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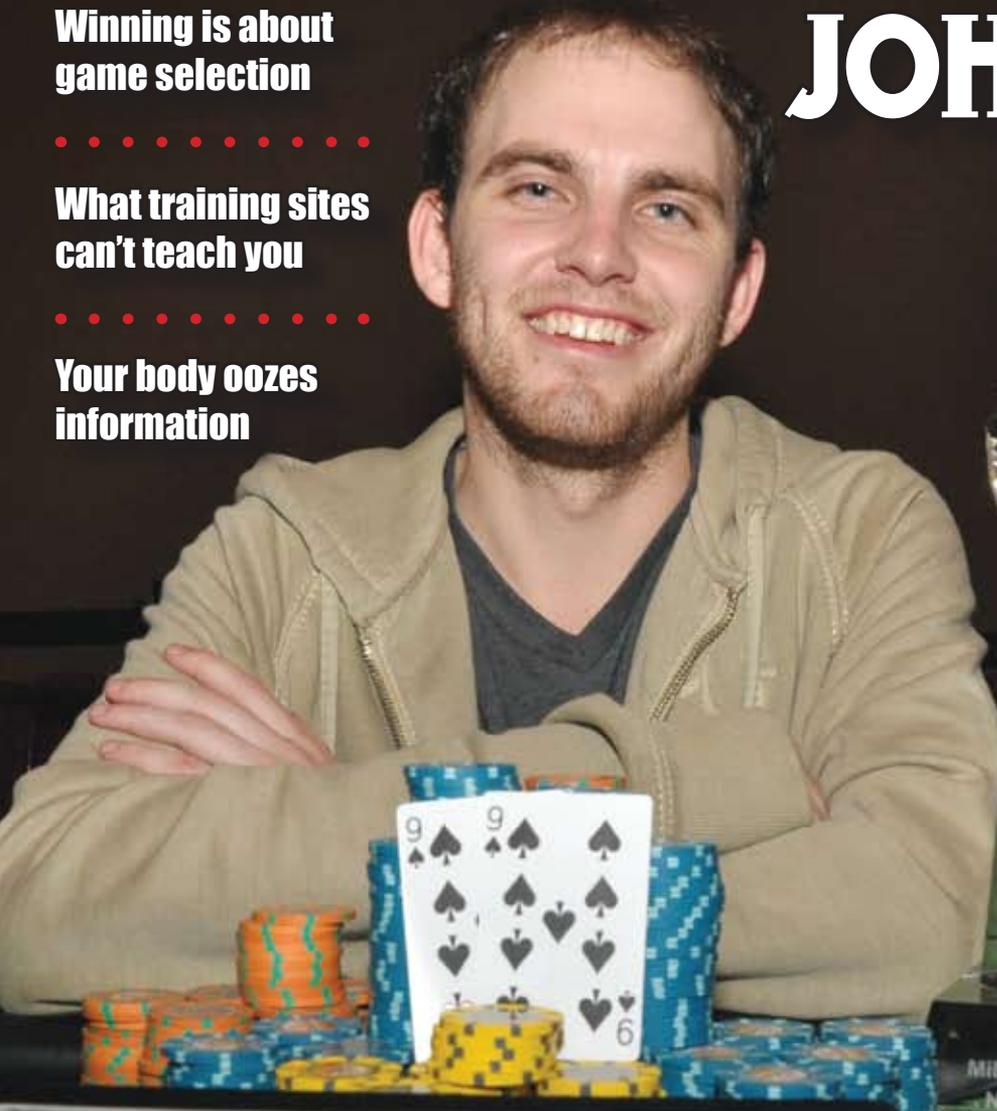
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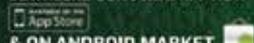
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WINNING BEGETS WINNING

Success breeds success. There's just something about clearing that final hurdle that makes seeing the finish line so much easier. It's the same in poker.

Have you noticed every year since the November Nine inception that at least one member makes another major final table during the World Series main event hiatus? In 2010 it was runner-up **John Racener** finishing fourth at the WSOP Europe's PLO event to keep that streak alive. And now other members of the 2010 November Nine are breaking the tape as well.

Not that he wasn't already wildly successful, but **Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi** won his second bracelet in October, the mixed no-limit hold'em event at the WSOPE. **Soi Nguyen**, who finished ninth at the 2010 WSOP, was runner-up in the WPT **Doyle Brunson** Five Diamond World Poker Classic in December.

Then in January, 2010 WSOP champ **Jonathan Duhamel** made four final tables at the PCA, including a victory in the \$5K eight-max.

Now, **John Dolan**, who was card dead at that historic 2010 final table to finish sixth, has taken down the Beau Rivage Million Dollar Heater Main Event, landing on our cover this month. Congrats, John.

Yes, success breeds success; it just takes a little longer for some, and for others, it's almost instantaneous. How many times do you hear about a player winning multiple events in one tournament series? Someone has won two bracelets in one WSOP for 11 straight years (and it's almost certain to happen again this year as a record 61 bracelets are up for grabs).

We'd like to congratulate *Ante Up* strategy columnist **Jonathan Little**, who not only won two events at the Million Dollar Heater, but then traveled south to the Hard Rock Hollywood in Florida to capture a WPT undercard event less than a month later. Nice job, Jonathan.

We have all of that coverage in this issue, plus a special column by Mr. Little describing his experience during his back-to-back victories.

Elsewhere in this issue, we take a look at the poker rooms of Northern California in our Road Trip feature and the popular **Tatjana Pasalic** is On the Button.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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BLUE DOG HELPS POKER GIVE BACK

I really like my community, and I try to give back whenever possible. So when a friend asked if I'd play poker in a fundraiser for a little boy with cancer, I said, "Of course!" It was at this fundraiser that I met **Beau Bautista** and his crew from Blue Dog Events. Along with the outpouring of compassion (and cash) from our card-playing community, I was impressed with the way these guys handled the event.



BRET MILLER • NORCAL

The room was abuzz with enthusiasm and the poker was great. I attribute much of this to the way Bautista and his crew handled the 140 players and miscellaneous spectators.

The field was peppered with first-time players, a handful of seasoned vets and most of us somewhere in between. It was amazing to watch the interaction between all involved.

Bautista started out in this venture by running golf tournaments to raise money for his daughter's preschool. It didn't take long for him to realize poker tournaments would attract a larger crowd and be much more manageable logistically. When I asked if poker tournaments raised more money than golf, he said, "Absolutely. It's easier for a lot of people to give a little than for a few people to give a lot."

