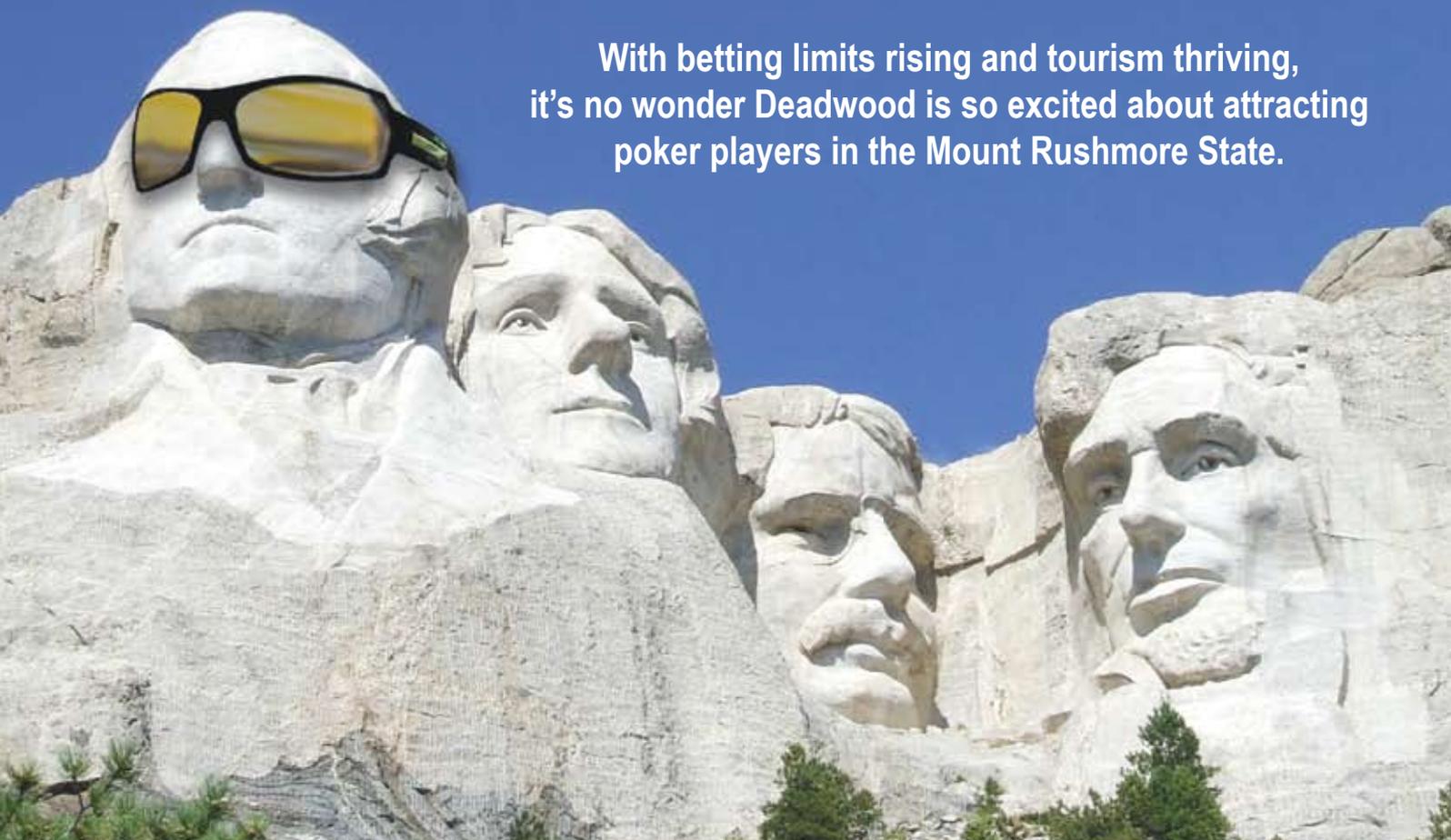


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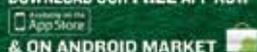
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Amarillo Slim graciously poses for a picture with then-young poker reporter Chris Cosenza in 2006.

So long, Slim

Last month, we called **Chris Moneymaker** “The Man” because most poker players these days credit him for the poker boom.

But when historians look to when poker first stepped out of the back rooms of bars and into the living rooms of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public, they’ll no doubt point to one player: Amarillo Slim.

At 83, **Thomas “Amarillo Slim” Preston** died from cancer in late April, leaving a huge hole in the poker world.

Many of you likely never saw Slim in his prime when he was the World’s Greatest Gambler, often appearing on popular TV shows in the ’70s, including the *Tonight Show* with **Johnny Carson** nearly a dozen times. He entertained millions, showing them poker players weren’t lowlife bottom-feeding criminals or cheats.

And the irony of it all? His popularity mostly derived from a now-famous moment of collusion when the World Series of Poker was in its infancy. Slim was a showman; he loved the spotlight. So with just four players left in the 1972 main event (it began with only eight players), they agreed to let the short-stacked Preston have an incredible rally to win the world title.

Doyle Brunson stepped aside from that “final table,” feigning illness, and **Crandell Addington** and **Puggy Pearson** threw the match, giving the outspoken Slim the title and platform to usher in poker as an acceptable profession. The other pros just didn’t want to win the title; they also were tired of having to tell friends they were accountants or salesmen. They knew Slim, a hustler’s hustler, could win over the public with his captivating tales and Texas charm, opening the door for poker players to hold their heads up high.

The first time we met Slim, a four-time bracelet-winner and Poker Hall of Famer, was at a World Poker Tour event at Foxwoods after the 2003 boom and, sadly, after an emotional battle of legal troubles from accusations of inappropriate behavior with his granddaughter. His eyes had lost that mischievous sparkle, yet he sported his legendary Stetson and still commanded an audience, chatting with fans and wide-eyed pros alike.

He vehemently denied the accusations, pleaded to a lesser non-sexual charge to save his family the embarrassment of a painful trial and spent the rest of his life trying to clear his name (as did his family and friends). Slim, we’ll always remember you as poker’s greatest showman. Rest in peace.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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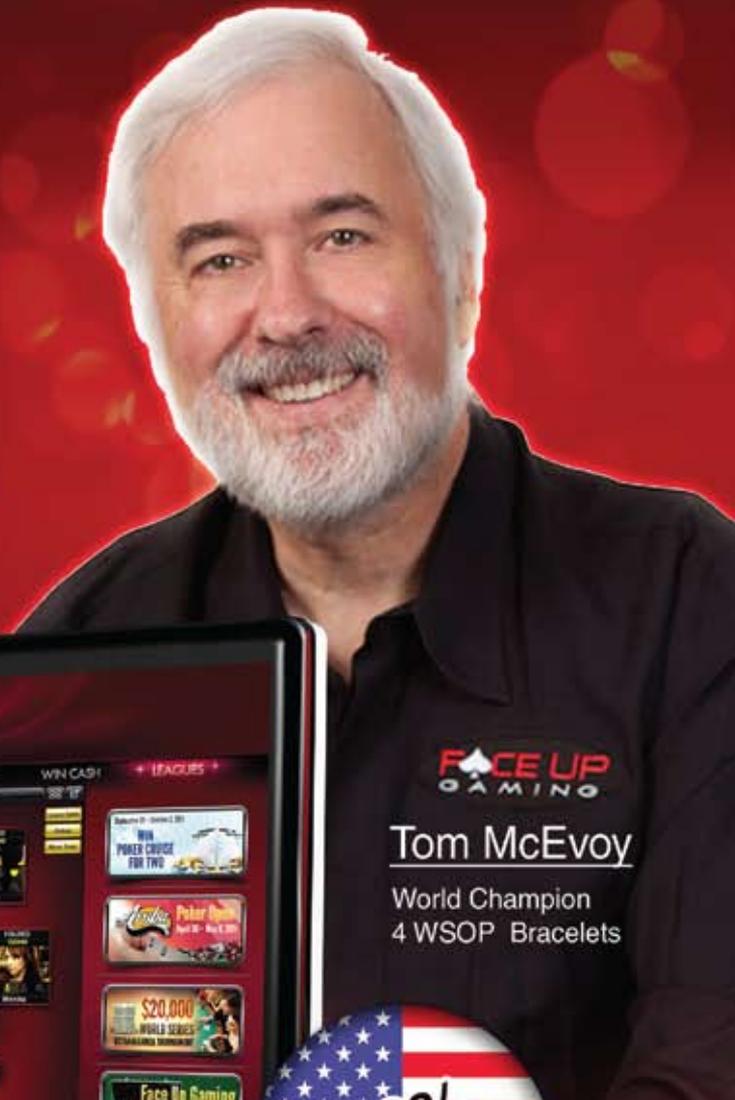
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NUGGET ADDING TO ITS GUARANTEE EVENTS

The Golden Nugget in Atlantic City is at it again with promotions to try to set it apart from the rest of the city. With its successful \$10K guarantee every Saturday, the Nugget is offering a \$2K guarantee on its 10 a.m. weekday tournaments. For the \$80, buy-in players can take their shot at a deepstacked, great-structured tournament.



CRIS BELKEWITCH • N.J./PHILLY

Another great promotion that just kicked off is the King of Cash Player of the Month. The player that logs the most hours in a month at the cash tables will be that month's King of Cash and the crown comes with a bevy of treats. The King will receive \$500, one entry into the Saturday \$10K guarantee, one entry into the Sunday \$2,012 guarantee and a \$100 restaurant gift card. Plus, any high-hand jackpot they win during that month will double the posted amount. Don't worry if you fail to win the crown; if you log the second-most hours you'll receive \$200 and a tournament buy-in. Third gets \$100 and a tournament buy-in. If the free food wasn't bringing you into the room, the free money is sure to do the trick.

REVEL: On Aug. 18, Revel will be hosting the **Justin Shronk** Scholarship Fund Memorial Tournament. The buy-in is \$215 with rebuys for the first three levels. The fund was established in 2009 after Shronk's unexpected death. He was a Temple University grad and an integral and much-loved member of the poker media. For more information, visit poker-players-unite.org.

East Pa.

Big news out of the Keystone State this month comes from Bensalem as Parx and the World Poker Tour will collaborate in Season XI with the WPT Parx Open Poker Classic on Aug. 10-15. With a buy-in of \$3,500, the televised event should draw a big number as poker is alive and well in the Eastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey area.

— **Cris Belkewitch is the Ante Up Atlantic City Ambassador. A member of Team Bustout, his insight can be found at thepokerjourney.net.**

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Daniel Chan captured the main event and \$81K.

Foxwoods Mega Stack Challenge, May 12-20

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| <p>Event 1 • \$600 NLHE
 Entries: 358 • Pool: \$184,048
 Justin Schwartz, \$25,748*</p> | <p>Event 7 • \$500 6-Max
 Entries: 174 • Pool: \$74,262
 Glenn McCaffrey, \$20,348</p> | <p>Event 13 • \$230 NLHE
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 *Denotes chop</p> |
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 Entries: 834 • Pool: \$210,335
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 Entries: 311 • Pool: \$105,584
 Terrence Hinchliffe, \$25,182</p> | <p>Event 12 • \$180 NLHE
 Entries: 176 • Pool: \$26,462
 Andrew Frizen, \$5,915*</p> |



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WSOP Circuit, Harrah's Philadelphia, April 26-May 8



Event 1 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 208 • Pool: \$60,528
 Kurt Magalski, \$15,741



Event 2 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 395 • Pool: \$114,945
 Douglas McGlothlin, \$25,279



Event 3 • \$555 NLHE
Entries: 126 • Pool: \$61,110
 Peter Ippolito, \$17,109



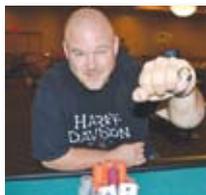
Event 4 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 126 • Pool: \$61,110
 Ryan Gentry, \$14,908



Event 5 • \$555 NLHE
Entries: 133 • Pool: \$64,505
 Katherine Bowen, \$18,197



Event 6 • \$345 PLH/PLO
Entries: 95 • Pool: \$27,645
 Ari Engel, \$8,292



Event 7 • \$555 NLHE
Entries: 133 • Pool: \$64,505
 Sean Burson, \$18,063



Event 8 • \$345 6-Max
Entries: 170 • Pool: \$49,470
 Brian Odonoghue, \$13,359



Event 9 • \$1,080 NLHE
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$91,180
 Abraham Faroni, \$27,353



\$1,600 Main Event
Entries: 312 • Pool: \$467,055
 Christopher Bonn, \$109,760



Event 11 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 148 • Pool: \$43,068
 Gabriel Levin, \$12,060



Event 12 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 150 • Pool: \$43,650
 Kevin McColgan, \$12,221



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Friday, September 21 – Sunday, September 30

Registration starts at 9 pm the day before an event, with the exception of the Main Event flights (see below). All events are first come, first served. Please be registered 30 minutes prior to event start. Players must have the host casino's players club card and valid ID to register and play. Late registrations and re-entries are allowed through the end of Level 3 in all events and as space permits.

DAY	EVENT	REGISTRATION OPENS	TIME	LOCATION
FRIDAY SEPT 21	EVENT #1 - \$150 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/20	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/20	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/20	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/20	8 pm	River City
SATURDAY SEPT 22	EVENT #2 - \$340 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/21	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/21	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/21	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/21	8 pm	River City
SUNDAY SEPT 23	EVENT #3 - \$230 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/22	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/22	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/22	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/22	8 pm	River City
MONDAY SEPT 24	EVENT #4 - \$150 NLHE Tournament	9 pm 9/23	12 pm	River City
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/23	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/23	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/23	8 pm	River City
TUESDAY SEPT 25	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/24	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/24	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/24	8 pm	River City
WEDNESDAY SEPT 26	Greg "Fossilman" Raymer Poker Training Seminar		10 am	Lumière Theatre
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/25	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/25	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/25	8 pm	River City
THURSDAY SEPT 27	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	12 pm, 4 pm	River City
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	6 pm	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/26	8 pm	River City
FRIDAY SEPT 28	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	9 am	River City
	\$130 Multi-Table SUPER Satellite into HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	1 pm	River City
	\$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight A	Sept 21 at 8 am	6 pm	River City
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/27	9 pm	River City
SATURDAY SEPT 29	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advance to HPT Main Event	9 pm 9/28	9 am, 12 pm	River City
	\$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight B	Sept 21 at 8 am	4 pm	River City
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	9 pm 9/28	8 pm	River City
SUNDAY SEPT 30	HPT Main Event - Day 2	Players report at 10:45 am	11 am	River City
	Sunday Ship It Tournament - \$100+\$20 w/rebuys - Win a cruise package for "HPT on the High Seas" Event	9 pm 9/29	12 pm	River City
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MAGNOLIA STATE SHINING AT WSOP

Hello from Las Vegas! The 43rd annual World Series of Poker is well under way, with some of the world's best competing against first-time hopefuls for the jewelry, fame and massive cash prizes. The events, overall, are down from last year's record-breaking attendance. It's still early, though, and with more players arriving every day, numbers are sure to increase.



JENNIFER GAY • MISSISSIPPI

The Magnolia State is making a strong mark, with familiar faces cashing just about every event.

Honorary Mississippi player **Jacob Bazeley** had a strong finish in Event 2: \$1,500 no-limit hold'em, cashing second for \$322,924.

Though Bazeley "claims" Cincinnati as his hometown (see more on him on Page 42), we've grown accustomed to him making an appearance at every Biloxi and Tunica tournament. If you've played a tournament at the Beau Rivage or Harrah's Tunica any time recently, you've played against Bazeley.

In that same event, **Larry Williamson** from Brookhaven, Miss., cashed 174th for almost \$3K. Capt. **Tom Franklin** from Gulfport, Miss., pulled off a \$5K cash in Event 5 (pot-limit hold'em) with his 25th-place finish.

In the "Honorary Mississippian" category, I claim **Frank Kassela** as well. He's from my hometown of Germantown, Tenn., but claims Tunica as his "local" poker spot. That is, when he's not in Vegas wracking up final tables. He's found success in two events this year with a 14th-place finish in Event 4 (stud/8, \$8,027) and 15th in Event 16 (\$1,500 six-max, \$17,323).

As you know, Omaha is a big deal in the South. Our Omaha players

are a tight-knit group who often compete against each other as much for bragging rights as anything else. A local Biloxi favorite, **Tim Burt**, finished 27th in Event 8 (\$1,500 Omaha/8) to bring home \$7,989. **David Nicholson**, also of Biloxi, finished 81st in the same event for almost \$4K. These guys routinely go neck-and-neck in these events; a little good-natured rivalry between friends. This year, at the WSOP Circuit event at Council Bluffs, Iowa, they finished second (Burt) and third (Nicholson) in the pot-limit Omaha event.

Speaking of the Omaha group in Mississippi, if you've played a hand of PLO in Tunica or Biloxi then you've played against **Galen Kester**. For our local tournament series, he's a fixture at the PLO cash games. This year, his success transferred to Vegas with a 10th-place finish in Event 11 (PLO) for \$15K.

Event 9, a NLHE re-entry tournament, had plenty of southern players vying for a piece of the seven-figure prize pool. Notables **Kyle Cartwright** (Memphis/Tunica) and **Tyler Smith** (Biloxi) earned small cashes. Smith also cashed 117th (\$5,295) in Event 14 a NLHE shoot-out.

I had every intention of updating Mississippi readers about promotions going on around the state, but we've had so much success in Vegas, I don't have the room! I hope the "run-good" continues and we bring some bling back home.

Don't forget, coming up at the end of August (Aug. 24- Sept. 3) we have the Gulf Coast Poker Championship at the Beau Rivage, part of the MGM Mississippi Series, leading to the culmination in January at the Beau Million Dollar Heater. More information can be found at BeauPoker.com. Good luck and I'll see you at the tables!

— Jennifer Gay is Ante Up's Mississippi Ambassador. She can be contacted at [facebook.com/aceofjewels](https://www.facebook.com/aceofjewels) or at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.

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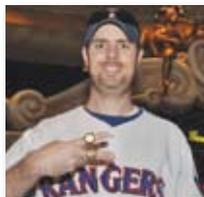
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 Entries: 945 • Pool: \$274,995
 Yung Hwang, \$52,249



Event 2 • \$565 NLHE
 Entries: 320 • Pool: \$155,200
 John Fagg, \$36,472



Event 3 • \$355 PLO
 Entries: 167 • Pool: \$50,100
 John Harris, \$13,121



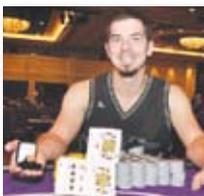
Event 4 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 345 • Pool: \$103,500
 Loni Harwood, \$23,090



Event 5 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 440 • Pool: \$128,040
 Jonathan Tamayo, \$28,168



Event 6 • \$355 6-Max
 Entries: 335 • Pool: \$100,500
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Event 7 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 395 • Pool: \$114,945
 James Calcagno, \$25,287



Event 8 • \$1,085 NLHE
 Entries: 232 • Pool: \$225,040
 Jacob Naquin, \$56,260



\$1,600 Main Event
 Entries: 694 • Pool: \$1,008,770
 Justin Truesdell, \$204,747



Event 10 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 337 • Pool: \$98,067
 Michael Schneider, \$22,555



Event 11 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 246 • Pool: \$73,800
 Justin Gardenhire, \$17,538



Event 12 • \$355 NLHE
 Entries: 171 • Pool: \$49,761
 Joe Phelps, \$12,347

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BJERNO WINS CAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

It seems lately that a day in Los Angeles without a tournament series is nearly as rare as a day with rain. May was another big month for Los Angeles poker.

Commerce Casino held its California State Poker Championship, made most notable when actor **Ben Affleck** won its main event in 2004.



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This year's series consisted of 19 events, the championship a \$2,080 affair that drew 316 entrants. The prize pool was \$613,040 and **Nathan Bjerno** of Corona, Calif., won \$133,075.

If you played any of these events hoping to see a well-known pro, it's likely your hopes were fulfilled. **Allen Cunningham** had a top-10 finish in Event 1 and a top-20 finish in the main. **Jerry Yang**, the 2007 World Series of Poker Main Event champ, final-tabled Event 15, the \$1,050 no-limit hold'em. Joining him at the final table was **Gavin Griffin**, who also posted a top-25 finish in the championship. WPT champions **Cornel Cimpan** and **Steve Brecher** had strong championship finishes.

Among the winners, **Bruce Buffer**, the official voice of the MMA and well-known poker enthusiast, took down Event 18, the \$1,100 NLHE bounty turbo. Possibly having the best series, though, was **Marsha Waggoner**. She not only won Event 3 (\$340 Omaha/8), but captured Event 7 (\$340 Omaha-stud/8) and final-tabled Event 9.

BICYCLE DEEPSTACK: Closing out the month was the Bike's deep-stack series. This 13-event series, which ran May 23-30, targeted the recreational player. Ten of the 13 events were NLHE and buy-ins started at \$60. The largest buy-in was a \$345, \$100K guarantee, and was scheduled over the holiday weekend with multiple entry days. The event shattered its guarantee with a prize pool of \$148,410. **Karnik Gulesserian** took first for \$34,540.

