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Each year we ask our readers to tell us what they think are the finest attributes in the poker world, such as favorite poker personality or hottest poker destination. This year is no different. In this issue, we are proud to announce the nominees for the 2012 Antes, our awards dedicated to poker excellence.

The categories may change from year to year (we've added best poker tweeter this year, among others), but what hasn't changed is the importance of the Antes, so don't let the fun-spirited nature of these awards fool you. This is your chance to be heard, to tell the poker community what you think, and believe us when we say poker managers and decision-makers pay close attention to these results.

To learn some of the categories and nominees please turn to Page 46 and then find out how you can vote for your favorites. Winners will be announced in our September issue. Did we mention there are prizes, including lunch and a lesson with **Chris Moneymaker**? Now you'll really want to vote!

In other news, as we hit the heart of the World Series of Poker this month, we will be there the week of June 25, popping our heads in at the Amazon Room and all of our favorite poker locales in Las Vegas. Keep an eye out for us and be sure to say hello. We're always happy to chat, especially about how you think we can improve *Ante Up*, the fastest growing national poker magazine in the country.

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— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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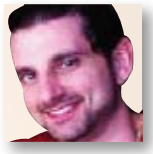
MASSIVE BAD-BEAT JACKPOT AT BORGATA

The biggest payday at the Borgata in April was to Brooklyn's **Jia Liu**, who won the Spring Poker Open's main event and $312,483. But it wasn't long after that another huge payday rocked the Borgata poker room.

On April 26, the bad-beat jackpot was nearing February's record total of a little more than $636K, when it was posted at a massive $617,524.



CRIS BELKEWITCH • N.J./PHILLY

Shortly after, the mini bad-beat jackpot hit and shrunk the overall bad-beat total by $50K. A mere four hours later at a $1-$2 no-limit hold'em table, the remaining jackpot of about $567K hit when the quad 10s of **David Henry** (Marlton, N.J.) fell to the quad aces of **William Lee Warner** (Manassas, Va.). Henry may have lost the pot, but he collected a cool $227,009 in doing so. For his winning hand, Warner made a score of $113,505 and the rest of the table got to enjoy about $32K just for being at the table.

HARRAH'S A.C.: For any East Coast grinders looking to win their way to the World Series of Poker Main Event, Harrah's is running satellites. For more details call the poker room at 609-441-5000.

Pennsylvania

Parx Casino had quite a weekend to close out April. DeepStacks Live, led by WSOP Europe bracelet-holder **Tristan "Cre8tive" Wade**, offered a curriculum on NLHE tournament play and pot-limit Omaha. Joining Wade were two-time World Poker Tour champion **Randal Flowers**, PLO specialist and *Ante Up* strategy columnist **Jay Houston** and high-stakes regular **Matt Glantz**.

The course helped kick off the main event of the WPT Parx Spring Showdown. The WPT Regional attracted a field of 196 players with a buy-in of $1,500, creating a prize pool of $285,180. The final table was packed with talent as pros **Ryan D'Angelo, Brian Lemke, Joseph Wertz** and *Ante Up* strategy columnist **Lee Childs** all made a bid for the top spot. Ultimately, it was Wertz who maneuvered his way through the stacked final table to the victory and $65,588.

Borgata Spring Poker Open

Atlantic City, April 4-20

Event 1 • $560 NLHE
1,041 Entries • Pool: $520,500
Brian Lemke, $111,076

Event 2 • $400 NLHE
329 Entries • Pool: $115,150
Manh Nguyen, $30,159

Event 3 • $450 H.O.R.S.E.
80 Entries • Pool: $32,000
Yuebin Guo, $10,863

Event 4 • $450 NLHE
308 Entries • Pool: $123,200
Mark Wahba, $32,267

Event 5 • $770 NLHE
162 Entries • Pool: $113,400
Karthik, $32,998

Event 6 • $400 Omaha/8
54 Entries • Pool: $18,900
Yuebin Guo, $6,417

Event 7 • $300 NLHE
193 Entries • Pool: $50,180
Waheed Guirguis, $14,601

Event 8 • $400 NLHE
346 Entries • Pool: $121,100
Michael Dentale, $31,716

Event 9 • $280 PLO
117 Entries • Pool: $29,250
Daniel Maisano, $8,511

Event 10 • $500 Bounty
229 Entries • Pool: $80,150
Karl Tretter, $21,768

Event 11 • $230 NLHE
1,105 Entries • Pool: $221,000
Sungwoo Tae, $47,160

Event 12 • $400 PLO/8
81 Entries • Pool: $28,350
Ryan Waddell, $9,625

Event 13 • $450 6-Max
245 Entries • Pool: $98,000
Travell Thomas, $25,188

Event 14 • $1,090 NLHE
150 Entries • Pool: $150,000
Vineet Pahuja, $43,648

Event 15 • $400 NLHE
323 Entries • Pool: $113,050
Brian Ballentine, $29,610

Event 16 • $1,090 6-Max
156 Entries • Pool: $156,000
Michael Woll, $42,373

$2,700 Main Event
520 Entries • Pool: $1.3 million
Jia Liu, $312,483

Event 18 • $450 NLHE
147 Entries • Pool: $58,800
Laura Camuso, $17,110

Event 19 • $200 NLHE
920 Entries • Pool: $156,400
James Sloat, $34,132

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

Bowers: local businessman, avid poker player

Brian Bowers is a sports aficionado, poker player and local business owner from McKean, Pa. He's the owner of Sports Obsession and a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. Since the grand opening of Presque Isle's poker room, he's been a consistent regular there. I caught up with him before a session one Friday night.

MIKE OWENS • W. PA./W. VA.

"I started playing 10 years ago with home games for the first three or four years," Bowers said. "Now I go to Vegas twice a year; I play at Mandalay Bay, Bally's and mix it up each time I go."

But he's still an amateur. "I'm not a professional," he said. "I own three stores and play at the casino twice a week. I also play in the World Tavern Poker bar league and a 30-person league."

When talking with Bowers he sounded enthusiastic about the casino's addition of tournaments. He mentioned the daily tournaments have been getting two or three tables on average.

"I like the room a lot, especially now that they have added a lot of tournaments. (It) looks even better, too, with different options like bounty tournaments, points plays, etc."

BAD BEATS AT RIVERS: The Rivers Casino bad-beat jackpot hit twice in March, the first for $134,625 with quad threes beat by quad kings. The second hit weeks later for $61,567.

Bad-beat stars at Rivers Casino

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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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WPO HITTING GOLD STRIKE ON JULY 19

The World Poker Open is about to kick off at the Gold Strike on July 19. This year is expected to be the biggest WPO in recent history, with more than $1 million in guaranteed prize pools. A guarantee this sizeable is all but unheard of in the Tunica market, so I expect record turnouts. The WPO is part of the Beau Rivage/Gold Strike MGM Tour, which is halfway through its most successful year, featuring five tournaments between the properties. The tournament schedule and structures have all been revamped to include huge guarantees and plenty of main-event seats included in the prize pools.

JENNIFER GAY • MISSISSIPPI

The guaranteed events start July 20 with a $200K guarantee. This two-day event also permits one re-entry. July 24 features a $75K guarantee, followed by another $200K guarantee on July 27. On July 31, there's another $75K event.

Aug. 3-4 is the main event, with a $3,150 buy-in and a huge $500K guarantee. Every day there are also a number of non-guaranteed events with $200-$500 buy-ins. Seniors, ladies and Omaha tournaments also are on the schedule. As with all MGM tournaments on the Mississippi tour, a nightly $150 second-chance tournament kicks off at 7, only this year the top of the nightly point leaderboard will win a main-event entry.

As always, tournament director **Eric Comer** will be on-hand to make sure poker players are happy. Though this always has been a great event to play, the tournament staff and poker-room management have really worked hard to provide solid value for players, and it shows as the numbers continue to grow.

I'm hoping to be at the WPO, and if I'm not working the event, I'll definitely be playing. Hope to see many of you there.

Promotions Part 2

This is Part 2 of my Mississippi promotions series, and this time I have two of the more prolific cardrooms in the Magnolia State.

Harrah's Tunica, Get the Royal Treatment: Make a qualifying royal flush, (hole cards must play), and earn $250. If royals aren't something you make on a regular basis, hop in the $4-$8 limit game where $25 will be given to each table every hour (2-9 p.m., Sun.-Thurs).

Gold Strike will have more than $1M in guarantees for its WPO.

Harrah's also is doing something impressive with its daily tournaments. … only $5 juice (the amount that goes to the house), on daily-nightly tournaments. This is advertised as the "lowest in Tunica." Friday, a "player appreciation" tournament is featured with NO juice and the added value of a $60 spa or golfing gift certificate for first place. You have to love a poker room that listens to its players.

Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Get your poker gear here: All the way through the end of July, if you make a straight flush (at least one hole card must play), you'll win your choice of a hoodie, windbreaker, shirt or hat. Free gear? Can't beat that. Every Saturday, a $140 tournament with a $5K guarantee packs the house. This is a consistently busy weekly tournament on the Gulf Coast, and definitely worth a visit. One of the biggest monthly tournaments in the state is the first Sunday of every month. You can look forward to a $15K guarantee with a 6K starting stack and a $225 buy-in. This tournament starts at 1 p.m. If you prefer a larger buy-in, the first Saturday of every month (noon) offers a $340 buy-in, $20K guarantee with nice 30-minute blinds and a slow-moving structure.

As for me, I'm settled out in Vegas for the biggest shindig of the year. *Ante Up* will be around all summer in the form of various columnists and publishers. If you're coming out to the sandbox to join us, drop me a line. Good luck at the tables, and let's work on bringing some jewelry home to Mississippi.

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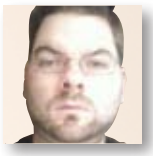
King of the Red, $1 million satellite highlight Horseshoe events

Horseshoe Bossier City hosted its inaugural King of the Red series, and here are some highlights: Event 2, a $550 no-limit hold'em event, attracted 66 players for a $32,010 prize pool, and **Dennis Baker** of Haughton, La., captured the title. **Matt Colvin**, who finished runner-up to Baker, won Event 6, a pot-limit Omaha tournament. In Event 7, **Al Theriac** won the $10K World Series of Poker Main Event satellite, which had 141 players.



MATT TERRAL • LOUISIANA

In other news, the Horseshoe is running a satellite on June 10 at 2 p.m. for its top players to have a chance to get in the Big One, the million dollar buy-in One Drop tournament at the WSOP. The top 25 tournament players who earn the most points until June 6 (and the top 25 cash-game players from May) will play in a freeroll where the winner will receive entry into a $25,300 buy-in million-dollar-guarantee mega satellite at the Rio in Las Vegas on June 30, plus $4,700 cash.

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LIVERMORE CASINO: PAN & DIMAGGIO

If you enjoy playing poker in a relaxed and friendly environment, you need to check out the action at the Livermore Casino at 3571 First St. (about a mile off 580). As you drive up, don't let the small-town Western facade fool you. When you step inside, you'll find a well-appointed cardroom with a 10-screen sports bar.

BRET MILLER • NORCAL

The club features $3-$6 and $4-$8 hold'em (with a half kill) $4-$8 Omaha and $3-$200 spread-limit hold'em.

On Tuesdays and Fridays, there's a featured $6-$12 Omaha game with a half kill.

You'll find NLHE tournaments at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day, bad-beat and mini-bad-beat jackpots, aces-cracked bonus and high-hand bonuses three times a day. If you're lucky enough to win one of the daily tournaments, you'll also earn a seat to the monthly Super Saturday Knockout, where there's a prize pool of $10K, plus bounties for all players.

Director of operations **Kristen Salisbury** recommended you arrive early at the Livermore Casino, where the first nine players seated for each game receive an extra $20 chips and all seated players enjoy a free breakfast from 9-10 every day.

"The Livermore Casino is one of the very few clubs left in California that offers a pan game every day of the week," Salisbury said.

Veteran pan dealer **Steve "Sluggo" Larussa** is considered by some to be the best in the business; you'll find him dealing there Monday-Thursday. If your passion is EZ baccarat, three-card poker or blackjack without the "collection," then this is the place for you.

Place an order for a cheeseburger, rib-eye steak or a happy-hour beverage and you'll find co-proprietor **Sidney Ahn**'s 20-plus years in the business are evident by the top-notch service, quality fare and value pricing. Ever the gracious host, Ahn wants all of the patrons to feel at home and strives for that atmosphere.

You'll also notice some really cool sports memorabilia throughout the club. If you're interested, make sure to ask for **John Schireck**, the club's other owner. With balls, bats and jerseys autographed by **Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle** and **Willie Mays** (to mention a few), he has one of the largest inventories of Hall-of-Famer goods available in Northern California.

With 60 years in the gaming business, Schireck also has a plethora of quips and stories that any poker player will find entertaining.

First-time players can get $50 in chips for $20 with a printable coupon available at livermorecasino.net.

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

Golden West has what you're looking for

Turns out there are more ways to make it rich in Bakersfield, Calif., than just striking oil. There are games for all types of gamblers at the Golden West Casino. Card players have their choice of no-limit hold'em, limit hold'em, Omaha, three-card poker, Pai Gow, EZ baccarat and blackjack.

LESLIE PAULS • CENCAL

With 34 tables to choose from, you'll be sure to find the cash game that thrills you. Limit games are $2-$4, $3-$6 kill and $4-$8 kill, and NLHE games offered are $1-$2, $2-$2, $5-$5 and $5-$10; Omaha/8 $3-$6 and $4-$8. Each Thursday night at 6 they run a NLHE VIP $5-$10 cash game, which anyone is welcome to play against the regulars. Another great promo is the 2012 for 2012 promo: On the 12th day of every month, starting at noon and ending at midnight, they randomly select a cash table and add $112 to the pot for the next hand played.

If you fancy blackjack, you have to try the Blackjack Switch; Blackjack Switch is a blackjack variant that allows the player to do what's normally considered a classic cheating maneuver: trading cards between two hands. The player must make two bets of equal size and is allowed to switch the second card dealt. Great game!

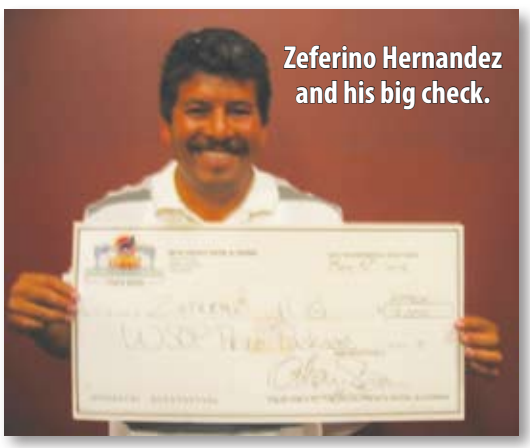
The tournament schedule at Golden West has some of the best action in the Central Valley. Daily tournaments have a $45 buy-in with two rebuys and 7K in chips. The only day of the week this tourney changes is on Wednesday ($65, no rebuys, 8K chips).

The last Saturday of every month is the popular $10K guarantee deepstack tournament ($150, 15K chips, 30-minute blinds). This tournament's prize pool usually reaches $12K-$13K.

The most anticipated tournament is the $50K World Series qualifier. The top-two players each receive a $12,000 package to the WSOP main event, while other top finishers earn the remainder of the prize pool. The WSOP qualifier is June 9 ($340).

Golden West, celebrating its 16th anniversary this year, is close to downtown Bakersfield and the Kern County fairgrounds, operating in the legendary landmark that was formally Maison Jaussad's Restaurant.

For more information, go to goldenwestcasino.net or call 661-324-6936.



Zeferino Hernandez and his big check.

TACHI PALACE: Zeferino Hernandez of Chowchilla, Calif., beat 104 runners to earn the $10,000 seat to the WSOP main event and $2,000 in spending money. Zeferino was third in chips with three players remaining, but quickly doubled through the chipleader and cruised from there.

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THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT'S POKER ROOM PRESENTS

THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE	EVENT	BUY-IN
Thurs., July 19 7PM	MEGA SATELLITE: DEEP STACK • $40K EVENT 3,000 Starting Chips	$40
Fri., July 20 11AM and 7PM	MEGA SATELLITE: DEEP STACK • $40K EVENT 3,000 Starting Chips	$40
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 5,000 Starting Chips	$75
Tues., July 24 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM KNOCKOUT BOUNTY $10,000 GUARANTEED with $25 Bounties 6,000 Starting Chips	$125
Weds., July 25 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • $7,500 GUARANTEED 6,000 Starting Chips	$100
Thurs., 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, 11AM	$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 5,000 Starting Chips	$75
Tues., July 31 • 7PM	H.O.R.S.E. • 5,000 Starting Chips	$120
Weds., Aug. 1 • 7PM	SIX HANDED NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • 7,000 Starting Chips	$100

DATE	EVENT	BUY-IN
Thurs., 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
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Tues., Aug. 7 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM • $7,500 GUARANTEED 6,000 Starting Chips	$100
Weds., Aug. 8 1PM	MEGA SATELLITE: $100K THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 4,000 Starting Chips	$50
Weds., Aug. 8 7PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD 'EM KNOCKOUT BOUNTY $10,000 GUARANTEED WITH $25 BOUNTIES 6,000 Starting Chips	$125
Thurs., Aug. 9 1PM and 7PM	MEGA SATELLITE: $100K THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 4,000 Starting Chips	$50

Day 1A Fri., Aug. 10 11AM	Day 1B Sat., Aug. 11 11AM	THUNDER VALLEY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP • $100,000 GUARANTEED 12,000 Starting Chips • 6% of the Field From Days 1A and 1B Advance to the Finals	$425
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RARE SERIES OVERLAP IN LOS ANGELES

April was an unusual month on the Los Angeles low buy-in tournament scene. Typically, the local casinos will make an effort to avoid scheduling conflicts with the other cardrooms. It appears this was an exception since Hustler Casino and Hollywood Park Casino each held a series.

DAVE PALM • LOS ANGELES

At Hustler Casino was the annual **Liz Flynt** Spring Poker Classic. This was a 14-event series (April 5-27) where all events had entry fees of $175-$300.

As has been the norm lately at Hustler, tournament director **Craig Kaufman** added a few twists.

Along with the standard no-limit tournaments, there was bounty, deepstack, turbo, pot-limit Omaha and team events. For events with multiple Day 1s, daily chipleaders received bonuses.

