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Christopher Cosenza

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## When worlds collide

The world is a big place, certainly big enough for multiple world champions in poker, right? Our Ante Up World Championship may be one of a handful of events that crown a world-beater, but you'll never find an event where the organizer cares more for its success and player satisfaction than Thunder Valley Casino Resort Director of Poker Operations **Ben Erwin**. Having someone as dedicated as Ben at the helm of such an important Ante Up Poker Tour event is especially gratifying for us because we cherish our Ante Up Nation and always want to ensure our players get the best treatment available. (More on Ben on Page 43.)

And that gets back to why we host a world championship. The term "world" has many definitions, but the one we embrace is "human and social interaction," as in our little Ante Up World. We've built this community from the ground up and want to make sure our fans know they are appreciated. Our players participated in AUPT stops all year and they deserve an opportunity to be treated with world class, and in Thunder Valley, they will get that chance. Be sure to turn to Pages 40-43 to read our preview to this series, full of a variety of events and player-friendly structures.

The winner of the \$250K guaranteed Ante Up World Championship Main Event will be immortalized on our September cover, but the champ also will have a special place in our community.

But just because our AUPT season hosts its world championship in the summer, that doesn't mean we are finished bringing you terrific tournaments for your poker dollar. The AUPT gets right back in the swing of things with another stellar championship series at Derby Lane in St. Petersburg, Fla., Aug. 21-31. The main-event winner will be on our October cover.

And now for some more big news: We are proud to announce another exciting AUPT championship event in Florida as we'll team with longtime Ante Up partner Palm Beach Kennel Club for a series in December, so be sure to plan accordingly because you know **Noah Carbone** and his staff always put on an extremely professional and well-run series. We are stoked to have PBKC join Derby Lane and Pensacola Greyhound Track for a triumvirate of AUPT stops in the Sunshine State, giving players three chances to notch valuable AUPT Player of the Year points in one state. For more information on the Derby Lane and PBKC stops, please turn to Page 42.

Isn't it a great world we live in? We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# NORCAL OFFERS BANKROLL BUILDERS

Summer is here and the smell of the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas is in the air. Before you head to the desert to play the largest tournament series in the world, there are some great bankroll building opportunities in cardrooms across Northern California. Whether you want to sharpen your tournament game or get in the live-action arena, these rooms have you covered.



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NORCAL

- The 101 Casino (Petaluma) offers some great cash games and numerous promotions to please its players, including four types of jackpots such as Super Bad Beat Jackpot, Mini Bad Beat Jackpot, Omaha/8 Jackpot and PLO Jackpot. 101 Casino also pays its players for

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- California Grand Casino (Pacheco) has some large progressive jackpots in its cash games. The two main jackpots start at \$70K and \$140K and increase daily until they are hit. There's a \$5K hold'em and Omaha jackpot, \$100 high hands and progressive royal-flush bonuses.

- If you happen to be near wine country, stop by Napa Valley Casino (American Canyon) for a chance at a progressive royal-flush bonus and a bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha. The monster bad-beat jackpot pays \$50K if your quad eights or better are beaten. There's also a morning bonus from 9-11 where you earn free chips just by showing up early.

- Thunder Valley Casino Resort (Lincoln) is always a nice place to relax and play some poker before heading to the Vegas madness. It has some of the best cash games in NorCal and also a player-favorite \$40K guarantee tournament on the first Saturday of the month (June 7, 11 a.m.). This event has a



The 101 Casino, an AUPT location, has great promotions and cash games.

\$300 buy-in, which gets you 15K chips and has 30-minute levels. Thunder Valley is known for hosting the most well-known tournament series, including the Ante Up World Championship in August (See our preview on Pages 40-43).

- Finally, Bay 101 (San Jose) is hosting its Summer Madness series, which runs June 10-14 and features five no-limit hold'em events. The first four events have a \$345 buy-in with the final event being \$550. These events consistently draw large numbers and with the great structure of Bay 101, it's easy to see why players from all over the Bay Area flock to Summer Madness series.

Poker in Northern California is as vibrant as ever with some of the most prestigious tournament series coming to town. The incentive to come play at these venues is greater than ever, which means nothing but growth for the Bay Area poker scene.

— Email Garrett at [roth@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:roth@anteupmagazine.com).

## Hustler's spring series lives up to guarantees

The **Liz Flynt** Spring Poker Classic wrapped up at the end of April at the Hustler Casino in Gardena. The highlights of this seven-event series were two tournaments with huge guarantees compared to their relatively nominal buy-ins.



**DAVE PALM**  
LOS ANGELES

Event 4 had a \$160 entry plus one optional \$100 add-on, and a \$500K guarantee. There were 15 starting flights for this event, which notched a mammoth 3,727 runners. Including rebuys, the guarantee was destroyed, creating a prize pool of nearly \$800K. The tournament ended in a five-way chop with **Edison Tapiz** taking home \$100K. All five players cleared more than \$50K, which is just phenomenal for such a reasonable buy-in.

The series ended with a \$250K guarantee that also had a \$160 entry and allowed one \$100 add-on. Not to sound like a broken record, but this guarantee was demolished as more than

1,600 players entered the nine starting flights for a \$340K-plus prize pool. Six players chopped this one with **Ross Villanueva** taking the top prize of \$29,500, which was just shy of the published second-place award (\$29,700).

With the first event of the 2014 World Series of Poker kicking off May 27 and through the main event, which starts July 5, the tournament scene in Los Angeles pretty much hibernates. I'll be monitoring the WSOP events and try to bring stories of locals who make big waves in Las Vegas.

If you're from the Los Angeles area and make it deep at the WSOP, feel free to contact me so I can get it in a column. The best ways are my e-mail, which is [la.anteup@gmail.com](mailto:la.anteup@gmail.com) or @AnteUp\_LA on Twitter. I will be at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas from June 26-July 1, so feel free to look me up.

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		4pm	Day 1B	\$425	
	Sat, Aug 2	11am	Day 1C	\$425	
	Sun, Aug 3	Noon	Ante Up World Deepstack NLHE Championship Final Table (Streamed Live Online)		
3		7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout with \$50 bounties	\$150	
4	Mon, Aug 4	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Escalator	\$180	
5		5pm	\$20,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Survivor	\$225	
6	Tue, Aug 5	11am	Ante Up World HORSE Championship	\$180	
7		5pm	\$25,000 GUARANTEED NLHE	\$235	
8	Wed, Aug 6	11am	\$10,000 GUARANTEED Ante Up World Limit Omaha 8 Championship	\$180	
9		5pm	\$40,000 GUARANTEED Ante Up World NLHE Black Chip Bounty Championship with \$100 bounties	\$300	
10	Thu, Aug 7	11am	NLHE Ante Only	\$150	
11		5pm	\$15,000 GUARANTEED Ante Up World Six-Handed NLHE Championship	\$235	
12	Fri, Aug 8	1pm	Ante Up World Open Face Chinese Poker Championship	\$360	
13	Sat, Aug 9	11am	Day 1	<b>\$250,000 GUARANTEED</b> Ante Up World Championship NLHE Main Event WINNER APPEARS IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ANTE UP MAGAZINE	\$1,650
	Sun, Aug 10	Noon	Day 2		
	Mon, Aug 11	6pm	Ante Up World Championship NLHE Main Event Final Table (Streamed Live Online)		
	Sun, Aug 10	2pm	 <b>Western Senior Poker Tour NLHE</b>	\$250	
14		7pm	\$10,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Knockout Bounty with \$50 bounties	\$150	

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## CASIDAY HAS HEART, WINS CENTRAL COAST

**G**ary W. Casiday, 54, from Santa Maria, who has spent the past two years battling a heart condition, outlasted 490 competitors to claim first place and win \$15,777 in the Central Coast Poker Championship at Chumash Casino Resort. This was a \$50K guarantee that had a \$180 buy-in and each entrant started with 10K chips.



**KITTIE  
ALEMAN  
SOCAL**

Casiday, who uses a walking cane and has a mobile defibrillator strapped to his chest, persevered through more than 12 hours of no-limit hold'em action and won a heads-up showdown with **Lawrence Ramos**, 61, of Bakers-

field. Ramos took home \$10,624.

Third through 10th paid between \$5,949 and \$1,928, and they were: **Ronald Freeman** of Ventura, **Nicholas Ronyecz** of Goleta, **Lakhamsor Cavanh** of Santa Maria, **Johan Dewitt** of Nipomo, **Shari Schubot** of Santa Barbara, **George Cannon** of Goleta, **Fredo Perez** of Oceano and **James Schindel** of Lompoc. The top 70 won prize money.

**PECHANGA:** After two days of competition, **Dustin Skarra** of San Diego emerged the winner ahead of 409 contenders at the RiverCard "Quest for the Cup" tournament April 25-26.

Skarra took home \$22,140 from the \$50K guarantee that sported a \$235 buy-in. Skarra, a flight paramedic, told the staff this is the most excited he has ever been playing poker. **Frank Lewis** of Anza took home \$11,890 for second.

Also at Pechanga, in June and July, two players will drive home with the grand prizes in the "Cruzin' with Cash" giveaway. From 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on June 29 and July 31, the room will hold drawings for \$200 cash every 30 minutes. Cash winners will qualify to win a new Toyota Prius at 11p.m. on both days. Players who do not win the car will have the chance to win \$500 and \$1K. Players can earn tickets by playing in any live game Monday through Friday in June and July. Players earn double entries by playing between 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on June 25 and July 30.

**AGUA CALIENTE CASINO:** The \$70K Ticket to Ride promotion is running through June 22. From 10 p.m.-11 a.m. each day, players earn one ticket by making a full house or better in a hold'em cash games or queens full or better in Omaha.

Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. players earn double tickets with a qualifying full house.

Each week there will be cash drawings every Friday and Sunday through June 15. The barrel for the cash drawings each week will be emptied into the grand prize drawing barrel.

The grand-prize drawing for a BMW is June 22. From noon to 6 p.m., there will be prize drawings every 30 minutes.

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# AFRIAT WINS WPT AT HARD ROCK FOR \$1.08M

The poker scene in Florida continues to grow and lots of people are happy about that. One of the happiest is **Adam Pliska**, president of the World Poker Tour, which has established major televised events at two of the largest facilities in the state: bestbet Jacksonville and the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood.



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

This year, the WPT flip-flopped the order in which the two events were contested and the Hard Rock knocked it out of the park once again, crushing its considerable prize-pool guarantee, which has the poker world buzzing.

"We are incredibly excited to be back here for the fourth year," Pliska said. "The Seminole Hard Rock has done such a great job not only of providing this environment that the players love, but over the course of the last year has shaken up the entire poker industry."

After attracting 2,384 entries last August to the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open and its \$10 million guarantee, which created a prize pool of nearly \$12 million, the facility came back in mid April for its regular stop in the WPT's Season XII and offered a \$5 million guarantee for a \$3,500 main event. Again, the guarantee was met with 1,795 entries, easily eclipsing the 1,551 needed to reach \$5 million. It was the largest WPT event ever. The number of entries in the entire 2013 event (542) matched the number of Day 1B, the middle of three opening days this year.

It also created a happy player in **Eric Afriat**, who felt about as bad as a person possibly could about collecting a seven-figure paycheck for winning a tournament. The 45-year-old from Montreal had made the trip to South Florida to visit his mother and family for a Passover celebration and hoped to work in a little poker during the trip. Deep on Day 3 and with numerous aunts, uncles and his wife sitting at the Seder without him at the home of his mother in West Boca Raton, Afriat kept checking his watch and realized that dinner was out of the question.

"I was so sad I thought about just leaving my chips at the table Monday night and going home," he said. But he stuck around and at the Wednesday final table, slated to be shown this fall on WPT Season XII, he defeated his five opponents, this time with family and friends in attendance. He knocked out **Mukul Pahuja** in just seven hands of heads-up play to have his name etched on the WPT Champions Cup and collect \$1,081,184.

As for Pahuja, who moved from New York to South Florida nearly two years ago, the second-place finish wrapped up POY honors for Season XII. His big year began last August with a third-place finish in the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open at this same facility, netting him more than \$872K, while this runner-up finish in April earned him about \$692K. In between, he made two other WPT final tables, finishing second in Montreal and fourth at Bay 101.

He has earned more than \$2.3 million just since last year's World Series and has to be one of the players to watch as this year's event gets under way in Las Vegas.



While everyone loves traveling to Florida for a chance to win big money at the felt while enjoying the warm tropical weather, locals such as Pahuja, **Chance Kornuth**, who finished sixth at SHR, and **Jason Mercier**, ranked fourth on the Global Poker Index, enjoy being able to sleep in their beds during a big event like this. However, living here can present some conflicts and distractions.

"My whole family lives here and I've lived here my whole life, so poker is not exactly a priority when I'm in South Florida," Mercier

said.

Unless you're running deep in an event where the first prize of a million dollars is on the line ... maybe then family commitments can be put on the back burner for a couple of days. Just ask Eric Afriat.

**MORE WPT:** While it would seem to be a natural to add more events to the Florida schedule, Pliska realizes the prudent thing is to use caution.

"We don't want to become victims of our own success," he said "In the last five years, the WPT has gone from 14 events to something around 76 when you include the regional events. "I don't think I feel comfortable expanding beyond this because there is a limit to which you can market effectively and keep the poker economy in good shape."

The WPT has regional events scheduled for Tampa, Coconut Creek and Jacksonville in addition to Hollywood, and with the two televised events in the state, don't look for more to be added in the near future.

As for the Hard Rock, final preparations are under way for the return of the SHRPO series and another \$10 million guarantee main event, set for Aug. 7-27, about three weeks after the conclusion of the WSOP action in Las Vegas.

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# BIG BUY-IN DEBUTS FOR WPT REGIONAL

For the first time, the World Poker Tour Regional in Tampa will feature a \$3,500 main event with a \$1 million guarantee, and this comes during the World Series in Vegas.