• Coming up in July is the Stars and Stripes at the Bicycle Casino, which runs through July 13 and buy-ins are \$150-\$300.

On the horizon is the Grand Slam of Poker at Hustler Casino (July 13-28). As of this column deadline, the schedule hadn't been finalized, but check out Hustler's website for more details. Immediately after that, the Legends of Poker at the Bike begins July 28.

— **Dave Palm** is Ante Up's Los Angeles Ambassador. Email him at LA.AnteUp@gmail.com.

Cal State Championship, Commerce Casino, May 2-20

Event 1 • \$225 NLHE
Entries: 1,853 • Pool: \$400,000
 Peter Tran, \$83,710*

Event 2 • \$65 NLHE
Entries: 355 • Pool: \$17,750
 Troy Donaldson, \$4,770

Event 3 • \$340 Omaha/8
Entries: 106 • Pool: \$30,210
 Marsha Waggoner, \$6,585*

Event 4 • \$340 Bounty
Entries: 340 • Pool: \$66,000
 Michael Noori, \$11,770*

Event 5 • \$340 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 90 • Pool: \$25,650
 Adam Kipnis, \$5,770*

Event 6 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 167 • Pool: \$47,595
 Huicun Qiao, \$8,560*

Event 7 • \$340 O/8-5/8
Entries: 78 • Pool: \$25,000
 Marsha Waggoner, \$5,490*

Event 8 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 194 • Pool: \$55,290
 David Singontiko, \$13,675*

Event 9 • \$120 AIOF
Entries: 154 • Pool: \$25,000
 Ardashes Mazmanian, \$7,300*



Nathan Bjerno won \$133K.

Event 10 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 2,343 • Pool: \$300,000
 Nicholas Elliott, \$52,230*

Event 11 • \$125 w/rbs
Entries: 204 • Pool: \$57,285
 Bryan Kelley, \$8,655*

Event 13 • \$550 NLHE
Entries: 120 • Pool: \$57,600
 David Forster, \$13,200*

Event 14 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 143 • Pool: \$14,300
 David Van Beveren, \$3,000*

Event 15 • \$1,070 NLHE
Entries: 61 • Pool: \$59,170
 Adam Weinraub, \$16,910*

Event 16 • \$125 PLO/8
Entries: 112 • Pool: \$30,495
 Michael Noori, \$10,075

\$2,080 Main Event
Entries: 316 • Pool: \$613,040
 Nathan Bjerno, \$133,075*

Event 18 • \$1.1K Bounty
Entries: 59 • Pool: \$29,500
 Bruce Buffer, \$11,500

Event 19 • \$225 NLHE
Entries: 129 • Pool: \$25,800
 Chris Swan, \$4,845*

* Denotes chop

Deepstack Series, Bicycle Casino, May 23-30

Event 1 • \$60 NLHE
Entries: 328 • Pool: \$16,400
 Moshe Golan, \$3,810

Event 2 • \$75 NLHE
Entries: 496 • Pool: \$51,157
 L.D. Gray, \$12,001

Event 3 • \$120 HE Mix
Entries: 109 • Pool: \$15K
 Mike Rios, \$4,425

Event 4 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 303 • Pool: \$36,738
 Erick Rosales, \$8,808

Event 5 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 510 • Pool: \$148,410
 Karnik Gulesserian, \$34,540

Event 6 • \$150 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 123 • Pool: \$15K
 Ted Janis, \$4,350

Event 7 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 387 • Pool: \$46,923
 Stephen Machado, \$11,278

Event 8 • \$150 Omaha/8
Entries: 126 • Pool: \$15,227
 Henry Ferguson, \$4,497

Event 9 • \$75 NLHE
Entries: 524 • Pool: \$55,173
 Leigh Nicolai-Moon, \$12,788

Event 10 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 125 • Pool: \$11,875
 Vincent Franco, \$3,500

Event 11 • \$150 Bounty
Entries: 301 • Pool: \$37,525
 Roger Eicher, \$7,200

Event 12 • \$60 NLHE
Entries: 233 • Pool: \$11,300
 Jay Bautista, \$2,715

Event 13 • \$75 NLHE
Entries: 403 • Pool: \$42,195
 Sam Renshaw, \$10,066

Guarantee events popping up everywhere

The San Diego area will host a few interesting tournaments and \$50K is the magic number. Fresh on the heels (almost) of its Memorial Day tournament and BBQ, which had 198 players, a \$79,200 prize pool and was won by **Afzal (Alex) Atta** (\$19K), Ocean's 11 Casino is featuring its (estimated) \$50K July 4 tournament and BBQ. It starts at 10 a.m., has a \$330 buy-in with an optional \$10 add-on and will feature \$85 satellites the week before the event.

On July 21 at 1 p.m., the Viejas poker room is hosting its \$50K guarantee Viejas Aces Tournament. There's a \$335 entry fee (tickets go on sale July 1). As an added bonus, all players finishing in the top



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10 in one of the Friday night tournaments win a \$100 voucher to be used toward this tournament.

Finally, the Pechanga poker room and RiverCard will co-host the \$50K guarantee RiverCard "Quest for the Cup IX" tournament July 28 at 2 p.m. The buy-in is \$230 with an optional \$10 add-on. Levels are 30 minutes and players can re-enter in the first hour. There will be no chopping allowed for this tournament. **Daniel Turov** won the last RiverCard event at Pala in May.

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CHIP HAS HIS CHAIR AT THE WINNER'S TABLE

Chiab "Chip" Saechao, a blackjack dealer at Central Valley's Tachi Palace, beat 732 casino employees to capture Event 1 of the World Series of Poker, this year's first bracelet and \$70K. This was his third WSOP event; he had won seats to the main event in 2010-11, but after bad runs in both, he nearly gave up on poker. Instead, the blackjack dealer of 10 years headed to Las Vegas with every intention of playing the \$500 event, and he had every intention of winning it.



LESLIE PAULS • CENCAL

Saechao led at the end of Day 1, to which he credits one particular hand. He didn't realize he was chipleader when he got involved in a hand with another fairly large stack. He was in position with 6-8 when he raised and got a call from the small blind. The flop came with two hearts, and Saechao paired his six. He put the small blind on a flush draw and wasn't surprised to learn his read was right when he shoved the turn. He survived the hand and when his friend told him he was chipleader at the end of Day 1, Saechao said: "Oh, that's cool."

"When I got to the final table I was really card dead, and just couldn't pick up a hand," said Saechao, who started that final table eighth in chips. "The guy to the left of me was on a huge stack and just bullying everyone, so I knew all I had to do was stay patient and pick up one hand and he would double me up because he was calling everyone. After he doubled me up and I had a bit of a stack, I was able to start playing my game."

So what's next for Chip? He'll continue playing for fun, but has no intentions of trying to make a living via poker. The father of three said he'll stick to dealing blackjack and will try for another seat at this year's main event.



"(I'm going to) take it one step at a time," he said. "It's nice to have the bracelet; I'm very proud of it. ... But it would be a lot nicer to have one like (world champ and fellow Central Valley local) **Jerry (Yang)** has."

— **Leslie Pauls is the Ante Up Ambassador for Central California and pro poker player. Email her at anteupcali@gmail.com.**

Thunder Valley offers Players Championship

With the World Series of Poker under way, it's easy to forget all of the great events and promotions going on in the Northern California poker scene. Thunder Valley Casino is hosting a Players Championship tournament series, which begins July 19 with a mega satellite to the main event.



BRET MILLER • NORCAL

Poker director **Ben Erwin** has scheduled a H.O.R.S.E. tournament for July 31 and an Omaha/8 event on Aug. 6 to complement the no-limit hold'em events.

With a \$40K guarantee on July 21, a \$60K guarantee on July 28 and the celebrity event on Aug. 4,

there are a lot of options.

Also leading up to the main event are a six-handed tournament and a turbo event. Bounties will be up for grabs on Aug. 2 and Aug. 8, and the series will conclude with the \$100K guarantee Players Championship on Aug. 10. With beyond-capacity crowds at his previous series, Erwin is confident all players will be accommodated for the main event.

"Due to the overwhelming popularity of our tournaments, we will have two Day 1s for the main event," he said.

He encourages players to come out early to register nonetheless.

"With the Sacramento area's only \$100K prize pool, we expect a huge turnout."

You can check out the schedule of events, including the mega satellites to the Players Championship, in the Thunder Valley ad on the facing page.

OAKS CLUB: The Oaks Club has changed the Monday night tournament to a bounty event. With a \$120 buy-in and \$20 bounties, the format change brings a new game to Emeryville. The starting time for this tournament has been moved back to 6:15 weekly, so make sure to get there early to register.

CASINO 101: Casino 101 in Petaluma has announced a Double-Jackpot Sunday promotion. At press time, the jackpot will exceed \$200K. Saturday tournaments are 1 p.m., with the first Saturday of each month being a \$275 buy-in event. Once again, get there early to reserve your seat.

— **Bret Miller is the Ante Up Ambassador for Northern California. Email him at anteupbret@gmail.com.**

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Sat, July 21 • 11AM	DEEP STACK • \$40,000 GUARANTEED • 10,000 Starting Chips	\$325
Sun, July 22 • 11AM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$10,000 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Mon, July 23 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM TURBO • \$5,000 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$75
Tues, July 24 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM KNOCKOUT BOUNTY • \$10,000 GUARANTEED with \$25 Bounties • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Wed, July 25 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$7,500 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Thu, July 26 • 7PM	MEGA SATELLITE: DEEP STACK \$60K EVENT • 3,500 Starting Chips	\$45
Fri, July 27 • 11AM and 7PM	MEGA SATELLITE: DEEP STACK \$60K EVENT • 3,500 Starting Chips	\$45
Sat, July 28 • 11AM	DEEP STACK • \$60,000 GUARANTEED • 10,000 Starting Chips • Final Table: Sun, July 29, 1PM	\$380
Sun, July 29 • 11AM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$5,000 GUARANTEED • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$75
Mon, July 30 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM TURBO • \$5,000 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$75
Tues, July 31 • 7PM	H.O.R.S.E. • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$120
Wed, Aug 1 • 7PM	SIX HANDED NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • 7,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Thu, Aug 2 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM KNOCKOUT BOUNTY • \$10,000 GUARANTEED with \$25 Bounties • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Fri, Aug 3 • 11AM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$5,000 GUARANTEED • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$75
Sat, Aug 4 • 11AM	FIRST SATURDAY \$20K CELEBRITY EVENT • \$20,000 GUARANTEED • 7,000 Starting Chips	\$250
Sun, Aug 5 • 11AM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$10,000 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
Mon, Aug 6 • 1PM	MEGA SATELLITE: \$100K THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$50
Mon, Aug 6 • 7PM	OMAHA 8 OR BETTER • \$7,500 GUARANTEED • 5,000 Starting Chips	\$100
Tues, Aug 7 • 1PM	MEGA SATELLITE: \$100K THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP • 4,000 Starting Chips	\$50
Tues, Aug 7 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • \$7,500 GUARANTEED • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$100
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Wed, Aug 8 • 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM KNOCKOUT BOUNTY • \$10,000 GUARANTEED WITH \$25 BOUNTIES • 6,000 Starting Chips	\$125
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ZEIDMAN REDEEMS HIMSELF, EARNS 1ST BRACELET

The beauty of the World Series of Poker is, whenever you have disappointment, another opportunity is always just around the corner, usually within a few hours. Such an opportunity presented itself to **Cory Zeidman** of Coral Springs in Event 4 of the WSOP, the stud/8 tournament.



The Syosset, N.Y., native had seven WSOP cashes to his credit (all but one in stud), including a sixth-place finish in this same tournament last year when he entered the final table as chipleader. That knockout distressed Zeidman so much that his ultimate goal was to



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make amends by returning to the final table and winning this year's event. Easy to say, but difficult to achieve, especially with a stacked field of 622 that featured Hall of Fame players **Mike Sexton**, **Linda Johnson** and **Marsha Waggoner**, stud experts **Chris Bjorin**, **Todd Brunson** and **Chris Tryba**, and the 1-2 finishers in the 2010 Player of the Year race in **Frank Kassela** and **Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi** among the final 15.

But as the field dwindled on the final day, Zeidman found himself in a familiar position as chipleader at the start of the final table. Before I get to the rest of the story, here's a little background on Zeidman.

Zeidman, 51, has served as a poker columnist in the past, showing little hesitation to express his feelings about players, commentators or organizations. His battle with **Phil Hellmuth** on *Poker After Dark* in 2009 is legendary, as Zeidman's vicious needling put Hellmuth on tilt. Maybe more notable is his suckout against **Jennifer Harman** in the 2005 WSOP main event when he rivered a one-outer for a straight flush to beat her full house. He angered many by faking anguish, which people called a slowroll, after the miracle river. Many of those Harman fans were a bit sensitive to her recent recovery from a kidney transplant at the time.

Zeidman is a polarizing figure on the felt, which gave me some trepidation as I approached him for an interview in a Rio hallway during a break in the stud action, but he couldn't have been nicer. I asked him about Hellmuth.

"I don't hate the guy, but I don't like the way he tries to put himself above the game," he said. "Obviously, he avoids me now, but I'm sure we'll meet again. ... We're poker players; we're not social heroes like firemen or school teachers, and we shouldn't try to put ourselves in that light."

A fixture on the South Florida poker scene, Zeidman has had several deep runs in tournaments at the Isle and he plays a regular cash game at Seminole Coconut Creek at the special glassed-in table. Those games include **Grinder** and **Rob Mizrachi** two or three times a week.

Now back to the final table. After mowing down **Brunson**, **Xuan Liu**, **Grinder** and four others, Zeidman faced respected veteran **Bjorin** heads-up for nearly two hours before winning. A 3-to-1 chip lead for Zeidman trundled back to even a couple of times, but the South Florida resident was able to turn his dream into reality by finally outlasting the Swede at 3:30 a.m. for his first WSOP title.

He earned a little more than \$200K for his victory, but possibly the most important thing to him was receiving the priceless WSOP bracelet, which had more than 160 grams of 14 karat gold, in addition to the immeasurable prestige and memories the rare piece of jewelry represents for poker enthusiasts.

His perseverance in the face of last year's disappointment means he'll be bringing the hardware back to South Florida, but he'll be looking for more with three separate trips to Vegas planned for the summer, including entries in the \$50K Poker Players Championship and, of course, the main event.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: The Isle Casino's biggest series of the year, the Florida State Poker Championship, returns with 16 events scheduled from July 8-30. Last year's \$5,300 buy-in main event featured a \$1 million guaranteed prize pool and attracted 283 players, with **Connor Drinan** taking the trophy.

This year, **Mike Smith**, the casino's director of poker, has decided in the face of dramatically increased competition around the state, to decrease that guarantee to \$500K, but the total guarantee for all events will still top the \$1 million mark.

"We still hope to host the same amount of players as last year, but we have to be realistic; we're battling name-brand events just about every month," Smith said.

A \$330 re-entry event with three starting days will present players opportunities July 12-14 for a \$250K guaranteed prize pool, while the \$5,300

main event will have Day 1A on July 27 at noon and Day 1B the next day. The series will also open with a ladies event followed by a seniors tourney, and will feature a \$2,200 six-handed event the day before the main.

— **Big Dave Lemmon** is Ante Up's South Florida Ambassador. Email him at bigdave@pokeractionline.com.



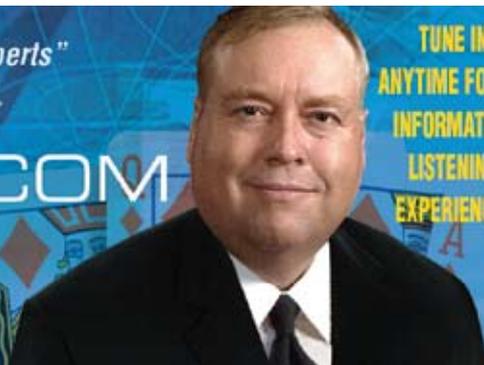
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BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: A DREAM ROOM

By Christopher Cosenza

It's no surprise the eyes of the poker world are transfixed on Florida. With major attractions, some of the world's most beautiful beaches, no state income taxes and more than 30 poker rooms, the Sunshine State is a poker player's dream.

The folks at the new bestbet Jacksonville room, led by veteran executive director of poker **Deborah Giardina**, experienced an unprecedented feat in building a complex from the ground up, as no Florida poker room has had to start from scratch. When Florida poker started in the late '90s, parimutuels scrambled to find room for tables in their current facilities, squeezing them in where they could, and then most remodeled those buildings.

Daytona Beach Kennel Club built a new facility in 2008, moving its existing business into that building. The complex at bestbet Jacksonville not only had to build from scratch, it had to attract new players. Yes, bestbet is a triumvirate of poker rooms all in the Jacksonville area (bestbet St. Johns, bestbet Orange Park), so it does feed from its established player base, but adding 70 tables (easily the state's largest poker room) to the mix and striking a balance with all three properties was a delicate maneuver.

"We're set up pretty well here. We get a lot of business from just over the border, too," said Giardina, referring to the states north of Florida, especially Georgia and Alabama.

As you enter the foyer of the new facility, wall waterfalls with projected video flank your trip to the receptionist (a third waterfall is behind this area). From there you'll be directed to the brush stand on the left. The waiting area is comfortable with plenty of *Ante Up* magazines and at least 100 flatscreen TVs throughout the property.

Games run the gamut, from \$1-\$2, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 no-limit hold'em to limit hold'em, Omaha and even \$3-\$6 stud or stud/8 (they had smaller stud tables installed). And you'll get plenty of hands in per hour as automatic shufflers do the work. There's a second tier in the poker room, usually reserved for the bigger games, and then there's the frosted-glass-walled high-stakes room. This elevated room, which has oversized leather chairs for the high rollers' posse, is enclosed for privacy. The smallest game spread there would be \$10-\$25, and even that's low for what usually gets going.

Speaking of comfortable, the chairs throughout the poker room



make sitting for long sessions easy, and there's plenty of space in between tables, so you never feel cramped, especially as you eat scrumptious sushi tableside from the bestbet grill.

The cashier is in the back of the room, as is the tournament area (daily events and promotions are highlighted on our Where to Play pages). If you've been to a banquet facility for a function, you no doubt are familiar with those large sectional doors that slide from side to side to create larger or smaller rooms, to better serve the size of the party. Bestbet Jacksonville has this amenity, able to open up larger tournament rooms for bigger events. You'd never know it if someone didn't point it out to you, but in an instant the poker room can be transformed to an intimate setting or a large tournament floor.

On the opposite side of the poker room is a huge open area, which was used for the World Poker Tour set recently. This area is almost as big as the poker room, and could easily house another 50 tables (or slots and table games, should that be legal in the near future). At the back of this area is the parimutuels room, which is state-of-the-art and resembles some of the finest sportsbooks in Vegas. There are 18 huge jumbo screens plus 60 intimate carrolls, each with a personal TV for up-close viewing.

If your dream is to play poker in Florida, bestbet Jacksonville is most definitely worth the trip. ♠

Derby hosts WPT event; Silks launches fundraiser for sailors

What better way to cure your long summer Vegas hangover than by playing more poker? The Tampa Bay area has a couple of choices to scratch your itch for more action.

Derby Lane in St. Petersburg is hosting the larger of the events with its World Poker Tour Regional Rebound Series. Satellites for the main event will run July 6-7 as the series starts July 8. This series has something for everyone, including an all-in event, turbo, seniors and some pot-limit Omaha.

The WPT has had major success with its regional events across the Sunshine State. Players get the opportunity for larger prize pools and recognition from the poker community. Buy-ins range from \$150 to the \$1,600 main event. The main has two starting days (July 14-15)

and will play until July 16. You'll get 30K units and Day 1 will have 40-minute levels. Day 2 will be bumped to one-hour levels.

Another tournament you should check out is the All In for the Raileys fundraiser event at the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs on July 11. This is a charity tournament/send-off party for **Zach** and **Paige Railey**, who are U.S. Olympic sailors from Clearwater, Fla.

The send-off party is 5 p.m. and the tournament kicks off at 6. The \$70 entry fee includes hor d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda and water, and 2K units to play the tournament. There will be \$20 rebuys allowed for the first hour and the tournament pays top-10 finishers. This is a great opportunity to show support the U.S. Olympic team.

ALL-BOUNTY: Club 52 in Melbourne is hosting an all-bounty event on July 7 at 1 p.m. Entry is \$120, see ad on Page 62 for details.