There also was a special $20,000 heads-up tournament freeroll. For this event, 28 seats were awarded based on how people finished in events during the series, and four more seats went to wildcards with the selection criteria based on the number of events played during the series.

Mark Jun won the $250K guarantee main event for $75K.

At Hollywood Park Casino, the National Championship of Poker (April 4-30) featured 11 events. HPC guaranteed just shy of a million dollars for the series, and the championship event was a $335 buy-in that attracted 1,005 players ($100K went to champion **Edward Milman**).

The other events had buy-ins ranging from $60-$150. A few of these had spectacular turnouts. Event 1, a $250,000 guarantee with a $80 entry plus one $70 rebuy, had 2,229 entrants with 1,912 rebuys, creating a prize pool of $269,165 with more than $65,000 for first.

Event 4, a $400,000 guarantee with a $120 entry plus one $100 rebuy, also had an incredible turnout of 2,479 entrants with 2,112 rebuys. The $436,145 prize pool paid 238 players with $109,855 awarded to first.

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National Championship of Poker

Hollywood Park Casino, April 4-30

Event 1 • $80 NLHE w/rbs
Entries: 2,229 • Pool: $269,165
James Hess, $66,890

Event 2 • $150 Stud
Entries: 49 • Pool: $ 5,880
Gerald Rainer, $2,645

Event 3 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 149 • Pool: $14,900
Johnny Moran, $4,605

Event 4 • $120 NLHE w/rb
Entries: 2,479 • Pool: $436,145
Phong Nguyen, $109,855

Event 5 • $80 Shootout
Entries: 50 • Pool: $5,000
Aaron Krebs, $2,250

Event 6 • $60 NLHE
Entries: 59 • Pool: $5,076
Eugene Tito, $1,726

Event 7 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 130 • Pool: $13,000
Joseph Ruzick, $4,025

Event 8 • $125 Bounty
Entries: 87 • Pool: $4,350
Santiago Vigil, $1,950

Event 9 • $60 PLO w/rb
Entries: 66 • Pool: $5,875
Sirous Baghchehsaraie, $1,995

Event 10 • $150 O.E.
Entries: 67 • Pool: $8,040
Rick Muniz, $2,975

$335 Main Event
Entries: 1,005 • Pool: $300,000
Edward Milman, $100,000

Rupp wins RiverCard event at Pala Casino

So, you've been thinking about taking a trip to Pala Casino, Spa & Resort but haven't? Well, just five miles east of Interstate 15 on Highway 76, it's definitely worth the trip. The property is beautiful, the buffet is excellent and the poker room and staff, headed by manager **George Arsenis**, are terrific.

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On April 28, Pala hosted the RiverCard Quest for the Cup VII, which featured a $150 buy-in, 20K chips and 25-minute levels. The 182 entrants brought the prize pool to $21,840, with **Brandon Rupp** of Oceanside, Calif., taking first and $6,726.

Their next RiverCard tournament is June 10 at Harrah's Rincon to help celebrate the poker room's 10th anniversary and has a $30K guaranteed prize pool.

SYCUAN CASINO: The following is a blueprint for filling up a 19-table poker room on a Saturday night.

First, show a world championship boxing match; second, have great promotions, such as a $100 rack attack to one lucky table after each round and 10 $100 rack attacks at the end of the fight; and third, try to make it fall on a holiday such as Cinco de Mayo … bonus!

Players had to arrive early to secure a seat at one of the tables because by 6 p.m., the start of the first fight, the waiting lists were long. By 8, the start of the championship bout, it was standing-room-only in the poker room.

Because of the efficiency and great attitudes of the ample staff, not only was the event a lot of fun, but it also went off without a hitch.

BARONA CASINO: If you're one of those individuals who feels there's no such thing as too much free online poker, add another one to your list: baronapoker.com, which is brought to you by Barona Casino & Resort. After the free download, new players receive 1K chips, which can be reloaded each day.

The site features daily tournaments with catchy names such as Tuesday Tune-up, Thursday Trouble and Sleepy Saturday, where, depending on the number of entrants, the top 10-15 finishers receive prizes ranging from T-shirts and free buffets to Kindles and free hotel night stays.

They are also featuring satellites for seats to this year's World Series of Poker.

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VEDES MAKES MOST OF THIS WPT FINAL TABLE

Reaching back-to-back final tables in any event is a phenomenal accomplishment. Is it the player's comfort with the familiar surroundings, a streak of above-average play or simply a run of good luck that brings a player to this level? The answer is probably a combination of all three factors. But that was the theme as play concluded at the WPT Season X event in South Florida at the Seminole Hard Rock Showdown in Hollywood.

DAVE LEMMON • S. FLORIDA

With the television lights and cameras in place, the six-man final table started with **Joe Serock** holding a huge chip lead with 36 percent of the chips.

Reaching his second straight TV final table after a third-place finish six weeks earlier at the Bay 101 event in San Jose, Serock was in control for the first several hours of the final day.

However, it was **Tommy Vedes**, the 40-year-old from the Queens borough of New York, hoisting the WPT Champions Cup and eyeing the nearly $790K pile of cash on the felt. Coming off a final table in the Hard Rock's inaugural WPT event last year, where he was eliminated in sixth, Vedes looked to dance a bit longer this year, and saw the numbers falling into place. Before action started, Vedes shared on Twitter that he was in sixth place at a six-man table on Day 6 with almost 600K chips.

"Gotta like the underdog with those numbers across the board," he tweeted. Still, it was an uphill battle all the way; from his late start (he entered the event at the start of Day 2) to his short stack entering the final table.

"Actually, I was really relaxed once I realized I was OK with another sixth-place finish," he said after winning the title, "but I knew that I was more dangerous when I'm short-stacked."

Kyle Bowker, a transplanted New Yorker who moved to Hollywood last year, was the first player eliminated this time, as Vedes' A-K outflopped Bowker's pocket 10s. Vedes then knocked out the only remaining South Floridian, Israeli-born **Sharon Levin** of Pembroke Pines, when Vedes' set of sixes eliminated Levin when his A-3 failed to improve. In keeping with the back-to-back theme, Levin's fifth-place finish was his second straight WPT Hard Rock final table, after finishing fourth in February's Lucky Hearts event.

Craig Bergeron then went all-in with pocket sixes, but he ran into Vedes' pocket queens. That left Serock still in control with 4.5 million chips, ahead of the 2.4 million of Vedes and 1.9 million of Bonita Springs' **John Dolan**, the 2010 November Niner who won the main event of the Beau Rivage Million Dollar Heater in January.

Dolan grabbed the lead from Serock when pocket sixes again would fail to improve. The 24-year-old skateboarder from Albuquerque was knocked out 90 minutes later when Dolan paired his king on the turn to eliminate Serock's pocket queens. That set up a head-to-head battle for the title between Dolan and Vedes, and while Dolan held a 2-to-1 advantage, Vedes seemed calm and in control of the match. There was little movement in the chip counts over the next 20 hands, when Vedes finally found his spot to set a trap. Holding Q♦-3♦, Vedes flopped a flush but checked, giving Dolan the impression his pair of nines with an ace kicker had him in good shape. After several raises, both players went all-in and Vedes had the no-sweat double-up. Dolan still had the lead, but his confidence appeared shattered.

"After that double-up, I was really confident," Vedes said, and showed it a few hands later with a dramatic call of Dolan's all-in in a strange hand that would give Vedes the lead. On a board of 7♠-5♣-3♣, Dolan held 7♥-4♥, giving him a pair and a gutshot straight draw. Vedes had the same pair, holding J♣-7♦, added a flush draw on the 10♣ turn, but a blank on the river gave him the lead with his jack kicker. Eight hands later, Dolan flopped two pair, but Vedes filled a Broadway straight on the turn and Dolan failed to improve, giving Vedes the trophy and big cash.

As anticipated, South Florida players fared well, with six Broward residents cashing in the final 27. In addition to Levin and Bowker, **Fred Goldberg** of Hollywood finished eighth ($69,600) on the heels of his final-table appearance at the Borgata event. **Scott Zakheim** of Cooper City finished 17th, **Michael Lind** (Davie) was 22nd and **Ricky Leger** (Lighthouse Point) was 23rd.

The lower-than-expected attendance of 290 players was down about 33 percent from last year, underscoring the view that stiff competition around the poker world is pulling big-name players in all directions.

"Sure, we're a little disappointed with the turnout," tourney director **Matt Savage** said, "but we know big tournaments in Europe (Berlin and Monte Carlo) are very attractive to many of our regular players."

STUDZ HIGH HANDS: Several dealers at Calder's Studz Poker Room came up with an exciting new high-hand promotion and when they approached management, it was immediately put on the floor for a test run. Known as the High Hand Bonus, Studz presents this opportunity every day from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. If a player hits quad aces for 1 p.m., quad twos for 2 p.m., quad threes for 3 p.m. … all the way to quad kings at 1 a.m., he or she gets the progressive bonus, which grows by $100 every hour the progressive is not hit.

The winning hand must be the high hand of the hour, including periods where there are three separate giveaways. The first High Hand Bonus was $1,900, which was a culmination of just a day-and-a-half before the correct hand of quads matched the proper hour. For more details, check out calderracecourse.com/poker.

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More than 170 passengers are booked for the summer cruise, so availability is limited. Book as soon as possible to avoid being shut out. Visit anteupmagazine.com/cruise for the most up-to-date list of giveaways, and ask the manager of your poker room to call (727) 331-4335 to schedule a cruise tournament or promotion.

PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB: The West Palm Beach, Fla., poker room will give away 40 packages for the summer cruise through various promotions in July. For more information, visit pbkennelclub.com.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The Tampa, Fla., poker room will give away 20 packages for the summer cruise. Two will be given away each week from June 1-Aug. 13 to the highest hand in select tournaments. For qualifying tournaments, visit tampabaydowns.com.

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO: The Dover, Del., casino will give away five packages for the winter cruise through drawings. One package will be awarded at 10 p.m. on June 24, 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 info, visit doverdowns.com.

SUNCOAST CASINO: The casino near Las Vegas is giving away a summer cruise in a drawing on June 12. Players get one raffle ticket for every 20 hours of live play. For more info, visit suncoastcasino.com.

HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD: The Hollywood, Fla., casino 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. Details to be announced. For more information, visit goebro.com.

BLUE SHARK OPTICS: The 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.

Free Poker: Fla. & Texas

PLEASURE ISLAND POKER: **Jerry McFadden** won the April monthly event, beating 70 players for the $500 tournament entry. The league's next charity event will be June 9 at 1 p.m. at Rivals Sports Grill in Ft. Walton Beach. For more info, call 850-733-0916.

TREASURE CHEST POKER: **James Mulich** and **Tiffany Hol** split the prize at the latest monthly event. Also, **Sherry Wagner** earned the Battle of the Bars title for Brandy's.

Brian Sandusky won the Strokers monthly and a $250 gift card; **Teresa Starr** earned the first Bradenton/Sarasota monthly ($50 gift card) and **Matt Lindley** captured the Stix monthly for $100. Finally, **Scott Robinson** earned the title of King of Ocala.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURS: Troy McKinney (NE) **Neil Kleiber** (NE) and **Randy Perry** (SE) won quarterly events.

CLUB POKER LEAGUE: **Judy Schatzle** and **Randy Smith** won league bracelet events.

PLATINUM POKER CLUB: Tony Saenz (North) and **Ricky Crenshaw** (South) captured quarterly tourneys in Texas.

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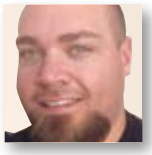
CUNIX CAPS OFF JAX SERIES WITH WPT WIN

In April, the new BestBet Jacksonville complex held its first WPT televised event inside Florida's largest poker room. After five grueling days of poker, **Shawn Cunix** stood victorious when his flopped set of threes held to win $400,000 and a seat into the $25K WPT Players Championship.



TROY LENNON • N. FLORIDA

Facing a stacked final table that featured pros such as **Tony Dunst** and WPT Player of the Year points leader **Will Failla**, Cunix had to play through the pain of a broken collarbone, which he suffered a couple of weeks earlier saving his son's life in an ATV accident.

"This has been one of the most humbling experiences of my life," Cunix said. "If you put passion into anything, you're capable of the unbelievable."

The Jacksonville Spring Series (April 19-May 2) kicked off with a bang as 957 players registered for Event 1 and the action never slowed throughout the 13-event series. The largest poker room in Florida did not disappoint, handling the huge fields over the two-week tournament series. When it came time for the televised WPT BestBet Open main event, 320 players from across the country bought into the $5,000 event that boasted a $1.5 million prize pool.

As a player and a fan of poker, I can't say enough about the way the BestBet staff handled the series and WPT main event. I couldn't have asked for a better experience for my first time behind the scenes of such a prestigious event. A special thanks to **Jeremiah Curtis**, who provided results throughout the series and made me feel like a true VIP during the televised final table. The new BestBet complex has provided a boost to local businesses, a lowered crime rate and revitalization to a once-vacant area of Jacksonville.

— Troy Lennon is the Ante Up Ambassador for North Florida. Email him at anteuptroy@gmail.com.

Jacksonville Spring Series

BestBet Jacksonville, April 19-May 2

Event 1 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 957 • Prize Pool: $287,100
Scott Woodring, $33,660

Event 2 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 57 • Prize Pool: $13,000
Bobby Wynne, $4,667

Event 3 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 88 • Prize Pool: $26,400
Brian Sullivan, $7,272

Event 4 • $560 NLHE
Entries: 118 • Prize Pool: $59,000
Alan Percal, $10,997

Event 5 • $230 Omaha/8
Entries: 93 • Prize Pool: $18,600
Donnie Vann, $4,410

Event 6 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 131 • Prize Pool: $39,300
Rory McCoid, $3,482

Event 7 • $340 6-Max
Entries: 113 • Prize Pool: $33,900
Alex Toth, $9,774

Event 8 • $340 PLO/8
Entries: 116 • Prize Pool: $34,800
Trisha Hustus, $12,145

Event 9 • $560 NLHE
Entries: 115 • Prize Pool: $57,500
Amine Chabane, $10,995

Event 10 • $230 NLHE
Entries: 203 • Prize Pool: $40,600
Armando Cisnero, $6,810

Event 11 • $560 NLHE
Entries: 87 • Prize Pool: $50,000
Anthony Mak, $18,900

Event 12 • $340 Bounty
Entries: 94 • Prize Pool: $18,800
Joseph Smith, $6,000

Shawn Cunix celebrates his WPT win.

Event 13 • $230 Bounty
Entries: 92 • Prize Pool: $13,800
Ben Carli, $3,312

$5K WPT Main Event
Entries: 320 • Prize Pool: $1.5M
Shawn Cunix, $426,100

Memorial for a friend

Lucky's Cardroom at Tampa Greyhound Track hosted a memorial tournament April 20 in honor of late *Ante Up* columnist John Lanier. *Ante Up* publisher Chris Cosenza, left, makes the players at his table laugh during the event. Mr. Lanier's wife, Liz, in white, made the final table, and their son, Joey, won the tournament, which raised money for prostate cancer awareness.

WPT returns to Tampa Bay

The World Poker Tour is again stopping in Central Florida with the WPT Tampa Bay Open at Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa. This 14-event series will run June 1-11 and is expected to have a significant turnout as players will be looking for extra cash to take to Vegas this summer.

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This series has different variations of no-limit hold'em (six-max, turbo, seniors and ladies) and even a pot-limit Omaha event to please the four-card enthusiasts. Side events all have re-entries to help increase prize pools.

The $2,250 championship event will be June 8-11 with two starting days (June 8-9). It has a guaranteed prize pool of $400K and players will get 30K units and 60-minute blinds.

"This World Poker Tour series is bigger and better than last time because we're guaranteeing over $700K in payouts," HRT vice president of gaming **Russ Christianson** said. "Higher prizes are what our players want."

— Garrett Roth is the Ante Up Ambassador for Central Florida and the Where to Play editor. Email him at roth@anteupmagazine.com and follow him on Twitter @GarrettRoth.

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RONLOV CALMLY CAPTURES COLORADO HPT EVENT

RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO

April was a good month for the Heartland Poker Tour and the Black Hawk casino that's commonly provided its heartiest turnout: the Golden Gates, the top spot for tournament poker on the Front Range. Once again, the HPT main event at the Gates produced a record turnout, attracting 820 players and a $1.23 million prize pool. **Jen Mastrud**, general manager/PR director for the tour, said the event "exceeded all expectations." At the same time, it also produced one heck of a feel-good story.

Not to take anything away from all the poker pros and young bucks who work hard to cash at the big-money tournaments, but there's something awfully nice about the big winner being a longtime player from only an hour away, a retiree who first played poker in 1964 in his frat house at the Colorado School of Mines in nearby Golden.

Taking down the $270,905 top prize was 67-year-old **Steen Ronlov**, who lives in Westminster. A fairly regular tourney player at the Gates, Ronlov won the final hand when he flopped a flush to fit his 3♣-5♣, a fitting catch for a man who loves playing suited connectors, even the one-gapped variety. It was 10 times more than anything Ronlov had won at an event, and he bested a competitive field that included such notables as **Joe Sebok, Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler, Darvin Moon** and **Gavin Smith**, along with several HPT champions.

Ronlov earned his seat on the second of two $180 satellites. Right after his victory, he and wife **Cindy** boarded a flight to Hawaii. The trip already was planned, but Ronlov admitted they went to a few nicer places than they likely would have if he wasn't coming off the big win.

Still, Ronlov took it in stride: "It's just my personality; I don't get overly excited about life and things that happen. At my age, I've had a lot of things happen in my life. It was obviously the biggest tournament I've ever won, and it was cool, but my wife was more excited, I think, than I was."

Ronlov, whose first name means "stone" in his native Denmark (he immigrated with his parents when he was 8), used that composure to his advantage in the HPT win. He didn't get too low when he was short-stacked early in the tournament. He also didn't get too high when he joined the final table with the lead, though he did crank up the aggressiveness to get heads-up with Coloradoan **Michael McCloud**. On the final hand, Ronlov got a little scare when a fourth club landed on the turn, but he got McCloud all-in with a pair of kings and no club, closing out the win.

Steen Ronlov shows his winning cards and all of the cash he earned.

McCloud earned $151,720 for his second-place finish. As for Ronlov, he didn't mention any big plans for his money, except for one indulgence: He'll use $10K to finally play the World Series of Poker Main Event in July.

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

Snoqualmie Casino hits home run with promotion

BARTON GRATT • PACIFIC NW

The Snoqualmie Casino poker room is giving away money during 115 of the Seattle Mariners televised games. During the M's broadcasts, one active poker room player, sitting in a lucky seat, termed "the hot seat," will win $150.