Seems like simple math, so, along with his full-time sales job, he started Blue Dog Events in late 2007. In his first full year, he put to-

gether 66 fundraisers, which raised a modest amount of money. Fast forward to 2011 and the total was 112 events that raised \$1.3 million. His crew consists of 44 well-trained and personable dealers, and his partner, **Sam Salem**.

Bautista finds time to coach youth basketball (something he and I have in common) to help his two daughters pursue their many interests, one of which is raising money for charity. It's refreshing to see someone from our poker community be such a positive role model and to reach out to those in need in these difficult economic times.

So which event has been the most successful?

"The Eastern Congo Initiative," he said. With **Ben Affleck** as a key spokesman, it was a huge deal with the media. Not fazed by all of the attention, he keeps everything in perspective. When it comes to fundraising opportunities, Bautista said, "people are in need 24 hours a day. For us, it's five hours of our time."

As we talked further about the various charities I found him smiling a lot as he spoke. "I realize that what we do makes a difference," he said.

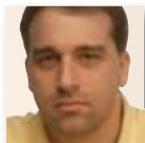
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THUNDER VALLEY: For those who missed the Fall Harvest Tournament Series at Thunder Valley Resort, check out the Sweet 16 tournament March 16-April 1. For more information, see the ad on the facing page or go to thundervalleyresort.com.

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

WSOPC stop at Harrah's Rincon steeped in history

Harrah's Rincon is one of the pillars of the World Series of Poker Circuit empire. The San Diego-area casino is an Original, meaning when Ceasars Entertainment started the WSOPC in 2005, Harrah's Rincon was on the schedule, and it's been there since.



CHRISTOPHER COSENZA • SOCAL

Many will remember the final table of that first main event (a \$10K buy-in back then) as one of the greatest in WSOPC history as **Chris Ferguson, Prahlad Friedman, Chad Brown, Alex Prendes, Keith Sexton** and **Robert Williamson III** were among the final nine. Ferguson won the event, crippling Friedman heads-

up when he made quads vs. Friedman's top full house. The match was over shortly thereafter.

Fast forward to 2012 and a lot has changed in the WSOPC. This year's incarnation will feature 12 ring events (March 15-26), including a main event that costs \$1,600 to enter (it's also a re-entry tournament) and is an Ante Up Player of the Year event (March 24).

Last year's main event champ, **Seneca Easley**, was chipleader for most of that tournament as he won \$70K, beating nearly 190 players.

Most of the ring events will be no-limit hold'em, though a \$345 H.O.R.S.E. event is slated for March 16. Other non-ring events include a seniors tournament (March 18, noon, \$235) a ladies tournament (March 25, 2 p.m., \$235) and some Omaha events. For more information, check WSOP.com or see the ad on Page 11.

HUNT WINS AT PALA: **Ryan Hunt's** A-8 bested the Q-J of **Nelia Flores** after almost 11 hours of action to win the River Card Championship at Pala Casino. Hunt of San Marcos, Calif., took home \$7,048 and a trophy for first place. Flores of Laguna Niguel, Calif., won \$3,995 for second.



The event attracted 235 entries, generating a \$23,500 prize pool. Here are the remaining top 10 results: **Stephanie Detherage**, \$2,197; **Steve Dell**, \$1,645; **Marc Sorenson**, \$1,410; **Victor Ogeare**, \$1,175; **Puma Martin**, \$940; **Seymore Ogeare**, \$705; **Oscar Vasquez**, \$470 and **Allan Galutera**, \$306.

VIEJAS CASINO: On Friday nights the poker room at Viejas Casino has a deepstack tournament that features a \$65 buy-in, 10K chips and 30-minute levels. We hear the event is averaging about 100 players.

Another interesting event is the Saturday night military tournament. The buy-in is \$47, but it's only \$7 for anyone with a military ID. Players start with 4K chips, levels are 15 minutes and there are \$10 rebuys for 2,500 chips in the first hour.

There's an optional add-on at the end of the first hour (4K chips for \$10, max two add-ons). This tournament also is averaging around 100 players.

Both events start at 6:15 p.m. and if players are hungry they can take advantage of the special poker menu, which normally costs \$5 but is half price on weekends.

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DAVE PALM • LOS ANGELES

Along with its fair share of hold'em events, there's just about every variation of the game you can think of and the series is loaded with re-entry events. It also features Quantum Reload tournaments, which were invented by

Bike tournament director **Mo Fathipour**.

For more on the Quantum tournaments, check out my column at anteupmagazine.com/california.

The event that kicks the series off will be the March 3-4 Celebrity/Pro-Am Knockout event, featuring World Poker Team players and a \$30K first-place guarantee. For more info, go to thebike.com.

The Bike loves its tournament series. In case you forgot, it got things

started with a bang this year as it hosted its first World Series of Poker Circuit event on New Year's Day. It was a \$345 no-limit hold'em re-entry event that boasted nearly 750 runners, a prize pool exceeding \$215,000, including more than \$44K for first. The WSOPC is certainly going to be a mainstay at the Bike for years to come.

As *Ante Up* goes to press, the Commerce Casino's L.A. Poker Classic, which began Jan. 17, was wrapping up with the last of its 51 open events.

This series is probably the largest outside of the WSOP, including 37 events with buy-ins between \$65 and \$550.

One of the things that makes the LAPC so interesting is the games offered, including H.O.R.S.E., stud, stud/8, Omaha/8, PLO, deuce-to-seven triple draw and Chinese poker. Yes, Chinese poker.

If you're still not poked out after these series conclude, the Hustler Casino hosts **Liz Flynt's** annual Spring Poker Classic from April 7-26. This series features affordable buy-ins and lots of no-limit hold'em.

So, if you find yourself in Southern California in the first quarter of any year, there's no excuse in not finding a tournament to play. I hope to see you there.

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

Chumash variety unrivaled; Tachi WSOP winners galore

Action certainly isn't lacking at Chumash Casino. It has a great variety of tournaments to choose from and recently added a new "All-In or Fold" for \$15. Manager **Ian Adams** said he was hesitant about this type of tourney, but after continuous requests from the players he agreed to give it a try, and it has proved to be a huge success.



LESLIE PAULS • CENCAL

Chumash also added a Wednesday night tournament called Battle of the Sexes. It begins as two

tournaments, one for the guys and one for the gals. When the field is down to the final five of each gender group, they combine and battle it out for the money. The winning player also receives a bonus for each of their gender mates who make the final table.