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9/7	Fri	12pm	M/E No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$1,500	60 min	20,000	\$300,000
9/8	Sat	12pm	M/E No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$1,500	60 min	20,000	
9/9	Sun	12pm	M/E Day 2		60 min		
9/10	Mon	12pm	M/E Final Day		60 min		

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
8/24	Fri	12pm	#1 No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$230	40 min	15,000	\$50,000
8/25	Sat	12pm	#1 No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$230	40 min	15,000	
8/26	Sun	3pm	#2 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
8/27	Mon	12pm	#3 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$230	30 min	10,000	
8/28	Tue	12pm	#4 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$50 bounties	\$230	30 min	10,000	\$100,000
8/29	Wed	12pm	#5 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
8/30	Thu	12pm	#6 No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$340	40 min	15,000	
8/31	Fri	12pm	#6 No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$340	40 min	15,000	
9/1	Sat	12pm	#6 No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$340	40 min	15,000	
9/1	Sat	3pm	#7 No Limit Hold'em All-In or Fold	\$150	30 min	10,000	
9/2	Sun	3pm	#8 No Limit Hold'em 2 day event	\$560	40 min	15,000	
9/3	Mon	12pm	#9 Pot Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$340	30 min	10,000	
9/3	Mon	3pm	#10 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$340	30 min	10,000	
9/4	Tue	12pm	#11 No Limit Hold'em 6 max	\$340	30 min	10,000	
9/4	Tue	3pm	#12 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
9/5	Wed	12pm	#13 No Limit Hold'em 2 day event	\$560	40 min	15,000	
9/5	Wed	3pm	#14 No Limit Hold'em	\$230	30 min	10,000	
9/6	Thu	3pm	#15 No Limit Hold'em	\$340	30 min	10,000	
9/8	Sat	3pm	#16 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$340	30 min	10,000	
9/9	Sun	3pm	#17 No Limit Hold'em W/ \$50 bounties	\$230	30 min	10,000	

Event #1 is a three day event playing 13 levels on Day 1. There will be two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day. The final day will be on Sunday the 26th. • Event #6 is a four day event playing 13 levels on Day 1. There will be three starting days allowing re-entry on subsequent days. The final day will be on Sunday the 2nd. • Events #8, and #13 are two day events playing 15 levels or to the final table on day one. • Main Event is a four day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day. • Single and multi-table satellites daily starting August 24st. • Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion / tournament at any time.



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Ebro Greyhound Park, May 3-13



Event 1 - \$100 NLHE
92 Entrants • Pool: \$9,016
Winner: Cale Weeks



Event 2 - \$200 NLHE
56 Entrants • Pool: \$11,088
Winner: John Sexton



Event 3 - \$100 H.O.R.S.E.
32 Entrants • Pool: \$3,136
Winner: Rondo Hanson



Event 4 - \$100 LIPS
31 Entrants • Pool: \$3,038
Winner: Debbie Kidd



Event 5 - \$300 NLHE
33 Entrants • Pool: \$9,834
Winner: Will Edwards



Event 6 - \$100 Seniors
58 Entrants • Pool: \$5,684
Winner: Rondo Hanson



Event 7 - \$100 Omaha 8
49 Entrants • Pool: \$4,802
Winner: John Holley



Event 8 - \$250 Bounty
65 Entrants • Pool: \$12,870
Winner: Dave Raushkolb



\$500 Main Event
67 Entrants • Pool: \$33,366
Winner: Bob Beck

DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB

The fourth annual Deep Stack Charity Classic attracted 631 players on May 20, including **Annie Duke, Ali Nejad** and **Chris MoneyMaker**. Top 63 cashed, including every player at the final table being awarded luxury packages to the Venetian Las Vegas for its Deep Stack Extravaganza. **Emerson James Bielen**, right, won first place and the \$11K package. Duke finished seventh and donated her package back to the charity. Other finalists were **Rory Malisoff, Roger Stewart, Chris Arcidiacono, Eric Hamann, Rick Ferraro, Stephen Sachs** and **Richard Joseph**.



GULFSTREAM PARK



Adam Horowitz Axel Zengotita Frank Sassi

Gulfstream Park wrapped up its 2012 World Series of Poker Challenge on June 3 as Miami's **Adam Horowitz** won the 50-player freeroll. He was followed by **Axel Zengotita** and **Frank Sassi**. All three won seats to the WSOP. The rest of the finishers were **Martin May, Steven Plant, John Yarbrough, Alberto Dominguez, Yuda Osturkan, Rolano Wong** and **Igor Korkhin**.

DANIA JAI-ALAI

Chris Bencivenga of Ft. Lauderdale won the \$50 **Dan Le Batard** Celebrity tournament after the final 12 players decided to chop, each taking home \$203.



SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK

WPT/Stax Summer Slam, May 30-June 10

Event 1 - \$80 NLHE

Entries: 401 • Pool: \$28,230
John Magnetta, \$7,453

Event 2 - \$275 Heads-up

Entries: 52 • Pool: \$15K
David Nowling, \$4,125

Event 3 - \$115 H.O.R.S.E.

Entries: 93 • Pool: \$9,114
Julia Cooley, \$1,509

Event 4 - \$110 NLHE

Entries: 1,997 • Pool: \$195,700
Bryan Noyes, \$35,031

Event - \$180 Omaha/8

Entries: 56 • Pool: \$10K
Robert Leff, \$3,900

Event 6 - \$165 Bounty

Entries: 107 • Pool: \$15K
Jeffrey Fogel, \$1,801

Event 7 - \$200 Mix

Entries: 54 • Pool: \$20K
Uri Kadosh, \$3,753

Event 8 - \$120 PLO

Entries: 120 • Pool: \$13,904
Noah Maciag, \$3,502

Event 9 - \$120 Big O

Entries: 65 • Pool: \$3,822
Jeffrey Gordon, \$710

Event 10 - \$220 NLHE

Entries: 136 • Pool: \$26,656
Abbey Daniels, \$6,200

Event 11 - \$325 Bounty

Entries: 54 • Pool: \$15K
TJ Shulman, \$2,700

Event 12 - \$165 6-Max

Entries: 124 • Pool: \$18,228
David Brodner, \$4,979

Event 13 - \$200 Stud

Entries: 47 • Pool: \$10K
A five-way chop for \$2K each

Event 14 - \$440 NLHE

Entries: 947 • Pool: \$371,674
Bryan Morton, \$55K

Event 15 - \$100 NLHE

Entries: 37 • Pool: \$3,263
Kenny Despuza, \$1,104

Event 16 - \$100 NLHE

Entries: 24 • Pool: \$2,500
William Greisman, \$504

Event 17 - \$100 NLHE

Entries: 82 • Pool: \$7,232
Luis Pantoja, \$2K

CALDER CASINO

On the first Saturday of every month, the Studz Poker Club will co-host an 11 a.m. \$100 tournament with Miami Poker Society. It will have a \$10K guarantee with prizes for the final table courtesy of MPS.

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Joe Serock, the 2012 World Poker Tour Player of the Year, captured his first live tournament at the \$3,300 Players Poker Championship on May 7 in Aruba.

He earned \$40,594 and was followed by **Jesse Chinni, Dr. Dave Poces, Steve Karp, Chris Bolek, Mukul Pahuja, Vincent Cham, Marco Calcedo, Ronnie Bardah** and **Jerron Kelley** in the 31-player event.

PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB

Stewart Newman won the Deepstacks Challenge \$555 Main Event (\$65K), which drew 619 players, and **James Locklar** captured two titles. On April 22, PBKC also hosted the **Butch Smith** Classic charity event, which raised more than \$32K and drew 178 players.

Deepstacks Challenge, May 11-20

Event 1 - \$345 NLHE

Entries: 628 • Pool: \$188,400
Jeff Silverstein, \$39,325

Event 2 - \$235 NLHE

Entries: 65 • Pool: \$20K
James Locklar, \$6K

Event 3 - \$235 Bounty

Entries: 145 • Pool: \$29K
Jeff Sheffel, \$1,500*

Event 4 - \$235 NLHE

Entries: 147 • Pool: \$29,400
Francois Gagne, \$8,230

Event 5 - \$235 NLHE

Entries: 127 • Pool: \$25,400
Gene Hochman, \$7,110

\$555 Main Event

Entries: 619 • Pool: \$309,500
Stewart Newman, \$65K

Event 7 - \$30 Rebuy

Entries: 121 • Pool: \$10K
James Locklar, \$1,490*

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Lou Krieger, an accomplished poker author, columnist, radio host and player, will be the on-board professional for the Aug. 27 Ante Up Poker Cruise.

Krieger has written or co-written 11 books, including *Secrets the Pros Won't Tell You About Winning Hold'em Poker*, *Hold'em Excellence: From Beginner to Winner* and *Winning Omaha/8 Poker*, and hundreds of strategy columns for major publications. He has more than a dozen major tournament cashes in a variety of games, blogs at

LouKrieger.Com and hosts a weekly radio show, *Keep Flopping Aces*, on Hold'em Radio every Thursday. He also is active on the forums at Pokerology.Com.



Krieger will teach a free intermediate hold'em strategy course for all passengers on the Aug. 27 sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla. He'll also offer two scheduled advanced classes for an additional fee, and be available on board for individual and small-group instruction.

Ante Up Poker Cruises feature a professionally staffed and equipped poker room aboard Royal Caribbean cruise ships, and include a free open-bar cocktail party and free poker courses on-board. The summer cruise is Aug. 27-31, making two stops in the Bahamas, while the winter cruise is Nov. 10-17 out of Baltimore, making two stops in the Bahamas and one in Florida.

More than 200 passengers are booked for the August sailing, with rates as low as \$369 per person based on double occupancy. For more information, visit anteupmagazine.com/cruise and call 727-331-4335 to book. You also can win your way on board one of the Ante Up Poker Cruises:

Palm Beach Kennel Club

The West Palm Beach, Fla., poker room will draw a random table and seat number every hour from 1-10 p.m. every Saturday in July,

awarding one package for the summer cruise to each winner. For more information, visit pbkennelclub.com.

Tampa Bay Downs

The Tampa, Fla., poker room is giving away one package for the summer cruise to the highest hand in Level 3 of the 1 p.m. tournaments on Tuesdays and Saturdays through Aug. 7. For more information, visit tampabaydowns.com.

Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

The Dover, Del., casino will give away one oceanview package for the winter sailing at 10 p.m. on July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30 and Oct. 14. Players earn one ticket for each hour of play from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on each drawing day and must be present to win. For more information, visit doverdowns.com.

Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood

The Hollywood, Fla., poker room will give away two packages for the summer cruise during its July freeroll. For the date and details of the freeroll, visit seminolehardrockhollywood.com.

Ebro Greyhound Park

The Ebro, Fla., poker room will give away packages for the summer cruise, which include on-board poker room credit and gratuities, in freerolls on July 8 and 15. Players can qualify for the freerolls through in-room promotions the week preceding each tournament. For more information, visit goebro.com.

Blue Shark Optics

The Florida maker of poker optics is giving away one oceanview package for the summer cruise to the best video about Blue Shark Optics submitted to the company's Facebook page by Aug. 1. For more information, visit facebook.com/bluesharkoptics. ♠

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TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012, 12 P.M.
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\$330 + \$35 + \$10
15,000 Units (10,000 + 5,000)

5

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012 12 P.M.
SENIORS TEXAS HOLD'EM (NO LIMIT)
\$180 + \$20 + \$10
15,000 Units (10,000 + 5,000)

6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012, 7:30P.M.
POT LIMIT OMAHA
\$330 + \$35 + \$10
15,000 Units (10,000 + 5,000)

7

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012, 12 P.M.
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\$130 + \$20 + \$10
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8

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012 7:30 P.M.
TURBO TEXAS HOLD'EM (NO LIMIT)
\$200 + \$20 + \$10
10,000 Units (5,000 + 5,000)

9

DAY 1A
FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012, 12P.M.
DAY 1B
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012, 12P.M.
TEXAS HOLD'EM (NO LIMIT)
\$1475 + \$125 + \$25
20,000 Units (15,000 + 5,000)

10

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012 12 P.M.
TEXAS HOLD'EM (NO LIMIT)
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SEHGAL PLAYS POKER WELL BEYOND HIS YEARS

Sam Sehgal likes his chances every time he joins a poker table. He's been working on his hold'em game steadily for six years, but a dedication to improving his stud game goes back about eight years, and he was studying five-card draw odds nearly a decade ago.



RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO

All of which seems rather impressive when you consider Sehgal, who lives outside Boulder, recently turned 21. Consider Sehgal, pronounced like Steven Seagal, to whom Sehgal bears exactly zero resemblance, wasn't legally allowed to play poker for money until his birthday in April.

Regardless, Sehgal gained an appreciation for cards when he was about 12. Down the line, his dad and two uncles let a 16-year-old Sehgal and his older brother join the men's home game. For a while, at least.

"We play like two weeks and (my brother) **Jamil** starts cleaning up, usually stud, right?" Sehgal said. "I mean, he takes everything. So they start changing up, no more stud, switching to hold'em mostly. First week, I'm cleaning up. It's ridiculous; I'm taking everything. Next week, same thing. I'm telling my mom I don't need to work at the mall anymore, I'm going to make all my money off Dad and (my uncles)."

Next thing Sehgal knew, there was no more hold'em being played

in the weekly game, at least whenever he was invited to play: "They started playing nights when I was working. They changed it just so I couldn't get in. It was messed up, but I got it. It's just fun for them. I don't play for fun."

On those rare times when Sehgal was allowed to play in the home game, he was ready.

"They got really into Omaha high, so I got on the computer, playing Omaha all the time," he said. "I get in the game one night and sandbag for like two hours. They're having beers; I'm just chilling, right? What do you think happened next?"

You took all their money? He laughed. "I took all their money."

As young as Sehgal is, he looks a good five years younger — "I'll never not get carded" — but he's not intimidated now that he can finally play live poker at Black Hawk and Central City. Having diligently saved the funds he won from relatives (along with cash from a variety of part-time jobs), the college student has a "decent enough" bankroll to feel comfortable at the tables.

Sehgal said he's received a little good-natured ribbing from fellow players for looking so young, but it's proved to be an asset: "Some guys think you're so young you don't know (anything). Some think if you have a baby face (these days) you're a world-beater. Either way, there's an angle."

— **Rick Gershman is Ante Up's Colorado Ambassador. You can email him at rickgershman@gmail.com.**

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BONNIE DEMOS • OKLAHOMA

This year, the River lives up to its namesake with events that take an intriguing variety of twists and turns. Mega- and single-table satellites are under way; the following is a schedule of events for the next

two months:

Single-table satellites

- Single-table satellites are qualifying events for all River Poker Series events.
- They will be no-limit hold'em freezeout tournaments in the WinStar World Casino Poker Room. Patrons may buy in for \$125 and each satellite must contain 10 players. Each player will begin with 1,500 chips and blind levels will start at 25-50 and advance every 15 minutes.
- Top-three players of each \$125 STS will receive \$400 worth of River lammers good for any River Poker Series event.
- River lammers are transferable but not refundable

and have no cash value. No currency exchange will be made for River lammers.

Mega-satellite qualifiers

- These events cost \$440 (\$20K added so that top 40 places receive \$500 each).
- Top 20 percent of field receives \$2,100 in River lammers.
- These events will be July 8, July 22, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 in the poker room, while more will be in WinStar's Global Event Center on Aug. 19, 26 and 29.

River Series schedule

- Aug. 16-17, \$330 NLHE re-entry, \$250K guarantee
- Aug. 18-19 \$550 PLO, \$50K guarantee
- Aug. 20-21 \$550 NLHE, \$100K guarantee
- Aug. 21-22 \$440 NLHE bounty, \$100K guarantee
- Aug. 22-23 \$440 NLHE re-entry, \$250K guarantee
- Aug. 24-25 \$1,050 NLHE re-entry, \$300K guarantee
- Aug. 27 \$5K NLHE No Juice, \$300K guarantee
- Sept. 2 \$1,050 NLHE turbo/bounty, \$100K guarantee

The River Poker Series' \$2,100 main event has a \$2.5 million guarantee and will have three Day 1s (Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1). Day 2 is Sept. 2 and the final table will be Sept. 3.

— **Bonnie Demos is Ante Up's Oklahoma Ambassador.**

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Here's a look at some of the happenings around the Pacific Northwest poker scene:

Washington

Angel of the Winds Casino: A crazy pineapple tournament is being spread at the Arlington property every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. with a \$40 buy-in, 2,500 chips, and 12-minute rounds. Go, all you tournament crazy Sea-Applers!



BARTON GRATT • PACIFIC NW

Diamond Lil's Casino: The Break the Wheel jackpot promotion has hit the Renton poker room. If you make a straight flush on the flop or turn and then a six-card straight flush on the river, you'll "Break the Wheel" and win a progressive jackpot (recently hit for

more than \$18,000).

Clearwater Casino: The Suquamish poker room is making it easier for PNW players to enter the World Series of Poker by running satellites. Visit clearwatercasino.com and follow the links to satellite sign-ups.

Snoqualmie Casino: The poker room is running 11 no-limit hold'em tournaments per week, including Mondays (\$25/unlimited re-

buys/1,500 chips, 7 p.m.); Wednesdays (\$65/5,000 chips, with a \$10 bounty on all players, 7 p.m.); Thursdays (\$125/8,000 chips, 7 p.m.); and Sundays (turbo \$35/3,000 chips, 3 p.m.).

Muckleshoot Casino: The Auburn poker room is spreading a \$15-\$30 Omaha/8 game (with a \$20-\$40 kill) on Thursdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. The game is played 10-handed (with no overs). Sign up at the front desk to reserve your seat.

Tulalip Casino: The Marysville property has a mini hold'em jackpot in which players win 10 percent of the bad-beat jackpot. They qualify if aces full of jacks (or better) beaten by quads (or better). Four players must be playing, \$20 must be in the pot and both cards must play in both hands.

Oregon

Spirit Mountain Casino: The Grand Ronde poker room's morning tournaments start at 10:30 with \$100 added. Monday is limit hold'em (\$30-\$40, 3,000-4,000 chips, 20-minute rounds); Tuesday is stud/8 (\$30-\$40, 3,000-4,000 chips, 20 minutes); and Wednesday is Omaha/8 (\$30-\$40, 3,000-4,000 chips, 20 minutes).

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BIG ROOMS: BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL

The World Series of Poker wraps this month with the 10-day main event expected to complete with the final table established by July 16. Once that organized chaos closes down, things will begin to return to business as usual in the Las Vegas poker rooms. With several newcomers visiting Sin City during the summer, I thought it would be fitting to discuss the biggest rooms on the Strip.



MICHAEL HAMAI • LAS VEGAS

Though most have at least heard of these rooms, it's some small details that seem to set each of them apart from each other. Taking a look at the big standbys reminds us we don't need a huge poker event to enjoy big-money action in Las Vegas. The big rooms bring consistent big action, with a variety of games, every day of the year.

Catapulting onto the poker scene upon Project CityCenter's grand opening in December 2009, the Aria Resort and Casino debuted a thoroughly modern poker room, replete with the newest technology, chair design and a strong focus on social media to get the word out about its poker room. Offering 24 tables, Aria sets itself apart with daily mixed-game offerings, consistent \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em action, and their version of the "Big Game" with a near daily \$300-\$600 mixed game in a more private salon in the back of the venue, hosted by poker ambassador **Jean Robert Bellande**. Some of the more unique aspects of Aria include the availability of watermelon juice from the cocktail servers, \$2- and \$3-per-hour comps (depending on when you play), and a consistent mixed game at the \$15-\$30 level spreading nearly every day.

The Bellagio is the room many consider to be the true center of Las Vegas' poker universe. Though there are other contenders on the Strip, no one has been able to fully crack the stranglehold that Bellagio has on mid- and high-limit poker. Bellagio is the only room in Las Vegas that gets consistent limit hold'em games of the mid and high variety, including \$10-\$20, \$40-\$80, \$50-\$100 and bigger. Plus, their daily \$5-\$10 NLHE game often spreads on multiple tables. This is also the home of the original "Big Game," which still spreads often at the highest levels of \$1K-\$2K and occasionally \$4K-\$8K.

The flagship of the Caesars Entertainment empire, Caesars Palace is still a consistent player in the Las Vegas big room market, but not necessarily for what you're thinking. Though its cash games are consistent at the \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 levels, it's the daily tournaments

and special tournament series that run often throughout the year in the dedicate WSOP-branded tournament room that truly sets Caesars apart. Though the rake is the highest amongst the Big Rooms at 10 percent/\$5 max plus \$1 on most games, many players appreciate the bad-beat jackpot and other unique promotions.

The poker room at MGM Grand is truly a room in transition. Placed in a temporary location while the room's permanent location is part of a multi-million dollar renovation of the property, the room is known as being one of the best homes of low limit no-limit games, with its \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 games being consistently popular. Though the room is far from self or valet parking, the MGM was the first room to allow players to earn a valet tip through play (which does not subtract from earned comp dollars). The MGM also recently hired poker pro **Karina Jett** to be the official ambassador of the poker room, and she has successfully brought a frequent \$6-\$12 mixed game to the room on many nights.

The Venetian is the largest poker room in Las Vegas, at 59 permanent tables, and has set itself apart with its quarterly Deep Stack Extravaganza tournament series that gets the most players of any

tournament series, outside of the WSOP. Consistent \$1-\$2, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 NLHE spread alongside \$4-\$8 and \$8-\$16 Omaha/8 and \$4-\$8 limit. The Venetian often has more than 20 cash games running at any given time, and is best known as a great room for NLHE action and tournaments.