The "lucky seat" drawing for $150 will be made after each of nine innings, even if the Mariners don't score.

Under the direction of poker room manager, **Elliott Schecter,** several new no-limit hold'em tournaments are planned, including a Monday event at 7 p.m. that costs $25 and has unlimited rebuys (1,500 chips). Other new events include Wednesday (7 p.m., $65, 5K chips); Thursday (7 p.m., $125, 8K chips); and Sunday (3 p.m., turbo $35, 3K in chips). These tournaments are in addition to the regular six morning-afternoon tournaments.

TULALIP CASINO: Marie Freeman has been named poker room manager in Marysville, Wash. Freeman had served as the room's tournament director.

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO: An exciting new format has been designed for the Monday night tournament.

Starting at 7, the $110 buy-in gets you 10K chips, and a $5 dealer add-on gets you 4K more. Get to the poker room early because this event as become popular.

— Dr. Barton Gratt is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Pacific Northwest. Email him at anteupbarton@gmail.com and you can read more from him at pokerstoriesandmore.com.

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BONNIE DEMOS • OKLAHOMA

One might think managing 46 of the most action-packed poker tables in the country might be a sufficient challenge, but not in the case of WinStar World Casino's poker room manager **Jay Wiles**. While deftly managing daily operations, Wiles has built the largest guaranteed tournament prize pool in the country. Not one to sit back on his laurels, Wiles begins planning the next year's event while the popular annual Labor Day series is still in progress. Every year, players are treated to an improved River Tournament Series, always more exciting than the year before. For starters, the guarantee has been increased by $1 million, with more new and exciting events and perks to be announced in the near future, including a just-approved a $5K No Juice event.

From its humble beginnings as the Red River Round-Up, the annual River Guaranteed Poker Series has grown to surpass all regional tournaments in popularity. One of the reasons for the sustained growth of this series is it offers players the highest return on investment for their tournament buy-in dollars. In recent years it has become a popular post-Legends stop for many pros brave enough to mix it up with the region's field of tough players.

Greg Raymer, winner of the 2004 World Series of Poker Main Event, returns as host, and is joined by pro and *Amazing Race* star **Maria Ho**. Both players can be seen on the tournament floor as well as cash games, and are available to chat with players, sign autographs and, of course, offer professional advice. Raymer is scheduled to appear at WinStar from Aug. 16-Sept. 3.

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ANTE UP LIVE STREAM BROADCAST: Ante Up launched its first live-stream broadcast at Choctaw Casino recently for the final table of the **Chad Brown** Poker Challenge. Publishers **Christopher Cosenza** and **Scott Long** provided commentary and humor for the live stream. The new venture proved to be a huge success and was well-received, drawing thousands of viewers to anteupmagazine.com and several other popular poker websites. Go to tinyurl.com/c76abow to watch a rebroadcast.

Cosenza and Long, seasoned professionals, co-host the award winning, longest running Internet poker show on the planet, the *Ante Up PokerCast*. Both agreed an unscripted live-stream broadcast would be a challenge, but pulled off a great first live performance. Look for more exciting new venues from Ante Up in the future. Thanks to **Ken Lambert** and everyone at Choctaw Casino for their help, co-operation and their great hospitality.

— Bonnie Demos is Ante Up's Oklahoma Ambassador. Email her at bdemos1@gmail.com.

Alex Phahurat shows the winning cards after capturing his first live tournament, the Chad Brown Poker Challenge Main Event at Choctaw Casino.

Chad Brown Challenge, Choctaw Casino

April 19-May 1

Event 1 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 83 • Pool: $14,089
Jimmy Dang, $4,508

Event 2• $200 PLO
Entries: 47 • Pool: $7,978
Paul Robuck, $2,992

Event 4 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 183 • Pool: $47,928
Justin Kruger, $12,460

Event 6 • $175 LIPS
Entries: 51 • Pool: $7,421
Shannon Armstrong, $2,783

Event 7 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 341 • Pool: $89,308
Jeff Meyers, $20,539

Event 8 • $200 LIPS
Entries: 55 • Pool: $9,336
Ruth Hall, $3,501

Event 10 • $175 LIPS
Entries: 31 • Pool: $4,511
Yvonne Lamb, $2,030

Event 11 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 162 • Pool: $27,500
Grant Hendren, $7,423

Event 12 • $200 PLO
Entries: 50 • Pool: $8,488
Luke Allen, $3,183

Event 14 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 96 • Pool: $16,296
Juan Lozano, $4,889

Event 16 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 81 • Pool: $13,750
Earl Merritt, $4,400

Event 18 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 95 • Pool: $16,126
Robert Trant, $4,837

Event 19 • $200 PLO/8
Entries: 82 • Pool: $13,920
Bejan Rostamian, $4,454

Event 21 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 124 • Pool: $21,049
Khue Nguyen, $5,894

Event 22 • $550 PLO
Entries: 62 • Pool: $62,565
Mark Provenzano, $21,897

$2K Main Event
Entries: 258 • Pool: $475,494
Alex Phahurat, $116,492

Event 30 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 80 • Pool: $13,580
Mike Capener, $4,616

Event 31 • $200 NLHE
Entries: 83 • Pool: $14,089
Jimmy Dang, $4,508

** Missing events were satellites.*

Mid-South Classic, Hard Rock Tulsa

April 26-May 6

Event 1 • $135 J-n-J
Entries: 79 • Pool: $7,900
D. Hughes-J. Brown, $2,190

Event 2 • $350 NLHE
Entries: N/A • Pool: $100K
Vincent Pironti, $21K

Event 3 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 84 • Pool: $8,400
Mark Barrientes, $2,688

Event 4 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 76 • Pool: $7,600
Todd Hoffman, $2,508

Event 5 • $240 Bounty
Entries: 47 • Pool: $7,050
Pat Chrisos, $2,819

Event 6 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 21 • Pool: $2,100
Mark Kallum, $1,050

Event 7 • $240 PLHO
Entries: 13 • Pool: $2,600
Steve Vidrickson, $1,300

Event 9 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 44 • Pool: $4,400
Tad Richards, $1,760

Event 10 • $240 PLO
Entries: 14 • Pool: $3,900
Andy Andrews, $2,100

Event 12 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 39 • Pool: $3,900
Steven Uman, $1,755

Event 13 • $140 O/8
Entries: 21 • Pool: $4,200
Terry Barron, $1,400

Event 15 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 40 • Pool: $4K
Kelly Riggs, $1,800

Event 16 • $240 Ladies
Entries: 8 • Pool: $1,600
Deanna Robertson, $800

Event 18 • $135 NLHE
Entries: 59 • Pool: $5,900
Steven Jircitano, $2,242

$350 Main Event
Entries: 277 • Pool: $100K
Gretchen Archer, $20,700

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THINK OF WSOP AS ORGANIZED CHAOS

MICHAEL HAMAI • LAS VEGAS

The 2012 World Series of Poker is upon us and there's no turning back. Thousands of professional, aspiring-to-be professional and straight-up amateur players have descended on Las Vegas hoping to win a bracelet, make a couple of bucks or just collect a few cheesy autographs on an unwashed baseball cap.

Whatever your motivation is that prompted you to come to Las Vegas during the WSOP, one thing is certain: You're not alone. For every one of the 61 bracelet winners at this year's WSOP, there will be thousands who go home with nothing more than a story and a significant dent in their children's college fund.

Though most articles talk about events, number of tables, and random Midwest tournament event winners, I want to discuss the other side to the WSOP, the truth behind the banners, the advertising and the players (including myself) who are convinced this is the best time of year to be a poker player in Vegas.

The truth is the WSOP is often nothing more than a roll of the dice. Even the most seasoned professional can be blinded by the insane action and deep pockets that come out for this event, and bankrolls and livelihoods can be wiped away quicker than you can imagine.

Many amateurs save up for years to take one shot at the WSOP, and see their life savings wiped out holding a 7-6 smooth against a kid who drew two and made a No. 1 in Kansas City lowball. Some may call me jaded or a cynic or a sore loser. The truth is I'm all three. I've won and lost thousands at the WSOP, and I intend to do so again and again as long as there's cigarette smoke in my lungs and a chip in my pocket. It's one of those inherent addictions that come from being a poker player in Vegas, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I'll leave the WSOP tournament results, schedules and celebrity entrances to other writers and instead present you with a couple of random musings and thoughts on the organized chaos that is the World Series of Poker.

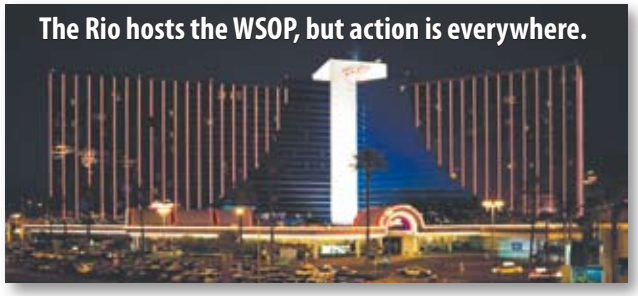
Though there have been many "advice" columns written over the years on the WSOP and how to prepare for the cash games and tournaments, my advice for surviving the Rio is simple: Tip everyone and tip often. When you enter the WSOP, whether you are there to take some pictures, get in on a cash games, or play a satellite, you will want to tip. Tip the chip runners, dealers, floormen, valets, cage cashiers and the drink servers.

Literally, tip every person you see. You will not believe the rewards and karma that will follow. Don't complain about rake or how you're not getting Tier Credits for playing cash games. Don't stiff the tournament dealers because Caesars withholds a percentage of the prize pool. Don't be that person.

Under the Big Top of the Rio Amazon and Pavilion ballrooms there will be oodles of cash games, low middle, and high buy-in tournaments, and endless amounts of poorly dressed and lightly bathed poker players.

Outside of the Rio, however, are 50 poker rooms that are seemingly affected by the main attraction. Rooms that ordinarily never get $2-$5 no-limit hold'em suddenly have two or three games going. Button straddles (offered at all Caesars Entertainment properties in Las Vegas, but rarely done) become commonplace even in the smallest $1-$2 NLHE games. It's these games, miles from the Rio, where the typical Las Vegas grinder can find his due.

Many flood the Rio's $2-$5 games, where cash plays and unknown amounts of hundred-dollar bills get removed and added to a table at a whim. But it's the pickup random games at places such as the Mirage, Planet Hollywood, Bally's and South Point that seem to come out of nowhere and pad the wallets of the gritty grinders.



The Rio hosts the WSOP, but action is everywhere.

With so many players choosing this time of year to play well above their bankroll and "take a shot" in a bigger game, often the best games are in your back yard. A room that normally doesn't spread a mixed game will often have the worst players. This same line of thinking applies to rooms that normally don't spread $2-$5 or even $5-$10.

Don't get me wrong, the Rio is certainly a hotbed of incredible action, but that action can come at a pretty price. The variance of a typical poker game in Las Vegas is easily quintupled at the WSOP. With so many games to choose from, ranging from pot-limit 5-card Omaha/8 (known as Big O) to $75-$150 razz to $150 super satellites, someone with a life savings of $3,000 can be crying on the curb bumming money to tip valet within 10 minutes.

It's for these reasons I love the WSOP. I love the degeneracy, the desperation, the lunacy. I take great pleasure in other people's misfortunes and triumphs, and there's no better place to experience all of that than at the World Series of Poker.

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Saturday	5/26/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Sunday	5/27/12	400 NLH	
Monday	5/28/12	400 NLH	
Tuesday	5/29/12	400 NLH	
Wednesday	5/30/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Thursday	5/31/12	1100 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Friday	6/1/12	600 NLH Day 1A**	
Saturday	6/2/12	600 NLH Day 1B**	
Sunday	6/3/12	400 NLH	
Monday	6/4/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Tuesday	6/5/12	2500 NLH	600 OMAHA 8/B
Wednesday	6/6/12	400 NLH	
Thursday	6/7/12	1100 NLH	600 PLO
Friday	6/8/12	600 NLH	
Saturday	6/9/12	600 NLH	
Sunday	6/10/12	400 NLH	
Monday	6/11/12	1600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Tuesday	6/12/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Wednesday	6/13/12	2200 NLH Big Bounty	200 Big Bounty
Thursday	6/14/12	1100 NLH	200 Big Bounty
Friday	6/15/12	600 NLH	600 HORSE
Saturday	6/16/12	400 NLH Day 1A**	
Sunday	6/17/12	400 NLH Day 1B**	
Monday	6/18/12	1600 NLH	600 Seniors
Tuesday	6/19/12	600 NLH	200 Big Bounty

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Thursday	6/28/12	2200 NLH Big Bounty	600 PLO
Friday	6/29/12	1100 NLH	200 Big Bounty
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Sunday	7/8/12	600 NLH	
Monday	7/9/12	1600 NLH	200 Big Bounty
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Saturday	7/14/12	600 NLH	
Sunday	7/15/12	600 NLH	

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DEL VECCHIO WINS MGM GRAND CHALLENGE

By Todd Lamansky

The MGM Grand continued its foray into the tournament game by hosting the second installment of its Grand Challenge Series (April 19-May 6) in Las Vegas. With the help of famed tournament director **Matt Savage**, poker room manager **Rob Moore** made a number of improvements to the inaugural series.

"Our first series in October of last year offered only no-limit hold'em events and most of the buy-ins were $340 or higher," Moore said. "This time around we created a schedule with a variety of tournaments and a wider range of buy-ins, starting at $150."

Players could choose from Omaha/8, H.O.R.S.E., stud/8, PLO, even Chinese Poker, in addition to several NLHE variations, including a bounty knockout, a mix-max format, and an all-in-or-fold event.

"We had great feedback from the customers regarding the variety of the schedule and we saw about a 50 percent increase in overall attendance."

Local pro **Mike Del Vecchio**, who moved to Las Vegas last year from New York, bested 106 players to win the $1,600 main event for $51,377 the day before his 24th birthday. He was on fire from the get-go, ending Days 1 and 2 as the chipleader.

"Everything went great," Del Vecchio said. "I flopped well, just what you need to do to win tournaments. I was fortunate to run as good as I did, but I also played great."

Though he came to the final table as chipleader, Del Vecchio entered heads-up play with 900K to runner-up **John Zentner**'s 1.2 million. Del Vecchio assaulted his opponent with the aggression that had served him so well, managing to chip away at an overly tight Zentner for the next two or three hours, winning 70-75 percent of all the pots, and delivered the knockout punch after gaining a 3-to-1 chip lead.

With blinds at 6K-12K, Del Vecchio made his standard raise to 28K from the button with 9-5. Zentner called then check-called Del Vecchio's 38K c-bet on a 9-8-5 rainbow flop. The turn brought the 9♥, putting two hearts on board. Zentner checked-raised Del Vecchio's 82K turn bet all-in for 500K with J♥-8♥, but found himself drawing dead to Del Vecchio's full house. "I didn't even have to fade a river card," the champ said.

Del Vecchio fell in love with NLHE the first time he saw it on TV in 2003, when **Chris Moneymaker** won the world championship.

"A friend of mine (and I) immediately ran into my room and played for one cent-two cent and I won a dollar off of him and I've never looked back."

Mike Del Vecchio shows off his winning cards and trophy.

He started playing online and eventually dropped out of Penn State to pursue poker full time. He has since made the transition to live poker because he enjoys the social interaction (and is now old enough to be in a casino). You can usually find him at Bellagio playing $10-$20, though he sometimes plays $5-$10 at the Wynn.

Almost exclusively a cash-game player, he entered the Grand Challenge on a whim. It was the first tournament he'd played in four months. Will this win inspire him to play more?

"I'm going to play several WSOP events. Tournaments are where the glory's at; I wouldn't be talking to you if I had a good cash-game session, but cash games are still my bread and butter."

So what's next for MGM?

"Matt Savage and **Karina Jett** (MGM's new poker ambassador) did a great job promoting the series," Moore said. "I think once Matt and I have a chance to discuss some minor adjustments, the Grand Challenge series will be even more successful next time around."

Grand Challenge, MGM Grand, Las Vegas, April 19-May 6

Event 1 • $230 NLHE
Entries: 305 • Pool: $58,560
Neil Tran, $9K

Event 2 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 52 • Pool: $6,240
Saint Hung, $2,309

Event 3 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 69 • Pool: $8,280
Phil Olbrechts, $2,898

Event 4 • $230 Omaha/8
Entries: 73 • Pool: $14,016
Darryl Mann, $4,976

Event 5 • $340 Bounty
Entries: 100 • Pool: $28,800
Nedelcho Karakolev, $5,640

Event 6 • $150 PLO w/rbs
Entries: 37 • Pool: $13,848
Rebecca Wagner, $4,078

Event 7 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 113 • Pool: $32,544
Michael Greco, $10,738

Event 8 • $230 Stud/8
Entries: 78 • Pool: $14,976
Tim Frazin, $5,317

Event 9 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 37 • Pool: $10,656
Daniel Dizenzo, $4,795

Event 10 • $230 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 97 • Pool: $18,624
Tom McEvoy, $2,892

Event 11 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 102 • Pool: $29,682
Stepan Dzhigarkhanyan, $6,897

Event 12 • $230 6-Max
Entries: 69 • Pool: $13,248
Glenn Weiner, $3,617

Event 13 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 202 • Pool: $58,176
Paul Lui, $17,300

Event 14 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 91 • Pool: $10,920
Donna Houle, $3,394

Event 15 • $150 AIOF
Entries: 63 • Pool: $7,875
Flaminio Malguti, $1,253

Event 16 • $150 PLO/8 w/rbs
Entries: 53 • Pool: $15,960
Chip Jett, $6,224

Event 17 • $550 Mix-Max
Entries: 19 • Pool: $9,215
J.J. Liu, $4,715

Event 18 • $1,090 2-7
Entries: 16 • Pool: $15,520
Steve Billirakis, $5,432

Event 19 • $550 NLHE
Entries: 41 • Pool: $19,885
Ali Fazeli, $7,358

$1,600 Main Event
Entries: 107 • Pool: $155,685
Mike Del Vecchio, $51,377

Event 21 • $230 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 69 • Pool: $13,248
Hani Awad, $,4901

Event 22 • $150 PLO w/rbs
Entries: 22 • Pool: $11,472
Rebecca Wagner, $3,868

Event 23 • $550 NLHE
Entries: 22 • Pool: $10,670
Jeff Blenkarn, $5,335

Event 24 • $230 Omaha/8
Entries: 36 • Pool: $6,912
Joe Weinberger, $2,558

Event 25 • $230 Ladies
Entries: 21 • Pool: $4,032
Rae Rocco, $1,900

Event 26 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 41 • Pool: $4,920
Lavonne Joyce, $1,584

Event 27 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 30 • Pool: $3,600
Daniel Smith, $1,800

Event 28 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 9 • Pool: $1,080
Mike Franco, $540

Event 29 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 35 • Pool: $4,200
Larry Lewis, $1,890

Event 30 • $150 NLHE
Entries: 39 • Pool: $4,680
Daniel Orr, $1,644

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November Niner Collins takes down Palms HPT event and $71,566

November Niner **Phil Collins** took home top honors at the Heartland Poker Tour's $1,500 main event at the Palms Casino in Las Vegas on April 12. It was the first live victory of his career, if you don't count the $40 22-player nightly tournament at Harrah's he won shortly after moving to Sin City, that is.

