7p); Saturday Beginners (\$45, 11a); Sunday \$5K guar. deepstack (\$150, 11a). <b>PROMOS:</b> \$200K in high hands; \$50K bad-beat jackpot.

## RHODE ISLAND

<b>TWIN RIVER CASINO</b> (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> None. <b>PROMOS:</b> Player earn rewards with live hold'em play.
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## TEXAS

<b>ABBY J CARD HOUSE</b> (210) 862-4646 • abbyjcardhouse.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>ALAMO CARD HOUSE</b> (210) 267-9984 • alamocardhouse.net	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>ALL-IN POKER CLUB</b> (254) 432-5525 • allinpokerclubs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>CELEBRITY CARD CLUB</b> (432) 653-9561 • celebritycardclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. \$500 guar. (\$20, 7p) rebuys & add-ons till 8:15; Thurs. freeroll, (7p); Sat. (\$150, noon) w/no rebuys; early bird free double stack if here by 6:50p; Moneymaker Tournament Series Feb. 4-9. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat. Buy monthly membership, get 30 minutes free, buy five hours time, get one hour free; special hotel rates at the Elegante.
<b>FREEROLLS POKER CLUB</b> (281) 501-2174 • freerollspokerclubs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tuesday (\$25, 7p); Thursday (\$45, 7p); Sunday (\$120, 1p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KINGS AND CARDS POKER CLUB</b> (832) 720-4761 • kingsandcards.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily at 7p, buy-in ranging from freerolls to \$80. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for details.
<b>KOJACK'S POKER CLUB</b> (432) 349-2047 • kojacks pokerclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily rake-free tournaments with membership; Thurs. freeroll (7p); Sat. deepstack (1p) w/rebuy; Sun. bounty (1p) re-entry. <b>PROMOS:</b> Members Reward Program, the more you play the more free play you earn!
<b>THE LODGE POKER CLUB</b> (512) 614-4045 • thelodgepokerclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. varies; Tue. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p) re-entry; Thu. freeroll \$2K guar., 8 (7p); Fri. freezeout (\$80, 8p); Sat. (\$40, 2p) 1 re-entry, freezeout (\$80, 7p); Sun. bounty (\$80, 7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
<b>LIONS POKER PALACE</b> (713) 789-5466 • lionspokerpalace.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>ROUNDERS CARD CLUB</b> (210) 361-3325 • rounderscardclub.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.
<b>TEXAS CARD HOUSE</b> (512) 956-7195 • texascardhouse.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Wed. Jan. 2 bounty, (\$120, 7:30p); Sat. Jan. 5 double stack, (\$100, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for information.
<b>VAULT POKER ROOM</b> (210) 551-7074 • thevaultsocialclubs.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Call for Information. <b>PROMOS:</b> Call for Information.

## WASHINGTON

<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Royal flush jackpot.
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Tuesday (\$10, 7p) w/unlimited rebuys; Wednesday (\$45, 7p); Thursday (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$110, 7p); Saturday KO (\$35, 5p); Sunday Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$150, 7p); Wednesday & Thursday (\$65, 7p); Friday (\$35, noon); Saturday (\$40, noon); 2nd Sunday (\$215, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> \$500 high hands.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Beginner lessons.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday-Friday (\$20, 10:30a); Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday (\$80, 7p); Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thursday (\$150, 7p); Friday (\$70, 3:30p). Saturday (\$40, 11a); Sunday (\$50, 11a). Poker Pow Wow, Jan. 5-20, \$100K guar. main event, Jan. 17-20, (\$500), super-satellites, Dec. 5-Jan. 16, (\$65/\$120). <b>PROMOS:</b> Progressive bad-beat jackpot.

## WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. & Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$135, 11a); Thurs. & Fri. bounty (\$150, 7p); Sat. bounty (\$200, 5p); last Sun. of the month, \$5K guar. (\$175, 6p). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Monday (\$45, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$55, 10:30a) & KO (\$75, 5p); Friday (\$55, 10:30a); Sunday (\$55, 2p). <b>PROMOS:</b> High hands.

## WISCONSIN

<b>ONEIDA POKER</b> (920) 429-3173 • oneidacasino.net/casino/poker/	<b>EVENTS:</b> Mon. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon). <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad beat; Aces Cracked \$100, Mon.-Wed, noon-8p: Rolling Royal Flushes, start \$100, increase \$25 daily; quads-straight flushes, \$25-\$50.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	<b>EVENTS:</b> Tue. (\$80, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$125, 6p); Sun. (\$150, noon); WSOPC, Jan. 31-Feb. 11; MSPT, April 4-7 & July 17-21. <b>PROMOS:</b> Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini-bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

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**THOR HANSEN DIES**

**Thor Hansen**, known as the Godfather of Norwegian Poker, lost his long battle with terminal cancer at age 71.

**CHRIS SAID:** He was winning bracelets before poker was even a thing. He's been around that long and he was that good. What I remember about Thor was his run at the (WSOP) \$50K when **(Freddie) Deeb** won it.