The Wynn Poker Room has gone through some management changes recently, and is working hard on re-establishing itself in the limit hold'em realm. Though \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE spreads

daily, the offering of a \$2 max rake on limit games has helped spur that business. Perhaps best known as the most convenient parking situation of any poker room on the Strip, the Wynn is a beautiful venue known for its deep games and house-funded freeroll tournaments.

No article about the Big Rooms on the Strip would be complete without mentioning the Mirage poker room. The only room in this article that has been around since 1989 (in the same location, no less), the Mirage offers 19 tables of \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$3-\$6 LHE action and a popular menu of high-hand jackpots and promotions spread under the supervision of long term poker industry veteran **Chris Coffin**. From a historical perspective, the Mirage is the gold standard and is worth your time simply because of the respect and appreciation we all have for the original center of the poker universe.

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Here's a recap of the first 24 events from this year's WSOP, which is still running. If you'd like a look at the full results scan the QR Code on the right with your smartphone. And be sure to go to anteupmagazine.com for all of the latest World Series news.



Event 1 • \$500 NLHE
Entries: 732 • Pool: \$329,400
Chiab "Chip" Saechao, from Visalia, Calif., won \$70,859 and the Casino Employees title. See our Central California column on Page 14 for more on Saechao.



Event 2 • \$1,500 NLHE
Entries: 2,101 • Pool: \$2.8M
Brent Hanks, 29, of Las Vegas won the title and \$517,725. **Vanessa Selbst** had a chance to end a record bracelet drought for female players but fell short.



Event 3 • \$3K HU NL/PLO
Entries: 317 • Pool: \$865,410
Leif Force, from Tallahassee, Fla., best known to many for his 11th-place finish in the 2006 main event, collected \$207,708 for winning this unique \$3K event.



Event 4 • \$1,500 Stud/8
Entries: 622 • Pool: \$839,700
Cory Zeidman, a stud specialist, captured the title and \$201,559. For more on his victory and personal turn to our South Florida column on Page 16.



Event 5 • \$1,500 PLHE
Entries: 639 • Pool: \$862,650
Nick Jivkov, a 34-year-old semi-pro from Des Plaines, Ill., who has a WSOP Circuit ring to his credit, now has a bracelet as well, winning \$189,818.



Event 6 • \$5K Mix-Max
Entries: 409 • \$1.9 million
Aubin Cazals, a 21-year-old online pro from Malta, earned \$480,564. His semifinal heads-up match with **Warwick Mirzikian** took a record 9 hours, 25 minutes.



Event 7 • \$1,500 Stud
Entries: 367 • Pool: \$495,450
Andy Bloch won his first bracelet and \$126K from a final-table lineup that included bracelet-winners **David Williams** and **Barry Greenstein**.



Event 8 • \$1,500 O/8
Entries: 967 • Pool: \$1,305,450
Herbert Tapscott won the largest live Omaha/8 tournament in history, beating nearly a thousand players for the \$264,400 payday. It also was his first WSOP cash.



Event 9 • \$1,500 NLHE
Entries: 3,404 • Pool: \$4.6M
Canadian Ashkan Razavi, 30, earned \$781,398 by winning the largest \$1,500 event in four years. Philadelphia's **Amanda Musumeci** was runner-up.



Event 10 • \$5K Stud
Entries: 145 • Pool: \$681,500
John Monnette, a 30-year-old pro from Palmdale, Calif., won his second bracelet and \$190,826 for the stud World Championship. **Huu Vinh** was runner-up (\$131K).



Event 11 • \$1,500 PLO
Entries: 970 • Pool: \$1,309,500
Vincent Van Der Fluit, 24, became only the fourth Dutch-born bracelet-winner. A successful online player, he earned more than \$265K for the title.



Event 12 • \$10K HU
Entries: 152 • Pool: \$1,428,800
Brian Hastings, 23, won his first bracelet \$371,498. "I've had much bigger scores than this online," Hastings said, "but there's only one gold bracelet."



Event 13 • \$1,500 LHE
Entries: 730 • Pool: \$985,500
David "Doc" Arsht, 66, from the Philadelphia area, earned his first bracelet and \$211,921. The semi-retired urologist defeated runner-up **Stephen Hung** (\$130,903).



Event 14 • \$1,500 SO
Entries: 1,138 • Pool: \$1.5M
Seattle's Brandon Schaefer, 31, won the bracelet and \$311,174, then gave up poker to serve in the Army. "I joined in September to be a helicopter pilot."



Event 15 • \$5K Stud/8
Entries: 212 • Pool: \$996,400
Ohio's Adam Friedman, 30, upset the man who wrote the book on stud/8, **Todd Brunson**, after a nearly four-hour heads-up match. Friedman earned \$269,037.



Event 16 • \$1,500 6-Max
Entries: 1,604 • Pool: \$2.1M
Matt Matros became just the 55th player in WSOP history to win three or more bracelets after defeating **Mark Radoja** heads-up for the title. Matros won \$454,835.



Event 17 • \$10K PLHE
Entries: 179 • Pool: \$1,682,600
Andy Frankenberg beat crowd-favorite **Phil Ivey** heads-up to deny him his ninth bracelet. The win was Frankenberg's second, good for \$445,899.



Event 18 • \$2,500 Razz
Entries: 309 • Pool: \$702,975
Phil Hellmuth won his record 12th bracelet, but first in a non-hold'em event, for \$182,793. He beat **Don Zewin**, 23 years after he was third to Hellmuth in the 1989 main event.



Event 19 • \$1,500 NLHE
Entries: 2,302 • Pool: \$3.1M
Cliff Goldkind, a 24-year-old student from Potomac, Md., by way of Tampa, won \$559,514 in his WSOP debut. He'll start the masters program at Tufts in the fall.



Event 20 • \$5K LHE
Entries: 166 • Pool: \$780,200
Ben Scholl, a 26-year-old equities trader from Trappe, Pa., earned his first bracelet, and it came in the limit hold'em world championship, good for \$206,760.



Event 21 • \$1K NLHE
Entries: 2,799 • Pool: \$2.5M
Michael Gathy of Brussels captured the title and \$440,829. Heads-up play lasted a little more than two levels with **Jamie Armstrong** (\$273,776).



Event 22 • \$2,500 2-7 TD
Entries: 228 • Pool: \$518K
Randy Ohel of Las Vegas survived an epic 6.5-hour-heads-up finale with **Benjamin Lazer** in this lowball event to capture the bracelet and \$145,247.



Event 23 • \$3K 6-Max
Entries: 924 • Pool: \$2,522,520
Simon Charette of Toronto took home the short-handed title and \$567,624. A stacked field saw players such as **Freddy Deeb** and **Elky Gropellier** in the final 18.



Event 24 • \$5K O/8
Entries: 256 • Pool: \$1,203,200
Joe Cassidy's first bracelet was a long time coming, in his career and in this event, as he needed an extra day to defeat **Scotty Nguyen** for \$294,777.



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WITH JACK EFFEL



Jack Effel, the World Series of Poker Tournament Director, had a chance to chat with our South Florida ambassador, Big Dave Lemmon, about how the WSOP is going and what he is looking forward to the most this series.

Everything seems to be running without a hitch. Everything is running very smooth. ... We had a nice opening day with the employees' event; we had 2,100 for the first \$1,500 event on Memorial Day. ... so everything is running good. The players are keeping a good temperament and pacing themselves so far. It will be an interesting summer to say the least, but the spirit of everyone is good right now and everyone is playing hard. They're all focused at this point.

People are saying the fields might be down somewhat so far but there are a lot more tables this year and things are all spread out so it will tend to look that way. What are your early thoughts? I think that given we had the holiday weekend to start with the hotels in town full and a lot of people not traveling during the holidays, I think that all indications say it will be a great WSOP with a lot of great turnouts. ... The hotel is reaching full occupancy with mostly WSOP players, so I forecast that we will continue to get busier and busier.

We've seen the deepstacks grow from a couple hundred to almost 600 players, so that tells me players are starting to arrive. Once they get here they never leave and are playing everything they possibly can, but to get here it may take them a while.

Eventually, every serious poker player that has any money at all will make their way to Las Vegas.

I know you bend over backward to accommodate the wishes of players within reason, and there were things that occurred last year on the televised tables (I'm speaking about Daniel Negreanu and others) where people were complaining they weren't allowed to say some of the things they wanted to at the tables. I think you've relaxed some of those rules a little bit. Yeah, that's true and really the only thing that we've done is brought what you see in a poker game every single day back into tournament play; we probably never should have gotten rid of it in the first place, but, of course, you want to uphold the highest level of integrity, and we tightened the rules down so far as to leave no room for collusion or soft play. In the process, we forgot to make the tournament fun and we took away an important part of the game, which is verbal strategy.

It's OK to talk as long as you're not colluding with another player, as long as you're not opening the action back up to a player that already acted. We're going to let you talk about the contents of your hand.

But you still have to follow the rules: You can't expose your hand; you can't collude with another player; if we catch you cheating you will get penalized or ejected.

These are the things that are there to protect the game. We're pretty

good at our jobs now; I'd say we were great but there's always room for improvement, but we need a lot of this to play out. Poker is a very emotional game first of all, a very strategic, verbal game as well, so players should be able to banter back and forth and we've also relaxed some of the rules against celebrations. We're trying to create, yes, a poker environment, but keep that level of competition very high and always protect the integrity of the tournament.

Finally, the Big One for One Drop is obviously a huge topic of conversation among the media, the fans and players. But what is the one tournament you're really looking forward to seeing how it turns out? One of my favorite tournaments is one that is playing right now: the mixed-max, which is nine-handed, six-handed and then heads-up to finish it off. It's exciting because it's no-limit hold'em, which is an art form in itself, and to be able to add those three different variations, I really think it's a cool event.

I'm looking forward to the ante-only event as well, and I'm definitely looking forward to the million-dollar buy-in event. It's going to be crazy to see how these players react when they pony up a million bucks and have to sit down and play; they may get a little tight and wait for pocket aces then, right? That ace-seven hand on the button and trying to steal the big and small blinds may not be so appetizing anymore. It will be an interesting one and, of course, everyone loves the main event. It's so intense and everyone is playing their game and it's just fantastic.

I love the weekends when you get the droves of people in here, the "weekend warriors," and the one thing that continues to drive me and continue to motivate me to make this event better is the person that comes out here and plays one event and win or lose, just has a great time. "You know, I played at **Barry Greenstein's** table, or **Phil Ivey** may have busted me, but man, I had a great time. I can't wait to go back next year."

Or, "I made it to Day 2," or "I made it to a final table and won a bracelet," and it's changed his life forever. You know, those are the types of stories you just don't see every day and this is the only time of the year that things like that happen. So, the chance to be a part of someone else's experience that they're going to remember forever, I think is very meaningful for me and goes beyond all of us.

The WSOP is a gift to us; it's a privilege to work it and to be here; it is history and a part of this game for a long time and will be as long as we have it. And I think it's going to be here well after we're gone. ♠

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Spain's Labandeira wins Orleans Open

The Orleans Open (May 19-28) featured a \$540 two-day main event that **Manuel Labandeira** of Madrid captured, pocketing \$11,640. He also finished sixth in a \$225 Omaha/8 event.

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| Event 1 • \$225 NLHE
218 Entrants • Pool: \$42,290
Rebecca Wagner, \$10,575 | Event 4 • \$225 Omaha/8
157 Entrants • Pool: \$30,460
Landon Pilkey, \$7,920 | Event 7 • \$330 NLHE
88 Entrants • Pool: \$25,610
Celso Patac, \$7,685 |
| Event 2 • \$225 Omaha/8
181 Entrants • Pool: \$35,115
Frankie Odell, \$6,126 | Event 5 • \$225 NLHE
207 Entrants • Pool: \$40,160
Jeffrey Seldin, \$9,990 | Event 8 • \$330 Omaha/8
120 Entrants • Pool: \$34,920
Joseph Tuccini, \$9,080 |
| Event 3 • \$225 NLHE
189 Entrants • Pool: \$36,665
Thomas Collins, \$9,535 | Event 6 • \$225 H.O.R.S.E.
140 Entrants • Pool: \$27,160
Robert Tanniru, \$8,150 | \$540 Main Event
80 Entrants • Pool: \$38,800
Manuel Labandeira, \$11,640 |

Mixed games alive in Reno

Reno is one of the few places in the country where you can find a stud game. The Eldorado has a \$1-\$5 spread-limit stud game (no antes) that runs almost every day and has been for years. The Eldorado recently gained some business with the closing of the Harrah's and Circus Circus poker rooms. Eldorado also runs \$1-\$2 no-limit and \$3-\$6 limit games.



CORDELL HOWARD • RENO

Mike Gainey's Chop Pot Classic recently offered players another chance to play mixed games, including Omaha, stud and crazy pineapple. Also, the Grand Sierra ran its Pot of Gold where a mixed game

usually breaks out. The results from both can be below.

If you're looking for something other than hold'em, Reno-Tahoe is one place where other games are still alive.

— **Cordell Howard is Ante Up's Ambassador for Reno. Email him at antupcory@gmail.com.**

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| Chop Pot Classic
Peppermill Casino, Reno
May 16-20 | Event 4 • \$120 Stud/8
Entries: 36 • Pool: \$3,492
Rob Badour, \$582 | Event 8 • \$120 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 38 • Pool: \$3,686
June Inouye, \$802 |
| Event 1 • \$120 Omaha/8
Entries: 19 • Pool: \$1,843
Jeffrey Dame, \$1,041 | Event 5 • \$120 Omaha/8
Entries: 52 • Pool: \$5,044
Bill Dippel, \$1,045 | Event 9 • \$100 CP/8
Entries: 19 • Pool: \$1,475
Rod Anderson, \$330 |
| Event 2 • \$120 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 54 • Pool: \$5,238
Tom McEvoy, \$1,534 | Event 6 • \$90 NLHE
Entries: 32 • Pool: \$1,440
Kelvin Alexander, \$385 | Event 10 • \$120 Omaha/8
Entries: 19 • Pool: \$1,843
Leonard Kyle, \$615 |
| Event 3 • \$120 CP/8
Entries: 40 • Pool: \$3,880
Jewel Lansing, \$1,400 | Event 7 • \$225 Omaha/8
Entries: 32 • Pool: \$6,208
Eric Stevenson, \$776 | |

PREPARE FOR FIERY PLAY THIS SUMMER

Players have so many reasons to appreciate summer in New Mexico, including they're not in hot of Texas and cardrooms and tournaments abound in the Land of Enchantment.



MARY BRADLEY • NEW MEXICO

The biggest limit hold'em games in New Mexico are weekly \$20-\$40 at Sandia and Buffalo Thunder. Sandia tournaments include \$50 Thursdays, Play with the Big Dogs on

Aug. 18 and Sizzlin' Summer Thursdays beginning July 5.

Buffalo Thunder offers weekly \$5-\$10 pot-limit Omaha cash games (biggest action in the state) and the "House Full of Money Giveaway" that includes cash drawings nine times daily.

Albuquerque Hard Rock runs a weekly NLHE \$5-\$10 for high-stakes players, but the most popular local promo is "Deuces Never Loses," where everyone wants to lose with pocket twos.

NLHE \$5-\$10 runs all summer at Inn of the Mountain Gods, as well as new live game spreads in hold'em and Omaha/8. Also, a full poker bar opens Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Santa Ana Star hosts a \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 game every Sunday and the biggest weekend buy-in tournament in the state: the \$100 Friday night event. This room also features high hands all day, a "Most Pots Won" promo, splash pots, Aces Cracked and a \$5K-added tournament.

The poker room at Route 66 hosts the nationally televised Heartland Poker Tour (July 20-28), with the main event on July 29, as well as Actions Aces all summer.

With its World Series of Poker seat giveaways completed, Northern Edge starts an all-new tournament series for July and August. Details weren't released by press time, so watch for the announcement or call the poker room for more information.

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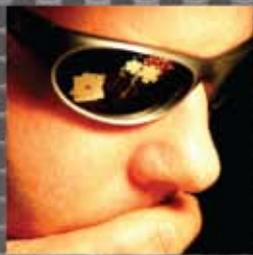
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|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Event 1 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 121 • Pool: \$23,474
Kevin Kleinman, \$6,644 | Event 5 • \$120 6-Max
Entries: 41 • Pool: \$3,977
Darin Swall, \$1,510 | Event 10 • \$120 Ladies
Entries: 9 • Pool: \$873
Bernadine Trujillo, \$291 | Event 14 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 34 • Pool: \$3,298
Alan Mastic, \$1,222 | Event 18 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 61 • Pool: \$11,834
Jody Chatwood, \$3,077 | \$1,080 Main Event
Entries: 119 • Pool: \$115,430
Michael Pagan, \$30,762 |
| Event 2 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 28 • Pool: \$2,716
Dennis Waterman, \$1,258 | Event 6 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 107 • Pool: \$31,137
Michael Kindred, \$8,648 | Event 11 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 22 • Pool: \$2,134
Krishna Kotnana, \$834 | Event 15 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 48 • Pool: \$10K
Nick Gorman, \$3,389 | Event 21 • \$550 NLHE
Entries: 83 • Pool: \$40,255
Amir Khaziri, \$12,479 | Event 29 • \$170 NLHE
Entries: 28 • Pool: \$4,074
Jeremy Borba, \$1,137 |
| Event 3 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 72 • Pool: \$25K
Austin Talamantes, \$5K | Event 8 • \$145 Bounty
Entries: 68 • Pool: \$6,545
Chris Marr, \$1,698 | Event 12 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 51 • Pool: \$10K
Vincent Rimmel, \$2,860 | Event 16 • \$230 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 22 • Pool: \$4,268
George Kraynak, \$2,134 | Event 22 • \$120 NLHE
Entries: 31 • Pool: \$3,007
John Sherven, \$762 | Event 31 • \$225 6-Max
Entries: 26 • Pool: \$3,744
Michael Riddle, \$1,872 |
| Event 4 • \$220 NLHE
Entries: 20 • Pool: \$3,880
Eric Nelson, \$1,616 | Event 9 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 74 • Pool: \$15K
Stephen Hein, \$4,649 | Event 13 • \$230 O/8
Entries: 32 • Pool: \$6,208
Roy Mode, \$1,539 | Event 17 • \$145 Bounty
Entries: 48 • Pool: \$4,620
Barry Phillips, \$1,555 | Event 23 • \$120 PLO w/rbs
Entries: 13 • Pool: \$1,843
Dennis Waterman, \$921 | |

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AZ. CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS IN AUGUST

Most poker players, after losing their last chance for a World Series of Poker gold bracelet, immediately start the countdown to the next year's WSOP. Arizona players, however, are the exception as the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort and Casino will have a WSOP atmosphere for its eighth annual Arizona State Poker Championship from Aug. 10-14.



BRIAN FANZO • ARIZONA

With back-to-back years of 1,000-plus entries (it's a re-entry event), the prize pool again this year is projected to exceed a million dollars. The past two years the event has attracted players from all over Arizona as well as some big-name pros, including **Tom Schneider, Allen Kessler, Ryan Hughes, Dwyte Pilgrim, Kristy Gazes, Scott Clements, Sean Getzwiller** and **Eric Baldwin**.

This year, players will enjoy the giant scoreboard and sports ticker that was added to complement the 16 flatscreen TVs. If tournaments aren't your thing, the Arena Poker Room has cash games running 24 hours a day with limit games ranging from \$3-\$6 to \$75-\$150 and spread-limit games of \$3-\$300, \$5-\$1,000 and \$10-\$1,000.

The Jack It Up Bad Beat Jackpot has been creating buzz in the poker room with \$20,000 added to the progressive bad-beat jackpot at 2 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Arizona State Championship, Talking Stick's signature event, is

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Aug. 6, \$120, 11:15 a.m.
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Aug. 8, \$330, 11:15 a.m.
Aug. 9, \$550, 11:15 am

Championship

Aug. 10-12 (Days 1A, 1B, 1C with re-entries), \$1,070, 9 a.m.
Aug. 13, Day 2, 9 a.m.
Aug. 14, final table, 10 a.m.



The main event has had more than 1K entries the past two years.

plenty to attract players from all over the region, but poker room manager **Kent Odekirk** has added four warm-up tournaments on top of the daily single-table shootouts to give players an opportunity to win a seat into the championship for as little as \$120.

The \$1,070 championship is a five-day event with a structure similar to most events at the WSOP, providing players with 25K chips (with optional \$30 add-on). Last year's winner, Steve "Pack" Paulson, took home more than \$200K.

— **Brian Fanzo is Ante Up's Arizona Ambassador. Email anteup.fanzo@gmail.com.**

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CASTORA TAKES OVER DELAWARE PARK ROOM

Delaware Park has named **Kevin Castora** poker room manager. He entered the poker industry as a dealer at the Stratosphere in Las Vegas and worked his way up the poker ladder through positions the World Series of Poker Circuit, the Bellagio, Aria and finally Delaware Park, where he eventually landed his current position after some time as the assistant poker room manager. I had a chance to chat with Castora about his career and managing style.



What can players expect from a room run by Kevin Castora? At Delaware Park, a guest can expect

their expectations of a poker room will be exceeded. We strive to bring a level of professionalism and guest service that's unmatched in the poker industry.