The Hard Rock Summer Poker Open begins May 29 and runs through the main event, which is June 12-18. Tampa's main usually costs \$1,650 and the other events are usually predictable in price point, this series is more in line with the WPT series you'd see in Hollywood, Fla.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

Three big guarantee tournaments, some larger buy-in events, including \$1,100 and a \$1,650 bounty (\$500 bounties).

The three guarantees are \$300K (\$350 buy-in), a \$500K (\$560) and the main. These are huge for this area regardless of the time, but being that it's during the WSOP the could be some nail-biting.

However, I think the Tampa faithful will show up for the series. I know I can't get out to Vegas easily because of my full-time job, so a series like this for me is perfect timing. I look forward to some big-time summer poker here in Tampa.

**NICE CASHES:** The WPT Hard Rock Showdown wrapped up recently and Central Florida was well-represented in the main event. One of those who made it all the way to the top 30 was **Jeff Metajan**, a friend of the Ante Up Nation, a family man and

## Malowitz named Ante Up social media director

**Andrew Malowitz** is *Ante Up's* new director of social media. He will be responsible for developing *Ante Up's* activity on Twitter, Facebook and other social networks, as well as establishing a presence for *Ante Up* on the popular 2+2 poker forum. "He's extremely active on social networks, and is the perfect choice to help us grow our engagement with fans," said **Scott Long** who, with **Chris Cosenza**, is publisher of *Ante Up*.

local grinder.

He's starting to put up some big results, including a 139th last year during the \$10 million guarantee and now 30th in this recent WPT championship.

I've had the pleasure of getting to know him over the past few months and he's one of those guys you root for to succeed, a guy who does this to provide the best he can for his family.

In a business where it is easy to lose sight of what is really important, it's good to see a man who places those values on top of his priority list. This is a guy we should be hearing big things from soon.

Have an idea for a story or a player profile? Contact me.

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## HATTER CAPS HUGE FIELD AT DBKC EVENT

In this era of poker, 671 players is an excellent turnout for any event at a brick-and-mortar poker room. But when it's 671 players coming out to not only put some money in their pockets, but to show a lot of love to charity, it's an even more astonishing number.



CHARLES ALLISON  
NORTH FLORIDA

It doesn't hurt that at Daytona Beach Kennel Club's Deep Stack Charity Classic on April 27 you had some of the biggest names in poker lending a helping hand for a great cause. The event had not one but two World Series of Poker Main Event winners in **Phil Hellmuth** and **Greg Merson** plus the voice of ESPN's poker broadcast **Norman Chad**.

Merson is a young pro who has two WSOP bracelets to his name, but the real star of the show was Hellmuth, who showed why he deserves his spot on the Mount Rushmore of poker. The 13-time bracelet-winner ended up finishing third overall.

The winner was local player **Robert Hatter**, who not only gets the good feeling that comes along with helping others but a bit of an ego boost from weaving through the minefield of 670 players. Then on top of that he went toe-to-toe with one of the greatest players to ever touch the felt.

The event racked up more than \$80K in cash and prizes as the final table earned a trip to Vegas. "**Ms. Amy**" Alvarez, tournament director at DBKC, was happy with the tournament.

"It was a great event," she said. "It's awesome to see so many people come out to support such a great cause. There's nothing that shines a brighter light on the poker community than when we show the world the good things we can do together."

*Ante Up's* **Scott Long** was in attendance and you can listen to his assessment of the successful charity event on *Ante Up's* award-winning weekly poker podcast at [anteupmagazine.com/pokercast](http://anteupmagazine.com/pokercast).



*Ante Up* has been proud to be a media partner of the Deep Stack Charity Classic for five years.

**BESTBET JAX:** For anyone who hasn't quite quenched their deepstack thirst and is reading this in time, bestbet Jacksonville hosts a five-flight, \$50K guarantee May 22-25.

The field never has failed to double the guarantee, so it's always a good opportunity for locals to take their first step down the long road of being a pro player.

The weekends still are the best time at bestbet, especially when it comes to high hands. There will be a special \$1K with \$500 table share on May 31.

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# STAY COOL THIS SUMMER WITH HOT ACTION

For many poker players, June signifies the start of the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas for the next seven weeks. Because of our proximity to Sin City, Arizonans flock to the Rio Hotel & Casino in droves to take their shot at big paydays and possible stardom. If you're remaining in the Valley of the Sun, you still have plenty of choices when it comes to tournaments and cash games.



**CHRIS CRONIN**  
N. ARIZONA

**FORT MCDOWELL:** The poker room has 15 weekly tournaments and an Aces Cracked promotion that allows you to win \$300 each time your pocket aces don't win.

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If you're trying to avoid temperatures in the 100s this summer in Las Vegas or the Phoenix area, plan an escape to one of the many casinos in the Northern half of the state. Destinations such as Hon-Dah, Cliff Castle, Twin Arrows, and Bucky's offer guests a resort-style atmosphere with plenty of amenities.

While all of these casinos will have regular poker action, you also can fish, boat, camp and enjoy the cool weather in the mountains.

As the WSOP winds down, much of the focus in Arizona turns toward the Arizona State Poker Championship held each year at Talking Stick Resort.

This is Arizona's most prestigious event and many pros have this tournament circled on their calendars. Single-table satellites run around the clock for this \$1,050 buy-in event that always has a prize pool topping a million dollars.

Plan to attend the 10th annual Arizona Poker Championship in early August.

**BUCKY'S CASINO:** The poker hosts an \$80 Omaha/8 tournament on June 22 at 2 p.m. Players can earn extra starting chips for playing live before the tourney. As a nice bonus, \$200 per table will be added to the prize pool.

Bucky's also hosts its annual Northern Arizona Hold'em Championship this summer. Qualifying rounds will begin in July.

**HON-DAH:** To wrap up the Northern Arizona casino news this month, Hon-Dah would like to congratulate **Josh Phillips**, left, as its newest Tournament of Champions winner.



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**BRIAN PEDERSEN**  
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**CASINO DEL SOL (TUCSON):** There are 13 daily tournaments throughout the week, including at least one every morning between 9-11. Buy-ins range from \$15 to \$100, with several tourneys counting toward a quarterly event that awards seats to the top point-earners

Del Sol's most exciting promo, though, involves a progressive high hand that ranges from \$50 to \$500 and can be awarded three times per day for any quads or better.

**DESERT DIAMOND CASINO (TUCSON):** Four weekly tournaments, each \$35, are designed to get you in and out in less than three hours while still getting plenty of action. The Cup of Coffee tourneys are Monday and Thursday mornings, while on Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Poker Sundown Showdown takes center stage.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN (MARI COPA):** Every weeknight features a different style and buy-in of tournament, from \$15 to \$65, while on Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening more tournaments are scheduled. On the live side, splash pots and Aces Cracked are regular occurrences, while in split-pot games, win a rack if your 6-4 low loses to a wheel.

**QUECHAN (YUMA):** Saturday and Sunday afternoons provide a pair of chances to score some cash in a quick and inexpensive tournament, both costing \$25. Quechan's bigger buy-in event, for \$60, is Thursday nights.

Rotating cash promotions are offered on weeknights.

**VEE QUIVA (PHOENIX):** There are three weekly tournaments on the schedule, all of which feed into a quarterly Tournament of Champions event open to the first- and second-place finishers from each tourney as well as the player who logs the most live play in a week. Saturday morning and Wednesday night events cost \$40, while on Sunday the buy-in is \$30. Vee Quiva also offers numerous cash promotions, including \$50 splash pots during certain NBA play-off and Arizona Diamondbacks baseball games.

**WILD HORSE PASS (PHOENIX):** The room has five weekly events, three during the day at \$30 apiece and two on weeknights for \$50, as well as a \$5K freeroll every other Saturday for top cash players. Ask about baseball and basketball game promotions, including splashed pots.

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# ISLETA OFFERS CHANCE AT WORLD SERIES SEAT

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**MARY BRADLEY**  
NEW MEXICO

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** The \$100 Omaha/8 tournament is June 8 and there will be \$100 added per table. Also, the \$150 Last Saturday of the Month Deepstack is June 28.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** Feel like a challenge with a handsome payoff? The \$230 Test Your Might tournament is planned for June 15. Plus, the Sunday 2 p.m. tournament has become THE competition for locals and those as far away as El Paso.

**SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpots at press time were \$34,187 for hold'em and \$7,591 for Omaha.

**SANTA ANA STAR CASINO:** This month you can enjoy the Share the Wealth promotion, where 20 hours of live play earns you a share of \$5K. Each share averages about \$50. All of the regulars here know, "If you play, you get paid."

**TEXAS:** At Kickapoo Lucky Eagle, the NLHE bad-beat jackpot at press time was \$118,296.

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# Blair wins WSOPC main

The World Series of Poker Circuit at the Lodge Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., ran April 24-May 5, with the main event, which began

May 2, going to **Eric Blair** for \$116K and his first circuit ring.



Big names such as **Denis Phillips**, **Bernard Lee** and **Alexandru Masek**, the all-time leader in circuit wins, were notables in the series.

**HANS HOLLENBECK**  
COLORADO

Other winners at the Lodge included: **Chad Donnelly**, Englewood, Colo., \$19,773; **Valentin Vornicu**, San Diego, \$20,299; **Greg Eyster**, Denver, \$46,205; **Tim Campbell**, Peyton, Colo., \$15,900; **Thupten Thondup**, Santa Fe, N.M., \$13,364; **Osama Aweida**, Bloomfield, Colo., \$12,265; **Craig Varnell**, Ft. Collins, Colo., \$14,739; **Ryan Pringle**, Gunnison, Colo., \$15,502; and Lee, who hails from Wayland, Mass. (\$14,500).

Congratulations to the event winners and good luck to those Colorado players looking to make the journey to Las Vegas for this year's WSOP.

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## SUNCOAST'S 'HOGGY' STUD GAME IS LEGENDARY

The beautiful Summerlin area of Las Vegas is home to the Suncoast Hotel & Casino, and its poker room hosts one of the most unusual and longest-running games in the area.

It's called the "Hoggy" game. If you're looking for something other than hold'em, it just might be the game for you. The game is \$2-\$10 stud/8 with a double qualifier. The low hand must be eight or better and the high hand must be jacks or better. If there's no qualifying low, the high hand scoops the pot, but if there's no qualifying high the low hand takes it all. In the rare case where there's no qualifying hand on either end, the pot is split. On seventh street, the betting jumps to \$2-\$20. It's called the Hoggy because on any scooped pot of \$100 or more, the winner posts \$10, which becomes the bring-in. The pots can get large.

Manager **Daryl Boykin** said this game has been spread around various Vegas poker rooms since the 1970s and has been at the Suncoast for several years. It runs regularly at 11 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

The comfortable 10-table room also spreads limit hold'em and NLHE, of course, as well as Omaha/8 and the traditional stud/8. Daily \$45 tournaments run at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Popular among the locals, the Suncoast is worth the drive for tourists as well.

**HOLLYWOOD POKER OPEN:** The second Hollywood Poker Open returns to the M Resort on June 25-29, with \$235 satellites starting the first day. The three-day, \$2,500 championship starts June 27 and offers a \$500K guarantee. (See the ad on the facing page.) **Chris Moneymaker**, 2003 World Series champion, serves as HPO's ambassador and will be in the championship.

**ARIA & WPT:** The announcement of the Aria Classic included the big news that the popular room was joining forces with the World Poker Tour for its featured event. The series, scheduled June 11-July 6, will finish with the WPT 500. This \$565 event will have six starting days, beginning July 1. Day 2, the final day, will resume on July 6. That morning, the final starting day will be a turbo with 15-minute levels and a 9 a.m. start. The earlier Day 1s will all have 30- and 40-minute levels. The tournament has a \$1 million guarantee.

All Day 1s may have one re-entry and players may enter multiple flights with the biggest stack advancing to Day 2.

Other events include \$235 PLO on June 16, \$235 seniors

June 19, \$235 deuce-to-seven triple draw June 23 and a \$235 ladies event June 26.

Offered throughout the series are \$175 bounty events and plenty of \$235 and \$340 NLHE events. There also will be \$125 satellites for entry into the WPT 500.

**BINION'S:** The eighth annual Binion's Classic runs until June 25. The two-day, \$1K championship starts June 18. Also featured is the Legends Classic, a three-day event beginning June 7 with two starting days and a \$240 buy-in. Unusual for a seniors event, players as young as 45 may enter. There are plenty of HORSE, Omaha and PLO events in addition to NLHE. A \$200 ladies event wraps up the series June 25.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD:** Phamous Poker Series V, running June 6-July 6, will be the room's first summer event. It will start and finish with \$560 tournaments with \$250K guaranteed each on June 6 and July 6. The first-place finisher in both events is guaranteed \$100K and both are one-day events. The other Saturdays during the series will offer \$300 tournaments with \$100K guarantees and \$40K first-place guarantees.

**WYNN:** The Wynn Classic runs June 11-July 14, with all events having guarantees. There are three two-day, three-starting flight events for \$600 each with \$250K guarantees. The \$1,600 championship has two starting days beginning July 11 and offers a \$300K guarantee.

**BELLAGIO:** Two summer series are featured at the famed room. First up is the Summer High Roller Series. This is a series of six one-day, \$10,200 tournaments spread out over a month, between May 29 and June 27. Bellagio Cup X runs July 9-July 15, highlighted by a five-day, \$10,300 tournament beginning July 10.

**VENETIAN:** The main event of Deep Stack Extravaganza II finished April 21 with the \$90K first prize going to **Eric Blair** of Los Angeles. The event had 420 entrants and a prize pool was \$413K. **Paul Lee**, also of Los Angeles, took second for \$56K and **Joshua Pollock** of Las Vegas earned \$40K for third.

The Venetian will host the Mid-States Poker Tour June 2-3, a \$1,100 buy-in with a \$300K guarantee. The event will be part of Venetian's DSE III.