**SCOTT SAID:** Every year when we have the discussion about the Poker Hall of Fame, one of the things I think is important is "Have you done well for your country?" He was the patriarch of poker in Norway.

**PROP BET FROM HELL**

A \$100K prop bet between players **Rich Alati** and **Rory Young** to see whether Alati could last one month in a completely dark room ended 20 days in, with Young agreeing to pay the amazingly resilient Alati \$62K.

**CHRIS SAID:** This is going to be your favorite conversation starter of your life now. You're just going to walk up to people and say, "Hey, could you do 30 days in a dark room for \$100K?" This guy took up 20 days of his one life to win \$62K. Was it really worth the 62 grand?

**SCOTT SAID:** This is the prop bet to beat all prop bets now. He quickly dismissed his first offer of \$25K. If you can do that, if you were in any kind of stress at that point, you'd say, "Yeah, I'll take \$25K and get back to my life."

**FANTASY DINNER GUESTS**

For our Thanksgiving show, we discussed what players, living or dead, real or fictional, we'd invite to a holiday dinner.

**SCOTT'S LIST**



**Wild Bill Hickok:** I'd be fascinated to hear all his stories. And I'd put two aces and two eights at his table and yell, "DUCK!"

**Teddy KGB:** I love Oreos and I know that's what he's going to bring.

**Richard Nixon:** I find him fascinating. He's not my politics, but he did do a lot of great stuff. He created the EPA and made progress with China.

**Daniel Negreanu:** You need someone at Thanksgiving to keep the conversation going. We're never going to have trouble keeping a conversation going with Daniel.

**Stu Ungar:** You don't know which Stu would show up. But I gamble.



**Doyle Brunson:** How can he not be on everyone's list for Thanksgiving? You have to fill the holes on your list, and he'd be "grandfather."

**Howard Lederer and Annie Duke:** At Thanksgiving, you need to have sibling drama. I know both are incredibly hated in the poker world now, but I do find them fascinating.

**Shannon Elizabeth:** My list was shaping us as a sausage fest, so we needed another woman. *American Pie* is one of my favorite movies.

**The Cincinnati Kid:** I want to make him watch *Rounders* and see if he'll say, "This is a piece of crap!"

**CHRIS' LIST**

**Wild Bill Hickok:** Not only did this guy do everything in life, but he used to tell all these stories about it.

**Richard Nixon:** I'd want to talk to him about what games he played in the Navy. And I'd probably bust his balls about Watergate.

**Doyle Brunson:** Every time he's interviewed, he has a different story. You could interview him a million times and always get a new story.

**Doc Holliday:** Great stories. OK Corral? I'll play *Tombstone* and *Wyatt Earp* for him and say, "Settle it once and for all, which one was better?"

**Mike McDermott:** He's my man crush.

**Henry Gondorff:** But only if **Phil Hellmuth** was there, too.

**Phil Ivey:** He's always been my favorite poker player and I've never been able to interview him.

**Stu Ungar:** He's got to have a ton of stories from when he was wasted, when he was winning, from running from every person who wanted money from him.

**Mimi Rogers:** It would get under my business partner's skin if she only came to my dinner.

**Howard Cunningham:** Potsie and Richie lose all their money to frat guys and Howard shows up and wins it all back with his mechanics.



# DONATE FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

Our annual Restock the Shelves food-bank initiative that we run with Blue Shark Optics already is running as quite a few events are scheduled throughout January.

Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics encourage poker venues all across North America to designate one or more of their tournaments in January as Restock the Shelves events or to host other in-room promotions designed to get their players to donate food items or cash for a food bank that serves their local community. Some poker rooms offer tournament chips or raffle tickets to

encourage donations, which are intended to help “restock the shelves” of food banks after supplies are depleted during the holiday season.

Over the past four years, Restock the Shelves has fed nearly 300,000 people. Please participate as much as you can and invite your friends to join you.

Details on the events that were scheduled by press time are below, but please visit [AnteUpMagazine.Com/restock](http://AnteUpMagazine.Com/restock) for an up-to-date list of participating venues and details.