What do you think of the phrase "a poker player's manager" and do you consider yourself one? I would consider myself a poker player's manager. My team and I are extremely passionate about the poker industry. We are continuously trying to reinvent ourselves and improve the product that we offer. We have a thorough understanding of what players are looking for in a room and we make every effort to exceed those expectations.

Do you play poker, and if so, what do you prefer to play? Since moving to Delaware, my family has expanded so my free time to play poker is very limited.

What can we expect from you and Delaware Park in the future? Innovation. My team and I are continuously thinking of new ways to promote and improve our product. Special events. Players should be looking for our tournament calendar as we will be highlighting several weekends each month. By the request of the players, we will be incorporating some non-no-limit-hold'em events into these weekends each month.

DOVER DOWNS: Dover Downs Hotel & Casino has several new promotions, satellites and a tournament to mark the second anniversary of its Crown Royal Poker Room.

"Royal Caribbean Cruise giveaways, tournaments, trips and our exclusive Delaware Poker Championship are just the beginning," director of table games **Bob Westerfield** said.

The Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways will be held by way of free drawings on July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30 and Oct. 14. Players will receive one entry for each hour of play on the day of the drawing, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The drawing will be held at 10 p.m. to win a winter cruise out of Baltimore on Nov. 10-17. Players must be present in the Crown Royal Poker Room at the time of the drawing to qualify.

A \$25K guarantee on July 13 (7 p.m.) will celebrate the second anniversary of the Crown Royal Poker Room. The \$250 buy-in gets you 15K chips. Seating is limited so early registration is encouraged.

Four seats to the Delaware Poker Championship (Sept. 8) will be given away on the first Sunday of July, August and September, with drawings at 1, 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Entries for seat drawings are earned for every three-hour session completed in the preceding month.

— **Michael Young** is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic area. Email him at anteupmike@gmail.com.



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TAR HEEL STATE FINALLY GETS LIVE DEALERS

North Carolina Gov. **Beverly Perdue** on June 6 signed a law that allows the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which owns Harrah's Cherokee near Asheville, to use live dealers.

The law, which needs U.S. Department of Interior approval before taking effect, will allow the casino to offer live-dealt table games and poker. The casino has been limited to electronic games.



MARK RHOADES • N. CAROLINA

The tribe also has permission to build two casinos elsewhere in western North Carolina. Ante Up interviewed **Brooks Robinson**, senior vice-president and general manager at Harrah's Cherokee,

to discuss what this means to the property and poker.

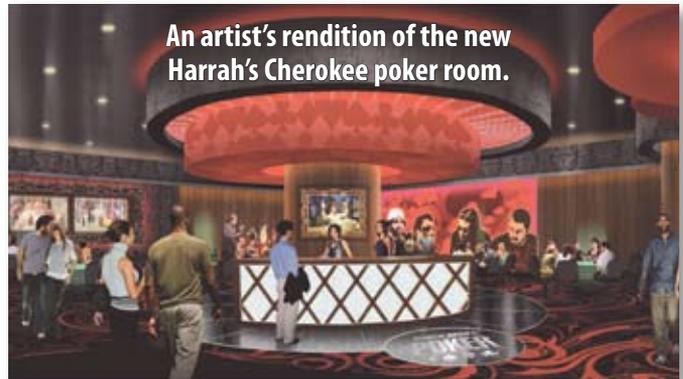
When will live play officially start at Cherokee? The first week of August or possibly the second week.

How many dealers will be hired for table games? About 300-400.

How many tables will be live vs. digital? (There will be) 120 games on the floor, including poker, 25-35 of the games will remain digital.

When will the new poker room be open and will it be all live or what will the percentage of live vs. digital be? June 19 the new room will open and at first will all be digital with 15 games. Up to 20 tables will be in the new poker room.

How many tables will the new poker room have? There will be 20.



An artist's rendition of the new Harrah's Cherokee poker room.

Will Cherokee host a World Series of Poker Circuit event with live dealers? (It's) in the plan.

When could we see such an event? We're looking forward to doing a live dealer event as soon as this spring.

When will the first live poker tournament be? The first event and series of tournaments this fall could be live play or digital. Depends on how soon dealer training and staff can be prepared.

Does Cherokee have plans for some type of poker series? Yes, starting in the fall.

— Mark Rhoades is Ante Up's North Carolina Ambassador. Email him at markr@carolina.rr.com.

MINNESOTA/ WISCONSIN

Kirby dominates Northern Lights event

Matt Kirby of Bemidji, Minn., won \$40,070 in the Mid-States Poker Tour main event May 5-20 at Northern Lights Casino in Walker, Minn. Kirby held the lead after Day 1A and arrived at the final table with half the chips in play.



JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA

He beat **Mark Sandness** of Minneapolis after about 45 minutes of heads-up action. This was Kirby's second final table and fourth cash in MSPT events for earnings

of \$52,297. He thought he was going to miss the event because his first baby was due May 20, which was Day 2 of the main event. The birth of a healthy baby boy on April 23 allowed him to play and earn a chunk of change for diaper money.

Half of the final table had previous MSPT success with five final tables and 10 cashes spread among them. **Lee Surma**, winner of the MSPT event last year at Grand Casino, was one of the final-table competitors. Surma was attempting to become the first two-time MSPT winner. Also notable was 10th-place finisher **Jeremy Ensrud**, who has made every MSPT final table at Northern Lights.

Northern Lights Casino attracted 163 entrants for a prize pool of \$156,903, the largest for an MSPT event there.

— John Somsky is the Ante Up Ambassador for Minnesota. You can email him at john.somsky@gmail.com.

Western move was right for Kuether

Since 2009, **Joe Kuether** has more than \$450K in tournament earnings (\$200K this year). The 24-year-old Wisconsin-Madison alum won a recent Wynn Classic \$500 no-limit hold'em side event for \$21,139, followed by a \$19,367 win four days later.

But his heater didn't stop there. He captured the \$1,600 World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at

Harrah's Rincon for the biggest cash of his career (\$111,104). The win gave him a seat into this summer's \$1 million WSOP National Championship. "It's the standard poker story I think," Kuether told PokerNews about his start in the game. "I played with friends in high school, tried online, kept playing, and won. I started taking it more seriously when I won a little and realized you could win money."

Kuether has moved from his hometown of Elm Grove to Las Vegas to pursue his poker dream. It's proved a wise decision for Kuether, who had two cashes for \$9,516 in the first eight events of the WSOP.

— Chad Holloway is Ante Up's Wisconsin Ambassador. He's a senior writer for PokerNews.com and a member of Team Blue Shark Optics. Email him at anteupchad@yahoo.com or follow him on Twitter @ChadAHolloway.



Kirby



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CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN

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OHIO

NEW ROOMS OFF TO TREMENDOUS START

Ohio now has legal casino poker. Round one of casino openings here has brought the 30-table Horseshoe Casino poker room managed by **Jeremy Smith** and the 20-table Hollywood Casino room managed by **Peter Lau** into the regional poker economy.

The Horseshoe opened May 14 and most hours of the day sports a waiting list for \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em. Unlike most regional casinos, we're seeing lots of \$2-\$5 and some \$5-\$10 action, plus PLO at the same levels. The Shoe also spreads \$3-\$6 and \$5-\$10 limit and all games actually go off.



DAN HARKENRIDER • OHIO

Many regional grinders flooded the market to experience the "Florida Effect" and have since left; Florida, it turns out, is Florida. (After having attended the Deep Stack Charity Classic in Daytona in May, I can assure you Florida is a special place for poker and all poker players should take a poker-cation there).

Ohio poker is what Ohioans have played in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana and Michigan for years, only now they're playing

closer to home. That said, higher stakes are consistently playing in Cleveland with waiting lists most times.

The Hollywood Casino near Toledo just opened as of this writing so there's no real data yet. But Hollywood does poker well, so we expect Toledo to follow suit.

\$50K HEADS-UP PLO: Steve "Virus" Saris from Canton and Vinh Ho from Cincinnati recently tangled in a \$50K heads-up pot-limit Omaha match at the Horseshoe. With blinds at \$25-\$50, the began at 7 p.m. and didn't finish until 2 a.m. when the Virus prevailed, \$50K healthier on his way to play the heads-up at the World Series in Las Vegas.

"Let me tell you something, Vinh can play some PLO," Saris said afterward.

CHARITY EVENT: The second annual Cards to Cure Cancer event will be 10:30 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Blackwell Hotel on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Buy-in is \$150, and players start with 6,000 units and get 1,000 more if they pre-register. Levels are 20 minutes, and a lunch buffet and snacks are included. The tournament benefits the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Cancer Research. For more info, visit cardstocurecancer.com.

— **Dan Harkenrider is Ante Up's Ohio Ambassador. Email him at anteupdan@gmail.com and follow him on Twitter @DivisionofPoker.**

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

WPT Boot Camp to visit Presque Isle Downs

Presque Isle Downs in Erie hosts the World Poker Tour Boot Camp and Battle tournament this month. The boot camp provides training with poker pros to prepare you for real poker situations. **Chris Moneymaker** will be on hand as an instructor for the event on July 13 at 10 a.m. The \$350 entry fee includes:



MIKE OWENS • W. PA./W. VA.

- Personalized training for 40 camp attendees
- Three 90-minute seminars on poker strategy
- Manual/workbook

- Lunch and beverage
- Entry into WPT Battle tournament at 4 p.m. (worth \$135)

Space is limited for the tournament (50) and \$50 satellites into the camp will run July 9-12.

NEW ROOM, NEW VIEW: Mount Airy Casino Resort, which revealed its new poker room earlier this year, maintains the same number of poker tables as before (11) but offers players more space, a bar and views of the Monroe County resort's lake.

DEEPSTACK EVENT: Rivers Casino offers Deepstack Saturdays tournaments at 12:15 p.m. (\$225), but on the last Saturday of the month the buy-in is \$550.

PENNSYLVANIA POKER CLASSIC: Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs hosts the series July 22-29, with the \$1,100 main event beginning on July 28. Players start with 30K chips and have 50-minute blinds levels.

There will be a series of events, including a deepstack and a hold'em-PLO mix, leading up to the championship, including single-table satellites. For more information, go to poconodowns.com.

— **Mike Owens is the Ante Up Ambassador for Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. You can follow him on Twitter @Holdemag and check out his blog at CheckRaze.com. He can be reached at anteupowens@gmail.com.**

IOWA

Meskwaki Casino welcomes back MSPT; Mystique to host event July 21



KEN WARREN • IOWA

The Mid-States Poker Tour returns to Meskwaki Casino in Tama, this month, hoping to repeat the success of its March event, which surpassed its \$300K guarantee. The main event, which again has a \$300K guarantee, will run July 27-29, with frequent satellites (some as low as \$45) running ahead

of time. If tournaments aren't your style, cash-game action is strong

at Meskwaki during these events, and new poker room manager **Joe Fernandez** is certain to have many new ideas for the room.

MYSTIQUE CASINO: The poker room in Dubuque hosts its \$220 tournament July 21, followed by a \$155 event the next day.

Also, the \$5-\$10 no-limit hold'em cash game mentioned here a few months ago has become a regular thing, running about once a month. Look for this game on July 14 at 1 p.m.

Call ahead and get on the list if you're interested in playing. There's also a strong \$2-\$5 game on Wednesday nights starting at 6 p.m.

— **Ken Warren is Ante Up's Iowa Ambassador. Email anteupken@gmail.com.**

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ACEVEDO EARNS HPT TITLE AT MAJESTIC STAR

This year's Heartland Poker Tour televised final table was action-packed at Majestic Star. **Jerry Gumila**, who made last year's final table, started as the overwhelming chipleader. But it was **Daniel Acevedo** who came out on top, winning \$133K after surviving an early all-in against Gumila.



JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND



Acevedo, from Belvidere, Ill., is a product developer who has aspirations to play professionally. Runner-up **James Chestnut**, an Internet pro from De Witt, Mich., won \$75K. **Dawn Sanders** was only the third woman to make the televised final table at Majestic Star.

"It was a phenomenal experience," said Sanders, who said this was her second Heartland Poker Tour event. "I

am a rookie at this and all my opponents are very, very good. I've never played with people like this before."

Starting short-stacked, Sanders' conservative style allowed her to slip into third.

NO MORE FOUR WINDS: Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo closed its poker room on Memorial Day. In 2007, the WPT poker room was the first in the nation to open with all electronic PokerTek tables. **Antonio Esfandiari** flew in to play during the opening.

NEW ROOM IN AURORA: Hollywood Casino in Aurora recently opened a 15-table poker room. Its bad beat has been creeping up; it was at \$198K at press time.

WSOP UPDATE: **Nick Jivkov** from Des Plaines became the first Chicago-area player to win in this year's World Series of Poker, winning the \$1,500 pot-limit hold'em tournament and nearly \$190K. Jivkov originally hails from Bulgaria.

—**"Chicago" Joe Giertuga is Ante Up's Chicagoland Ambassador. Email him at chicago.joe@comcast.net.**



Daniel Acevedo of Belvidere, Ill., captured the HPT title and \$133K. The product developer would like to be a poker pro someday.

SOUTHERN INDIANA

Bazeley's hot start at WSOP isn't surprising

Pro player **Jacob Bazeley**, 29, of Cincinnati, captured second place in Event 2 of the World Series of Poker, a \$1,500 no-limit hold'em tournament, good for \$322,294. Bazeley, who has 31 career cashes (eight at the WSOP), started playing poker in college while on the basketball team at Christian Brothers University in Memphis.



R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA



After having some success at Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind., he found his way moving south while moving up in limits.

He now makes his home between New Orleans and Cincinnati while surrounding himself with a solid group of friends who all play poker.

"It's important to make friends with good poker players," Bazeley

said. "And you need to discuss hands afterward and find out what they do in tough spots. If you're not trying to get better, then you are getting worse."

Despite outlasting 2,100 players and being at the final table against the likes of **Vanessa Selbst** and eventual winner **Brent Hanks**, Bazeley has never felt more confident. And having played all over the country, Bazeley said there is one common attribute among players these days: "No one folds anymore. The days of folks folding top pair are gone."

DENNY CRUM OPEN: Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Ind., will host former Louisville men's basketball coach **Denny Crum's** tournament July 27-Aug. 4. This will be the seventh year of this series. Events will have buy-ins ranging from \$150-\$250 and \$10K-plus guarantees. Several super- and mega-satellite events will be available for the \$675 main event. Details can be found at horseshoe-indiana.com.

—**R.C. Thorne is Ante Up's Southern Indiana Ambassador. Email him at anteuprc@gmail.com.**

MISSOURI

Penn National acquires Harrah's St. Louis for \$610 million

Penn National Gaming agreed to acquire Harrah's St. Louis from Caesars Entertainment for \$610 million and the deal is expected to close this year, subject to regulatory approval.



DON MATUSOFSKY • MISSOURI



It might surprise some, but St. Louis ranks as the sixth largest U.S. casino market with \$1.1 billion in revenue. This puts it well ahead of Tunica and Reno.

Missouri has limited the number of casino licenses to 13. Purchasing an existing property is Penn National's only option for expansion in Missouri. Latest monthly reports show the Harrah's St. Louis property as the highest revenue producer with \$24.1 million out

of the \$94.3 million market total.

Penn National will use its Hollywood brand and remodel to "invoke the glamour of 1930s art deco Hollywood," Penn National CEO **Peter M. Carlino** said. The remodeling expense will involve "tens of millions" of dollars, Penn spokesman **Joe Jaffoni** said.

Penn National has a small presence in the St. Louis market with the Argosy in Alton, Ill., and already is licensed by the Missouri Gaming Commission for the Argosy Riverside property in the Kansas City market.

There is no word on what this will mean for the poker room at Harrah's St. Louis, which recently hosted a World Series of Poker Circuit stop.

—**Don Matusofsky is Ante Up's Missouri Ambassador. Email him at anteupdonm@gmail.com.**



season 11 opening event

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day	date	time	event	buy-in	fee
wed	8.1.12	11am	event 1: nl holdem (re-entry)	\$200	\$30
wed	8.1.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
thu	8.2.12	11am	event 2: double green chip bounty	\$150+\$25	\$50
thu	8.2.12	7pm	nl holdem, thurs night double stack	\$100	\$20
fri	8.3.12	11am	event 3: nl holdem survivor	\$200	\$30
fri	8.3.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
sat	8.4.12	11am	event 4: nl holdem deep stack (re-entry) day 1	\$300	\$40
sat	8.4.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
sun	8.5.12	11am	event 5: black chip bounty	\$200+\$30	\$100
sun	8.5.12	2pm	nl holdem deep stack (re-entry) day 2	\$300	\$40
mon	8.6.12	11am	event 6: limit omaha 8	\$200	\$30
mon	8.6.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
tue	8.7.12	11am	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
tue	8.7.12	7pm	nl holdem, tues night double stack	\$100	\$20
wed	8.8.12	11am	nl holdem, wed afternoon double stack	\$100	\$20
wed	8.8.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
thu	8.9.12	11am	mega satellite	\$360	\$40
thu	8.9.12	11am	event 7: purple chip bounty	\$500+\$100	\$500
thu	8.9.12	7pm	mega satellite	\$175	\$25
fri	8.10.12	11am	event 8: main event day 1a	\$3,300	\$200
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Main Street in Deadwood, S.D., teems with visitors and locals alike.

Poker: alive and well in Deadwood

By Scott Long

It was Aug. 2, 1876. **“Wild Bill” Hickok** settled into a seat at the Old Saloon #10 on Main Street. **Jack McCall** approached him from behind and stuck a .45 pistol to Hickok’s head.

With that shot, Deadwood’s place in poker lore was forever cemented, as was the last hand Wild Bill was ever dealt — aces and eights.

Now, the town of 1,300 in the Black Hills of South Dakota is reasserting itself on the poker map, raising bet limits on July 1 from \$100 to \$1,000. While no one is certain how big of an effect the vastly bigger bets will have, enthusiasm is abound that it’ll make poker players in Denver, Minnesota, Iowa and beyond take another look at the bustling tourist town steeped in poker history.

“It’s sort of uncharted territory, but I will tell you that we’re really excited about it,” said **Peter DeMangus**, director of gaming operations for Isis Hospitality, which runs Cadillac Jack’s, one of five Deadwood casinos that deal poker. “It really puts us on par with more established gaming markets, so we’re really excited for it. We think it’s going to be a game-changer for us.”

Spread-limit has been the game of choice in Deadwood, with smaller games offering bets of \$2 to \$10 and larger games running from \$2 to \$100 per bet. Those games will likely remain, but the higher limits will give operators an opportunity to run games with more traditional structures.

“It’s going to be more Vegas-like,” said **Nick Hubenka**, poker room manager at Deadwood’s newest poker room, The Lodge at Deadwood, which opened in 2009. “We can actually offer a \$1-\$2 game and people are going to understand that. ‘Oh, it’s just like a \$1-\$2 game in Las Vegas?’, whereas now it’s, ‘What’s that \$2-\$100?’ Only the locals understand what a \$2 or \$5-\$100 game is.”

Hubenka expects the style of play to change as well.

“It’s probably going to clean our games up,” he said. “Now, players know it’s probably going to be \$400-\$500 to go to the river every single

time. But with a \$1,000 bet max, someone can move all-in and that’s really going to make players tighten up and just play better overall.”

While Deadwood has a loyal regional player base, it benefits greatly from tourism. And how big of an effect the bet change has is likely tied to the response it gets from out-of-town visitors.

“We have very solid, hardcore local players who are looking forward to the enhanced limits. But tourists are obviously going to get very excited about the limits changing, too,” DeMangus said. “It’s going to enhance our tourism in the summer months. You’re going to get people coming up here more for Vegas-style gambling because of the limits, and I think you’re going to introduce the market to people who maybe might be going to Denver now who are going to take a trip to come up here.”

Jesse Karns, poker room manager at the Silverado Franklin Historic Hotel and Gaming Complex, agrees.

“I think there definitely will be a few key weekends that it will affect a lot,” he said, referring to not only holidays, but also the large number of special events the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce plans throughout the summer. “We’ll definitely offer bigger games. We’ll still have our \$2-\$100 spread-limit with a \$300 max buy-in, but we’ll offer something else without a max buy-in or a \$100 limit, and see where people gravitate toward.”

A hotbed of poker history

Deadwood boomed in the 1870s, soon after gold was discovered in the Black Hills and prospectors near and far came in search of vast treasure. While gambling wasn’t exactly legal then, it was common. The gold rush “made, changed and killed people,” said **Lee Harstad**, marketing director for the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce.

“Poker has always been a pretty central theme to Deadwood,” Karns said. “Before it was legal, there have always been poker games here. It’s always been a part of the town.”