This time around, Collins bested 195 players and a strong final table that featured **Matt Marafioti, Steve "gboro780" Gross**, poker commentator **Dan O'Brien** and World Series of Poker bracelet-winner **Leo Wolpert. Terry Presley**, who won a HPT event in February and leads the POY race, was the only amateur.

One of the top tournament players of the past five years (he's amassed more than $1.5 million in online earnings), USCPhildo saw Black Friday as an opportunity. "I'm very happy in Vegas. My wife has a job; she works as a physical therapist here, so moving out of the country to play online was never really an option. One of my first and immediate takes was: It's time to get good at live poker. Black Friday helped me find the motivation to put in hours at the casino."

Collins received $71,556 for the win, his second largest live cash, eclipsed only by the $2.2 million he earned for finishing fifth in the 2011 WSOP main event. **— Todd Lamansky**

Spring Big Bounty Festival, Venetian, April 12-22

Event 1 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 282 • Pool: $63,591
Brandon Poe, $15,257

Event 2 • $500 NLHE
Entries: 73 • Pool: $23,725
Anthony Dunne, $7,591

Event 3 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 96 • Pool: $21,648
David Lu Yu, $6,926

Event 4 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 78 • Pool: $17,589
Michael Corson, $5,630

Event 5 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 91 • Pool: $20,520
Casey Stewart, $6,567

Event 6 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 105 • Pool: $23,678
Jason Everett, $7,103

Event 7 • $500 NLHE
Entries: 92 • Pool: $29,900
Peter Smurfit, $9,567

$2,200 Main Event
Entries: 86 • Pool: $130,118
Mark Schmid, $41,639

Event 9 • $500 NLHE
Entries: 58 • Pool: $18,850
Terry Fleischer, $6,596

Event 10 • $300 NLHE
Entries: 73 • Pool: $16,461
Jimmy Kim, $5,268

Peppermill's new high-limit room gaining some notoriety

The Peppermill has long been home to the biggest games in town. With the addition of a new high-limit room, the property is taking Reno poker to the next level.

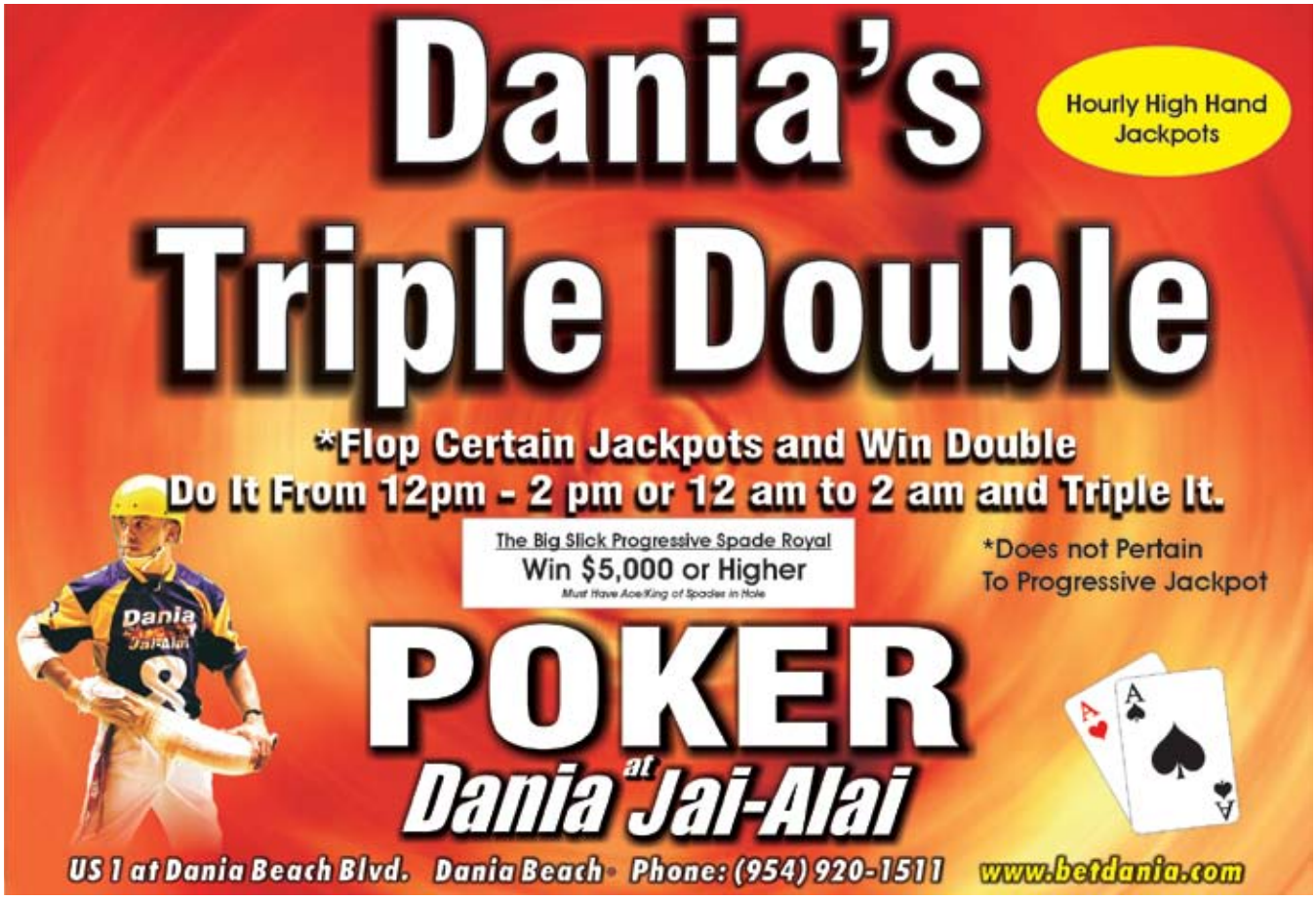
The private high-limit area is in the back of the poker room and features six tables with automatic shufflers. The walls are lined with 10 plasma TVs and a glass enclosure with two sets of double doors makes for a comfortable and professional atmosphere. The new room comes complete with a high-limit host, **Jimmy Horikawa**. With his experience in the high-limit arena, he ensures players will enjoy luxurious playing experience, including complimentary buffet-style dining.

CORDELL HOWARD • RENO

The most commonly spread games are a $30-$60 limit and $5-$10 no-limit hold'em. Occasionally a $10-$25 or a $100-$100 NLHE game runs, plus a $10-$20 Omaha weekly game is in the rotation.

Peppermill has managed to deliver a higher tier of games that weren't previously available. The bigger games are drawing new players to the area and making Reno one of the top destinations to play high-limit poker.

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



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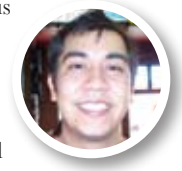
NEW MEXICO

Aldaz leaves N.M. behind for his dreams

With more than his fair share of flare and confidence, **Carlos Aldaz** is a popular dealer at the Inn of the Mountain Gods poker room. At least, he WAS a dealer until sign-ups for the Road to the Main Event tournament began in this beautiful Southern New Mexico resort in April. He quit his job to be eligible to play in the tournament that could have supercharged his plans for the future. Alas, it was not yet to be. Was this lean, handsome 25-year-old devastated? Don't bet on it.

MARY BRADLEY • NEW MEXICO

You see he is a poker-dealing, poker player who happens to sing opera. He and his girlfriend recently flew to New York, to live for at least a year where he can apply his nose to the audition grindstone and his girlfriend (a recent UTEP grad) will perform her pharmacology residency. As much as Aldaz loves music, he's equally intense about poker. Plan A is to attend as many auditions as possible in NYC while possibly dealing poker in Atlantic City. He admits to Plan B, which involves Las Vegas, where he'll deal and play poker. Plan C is a little vague but includes the possibility of a return of the young couple to El Paso, Texas, to live near their families, and where he's a musical celebrity. The Inn of the Mountain Gods is less than two hours from El Paso, and the WSOP totally within reach. Whether we next discover him on Broadway, in the El Paso Opera or taking down the main event, it'd be smart to file his name under W . . . for winner.



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ARIZONA

Summer of road trips, great local events

With a full schedule of summer events happening, many players in Arizona need to plan their schedule. With the World Series of Poker only a four-hour drive from Phoenix, many hope to qualify in a WSOP satellite. They'll also be preparing for the eighth annual Arizona State Championship, which is Aug. 10-14 at Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room.

BRIAN FANZO • ARIZONA

Casino Del Sol in Tucson hosts many great poker leagues during the summer months and is holding a $25K guarantee freeroll. It's also giving away 10 seats to the Arizona State Championship. Call the poker room to learn how to qualify.

Wild Horse Pass Casino holds its weekly Big Buy No-Limit Tournaments on Sundays at noon, a great way to get in the last-minute tournament experience before making that trip to Vegas.

If you're looking for a change of pace, Hon-Dah Casino in Pinetop holds a crazy pineapple tournament Sundays at 4 p.m.

With lots of great poker available in Arizona, it won't be a surprise if we see someone from here taking home a bracelet this summer at the WSOP.

Stay tuned to the next issue of *Ante Up* as I will preview the Arizona State Championship, which has a $1 million prize pool. I'll interview past winners and give you a full breakdown of the event, including information on the newly added State Championship Warm-Up tournaments (Aug. 6-9).

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

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MCGUIRE PREPARED FOR RUNNING DOVER DOWNS

As first reported in *Ante Up Magazine*, Dover Downs Hotel and Casino promoted **Peter McGuire** to poker room manager in February. He has been with Dover Downs since 2010 and has managed all three shifts in the poker room. That provided a thorough understanding of how things work between shifts and departments, which in turn made the transition to manager much easier. I recently had a chance to interview McGuire.

MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC

How are you running the room differently from your predecessor? I am building on the work of my predecessor. There have been some subtle changes, such as changing the tournament structures. We also offer more guarantee payouts for daily tournaments. Since early April, the dollars and points earned while playing poker have doubled. This is an excellent demonstration of how much we appreciate our poker players.

What can players expect from a room run by Peter McGuire? Three words: friendly, professional and consistent. Additionally, we are expanding the games that are offered. We will soon be offering pineapple and crazy pineapple, which are two new games our players have been requesting. The poker staff is doing everything imaginable to make the Royal Crown Poker Room the best place to play poker in Delaware.

What do you think of the phrase "a poker player's manager" and do you consider yourself one? Absolutely! We treat all players equally in our poker room. If it is a player's first time or they have been here a thousand times, the player should feel comfortable in a room managed by Peter McGuire.

Do you play poker and, if so, where? Yes, I like to play when I get the opportunity. I usually play in the other poker rooms in Delaware and casinos in nearby states.

What can we expect from you and Dover Downs? (We are) home to the Delaware State Championship, which will be held on Sept. 8. To attract even larger crowds for this year's event, we have lowered the buy-in and increased the starting chip stack. The poker championship is our biggest event of the year. There are bigger tournaments and additional promotions in the planning stages.

DOVER CRUISES: Be sure to ask the staff at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino about their Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways. The cruise will be out of Baltimore on Nov. 10-17 (See story, Page 20).

A-CURE CHARITY EVENT: Rolled Up Poker hosted a charity event to benefit the Lupus Foundation of America on April 7 in Richmond, Va. Former world champ **Jerry Yang** was on hand for the event.

Dawn Buchanan, left, won the event and a $555 World Series of Poker Circuit seat. She was followed by **Mark Yurga** ($325 WSOPC seat) and **Shawn Rueger** ($190 WSOPC seat). The tournament raised $2K for the foundation.

The next charity event for Rolled Up Poker will be June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Richmond. Contact **Joseph Hutter** at 804-484-0144 for more information.

— Michael Young is the Ante Up Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic area. Email him at anteupmike@gmail.com. Ante Up Ambassador Mark Rhoades contributed to this report.

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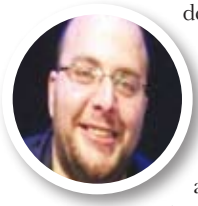
GOVERNMENT EXPANDS POKER OPTIONS

Gov. **Mark Dayton** signed a bill that went into effect May 5, allowing Canterbury Park and Running Aces to increase the amount and variety of poker they can offer. The law also establishes a framework for the possible implementation of parimutuel simulcasting of horse races at tribal casinos. The Minnesota racing industry has been lobbying for "racinos" that would allow slot machines at the tracks, however tribal gaming interests have been opposed to that effort. As an alternative, both sides supported the recently passed legislation.

JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA

The cardrooms can increase poker, blackjack and other pit-game tables from 50 to 80. Also, the maximum bet size for poker is increased from $60 to $100, permitting larger limit and spread-limit games. The law also allows an unlimited number of tournament tables, enabling the rooms to run bigger tournaments more easily. According to **Gregg Bartku**, poker manager at Running Aces Harness Park, they received immediate approval from the Minnesota Racing Commission to open all of their existing 63 tables simultaneously. However, a new plan of operation needs to be approved by the MRC before they can enact the bigger betting limits, which Bartku expects will happen this month.

SPRING POKER CLASSIC: Blake Bohn won the main event (and Event 10) of the Running Aces Harness Park series that ran April 12-22. Bohn wasn't the only player to follow the pattern of multiple deep runs. **Kou Vang** won Events 3 and 4 and took third in Event 13. **Rose Kahnke** won Events 1 and 8. **Ed Janezich** won Event 5 and finish second in Event 9. **Eric Wright** won Event 9, finish fourth in Event 5 and seventh in Event 10.



HPT: Nas Al, left, took top honors for $118,482 at Canterbury Park's Heartland Poker Tour stop April 19-29. The $1,650 event boasted 333 entrants and a prize pool of $473,928, the biggest in Minnesota history.

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

Spring Classic, Running Aces, April 12-22

Blake Bohn won the main event of the Spring Classic.

Event 1 • $65 50-older
Entries: 58 • Pool: $2,796
Rose Kahnke, $1,062

Event 2 • $65 49-younger
Entries: 74 • Pool: $3,572
Aaron Madison, $1,321

Event 3 • $65 NLHE
Entries: 116 • Pool: $5,593
Kou Vang, $1,840

Event 4 • $230 Bounty
Entries: 127 • Pool: $12,286
Kou Vang, $3,994

Event 5 • $500 NLHE
Entries: 78 • Pool: $33,600
Ed Janezich, $12,432

Event 6 • $45 NLHE
Entries: 231 • Pool: $6,689
Larry Smith, $1,833

Event 7 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 123 • Pool: $11,931
John Marlowe, $3,877

Event 8 • NLHE freeroll
Entries: 231 • Pool: $5,390
Rose Kahnke, $1,479

Event 9 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 83 • Pool: $8,570
Eric Wright, $2,989

Event 10 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 126 • Pool: $12,222
Blake Bohn, $3,973

Event 11 • $180 Omaha/8
Entries: 48 • Pool: $6,984
Joe Konstan, $2,933

Event 12 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 115 • Pool: $11,155
Tim Votava, $3,672

Event 13 • $230 NLHE
Entries: 85 • Pool: $16,490
John Olson, $5,686

Event 14 • $125 NLHE
Entries: 108 • Pool: $10,476
Ray Dickerson, $3,510

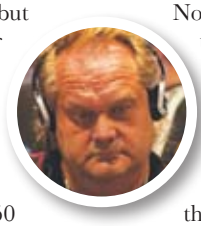
Event 15 • $340 NLHE
Entries: 77 • Pool: $23,100
Christopher Chaffee, $8,547

$1,100 Main Event
Entries: 90 • Pool: $87,290
Blake Bohn, $31,424

Wisconsinite playing with the big boys

You may not be familiar with **Larry Ormson**, but don't be surprised if you see him take down a major tournament sometime soon. The 58-year-old from Elroy, Wis., started playing poker in 2010, but is mixing it up in bigger buy-in events because, as he states, they offer "more excitement, better players and bigger bluffs."

CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN



"I am playing over 50 events this summer," Ormson said of his upcoming schedule. "The WSOP main event, $5K, some $1,500 events, and the World Poker Tour championship in May."

The 15th of 17 siblings, Ormson has been in the plastics business since 1982 when his company started making Trivial Pursuit games. Now he enjoys spending time with his wife of 20 years, **Linda**, and their four children (**Heather, Jake, Hayley** and **Zach**) while supplementing his income through poker.

"I won $122,000 in cash games in the fall of 2010 between Bellagio and Aria in a weekend," Ormson said when asked about his greatest poker accomplishment. "I won a Deep Stack at Venetian and took 78th out of 3,700 players in the over-50 event last year. But I think the best accomplishment is I became good friends with **Tom Marchese, William Reynolds, Chance Kornuth, Dave Orvis, Keith Ferrera** and **David Bednar.** That is the best."

— 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.

MISSOURI

KIRK WINS WSOPC MAIN EVENT IN ST. LOUIS

The World Series of Poker Circuit returned to Harrah's St. Louis (April 12-24) for the third time, and **Tripp Kirk** of Atlanta was certainly happy for that.

DON MATUSOFSKY • MISSOURI

Kirk captured the $1,620 main event for $190,961 and a seat at the WSOPC National Championship in Las Vegas. Kirk entered heads-up play with a 2-to-1 chip lead over **Tim Killday**. It took only 10 hands to finish when Killday went all-in on a bluff against Kirk, who flopped a pair of aces.

The main event drew 625 players, a 39 percent increase over last year, generating a prize pool of nearly $910K.