**TREASURE ISLAND:** **Christopher Coffin**, who managed the Mirage poker room until last year, is the new cardroom manager at Treasure Island.

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# PEREZ WINS CHOCTAW'S SPRING CLASSIC

April's Spring Classic at Choctaw Casino and Resort in Durant, Okla., which featured a \$50K added Best All-Around player to the top-30 point-earners, saw **Ben Perez** of Plainview, Texas, grab the main-event title.



**JOHN D SHORT**  
S. OKLAHOMA

The \$300K guarantee platinum-ring main event drew 356 entries as Perez earned \$79,424. I made a somewhat deep run in the main, but I got "Salaburued" when I ran my pocket kings into Octo-Niner **Robert Salaburu's** A-9 and, of course, he spiked an ace on the flop and I was gone.

Players got two points for every entry in Events 1-27 and points for cashing in each. All of the events were no-limit hold'em, and the results reported here will be for the noon events only. Readers can check [pokerexecutives.com](http://pokerexecutives.com) for complete results.

Event 1 was shipped by **Clint Fawcett** to the tune of \$16,004. Next was the \$100K guarantee silver-ring event won by **Andrew Robinson** of Round Rock, Texas, for \$31,418. Robinson won three events.

The \$200K guarantee gold-ring event went to **Kurt Jewel** from Frankfort, Ky., for \$58,866. **Joel Woods** of Crowley, Texas,

won \$10,184 in the fourth noon tilt. **Barbara Sargent** from Fort Worth, Texas, won the Monday noon for \$7,542. **John Corrales** of Grand Prairie, Texas, won the Tuesday contest for \$7,618. Wednesday saw **Marcelo Campon** of Grapevine, Texas, take it for \$7K. Friday's event went to **Vernon Harrison** from Ingram, Texas, for \$20,278.

So, who won the all-around title? Out of 1,351 players with points, my buddy **Sean Hansen** bested Robinson (118 to 113) and pocketed a cool extra \$10K. Hansen just happens to be the founder and owner of Big Slick Poker Academy in Dallas, one of our advertisers and he contributes to Ante Up writing articles about cash-game play (see both in this issue).



Big Slick ran a two-day Championship Poker Playing for the Win with **Gavin Griffin** tournament bootcamp in March. "I have always been primarily a cash-game player but after Gavin's course I decided to turn my attention to tournament play for the Spring Poker Classic," Hansen said. "I was able to put Gavin's teachings to good use, which allowed me to win the best all-around player." Now if that isn't a ringing endorsement on continuing poker education, then I don't know what is.

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## Successful tournaments highlight local action

A lot of tournament action highlighted the Northern Oklahoma poker scene since our last issue, and some of those tournaments still were running at press time, so we'll be sure to recap those events in our July issue.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
N. OKLAHOMA

The Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa hosted the Mid-South Poker Classic on May 2-11, consisting of 22 events with buy-ins ranging from \$60 to \$550. **Michelle Lorett** and **Eric Thompson** won the opening event, a Jack and Jill tournament for \$2,554. Event 2, a bounty tourney, chopped four ways (\$1,851 each) with **Joe Ferguson** awarded the win. **Eric Thompson** collected \$3,800 for his win in Event 3.

It also ended in a four-way chop with **Greg Elliot** capturing the title in the Event 4 \$100K guarantee, besting nearly 600 players. We'll report on the \$1,090 buy-in, \$50K guarantee main event in next issue.

**CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS:** The Cherokee Poker Classic ran May 16-25 (some of you may still be able to enter events if you read this in time), featuring tournaments with buy-ins ranging from \$50-\$550. The opening event boasted a \$20K guarantee while the main event offered a \$50K guarantee.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** The poker room is working on a variety of initiatives, including a player appreciation buffet in April

and a \$10K guarantee \$230 buy-in with \$20 add-on no-limit hold'em tournament capped at 100 players in late May. Cash action includes \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE and a \$2-\$5 (usually \$5-\$5) pot-limit Omaha-PLO/8 mixed game. Since the bad-beat qualifier was changed at the first of the year to quads beaten, it has grown to more than \$57K.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** The Heartland Poker Tour, after a successful first event in October 2013, will return here Dec. 5-14.

**GOLDEN EAGLE CASINO:** The Eagle's Nest Poker Room is a small room of which many players may not have heard. A comfortable room, it's known for spreading a variety of games, including a rare \$2-\$10 stud/8 game.

The stud bad beat was more than \$8K at press time and features an aces-full-of-10s qualifier. Other games that can be found are \$1-\$2 NLHE, \$2-\$4 to \$3-\$6 limit, \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 with a half-kill and a \$3-\$6 dealer's choice mixed game.

**HPT AT AMERISTAR:** Ameristar Casino Kansas City's HPT stop ran April 25-May 5. I had the opportunity to visit with **Jennifer Mastrud**, Heartland Poker Tour's director of operations, about the success of the stop, which attracted what she called a "phenomenal turnout."

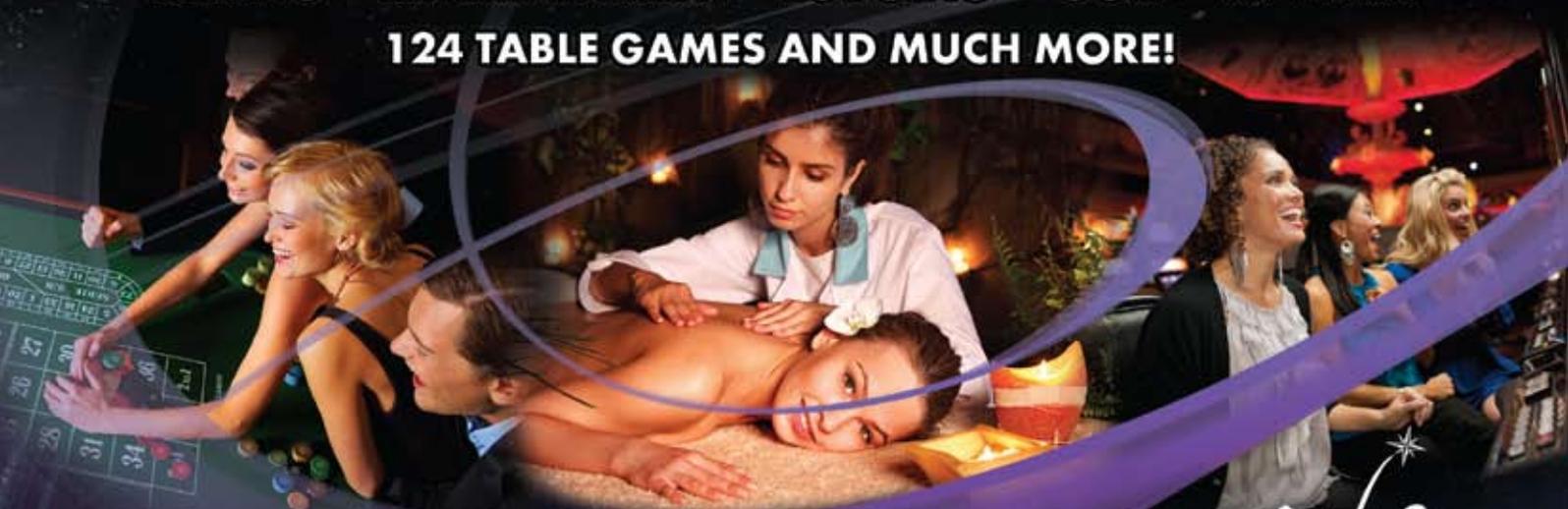
For a recap of the event, please read the Missouri column on Page 36.

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## HINKLE WINS WSOPC AT BLUFFS

The Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs hosted the World Series of Poker Circuit on April 10-21 as **Blair Hinkle** of Weatherby Lake, Mo., topped the field of 247 in the main event to claim \$90,770 of the \$370,500 prize pool. The runner-up spot fell to **Matt Bond** of Irving, Texas, settling for \$56,086. Hinkle is the only player to win the main event at the same location in back-to-back years. This ties him with only one other player, **Chris Ferguson**, to have three main-event rings.



**KEN WARREN**  
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The opening event was a \$365 no-limit hold'em event with 183 entries, captured by **Jeff Esposito**. The prize pool was \$54,900 and Esposito left with \$14,275. Event 2 was a \$365 turbo with 178 entries as top prize went to **Bruce Waltke** from Topeka. He overcame a 6-to-1 disadvantage to eliminate **Kirk Kane**. Waltke walked away with \$14,216 in the short 11-hour tournament.

Event 3 was a \$365 re-entry event that **Stephen Kats** captured. He is fond of WSOPC in Iowa because he has won three rings at Iowa properties. The California pro took home \$32,181 after defeating nearly 500 players.

**Jeremy Roldan** took down Event 4 (\$365) by beating 150 players for his first ring and \$12,231.

Event 5 went to **James Mullin** for \$11,844 and Event 6 (\$365 Omaha/8) gave **Joshua Reichard** his second ring for \$10,919.

**Duncan Barnell**, 23, of Lincoln, Neb., took down the six-max Event 7 (\$13,441) and **Henry Gingerich** won Event 8 (\$14,976). Event 9 (\$580) went to **Matthew Anderson** of Lincoln and Event 10 (\$365) was won by **Yossi Azulay** from Chicago. **Ryan Tepen** of Chesterfield, Mo., won the final event, a \$365 turbo.

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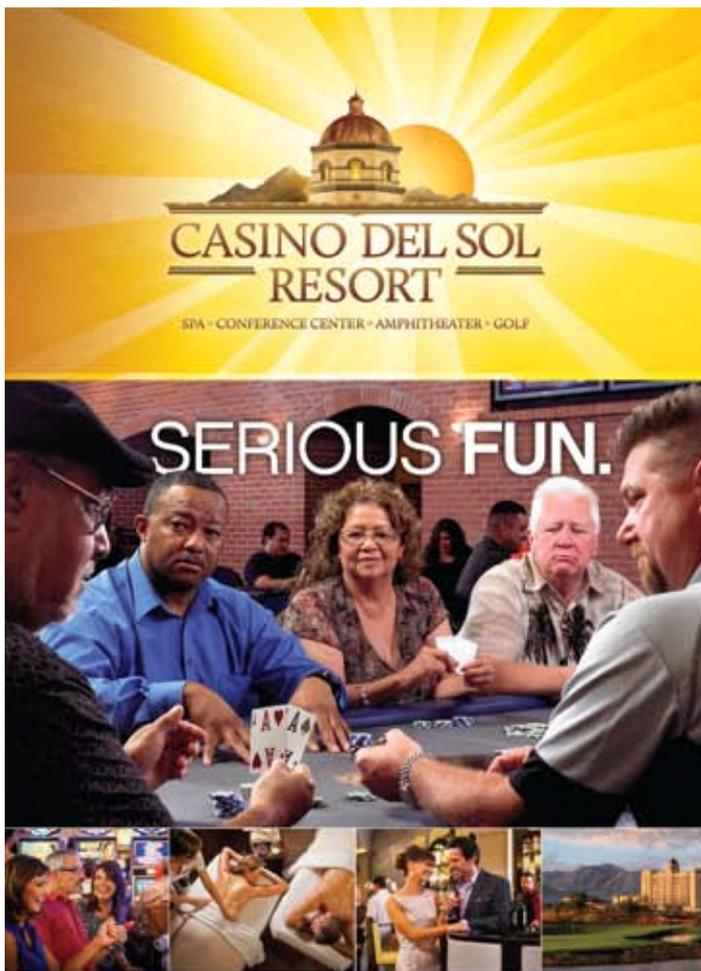
## Woznicki wins at Potawatomi

**Mike Woznicki** emerged recently as the last player standing to capture the \$9K first-place prize, not to mention \$1,320 in bounties, at Potawatomi Casino's popular Knockout Bounty Tournament, which saw World Poker Tour commentator **Vince Van Patten** serve as a special bounty. Van Patten lasted about four hours.



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
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Meanwhile, in the northern part of the state, Bad River Lodge Poker Room is providing great action every Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 1:30 a.m., and on Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. In Odanah, Bad River Casino is home to a two-table room that offers \$1-\$2 NLHE and hosts a load of great promotions, including Aces Cracked, a high-hand bonus for a straight flush and royal flush and a bad-beat jackpot that's triggered when aces full of sevens is beaten by quads or better. On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (registration begins at 5), Bad River holds a \$35 tournament that pays top three. For more information, visit [badriver.com](http://badriver.com). — Email Chad at [anteupchad@yahoo.com](mailto:anteupchad@yahoo.com).