If you're an early bird, you can take advantage of the daily tournaments starting at 10:15 a.m. with buy-ins ranging from \$10-\$80.

Evening tournaments run Monday-Thursday at 7 p.m. If you're looking to play cash you can choose from \$2-\$4 and \$3-\$6 limit hold'em, \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE, and five-card Omaha is spread typically on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Popular promos include splash pots and high-hand drawings that run at various times through

out the week.

About every six months, Chumash offers players a special tournament with a buy-in from \$160-\$240. These tournaments draw anywhere from 400-600 players and prize pools can reach \$150K. The next big event is scheduled for April 28, with a \$160 buy-in and a World Series of Poker Main Event seat awarded to the winner.

Because of the casino's location in the heart of the central coast, don't be surprised if you bump into famous actors, comedians and former main-event winners. **Jerry Yang**, **Chris Moneymaker**, **Jamie Gold** and the late **Amir Vahedi** are just a few players who have frequented the Chumash cardroom.

For more info, visit chumashcasino.com.

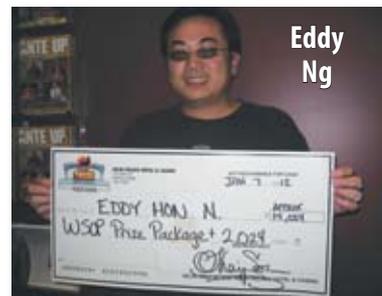
TACHI PALACE WINNERS: Three players are headed to the WSOP main event, courtesy of popular satellites at the Tachi Palace poker room.

Eddy Ng of Oakland earned a WSOP package on Jan. 7 by beating 105 players (the event was sold out at 100 players with six alternates, including former champ world champ Yang).

Other recent WSOP package winners include **David Eaker** of Farmersville, Calif., who beat 86 runners, and **Abel Barrera** of Hanford, who outlasted 108 players.

WSOP satellites run the first Saturday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Call 559-925-5854 or go to tachipalace.com for more details.

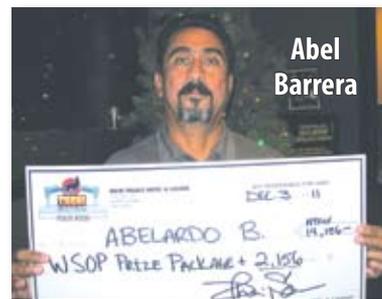
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Miami Gardens Poker Classic, Feb. 3-12



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Brent Philbin

JOCHEM WINS MAIN EVENT IN STUDZ SERIES

The Studz Poker Club at Calder Casino & Race Course wrapped up its first tournament series, the Miami Gardens Poker Classic, on Feb. 12. The six-event series featured more than \$200,000 in guarantees, culminating with a \$440 main event that had a \$100K guarantee and drew 222 players.

“For our first tournament series, we’re happy with the results,” director of poker operations **Chris Trabue** said. “We weren’t anticipating an overlap in tournament competition when we had originally planned this series, but we drew pretty solid fields considering what was going on at other properties.”

Trabue was alluding to a local busy tournament schedule that included the Hard Rock Hollywood’s WPT Lucky Hearts series.

“We got to speak to a lot of tournament players that were new to our room,” Trabue said. “We got a lot of positive comments about our room and our dealers, and a lot of great feedback to help us build an even stronger tournament series in the future.”

Like many events these days, the main event concluded in a five-way equity chop, leaving **Jason Jochem** as the champion. Jochem of Hollywood, Fla., was a familiar face in the room, after chopping for \$3,252 earlier in the week in Event 2.



Richard Sanchez captured Event 5, a \$350 no-limit hold’em tournament, for \$7,524.

Event 1 • \$225 NLHE
Entries: 248 • Pool: \$50K

1. Brent Philbin, \$11,919
2. Fedner Oralien, \$10,519
3. Jesus Abreu, \$5,366
4. Dolphy Garricks, \$3,413
5. Kelvin McClendon, \$2,439
6. Victor Milian, \$2,097
7. Garfield Riley, \$1,610
8. Paul Riley, \$1,171
9. Arturo Garcia, \$1,112
10. Francois Gagne, \$1,073

Event 2 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 169 • Pool: \$22K

1. Pedro Oaiz, \$3,252
2. Jason Jochem, \$3,252
3. Nikki Morgan, \$1,568
4. Robbie Rench, \$1,014
5. Tammy Mendez, \$744

Event 3 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 67 • Pool: \$5,700*

1. J.C. Pardi
2. Mark Bernstein
3. Mauricio Yepes
4. Fraesic Abeir
5. Mercy Algino
6. Richard Perea
7. Andrea Kaiser
8. Nigel Cauley
9. Kelvin McClendon

*Nine-way chop

Event 4 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 77 • Pool: \$13K

1. Oscar Rodriguez, \$3,110
2. Andre Bryan, \$3,110
3. Josh Bisnett, \$3,110
4. Michael Johnson, \$1,301
5. Jesus Abreu, \$966
6. Atef Nassall, \$738
7. Dolphy Garricks, \$590
8. Mauricio Yepes, \$483

Event 5 • \$350 NLHE
Entries: 52 • Pool: \$25K

1. Richard Sanchez, \$7,524
2. Maurice Lightner, \$4,613
3. Orlando Maldonado, \$2,990
4. Morris Heider, \$2,059
5. Pedro Ortiz, \$1,485
6. Carmelo Difiore, \$1,129

\$440 Main Event
Entries: 222 • Pool: \$100K

1. Jason Jochem, \$16,000
2. Joseph Ebelhar, \$15,000
3. Derrick Simon, \$14,500
4. Yezniel Pulido, \$14,500
5. Juan Peralta, \$7,998
6. Richard Freire, \$4,238
7. Daniel Genachte, \$3,252
8. Jonathan Gold, \$2,365
9. Ray Slack, \$2,267
10. Raciell Cruz, \$2,168

Isle Poker Classic, Jan. 11-31



Danny Shiff

The Isle Poker Classic at the Isle Casino at Pompano Park featured more than a million dollars in guarantees, running Jan. 11-31. Miami’s **Danny Shiff** captured the \$2,500 main event that drew 173 players. Shiff won \$115K from the nearly \$390K prize pool.