In 1989, in part as an ode to the city’s history and in part to the need for economic revitalization, limited-stakes gambling was intro-



DEADWOOD'S POKER CELEBRITIES

Wild Bill Hickok

James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok was a gambler, gunman, scout, lawman and showman who came to Deadwood, as many did, in search of gold. He gained fame when his life's exploits were chronicled in "dime store" novels, which were read the world over, but he will forever hold a place in poker lore after being gunned down at the original Saloon #10 by **Jack McCall** in 1876. He held the now-famous "deadman's hand" (black aces and black eights) when he was shot. The site of his death wasn't open to the public at press time, but a sign marks the location. Saloon #10 has moved across the street, where players can enjoy poker today. Hickok is buried high above the



city in Mount Moriah Cemetery next to "**Calamity Jane**," where tourists often leave mementos such as cigarettes and decks of cards, ensuring Bill will forever be able to enjoy the game of poker.

"Poker" Alice Tubbs

Alice Ivers Tubbs learned to play poker and faro to support herself after being widowed and played and dealt the games until she died, claiming to have won \$250,000 without ever cheating. She was famous for her cigar-chomping straight face. Legend has it that when her second husband died, she pawned her wedding ring to pay for his funeral ... and then went to a gambling hall and won it back. Alice knew her way around a gun, too, and was arrested at least once for shooting a drunken patron. She was acquitted.



duced, allowing players to bet up to \$5 on slot machines and poker tables. Harstad said the town's infrastructure had deteriorated to the point that it didn't even have enough water pressure to fight fires. At the time, Deadwood was the only place in the United States outside of Nevada and Atlantic City where you could legally wager on casino games. Since then, nearly \$7 billion has been wagered in the city's nearly 30 casinos.

But the landscape changed in just a few short years as more and more states got into the gambling business. Deadwood needed to change, too, and raised bet limits to \$100.

"Once gaming started to really expand, and was on pretty much every street corner, they decided, 'Hey, we need to stay competitive,' so that's why the bet limit was raised to \$100 and, in reality, that's why we're doing it now," Harstad said.

But for the true poker aficionado, there's much more to Deadwood than simply play-

ing.

The city is a National Historic Landmark, and fires and floods have destroyed the city several times over, so much so that the streets that Hickock walked are buried today as each time the city was reinvented on the ashes of its past.

"It's just history, on top of history, on top of history," Harstad said.

There's perhaps no more historical poker site in the world than Old Saloon #10, where Hickok met his maker on that fateful day nearly 136 years ago. A sign on Main Street denotes the spot (as well as where McCall was captured a few hours later), but history buffs will be disappointed that, for now, the actual site isn't open to the public, having just changed hands privately.

"It's still preserved, but the doors are closed temporarily," Harstad said. "But it'll be open by summertime."

On summer days, the new location of

Saloon #10 across the street stages re-enactments of the Hickok murder. Players can soak up more history by visiting the Adams Museum (a suggested \$5 donation), which has extensive displays and artifacts from the city's early gambling days. Or you can take the Original Deadwood Tour (\$9), a guided bus trip that offers an enthusiastic retelling of the city's vast history as it stops at historical locations, including Hickok's final resting spot in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

And an eye on poker's future

Today, Deadwood has 15 poker tables scattered over five casinos: Cadillac Jack's, Silverado, The Lodge at Deadwood, Saloon #10 and Gold Dust. At least three of the rooms stage big tournaments several times a year, which attract players from a five-state radius, including well-heeled players from the energy fields of North Dakota.

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The five-table poker room features \$12 rebuy tournaments at 1 p.m. every weekday, with bigger buy-in tournaments at 7 every night except Friday. The room schedules live games throughout the week so you can plan ahead. A \$5-\$50 spread-limit hold'em game is started on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon, while dealer's choice and Omaha are Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. A \$3-\$6 Omaha game gets going daily. A bad-beat jackpot is offered, and with full houses or better, you get stamps on your Pink Card that can earn you \$25 gift certificates. Tournament jackpots are offered, too.

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The two-table **Bob Regan** Poker Room bills itself as the longest-running poker room in Deadwood and features a bad-beat jackpot with an aces-full-of-10s-beaten qualifier. Tournaments run every Tuesday and on the last Saturday of the month.

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9. Doug Norton \$1,804
10. Ryan Thorson \$1,353

Rounders, the newest poker room in Deadwood, eschews the Old West theme of most of the city's rooms in favor of a modern, stately rich wood decor with a dedicated bar and Gary Platt chairs for poker players. The five-table room had a \$76,000 bad-beat jackpot as of press time, and is aggressively designing some unique promotions.

First, the room runs daily tournaments from \$11 to \$55, and four of them a week feature 200 percent payouts, with the house matching the initial prize pool. Certain cash games during the week qualify for half-rake.

The most unique promotion is the new High Society Challenge. Players have 52 tasks to complete, one for every card in the deck, ranging from playing in tournaments to winning a hand with pockets aces. There's no deadline to complete the challenge, but everyone who does wins a \$5,000 prize package that includes hotel rooms, dinner and a staked cash game for the winner and several friends, as well as lots of merchandise, including an engraved bottle of whiskey. The room features two big tournament series each year.

SALOON # 10

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Locals will tell you this is the place for a rockin' night on the town, with the three poker tables and blackjack just steps from one of the saloon's two busy bars. The poker room pays homage to its historical name by giving players who win with the "deadman's hand" (aces and eights) 25 percent of the bad-beat jackpot. Players also win \$1,000 for winning with four 10s. Tournaments for as little as \$6 are Thursdays-Sundays, and cash games include a unique Thursday night dealer's-choice game. The dealer button is an eight-sided cube, each with a different game listed. When it's your deal, simply move the cube to the game you want to play. With high-low versions, more than eight games are in the mix.

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The home of the South Dakota State Championship every May features tournaments with buy-ins ranging from \$22 to \$88 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, with various satellites the month before the \$1,100 state championship. The five-table room spreads \$3-\$6 cash games daily, with \$2-\$100 bigger games on weekends. Omaha players will want to get a seat for Tuesday night's dealer's-choice game or Friday night's \$5-\$10 limit Omaha game.



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5. Mike Harris, \$7,500	10. Jim Single, \$2,200

ALSO IN DEADWOOD . . .

Deadwood has 24 casinos that don't offer live poker: Hickok House, Buffalo Bodega, Bullock Express, Bullock Hotel, Celebrity Hotel, Gulches of Fun, Deadwood Dick's Saloon, Deadwood Frontier Club, Deadwood Gulch, Deadwood Mountain Grand, First Gold, Four Aces, Gold Country Inn, Iron Horse Inn, Lucky 8 Casino, Lucky Nugget, McKenna's Gold, Midnight Star, Mineral Palace, Miss Kitty's, Mustang Sally's, Oyster Bay, Tin Lizzie and the Wooden Nickel.

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North and South Dakota offer other places to play poker outside of Deadwood:

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Dakota Magic Casino (Hankinson, N.D.)

daktotamagic.com

Dakota Sioux Casino (Watertown, S.D.)

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Ft. Randall Casino (Pickstown, S.D.)

ftrandallcasino.com

Grand River Casino (Mobridge, S.D.)

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Lode Star Casino (Fort Thompson, S.D.)

lodestarcasino.com

Prairie Wind Casino (Pine Ridge, S.D.)

prairiewindcasino.com

Rosebud Casino (Mission, S.D.)

rosebudcasino.com

Royal River Casino (Flandreau, S.D.)

royalrivercasino.com

Sky Dancer Casino (Belcourt, N.D.)

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Spirit Lake Casino (St. Michael, N.D.)

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market there is here is ultra competitive," said **Wes Pleinis**, casino general manager at The Lodge at Deadwood.

Competitive ... and unique.

"We provide very personable customer service," said DeMangus, who came to Deadwood from Las Vegas. "We're not stuffy and we're very relaxed, as compared to Vegas, and that's one thing that makes Deadwood very unique and special."

Beyond that, DeMangus said, is the abundance of nature and historical sites within an easy drive that makes the area a true destination

for gamblers and families alike all year long.

"In addition to the gaming, you have golf, you have hiking, you have the shrine of democracy in Mount Rushmore, you've got skiing and just so many different things to offer everyone in every demographic that it's not just a one-trick pony," he said.

But if you're reading this, then we know you're going for the gambling first and foremost. And that's just fine with some city officials.

"Some people think gaming was the city's downfall, but without it, it would be just another ghost town," Harstad said. "It's been a good ride and it's only going to get better." ♠

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Wow, what a busy time for the online poker scene. The activity is almost bursting at the seams with new developments from coast to coast. Let's focus on states making progress and putting plans in place to get online poker running as fast as possible (or as fast as government can go).



JOEL GATLIN

Nevada: In early June, Nevada's Gaming Control Board issued its first online poker license to Bally Technologies. After paying the licensing fee of \$125K, the only remaining hurdle is getting the stamp of approval from the Nevada Gaming Commission, which should happen by the time you're reading this. Other companies, such as International Game Technology and Bwin.party, have also applied for licenses, which will be reviewed and decided soon. Nevada's Gaming Control Board chairman **Mark Lipparelli** said the first online poker game by any licensed provider would probably be in six to eight months. This means by the end of the year the virtual cards could be flying for residents and visitors of Nevada.

Illinois: In May, Senate president **John Cullerton** introduced legislation in the form of a bill that would create a new Division of Internet Gaming inside the Illinois Lottery. With a population nearing 13 million, the estimated revenues, should this bill get passed, are in the hundreds of millions of dollars for the state. Cullerton was hoping to

get the bill brought up for a vote in the current session of the General Assembly, but it died. It wasn't able to meet the procedural deadline of May 31, so it will have to wait until the next session to be addressed again. I will keep you updated on all developments when the next session convenes.

California: While there has been some questioning of whether California and Nevada would partner to for an interstate online poker arrangement, California lawmakers have put that to bed, saying their state isn't planning on it. The bill on the state's legislative floor was pulled from the docket in mid June due to continued opposition from several tribal organizations. Even after altering the bill to address the concerns of the tribal groups, there were still not enough votes to pass it. State Sen. **Roderick Wright** said there was less than a 50-50 chance at getting it passed this session (by Aug. 31), but they would keep trying. I also mentioned last month that Bwin.party Digital Entertainment group had partnered with the United Auburn Indian Community. Well, Bwin.party is hedging its online bets by also filing for a license to operate in Nevada.

Delaware: As reported last month, the Delaware Gaming Competitiveness Act of 2012 was introduced to lawmakers in May. A new twist has come up with this bill. Delaware is supposedly trying to align with West Virginia and Rhode Island to create a three-way interstate partnership. It's unknown whether the DOJ would approve such a deal. The bill has passed the House and has the governor's support.

New Jersey: It seems as though the good folks from Jersey are back on their roller-coaster ride waiting for Gov. **Chris Christie** to endorse the New Jersey Internet Gaming Bill. Sen. **Raymond Lesniak** tried to get enough members of the Senate to pass the bill by May 31, but failed to because Christie is saying he doesn't want this issue addressed before the fall, likely because he is a potential running mate of Republican presidential candidate **Mitt Romney**. Also, **Sheldon Adelson**, CEO of Las Vegas Sands, is a potential large contributor for the Romney campaign and has made it known he's against any online poker legislation. So, Christie is playing it politically safe and putting off signing this bill until all of the campaigning and politicking is done.

Colorado: The state's gaming association has put together a bill that would legalize online gaming. Though the executive director, **Lois Rice**, has said there are no scheduled plans for introducing anything into the state Senate, it appears there has been some serious thought put to the matter. The bill is supposedly modeled after the New Jersey bill.

POKERSTARS-FULL TILT ON THE SKIDS? With the Spanish government seeking back taxes from all online gaming companies doing business within its borders, PokerStars could owe more than \$250 million if it wants to continue to have access to that country's lucrative online population. This could prove to be a large and unforeseen financial expense and could affect PokerStars' decision to pay \$750 million to acquire Full Tilt's assets and pay back U.S. players. More to come on this as it develops.

FACE UP GAMING INKS McEVROY: Face Up Gaming (faceupgaming.com), a subscription-based online poker room, recently hired **Tom McEvoy**, former WSOP main event champ as a spokesman. Said McEvoy: "Until we have legalized Internet poker where people can play cash games, Face Up Gaming offers a state-of-the-art, legal and innovative subscription site where poker players can win big prizes, including cash."



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MY WPT MAIN EVENT BUSTOUT HAND

I recently played in the \$25,500 World Poker Tour main event at the Bellagio, and I can honestly say I played the best four days of poker of my life. I made good folds, good calls and a few good bluffs. I wrote down every hand I played, which I'll use as coaching material in the future. I busted in 20th place, while 18 people got paid. Going out basically on the bubble is never fun.



Michael Mizrachi, with 500K chips, raised to 27K from middle position at 6K-12K-2K blinds. I, with 400K, picked up A-K in the small blind.

Antonio Esfandari was in the big blind with 180K. While I was looking at my cards, I looked to my left and saw Antonio perk up a little bit, which led me to believe he may go all-in if given the opportunity.

So, I decided to call, hoping Antonio would go all-in with whatever he had and I didn't really mind what Michael did, as I had A-K, which would crush any range he would continue with. I was thrilled to see Antonio instantly go all-in as soon as my chips hit the felt.

I was equally happy to see Michael go all-in, which I thought was clearly an isolation play. I, of course, called. Michael had Q♦-J♦ and Antonio had K-J. I had to fade a Q or a J to end up with a million chips, but a queen came to send me home.

When most players bust from a tournament, they usually try to figure out how they could've avoided the situation. I try to figure out if I could've gained more equity in the hand. Notice in this hand, if I reraised preflop, to say, 70K, Antonio would have almost certainly folded and Michael would've called.

I would then have to play a pot out of position against someone who tends to not fold whenever the flop is good for his perceived range or bad for my perceived range, which basically means he would almost

certainly play back at me on any board that doesn't have an ace, king or queen. This means I often will be winning small pots when I hit my ace or king and losing small pots whenever any other flop comes. That isn't a good thing. I could also reraise large preflop, to something like 100K, but I think that's a fishy play in general because it will force Michael to fold most hands that don't have the correct equity to call. Whenever you have your opponent's range crushed, you almost always want them in the hand. The last thing you want to do is drive them out of the pot when they have something such as A-J because they're drawing thin. What this boils down to is I did the absolute best I could in this hand and that makes me happy.

I'm sure some of you are thinking, "But you risked going broke on the bubble." While I did, notice I got all-in with 58 percent equity in a large pot, which certainly would've given me a great opportunity to make a really deep run in the tournament. Unless your stack is short, where getting in the money would be a huge success, playing like a super nit to get in the money is rarely a good play. In this event, 18th place paid \$40K and first place paid \$1.1 million. I would much rather give up a "guaranteed" \$40K in exchange for a 1-in-15 shot at \$1.1 million.

Sadly, most people can't or haven't done the math and believe min-cashing is the way to be profitable at poker. If you look at the players who cash regularly but rarely win, you'll see they usually are break-even at best. To be a big winner in tournaments, you must put yourself in situations to get a lot of chips late in the tournament. This hand is a great example of how I do this on a regular basis. Sometimes, it just doesn't work out.

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WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING

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YES, THERE ARE VERBAL TELLS AS WELL

You're an expert in non-verbal behavior, but surely during your studies you've heard plenty of comments. With the WSOP improving table talk this year, what are some verbal cues (e.g. cracked voice, incessant chatter) you've discovered and what do you think they mean? — **Matt Cooper, via email**



That is a great question and one I hear more and more. Over the years, I've found people who lack confidence, people who are weak or marginal, tend to have a few vocal tells worthy of mentioning. When we are stressed, we tend to make more speech errors and our vocal chords get strained so the pitch of our voice goes up.

Ask another player a question and the cough or the need to clear their throat before answering may tell you they're suddenly weak. Or they answer and the voice cracks or goes up

an octave.

If you hear these things, chances are something is bothering the

player; the question is what is it? Is it stress because they're marginal or weak, or are they hiding their strength? That's where betting patterns come in to help you sort that out.

What is the most common tell you see at the poker tables? — **Lisa Patterson, via email.**

Three tells are most prominent in poker, though more than 200 have been identified and studied. The most common one is lip compression, which just about everyone does when something is bothering them.

The next one is neck touching when something you see or hear is an issue.

Last, I would say, is ventilating behaviors. Usually pulling the clothing away, lifting up of the hat, running fingers through hair, lifting up of the hair or pulling at buttons in front of the shirt.

Chances are the person is struggling, marginal or weak as these are performed to relieve stress.

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GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO WIN

Every year thousands of poker players make the pilgrimage to Las Vegas hoping to win World Series of Poker gold, but more than 99 percent go home empty-handed. With the odds stacked that much against ultimate success, you should do everything you can to help yourself win, so here are a few suggestions to help get you closer to that elusive bracelet.



MIKE WOLF

- Don't underestimate the effects of burnout. Schedule plenty of off days in between tournaments to make sure you're fresh and excited to play.
- Drink more water. It doesn't matter if you had six glasses at dinner just drink more. Trust me, the Vegas sun is unlike no other and when you're dehydrated it will lead to headaches, which can be frustrating when you're playing 12-hour days.
- Avoid unhealthy meals. There's nothing worse than eating a burger on your break only to come back after dinner tired and ready to give away your chips. Fruits and vegetables!
- Go to the gym, get a little tan, do your laundry. You play your

A game when you look and feel good about yourself. Go hiking, lift weights, whatever, just move your body as much as possible for an hour a day.

• Avoid the club scene. It's OK to party once or twice, but don't let it get out of hand. If you're not playing a bracelet event, play the Rio daily deepstack or grind cash. There's a ton of money to be made over the summer.

• Don't be afraid to bust. The \$1Ks and \$1,500s start off relatively shallow and sometimes it's worth it to gamble to build a big stack early because you may be able to use that stack to your advantage in the middle stages of the tournament.

• Pick solid roommates. Living with winners is crucial to your success as a poker player. If you surround yourself with bad-beat storytelling mopes, you'll then become one. Also, if you rent a WSOP house or get a hotel room with a winning player, it's much easier to talk about hands critically and learn from your mistakes.

I'll be playing 17 events this summer, including the main event, so be sure to say hello if you're around the halls of the Rio.

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ARE YOU ENTERING A POT FIRST? RAISE!

In my last article (cash-game economics), I tried to help players determine where their best value is when picking a cash level to play. Most cardrooms have structured cash-game levels with \$1-\$2, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 the most common. We'll always use the \$2-\$5 game, which is the game I love to play, for purposes of this discussion.



My most constant desire in cash games is to make players make mistakes during a hand. As a mathematician, I always want the edge when I play. Let's break it down with several simple rules to increase your profits by giving opponents chances to err while increasing your chances to earn.

One of the most common errors is how a player who is first to enter a pot comes into the hand. If he simply limps and all players fold back to the blinds, the small blind can enter for half price and the big blind can play two cards for free. By limping as the first player in, you aren't allowing the big blind to make an error.

I always raise when I'm first to enter the pot; if the big blind enters with a weak hand, he's made an error. By only limping in you cost yourself money when you take away an opponent's chance to make an error. I'm unable to calculate the dollar amount of the error (it isn't much), but it adds up over time.

Putting pressure on the blinds allows you to earn more money. A raise may also earn me the button when the hand is folded back to the

blinds, which now gives me position for the hand if the blinds decide to play.

Players who disagree and want to see flops cheaply will be playing more hands out of position and will be opening themselves up to pre-flop raises. Cash-game play, for the most part, is a postflop game. The only advantage for limping into a hand is when you have a big hand you're hoping for a raise behind you so you can reraise when it gets back to you pre-flop.

I also believe if you limp and then just call a raise, you're showing weakness.

Limp-calling of raises out of position are easy pickings pre-flop for seasoned players who will then become aggressive postflop.

When you enter a pot betting passively, you set yourself up with only one way to win at showdown. When you enter a pot aggressively your opponent can call or fold; this gives you two ways of winning at showdown.

By entering a hand with a raise, you may cause several things to occur behind you. First, weaker hands will fold and marginal hands may enter the pot, thus making the pot larger. You may even get a better hand to fold.

My goal is to make readers better cash-game players. Cash is different than tournament play; there are many more decisions to make in cash play, thus it can be challenging on many fronts. In my next article I'll cover top pair, top kicker postflop in a cash game vs. a tournament. I believe you'll be surprised.

— Antonio Pinzari has been playing poker professionally since the '70s.

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YOU NEED TO COMPETE EVERY DAY

By Al Spath

Each day the fires within propel us into a highly competitive mode. How we prepare, react or accept the outcome is what defines us.

Understanding advantages you have in life (and at the poker tables) and looking for the slightest edge will allow you to succeed at a better rate than opponents or co-workers. This can be the difference in achieving your goals.

In *The Art of War*, there's a statement relating to this subject: "To defeat your competition, you have to defeat their strategy." The competitive nature in each of us searches for ways to combat the many styles, experience and range of skills possessed by opponents, all while not discounting the "gambler" in them.

We're all subject to the effects of "luck" and at times "stupidity," or what approaches it, that may look foolish, but those conditions are out of our hands. It's imperative for us to be prepared to play "our" game and try to factor in every intangible.

Players possess all sorts of skill sets. Some are aggressive and skillful in winning pots they shouldn't. But through an ultra-aggressive style they win pots by taking charge through unrelenting pressure. We sometimes face players who can wait as long as it takes to find the perfect hand to maximize their profits.