The 23-table poker room expanded to 93 tables to handle cash games and three tournaments at a time. This stop continues to grow and saw attendance increase more than 20 percent. Event 4 was a $355 buy-in no-limit hold'em event with re-entry.

Counting re-entries, 1,066 entrants made this event the largest tournament in Missouri history. **Roy Riley** of Savoy, Ill., finished first for $57K.

Kyle Cartwright, the defending champ of last year's main event, won Event 10 for more than $55K and his fourth WSOPC ring. **Kurt Jewel** also won his fourth ring by taking down the final event for $19K.

After completion of the WSOPC, Caesars Entertainment announced the sale of Harrah's St. Louis to Penn National Gaming. This location likely will be a Hollywood Casino, and no announcement has been made regarding the future of the WSOPC in St. Louis.

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

WSOP Circuit, Harrah's St. Louis, April 12-24

Event 1 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 473 • Pool: $137,643
Shain Matthews, $29,306

Event 2 • $565 NLHE
Entries: 279 • Pool: $135,315
Jerry Ard, $32,147

Event 3 • $355 PLO
Entries: 150 • Pool: $43,650
Kevin Balsman, $11,844

Event 4 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 1,066 • Pool: $310,206
Roy Riley, $57,139

Event 5 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 277 • Pool: $79,257
William Byrnes, $19,025

Event 6 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 355 • Pool: $103,305
Adam Laskey, $23,449

Event 7 • $355 6-Max
Entries: 323 • Pool: $93,993
Nikolas Stone, $21,770

Event 8 • $565 NLHE
Entries: 292 • Pool: $141,620
Stephen Friedel, $33,664

Event 9 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 425 • Pool: $123,675
Edward Smurzynski, $27,212

Event 10 • $1,090 NLHE
Entries: 229 • Pool: $222,130
Kyle Cartwright, $55,533

$1,620 Main Event
Entries: 625 • Pool: $909,375
Tripp Kirk, $190,961

Event 12 • $355 NLHE
Entries: 276 • Pool: $80,316
Kurt Jewell, $19,269

IOWA

WSOP Circuit, Horseshoe Council Bluffs, March 29-April 10

Event 1 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 355 • Pool: $103,305
Brent Glantz, $23,764

Event 2 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 585 • Pool: $170,235
Stephen Kats, $35,745

Event 3 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 211 • Pool: $61,401
Patrick Kellogg, $15,348

Event 4 • $350 H.O.R.S.E.
Entries: 119 • Pool: $34,629
Dave Kerrigan, $10,390

Event 5 $350 • 6-Max
Entries: 197 • Pool: $57,327
Jonathan Hanner, $15,765

Event 6 • $350 Omaha/8
Entries: 128 • Pool: $37,248
Duane Gerleman, $10,428

Event 7 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 255 • Pool: $74,205
Brian Boyanovsky, $18,178

Event 8 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 178 • Pool: $51,798
Aaron Ruppert, $13,983

Event 9 • $1,080 NLHE
Entries: 147 • Pool: $142,590
Darrell Prevail, $39,925

Event 10 • $350 PLO w/rb
Entries: 58 • Pool: $56,357
Brent Carter, $21,135

$1,600 Main Event
Entries: 290 • Pool: $421,950
Scott Stanko, $101,266

Event 12 • $350 NLHE
Entries: 116 • Pool: $33,756
Jeffrey Fielder, $10,128

SOUTHERN INDIANA

LOCAL PRO WINS MIDWEST REGIONAL TITLE

Call the wife and update your Facebook status. That's what **Craig "Smitty" Smith** did after winning the Midwest Regional Poker Championship at Southern Indiana's Horseshoe Casino in April.

R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA

Smith, an award-winning businessman with a wife of 17 years and three children, outlasted 146 players in the main event to win $32,714 and a $10K seat to this year's World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas.

"I actually grew up playing nickel, dime and quarter poker with my family," Smitty said when asked how long he'd been playing poker. "We had Friday night poker games at my parents' house for years. About seven years ago, Texas Hold'em became really popular around here and I started playing in some house tournaments, and then began playing cash at the Horseshoe. I never really considered myself a tournament player; I had a great deal of success with the cash games. I enjoy playing pot-limit Omaha."

Smith affirms that patience and the ability to change gears at the appropriate time are crucial to the success of tournament play. His chip average slipped suddenly before going to the final table; having called three all-in bets having the best of it preflop. Being short-stacked at the final table didn't last long as it was his turn to double-up three times and get heads-up. His opponent had a 2-to-1 lead over him and Smitty offered a chop. His opponent declined. Fifteen minutes later, it was over with Smith holding the trophy.

Poker room manager **Jimmy Allen** felt the guarantees and seats awarded helped boost attendance.

"Just adding a WSOP seat to the prize pool gives them something extra to shoot for and shows that we are serious about giving our players what they want," he said. "We will continue to look at all facets of our tournaments to ensure we're providing our guests with the best possible tournament experience."

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

CHICAGOLAND

ROEPER ALWAYS IS WILLING TO LEND HIS TIME

Poker tournaments are playing an important role for many Chicago-area charities. With many charity budgets stressed, they look to local personalities for help. With a busy schedule of writing for the *Chicago Sun Times* and being on WLS radio with **Roe Conn, Richard Roeper** manages to find time to help many charities.

JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND

"Richard Roeper has been a pillar of support for Chicago-based charities for many years," said **Jason Finn**, co-host of the Windy City Poker Championship and founder of ChicagoPokerClub.net. "I recently went to a show in benefit of Gilda's Club, an organization that supports families battling cancer, and who was on stage emceeing the event? You bet, Richard Roeper. He has supported my efforts with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, in particular through our annual Chicago Poker Open, for seven years now. Whenever he's available to support a local cause, on the green felt, he's there. I cannot name a Chicago personality who's more willing to give his time and effort, and lend his poker face, to charity, than Richard."

Roeper is scheduled to again be on the felt, along with sports journalist **David Kaplan**, supporting the veterans on June 21-24 as the American Legion Post 615 in Tinley Park will host a televised Windy City Poker Championship. This $250 buy-in televised tournament has several Day 1s scheduled for that weekend.

A full schedule will be finalized and posted online for players. Those who bust out will be allowed to re-enter another Day 1. For more information on this and other tournaments, contact **Kirk Fallah** at 708-935-2861 or email kirk@windycitypokerchampionship.com. Schedule and details will also be available online at ChicagoPokerClub.net.

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

MICHIGAN

Governor gets involved in charity poker

Gov. **Rick Snyder** has switched the oversight of Michigan charity poker rooms from the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery's Charitable Gaming Division to the executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

FRANK PANAMA • MICHIGAN

The state said there were concerns about the growing poker economy in Michigan and the criminal elements that might be attracted to those revenues. The governor then created a criminal investigation unit within the Gaming Control Board on May 3. Michigan charity poker generated revenues of $194 million in 2011.

PROMOTIONS: Greektown Casino has announced its Summer of Cash promotion, which resembles its Showers of Cash from the spring, only more fun, according to floor manager **Brad Kotzen**.

"Instead of a drawing every two hours, we are having a drawing every hour beginning at 11 a.m.," he said.

Players collect raffle tickets during the week whenever they make a straight or better in any cash games. Having your aces cracked is a bounty, since you get 25 tickets for the raffle. Those tickets are then drawn from a drum on Tuesdays (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.), awarding $100 every hour. You must be present to win so unclaimed prizes get rolled into the next hour's drawing.

— Frank Panama and Gambit Gras are Ante Up's Michigan Ambassadors. They host the Michigan Poker Monster weekly podcast at mipokermonster.com. Email them at anteupmichigan@gmail.com.

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July 26, Thur	2	4PM	No-Limit Hold'em	$170 + $30
July 27, Fri Re-entry	1B	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	$200 + $35
July 27, Fri	3	4PM	No-Limit Hold'em	$170 + $30
July 28, Sat (2 Day)	4	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($150,000 Guaranteed)	$300 + $45
July 28, Sat	5	4PM	No-Limit Hold'em	$200 + $35
July 29, Sun	6	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($50,000 Guaranteed)	$200 + $35
July 29, Sun	7	4PM	Limit Omaha 8/B	$260 + $40
July 30, Mon	8	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($20,000 Guaranteed)	$200 + $35
July 30, Mon	9	4PM	No-Limit Hold'em	$170 + $30
July 31, Tues	10	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($15,000 Guaranteed)	$170 + $30
July 31, Tues	11	4PM	PLO Omaha	$300 + $45
Aug 1, Wed	12	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($15,000 Guaranteed)	$170 + $30
Aug 1, Wed	13	4PM	Limit Omaha 8/B	$260 + $40
Aug 2, Thur	14	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em ($50,000 Guaranteed)	$300 + $45
Aug 2, Thur (2 Day)	15	2PM	Pot-Limit Omaha (Optional ½ Chips to Start)	$1000 + $80
Aug 3, Fri	16	10AM	Mega Satellite/No Re-buy 10 Seats Guaranteed	$125 + $25
Aug 3 Fri Re-entry	17A	2PM	N/L Hold'em Championship Main Event	$1,000 + $80
Aug 3, Fri	18	4PM	Super Satellite/$50 re-buy	$100 + $25
Aug 3, Fri	19	8PM	Super Satellite/$50 re-buy	$100 + $25
Aug 4, Sat	20	10AM	Mega Satellite/No Re-buy 15 Seats Guaranteed	$125 + $25
Aug 4, Sat Re-entry	17B	2PM	N/L Hold'em Championship Main Event	$1,000 + $80
Aug 4, Sat	21	4PM	No Limit Hold'em	$200 + $35
Aug 5, Sun	22	2PM	No Limit Hold'em	$170 + $30
Aug 5, Sun		2PM	Day 2 of Championship Main Event	
Aug 6, Mon		2PM	Final Day of Championship Main Event	

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- Players may purchase an additional $2,000 in tournament chips for a $10 staff appreciation in all regular tournament events with buy-ins of $500 or less. 2% will be withheld for National Championship Event.
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MY 6-MAX DREAM

By Christopher J. Cosenza

If you could play poker with anyone (and by anyone I mean living, dead or fictional) with whom would you play? The beauty of our favorite game is if you have enough money you can play with just about anyone . . . well anyone who is real and alive (unless you want to play with **Tupac**'s hologram). I also realize narrowing your list to just one person or character may make your decision a little difficult, so let's make it a top-five list.

We recently presented this question to the faithful listeners of our *Ante Up PokerCast* and they had some interesting answers, including **Yosemite Sam** and **Jesus Christ**. Be sure to scan the QR code below to hear that episode and all of their whacky submissions. Here is my top-five list (with a backup for each when nature calls), and I, of course, would round out my six-max dream team.

NO. 1: DOYLE BRUNSON

I'm sure Texas Dolly is on just about everyone's list, but I would really like to sit with him in his prime when he won back-to-back titles and even before then when he called holding only jack-high to beat **Johnny Moss** for a nice pot. I tend to like stories about geniuses or remarkable feats, so to see him in his heyday would be a true honor. … and if **Phil Ivey** wanted to sit in while Doyle scooted off to the Little Doyle's room, I'm just peachy with that.

NO. 2: RICHARD NIXON

Yes, you read that right, but I'd want to play with the Nixon who was in the service. It's been said he won his money for his political campaign by beating guys at poker on his ship. I always wanted to see just how good he was. . . . and if **Harry Truman** wanted to join us while Tricky Dick visited the "Oval Office" to pass the buck, I'd vote for that.

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NO. 3: TEDDY KGB

The underground host of the biggest game in *Rounders* is more than welcome in my six-max, but from the time *before* he learned of his tell. After all, I have to beat ONE of these guys for some cash so I can stay in the game. And who better to fleece than a man with an insatiable sweet-tooth, a cage full of chips, an over-the-top Russian accent and a rack full of tell-spewing Oreo cookies? . . . and if **Joey Knish** wants to sit in as Teddy vacates some borscht in the Sputnik closet, I'd say, "Da!"

NO. 4: HAWKEYE

Benjamin Franklin Pierce, in the pre-**BJ** years on *M*A*S*H*, was unbeatable, and not just when **Radar** helped him cheat with a telescope. I'd like to compare his poker prowess with the others at the table and laugh all night at his never-ending wisecracks and masterful metaphors. … and if **Charles Emerson Winchester** wants to sit in for him when Hawkeye has to go AWOL to the latrine, I'm all for it. Charles has a whistling tell that makes **Teddy KGB** look like **Joe Navarro**).

NO. 5: WILD BILL HICKOK

Finally, I'd like to play with this cowboy on the same day he got shot, to see if he really was that good and once-and-for-all put to rest if he held aces and eights. … and if **Doc Holliday** could take a break from hacking up one of his lungs and wanted to relieve Wild Bill as he went to the outhouse, well that'd be just fine. ♠

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ONLINE POKER LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ever since the DOJ ruling in December 2011, stating the 1961 Wire Act only had jurisdiction on sporting events and contests, the door swung open for states to allow regulated online poker within their borders. Since then, several states have announced intentions to investigate the potential revenue that this would bring into their coffers.

YEAS: The states that have written legislation (or who have started the process) to allow regulated online poker within their state lines are:

• **Nevada:** On Dec. 23, the Nevada Gaming Commission unanimously approved intrastate regulated online poker for the state. They are taking applications for licensed companies to run the online poker sites. They expect to have the first sites up and running by early 2013.

• **California:** The Internet Gambling Consumer Protection and Public-Private Partnership Act of 2012, better known as SB 1463, was proposed in February and is being considered by the state for approval. This bill focuses on player protection and the promise of more than $200 million in revenue to the state in the first year alone.

Also, bwin.party and the United Auburn Indian Community, which owns and operates the Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Sacramento, have entered into a formal agreement to offer online poker services in California if suitable intrastate legislation is enacted in the state.

• **New Jersey:** The New Jersey Internet Gaming Bill is scheduled for approval by the state legislature on May 31. Gov. **Chris Christie** vetoed a similar bill last year, but had changed his stance on this year's bill and was expected to sign it. Then right up until *Ante Up* deadline reports indicated he might be wavering on this promise.

• **Delaware:** Gov. **Jack Markell** is in favor of the Delaware Gaming Competitiveness Act of 2012, which is scheduled to be introduced to the Legislature in the form of a bill during this session. Since New Jersey is considering a similar bill, Delaware is trying to stay competitive and not lose those tax dollars.

NAYS: The states that had previously passed online legislation, or tried to, and failed are listed below:

• **Iowa:** In March, Senate File 2275, a bill to regulate online poker, was passed by the Senate, but failed to make the deadline for approval by the House.

Proponents of the bill are hopeful it will be addressed again later this year.

• **Washington, D.C.:** In 2011, the District of Columbia approved an online poker bill, but the bill was repealed in February, denying any hope for online poker there in the foreseeable future.

• **Massachusetts:** The state passed a bill last year that allowed for three brick-and-mortar land-based casinos, but an online bill didn't get approved. All indications are it will be a while before online poker gets approved here.

• **Hawaii:** In March, representatives **Joseph Souki, Faye Hanohano** and **Angus McKelvey** tried to get an Internet Gambling Bill (HB 2422) passed through the Legislature, but it failed to pass the House. Hawaii and Utah are the only states that don't allow any form of legalized gambling.

• **Mississippi:** The Mississippi Lawful Internet Gaming Act of 2012 (HB 1373), proposed in February by state Rep. **Bobby Moak**, failed to get through the House Ways and Means Committee in March. It hasn't been announced if this will be reintroduced.

NOT JUST NAY, BUT HELL NAY: Utah Gov. **Gary R. Herbert** signed the Anti-Online Gambling Bill HB 108 in March. The law states it's illegal for "any person who knowingly transmits, receives, or relays any form of Internet or online gambling into or within this state." Anyone who violates this law will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. The bill is scheduled to become law July 1. The law doesn't stop there; it says the state is required to opt out of any federal legislation allowing online gambling. So, based on this legislation, Utah will never have legal online poker.

MAYBES: There are states open to considering regulated online poker in the not-to-distant future, including Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Ohio and Virginia. We'll keep an eye on those and report any progress.

Moneymaker's view

Chris Moneymaker was a recent guest on the *Ante Up PokerCast*, and the hosts asked him his thoughts on PokerStars and whether it will ever be back in the United States once online poker is regulated.

"Oh, for sure," the 2003 World Series of Poker Main Event champ said. "Online poker will be back in the U.S.; it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when. There's just too much money to be made. PokerStars, (with) the way they handled things, I think there's a good chance they'll be back in. I think it's a wait-and-see type thing. I have 100 percent belief there will be (regulated) online poker (in the U.S.) and I have a very strong belief that PokerStars will be part of that landscape."

With recent news the DOJ and PokerStars are working on a settlement, and predictions that PokerStars is planning to buy the assets of Full Tilt and repay those players, the prediction of Moneymaker may happen sooner than later.

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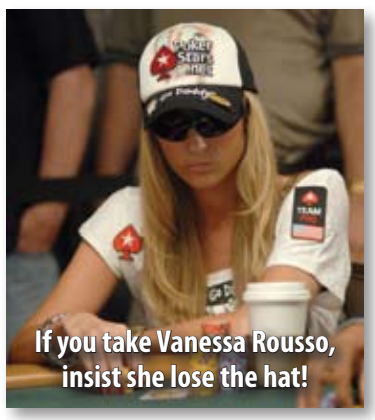

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PREPARING FOR THE WORLD SERIES

The past few years, right before the World Series of Poker rolls around, I usually offer a WSOP coaching package to the members of my email list. Every year, quite a few people sign up and I tell them basically everything I know about the WSOP to help them have a profitable and enjoyable time at the tables. In this article, I will give you a few tips to help make the trip a success.

As for technical poker advice, the No. 1 thing I see amateurs do at the WSOP is turn their top pair hands face up, usually by raising with them on the flop then piling the rest of their money in on the turn. When deepstacked, if you raise the flop with top pair and your opponent continues in the hand, he can beat top pair or has a draw to beat top pair. This is obviously not a good situation for top pair.

I recently played a hand in a World Poker Tour event where someone raised from early position, someone called, I called in middle position with K-Q, and a tight, straightforward player called on the button. The flop came K♠-8♦-2♦.

They checked to me and I threw out 3,500 into a 5,500 pot. The button immediately made it 8,000, leaving himself 20,000 behind. At this point, I knew the player would reraise with A-K and K-K preflop, so the only hands I had to worry about where 8-8 and 2-2. I also knew he liked to slow-play with sets, which helped me further narrow his range to squarely K-Q, K-J, K-10, or a flush draw. I elected to call because I didn't want to let him off the hook if he had top pair, as most players that raise the flop in this spot will fold to a re-reraise on the flop.