Lazaro Dubrocq



Chad Pease



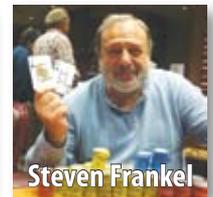
Brad Ruben



Morty Benowitz



Zach Milchman



Steven Frankel



Larry Berg



Dan Restrepo



Jesse Chinni

Event 1 • \$550 NLHE
Entries: 159 • Pool: \$79,500
Lazaro Dubrocq, \$15,953

Event 2 • \$330 NLHE
Entries: 1,208 • Pool: \$362K
Chad Pease, \$50,230

Event 3 • \$350 PLO
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$20,680
Bradley Ruben, \$3,692*

Event 4 • \$330 NLHE
Entries: 202 • Pool: \$60,600
Morty Benowitz, \$10,200*

Event 5 • \$330 PLO
Entries: 44 • Pool: \$29,400
Zach Milchman, \$11,760

Event 6 • \$1,100 6-Max
Entries: 97 • Pool: \$97K
Keith Block, \$24,000

Event 7 • \$1,600 Bounty
Entries: 192 • Pool: \$192K
Steven Frankel, \$40,000

Event 8 • \$350 NLHE
Entries: 147 • Pool: \$32,340
Larry Berg, Las Vegas, \$10,188

Event 9 • \$330 NLHE
Entries: 176 • Pool: \$52,800
Daniel Restrepo, \$8,633*

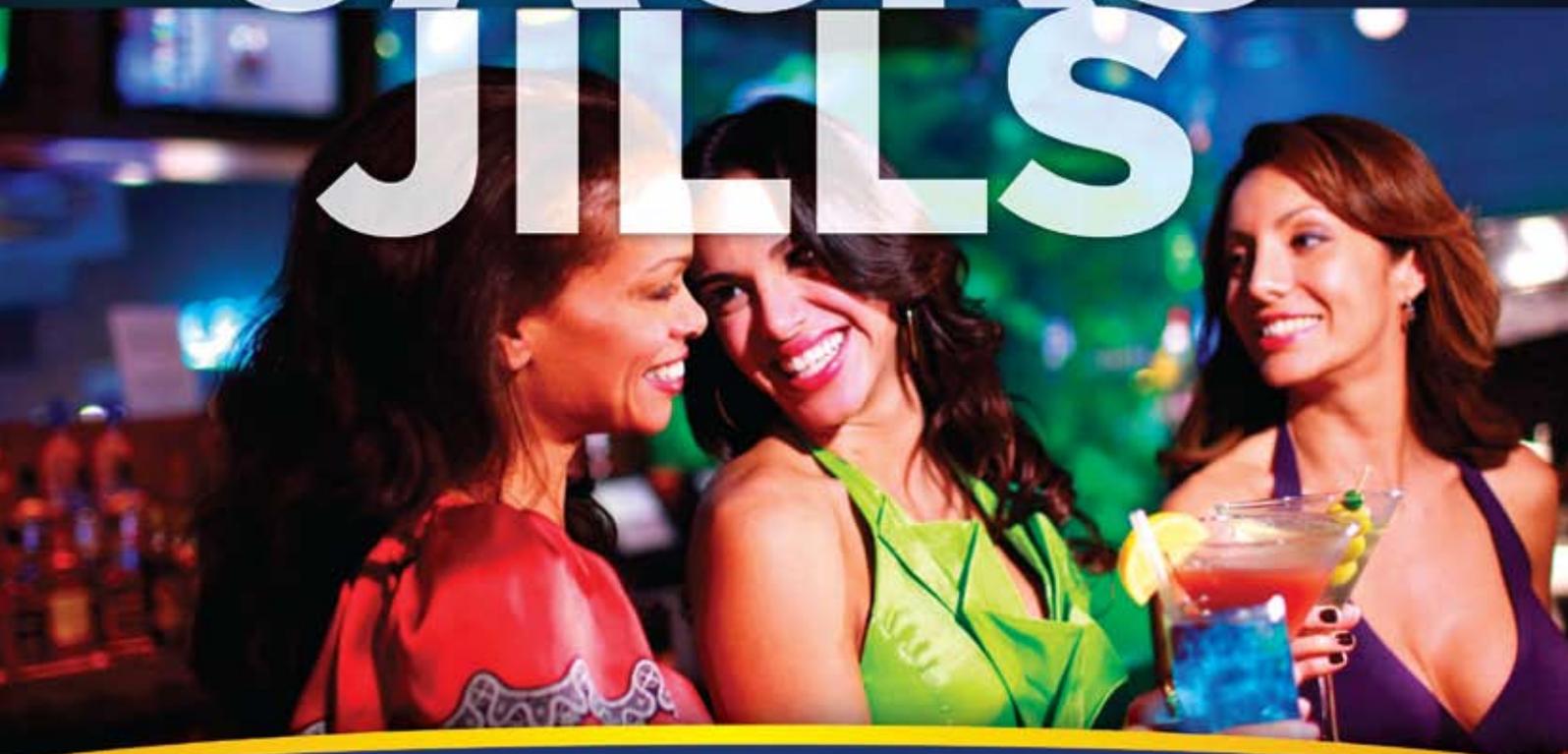
Event 10 • \$550 NLHE
Entries: 182 • Pool: \$91K
Jesse Chinni, \$22,744

Event 11 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 123 • Pool: \$24,600
George Colli, \$5,163

\$2,500 Main Event
Entries: 173 • Pool: \$389,250
Danny Shiff, \$115,604
*denotes chop



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Seville Hale dominated the field on Jan. 15 to capture \$24,721 and the title of Pensacola Player of the Year. He was followed by **Roger Lynn Morris** (\$15,258), **Clint Yates** (\$8,112), **Ryan McLane** (\$5,987), **David Keenan** (\$5,215), **Donnie Deluna** (\$4,635), **Theresa Winters** (\$4,056), **Hieu Vo** (\$3,476), **Guy Bostic** (\$3,090) and **Chuck McDaniel** (\$2,705).

PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB

The second annual Tyler's Team Charity Classic is at 1 p.m. March 25 at Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. The tournament features free food and beverage for players (\$15 for non-players) from noon to 1 p.m., and celebrity bounties include **Jim Jenson**, **Eric Rhett**, **John Bock**, **Babalu Bad Boyz**, **Lional Dalton** and **James Lee**. The guest emcee is **Keli Fulton** from WPTV-5.

Buy-in is \$50. Cash prizes paid to the top 10 percent of the field. Proceeds benefit the Tyler McClellan Foundation.

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DANIA JAI-ALAI



Roberto Cruz of Miami won January's **Dan LeBatard** Celebrity Tournament, pocketing \$1,618.