Conversely, we're often faced by a growing number of impatient individuals who think any two cards can win, so they enter many pots. They act as unwanted gnats, which on occasion we get to swat away

(but not before we relieve them of their bankroll).

Physical and emotional preparation may allow you to succeed at a faster rate. Poker is not for the weak, sick, tired or distracted. Maintaining a mental frame of mind that's conducive to accepting criticism and implementing new strategies (sometimes out of the box), will aid in your quest to become better qualified to compete.

A number of players never reach their goals and one major reason is they can't control emotions. They have deep, indefensible feelings and they allow conditions and others to affect their play. When outplayed at the table or tilted by some well-timed comments, emotional instability can wound even the most skillful players. It can get the better of them in an instant and ultimately ruin an otherwise profitable session at the tables.

No matter how good we think we are or what status we may achieve, the majority of successful players try to improve their game every day. Your goal may be to become competitive first, and then setting your sights on becoming profitable. Once these milestones are realized, many players focus on becoming champions. It's not in your best interest to remain content. Continue to seek more guidance and knowledge otherwise you'll be passed. When playing poker, every day is a competition for winning.

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DOES BAD BEAT QUALIFY? FOLLOW THE MONEY

I recently played in a poker room where the bad beat qualifier required aces full of 10s to be beaten, and both cards in your hand must be used.

We had a hand where the flop came A-K-Q, followed by an ace on the turn and another ace on the river. Pocket 10s folded the flop, but two hands made it to the river, pocket jacks and K-8.



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The K-8, of course, had a full house but was not eligible for the bad beat because his eight didn't play.

The question therefore revolved around the J-J and 10-10, and what would've happened if the 10-10 had made it to the river along with the K-8. If the K-8 had the other two covered and they weren't all-in, the bad beat would not have been hit because the winning hand would not have been eligible.

But what if the K-8 had been a shorter stack than the J-J and 10-10? There would have been a side pot that would've had a winning and losing hand that were eligible for the bad beat. Would that have been considered a winner or does it only apply to the main pot?

I recognize each room may have different rules for bad beats, but I figured there'd be some continuity and general opinion.

— David Bloomberg, via email

JODY'S RESPONSE: Each room should be doing this exactly the

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same. The question that would have to be answered is: Which pot did the bad-beat dollar come from? That will tell you which pot is eligible to hit the bad beat. I'd like to welcome comments on this one from room managers and how you'd view this situation.

Always bring collusion suspicions to light

We're playing in a multitable tournament in the early stages. In this hand, three players are down the river. Player A and B are friends while Player C is new to the room. Player A is first to act and bets; Player C is in middle position and calls. Player B raises. Player A calls the raise and Player C folds.

Player A shows a flush while Player B shows two pair. A player next to Player B, who was not involved in the hand, says to Player B, "I saw what you did; don't do that again." Everyone was wondering what this person did. It was revealed that Player B held up two fingers. Should the floor had been called? — amp88 via Ante Up Magazine Forum

JODY'S RESPONSE: Absolutely. Any time anyone suspects collusion or foul play, it should be dealt with immediately.

— Jody Russell is a veteran poker room manager who runs the Ante Up Cruise Poker Room. Email questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.

INTROSPECTIVE POKER

ARE YOU PLAYING NON-EXPLOITABLE POKER?

Much has been written about exploiting opponents on the felt. This is a critical part of the game. If you can't identify and exploit the weakness in opponents, you'll rarely have an edge and ultimately you won't be successful. I'm quite sure every winning player spends a great deal of time and energy on this aspect of the game.



DAVID APOSTOLICO

What is less certain is how much time and energy is spent on a related aspect of the game: making yourself less exploitable by opponents.

Take a minute now to do some soul-searching and ask yourself how much time and energy you spend working on exploiting others vs. working on preventing your exploitation.

Be honest. I'm guessing you spend more time on the former. There's nothing wrong with that. I don't believe an equal amount of time needs to be expended on both or that there's any right percentage.

Every player is different and should play to his strengths to maximize his profits. However, I do think players at every skill level could spend more time and energy working on making their play less exploitable.

So, how do you do this? Mixing up your play and not being predictable is obviously a good starting point. However, poker isn't played in a vacuum.

If you've been super tight in a tournament and find yourself getting short-stacked when everyone folds to you on the button, you may feel your tight image has built some fold equity for you and it's time to make a move.

Of course, that's not really mixing up your play. It's playing a situation that's fairly recognizable to even the most recreational of players.

Making yourself less exploitable is really an extension of sizing up opponents to exploit them. When you're doing that, you should also be studying their perception of you.

- Do they play differently against you than against others?
- Is your opponent studious enough to be studying if, and how, you are mixing up your game?
- Is your opponent the type of player consistently looking to exploit others or does he play straightforward?

Is he the type that will make moves and is he giving you credit for making moves?

Exploiting others and making yourself less exploitable really go hand in hand. Working on one improves the other and vice-versa. At the end of the day, thinking one level deeper than your opponent will accomplish both.

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How you handle your bad beats means a lot

It's been said in so many ways that poker is an easy game to learn and a hard game to master. One of the hardest things to learn is how to cope with things such as tilt, mistakes, suckouts and stress. Poker is a game of skill with significant elements of chance. Mental mistakes and chance create stress. You might be able to control mental mistakes but chance affects variance and the ups and downs of success. You can increase your skill and you can learn to deal with the variance, but even then you have yourself to deal with.



DR. BLOOMFIELD

How you handle chance and variance are essential factors in your game, at every level of play. There is a famous **Phil Hellmuth** quote that if it weren't for luck, he would win every hand. Luck does play a part in this game. Getting lucky and avoiding bad luck are necessary elements, which you can't control. But how you cope with luck will help your game and is something you can control.

Say you get heads-up in the late stage of a tournament and have an open-ended straight-flush draw with two over cards to the flop. The short stack in early position goes all-in for 7K; the prohibitive big stack calls; you have about 17K. Your all-in is about a pot-size bet; your call leaves you pretty short. So you push and it gets to the big stack, who goes into the tank and finally says: "Call, do you have a flush draw?" He has 2-4 in your suit. You turn over your cards and the table figures you win. Ah, but wait, the short stack has two pair and turns a full house, then no more cards come in your suit and the river is a four.

Not even the side pot is yours, and you bust.

How do you handle it? Outwardly you say nice hand. Inwardly, you wonder how in the world you could have missed everything; a straight, a flush or even a higher pair to take the side pot and stay alive.

You can go to cash games and play on semi-tilt. Just remember your perceptions are affected by your mood and feelings. It's probably better to process what just happened and how you're coping than to move on to another game. You made the correct play and the cards didn't come; that is the good luck/bad luck aspect of poker.

You have to recognize how bad luck affects you emotionally and in terms of coping skills. Sometimes a new game is the answer; sometimes time away is the answer; and sometimes engaging in a different pleasurable activity is the answer. Two coping strategies can be used to help you understand yourself in regards to handling variance and luck: approach coping and avoidance coping.

Approach coping is an attempt to resolve the problem, and avoidance coping is an attempt to reduce the importance of the problem or disengagement from attempts to solve the problem.

Approach coping would have you think things such as, "I tried to understand exactly what happened" and "I tried to accept it as part of the game," while examples of avoidance coping strategies are blocking these thoughts and letting go of the mistake or "failure."

Both strategies can work. Practice both. Learn to use what works for you and keep your head in the game.

— **Dr. Stephen Bloomfield** is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. His column will give insight on how to achieve peak performance using poker psychology. Email questions for him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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Where to play

A look at featured tournaments around the country. The following pages also highlight daily events and promotions.

While the Vegas summer tournament season keeps rolling, other parts of the country get back into the swing of things this month.

Nevada

Most of the June tournaments continue well into July in Vegas, including the World Series of Poker, which runs until the middle of the month with the main event starting on starting July 7. Series at the Golden Nugget, Wynn and Binion's will wind down early in the month, while the Venetian Deep Stack and the Caesars Mega Stacks will end on the 15th. It might be a good idea to spend some time on the Strip with two great series running so close to each other and things at the Rio slowing down a bit.

The Bellagio Cup runs July 3-18, with some nice bigger buy-in events, and for smaller bankrolls the Grand Sierra in Reno will be running its Summer Pot of Gold series July 19-29.

With the bigger buy-in events happening in early July, we expect a significant number of poker millionaires to be made in July. Million-dollar prize pools won't just be at the Rio; the \$10K High Roller at the Venetian should have more than 100 entrants, and a few events in the Bellagio Cup likely will crack the million-dollar mark.

West

The Summer Poker Rodeo will be in Pendleton, Ore., at the Wild-horse Resort and Casino (July 18-22). Reviews of these events are always good with large, soft fields and reasonable rake numbers for such small buy-ins.

Los Angeles has a few events in July, including the Bike's Stars and Stripes series, which runs through July 13, Hustler Casino's Grand Slam (July 13-28) and then the Bike returns with the Legends, which begins July 28.

The Heartland Poker Tour will be at the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque (July 20-29).

Central

The World Poker Open will be at the Gold Strike in Tunica, Miss. (July 20-Aug. 4). Smaller buy-in events with re-entries, multiple starting days and large guarantees should make for excellent value.

The Mid-States Poker Tour will host a \$300K guarantee at Meskwaki Resort and Casino in Tama, Iowa, with satellites starting July 21 and Day 1A on July 27. We wouldn't be surprised to see 400 entrants in this event, a huge prize pool for the Midwest.

East

There isn't much happening in the east this month, but Florida has had something to offer every month recently, a trend we expect to continue. The Florida State Poker Championship at Isle Casino in Pompano Beach (July 8-29) will have entry fees from \$230 to \$5,300 for the main event.

The Caribbean and Central America are empty this month, and Canada is waiting on the end of the summer in Vegas, but we have a huge tournament schedule for next month, so don't make any plans for August. ♠

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CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
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BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); Morning Rack Attacks (Mon.-Fri.).
BAY 101 (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, July 14 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
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CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$250 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings (call for details); Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri., 2a-9a).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Fri. (\$30 w/\$30 add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$50K minimum; high hands pay \$200 (daily); royal-flush bonus (all suits); Aces Cracked spins wheel.
CASINO 580 (925) 455-6144 • thecasino580.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 9:30a).	Progressive straight flush for all suits; badbeat in hold'em (aces full of jacks) and Omaha (quad nines); royals pay \$200; high hands pay \$100; raffles (daily).
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$14 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$14, 10a).	Monster progressive jackpot starts at \$10K; Easy Way Jackpot pays \$5K; Omaha/8 bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon. KO (\$72, 6p); Tue. (\$62 w/\$20 rebuy, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 1:30p); Sun. (\$62, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
GARDEN CITY CASINO (408) 244-3333 • gardencitycasino.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$40, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Fri. (\$30, 9a & \$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$30, 2:15p); Sun. (\$40, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; cash giveaways; Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S RINCON (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon & 7p); \$1K guar., Fri. (\$36, noon); Sat. & Sun. (\$31, noon).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Thurs.); Mystery Splash Pot (Fri.-Sun.).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p); \$100K guar. event, July 9-12 (\$125), call for details.	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. (\$140, 7p); Tue. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Wed. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$120 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 11a); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Aces Cracked (daily); high hand tournaments.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Daily (\$20, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha (\$20, 10a); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sat. (\$20, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
LUCKY DERBY CASINO (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.

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NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Tue. (\$120 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p).	Call for promotions.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a); Oceanside Open, July 4 (\$330, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasi.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$40, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$115, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Father's Day event, June 17 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten); high hand; \$3K cash giveaway (Sun.); Chase for the Dough (play 80 hours and receive \$499).
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$25, noon); Sat. (\$25, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	Graveyard Easy Money (call for details); Splash Pots; high hands.
QUECHAN CASINO (877) 783-2426 • playqcr.net	Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 1p); \$1K weekly freeroll on Thursdays (6p).	Aces Cracked (Wed.); Splash the Pot (Mon., Tue., Thurs.); Faces Cracked (Mon.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	\$100K super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SOBOBA CASINO (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily guarantee (\$7-\$20, 10a); Mon. KO \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$30, 7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$20, 10a).	Spin to Win (Mon. & Wed., 1p-11p); High Hand Derby (Tue., 1p-11p); high hand (Thurs., 1p-11p).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$36, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$54, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$54, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Cash Splash; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; call for details.
TABLE MOUNTAIN CASINO (559) 822-7777 • tmcasi.com	Tue. \$1K guarantee (\$35 w/\$40 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. \$2K guarantee (\$55 w/\$60 rebuy, 7p); tournaments have optional dealer add-on.	Progressive royals; high hands.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. (\$70, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); call for other promotions.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); \$20K guar., July 7 (\$250, 11a); July 15 (\$125, 11a). See ad on Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & \$15, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40, 10a & \$30, 6:15p); Wed. (\$40, 10a & \$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a) & (\$25)	Poker squares; \$7 military nights (Sat.); 2X drawing tickets (call for details).

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Tue. Pineapple/8 (\$45, 10a); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$45, 10a); Fri. (\$45, 10a); Sat. (\$150, noon). See ad Page 25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (Mon., Wed., Fri., 10a-noon); cash drawings (Fri., 3p-11p & Sat., 1p-11p).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em has a 50 percent room share (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Daily (\$60) at 10a, noon, 3p & 7p (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings); qualify for Poker Bingo (call for details).
MIDNIGHT ROSE CASINO (719) 286-6060 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Mon. (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Wed. (\$60, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$120, 7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon & \$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot (get entered into grand-prize drawing for winning \$500 or more, call for details).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad eights) and stud (quad deuces).
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 10a); Wed. (\$120, 7:30p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 11a).	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week; "Add-On" tournaments, Mon., Tue. & Thurs.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$75, noon & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$75, noon & 7p); Sun. (\$65, 1p); \$25K guar., July 13 (\$250, 7p); \$55K guar. in tournaments in July (See ad Page 38).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks; high hand (Mon.-Fri.); royals receive free jacket and the rest of the table gets \$50 each (see website for details).
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads (\$100K-plus at press time).

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BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$100-\$150); Wed. Big Stack (\$150, 7p); Fri. Big Stack (\$150, noon); Sun. Big Stack (\$150, noon) & Omaha/8 (\$70, noon); Mega Stack, July 28 (\$560, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.). See ad Page 19.
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$50-\$100) at noon & 7p; Mega Stack, July 29 (\$340, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
BESTBET ST. JOHNS (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$35-\$150) at noon & 7p; Tue. Big Stack (\$150, noon & 7p); Sat. Mega Stack (\$150, 7p); Mega Stack, July 22 & 29 (\$340, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Daily at 11a & 7p (\$40-\$150) w/a \$10K guarantee on Saturdays (\$100, 11a). See ad Page 5.	\$500 high hands every 30 min. (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (daily); high hands; flopped progressives and royals.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Sunday \$10K guar. (call for details) See ads Page 58.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgretna.com	Thurs. & Sun. satellite (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); monthly \$10K guar., July 7 (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 63.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily, 10a & 7p); mini bad beat (Tue., 10a).
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 1p); Mon. (\$65, 6:30p); Tue. freeroll (6:30p); Wed. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Thurs. freeroll (6:30p); Fri. (\$105, 6:30p); Sat. freeroll (1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$65, 1p & 6:30p).	Big Slick Progressive Spades Royal Flush starts at \$5K; all other royals pay \$1K; Triple Double & Dania Double (call for details). See ad Page 36.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Mon.-Thurs. turbo (\$35, noon); Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K (\$140, 7p); Sun. \$7K guar. (\$275, 1p) & turbo KO (\$65, 7p).	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p); WPT Rebound Series, July 6-15 w/main event, July 13-15 (\$1,600, noon); see ad Page 23.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on back cover for Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p). See ad Page 39.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. (\$60); Tue. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. are KO and Sat. is a rebuy; Sun. \$1K PLO freeroll (2p).	High hand daily pays \$300/hr; royals pay \$500; PLO steel wheel progressive; \$100 added to pot daily until steel wheel hand is made. See ad Page 21.

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HAMILTON JAI-ALAI & POKER (800) 941-4841 • hamiltondownsjai.com	Single-table tournaments available upon interest (call for details).	Royal flush jackpot (daily); progressive high hand (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Sun. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sun., 1p-8p); high hands (Fri. & Sat.).
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompapark.com	Daily (\$100-\$350); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon); Florida State Championship, July 8-30 (\$200-\$5,300), see ad Page 47.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (850) 997-2561 • jckpokerroom.com	Fridays (\$50, 7:30p, 2K chips, 15-minute levels).	Royal flushes win jackpot.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. shootout freeroll (7p).	\$40 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a); high-hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Fri. & Sat.).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35, 1p & 9p KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p); turbo, July 25 (\$55, 7p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked (Wed.); Spin to Win (Sat., 1p & 3p); progressive high hand (Sun.); Carry the Quad (Mon.-Fri.).
MICCOSUKEE RESORT (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Friday and Saturday (\$110, 8p). Free buffet for all tournament players.	Spade royal flush pays jackpot; high hands pay \$200 (Sun.-Thurs.) and \$300 (Fri.-Sat.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. KO (\$125, 2p); July 7 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$1K hourly high hands, July 8 & 18.
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 59.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Sat. \$5K freeroll (6:30p). See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat and mini bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high-hand and Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways, see ad Page 17.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. and Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); monthly \$20K guar., July 28 (\$500, 1p). See ad facing page.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily, various times); mini bad beat (daily, midnight-4a).
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$440) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 1p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels); deepstack on first Sat. of month (\$440, 1p). See ad Page 35.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces); progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p); free tournaments on Thursdays (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive spade royal flush; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); quads pays up to \$100 (Sun.-Tue.); Hi/Lo games (Mon.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Daily tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad on Page 29 for summer series.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); gift card promotion for hours played (call for details).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$240, 7:30p). See ad on Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC (866) 222-7466 • seminolehollywoodcasino.com	Thurs. freeroll (\$500 winner-take-all, 6p); Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 2p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7:30p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$50, 7:30p); Fri. HA (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & deepstack (\$115, 6:30p); Sun. mini deepstack (\$70, 6:30p). Ad Page 24.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat., 2a-4a); \$1K prog. royals; \$500K high hand/\$99 runner-up (Fri.-Sat., 2a-4a).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly \$10K guar., July 25 (\$350, 1p). Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways every Tuesday and Saturday 1p events. See ad Page 31.	\$300 high hands (Mon. & Thurs.); \$599/\$299 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-midnight); \$500 high hands (Wed. & Sun.); quads-royals pay (Sat.); mini bad beat (daily).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$20-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Ks (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliyet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a & \$50, 7p).	No jackpots or promotions.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	SNGs: \$25, \$50 and \$115. MTTs: (\$60, \$120). See ad below.	Call about monthly freerolls.

INDIANA

BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Thurs, 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Real Deal Lucky Wheel pays up to \$200 (Fri.-Sat., 4p-midnight). Aces Cracked (Sat. & Sun.); Hot Seat (Wed.).
CASINO AZTAR (812) 433-4000 • casinoaztar.com	Monthly event, July 15 (\$100, 1p).	
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point-earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$100, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in select game.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (midnight); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the day pays \$200 (call for details).

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; get paid for straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$200).
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$60, 10a); Tue. (\$60 w/\$60 re-entry, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 10a & 2p).	High-hand jackpot (quads or better).
ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF (563) 359-7280 • bettendorf.isleofcapricasinos.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s) and Omaha (quad 10s); call for special poker player hotel rates on high volume weekends.
ISLE CASINO WATERLOO (319) 833-2183 • waterloo.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$45 w/rebuy and add-on, 6:30p); Sunday Poker League (\$50, 6:30p).	Super bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpots in hold'em for straight and royal flushes (call for details).
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. KO (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p); Mid-Stakes Poker Tour, July 21-29; call for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).



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PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. limit Omaha (\$30, 11a); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. qualifier (\$30, 2p); all events have bigger starting stacks and more action.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).

KANSAS

HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Call for tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$65 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$45, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

LOUISIANA

AMELIA BELLE (985) 631-1745 • ameliabellecasino.com	Sunday Poker Challenge (\$50, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of 10s.
BELLE OF BATON ROUGE 225-378-6148 • belleofbatonrouge.com	Sunday (\$50, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is any quads; Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed., 9a-3p); Aces Cracked happy hour (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-7p); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs., 9a-3p).
BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CYPRESS BAYOU/SHORTY'S CASINO (800) 284-4386 • cypressbayou.com	Wed. (\$40 w/two \$20 rebuys & add-ons, 6:30p); Sun. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys & \$50 add-on, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Thurs.); cash games run on non-tournament days.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Tue. (\$65 w/\$25 or \$50 rebuy and add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$200, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115 w/add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$190, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Aces Cracked wins \$100 (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot pays \$100 (Mon.); high hand (Thurs.).
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
HOLLYWOOD BATON ROUGE (225) 709-7777 • hollywoodbr.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
PARAGON CASINO (800) 946-1946 x1975 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fridays (\$60 w/one \$50 rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; get paid (24/7) for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$125); high hands pay \$50 (Wed.).