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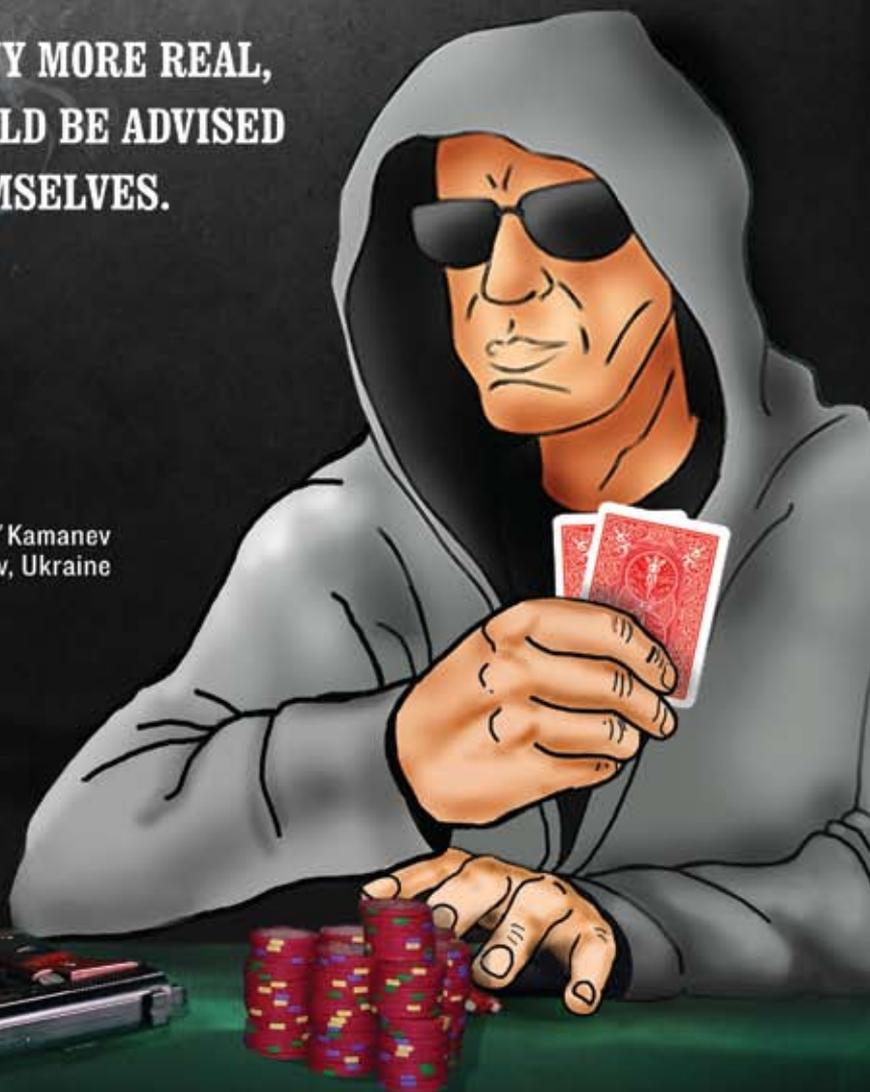


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## AFFORDABLE TOURNAMENTS FLOODING LOCAL SCHEDULE

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**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC

The Crown Royal Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino offers \$35 dailies at 11:15 a.m. It also just announced its fourth annual Delaware Poker Championship for Aug. 30 at 11 a.m.

Delaware Park offers various low cost tournaments throughout the month. Check the schedule at Delaware Park for details.

Maryland Live hosts \$60 satellites June 9-15 to the PPC Aruba series in October. For more information, go to [marylandlivecasino.com](http://marylandlivecasino.com).

Hollywood Casino at Perryville in Maryland offers a variety of tournaments throughout the week, most with 15-minute levels and 10K chips: Tuesday (7 p.m., \$40); Friday (7 p.m., \$60 bounty); Saturday (9:30 a.m., \$35 and 4 p.m., \$40) and Sunday (1 p.m., \$35).

Rocky Gap Casino and Resort has \$45 tournaments Monday-Thursday at 5:15 p.m. On the last Saturday of each month, a \$180 event (12K chips) takes place at 10:15 a.m.

**POKER CRUISES:** Dover Downs will award an Ante Up Poker Cruise package to the winner of a \$59 buy-in tournament on June 11. The tournament begins at 7:15 p.m., with late registration open through 9:15 p.m. Players start with 7,500 units and levels last 20 minutes.

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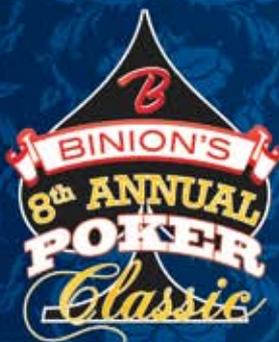
Speaking of Ante Up Poker Cruises, **Frank Felton**, right, won the April Ante Up Poker Cruise tournament for a cruise package for two.

On June 14, Dover Downs will be running a \$25K guarantee. For a \$199 buy-in, players will receive 15K chips with 30-minute levels.

**HPO:** On June 4, Hollywood Casino Perryville's \$125 tournament guarantees two seats to the Hollywood Poker Open in Las Vegas at the M Resort. First and second place in the tournament will get a seat in the HPO, valued at \$2,500 and \$1K spending money. Third place and beyond will be paid based on size of prize pool. See the ad on Page 27 for more on the M event.

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# BINION'S POKER CLASSIC 2014

## MAY 22 - JUNE 24, 2014

### 2014 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Buy-In	Level Length	Chips	Start
Thu	22-May	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Fri	23-May	Limit Omaha 8	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sat	24-May	No-Limit Hold'em - \$10,000 Guarantee	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sun	25-May	No-Limit Hold'em - \$10,000 Guarantee	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Mon	26-May	Pot-Limit Omaha 8	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Tue	27-May	Pot-Limit Omaha High	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Wed	28-May	H.O.R.S.E.	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Thu	29-May	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Fri	30-May	Limit Omaha 8	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sat	31-May	No-Limit Hold'em - \$10,000 Guarantee	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sun	1-Jun	H.O.R.S.E.	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Mon	2-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Tue	3-Jun	Limit Omaha 8	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Wed	4-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Thu	5-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Fri	6-Jun					
Sat	7-Jun	Legends Classic Series Day 1A (45+)	\$240	35 Min	20,000	11am
Sun	8-Jun	Legends Classic Series Day 1B (45+)	\$240	35 Min	20,000	11am
Mon	9-Jun	Legends Classic Series Day 2		40 Min		12pm
Tue	10-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Wed	11-Jun	H.O.R.S.E.	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Thu	12-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Fri	13-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sat	14-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em - \$10,000 Guarantee	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sun	15-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Mon	16-Jun	Pot-Limit Omaha High	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Tue	17-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Wed	18-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em - Championship	\$1000	60 Min	30,000	12pm
Thu	19-Jun	Championship Day 2		60 Min		1pm
Fri	20-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sat	21-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em - \$10,000 Guarantee	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Sun	22-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em	\$140	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Mon	23-Jun	Pot-Limit Omaha 8	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm
Tue	24-Jun	No-Limit Hold'em - Ladies Event	\$200	30 Min	20,000	2pm

#### At 7 pm Binion's will offer a \$100 NLH Nightly Deepstack Tournament

Binion's Daily 2pm tournaments will be suspended from May 22nd to June 6th and from June 10th to June 24th. They will resume from June 6th to June 9th and on June 25th.

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It was the first time the Borgata in Atlantic City hosted the WPT World Championship, this time as part of its Spring Open (April 8-26), and **Keven Stammen** capitalized on it, capturing the main event and \$1.35 million.



**JO KIM**  
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It was the first time the WPT's world title was awarded in Atlantic City as the \$15,400 buy-in boasted a \$5 million guarantee. The televised event lasted five days, gathering the world's high-stakes players and Bellagio's past patrons, where WPT had held its championship tournament for \$25,000.

The 51-tournament series kicked off with the \$560 event, which was cancelled in the Winter Open after counterfeit chips were found in play. More than 2,800 players registered for the event, showing recent history has been put behind them. Along with a few changes to the tournaments rulings, chips were scanned for UV detection during breaks.

"The field was very competitive with top pros and talented amateurs, what WPT usually brings," poker pro **Aaron Massey** said. "The differences were the smaller field size and a few extra top pros ... giving the sense of heightened exclusivity."

**WSOPC:** In Philadelphia, Harrah's hosted its annual World Series of Poker Circuit on April 16-28, featuring 12 ring events, headlined by the \$200K guarantee \$1,675 main event, which

drew 336 entrants for a \$504K prize pool.

**Kyle Bowker** took home the main-event title for nearly \$116K. After a progressive run of playable hands, Bowker, who began the final table with 13 big blinds as the shortest stack, quickly gained the lead. **Justin Liberto** finished second after missing his open-ended straight draw to Bowker's runner-runner full house. Liberto went on to play Parx Casino's Big Stax \$300 buy-in days later to chop it heads-up with **Alex Queen**.

**PARX:** The poker room's sixth Big Stax Series was May 1-19 as it kicked off with a \$300 buy-in, drawing a record-breaking 1,351 entrants.

**Ray Ross**, a local player, made his sixth Big Stax final-table appearance. He's part of a group of nine players called Team Kitten that circulates the region cashing in tournament events. One of the team's players, **Kevin Grabel**, has been creating a local media buzz since his recent three-way chop in Borgata's Spring Open \$1M guarantee.

"Look at the overall increase in entrants and notable players, including the great structures, and you can see that Big Stax will continue being a success in poker tournament agenda," Grabel said.

**FOXWOODS:** Look for a recap of Foxwoods' \$700K guarantee Mega Stack Challenge in our July issue.

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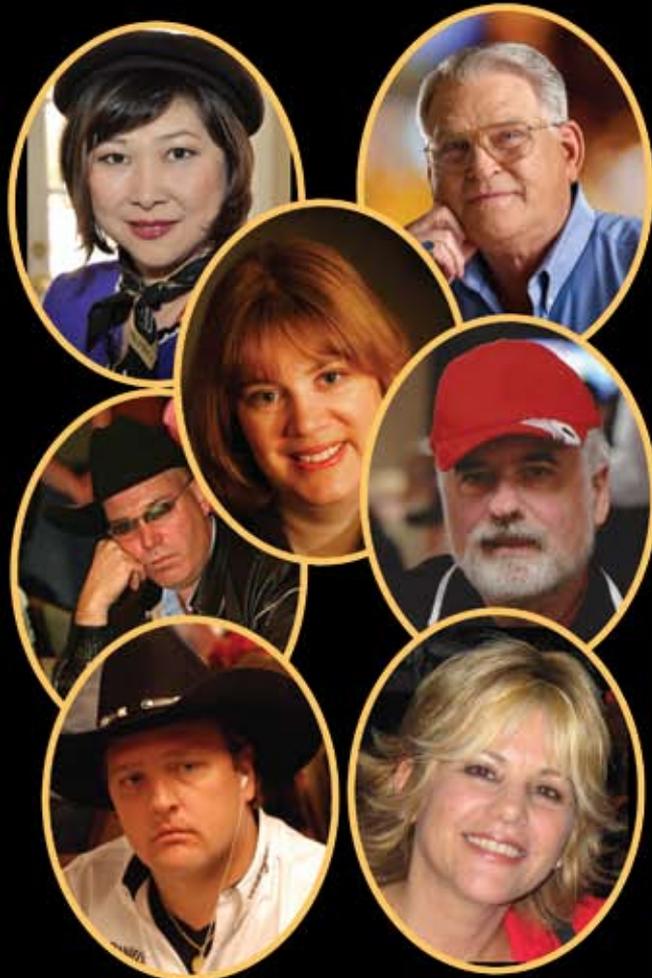
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## CAPTAIN STEERS THROUGH SPRING BREAK CLASSIC

The Beau Rivage has completed another Spring Break Classic in Biloxi. What amazes me about the Beau is the consistency in turnout. While tournaments elsewhere experience fluctuating attendance, the Beau always seems to be solid and reliable.



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MISSISSIPPI

The opening event featured a \$150K guarantee, and with the field 650-plus, there were plenty of new faces in the field.

Mississippi's Capt. **Tom Franklin** won the event. A World Series of Poker bracelet-winner and a well-known pro, he sits at the top of the list for most cashes in Mississippi poker.

This event sent him home with \$39,418. Aside from just besting the field, Franklin is recovering from a bout of health issues and still has only about half of his eyesight. Though he said he "enjoyed the challenge," there is no doubt this wasn't an easy victory.

The conclusion of the week was the \$150K guarantee championship, which had an \$800 buy-in for 295 entrants. The Day 2 returning list read like a southern poker roll call. Familiar faces such as Franklin, **B.J. McBrayer**, **Kyle Cartwright**, **Josh Palmer**, **Kristopher Cannatelli**, **Corrie Wunstel**, **Jake Bazeley**, **Bill Phillips** and "**Boston**" **Rob Mariano** were a few of the 63 players who came back.

Not everyone would make it to the money. By the time the

bubble burst we were down to 27 players. **Ben Mintz** and "**Boston**" **Rob** captured prize money but were out by the final table. The final 10 included **Phillips** of GulfCoastPoker.net and **Palmer**; two faces I'm happy to see at every Beau Rivage event. **Palmer** finished with an impressive second and \$26,731. The title went to someone well-known, but for different reasons. Dealer **John Langevin** scooped up the \$51,894 and trophy to add to his growing collection. **Langevin** is a dealer from Pensacola Greyhound Track and though he regularly makes time to play, he's much more often recognized on the other side of the table.

With this event concluded and Horseshoe Tunica finishing its Southern Poker Championship at press time, Mississippi tournaments are on break until after the WSOP. No worries, there will be plenty of great summer promotions available for those who won't be joining us in Vegas.

And please remember, Harrah's Tunica will be closing the doors permanently on June 2. Stop in if you haven't had a chance to take advantage of its final promotions and then say goodbye.

Next month, I'll give you all an update on how our Mississippi players are doing in the chase for bracelets at the Rio as well as highlight promotions from around the state. Keep sending your emails and bad-beat stories.

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## Ameristar Kansas City happy with its first HPT

Ameristar Kansas City hosted its first Heartland Poker Tour (April 25-May 5) and poker room manager **Ken Long** was happy with the maiden voyage.



**DON MATUSOFSKY**  
MISSOURI

"We had a great result and **Jen Mastrud** with HPT told me we were the third-largest event this season," he said. "This is great for a first-time event. The cash games also drew well and some bigger games. We had \$25-\$50 no-limit and \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10 PLO."

The main event saw a field of 423 players as **Quentin Crossley** of Springfield, Mo., who had a few small cashes in his career, captured the title and

\$143,143 (his biggest payday) from the nearly \$610K prize pool. He was followed by **Stewart Yancik** of Blue Springs, Mo., (\$88,322) and **Curtis Edens** of Sands Spring, Okla., (\$57,886). Kansas City pro **Blair Hinkle** just missed the final table in 12th.

Women made up more than 10 percent of the Day 2 field and **Lynn Karnes** made the TV final table, finishing ninth for \$13,401. **Kenneth Rosheisen**, a 2011 HPT main-event winner, was sixth (\$23,147), ousted in a three-way all-in that saw **Peter Kihonge** eliminated seventh.