Lucky Hearts photos courtesy of WPT

WPT Lucky Hearts Poker Open, Jan. 29-Feb. 14



Matt Juttelstad poses with a couple of the Royal Flush Girls after his win.

There's no one happier than **Matt Juttelstad** that the WPT Lucky Hearts Open at Hard Rock Hollywood was a re-entry event.

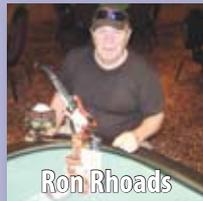
The 24-year-old Orlando resident was eliminated on Day 1A only to re-enter on Day 1B and grab the chip lead, ultimately capturing the crown and the \$268,444 check on Valentine's Day.

The other feel-good story at the final table was runner-up **Diane "Gigi" Gagne** of Clearwater. Gagne is a regular at Derby Lane's poker room in St. Petersburg and a grandmother, falling just short of being the first woman to win an open WPT event.

The \$3,500 main event attracted 295 entries and generated a prize pool of \$958,750. Below is a list of the undercard winners.



G. Hamilton



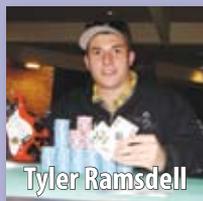
Ron Rhoads



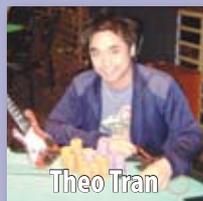
Hayden Fortini



Jonah Miller



Tyler Ramsdell



Theo Tran



Ron Haveard



Yesniel Pulido

Event 1 • \$240 NLHE
Entries: 235 • Pool: \$95,800
Joseph Marchese, \$9,257

Event 2 • \$240 NLH/PLO
Entries: 33 • Pool: \$10K
Juan Naranjo, \$2,833

Event 3 • \$300 NLHE
Entries: 146 • Pool: \$37,960
Regette Dudivani, \$12,149

Event 4 • \$350 6-Max
Entries: 37 • Pool: \$15K
Nigel Murray, \$4K

Event 5 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 219 • Pool: \$26,280
Omar McFarlane, \$4,179

Event 6 • \$240 NLHE
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$20K
Yesniel Pulido, \$5K

Event 7 • \$350 Bounty
Entries: 37 • Pool: \$11,300
Ronald Rhoads, \$5,085

Event 8 • \$350 NLHE
Entries: 993 • Pool: \$298K
Tyler Ramsdell, \$45K

Event 9 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 76 • Pool: \$9,120
Ronald Rhoads, \$2,818

Event 10 • \$560 6-Max
Entries: 71 • Pool: \$35,500
Theo Tran, \$9,379

Event 11 • \$300 NLHE
Entries: 176 • Pool: \$35,200
Hayden Fortini, \$10,616

Event 12 • \$240 O/8
Entries: 100 • Pool: \$20K
Leonard St. Germain, \$3,374

Event 13 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 168 • Pool: \$20,160
Ron Haveard, \$3,428

Event 14 • \$1,100 NLHE
Entries: 118 • Pool: \$118K
Jonathan Little, \$38,940

Event 15 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 93 • Pool: \$7,500
Guillermo Hamilton, \$1,118

\$3,500 Main Event
Entries: 295 • Pool: \$958K
Matt Juttelstad, \$268,444

Event 17 • \$80 NLHE
Entries: 114 • Pool: \$11,520
Jonah Miller, \$3,689

Event 18 • \$300 NLHE
Entries: 101 • Pool: \$26,260
Georges Boyadjian, \$8,664



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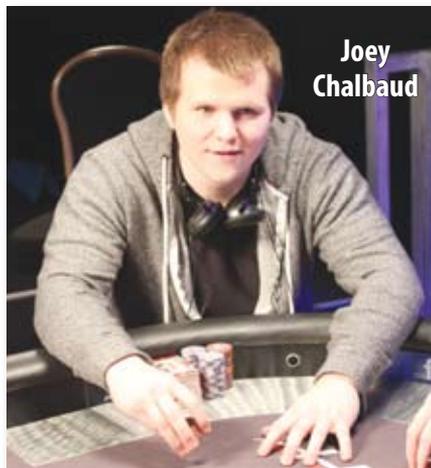


NEWS CHALBAUD, 20, WINS DAYTONA BEACH HPT EVENT

A 20-year-old **Joey Chalbaud** was determined to play his first major tournament when the Heartland Poker Tour rolled into the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room in February. He hoped to win enough to take a cruise, buy a car and share with his mom. The Lake Mary, Fla., student wasn't discouraged when he finished one place short of winning his way in through four qualifier attempts. He ultimately paid the \$1,650 main event buy-in for his first TV tournament and was glad he did.

"I like the structure. I like everything about it," Chalbaud said. He also liked the \$105,177 he earned as the first HPT champion of 2012, the tour's eighth season.

Persistence also paid off for **Barry Hutter** of Bradenton, Fla. Though the pro was knocked out twice from the main event, HPT's new re-entry option allows players to play multiple flights when eliminated. The third time was the charm for the 25-year-old, who eventually made the televised final table. As the short stack, Hutter was satisfied with his fifth-place finish. He adds \$25,120 to his \$200,000 in



lifetime tournament winnings.

The new structure, which includes more playing time, was praised throughout the weekend by players.

"I definitely like the HPT structure," said **Troy Wallace** of Port Orange, Fla. "I'll play more of them." The 26-year-old finished 14th when HPT last visited Daytona Beach, im-

proving to fourth place this time for \$32,676.

In contrast to the twenty-somethings at the table was **Enos Smith** of Palm Coast, Fla. At 58, he was more than twice the age of some, an advantage in his opinion.

"I think I am wiser and more patient," he said. Smith had the patience to work his way through the satellite system. It was a wise investment. Smith entered for just \$120 and left with \$59,225 as runner-up.

Tony Lay of Oklahoma City, the 47-year-old father of two and no stranger to HPT final tables, earned \$37,782 for third place.

Some big names turned out, including pros **Tiffany Michelle** and **Maria Ho**, who were both knocked out in Day 1.

Darvin Moon, 2009's World Series of Poker Main Event runner-up and popular pro who has been to DBKC before, was knocked out of the HPT main, but won a side tournament for \$4,600.

Next up for DBKC is the Spring Fling Deep Stack from March 23-April 1, including a \$100K main event. Please see the ad on the next page for details.