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
GREEKTOWN CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$35, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$75, 11a & \$225, 7p); Thurs. (\$45, 11a & 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 11a & \$100, 7p); monthly event, July 28 (\$340, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; hourly cash drawings (Tue.).
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MOTORCITY CASINO (313) 237-7711 • motorcitycasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); monthly event, July 28 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO (231) 534-8888 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tue. KO (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$10 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$120, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Quads Board (Thurs., 10a until all quads have been hit); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p).
GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS (800) 626-5825 • grandcasinomn.com	Daily (\$30-\$160) including a Fri. deepstack (\$160, 6:15p) and Sun. (\$110 w/re-entries, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$1K; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 10a-6p).
NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO (218) 547-2744 • northernlightscasino.com	Mon. KO (\$30, 6:30p); Tue. (\$30, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked (Tue.); high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (7p); Tue. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 10:30a & \$65, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a & \$235, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Cracked Double the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked progressive (Fri.-Sat.).
SHOOTING STAR CASINO (218) 935-2711 • starcasino.com	High hands (Mon. & Wed.); bonus hand promo (Tue. & Thurs.); hot seats (Tue. & Thurs.).	High hands (Mon. & Wed.); bonus hand promo (Tue. & Thurs.); hot seats (Tue. & Thurs.); weekly flush bonus (Mon.-Thurs.).
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Island Cup Deep Stack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-6p); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR VICKSBURG (601) 630-4996 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Thursdays (\$70, 7p) with one optional add-on.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (noon); Sun. (1p). See ad on Page 13 for Gulf Coast Poker Championship.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI (228) 436-8999 • boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (24/7) and \$100/\$200 (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340); World Poker Open, July 19-Aug. 6, w/main event, Aug. 3 (\$3,150, noon). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 3p); Fri. (\$45, 3p); Sat. (\$50 w/add-on, 3p); Sun. (\$55, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of queens beaten by quads); Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind.
HARLOW'S CASINO (662) 335-9797 x144 • harlowscasino.com	Tue. (\$65, 7:30p, 20K chips; 25-minute levels); Fri. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$45, 6p); WPT satellite, Aug. 5 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s beaten by quads or better; bad-beat bonus (\$10K); mini bad-beat jackpot pays \$2K; get paid for royals; Hot Seat; Hot Pockets.

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HARRAH'S TUNICA (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Daily at 1p (\$50-\$70); Wed. & Thurs. \$1.1K guar. (\$55, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; Hot Seat for limit players.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO BAY ST. LOUIS (866) 758-2591 x4026 • hollywoodcasinobsl.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked (24/7) w/double prize hours (10a-2p & 10p-2a) pays up to \$200 (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$15K guar. (\$150, 3p); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. & Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue., Thurs. & Fri. (\$30 w/optional add-on, 2p); Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); Omaha's Wheel Them Out (Sun.-Thurs., 10a-10p); high hand (Sun.-Thurs.).
SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$60), including a \$3K guarantee on Sat. (\$20, 7p); \$15K guar., July 14 (call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; ticket drawings.
SILVER SLIPPER CASINO (866) 775-4773 x3766 • silverslipper-ms.com	Mon. Turbo KO (\$45, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sat. Turbo KO (\$45, noon); Sun. PLO (\$65, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked wins up to \$300 (Tue., Thurs., Fri., Sat.). Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
SILVER STAR CASINO (PEARL RIVER) (601) 650-1234 • pearlriverresort.com	Daily (\$35-\$60), including a \$2.5K guarantee on Sat. (\$60, 2p). Start times for events are Mon.-Thurs. (7p) & Fri.-Sun. (2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad sevens) and stud (quads); diamond royals pay \$500.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Ladies Only (\$50, 7p) on first and third of month; Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BORDERTOWN CASINO (800) 957-2435 • bordertownbingo.com	Daily at 2p and 7p; Mon. (\$20); Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. (\$30); Thurs. (\$30/\$45); monthly deepstack event, July 14 (\$100 w/\$50 add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$50, 10a); Sat. (\$120, 9a); Sat. pineapple (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Aces Cracked pays \$100.
HARRAH'S ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • harrahsstlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$60, noon). See ad Page 9.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (twice daily).
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$35, 3p). See ad Page 9.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily).

NEVADA

ALIANTE STATION (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasino.com	Daily (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Sun. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a). See ad on Page 52 for WPT event.	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 11a); daily (\$65, 4p & 8p).	High hand \$100-\$500 to entire table when royal hits; quads pay \$100; straight flush pays \$200.
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); Bellagio Cup VIII, July 3-18 (\$540-\$10,300) w/championship event, July 13 (\$10,300, noon).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	(\$70, 9a); Mega Stack events (noon); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Mega Stack series runs until July 15 w/main event, July 10 (\$1,080, noon).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands (24/7); payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CANNERY CASINO (866) 999-4899 • cannerycasinos.com	Nightly (\$25, 7p); \$10K monthly freeroll (play 40 hours to qualify).	Progressive high-hand jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily).
CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday freeroll, 2p (play 15 hours to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$200); football parlay card with quads or better (call for details).
COLORADO BELLE HOTEL CASINO (702) 298-4000 • coloradobelle.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Mon.-Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud; Aces Cracked pays \$25-\$100 (24/7); Super Beat pays \$10K guaranteed; quads of the day pays \$100-\$400.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 6p, 6K chips, 20-minute levels); play in any live hold'em game after tournament and get a \$20 bonus.	Progressive bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$50, 1p & 5p; \$50, 8p) w/one rebuy and add-on; \$500 first prize guaranteed on Sat. (\$50, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 10a, 6p and 9p); daily (\$60, 12:30a); daily KO (\$80, 2p); Friday freeroll \$1.5K guarantee (9a); monthly freeroll \$5K guarantee.	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (progressive by suit); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (8a-2p); bad-beat bonus: \$2,500 for quads or better beaten.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAUGHLIN (702) 298-7111 • goldennugget.com	Double high-hand progressive (9a-2p); Aces Cracked (daily, 4p-midnight); early bird (daily except Wed.) and Omaha tournament and cash-game specials (Wed.).	Double high-hand progressive (9a-2p); Aces Cracked pays \$50-\$150; early bird (daily except Wed.) and Omaha tournament and cash game specials (Wed.).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 10a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p); Pot of Gold Summer Series, July 19-29 (\$95-\$1,080) w/main event, July 28.	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p).	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$55, noon & 8p).	Progressive high hands are quads and straight flushes that start at \$50; royals start at \$150; Aces Cracked and hourly high hands pay \$100 (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-4p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily: (\$25, 8a); (\$60, 10a & 3p); (\$25, 1a); (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); monthly \$10K guar. freeroll (30 hours min. to qualify; call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full and pays (\$500/\$200/\$50); high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$100 (9a-2p).
HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN (702) 298-4600 • harrahslaughlin.com	Monthly cash-added tournaments (up to \$3K added to prize pools).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
IMPERIAL PALACE (800) 634-6441 • imperialpalace.com	Mon.-Fri. at noon, 3p and 8p (\$40); Sat. & Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 9a).	Aces Cracked; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$35, 10:30a); (\$60, 12:30p); (\$60, 8:30p); (\$40, 11:30p); \$55 single-table tournaments (daily).	High Hand Hysteria pays a tiered amount daily (call for details); weekly \$5K freeroll (call for details).
M RESORT (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Mon., Thurs., & Sun. (\$55, 10a & 6p); Wed. (\$55, 10a & \$100, 6p); Fri.-Sat. (\$75, 10a & 6p).	Progressive high hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Thurs. & Sat.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$150) and river it (\$75); Splash Pot Fun (Tue., Wed., Fri. & Sun.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Nightly mixed games and H.O.R.S.E. (call for details).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p).	Static bad-beat jackpot in hold'em includes a table-share payout; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150 (daily, 8a-2p); high hands; flopped royals pays table; football promos.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (call for details).	Uncapped progressive high-hand jackpot is quads or better with a new progressive table share (call for details).
MONTEGO BAY HOTEL & CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	Mon. (\$30, 8:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$30, noon); Sun. (\$40, 8:30p); all tournaments have rebuys.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot; quads get paid.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Daily (\$75, noon & 7p) except Fri. (\$125, 7p), Sat. (\$100, 7p) & Sun. (\$100, 7p).	\$50K progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament player of the month includes top point earners who will receive their share of a progressive prize pool.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K.
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
RAINBOW HOTEL & CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Quadzillas pay \$500; Aces Cracked pays \$100; Splash Pots pays \$50.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrocklasvegas.com	Daily (\$100, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. Omaha/8 (\$60, 5:30p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
RIO CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$55, noon); (\$55, 3p); (\$65, 6p); (\$75, 9p); (\$55, midnight); WSOP runs until July 9, w/\$10K main event starting July 7.	Progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a); Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3 per hour instead of \$1 per hour.
RIVER PALMS CASINO (702) 298-2242 • river-palms.com	Fri. (\$60, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 2p).	High hands pay quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked.
RIVERSIDE RESORT (702) 298-2535 • riversideresort.com	Daily turbo at 10a, 5p and 11:30p (\$15); Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked in hold'em and Omaha; high hands pay quads (\$25-\$50), straight flush (\$100), royal (\$300).
RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). See ad on Page 33.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
STRATOSPHERE (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal and straight flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
SUNSET STATION (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands pay up to \$500; quads spins wheel; straight flush spins w/2X multiplier; royal spins w/SX multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to \$599 (call for details).
TROPICANA (702) 739-2222 • tropicv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Deepstack Extravaganza runs until July 15 (daily, noon & 4p); nightly (\$200, 7p); regular schedule resumes after DSE (call for schedule).	No promotions at this time.
WENDOVER NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO (702) 770-7000 • wendovernugget.com	Tue. (\$10 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p); Fri. (\$50, 8p); Sat. (\$50, 8p); Sun. (\$40 w/\$10 bounty, 3p).	\$30K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads (call for info on more jackpots).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$125, noon & 7p); Wynn Summer Classic runs until July 6 (\$340-\$2,600) w/ main event, July 4 (\$2,600, noon).	No jackpots.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

LAKE REGION CASINO (877) 872-2501 • lakeregioncasino.com	Daily (\$5-\$50). Times vary by day (1p, 4p, 4:30p, 5p, 7p). Big-stack events on Saturdays (\$50, 7p, 15K chips).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (call for details).
MANCHEVEGAS POKER (603) 668-6591	Daily (\$5 w/rebuys-\$60); Mon.-Fri. (5:30p & 8p); Sat. & Sun. (noon, 4p & 8p).	No jackpots.
POKER ROOM AT HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • thepokerroomnh.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11a (Sat.), 1p (Fri.-Sun.), 3:30p, 4p (Sat.-Sun.), 5:30p, 7:30p and 9p).	High hands pay \$50 (Fri.-Sun.); royals pay \$100 (Mon.-Thurs.); Aces Cracked pays \$25 (Mon.-Thurs.); call for details.
RIVER CARD ROOM (603) 249-5548 • riverpokerroom.com	Daily (\$5-\$60). Times vary by day. Many of the tournaments have optional rebuys and add-ons. See website for complete schedule.	Mini-Monster (Wed. & Fri.); River 4,000 (call for details).
ROCKINGHAM PARK (603) 898-2311 • rockinghampark.com	Daily (\$50-\$250). Start times vary from 2p-9p (see website for schedule).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot; call for other jackpots and promotions.
SEABROOK GREYHOUND PARK (603) 474-3065 • seabrookgreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$30-\$200); tournaments times vary (see website for schedule); Sat. deep-stack (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$80, 1:30p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot; call for other jackpots and promotions.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$40-\$340); Mon. \$10K guar. (\$140, 11a), Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p), Fri. \$30K guar. (\$300, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.

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CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
REVEL (609) 572-6040 • revelresorts.com	Daily (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (\$220, 7p); Sun., Tue. & Thurs. tournaments are KO events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; get paid for royals.
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); winners of each tournament will be invited to the \$10K TOC freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad Queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; Sun. & Mon. night football promos (call for details).
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 6:30p).	Easy Aces pays \$599/\$300/\$75; Flop Four pays \$300; House Full of Money progressive starts at \$50 and increases \$50 when not hit.
HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Deuces Never Loses (call for details).
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 6p); Wed. KO (\$55, 6p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rebuys, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Aces Kicked & Kings Cracked wins a T-shirt (daily); bonus chips (call for details).
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (10a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Sat. (1p); Sun. (7p); Heartland Poker Tour, July 20-29 (call for details).	Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, June 6 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Daily (\$35-\$190); Mon.-Thurs. (10a & 7p); Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (10a, 7p).	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon)	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Monday (\$120, 7p); Tuesday (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$30, 2a) & PLO (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$120, 10a).	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

OHIO

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Call for details.	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Call for details.	Call for promotions.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE CASINO ROLAND (800) 256-2338 • cherokeecasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sun. (\$30 w/rebuys, 1p); Wed. \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuys, 5p); Sun. (\$60, 5p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (918) 422-5100 • cherokeecasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$80, 7p); Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$30, 10a); Tue., Thurs., Sat. (\$50, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$115) at 2p & 7p; Sat. (\$225, noon); Guarantee Series, July 26-Aug. 6 (\$200-\$1,080) w/\$500K guar. main event, Aug. 3 (\$1,080, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. PLO (\$60, 7p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 2p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. PLO (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
FIRST COUNCIL CASINO (580) 448-3015 • myfirstwin.com	Tue. \$1K guar. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. (\$65, 7p); Sat. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$70, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; splash pots pay \$100; high-hand bonuses.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-7800 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR BARTLESVILLE (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 2p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$30, 1p); \$5K quarterly freeroll tournament (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$40 w/rebuys and add-on, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Omaha bad-beat jackpot pays \$5K; progressive tournament bad-beat jackpot and royal flush; high hands.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a). See ad Page 27.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

OREGON

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$45, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 12:30p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 12:30p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Tournament royal flush bonus pays \$200; Boss Bounties pays up to \$200; live game bonus (call for details).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); \$10K guar. (\$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on July 8 & 22 (1:30p); freerolls are held Wed. & Fri. at 6p.	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid out daily; \$50 high hand every half-hour (Thurs., noon-mid.; \$100 hourly high hands (Sat., noon-mid.).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, noon); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, noon); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, noon) & (\$25 w/ rebuys, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$120, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Summer Poker Rodeo, July 18-22 (\$55-\$220); call for schedule.	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahshchester.com	Daily (\$80-\$100). Mon.-Fri. (10:30a & 6:30p) and Sat.-Sun. (11:30a & 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon. PLO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$120, 7:15p); SNGs available on demand.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily & nightly (\$45, 11a & 7:15p); Fri.-Sat. (\$30, 3:15p) & (\$45, 11:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; earn \$5/hour rake back (call for details).
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	High-hand promotion (call for details); Pennsylvania Poker Classic, July 22-29 (\$100-\$1,100) w/main event, July 28-29 (\$1,100, 11a).	High-hand promotion (call for details).
MOUNT AIRY CASINO (570) 243-5184 • mtairycasino.com	Fridays (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (866) 374-3386 • ericcasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Tue. (\$50, 12:30p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 12:30p); July 28 (\$125, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon). See ad Page 43.	Call for details.
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); deepstack event, July 27 (\$500, 10:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (\$12/\$5 rebuys), 7 p.m. Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thur.-Sun (\$22-\$46), 11 a.m. Sat. (\$22/\$10 rebuys).	Bad-beat jackpot; full houses or better earn stamps on Pink Card.
GOLD DUST (605) 578-2100 • golddustgaming.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55); 3 p.m. Sun. (\$11/\$5 rebuys); 2 p.m. Sat. (\$22/\$10 rebuys), 8 p.m. Sat. (\$55); 3 p.m. last Sunday each month (\$220/\$100 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot; half rake on \$2-\$10 or lower games; call for details on the High Society Challenge.
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	10:30 a.m. Thur.-Sun. (\$6/\$3 add-on/\$10 rebuys); 2 p.m. Thur.-Sun. (\$23/\$2 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1,000 for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	6:30 p.m. Tues. and Thur. (\$88); 3p.m. Sat. (\$22); 3 p.m. Sun. (\$44/\$20 add-on).	Call for promotions.

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7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added monthly event, July 27 (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. (\$100, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:30a); Tue. Beat the Boss KO (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lightning Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots (call for details).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon).	\$500K Super Bad Beat Jackpot; \$20K Baby Bad Beat Jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); Player Point Promotion pays \$15,500/week guaranteed. Call for promotions.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a) & (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; hourly high hands pay \$100-\$300; Hot Seat giveaway.
SWINOMISH NORTHERN LIGHTS (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$100; Hot Seat (Mon., 10a-10p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO AT TRI-STATE (800) 224-9683 • tristateracetrack.com	Daily (\$45-\$150); Mon. (1p); Tue. (7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (1p & 7p); Sun. (2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in Omaha and stud.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, July 28 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).
WHEELING ISLAND CASINO (304) 232-5050 • wheelingisland.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. Turbo (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. KO (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads or straight flush lets you spin the wheel; early bird special (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA ho-chunkgaming.com • (800) 782-4560	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sun. (\$60, 3:15p); monthly event, July 8 (\$215, 3:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 356-6210	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 3p); monthly event, July 8 (\$110, 3p).	Call for promotions.
MENOMINEE CASINO menomineecasinoresort.com • (715) 799-3600	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$35 w/\$10 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of tens and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
ONEIDA MASON STREET oneidabingoandcasino.net • (920) 494-4500	Mon. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked pays \$100; royals pay \$200.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); Sunday (\$100 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); WPT Regional Mid Summer Classic, July 29 (\$550, 9:30a).	None.

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Q&A

WITH ED MILLER

Ed Miller is a pro poker player, coach and author of seven poker books. He also writes instructional articles and has made dozens of instructional videos. His books have sold more than 250K copies and he specializes in small-stakes play (\$1-\$2, \$2-\$5). Our Mike Owens caught up with Ed to discuss his new book and poker in Las Vegas.

How long have you lived in Las Vegas? Is that where you're from? I grew up in New Orleans and then bounced around the country for a few years: Boston, Seattle, New York. I moved to Vegas in 2003 to chase the poker dream. My timing on that turned out great, as it was the year **Chris MoneyMaker** won the World Series main event.

When did you start playing poker? I started playing in 2001 on a lark. I saw a bright, flashing, online ad for Ultimate Bet. It lured me in, and I threw a few hundred dollars on the site. That money didn't last too long, but I was intrigued, so I bought a few books, read them and fixed some of the terrible plays I was making. My interest in online poker waned, as it felt a little too much like a video game to me. But living in the Seattle area, I soon found out there were legal, live cardrooms all over the state of Washington. I was hooked.

Tell us about your new book, *Playing the Player: Moving Beyond ABC Poker to Dominate Your Opponents*. If you ask anyone with some experience about how you play poker, chances are they'll tell you poker is a people game, not a card game. That is, of course, true. But then if you watch those same people actually play the game, you'll notice that the overwhelming majority of the time, they are making plays to the strength of their cards, not to the weaknesses of their opponents.

I've always wondered, why the disconnect? How come people know poker is a people game, while they simultaneously play almost as a slave to their card strength?

I think it's because most poker players don't know what they're looking for. They know they're supposed to be playing their opponents, but they just don't know how. They don't know what information is important and what isn't. Or worse, they see information they think is important that really isn't at all.

Then, when they try to act on what they've seen, they get themselves

into trouble. *Playing the Player* is designed to teach you exactly what to look for and then, once you spot it, how to take full advantage.

What are some easy ways to take advantage of opponents? Many times, in no-limit hold'em, players will make a bet hoping to win the pot. If that bet gets called, however, then the player plans to check the hand down or fold to another significant bet or raise. I call these plays bet-folds, since the player is betting, but planning to fold to a raise or a big bet on a later round.

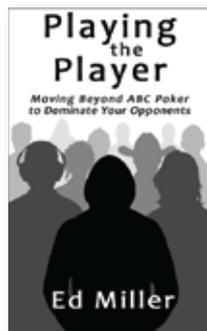
When most players get bet into, they assume their opponents are strong. But when their opponents are bet-folding, they are actually fairly weak and very vulnerable. So one of the main focuses of the book is showing you how to identify when your opponent is likely bet-folding, and therefore when you should raise, often with any two cards.

Are you strictly a NLHE player? I basically am these days. When I played 40-plus hours a week for my living, I played limit hold'em. But since I've gotten into writing books and teaching, with the overriding popularity of no-limit, I've let my limit hold'em game fall by the wayside. I dabble in non-hold'em games from time to time, but basically I'm a no-limit hold'em guy.

What are you primarily playing these days? I play mostly \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 no-limit hold'em live in Las Vegas. I'm looking forward to the new legalized online poker in Nevada coming near the end of 2012.

Where are your favorite places to play locally? I play almost anywhere they spread \$2-\$5: Aria, Venetian, Wynn, MGM Grand, sometimes the Bellagio.

What's next for you? Good question. The new book is out, so I think I will probably play a lot of poker this summer and do plenty of private coaching. After that, who knows? I probably have another book floating around in my head somewhere. ♠



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