Preliminary events drew well, too, including a \$150 tournament on a Monday with a field of almost 300.

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## Coushatta cruise giveaway starts June 1

The Coushatta Casino Resort poker room in Kinder will be giving away four Ante Up Poker Cruise packages for the upcoming poker cruise out of Galveston, Texas, in October.

The packages, which are balcony staterooms for two people, will be given out in drawings, one each month from June to September.

Players can earn tickets by making a full house or better from June 1-Sept. 20. Drawings will be June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 and

Sept. 20. On these dates, one ticket will be drawn every hour from 2-9 p.m. for a chance to spin the wheel to win \$100-\$300. The poker cruise package worth \$4K will be drawn at 10 p.m. and you must be present to win. This poker cruise leaves the Galveston port, near Houston, and visits ports in the Western Caribbean from Oct. 19-26 aboard the Royal Caribbean *Navigator of the Seas*. The Ante Up Poker Room will be open at least 76 hours and features four Ante Up Poker Tour tournaments. For more on the cruise, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com). For more on the drawings, call the poker room at (800) 584-7263 x7336. ♠

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## RCG PRODUCT TAKES CHICAGO CLASSIC OPENER

**Chris Karambinis**, who started playing poker at Rockford Charitable Games, topped a field of 3,092 entries to win the Chicago Poker Classic's \$350 opener, walking away with \$168K. The 22-year-old phenom has 21 career cashes and won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring last year in Cincinnati.



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
ILLINOIS/IND.

**Shawn Rice**, who learned how to play poker from **Amarillo Slim**, made the final table, along with **Nick Jivkov**, who has one WSOP bracelet and three WSOPC rings.

Local poker pros **Ralph Massey** (19th) and brother **Aaron** (47th) came to town just for the CPC, which was still running at press time.

**MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL:** Chicagoland poker was in the dark ages until the Heartland Poker Tour arrived in 2006. As the cameras began to roll, a talented group of unknowns entered the national spotlight.

Three of the top six HPT all-time money-winners are from here. **Greg Raymer**, who tops the list, is a former resident, and 16 Chicagoans are in the top 100, more than any other city or state.

**Craig Casino**, with 12 cashes and a win at Golden Gates Casino, is second and has been in a sea-saw battle Raymer.

**Leon Morford**, third on the list, started playing poker in the

'60s, but it wasn't until late 2000 that he started taking the game seriously.

Morford won the HPT Championship Open in 2007, won a Fall Poker Classic at Canterbury Park in Minnesota in 2004 and was runner-up at Mid-States Poker Tour's recent main event at Majestic Star.

**Dan Zogman** who was the HPT's third tournament winner at Majestic Star, has seven cashes and is sixth on the all-time money-winners list.

His wife, **Mary Jo Belcore-Zogman**, was the biggest success story to come out of Chicagoland, winning the HPT's 2008 Player of the Year.

Her three TV final tables are the most by a woman and her seven cashes combined with her husband's is HPT's best by a married couple.

"The HPT truly gives the everyday Average Joe, or in my case Mary Jo, the opportunity to step up and see how good they are," she said.

**OMAHA LOVE:** The best place to play Omaha in Chicagoland is the Horseshoe, which offers a bad beat for Omaha players.

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The qualifier is quad 10s as PLO and Omaha/8 are both eligible.

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## WSOP means local events have softer fields

The World Series of Poker is running, which means many of our players will be in Las Vegas and leaving plenty of opportunities for locals to take advantage of softer tournament fields in daily and weekly tournaments. Both Horseshoes (Cleveland and Cincinnati) are offering satellites so you can find your way to Vegas in the main event. Check Bravo or your favorite Ohio Horseshoe Casino website for details.



**DAN HARKENRIDER**  
OHIO AREA

Hollywood Casinos are offering an opportunity to play in Vegas at the \$500K Hollywood Poker Open Main Event at the M Resort. Learn more by contacting your local Hollywood Casino poker desk.

**NEW FACES:** Hollywood Casino Columbus has a new poker room manager in **John Constantino**, who brings experience and an appreciation for the game. He's a Jersey native and has a broad range of casino experience, starting as a dealer in Atlantic City. He has served a variety of roles and has replaced **Matt Dodd**, who is moving up to other responsibilities within the Hollywood brand.

Like dealers and floor staff, managers matter. They are the

people who are responsible of sticking their necks out to bring tournament series, good structures and promotions to our poker rooms.

All too often the good ones aren't appreciated until they're gone. We're lucky to have some forward-thinking and hard-working advocates in that role. Supporting events are important to getting more of what we want. So, next time somebody does something good, invite a friend and support what is right about poker in our region.

**FOND FAREWELL:** **Chris Lose**, a floor coach at the Horseshoe in Cleveland, is packing up and heading to Vegas.

**DEALER TIPS:** After two years of splitting tips, dealers at the Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland will keep what they earn.

**PITTSBURGH POKER OPEN:** **Sean Newsham** of Erie, Pa., won the main event of the Rivers Casino's most recent quarterly event, which ran April 10-21. He earned \$30,264 from the three-day \$1,110 tournament, which drew 104 players for a prize pool of \$100K-plus. **Jay Kelly** was second (\$15,132) and **David Meyer** was third (\$12,106).

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## Wilmes wins at Canterbury Park

The Mid-States Poker Tour at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., set a tournament attendance record for a \$1K-plus buy-in, drawing 447 entrants for a \$432,478 prize pool.

**Michael Wilmes** of Roseville, Minn., took home the title and \$108,984 for his largest career cash.



**JOHN SOMSKY**  
MINNESOTA

The final table started at about 6:30 p.m. and reached heads-up play just before midnight, leaving Wilmes and **Michael Lang** to battle it out for first. It only took about 15 minutes for Wilmes and Lang to get all the chips in the middle. Wilmes' jacks held up over Lang's A-2 and that was it. The new **Allen Kessler**-designed structure was a hit with players, leaving lots of play late in the event.

**POCKET FIVES POKER TOUR:** PocketFives.com launched its poker tour at Running Aces Harness Park in early April. The series boasted 26 events, several formats and had a LIPS event as well as a Senior Poker Tour event. **Hank Mlekoday** won the \$750 main event for \$24,162.

**Chris "Fox" Wallace** is the ambassador for the tour as well as the main organizer. Minnesota was the launching pad for the national tour. "We have a number of venues interested, and a big event that we will be announcing soon on the East Coast as well as some plans for the fall," he said.

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## Wayside West remains open after shooting

Wayside West, the popular Kalamazoo charity poker room, was rocked by a fatal shooting on April 17 when 23-year-old **Damian Tejada** was shot to death inside the poker room.



**FRANK PANAMA**  
MICHIGAN

**Robert Strong**, one of the regulars at Wayside West who was there that night, told us about the shock everyone felt.

"If you're not used to hearing gunshots, you probably just thought, 'Why are people shooting fireworks inside the poker room?'" In spite of the fatal shooting, players continue to come out for the tournaments and cash games offered by the five-table poker room. The night of our visit, there was a \$40 rebuy tournament and a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em cash game running.

"The players in this room are like a community," Strong said. "Everyone knows everyone. So when something like this happens, it's a surprise."

The sports bar is in one of Kalamazoo's safest areas, with new franchise restaurants lining both sides of the road. Though the shooting was not related to the poker room, it still prompted the establishment to release a statement that no event like this had happened in the 50-year history of the sports bar, and it should be considered a tragic random event that could have happened anywhere.

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# World Championship to be Thunderous

Ante Up's 14-event World Championship series features a generous main event at Thunder Valley.

By Scott Long

When Ante Up decided to move its Ante Up World Championship from the Dominican Republic to the United States, Ben Erwin knew he wanted it at Thunder Valley Casino Resort, just north of Sacramento.

"When I look at Ante Up, this is the brand that we're behind," said Erwin, director of poker operations at Thunder Valley. "This is the brand that has supported us and we wanted to be the property that hosts that championship."

Over the past several months, Erwin stayed up late many nights designing and tinkering with the schedule, structures and details, fully committed to making the event worthy of the name "World Championship."

"What's great about working at Thunder Valley is (the business side of poker) isn't the No. 1 priority," Erwin said. "I have the ability to offer events that encompass the game itself. So we always ask, 'What's the best thing for the game?'"

The "best thing," Erwin decided, was a 12-day, 14-event series with a variety of games and hold'em variations, all culminating with a \$1,650 buy-in main event with a \$250K guarantee, specifically designed to attract notice from pros and amateurs alike.

Players will start with 30,000 units and 40-minute levels, expanding to 60 minutes in Level 9. There will be only one starting flight with each player allowed just one re-entry, keeping the field together throughout the tournament and eschewing the new norm of multiple Day 1s and re-entries that give players with larger bankrolls an advantage. Players also will have the option to abandon their chip stack at the end of Level 9

and re-enter.

"One thing that is important to me is that this event have a championship feel," Erwin said. "I thought it was important to design the event where every hand counts. We're going to take bankroll out of the equation and let people's play be what they remember from the event. You're never really forced to play a hand. You can let the event come to you."

The champion wins his or her photo on the cover of the September issue of *Ante Up* and a personalized champion's jacket, in addition to what should be a nice payday. And, weather permitting, the final six players (and friends, family and fans watching via live-stream at home) will get the full resort experience, as Erwin plans to host a shortened final table on Thunder Valley's luxurious pool deck.

"We want this to be a great poker event, but also a great place to visit," Erwin said.

The Ante Up World Championship series starts July 31 with a \$126 buy-in kickoff event that will be heavily marketed through Facebook and Twitter. Hold'em variations include deep-stack, bounty, escalator, survivor, six-handed and

ante-only events, while players looking for something different will see HORSE, Omaha/8 and, for the first time at Thunder Valley, an Open Face Chinese Poker event. The Western Senior Poker Tour also will host a seniors event during the series.

Nearly three dozen satellites at several price points are planned starting July 26, as well as daily single-table satellites, giving players at all bankroll levels a chance to play for the title.

"The poker enthusiast is really going to like this schedule, and it's just going to be a great couple of weeks of poker in Northern California," Erwin said. ♠



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# Thunder Valley Casino Resort a special place

I'll never forget my first meeting with **Ben Erwin**. I was on one of my many sales trips, this time zig-zagging across Northern California, and Erwin politely agreed to meet me for lunch at Thunder Valley Casino Resort, where he was director of poker operations.



SCOTT LONG

Ben was clear on the phone that he didn't have a budget for Ante Up, but something clicked over chicken pasta and Arnold Palmers and, not too much later, Thunder Valley was hosting the inaugural Ante Up Poker Tour event.

"It all started in 2012. We had really good success on our own as we started building a name for ourselves in the region," Erwin said. "And then we partnered with *Ante Up* for the first Ante Up NorCal Classic and we got a great response. That was our first \$1K event and it was just an amazing turnout. That really opened the door to a lot of things."

A lot of things indeed. Heartland Poker Tour stops. A World Poker Tour stop. An expanded poker room. And, of course, more Ante Up Poker Tour events, including the Ante Up World Championship on July 31-Aug. 11.

"People are getting on planes now and flying to Sacramento to play poker," Erwin said.

I'm one of them. I've had great success playing at Thunder Valley and I attribute it to the AAA Four-Diamond experience players enjoy when staying there.

I start my day in the spa, where I enjoy a eucalyptus steam and computer-controlled rainforest shower, followed by hot tea and healthy snacks in the meditation lounge, all included in my room rate. It gets me relaxed and focused for the day's tournaments.

After I cash, I never have to leave the resort to get a great meal with 14 bars and restaurants on property. If I'm in a hurry, a food court with several options is a quick walk from the poker room, as is a lavish buffet. If I'm not, you'll find me at Red Lantern, deciding between pages and pages of delicious Asian dishes on the menu. And if I want to treat myself, I'm



going to enjoy a tender steak and a Northern California red wine at High Steaks. (An added bonus for main-event players is the ability to use their food comp not only for the buffet but also for a limited menu at High Steaks, designed to get them in and out during the dinner break.)

Then it's on to the cash games. The poker room offers four levels of no-limit hold'em (\$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 daily and \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10 on weekends). A \$3-\$6 limit game is always going and \$4-\$8 limit and \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 break out on weekends. Pot-limit Omaha fires up during most major events and all games feature terrific promotions. A full casino awaits for players who want to try their luck in other ways.

Late in the night, I grab a cold beer and enjoy live entertainment at one of the many bars, before retiring to my 535-square-foot suite, complete with an oversized bathroom, 320-thread-count linens, fast Internet and everything I need to wake up refreshed and ready for another day of exciting poker.