GREAT DAILIES SPREAD THROUGHOUT TAMPA BAY

Yes, I'm the Central Florida Ambassador for *Ante Up*, but what you may not know is I'm also the Where to Play editor. Each month, I keep seeing some great Tampa Bay tournaments out there vying for your bankroll dollar. While it's easy to know you'll want to play the



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World Poker Tour Regional event this month at Derby Lane in St. Petersburg (March 16-25) or the St. Patrick's Day event at Tampa Bay Downs (March 16-18), it's harder to choose what events to play on a daily basis, so let me break it down for you.

MONDAY: To start the week, some of your options are the bounty tournament at Hard Rock Tampa (\$125, 12:30 p.m.); the monster stack at Derby Lane (\$75, 1 p.m.); the nightly event at Tampa Greyhound Track (\$30, 6:30 p.m.); and the Winner-Take-All at the Silks Poker Room at Tampa Bay Downs (\$50, 7 p.m.).

TUESDAY: A few of your choices include the afternoon event at Hard Rock (\$120, 12:30); the deepstack at the Silks (\$50, 1); the afternoon event at Lucky's (\$30, 2); and the Player Appreciation event at Derby (\$202, 7 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY: Hump day is a great day for tournament poker. Check out some of these tournaments to relieve your work-week stress: the six-handed event at Derby (\$75, 1p); the afternoon event at Lucky's (\$20 with \$10 add-on, 2); the bounty event at the Silks (\$200, 7 p.m.); and the deepstack event at Hard Rock (\$240, 7:30 p.m.).

THURSDAY: The second half of the week starts with an afternoon event at HRT (\$120, 12:30); the double megastack at the Silks (\$90, 1

p.m.); the nightly event at Lucky's (\$30, 6:30); and the monster stack at Derby (\$120, 7 p.m.).

FRIDAY: The end of the week is here and you're ready to invest your hard-earned money in a few tournaments around the area. Your decision isn't easy, having to choose from deepstack tournaments all over the bay. The One-Eyed Jacks poker room at Sarasota Kennel Club has a great deepstack at 1 p.m. (25K chips for \$110). Tampa Bay Downs (\$50, 1 p.m.); Lucky's (\$60, 2 p.m.); HRT (alternating \$400-\$550, 7:30 p.m.) and Derby (\$85, 8 p.m.) are all solid events for your bankroll.

SATURDAY: Finally, the weekend; time to blow off some steam and build your bankroll. Your options are the morning event at HRT (\$100, 10); the monster stack at Derby (\$100, 1 p.m.); the \$160 deepstack at One-Eyed Jacks (1 p.m., 15K chips, 30-minute blinds); the Super Stack Blitz at TBD (\$60, 7 p.m.); and the deepstack at Lucky's (\$60, 7:30).

SUNDAY: Given you still have your bankroll after this long week of tournaments, Sunday is usually the best day for large turnouts and even bigger prize pools. Some of the events that run this day are the afternoon event at HRT (\$120, 12:30); the double-stack event at TBD (\$200, 1); the monster stack at Derby (\$120, 1); and the monthly Sunday Challenge at Lucky's (\$115, 1).

These are just a few of your options around the Tampa Bay area for daily tournaments. There are many special events that take place throughout the month, so please contact your local cardroom for up-to-date information (see our Where to Play pages for contact information). Remember to choose wisely; your bankroll depends on it.

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

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SOUTH FLA. POKER CONTINUES TO EXPAND

With the return of one of Miami's major poker rooms, expanded hours at another, the opening of two teaching academics (one for women and one for dealers), a growing list of high-profile tournaments and the possible addition of a cruise ship poker room in Palm Beach, the scene in South Florida is expanding exponentially.



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With Casino Miami Jai-Alai's \$87 million expansion unveiled to the public at the late January grand opening came the return of the Crystal Card Room, with 24 poker tables and four tables for dominoes. The poker room is a part of the massive 40,000-square-foot casino floor, so with its current

configuration, players must be 21 to play poker. Casino officials have been pleased with the public's initial response to the sparkling new facility. Poker manager **Joe Rodriguez**, who needed to close the room in March to make way for the new facility, said the turnout was outstanding in the opening week.

"We had over half the tables going during the opening weekend, all without any advertising, since we didn't know until the last minute what day we were going to open," he said. "When you consider it was all through word-of-mouth, the response has been phenomenal."

Rodriguez hopes to institute some major tournaments, possibly with an affiliation with an established tour, to capitalize on the influx of tournament players to the area.

STUDZ 24 HOURS: Across town the Studz Poker Club, fresh off its first poker series known as the Miami Gardens Poker Open (see results on Page 12), has expanded to a 24-hour schedule on the weekends. The 29-table room at Calder Casino & Race Course will continue with 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, but will no longer close at 5 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. When the room opens at 9 on Friday mornings, it will not close until 3 Monday morning.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from our players when we tried it in 2011," director of poker **Chris Trabue** said. "We tested 24-hour operations on several holiday weekends in 2011, and after looking at our table counts, we decided it would be the right thing to do."

POKER AT SEA: If you look back fondly to the days when you had to climb aboard a cruise ship and travel into international waters to gamble, you might be pleased to hear Port of Palm Beach officials have approved an agreement for a new ship called the *Black Diamond Casino* to sail twice a day, replacing the *Palm Beach Princess*, which ceased operations two years ago. No confirmation on whether the boat will have

a poker room or strictly electronic machines, but CEO **Jonathan Greene** said the refurbished vessel (formerly SunCruz Casinos) can hold 550 passengers and could be ready to sail by the end of this month.

DEALER SCHOOL: The most recognizable face of South Florida poker, **Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi**, is teaming with older brother **Robert** for another business venture, the Mizrachi Dealer Academy. Future poker dealers can receive expert instruction at the academy, located around the corner from the Seminole Hard Rock Casino at 6770 Stirling Road in Hollywood. Interested parties should check out Mizrachi Academy.com.

ACADEMIES: WSOP ladies champion **Marsha Wolak** and **Abbey Daniels**, who made the televised final table at the WPT Hard Rock Showdown in May, are capitalizing on a big 2011 to encourage more women to take up tournament poker. The energetic pair will host their first U.S. Women's Poker Academy on March 17 at the Isle Casino in Pompano Beach for players of all skill levels. The daylong boot camp will include classroom study, hand analysis and a tournament, and will be limited to 20 players.



The new poker room at Casino Miami Jai-Alai.

"We'll cover everything from cash games to tournaments, and from basics to brilliance," said Daniels, a successful businesswoman from Coral Springs. Cost of the program is \$295 with a portion of the proceeds going to the Poker Gives charity.