The turn was the 4♠. I checked and my opponent quickly went all-in. I obviously called, as I crush his range. I scooped a nice pile of chips when he turned up his K-J. Notice if my opponent simply called the flop instead of making a raise, he may have been able to conserve some chips. Instead, because he was so terrified of getting outdrawn, he ended up getting his money in drawing almost dead.

As for things to do away from the table to improve your time at the WSOP, I suggest you think ahead. For example, if you know you have to play a tournament at noon on Friday, don't party all night Thursday. Since you probably know you'll be spending a lot of time at the poker table, make it a point to eat right, be in good shape and get a lot of sleep. You should also think ahead about your hotel. If you know you don't like traveling in the morning, your options are pretty much limited to the Rio or Palms.

If you know you want to stay at a place with nice rooms and restaurants, stay at Aria, Bellagio, Venetian or Wynn. If you know you want your entire focus to be on poker while at the WSOP, don't gamble on other games, such as blackjack or sports. Basically, figure out what you want from the WSOP and plan ahead to give yourself the best chance for success.

My main goal for the WSOP is to put in 13 hours of solid poker every day of the series. I plan on playing a tournament at noon and if I bust before 10 p.m. or so, I will play cash games or satellites until 1 a.m. or so. To make this happen, I'm going to eat healthily every day and I'm going to make a point to get in the gym at least four days per week, though it probably will end up being more like six days per week.

I'm also going to drink no alcohol throughout the series. I also don't plan on partying or really hanging out with people too much in general during the WSOP. This may sound like a miserable way to spend the WSOP to most people, but for me, my goal is to make as much money as possible, and this seems to be the ideal way to do it. I know if I set my mind to something, I can make it happen. I also know I'm going on a vacation before and after the series, so if I start feeling burnt out, I know I have a vacation right around the corner. All in all, I am excited for a two-month-long grindfest. If you see me grinding away, say hi.

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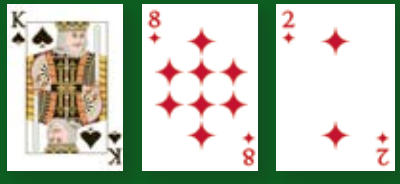
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TELLS OF THE MOUTH, PART II

Last month, I noted how paying attention to the mouth could make a difference in your decision-making process at the tables. To read that article, scan the QR code at the top of the page. This month, I continue with Part 2 of my look at the tells of the mouth.

LIP TOUCHING: When we're in a stressful situation, one might notice quivering lips or a profuse sweating in that area. We might pull on our lips or touch them to pacify ourselves. Sometimes we see players playing with their philtrum (yes, you can share this one with the kids), that little area with ridges between the upper lip and the nose. Men, mostly, play with this and do so when they're pensive or weak.

EXCESSIVE YAWNING: When we're tense or under stress, such as when looking at a rag hand and seeing our bankroll getting smaller by the minute, our mouths will become dry. Some people will naturally drink water at the table. Others, however, do something peculiar. I first noticed this when I was a young FBI agent about 30 years ago. During interviews or arrests, the suspect would yawn. I looked further into this and found a possible cause that applies to poker.

I've seen players go all-in and then yawn as though feigning disinterest or being nonchalant. Why would someone yawn repeatedly when under stress? Interestingly, because when we force a yawn, pressure is put on our salivary glands, especially the ones near the jaw, causing them to release saliva in copious amounts and thus wet our increasingly parched mouths. We're nervous and our body is reacting to pacify. So, the next time you see someone go all-in and then yawn, ask yourself, "Is this guy trying to undo stress by relieving a very dry mouth or was he up too late partying the night before?" Likewise, if this is something you do when under stress, as I tell students, "Knock it off!"

Yawning, incidentally, forces a rush of air into our mouths to cool the blood as it goes to the brain. Because our mouths are vascular they act as radiators to cool the blood that enters the cranial vault, which may explain why when it is hot we tend to yawn more.

TONGUE DISPLAYS: Numerous tongue signals can provide us with valuable insights into a person's thoughts or moods. Remember, when we're stressed, our mouths and lips dry. As a result, players under stress will lick their lips to moisten them during times of discomfort. During those moments, we tend to rub our tongues back and forth across our lips, to pacify and calm ourselves. We may stick out the tongue (usually to the side) as we focus carefully on a task (for example, when basketball great **Michael Jordan** went up for a layup) or we may poke out our tongue to antagonize someone we dislike or to show disgust, as children do.

When an individual displays other mouth cues associated with stress, such as lip-biting, mouth-touching, lip-licking or object-biting, it further bolsters a careful observer's belief that the person is insecure. Additionally, if people touch and/or lick their lips while pondering their options, particularly when they take an unusual amount of time, these are signs of insecurity and should clue you in on how to optimally play a hand.

Watch for players who chew gum excessively or chew on their tongues while playing. It is a sign the person is struggling with something and needs to pacify by moving his mouth and tongue. Players forget how visible this is and how professionals will take note of changes in chewing behaviors. Conversely, I've seen players get a monster hand and, to pacify excitement, will begin to chew more quickly. Either way, excessive chewing is a pacifier, it just depends on the player's reaction to stress or excitement. As usual, put everything into context and try to establish normal behavior on the player.

Then there are the talkers, those who calm themselves during stressful moments by talking. From quiet times to an increase of talking and engaging of others, players are doing what they can to avoid focusing on the stressful stimulus. Again this is a behavior of the mouth. Talking can be pacifying, which is why some do it for hours on the phone. It's not so much what is said but rather the act of speech itself can pacify us, which is why (and this is a secret) some of you talk to yourself when alone.

THE TONGUE JUT: Tongue-jutting behavior is a gesture used by people who think they have gotten away with something or are "caught" doing something. I've seen this behavior in flea markets in the United States and in Russia, among street vendors in Lower Manhattan, at poker tables in Las Vegas, and in business meetings. In each case, the person made the gesture, tongue between the teeth without touching the lips, at the conclusion of some sort of a deal or as a final nonverbal statement.

At the poker table, watch people showing a tongue jut when they get you to commit to the pot and they have the nuts. It shows up all of the time. I have seen players who make big laydowns perform the same action.

Are you ready to trust your eyes? Focus on the mouths of opponents when you're in action, but be aware your mouth is being looked at for tells. Calm the quivering lips, lip-licking, chewing and tongue-jutting. Just be aware of what you're giving away and try covering your mouth as you deliberate on your cards and before taking any action. You may find that this is one area where your lips can sink a ship.

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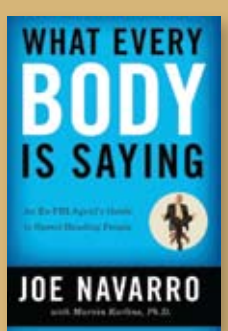

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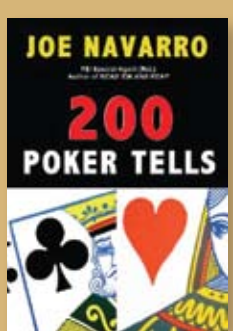

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BE SURE TO LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES

Using position, information on your opponents and the betting story throughout a hand are crucial to playing no-limit hold'em to maximize profits and minimize losses. In a recent World Series of Poker Circuit event, I caught myself making the same mistakes I often see many players making, costing them value.

My opponent was a tight-aggressive tournament professional and we've played many times in the past. At the 50-75 level, he opened from the hijack seat to 150. I looked down at A-A and raised to 425. Action folded back to him and he called. Using everything I know about his game and his image of me, I should expect him to have just about any pair, A-Q (or better) or suited connectors. He'd likely re-raise with Q-Q (or better), but it's not unreasonable to think he would flat-call so early in the tournament with Q-Q or K-K.

The flop came J-8-6 rainbow and he checked. I bet 500 and he called. I should expect him to have at least top pair here or some kind of draw or two-pair with his connectors. The turn brought a nine and he checked. At this point, I'm way ahead or way behind. If he flopped a set, two-pair or just made his draw, I could be drawing slim if I'm behind. The most prudent thing to do here would be to bet and fold to a raise, or just check and evaluate on the river if he bets. I ended up betting 800 and he raised to 2,200. This is where I made my first mistake. Based on my knowledge of this opponent, I should be beat most of the time, but I decided to call and re-evaluate on the river.

The river was another six and he checked to me. Enter my second mistake. If he had flopped a set and rivered a full house or quads, he's going to bet the river almost every time. He's not going to want to miss value from a holding like I have and he's unlikely to check-raise me. Once he checked to me, I could pretty much rule out him having a full house, quads or a straight because he would bet those on the river. I should bet for value. I checked and he turned over JS-8S for the flopped two pair, clearly a hand that could've paid off a properly sized value.

I was happy to see his hand because it helped me clearly see the two mistakes I made in the hand. I was pretty upset with myself for how I played this hand. I didn't properly use position to see the river for free when I was in a "way ahead-way behind" situation. I didn't listen to my opponent's betting story when he was telling me I was beat and I didn't listen to his story when he told me I was ahead. I should've folded the turn, but clearly should've bet the river once I got there.

Make a commitment to yourself to use position, information and the betting story so you won't make these same mistakes. Decide to Win!

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A LOOK AT CASH-GAME ECONOMICS

Recently, a player asked why I play $2-$5 no-limit hold'em and not $5-$10. Your choice of limits should be based on bankroll and ability to stay in the game when cards aren't coming your way. Winning requires staying power and the ability to overcome periods when you're running badly.

Let's examine the difference between $2-5 and $5-10 from an economic standpoint. The differences are profound on profitable poker play, which allows you to play longer sessions.

These examples are based on nine-player tables. Every orbit requires you to pay the big blind and small blind. In a $2-$5 game the orbit costs $7. In most cardrooms, dealers deal for 30 minutes before they're replaced. The average dealer will deal 15 hands per down. For purposes of this example, we'll use 15 hands per down as our root number.

In a 30-minute down with 15 hands being dealt, you'll be required to post what works out to be $11.62 in blinds.

Assuming you'll play for 90 minutes, you'll see 45 hands, paying about $34.86 in blinds. The cost per hand is easy to figure: $34.86 divided by 45 hands is about 77 cents per hand. Your average cost is about 38 cents per minute to play.

An average pot in a $2-$5 game with three players seeing the river is between $39-$47 on average. Winning one average pot per hour will negate the blind costs. If you're able to steal one set of blinds per hour with positional bets (raises) you increase your profit margin by about 60 percent or roughly $21 over the 90-minute period. This is a great risk-reward ratio when compared to profit margins.

When you have the luxury of knowing a few well-placed bets will ensure an average cost of $14 for every 90 minutes ($34.86 minus $21), there's never a point when the patient player needs to gamble or push a hand to overcome blind costs.

Most players think little of blind costs when selecting a game. Over the long run for players who want to earn a living or simply want to play recreationally, making a profit is largely related to cost factors. The $2-$5 game allows every player the effective risk-reward cash-based ratio that other no-limit dollar amount games do not.

Let's examine the cost factors for $5-$10 NLHE using the same numbers: Blinds will cost $74.70 over 90 minutes. You pay $1.66 to see each hand, or 83 cents per minute. Fewer players on average see flops and generally speaking three players to the river only occurs about once in every seven hands. Thus smaller pots on average (the average pot ranges from $48-$67) make the risk-reward ratio more difficult to overcome in the long run.

Now factor the game itself. Higher-limit games have a better quality player than lower-limit games. Better players and higher costs will destroy even the most skilled player and their bankroll.

To ensure a proper rate of return for investment, always factor limit costs and time played vs. simply higher limits.

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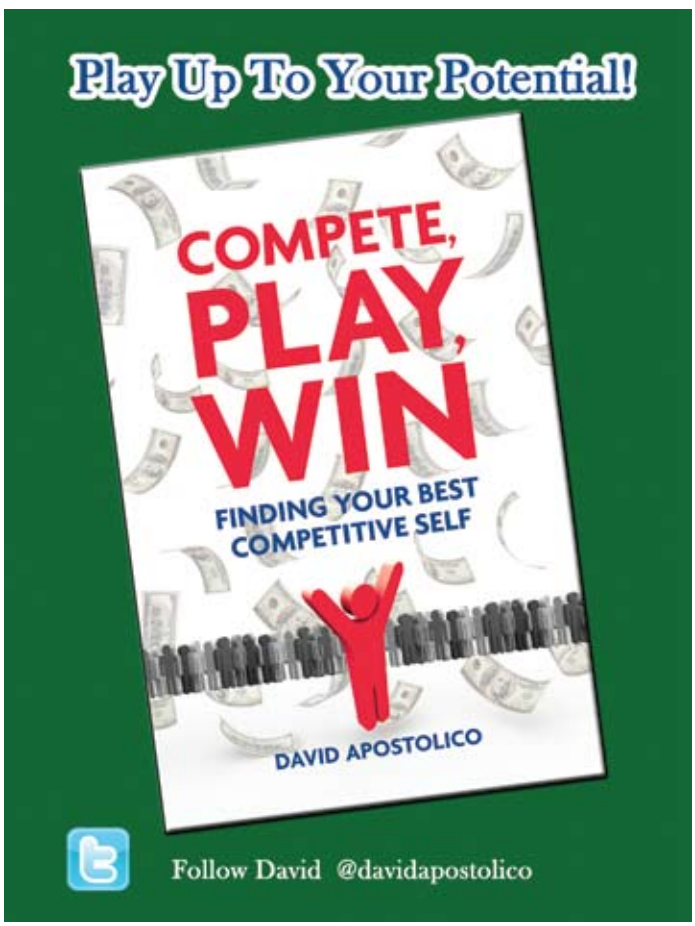

PLAYING THE TOURNEY BUBBLE

I like a good bubble. It makes me feel alive. I get giddy just thinking about it. A lot of poker players get a little tight on the bubble. They may get nervous or apprehensive because they don't want to bust out and get nothing after being so close.

I like to punish these people, and you should learn to enjoy it, too. These players give away tons of chips in the form of blinds and antes. I like to see how many times I can open preflop without getting played back. I like to push the envelope. My fist ends where their nose starts. Be bold and you shall be rewarded. Overdo it. Just be blatant and raise every hand without looking at your cards until they play back at you.

Once they play back, then we can move on to Plan B.

Most live multitable players will just fold into the money. Once you get shoved on you must ask yourself, "Did he get annoyed by my aggressiveness or did he just have two kings?" You might have run into a real hand, which means you can just fold your 8♣-4♣ and raise the next hand. They will assume you can't be stealing again.

I advocate a level of hyper-aggressiveness on the bubble that's over the top. In a recent World Series of Poker Circuit event (where I finished second), I opened 13 hands in a row on the bubble and won 12 preflop. The last one I c-bet an ace-high flop and he check-folded. Keep in mind where the real money is in tournaments: the top-three spots. If you're playing for the min-cash you'll eventually go broke in the long run. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you're approaching a tournament bubble:

- Be aggressive. Open a lot of pots and reshove over timid players who open. Believe me, they will fold most of the time.
- Take control of the table.
- Be bold and fearless. Remember where the money is.
- Play for first and don't be afraid of busting out of the tournament.
- Don't open shove with an effective stack of more than 12 big blinds at a passive live table. It's almost always better to open raise to 2-2.5x and fold to a jam.
- Bask in the power and chips that people hand you. Enjoy being dominant; it's always fun to run over people.

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YOU MUST 3-BET MORE, BUT AT THE RIGHT TIME

I recently had another breakthrough with a student. "Joel" was desperately trying to beat low-stakes pot-limit Omaha, almost to the point where I think he was going to have a nervous breakdown. I told him we'd go over some of his three-bet-pot hands because that's usually where newer players lose a lot of money. We went through maybe five hands before I realized his catastrophic leak.

In PLO, it's important to distinguish between three types of pots: limped, raised and three-bet. A limped pot is one where there are no preflop raises. These pots are, for the most part, insignificant. I advise my students to only get involved in limped pots if they have the nuts or an incredibly strong draw. Raised pots come up in situations where there is a preflop raiser followed by callers. These pots are decent-sized. I try to show my students appropriate situations where you can bet to take these pots down. I always remind them, however, that raised and limped pots aren't where the money is; that distinction lies with the three-bet pot.

Depending on how experienced you are in handling them, three-bet pots can be incredibly lucrative or exceedingly dangerous. A three-bet pot is a pot in which there was a preflop raise followed by a reraise and a call. These hands can be daunting and stressful to new players, as the pot will often be worth close to a third of your stack. Depending on the student, the tendencies on these flops range from passively check-folding away decent amounts of equity to aggressively and thoughtlessly shipping any flop.

It's interesting these tendencies usually lie in the polarities though, hyper-aggressive or incredibly passive, not in the middle ground, where the correct play often lies. I've seen great, thinking students make the most illogical decisions when it comes to three-bet pots. They bring out the worst player in all of us at first. It takes a calm, level head to think lucidly when a quarter of your stack is in the middle and you don't hit that dream flop. This is why I spend the most time during training on these pots, stressing that you have to consider all of the variables when trying to figure out the best play. Going back to my student, Joel, however, he had shown a lot of progress with his three-bet pot play. But with him, it wasn't how to play three-bet pots, but how to get himself into them.

The catastrophic leak I found was he had no notion of when to three-bet without holding a premium hand. We use a program called Hold'em Manager that tracks our stats; so I asked him to pull up his three-bet percentage for me. Just as I had thought, his three-bet percentage was only around 3 percent. By contrast, mine is often around 9 percent. We went through some more hands until I saw one that explained everything: Joel was in the small blind with Q-J-10-8, single-suited. The action folded around to the button, who bet the pot. It came to Joel and he … called?

"Joel, what are you doing here?"

"I mean, It's a good hand, right?"

"Exactly, Joel. That's why we three-bet it."

Joel hadn't been taking advantage of one of the most important spots in my PLO game: three-betting a late-position raiser when you're in the blinds. While three-betting this hand from the button or cutoff is more than OK, I prefer a call with this hand if you're going to have position. It gives you more maneuverability to see free cards as well as a better chance to win without showdown. Hands such as Q-J-10-8 single-suited often flop well, giving you a lot of top two pair and draw potential. Heads-up in a small pot, out of position is tough to play, a situation in which Joel constantly found himself. Being heads-up in a three-bet pot, out of position, this hand can be immensely profitable.