## ARIZONA

### Hon-Dah Resort Casino

Benefiting The Love Kitchen

**Event:** 6 p.m., Jan. 21, \$60; \$1K added, a \$100 high hand, two mystery bounties and mystery gift drawing. Players who donate one food item get 500 more units, two items get 1K more, three items get 2K, four items get 3K and five items get 4K.

## CALIFORNIA

### Jackson Rancheria Resort Casino

Benefiting Interfaith Food Bank

**Event:** Until Dec. 31, get 500 units (max 2K) for each food item you donate for every Saturday, Sunday and Monday event.

### Lucky Chances Casino

Benefiting North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City

**Events:** Jan. 1-31 with a special event on Jan. 21. Throughout the month, players will get 1,000 more units in all weekly tournaments for donating a food item. On Jan. 21, a \$200 event will feature a \$20 add-on for 3,000 units that will be matched by Lucky Chances, and players can get 1K for donating a food item.

### Pechanga Resort & Casino

Benefiting Community Mission of Hope

**Events:** Jan. 1-31 with a special event at 7 p.m. Jan. 31. For every tournament Monday-Friday throughout January, players get 500 units for donating two food items and 1K for donating three. At 7 p.m. on Jan. 30, the resort will hold a \$1,500 guarantee. Buy-in is \$10 plus five food items for 3,500 in units and \$10 plus three food items for 2,500 units.

## CONNECTICUT

### Foxwoods Resort Casino

Benefiting United Way of Southeastern Connecticut Food Bank

**Event:** 11 a.m. Jan. 21. Players in the \$400 buy-in, \$50K guarantee get 5,000 more chips for a \$10 donation.

## FLORIDA

### Derby Lane

Benefiting Metropolitan Ministries

**Events:** Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. tournaments in January will award 5K bonus chips to players who donate four canned goods (\$5 min value).

### Miami Poker Society

Benefiting Curley's House Hope Food Bank

**Event:** Jan. 1-31. Get 10 units more for each food item donated in every tournament in January, with a special Restock the Shelves tournament Jan. 31.

## ILLINOIS

### Windy City Poker Championship

Benefiting Sheridan Carroll Food Pantry

**Event:** TBA.

## INDIANA

### HPT/Ameristar East Chicago

Benefiting Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

**Events:** noon and 2 p.m. Jan. 9. Noon event is a \$200 seniors tourney (50+), start with 10K units and get 3K more for donating five or more food items. The 2 p.m. event is a \$300 Big O tourney, start with 12K units and get 3K more for donating five or more food items. Re-entry allowed in both events allowed without a donation.

## MARYLAND

### Live Casino & Hotel

Benefiting Anne Arundel County Food Bank

**Events:** 7:15 p.m. Jan. 17 and 12:15 p.m. Jan. 18. On Jan. 17, there will be a \$150 tourney with \$50 bounties and on Jan. 18, there will be a \$200 eight-max tournament. In each event, players get 1K more for each food item donated, up to a max of 10, or 10K units for a \$20 donation.

## MICHIGAN

### FireKeepers Casino Hotel

Benefiting Kendall Street Pantry

**Event:** noon, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21. Players who donate \$10 get 1,500 more

units and players who donate \$5 get 500 in any tournament. FireKeepers is donating the \$5 house fee from every registration.

## MISSISSIPPI

### Pearl River Resort

Benefiting food bank to be determined

**Events:** Dec. 1-Jan. 31. Players get 1,000 additional units in any regular weekly tournament for donating one food item. Also, for every food item players donate, they'll get a raffle ticket. On Jan. 31, four tickets will be drawn to win a tournament seat and five will be drawn to win \$100.

## NEW YORK

### Rivers Casino & Resort Schnectady

Benefiting Bethesda House Schnectady

**Event:** 11 a.m. Jan. 27. Players in the \$125 buy-in tournament get 10K more for a \$10 donation or donating 10 food items.

### Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino

Benefiting Community Missions

**Event:** Jan. 1-31. For every food item donated, players get one ticket for a raffle for VIP Buffalo Sabres tickets.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

**Event:** TBA.

## NEW MEXICO

### Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino

Benefiting St. Joseph Apache Mission

**Event:** 2 p.m. Jan. 13. Players in the \$50 tournament will get 1K more for donating three food items, 2,500 more for donating five food items and 5K for donating eight or more food items.

## OHIO

### Shark Tank Poker Club

Benefiting Mid-Ohio Food Bank

**Event:** 6 p.m. Jan. 21. \$130 tournament with \$5K guarantee. Players who donate three or more food items get 5K more chips.

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