"We want to share our passion for the game and look forward to the day when female attendance at the WSOP reaches double figures," said Wolak, who is from Sarasota.

Women have made up about 3 percent of the main-event field in Las Ve-

gas over the past couple of years.

SHIFF WINS ISLE CLASSIC: With the Isle Classic trophy in the hands of Israeli native **Danny Shiff** of Aventura (see Page 12 for more tournament details) after a nice turnout of big-name players such as **Noah Schwartz**, **Matt Gianetti**, **John Dolan** and the Grinder, the Isle poker staff turns its focus to the next big event on the schedule. The Battles at the Beach starts March 1 with the first of 16 events, culminating in the \$3,300 main event (March 23-26).

MORE TOURNEYS: Seminole Coconut Creek hosts the WPT Stax Showdown March 8-14 (ad Page 21). ... The Players Poker Championship, a four-event series, is May 3-7 in Aruba (ad Page 53). The series, which All In Free Poker created, features a three-day \$3,300 main event that starts players with 25K units on May 4. Other events include a \$350 mega satellite on May 3, a \$550 re-entry event on May 5 (20K units) and a \$550 re-entry turbo May 7 (18K units).

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DOLAN WINS BEAU'S HEATER MAIN EVENT

John Dolan, the 2010 November Niner and Biloxi resident, snapped off the victory and \$336,000 first-place money at the Beau Rivage's Million Dollar Heater Main Event on Jan. 26.

Dolan has been running good for some time now. In 2010, he finished sixth in the World Series of Poker Main Event, taking home a little more than \$1.7 million. A year later, almost to the day, Dolan and long-time girlfriend **Ashley Longoria** welcomed their daughter, **Lilly**, into the world. This Beau Rivage victory puts his career winnings tally at nearly \$2.5 million. Not bad for a 26-year-old.



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Taking down this final table was no easy task, either. Dolan had to work his magic to defeat several formidable foes, including WPT champ **Randal Flowers**, Las Vegas pros **Matt Stout** and **Ryan Welch**, 2010 Gulf Coast Poker champion **Mark Rose**, Memphis native and pro player **Glenn Poole** (who finished second), and the "Mad Russian" **Kirill Kuglov**, who couldn't miss a flop.

Of all the years that would have made for great TV, this was it. But no one seemed to miss it. The handsome prize pool was more than enough. The Beau's Heater has come and gone, leaving behind thousands of satisfied players, a happy tournament staff and a few more champions.

This was the first time the Beau held its annual January event without partnering with the WPT. This meant the final table wouldn't be

televised, and the tournament series would go without the national branding the WPT offers. Tournament director **Eric Comer** and poker room manager **Johnny Grooms** remained confident they'd get the poker players to come out and play. Their plan? A guaranteed \$1 million prize pool in the main event. The verdict? Resounding success. Not only did the Heater draw the largest field in Mississippi history with Event 1 (1,453 entrants), but the \$5K main event exceeded the guarantee (\$1,018,860, 210 entrants).

It's only fitting the biggest guaranteed prize pool in state history would be taken down by a local. Not just any local, though. The gentlemen battled it out for hours before Dolan eliminated Poole when his pocket 9s turned a set and Poole's 10s failed to improve.

One other fine performance of note: *Ante Up* senior strategy columnist **Jonathan Little**, the World Poker Tour Player of the Year from Season 6, won two events. His column on Page 46 this month explains the path he took to his two victories.

Now, for a side note. With the Million Dollar Heater behind us, I can safely admit I was a bit nervous about dealing to all of you. I'm still new at this whole "dealing on the road" business, and Biloxi is practically my back yard and full of familiar faces. Thank you to everyone who came up and let me know you read the magazine. You made being back home better than I could have imagined.

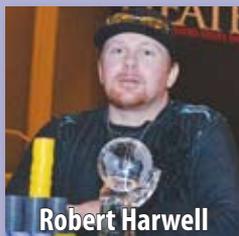
Looking forward to seeing you all at Gold Strike Tunica for the Delta Gold Poker Classic this month.

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

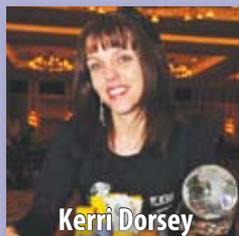
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Event 2 • \$340 Omaha/8

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Winner: Ron Ware, \$4,050

Event 4 • \$550 NLHE

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Event 5 • \$230 Seniors

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Event 7 • \$340 H.O.R.S.E.

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Winner: Helen Ellis, \$4,453

Event 8 • \$340 PLO

Players: 14 • Prize Pool: \$9,894
Winner: Robert Harwell, \$4,947

Event 9 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 99 • Prize Pool: \$39,770
Winner: David Cofer, \$14,317

Event 10 • \$340 Limit

Players: 43 • Prize Pool: \$12,513
Winner: Michael Brawley, \$5,631

Event 11 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 210 • Prize Pool: \$35,527
Winner: Stuart McMahan, \$13,446

Event 12 • \$340 PLO

Players: 46 • Prize Pool: \$27,548
Winner: Christopher Lillie, \$12,397

Event 13 • \$340 NLHE

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Winner: Dustin Brunner, \$18,439

Event 14 • \$130 NLHE

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Event 17 • \$340 NLHE

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Winner: Mohammed Munaf, \$25,407

Event 18 • \$550 Omaha/8

Players: 67 • Prize Pool: \$32,495
Winner: Daniel Klein, \$11,697

Event 19 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 154 • Prize Pool: \$74,690
Winner: Bobby Mahoney, \$24,646

Event 20 • \$230 Ladies

Players: 53 • Prize Pool: \$10,282
Winner: Kerri Dorsey, \$3,701

Event 21 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 139 • Prize Pool: \$26,966
Winner: Hans Anderson, \$8,895