Think about a flop like K-10-8 with a flush draw that you don't have. You've hit bottom two pair and an open-ended straight draw. Not great in a raised pot, but this pot is three-bet, so it's huge at this point. With bigger pots, weaker players are going to make more mistakes. At lower stakes, if you lead for the pot here with your bottom two pair and straight draw, so many hands will just get it in with you hoping to get it in against bare aces. Remember, we three-bet. A lot of these lower stakes players automatically assume a three-bet means aces. It may not sound enticing to just stick your money in when so many hands would be willing to gamble with you, but even if your opponent has edged you out equity-wise, the fact that you're the one betting means you get to add that 5-10 percent chance of them folding into your equity (this is called fold equity).

The play will be profitable in the long run. This hand is one example, but a principle can be extracted: When you have a strong drawing hand from the blinds and a late-position player bets, a three-bet is a profitable play if utilized against a weaker player.

If you find that when playing PLO, three-bet pots are happening to you rather than because of you, you may be in the same spot Joel was. It's a tough skill to master and it takes patience waiting for those perfect hands that you need to three-bet. But believe me, if you can master the preflop and postflop three-bet game, you'll be on your way to moving up in stakes in a flash.

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GAMING EXPANSION MAY BE BACK ON IN FLA.

A recent case from the Florida Supreme Court has put Florida back on the radar screen for the next big push for gaming expansions. The context of the case, however, and the ruling likely mean the charge toward destination casinos will be short-lived in Florida and a shift will be made back to parimutuel cardrooms as the avenue for expanded gambling in the Sunshine State.

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The case involved a number of South Florida parimutuel casino operators who sued the state, challenging the constitutionality of a law that passed in 2009, which would have allowed new parimutuel slot machine operations in Miami-Dade County.

While the focus of the litigation was the operation of slot machines at the recently reopened Hialeah Park, other parimutuel permit-holders in Miami-Dade County were beneficiaries of the 2009 legislative change.

By way of background, in 2005 voters in Broward County approved slot machines at parimutuel facilities in that county after an amendment to the Florida Constitution authorized the vote.

The 2009 amendment to the slot machine chapter amended the definition of the facilities eligible to conduct slot-machine gaming to read as follows:

"Any licensed parimutuel facility located within a county as defined in s. 125.011, provided such facility has conducted live racing for two consecutive calendar years immediately preceding its application for a slot-machine license, pays the required license fee, and meets the other requirements of this chapter; or any licensed parimutuel facility in any other county in which a majority of voters have approved slot machines at such facilities in a countywide referendum held pursuant to a statutory or constitutional authorization after the effective date of this section in the respective county, provided such facility has conducted a full schedule of live racing for two consecutive calendar years immediately preceding its application for a slot-machine license, pays the required licensed fee, and meets the other requirements of this chapter."

This amendment, among other things, allowed Hialeah Park and other Miami-Dade permit-holders, which did not meet the original definition of "eligible facility," to conduct slot-machine operations if it conducted live racing for two consecutive years.

The incumbent parimutuel operators, including Calder Race Course and Flagler Dog Track, sued, challenging the legislature's authority to adopt such an amendment, and to protect what the First District Court of Appeal referred to as the appellant's perceived "constitutionally-protected monopoly" over slot-machine gaming in Florida.

The basis of the claim was essentially that the Florida Legislature lost its authority to expand gambling by virtue of the 2004 constitutional amendment that authorized slot-machine gaming at the select parimutuel facilities in Dade and Broward counties. The trial court and District Court of Appeal ruled against these claims, finding that the Florida Legislature maintains its ability to decide where gambling is legal in Florida. The ruling from Florida's Supreme Court was essentially to let these rulings stand; affirming the Legislature's authority.

While the short-term beneficiary is certainly Hialeah Park and its slot-machine operations, the ruling also de facto affirms the other provision that passed in 2009, authorizing other counties to conduct referenda for slot machines for their parimutuels.

The potential statewide effect of this ruling is starting to be felt as three other Florida counties have approved via referendum slot machines at their parimutuel facilities and more referenda are scheduled for November.

A non-binding opinion of the state's anti-gambling attorney general is now the only barrier for Florida's emergence as a top slot-machine gambling state.

Her opinion questioning the legitimacy of these referenda presents a final hill to climb for those rainbow chasers ready to invest billions in developing Florida's gambling venues. However, the recent ruling from the Florida Supreme Court just made the pathway over that obstacle clearer with the pot of gold in sight.

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We need a healthier lifestyle promoted on the pro circuit

By Jameson Singer

Often overshadowed by the constant shuffling of chips and banter at the poker table, a well-known phrase echoes through the casino poker room: "Candy! Cigarettes!"

As if the poker world needed any more of a reason to indulge in its collective vices, A busty, boisterous server waltzes around with a tray of unhealthiness strapped to her body. She entices the player to subject himself to even more punishment.

"Wait, so I can eat M&M's, refill on Newports and I don't even have to lift my ass off this chair? Yes, please."

In an environment that breeds a sickly lifestyle, this is a truly ingenious combination. It's similar to handing the remote to a couch potato instead of making him walk to the other side of the living room to grab it. This baffling phenomenon is called enabling. No matter how lazy we get as poker players, there always will be someone there to continue our downward spiral. Do we really need this? Haven't we been exposed to enough?

The gaming experience offers us plenty of opportunities to destroy ourselves. We can drink and gamble. Fast-food restaurants are sprinkled around the casino and open through the night. Hell, you can order pancakes and chicken wings from the room service menu at 4 a.m. Sure, you can burn the calories/alcohol off and open up the lungs with some exercise. That is if you can find the casino gym; it's like an Easter egg hunt. Maybe it's time to implement something positive into this place a lot of us call our second home.

Imagine a world where it wasn't, "Candy! Cigarettes!" but "Fruit! Organic, non-fat, low sodium granola bars!" Players would have more energy and be in a better mood. … at least the ones who weren't taking horrific beats. The poker room would surely emanate a more tolerable scent. Also, individuals would be healthier and perhaps skinnier. Think of how luxurious a 10-person table would be when everyone had enough space to get comfortable.

The poker player's life offers enough temptation. We understand many of them come with the territory. Sure, the candy and cigarettes woman is basically microstakes when looking at the overall gaming environment. But, it doesn't hurt to start somewhere.

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SOMETIMES YOU DO WHAT'S BEST FOR GAME

JODY RUSSELL • CALL THE FLOOR

I was the big blind for 300. There were multiple limpers and I looked down at A-K, so I pulled back the 300 I had in and, without saying a word, tossed in a 1K chip. The guy on my left immediately went all-in and everybody else folded just as quickly, and I called. After all this significant action had taken place, one player raised the question of whether I had raised or done an oversized-chip call. With all the action that had taken place and since neither I nor the all-in player objected, we just continued. We discussed it further and I looked up the TDA rules.

Here is what they say in Rule 38, Oversized Chip Betting: "Any time when facing a bet or a blind, placing a single oversized chip in the pot is a call if a raise isn't first verbally declared. ... When not facing a bet, placing an oversized chip in the pot without declaration is a bet of the maximum for the chip."

When we saw this, those at the table generally agreed that I was not "facing a bet" because my chips were in the pot and there was no raise to me. Therefore, by pulling back my 300 and placing an oversized chip into play, it was indeed a raise to 1,000. I know that, of course, to avoid this situation in the future, all I have to do is say, "raise" before throwing out the chip. But I still would be interested to see if I interpreted this rule correctly. **— David Bloomberg, via email**

JODY'S RESPONSE: This situation is one that definitely could go either way based on who is making the decision. You make a good argument in favor of making this a raise. After several days of thought I decided to ask some of my professional friends. It was much more controversial than I could have imagined. At first, I was in agreement with making this a raise. My good friend **Matt Savage** made a valid point that since it's unclear what the action is we should go with the smaller amount, making it a call. He also tweeted about it and the response was split. After all this, here is what I've decided my position is in this situation:

Once the player pulls the 300 out of the pot, the action to him is 300. Placing a single chip in the pot is a call by technical interpretation of the rule.

That said, if other players had acted on the attempted raise, I would rule the raise should stand. Allowing the big blind to take back the 1,000 and leave 300 in the pot after others have called, folded, or raised could open a really big door for more experienced players to take shots at less experienced players. Please bear in mind this could be avoided by a simple verbal statement of "Raise" or "Call."

This definitely is something you may see different rulings on and is a great example of when Rule No. 1 might come into play, which allows floor people to do what is best for the game on a case-by-case basis. Perhaps this should be discussed at the next TDA Summit. Though I don't believe a new rule is necessary, it may be helpful to add to Rule 38 for clarification. Thank you for sending in this one. It has been fun and stimulating for this poker-rules nerd.

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AN IMPORTANT PRIMER IN FOLD EQUITY

I just finished playing a World Series of Poker Circuit event at Harrah's Philadelphia and I feel compelled to write this article. No fewer than three times I witnessed a player make an all-in move with K-J offsuit preflop when they felt they were short-stacked and needed to make a move. That's not all that unusual. In most cases, it would not be worthy of mention. However, I'm going to dedicate this article to these moves for one reason: In all three instances, each player made the move after a much larger stack had open-raised from early position.

Why is that relevant? Each player was virtually guaranteed to get a call by at least one player, and the odds were fairly good the short stacks would be dominated or in a race. Of course, that's exactly what happened. Each player got called; twice dominated (A-K and K-Q) and once in a race (pocket nines). All three lost and were eliminated.

All three players failed to understand the concept of fold equity. While each was short-stacked, all three had plenty of chips to do some substantial damage to everyone else at the table. In another words, they could have forced their opponents to fold to their open all-in raise. I would've not blinked an eye if they had pushed all-in from middle to late position after everyone had folded to them. Even from early position, I wouldn't have thought much of it, though the move would've been more questionable.

However, to make this move after an open raise from early position is not "getting your chips in good." Part of getting your chips in good is playing situations and not cards. If you're going to move all-in with vulnerable hands, you want to give yourself the maximum opportunity to win. You do that by taking advantage of fold equity.

If opponents have a real decision to make as to whether to call you, then you have two chances to win. First, you can win if your opponent folds. If you get called, you can win with the best hand. If you're guaranteed to get called, you only have once chance to win: You must make the best hand. If you're looking for an opportunity to get your chips all-in, think about the potential consequences and the likelihood of being called. If you want to "get your chips in good," fold equity should be part of your analysis.

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WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T BE 'THAT GUY'

A few years ago, I played a $2-$5 game at a casino near where I live. To my left was a regular in the game, one of those lives-at-the-casino types who chain-smokes, knows most of the dealers by name and sips one cocktail an hour out of boredom. Let's call him "Robert."

I'd never sat next to Robert. On this particular night, though, he was directly to my left. Almost immediately after sitting, he turned to me and said, "Do you chop?" which meant, of course, if the action were ever folded around to me in the small blind, would I chop the blinds with him?

Up until then, I had never had someone ask me if I chopped the blinds outside of the situation occurring, during which time I always defer the question back to them. "I chop 95 percent of the time," I said, half joking. (I've since modified my answer to this question, but more on that later.) Robert nodded, made a facial expression that reminded me of how De Niro looks when he's pissed off in *Casino*, and sipped his cocktail.

A few orbits later, the action folded to me and I raised Robert's big blind with A-Ks. He looked over at me, squinted his eyes in disapproval and snap-called. I flopped top pair, put out a continuation bet and he folded.

Then he jumped out of his chair. "How could you raise my big blind?" he said, throwing his hands up in the air in frustration. "Are you some rookie here? You joke." I sat there, quietly, and didn't say a word. This aggravated him more.

He wouldn't let the issue go. Over the next three hours, Robert drank eight or nine more cocktails in an attempt to calm himself down. "I'm drinking because of what you did to me," he said at one point. And each time a new player would sit at our table, he would point at me and bark to them, "This guy doesn't chop. He's a total joke. Rookie."

The evening ended after a sloppy-drunk Robert dived across the table, pushed my chips into my lap and asked if I wanted to fight him. I took that as my cue to leave.

The lesson I learned from this experience is two-fold. First, don't be that guy at the table who is loud, obnoxious, and yells at other players. Don't be that guy who views everyone at the table as an enemy, treats them disrespectfully and gets drunk to compensate for being bored at the table or for being tilted about a situation when a player made an action you find abhorrent.

Lastly, when you sit at a table and someone to your left or right asks if you chop, take a firm position on the issue, and sick to it until someone new sits in their seat. Don't be that guy who isn't consistent with their opponents about chopping the blinds. Guys like that are real jerks.

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Want to be the best you can be? Get to work!

The more I talk to poker players the more I realize we're a microcosmic of the universe. Many of us want a quick fix; we don't want to work at it; we believe in magic and even when we know what's best, we don't adhere to the regimen. If we follow this path, however, we'll never achieve peak performance. So, if peak performance is your goal, you're going to have to get to work.

Using sports psychology techniques to achieve peak performance in poker is not like taking a pill; it's incorporating proven methods into your training.

The effects of utilizing these techniques don't transform you into an elite player who will win every session or every tournament. These techniques increase your skill level and allow you to perform at your peak. These techniques give the serious player an edge.

Just as learning the math doesn't mean you'll win every hand, applying sports psychology also doesn't mean you will win every hand. Over time, if you use the math and the psychology, you should win.

You can't, however, discount the math and psychology by blowing it off on a hunch or being distracted. You must maintain focus if you're interested in peak performance.

About 20 years ago, I was working with a golfer. He took lessons, practiced on the ranges and bought state-of-the-art equipment. He said he wanted to get better, so we started on a regimen of sports psychology; setting goals, activated relaxation, imagery and visualization. After a couple of months, his game wasn't improving. I realized we had to go back to Step 1, which is defining who you are. It turned out he enjoyed golf, the camaraderie, the single-serving friends at new courses, a way to structure his vacations and to have fun.

He enjoyed smoking a cigar, drinking a few beers, winning or losing $5-$10 a hole. He didn't have the time or inclination to put in the work of sport psychology. We changed our discussion to help him define his goals and what he needed to do to meet them. I developed a modified set of mental activities.

Deep breathing before he hit his drive, as he got anxious driving because everyone was watching. This is all he wanted. He found out who he was and enjoyed his game.

You can apply the same principles to poker. You have to know yourself. But before we begin anything fancy or complicated, go back to basics. Step 1: Define who you are in relation to poker and where you fit on the continuum. And be sure to keep your head in the game.

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Where to play

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

Let the wild rumpus begin! It's early summer, and that means the Las Vegas tournament season is kicking into high gear. And no, we can't just call it the World Series of Poker anymore. While the WSOP is the crown jewel of the summer, there are so many other series happening that it has become a citywide event, with tournaments running all over town. Before we get too far into this summer in Las Vegas, let's look at the few brave poker rooms that have chosen to have local events.

California

The San Francisco Bay area is one of the few parts of the country where residents won't need to go to Vegas to play tournaments in June. Lucky Chances in San Francisco will host the Battle of the Bay series June 3-10. With soft fields and low house fees, this could be a profitable series, though the 9:30 a.m. start times may put off a few late sleepers.

As the Battle of the Bay ends, the Bay 101 Summer Madness series begins (June 12-16). The Bay 101 is a great place to play poker, a beautiful room, and the action is always good, so this series should be excellent. Most events are $345, with a $550 final event, and blind structures look promising.

Florida

The Stax Poker Lounge at the Coconut Creek Seminole Casino is hosting the Stax Summer Slam (May 30-June 10). Most of the events have large guarantees, and this is a World Poker Tour Regional event so we expect large fields.

The WPT returns to the Tampa Bay area with another regional stop (June 1-11) at Hard Rock Tampa. See Page 22 for a preview.

Connecticut

The Mohegan Sun hosts its Spring Showdown series May 30-June 3. Each day features a higher buy-in event at 11 a.m., the smaller event at 6 p.m., and step qualifiers to the $1,100 main event at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The structures look good, and most events have guarantees, so we expect many of the East Coast players who aren't in Nevada to turn out for this one.

Las Vegas

This should be the biggest month in the history of tournament poker. With the usual huge fields at the WSOP, and big series in at least four other places, Vegas will be buzzing. And every room in town has its regular daily events as well. Some days there will be 50 poker tournaments in Vegas, even without counting the hundreds of single-table tournaments running daily at the Rio.

The WSOP will have bracelet events starting at noon and 5 p.m. most days, as well as deepstack tournaments at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. that often draw massive fields. The WSOP starts May 27 and runs through the middle of July for those players lucky enough to have a deep run in the main event. While this is a long series, it isn't the longest series of the summer.

That title belongs to the Venetian Deep Stack Extravaganza (May 24-July 15) with at least three tournaments every day.

For smaller buy-in events on the Strip, the Caesars Mega Stacks will feature five tournaments per day throughout the series. Most smaller buy-in events will happen on Fremont Street, with the Golden Nugget hosting its popular Grand series and Binion's running the Binion's Poker Classic.

After the well-run Wynn Classic series in the spring, the Wynn has brought the Classic series back for an encore this summer with mid-range events every day on top of its daily tournament schedule.

Most events extend well into July so we'll be back next month with a nice schedule of Vegas events and the upcoming schedules for many popular series around the country. ♠

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ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 771-6779 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies Night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Sat. KO (10a); call for details.	Progressive high hand (Mon.-Fri.); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p); Splash Pots every half-hour (Sun., 11a-11p).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. ($60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. ($130, 7:15p); monthly event, June 2 ($330, 11:15a); monthly Super Bounty Big Stack event, June 9 ($225, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
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.).
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO (928) 567-7952 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. & Sun. ($25, 10a); Wed. ($60 w/$20 rebuy, 7p); Sat. ($120, noon).	Aces Cracked pays $100; high-hand bonus; royals pay $100.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcaz.com	Tue. ($75 w/$60 rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads and Omaha; player comps for live play; Splash Pots pay $50; Aces Cracked.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcdowellcasino	Mon.-Fri. ($30, noon); Mon. ($50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. ($5 w/$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO ($120, 7p); Sat. ($5, noon), ($10, 4p) and ($20, 9p); Sun. ($50, noon) & ($10, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of deuces and Omaha is quad fours; mini jackpot is hold'em is aces full; high hand (daily); Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha ($25, 7:30p); Thurs. ($10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. ($40, 7:30); Sat. ($40, 12:30p & 5:30p); Sun. ($25, 12:30p) & ($60, 5:30p).	Progressive bad beat starts at $3.5K; Splash Pots pay $25 every half-hour starting 7:15a (weekends) and 9:15a (weekdays); Aces Cracked Wins a Spin (open-11a).
VEE QUIVA CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. ($30 w/$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. ($10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay $500; Aces Cracked.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. ($30, noon); Tue. & Wed. ($50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays up to $200 ; high hands; splash pots (daily); royals pay $200 (daily).