After, of course, a return visit to the eucalyptus steam room. I'll see you all at Thunder Valley on July 31-Aug. 11. You won't be disappointed. ♠

## Ante Up World Championship schedule

- July 31, 5 p.m.: Event 1, \$125 NLHE Facebook/Twitter Series Kickoff (\$20,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 1, 11 a.m.: Event 2, Day 1A, \$425 Ante Up World Deepstack NLHE Championship (\$150,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 1, 4 p.m.: Event 2, Day 1B, \$425 Ante Up World Deepstack Championship (\$150,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 2, 11 a.m.: Event 2, Day 1C \$425 Ante Up World Deepstack Championship (\$150,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 3, Noon: Event 2, Day 2, live-streamed)
- Aug. 3, 7 p.m.: Event 3, \$150 NLHE Knockout with \$50 bounties (\$10,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 4, 11 a.m.: Event 4, \$180 NLHE Escalator (\$10,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 4, 5 p.m.: Event 5, \$225 NLHE Survivor (\$20,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 5, 11 a.m.: Event 6, \$180 Ante Up World HORSE Championship
- Aug. 5, 5 p.m.: Event 7, \$235 NLHE (\$25,000 guaranteed)
- Aug. 6, 11 a.m.: Event 8, \$180 Ante Up World Omaha/8 Championship (\$10,000 guaranteed)

- Aug. 6, 5 p.m.: Event 9, \$300 Ante Up World Black Chip Bounty Championship with \$100 bounties (\$40,000 guaranteed)
  - Aug. 7, 11 a.m.: Event 10, \$150 NLHE Ante Only
  - Aug. 7, 5 p.m.: Event 11, \$235 Ante Up World Six-Handed Championship (\$15,000 guaranteed)
  - Aug. 8, 1 p.m.: Event 12, \$360 Ante Up World Open Face Chinese Poker Championship
  - Aug. 9, 11 a.m.: Day 1, \$1,650 Ante Up World Championship Main Event (\$250,000 guaranteed).
  - Aug. 10, Noon: Main Event, Day 2
  - Aug. 10, 2 p.m.: \$250 Western Senior Poker Tour
  - Aug. 10, 7 p.m.: Event 14, \$150 Bounty with \$50 bounties (\$10,000 guaranteed)
  - Aug. 11, 6 p.m.: Main Event final table, live-streamed
- \* Single-table and multitable satellites run from July 26 through the end of the series. More info at [anteupmagazine.com/worldchampionship](http://anteupmagazine.com/worldchampionship)

# TITANS OF FLORIDA POKER JOIN AUPT

Derby Lane to host Florida's first Ante Up stop.

By Scott Long

It's fitting that a poker room less than 14 miles from Ante Up headquarters will be the first to host an Ante Up Poker Tour event.

Derby Lane, one of the oldest parimutuel facilities in Florida and one of the state's largest poker rooms, will host the Sunshine State's first Ante Up Poker Tour championship event Aug. 21-31 in St. Petersburg, Fla., part of the Tampa Bay metro area.

"Derby Lane has a long history with Ante Up, going all the way back to the early days of the Ante Up PokerCast well before Ante Up magazine's first issue," said **Jeff Gamber**, director of poker operations for Derby Lane. "We're excited to be the first Florida poker room to host an Ante Up Poker Tour event."

Look for full details on the AUPT event in Ante Up's July issue, but Derby Lane has proved its mettle in hosting tournaments ever since they were first allowed in Florida. It previously hosted World Poker Tour Regionals, annually hosts a number of other series and co-branded events and runs up to four tournaments a day when a series isn't on the schedule.

"Players know that Derby Lane is always innovating with our tournaments and looking for new and exciting ways to freshen up events," Gamber said. "We're looking forward to raising that bar with our Ante Up Poker Tour event."

The stylish, 54-table room wraps around a bar area, giving most players a picturesque view of the greyhound races as well as a comfortable playing area. Food and beverage service is a priority in the room, with several options for players who want a quick, quality and inexpensive meal to those who want to enjoy a leisurely, gourmet meal in the Derby Club.

Derby Lane also has staked itself out as an innovator in daily promotions, constantly tweaking them to stay ahead of the competition and responding to player requests.

"Promotions are a critical element of running a successful Florida poker room," Gamber said. "We take pride in creating new ones that reward our loyal players, attract new players and keep players coming back so they know there'll always be action when they come to play at Derby Lane." ♠

Palm Beach Kennel Club to warm up winter.

By Scott Long

There's no better place to be in December for poker players (or anyone, really) than Florida, and the Palm Beach Kennel Club is giving players a reason ... an Ante Up Poker Tour championship event.

"We expect some great fields and, of course, player-friendly structures. That time of year in the Palm Beaches brings in people from all over who like to enjoy warm weather and hot poker," said **Noah Carbone**, director of poker operations for Palm Beach Kennel Club, a 71-table room in West Palm Beach, Fla. "We feel that the Ante Up Poker Tour has a great draw in the local market. Ante Up is a brand all Florida players have grown to love."

Palm Beach Kennel Club is well-known to poker players nationwide, as it draws some of the largest World Series of Poker Circuit crowds every February, and is adding a second circuit event in August. Dates and details of its Ante Up Poker Tour event will be announced later.

"We take pride in providing professional service. Consistency is priority No. 1 at PBKC," Carbone said. "Players know they are getting a friendly, safe and secure environment to play the game that they love."

The West Palm Beach area, as well as nearby Ft. Lauderdale and Miami, allows AUPT players plenty of distractions when not at the tables and PBKC always has a large number of cash games running with great promotions.

"Our cash-game action is second to none," Carbone said. "Our famous Christmas promotion will be running during the entire event. When you are finished playing the Ante Up Poker Tour event, you can win yourself an iPad, laptop or one of many great prizes."

Stay tuned to Ante Up in the coming months as we will announce dates and more details for our 2014 AUPT series at Palm Beach Kennel Club. ♠





MANAGER SPOTLIGHT • ANTE UP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

# ERWIN PUT THUNDER VALLEY ON THE MAP

By Donovan Livingston

This month we visit with **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations for Thunder Valley Casino Resort. Ben is happily married with two beautiful children.

For years, Erwin has enjoyed working in the industry. "I worked in bingo as a waiter at the age of 17 and then started dealing poker at 18," he said. "Like most dealers before the poker boom, I really enjoyed the game and learned to deal the first chance I got. My first experience in management was in 2001 working as a poker supervisor in Southern California. I have been the director of poker operations at Thunder Valley since the room opened in the summer of 2010. I have a great support team around me, too, from my poker room staff to our general manager."



When he's not working, Erwin has a variety of hobbies to keep him busy. "I enjoy poker, of course, off-road racing, which includes the Baja 500 and Baja 1000, cycling, boating and snow skiing with the family. We really enjoy the easy drive to the many ski resorts around Lake Tahoe."

In the poker room, there's no shortage of action. "You can expect a wide variety of hold'em games," he said. "Daily, you will find \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em with a \$50-\$300 buy-in, \$2-\$5 NLHE with a \$100-\$500 buy-in and on some weekdays, but often on weekends \$5-\$5 NLHE that has a buy-in of \$300-\$1K, as well as \$5-\$10 NLHE with a buy-in of \$500-\$2K or the largest stack in play. Also, \$3-\$6 and \$4-\$8 limit and Omaha games are available."

Sounds like a little something for every budget. If you prefer tournament poker, Thunder Valley hosts some of the best tours in the country.

"We offer daily tournaments and series events with the Ante Up Poker Tour since 2012, the Heartland Poker Tour with the two stops in the last year that saw well over 500 entries in each event, and we held our inaugural World Poker Tour event in March. WPT Rolling Thunder saw 465 entries that included many of the biggest names in the game. We are looking forward to hosting the Ante Up World Championship in August, and we are excited to have the winners from the other Ante Up Poker Tour events come to Thunder Valley and compete for the championship title. The final table will be in a unique poolside setting, in the shadows of our hotel tower. It will be a wonderful experience for the players and spectators alike."

Erwin said outside of the casino is just as fun as inside.

"There is quite a bit of history to where the California gold rush took place in the late 1800s. We are about 90 minutes from beautiful Lake Tahoe going east and San Francisco going west, and surrounded by wine country. You can take a day trip to Napa, Alexander Valley or many other wineries along the way and be back at Thunder Valley for a night of great entertainment."

Sounds like a great place for your next vacation. When you get there make sure you stop in and say hello to Ben; he'll take good care of you. ♠

DEALER SPOTLIGHT • ANTE UP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

# Hegstrom enjoys all things poker and golf

By Donovan Livingston

For this month's Dealer Spotlight, we head to Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., to talk with **Sean Hegstrom**, who's from San Jose but moved to the Sacramento area and has been there most his life.

So how did he get into the casino industry? "I have been a player for years, and once Thunder Valley got a poker room, I knew that was the spot for me," he said. "I was fortunate to be selected to attend the Thunder Valley Training School around four years ago. Since completing the class, I have really focused on poker, and it has been a great experience."



Like most dealers, Hegstrom also is a player, and like most these days, his focus is on no-limit hold'em.

"I play quite a bit of live poker, but I do like to mix in a tournament from time to time," he said.

Holding true to the poker stereotype and because he's single with nothing but time on his hands, when he's not grinding at the tables he's chasing the white ball on the golf course.

"I live in an area where there are some very nice courses," he said. "One of my favorites is Whitney Oaks, just down the street from Thunder Valley."

So what is his favorite thing about being a dealer?

"I'm a fan of the game. I really enjoy the people and watching the different strategies play out. One thing that never changes is the anticipation of turning a card, then seeing how it impacts player decisions."

Sounds like the words of a true action junkie! Next time you're at Thunder Valley, hopefully for the upcoming Ante Up World Championship, be sure to stop in and say hello. ♠

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# PREFLOP BET-SIZING STRATEGY IN PLO

As a professional gambler, it's important to reduce potential downswings to maintain a healthy mental state for optimal decision-making. One way this is achievable is by controlling the pot size preflop.



JAY  
HOUSTON

You're playing in a \$10-20 PLO game and you get  $A\heartsuit-J\spadesuit-7\diamondsuit-2\clubsuit$  on the button with a \$2K effective stack and the action has folded around to you. The small blind is a weak player and big blind is a solid regular. What's the best play? Since PLO is an unsolved game, most people will tell you there's no correct answer, but let's analyze our options.

- Folding is probably the worst decision you can make. We have a suited ace, we are in the best position at the table and there's dead money on the felt. Passing up on optimal situations such as these is definitely a mistake in the long run.

- Limping is one of the more interesting choices because it conceals your hand well. Putting "he didn't raise preflop from the button" logic into an opponent's mind can you help you win some big pots, especially with a suited ace.

- Min-raising can be a solid choice if you're doing it consistently against certain players. It can induce light three-bets

from the blinds as well as minimize risk while giving you a chance to win the blinds.

- Raising to \$60-\$80 is considered the standard play in this position, but calling three-bets with hands like this will end up getting you in a lot of trouble postflop, especially with these stack sizes.

All of these choices could be considered correct, however I believe limping and min-raising are the most effective plays in this scenario. Any play that can mislead your opponent or cause them to three-bet light deserves more consideration than a play that falls into their comfort zone, not to mention both of these plays ensure less risk.

Remember, this line of thinking is only for this type of hand in this scenario. Things change drastically depending on your hand and stack sizes. If I have a hand like  $A\heartsuit-J\spadesuit-9\clubsuit-8\clubsuit$  in the same situation, I'm more likely to raise to \$60 or \$80 because my hand plays so well postflop in three-bet pots. If I have  $A\heartsuit-J\spadesuit-9\clubsuit-8\clubsuit$  with a \$5K effective stack, I am more likely to consider limp three-betting or min-raise four-betting.

If you take anything away from this article, let it be that you should pay more attention to your preflop bet-sizing and logic. If you play absolutely perfect preflop, not only does it make postflop play easier, but it makes winning easier, too. ♠

## COACH'S CORNER

# THOU SHALT PROTECT THY BANKROLL

*Editor's note: This is one in a series.*

My saying, "Lifetime hobby of profit and fun" is geared toward the recreational player. Next: "Don't quit your day job," is my usual advice.



MARK  
BREMENT

Therefore, if your bankroll is replaceable from other sources, the following bankroll management wisdom further in this column may prove irrelevant to you. Most bankroll advice is folly. For example, imagine a \$1K bankroll and the player wants to enter a \$220 satellite event for a shot at a big event.

He would be violating my first rule of thumb, which is "Never lose more than 10 percent of your roll." But if this player has outside cash-flow resources, I would choose against my wisdom and pat him on the back and wish him luck.

**Rule 1:** Again, bankroll rules are a good idea (not folly), but if you find yourself in a great game and you have some rule that requires you to leave after four hours of play, it will be prudent to adjust your plan, just like a coach will adjust his play-calling if the opponent is blitzing on every down.

**Rule 2: 300 times the big blind.** A winning player understands variance and swings. A \$2-\$5 NLHE game requires a \$15K bankroll if we're strictly playing for a living. (Note, based on

Rule 1, our player will quit after a \$1,500 downswing)

**Rule 3: Five percent tournament buy-in.** Tournaments are volatile. There are cases of world-class players having unimaginable downswings on the circuit. The point here is to not buy-in for more than 5 percent of your bankroll. Case closed. Note that having a strong satellite record can keep the tournament pro in the money.

**Rule 4: Have a plan.** This is a close cousin to Rule 1 and best illustrated by example. You have a \$100K bankroll and find yourself in a smaller game than you're accustomed. Use common sense. In this case, we enter the game with a goal and some stopping points in mind. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

**Rule 5: Have 100 times the buy-in for SNG selection for your online play.** I have much advice about SNGs online and look forward to any queries from Ante Up readers.

**Rule 6: The 20 percent rule:** This applies for cash-game pros who play tournaments from time to time. Simply put, if you're a grinder, don't allocate more than 20 percent of your monthly poker income on tournament buy-ins.

A player who has spent his bankroll on consumables and is on the rail is a sight for sore eyes. Watch your poker money like a mother chicken counts her chicks. Now that is sound advice.

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## INTROSPECTIVE POKER

## MIND YOUR TOOLS OF THE POKER TRADE

Poker chips are currency at the table. Sounds simple enough, yet I don't think players spend enough time understanding that concept, especially in tournaments. In any tournament, you have a finite number of chips. Every tournament is a balance between accumulating more chips and surviving elimination. If you're short-stacked, those chips become even more precious.



DAVID  
APOSTOLICO

Implementing them for maximum value and/or leverage is critical to success. I want to share a relatively straightforward hand from the Deep Stack Extravaganza at the Venetian I recently played. In the middle stages of the tournament, I open raised from late position with A-9 suited. It was folded to the big blind. Now, the blinds were 300-600 and I had about 22K when the hand began. I made it 1,800. The big blind re-raised all-in for another \$4K. I don't really love my hand at this point, but it was a no-brainer call.

Part of the reason I don't like my hand at this point is the big blind knows it's a no-brainer call on my part and yet he pushed anyway. To my surprise, he turned over 3-3. The flop came K-J-6 with none of my suit. The turn was a nine and, for good measure, the river was an ace. I won the race and our big

blind went home.