ARKANSAS

OAKLAWN RACING & GAMING (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	5th Season Poker Open (Mon. & Wed., 7p); single-table shootouts (Tue. & Sun., 10a); $600 Ladies Night freeroll (Thurs., 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; Weekend Warrior (earn up to $85 in free play each week); straight-flush progressive jackpot; call for details.
SOUTHLAND PARK GAMING & RACING (870) 735-3670 • southlandgreyhound.com	Mon.-Tue. ($20, 2p); Wed. ($35, 2p); Thurs. KO ($30, 7p); Sat. KO ($35, 5p). 2K freeroll (call for details and dates).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); player-reward cards offer comps based on play.

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101 CASINO (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. ($50, 7p); monthly events on June 9 & 23 ($115, 1p); June 2 ($295, 1p); $5-$100 spread-limit Omaha (Mon., 6p).	Double Super Bad-Beat Jackpot in hold'em (Sun., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 1a-9a); Mexican Stud (Wed. & Sat., 6p).
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. $4K guarantee ($60, 10a); $7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, June 2 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Mon. ($28 w/$20 rebuy & add-on, 11a); Tue. ($25, 11a); Wed. & Sun. ($49 w/$20 rebuys & $40 add-on, 6:45p); Thurs. ($48, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays $100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royals pay $500; Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; high hands.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. ($30 w/$20 rebuy, 6:30p); Wed. ($25 w/$20 rbs, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican Poker; Sat. ($25 w/$20 rebuys, 2p); deepstack, June 30 ($125 w/$100 rebuy, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Mexican poker.
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, June 9 ($530, 9:30a); Summer Madness, June 12-16 ($345-$550).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Los Angeles Poker Series, May 31-June 28 ($65-$1,070), which includes a WSOP main event satellite, June 23 ($1,070, 4p, four seats & $4K guar.).	Royal Hold'em Jackpot ($8-$16 limit & $80 NLHE) starts at $35K and increases by $500 daily.
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	Sunday ($50, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; receive bonus chips in cash games (call for details).
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	Daily ($55-$220) at noon and 6p (Mon.-Fri.) and 1p (Sat.-Sun.).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
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.-Thurs. (6:15p); Mon. ($40); Tue. ($35); Wed. ($60); Thurs. ($60); 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); RiverCard $30K guar. series, June 8-10 (call for details).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Thurs.); Mystery Splash Pot (Fri.-Sun.).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily ($30-$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	$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	Aces Cracked (daily); high hand tournament qualifiers (daily).	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	Mon. ($65, 9:30a); Tue. ($175, 9:30a); Wed. ($65, 9:30a); Thurs. ($120, 9:30a); Sun. ($225, 9:30a); Battle of the Bay, June 3-10 ($120-$1,080); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud (payoffs doubled Sun., Mon., Wed. (6-8p); Aces Cracked pays up to $300; Rack Attack pays up to $500.
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 • morongocasinoresort.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.

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

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasino.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).	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 • palacasino.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 • tmcasino.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); monthly $20K guar., June 2 ($250, 11a); monthly event, June 10 ($125, 11a). See ad 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 H/L ($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); Spring Showdown, May 30-June 3 ($120-$1,100).	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. & Sun. (1p); Fri. & Sat. (noon & 7p); monthly $4K free draw, June 17. See ad Page 36.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks; royals receive poker-room jacket and the rest of the table gets $50 (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.

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily ($100-$150); Wed. Big Stack ($150, 7p); Sun. Big Stack ($150, noon); Mega Stack, June 23 ($560, noon). See ad back cover.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay $250 (spades pay $500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily ($50-$150) at noon & 7p; Fri. Big Stack ($150, noon) & Sun. PLO/8 ($70, noon); Mega Stack, June 24 ($340, noon). See ad back cover.	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; Sat. Mega Stack ($150, 7p); Mega Stack, June 17 & 24 ($340, noon). See ad back cover.	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 • studzpoker.com	Daily at 11a & 7p ($40-$150) w/a $10K guarantee on Saturdays ($100, 11a). See ad Page 7.	$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). See ads Page 34 for more events, including $10K guarantee on every Sunday.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgretna.com	Thurs. & Sun. sat. ($100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. ($50, 7p); Sun. & select Sat. satellite ($100, 1p); monthly $20K guar., June 2 ($500, 1p); monthly $10K guar., June 16 ($100, 1p).	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). See ad Page 63.
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 32.
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). See ad on Page 21.	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 Page 31.	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 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. ($75, 7p); Wed. ($55, 7p); Sat. ($100, 1:30p); Sun. ($55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays $100-$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. ($60); Tue. & Thurs. ($80); Wed. ($100). Mon.-Wed. tournaments have bounties and Sat. is a rebuy. See ad on Page 17.	High Hand Daily Double; Flop Your Hand & It Pays Double; $400/hr (noon-midnight) and $250/hr (daily, 11a & 1a-3a); royals pay $500; Special High Hand of the Hour.

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HAMILTON JAI-ALAI & POKER (800) 941-4841 • hamiltondownsjaialai.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 • theislepompanopark.com	Daily ($100-$350); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sun. (noon). See ad on Page 35. Florida State Championships start July 8.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (850) 997-2561 • jckcpokerroom.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; 26 progressive 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 & $90, 7p); Fri. $5K guar. ($45, 7p); Sat. ($120, 1p, 10K chips); Sun. ($65, 1p); turbo event, June 20 ($55, 7p).	Bad beat in hold'em; straight flush pays $100; royals pay $500; Aces Cracked (Wed.); Spin to Win (Sat., 1p & 3p); prog. high hand (Sun., 1p-3p-5p-7p-9p-11p). Splash pots!
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. ($50, noon & $50, 7p); Tue. ($50, 7p); Wed. ($65, 7p); Thurs. ($65, noon & $50, 7p); Fri. ($115, 6p); Sat. ($115, 2p); Sun. KO ($125, 2p); June 2 ($275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of $25K; all other royals pay $1K; high hand (daily); $1K hourly high hands, June 6 & 20.
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 57.	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 19.	Bad-beat and mini bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high-hand giveaways.
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., June 23 ($350, 1p). See ad on 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 37.	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	WPT Regional Stax Poker Lounge Summer Series, June 7-10 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily ($35-$300).	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); WPT Tampa Bay Open, June 1-11 ($200-$2,250) w/main event starting June 8 ($2,250, 11a). See ad 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).	$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 4p-7p & Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a); $2K progressive royals; $500K high hand/$199 runner-up (Fri.-Sat., 2a-4a). See ad Page 20.
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily ($20-$200) at 1p and 7p; monthly $10K guar., June 20 ($350, 1p). $300 high hands (Mon. & Thurs.); $599/$299 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-midnight);	$500 high hands (Wed.); $1K high hands (Sun.); quads-royals pay on Sat. See ad Page 23.
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 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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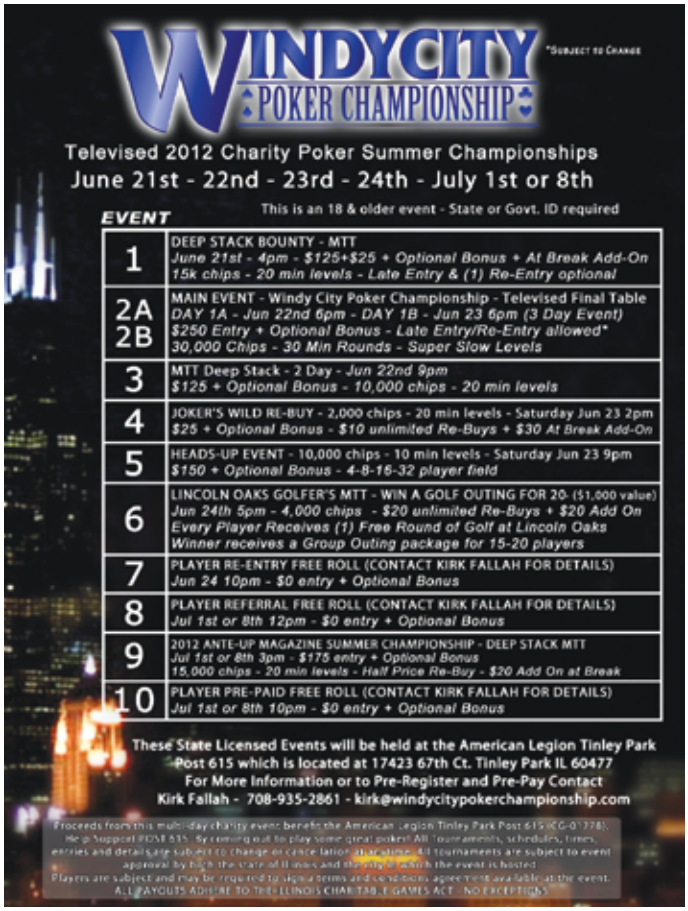
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday ($125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday ($125, 4p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); single-table tournaments available (daily, 9a-midnight).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
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 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.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. ($80, 6p); Wed. ($60, 6p); Fri. ($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).
CASINO AZTAR (812) 433-4000 • casinoaztar.com	Monthly event, June 10 ($100, 1p).	Aces Cracked (Sat. & Sun.); Hot Seat (Wed.).
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 • grandfallscasinoresort.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).	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).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquedbq.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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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
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. ($50, 2p).	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.	Call for promotions.
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; high hands (Mon. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. ($20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. ($75, 7p); Fri. ($130, 7:30p); Sat. ($220, 2p). See ad Page 56.	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	Wednesdays ($120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Aces Cracked.
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 • ldlcasino.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.
FOUR WINDS NEW BUFFALO (866) 494-6371 • fourwindscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. ($25, noon); Mon. ($30, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. ($10, 7p); Wed. ($50, 7p); Fri. ($30, 7p); Sat. ($30, noon & $50, 7p); Sun. ($30, noon & 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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, June 23 ($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, June 23 ($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).	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). See ad Page 13 for World Poker Open information and schedule.	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, 10K chips; 25 minute levels); Fri. ($35 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Sat. $250 added ($45, 7:30p); WPT satellites (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. & Tue. ($50, 7p); Wed. ($100, 7p); Thurs. KO ($50, 7p); Fri. ($50, 6p); Sat. $10K guar. ($150, 4p); Sun. ($100, 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., June 9 (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, June 9 ($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 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (twice daily).
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily ($35, 3p). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily).

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ALIANTE STATION (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasinohotel.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).	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 at 11a, 4p and 8p ($65, 5K chips, 20-minute levels); WSOP $1K guar. seat added on Wed. (8p) runs until June.	$10K bad beat; high hands; quads ($50), straight flush ($250); progressive royals (starting at $1K); Round Table Royals pays $100-$500 to table when royal hits.
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 runs until July 15 (call for details).	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; 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); Grand Poker Series, June 2-July 4 ($125-$1,080) w/main event, June 30 ($1,080, noon).	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).	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.

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

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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); $55 single-table tournaments.	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) & ($60, 6p & 11p); Thurs.-Sun. ($40, 2p); $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 Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays $100K guaranteed. High hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-11a).
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 • samstownlv.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/5X multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to $599 (call for details).
TROPICANA (702) 739.2222 • troplv.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 running until July 15 (daily, noon & 4p); nightly ($200, 7p). See ad Page 29.	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, June 4-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).
MANCHVEGAS 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. deepstack ($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-$80); 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 ($100-$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.

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

NEW JERSEY (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
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 tournaments coming soon (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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); $500 added event, June 3 ($150, 3p); Omaha/8 event, June 17 ($100, 3p).	Easy Aces pays $599/$300/$75; Flop Four pays $500.
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; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Deuces Never Loses (call for details).
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.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 Kracked 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).	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).

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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, 6p); Tuesday ($60, 6p); Wednesday ($30, 2a); Thursday ($60, 6p); 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).

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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). See Page 41.	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.

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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).
SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on June 3 & 17 (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).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.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	Mon.-Fri (noon & 7p) & Sat.-Sun (10a & 7p); Mon. ($35); Tue. ($60 & $75); Wed. ($35 & $50); Thurs. ($60); Fri. ($75 & $120); Sat. ($60 & 120); Sun. ($60).	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 • eriecasino.com	Mon. ($75, 7:30p); Tue. ($50, 12:30p); Wed. KO ($75, 7:30p); Thurs. ($50, 12:30p; June 23 ($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).	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 events, June 1 & 15 ($300, 10:15a); deepstack event, June 29 ($500, 10:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads and was $453K at press time.

WASHINGTON

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, June 22 ($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.
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).	Call for promotions.
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.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, June 23 (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 MADISON ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. ($33, 1p & $12, midnight); Tue. ($12, midnight); Wed. ($55, 7:30p); Fri. ($55, 7p); Sat. PLO ($33, 3p); Sun. ($12, midnight).	Hot Seats; rakeback (call for details).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA ho-chunkgaming.com • (800) 782-4560	Wed. ($35, 6:45p); Sat. ($60, 4:15p); monthly event, June 2 ($215, 4:15p).	Call for future promotions.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 356-6210	Tue. ($55, 1p); Thurs. ($55, 6p); Sun. ($55, 3p); monthly event, June 3 ($110, 3p). Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of tens beaten by quads).	Call for promotions.
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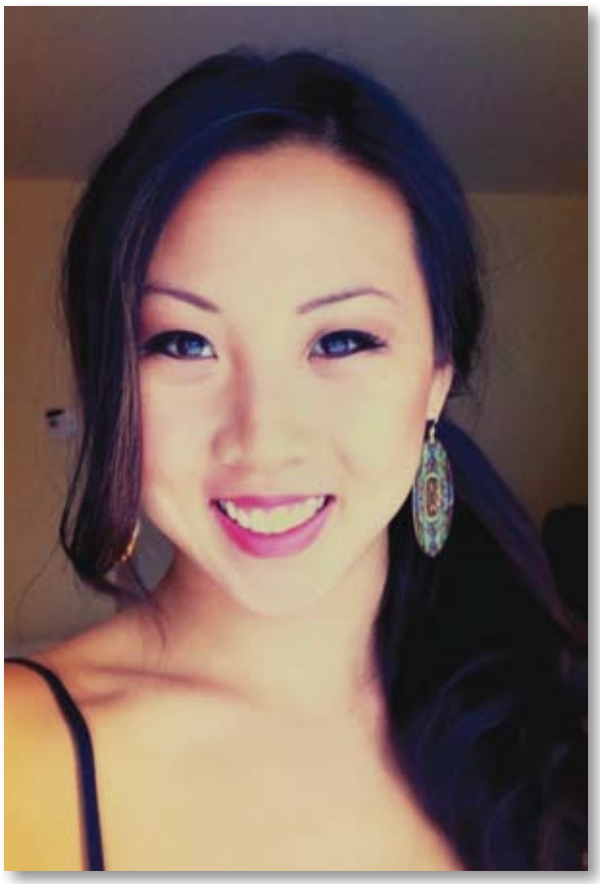

Q&A WITH KRISTY ARNETT

Kristy Arnett is a producer, writer and host at PokerNews. She travels the world covering live events, writing articles and filming videos, plus she hosts the PokerNews podcast. *Ante Up*'s Mike Owens caught up with her recently to discuss her passions, poker and podcasts.

How did you get into poker? Back in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where I attended college, I started playing poker and became obsessed with the game.

What has it been like working with PokerNews? I've gotten to travel to so many incredible locations and have also been able to stretch my legs as far as producing videos and providing strategy content.

Who do you think are the best female players in the game right now? I think **Vanessa Selbst** is the best female poker player in the game right now. I mean, she's one of the best players in the world regardless of gender. No one rivals her success in tournaments and cash games. Not only does she have the results, but it's also evident in her ability to talk about the game strategically. I also have a lot of respect for players such as **Liv Boeree, Melanie Weisner, Annette Obrestad** and **Maria Ho**.

What does an average day look like for you? An average day varies greatly depending on whether I'm covering a tournament or working from home. Right now, as I'm doing this interview, I'm covering a Latin American Poker Tour event in Chile. So, an average day for me is waking up early to work out (usually I'll do Insanity in my room since most hotels don't have fitness centers), grab breakfast with the PokerNews team, head to the venue where the tournament takes place, produce/record four to five videos, head back to the hotel room, and crash. Although, if there is a party or someone wants to go out after play is done, I'm not hard to convince to go.

What is your game of choice? No-limit hold'em. I've dabbled in other games and enjoy them, but if there's a choice, I'll always pick no-limit hold'em.

Can you tell us about your podcast? I host two podcasts for PokerNews. One is the regular PokerNews Podcast. We talk about what's been happening in poker throughout the week, followed by an interview. Usually, we'll talk to a pro or industry person about a timely subject. My other podcast is called, *Strategy with Kristy*. This is a shorter podcast, usually about 30 minutes, which is one long interview with a pro. We discuss anything and everything concerning poker strategy, such as theory, hand analysis, addressing listener questions and even the mental-strength aspect.

Who is your favorite main event champ? This is a tough question. I think a lot of them are pretty amazing people, but I think the main event champ I know the best is **Jonathan Duhamel.** Not only does he take time for fans, but he has always been respectful and overly cooperative with the media. I've gotten to hang out with him a few times away from the poker tables as well, and he's really as nice and genuine as he seems.

What was it about poker that originally attracted you to it? I love the competitiveness of it. When I first learned the game, all I wanted to do was be better than my friends and boyfriend at the time. It really became an obsession. I'm a sore loser. Many cards and chips were thrown before I learned not to tilt and to adhere to proper table etiquette.

Who is your favorite tweeter? I can't pick just one. **Daniel Negreanu, Taylor Caby, Dan Fleyshman, Kevin Mathers, GreatestQuotes, Eric Seidel, Joe Stapleton**. I could go on. All of these people either make me laugh, inform me of things that interest me or motivate me.

Away from poker, what interests you? I have a passion for writing. I have my own blog (snaptress.com), and eventually, I'd love to be a novel writer. I am also incredibly dedicated to staying healthy. You have one life and one body. How you treat your body, especially what you feed it, affects the quality of your life in the short term and long term. I think most people feel this way but don't make it a priority. It has to be lifestyle change. ♠

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