Now, let's look at how the big blind could've played this hand in a manner that more efficiently used his chips. That is, how could he have gotten more leverage out of those valuable chips? While there is no way to read his mind, I'm guessing he was in push-or-fold mode. Let's say that was his mind-set. There is another way he could've played the hand while honoring his mind-set and maximizing the value of his chips.

First, he has to know he's getting called preflop. In his best-case scenario, he's in a race, but he could be dominated by a bigger pair. So where is the value in pushing? Now, you may be thinking he can't call and leave himself with only 4K behind. There's a third option: He can call preflop and push the flop no matter what. In either case, he's playing for his stack.

By pushing preflop, he's guaranteeing a call. By pushing postflop, he has two ways to win (I could fold or he could end up with the best hand). As it turned out, he would've induced a fold by pushing postflop. In this hand, he was heads-up and would be in position to bet first postflop. He devalued the currency of his 4K chips by pushing preflop. Those chips are the tools of his trade and he needs to think of them as such.

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## WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING



## ← MORE BY JOE NAVARRO

## FINGERS TELL A LOT ABOUT MIND-SET

Sometimes we perform behaviors that shout, "I need help... I'm having a really tough time or things are truly bad." These behaviors go beyond the dour face or the slumped shoulders you might see throughout the day. They're more poignant perhaps than compressed lips or a furrowed forehead; these are behaviors indicative of high psychological distress. I call them "reserved behaviors" because they usually only show up when the person is having high psychological discomfort or distress and appears to be in need of comforting.



JOE  
NAVARRO

It's no different in poker; there are times when the decision-making is so difficult or the player, committed to the pot, is so marginal in strength that the brain brings out the heavy guns to soothe the person and one of these reserved behaviors is often missed.

**STIFF INTERLACED FINGERS (TEEPEE HANDS):** In life, we often see this behavior when a person has to deal with a difficult decision. They are unveiling disquieting information about themselves, when they have done something wrong or when discussing a touchy subject. In poker, most people miss this behavior, which means the player is most likely marginal, weak or at least perceives themselves as such.

The behavior is performed subconsciously, as are all reserved

behaviors, by interlacing stiffened fingers held stationary or rubbed back and forth. This is to be differentiated from the usual palm-on-palm hand-rubbing, which is a mild pacifier; teepee hands go further than that in relieving stress.

The interlacing of stiffened fingers, I suspect, serves two practical purposes: The stiffening of the fingers indicates a conscious awareness or arousal that there are issues (usually the person is focused), and second, the interlacing of fingers causes increased tactile stimulation that then serves to calm the person.

This is an accurate tell. I have seen this behavior many times when individuals come in to report bad news. When a player suddenly does this behavior as they deliberate, they perceive themselves as marginal or weak.

One caveat here: Some people do this routinely and as such we note the behavior as idiosyncratic and isn't as significant as when it appears only in extraordinarily stressful situations. And the only way to know if it is routine is to develop a baseline as we have discussed previously.

Keep in mind most people usually just rub the palms of their hands together to deal with a little stress, rarely do they use this behavior except under high stress.

— Joe Navarro is a former FBI Special Agent and is the author of *What Every BODY is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. He writes about poker tells exclusively for *Ante Up Magazine*.

# LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT TELLS

There are two broad categories of tells: body language and betting patterns. Most players would be better off reading betting patterns than trying to understand body language. Tells can help you make a good decision.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

Reading body language is not always reliable. You'd never think you could master math by casually reading one article or even one book, but many seem to think they can with tells.

The Transportation Security Administration, the folks at the airport who watch for terrorists, has spent a billion dollars training thousands of "behavior detection officers."

They want TSA agents to be able to read body language to determine who may be a threat. It turns out the TSA still hasn't caught a terrorist by reading body language. Yet poker players who read one article think they can read tells like a pro.

It takes time and you need to read **Joe Navarro's** articles in this magazine and his books over and over again, then you must apply what you learn and even then it still isn't 100 percent.

A *New York Times* article by **John Tierney** said a research study by **Charles F. Bond Jr.** and **Bella M. DePaulo**, who analyzed more than 200 studies, found people identified liars by body language only 47 percent of the time, which is less accurate than

a coin flip.

Some researchers have said the best clue to deceit is verbal, but most researchers feel to read a tell accurately, you have to know the person.

Most poker players should guard against overestimating how much mind-reading they can do by looking at body language and staking their bets on that information.

There's a whole world of literature on how to read body language, such as Navarro's body of work. There is extensive research and even institutes that deal with this regularly.

If you're seriously interested in studying body language, you might want to check our neurolinguistic programming as a start.

That being said, there are still times when body language is a little easier to read, and if you think you have a good feel for it, you can incorporate tells into your decision-making.

Betting patterns also are considered tells and I think if you can learn to read them you would be better off. But the caveat here is you have to watch the game even when you're not in the hand. No books, iPads, phones, texts, etc. You have to keep your head in the game.

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## BIG SLICK POKER

# THE MATHEMATICAL VALUE OF A POKER TELL

By Sean Hansen

A common discussion among many players, especially those who come from the online world, is whether there is any value in live tells. The short answer is yes. The long answer is, yeeeeeeessss! The usual argument is: Poker is all math and tells don't matter vs. tells matter because I say so.

Yes, poker is all math, 100 percent true. However, tells affect the math. If we're analyzing our hand strength vs. a range mathematically, and a tell leads us to believe one portion of a range is more likely than another, then we have to weigh their range in that direction to come up with the correct equity calculation. As equities change, so should our betting decisions, ultimately altering our EV.

A simple example: You're on the river in a \$2-\$5 game, facing an overbet jam from a player you would never call, given the board texture, and your top-pair hand strength. The pot is \$250; he jams \$500.

This player is known for overbetting the nuts, so you're highly disinclined to call. However, you notice after his bet, he scoots back a bit from the table, and "turtles," putting his head down, kind of shrinking into his chair and looks to be frozen in place, something he's never done.

Well, I'd say this is a tell of absolute weakness nearly 100

percent of the time (a bluff of say, a missed straight draw), but given this player's tendency toward overbetting the nuts, even with the tell I have to discount that by, say, 20 percent, meaning I will assume 80 percent of the time from this player, this is a bluff.

Let's say my tells reading accuracy in general is about 75 percent. That means 75 percent of the time my reading of a tell turns out to be correct. If so, then 75 percent of the time, my call will win 80 percent of the time. So, I have a 60 percent likelihood of winning the pot by calling:  $(.75 \cdot .8) = .6$ .

Without the tell, our EV would be zero; we'd fold, a zero-EV decision. If we decide to call based on the tell and win 60 percent of the time, the math becomes this:  $.6(750) + .4(-500)$ ; 60 percent of the time we win \$750 and 40 percent of the time we lose \$500. Solved, that's plus-\$250 in EV, compared to the fold EV of zero.

But wait, how do we know our tells-reading accuracy? How do we know how accurate a given tell is? By practicing and by recording our results. I make notes of when I make a decision based on a tell and I track my results.

I have been doing this for years, I can definitely say what my tells-reading accuracy is and I have learned how reliable certain tells are. There's no reason you can't do the same.

— **Sean Hansen is founder of Big Slick Poker Academy.**

# WHEN TIMES ARE BAD, LET POKER SOOTHE

By **Matthew Gregoire**

My life has included a lot of turmoil recently. During these times, it's difficult to want to put in the volume needed to make a decent living. At the same time, it's also beneficial to not just put in hours if your heart isn't into it.

When we are faced with these dilemmas, sometimes it's best to think of poker as something other than your job. If you allow personal stress to seep its way into your poker game it can be disastrous.

I have been playing for a living for a long time and this always has been one of the toughest lessons to learn. You want something in your day that distracts you from your stress and how much easier can it be than to just turn on your computer and start playing.

Luckily I have really built up my will power so I can resist these temptations. I choose to use a physical activity of some type to clear my head.

When we allow our decisions to be altered by outside sources usually we're playing for the wrong reason. I still really enjoy playing poker and when I begin to play a session, it's because I'm mentally, physically and emotionally prepared to do something entertaining and profitable.

If you take a trip to Las Vegas or wherever, there are regular poker games you'll always find a few people who are permanently in misery.

At some point in these people's lives they allowed themselves to be consumed by poker and eventually it has become the only thing in life they have.

If you're unwilling to understand that everyone around you isn't into poker like you are, then problems will arise.

Some people will decide to alter their life to make it more comfortable for family/friends and others will choose to detach themselves all together. It's a fine line because when this is what you do for a living the more quality hours you can put in the better.

The problem with it becomes a matter of when you're choosing to play and for what periods of time.

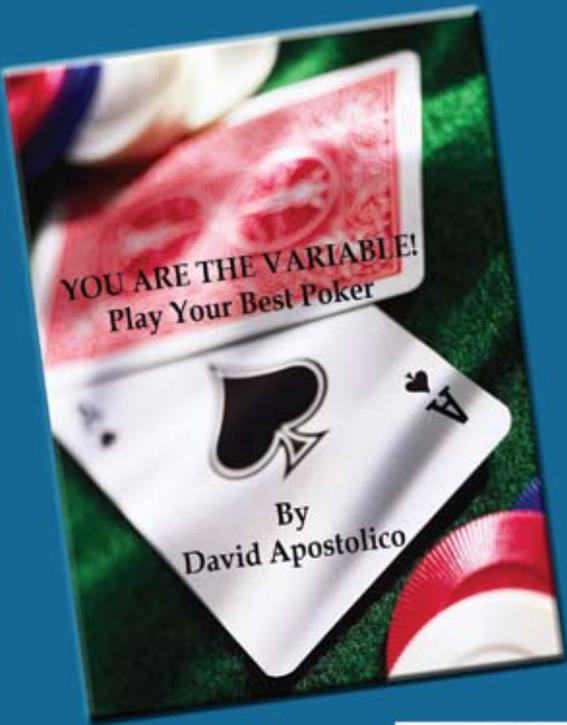
Social circles require you put in the time for them to work and if your schedule doesn't coincide with your social atmosphere then someone is going to be short on luck, most likely you.

I was lucky in my situation since my girlfriend was a poker player as well. We both liked playing the same games so any time we were in the mood to play it would work perfectly.

Both of us being there had many advantages and overall it was fun. Sometimes you need more than just fun for things to work out, which I guess is a bit hard for me to understand since every day for me is just playing a game I love.

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# HOW TO UTILIZE OPTIMAL BET-SIZING

By Natasha Barbour

With the World Series in full swing, a lot of you are going to be taking some shots at a bracelet while some of you will even take a shot at the main event in July.

What does it take to get through a few days or even a week in a tournament? One of the most important skills a player has to have is proper bet-sizing.

Optimal bet-sizing is a major skill a good tournament player possesses. It will confuse opponents and will make you extremely hard to read.

The most important thing to understand is you must base your bet on the board texture and not on your hand. Whether you're bluffing, have the nuts or a drawing hand, your bet must remain the same to make you a tough opponent to read. Let's look at the different types of boards:

**SUPER WET BOARD:** This is a board that has flush- and straight-draw possibilities. A good example would be 10♥-J♥-3♠. As you

can see a lot of hands have flopped a draw on this board. Also, a lot of hands that have top pair are going to be easily bluffable on later streets. The key is to make it expensive enough for a player on a draw and not give him the correct odds to call. Therefore, a full pot bet is adequate on this type of board.

**SEMI-WET BOARD:** This is a board with a flush-draw or a straight-draw possibility. A good example is K-6-7 rainbow. In this case, you want to bet two-thirds of the pot to charge the players that could be on a draw.

**DRY BOARD:** This board has no flush- or straight-draw possibilities, such as K-8-2. On this type of board, you're usually way ahead or way behind. You don't want to force a laydown by worse hand and if they have a better hand you want to get away for cheap, so only bet 50 percent of the pot.

Again, do not pick your bet-sizing based on the type of hand you have but based on the texture of the board.

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A look at the online poker scene



# CALIFORNIA ROOMS, STARS ALIGN

I didn't see this one coming. I was one of the many who thought it would be years before PokerStars would be allowed to do business in the United States. This is because of the standard "Bad Actor" language that has been written into every piece of online poker legislation that has been introduced throughout the country.



**JOEL GATLIN**  
ONLINE POKER

In case you have just come out of a three-year cryogenic sleep, I'll explain the Bad Actor clause in a few words. A Bad Actor in the poker legislative world is identified as any organization that participated in online gaming, primarily online poker, after the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which was passed into law in October 2006. PokerStars, which did continue to accept deposits and process payouts to players in the United States after that date, would qualify as a bad actor under this definition. Got it? Good. Now, forget all that.

In California, over the past month or so, PokerStars entered into an agreement with seven of the states' Indian tribes and three largest poker rooms (Bicycle Casino, Commerce Casino and Hawaiian Gardens). The agreement calls for PokerStars to be the company to provide the online poker platform if and when the legislation is signed into law.

This is a far cry from what happened in Atlantic City, where just months ago, PokerStars was "virtually" escorted off of the online premises with the Bad Actor label. It had



an agreement with a brick-and-mortar casino to enter into the fray on the A.C. strip, only to have it go south because of the political landscape and a group of detractors who were vocal about their discomfort of having PokerStars set up shop in the state. So, to now have California's largest collation of casinos and cardrooms to date agree to have PokerStars be the online provider of record, let's just say this was a well-played hand by the online giant. Whether you're for or against PokerStars' re-emergence on the poker scene in the states, you have to admit it sure is fun watching it play the game.  
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<b>BLUEWATER RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40, 7p). See ad Page 12.	High hand pays \$50 for straight flush & \$50 for quads (Wed., 8p); Fill the House with Full House receives \$15 (Fri.); Aces Cracked pays \$40 (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily).
<b>BUCKY'S CASINO</b> (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Fri. KO (6p). See ad Page 23.	Omaha high hand (Wed., 9a-4p & Fri., 9a-4p); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p).
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon-Fri. (\$80, 11:15a); Tue. & Wed. (\$130, 7:15p). See ad Pages 7 and 9.	Mystery Jackpot Envelopes (Mon.-Fri.); Graveyard High Hand (Mon.-Fri., 2a-10a).
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.). See ads on Pages 22 and 30.
<b>CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL</b> (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 7p); Sat. (\$95, noon).	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); royals pay \$100 (daily). See ad Page 20.
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a) & \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a). See ad Page 21.	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Random Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$5, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of deuces beaten by quads and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$100.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Mon. WSOP SNG (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. 0/8 (\$15, 7:30p); Wed. WSOP sat. (\$65, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$25, 12:30p); Sun. WSOP sat. (\$50, 5:30p).	NBA Splashpots (select Suns games); Aces Cracked w/multiplier; weekday splashpots (\$25 every half hour, full house to qualify).
<b>HON-DAH</b> (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 6p); Tue. (\$15); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$25, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/\$10 rbs & add-on, 4p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); early bird chips (call for details). See ad Page 18.
<b>TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT</b> (928) 856-7200 • twinarrows.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>VEE QUIVA HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sat. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30 w/add-on, 11:15a); early bird chips and TOC qualifiers; \$10K Guest Appreciation event, July 3.	Call for information and see ad below.
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p). See ad on facing page.	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s); Rolling Cash Fever; high hands (daily).

## CALIFORNIA

<b>THE 101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$120, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, noon); last Fri-Sun. of the month \$10K guaranteed to 1st place (\$240). See ad Pages 2-3.	Aces Cracked in hold'em (daily); high hands in Omaha (daily); Omaha players get \$120 for \$100 to start a game (call for details).
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$300; quads pays \$100; straight flush pays \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Daily tournaments, including NLHE, Mexican Poker and others (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Quads Bonus Hands; high hands.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 10a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).

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<b>BAY 101 CASINO</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 9:30a); Fri. (\$180, 9:30a); Sat. (\$230, 9a); Sun. (\$180, 9a); Summer Madness, June 10-14 (call for details).	Call for information.
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	DeepStacks Poker Tour runs until June 3; WSOP main-event satellites, June 7-18 (\$75-\$2,100); call for details.	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); \$50 hourly high hand (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-2a).
<b>CAPITOL CASINO</b> (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); 1st and last Sat. (\$60 w/\$50 add-on); 2nd Sat. (\$220 w/re-entry); 3rd Sat. (\$150 w/\$50 bounties); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>CASINO M8TRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
<b>CASINO ROYALE</b> (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. & Tue. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a) & (\$25, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high hands; progressive royal flush; Quantum Quads (call for details).
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$30, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$40-\$70, 7:15p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	\$20K bad-beat jackpot (daily); royal flush jackpot in hold'em; hourly high hands.
<b>COLUSA CASINO</b> (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	Mon. \$200 freeroll (7p) (call for details); Tue. (\$40, 7p); first 9 eliminated receive \$60 for \$40 buy-in for live poker; Thurs. Bail Out (cash out) event; call for details.	Call for information.
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily. See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards (\$300 for 50 hours played).
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR &amp; CASINO</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>GRATON RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Tournaments to begin soon.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; royal-flush bonus pays \$500.
<b>HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$51, 8p); Sat. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$36, noon); Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$60, 8p); \$35K guar. WSOP Big Ticket, June 14 (\$165, 2p).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Double High Hand (Tue. & Fri. & other days from mid.-close); Pay for Play (\$5/hour) - call for details.
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p); CPPT, June 2-19 (call for details).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; stud progressive jackpot.

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

COLORADO

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

CONNECTICUT

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

DELAWARE

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

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<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	\$50K guar. - 5 flights from June 26-29 (\$200); satellites from June 23-26 (\$55). See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$1K high hands & \$500 table share, June 7 & 21 (2p-mid.).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); deepstack turbo KO, June 24 (\$200, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hands, June 14 (hourly, 2p-mid.); half-hour high hands (daily).
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYHOUND</b> (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 55.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
<b>DANIA CASINO &amp; JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	See ad on Page 5 for the schedule of the June 3-8 PPC event.	Call for information.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.).
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). Ante Up Poker Tour championship event, Aug. 21-31.	Mega Stack tournaments on May 31 and June 28 and the senior tournament on June 7 feature Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways. Call for details.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat., mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounty); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rb); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$100); Fri. & Sun. (\$60); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$700/half hour (Thurs., Fri.-Sun., 1p-11p); \$250 hourly high hands (Mon.-Wed., 11a-3a); \$100 instant win with high-hand board loss (call for details).
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. (\$50, noon & \$125, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$10, noon & \$75, 7p).	Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.
<b>ISLAND BREEZE CASINO - JAMIE GOLD POKER ROOM</b> (561) 410-7447 • ibreezecasino.com	No tournaments.	Call for information.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening; Florida State Championships, July 9-28 (call for details). See ad Page 57.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Tue. 0/8 (7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	11a-10p; \$500 high hands every half hour & up to \$1K for 2/5; Instant Win (10p-4a); full house pays \$50 (10s full or better), \$100 quads, \$250 straight flushes & \$500 royals.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Thurs.-Tue.). See ad below.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.	Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & \$65, 7p); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 1p & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$115, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays min. \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); high hand pays up to \$3K hourly (every other Wed.).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p); PPC Summer Splash, July 29-Aug. 3.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).

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ILLINOIS

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Grand Victoria Elgin, Harrah's Joliet, Hollywood Casino Aurora, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Par-A-Dice Casino, and Rockford Charitable Games.

INDIANA

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Belterra Casino Resort, Blue Chip, Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, Horseshoe Hammond, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, and Majestic Star II.

IOWA

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Diamond Jo Casino Northwood, Grand Falls Casino, Horseshoe Council Bluffs, Meskwaki Casino, Mystique Greyhound Park, Prairie Meadows Casino, Riverside Casino, and Winnavegas.

KANSAS

Table with 3 columns: Casino Name, Location/Hours, and Game Details. Includes entries for Boot Hill Casino, Hollywood Casino, and Kansas Star Casino.

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# LOUISIANA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	 Daily; Tue. KO (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Fri. (\$175, 6:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p); Sun. (\$110, noon). Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways June-Sept. (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.).
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. (\$55 w/\$20 rebuys); Tue. (\$105 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 2a-2p); tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahshneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways (daily).
<b>JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO</b> (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Tournaments run on Wed., Fri., Sat., and twice on Sun. (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal-flush jackpot; Wheel Straight Flush (call for details); high hand pays \$50 per half hour (Wed.-Fri., noon-3p & 7p-10p).

# MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 15 min levels, 10K chips, noon); Tue., Thurs. & Fri. KO (\$85, 15-min. levels, 15K chips, 7p); call for details about the casino employees event.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better beaten.
<b>MARYLAND LIVE CASINO</b> (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Call for information.	Check website for more information about the satellites into the Players Poker Championship.

# MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$70, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 6:30p); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$110, noon); second Sunday of month (\$220, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Match the Stack; high-hand bonus (daily).
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; earn tickets every day for drawings (Tue. & Fri.) - call for details.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); 1st Fri. of month (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

# MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$50, 10:30a); Mon. KO (\$120, 6:30p); Tue. (\$50, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a); Sun. (\$100, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$1.5K Cash for Quads Board (Thurs., 8a & 5p).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	 M (\$60, 11a & FR, 6p); T (\$30, 11a & \$200, 6p); W (\$60, 11a & \$60, 6p); Th (\$60, 11a & \$150, 6p); F (\$80, 11a & \$100, 6p); Sa (\$80, 9:30a & \$150, 6p); Su (\$30, 11a), (\$250, noon) & (\$80, 6p).	Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs., 1a-9a); high hand (Wed. & Fri., 10a-6p); Ante Up Cruise packages (call for details); \$50K guar. Anniversary tournament, July 10-13.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. KO (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$30, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., noon-10p); get paid for quads (\$44); royals are progressive and start at \$100.

# MISSISSIPPI

<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 7p). Splash the pot (Sun.-Fri., 8a-4p) on every table; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri., 8a-4p) w/	Happy Hour from 2p-6p & mid.-4a; bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$40, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands (daily); Splash the Pot (Thurs.-Mon.); Set over Set (Sun.-Tue.); high hand (Tue. & Wed.).
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Win \$25 every half hour with \$4/\$8 Hot Seat (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, noon & 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>PEARL RIVER RESORT</b> (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$50, 2p) & 2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 11a) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p).	\$1.5K freeroll (Sun., 3p) w/15 hours of play each week; call for details.

# MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; top two winners from daily events earn entry into a monthly Tournament of Stars held 1st Sat. of month (11a).
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon); Heartland Poker Tour, April 24-May 5 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahshnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a & 7p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$80, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.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.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rивercity.com	Thurs. KO (\$85, noon & \$125, 7p); Fri. (\$65, noon); Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$150, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; \$400K paid out yearly; call for details on overall board.



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# OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Happy Hour (Mon., 3-4p); Splash Pot (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Fri.); no rake for \$3-6 limit (call for details).
<b>ENCORE CLUB</b> (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).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. O/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); Summer Poker Rodeo, July 16-20 (call for details).	Call for promotions.

# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush hand jackpots (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; \$12.5K HPO Freeroll (40 hours live play to qualify) Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	1st & 3rd Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 3:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st Sat. NLHE/Omaha mixed (\$100, 12:30p).	Happy Hour Hand (Mon. & Tue., 6p-11p).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$13 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a); Sun. KO (\$80, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

# TEXAS

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

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>LUCKY EAGLE CASINO</b> (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
<b>SWINOMISH CASINO &amp; LODGE</b> (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.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

# WEST VIRGINIA

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

# WISCONSIN

<b>BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO</b> (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-1:30a) & Saturday (6p-1:30a); tournaments on Wednesday (6p).	Bad-beat jackpot. Call for information.
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<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday); cash giveaway (Wednesday).



## WITH MATT GLANTZ



Matt Glantz, 42, is one of poker's most highly respected pros and is ranked 22nd on the Global Poker Index. His blog at [mattglantzpoker.com](http://mattglantzpoker.com) carries some of his thoughts about major issues that players face today. He serves as the poker ambassador for Parx Casino in Bensalem, Pa., playing regularly with locals and consulting on tournaments from a pro's point of view. Dave Lemmon recently sat with Matt during a break in the WPT Seminole Hard Rock Showdown's main event.

**Is there a real shot of Pennsylvania getting online poker in the near future?** There is talk of it in the state government, but Pennsylvania is a state that moves very slowly, so I'm not overly optimistic for the very near future.

**But is it helping that move forward to have New Jersey right nearby?** I think they'll take a look at the money earned by the state each month and they are going to want that kind of tax revenue also. They don't want Pennsylvania residents crossing the borders to play in New Jersey online; they'd rather keep them in the state, so I think it's inevitable down the road.

**You wrote a piece on your blog about what players would like to see on the WSOP schedule and as a result, they implemented a lot of your ideas, so that has to make you feel good. Jack (Effel) and Ty (Stewart) were very open to suggestions; I thought there were some things that could really help them. On my blog, I said I felt they had lost their focus in the last few years and the series was a mishmash of events with buy-ins all over the place from \$1K up to \$10K. I thought there was a way to improve their brand along with the player experience. I felt the best way was to stick to the \$1,500 events and the \$10K tournaments, getting rid of most of the events in between. Poker needs to get on TV more often to appeal to a broad-based audience, so we need to create stars in the game. There's no sport that is televised that doesn't have its stars, so the \$10Ks accomplish that goal, narrowing down the fields usually to high-profile players. More of those players will be making final tables and winning bracelets in those championship events, then you'll still have the smaller buy-in tourneys. Anyone can take a shot at those. For some reason, there is a psychological barrier at \$1,500 where many players**

that are not that experienced refuse to jump into the mixed-game events if it's over that price, but for \$1,500 they usually will take a shot. It's a good way to introduce them to the games then if they have enough interest. Maybe they'll try a \$10K next year.

**I think your point was the people who would play the \$2,500 and \$5K events would enter the \$10Ks anyway, so why not take them to a true championship level?** In the end, they did set up a run of 12 different games this year featuring a \$10K buy-in.

**Were you happy with the way the schedule turned out?** I think they did an excellent job. Ty and Jack are running a ship that doesn't have any real competitors on that level, so for them to take suggestions and continue to try to improve their product every year, it says a lot about those guys. Not everybody would listen seriously to people from outside their inner circle.

**How do you feel about the \$10-million guarantee for first place in this year's main event?** I think it's a tremendous marketing tool and everyone has the same chance going in. They're just changing the payout structure and everyone knows what that is before the start of the tournament. So now they're adding a nuance that could bring more people to the main event.

**You have a family, and now you also have responsibilities to Parx Casino. How much of the WSOP will you play this summer?** Unfortunately, I won't be there the entire time. I'll start about a week late, but that's only because I have to attend a friend's wedding at the end of the first week. Then during the middle to late portion of the series, I'll fly home to spend a few days with the kids before they go to summer camp. I get back for the \$50K and the main, so I'll be there about 75 percent of the time. ♠

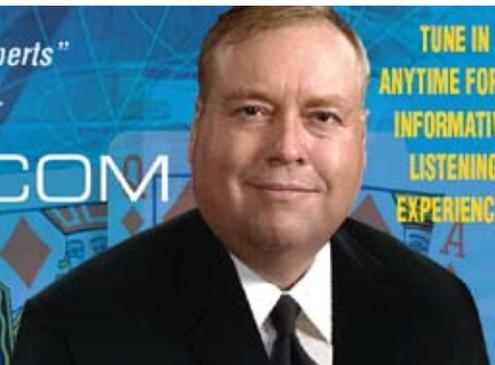
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