Event 22 • \$550 Mixed

Players: 5 • Prize Pool: \$2,425
Winner: Tom Franklin, \$1,213

Event 23 • \$550 PLO/8

Players: 45 • Prize Pool: \$21,825
Winner: Joseph Tehan, \$9,821

Event 24 • \$1,070 NLHE

Players: 87 • Prize Pool: \$84,390
Winner: Jonathan Little, \$30,380

Event 25 • \$660 6-Max

Players: 22 • Prize Pool: \$10,670
Winner: Lacey Coffey, \$4,801

Event 26 • \$1,580 NLHE

Players: 47 • Prize Pool: \$68,385
Winner: Joseph Tehan, \$30,773

Event 27 • \$330 NLHE

Players: 105 • Prize Pool: \$30,555
Winner: Michael McGuire, \$11,000

Event 28 • \$2,100 NLHE

Players: 49 • Prize Pool: \$95,060
Winner: Jonathan Little, \$42,777

Event 29 • \$1,060 8-Game

Players: 14 • Prize Pool: \$13,580
Winner: Tim Burt, \$6,111

Event 30 • \$330 NLHE

Players: 148 • Prize Pool: \$43,068
Winner: George McDonald, \$14,212

\$5,175 Main Event

Players: 210 • Prize Pool: \$1,018,860
Winner: John Dolan, \$336,105

Event 32 • \$330 NLHE

Players: 50 • Prize Pool: \$14,550
Winner: Lacey Coffey, \$6,546

Event 33 • \$1,060 Heads-up

Players: 16 • Prize Pool: \$15,520
Winner: David Diaz, \$10,088

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REVIEWING WEST VIRGINIA ROOMS

The poker scene in West Virginia continues to gain popularity, thriving from gamblers in larger neighboring states such as Maryland and Virginia. As long as these states remain poker-free, West Virginia's rooms should see plenty of action. Its casinos cater toward the everyday player and solid low-stakes players should find the rooms profitable. Here are my impressions of each room after a recent tour:



MIKE OWENS • W. PA./W. VA.

MOUNTAINEER CASINO AND RESORT:

Limit hold'em and Omaha were spread at \$2-\$4, with no-limit hold'em at \$1-\$2 stakes. Stud is offered as low as \$3-\$6, but games are rare. It's the largest room in

WV with 40 tables. Tip: Weekday afternoons average about three \$1-\$2 tables and one \$2-\$4 limit game. Weekday nights saw anywhere from two to six \$1-\$2 tables in action and weekends are considerably busier. There were no viewable TVs, however.

WHEELING ISLAND CASINO: The poker room spreads hold'em, stud and Omaha (be sure to ask about some of the fun variations). Limits start at \$1-\$5 for stud and \$2-\$4 for hold'em. Tournaments run Sunday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. with a \$40 buy-in. The 20-table room offers a bad-beat jackpot and comps of 70 cents an hour.

Tip: Check out the great promotions, such as ladies-only events. There were no viewable TVs here, either.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES: The room is open 24 hours, offering \$3-\$6 limit and \$1-\$2, \$2-\$5 NLHE. Tables have auto shufflers and adjustable seats. There are plenty of TVs but no player comps. The most popular tournaments run Tuesday and Wednesday (\$125-\$250). Tip: Royal flushes pay \$500 and \$100 each to other players at the table.

MARDI GRAS CASINO & RESORT: The Big Easy Poker Room spreads limit (\$2-\$4) and no-limit (starting at \$1-\$2 and all the way to \$10-\$25), Omaha and stud. There's a New Orleans atmosphere and plenty of TVs. The 30-table room has a great view of the dog track. Tip: Check out the Sunday deepstack tournament (\$70, 2 p.m.).

BAD BEAT HIT AGAIN: Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races hit its third bad-beat jackpot since its inception in December, this time for \$115,186 on Jan. 26.

Timothy Bolland of Boonsboro, Md., held quad threes but lost to quad jacks. He walked away with \$57,591. When asked what it felt like when he realized he'd won the bad-beat jackpot, Bolland said, "When it happened I think I was the first to react to it. I was just overcome with sheer joy. Tears came to my eyes, literally." Bolland plans to use some of the winnings to pay for his education.

The winner of the hand received \$28,796 and the remaining players at the table each won \$4,114.

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ATLANTIC CITY/PHILADELPHIA

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Finally, a high-stakes room for the East Coasters

While the infusion of Revel and the Golden Nugget are expected to add to the local poker economy, there's another addition geared toward the game's elite and those with plush bankrolls. The Borgata recently opened its high-limit room.

Aria has the Ivey Room; Bellagio has Bobby's Room, and now the East Coast has a high-stakes room, too. In the area formerly used for tournaments there had been a lot of construction going on for quite some time. The final product is a gorgeous room, separated from the main poker room by a pane of glass. It has two tables for nosebleed action, couches and giant flatscreen televisions.



CRIS BELKEWITCH • N.J./PHILLY

For those who have seen Bobby's Room, it has a similar feel in that when you step foot in the high-stakes room you know you've crossed over into a different game. While the Borgata Winter Open was running, there were players from all over the country in town looking to earn their chunk of the \$2 million guaranteed prize pool, and as a result the new room had some heavy hitters. During the week, a plethora of railbirds were treated to a ringside view of a high-stakes mixed game with the likes of **John D'Agostino** and Team Bustout pro **Chad Brown**. The Borgata is

no stranger to high-limit games or big pros, but the added touch was a nice way to christen the new room.

NO-CAP NUGGET: Speaking of new and attractive rooms, the Golden Nugget has started with its soft opening and the feedback has been exemplary. The room is easy, arguably the best looking room in the city. The cash games got off to a fast start by following the model of its Las Vegas counterpart in offering a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em game with no cap. When inquiring if no cap did in fact mean *no cap*, it was confirmed if someone wants to buy in for \$10,000 they are more than welcome.

A number of players took advantage of the no cap in an effort to have a hold on the table. There were a few games over the past few weeks that saw players buying in for and rebuying for thousands of dollars. If you want to see or participate in a low-stakes game that may have \$10,000 on the table then drive over to the Nugget and take a shot at some serious money.

MAN-UP: **Josh Mancuso** of Mandeville, La., captured the \$3,500 Borgata Winter Open Main Event on Feb. 3, good for \$542,771. He bested a field of 730-plus players, which generated a \$2.42 million prize pool. Our Louisiana column will feature Mancuso next month.

For complete results, be sure to go to theborgata.com. — Cris Belkewitch is the Ante Up Atlantic City Ambassador. A member of Team Bustout, his insight can be found at thepokerjourney.net.



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RICK GERSHMAN • COLORADO

Except those are worn-out stereotypes, and they don't accurately define **Connie** and **Alex Hausmann**

at all. This Colorado couple plays poker to their strengths, not along obvious gender lines.

Connie is a number-cruncher, a strategist; no wonder she works as a certified public accountant. Alex is more interested in psychology, reading tells and creative play; no wonder he works as ... well, he's also an accountant. (But he's a musician, too, so you can get the creative thing there.)

The Hausmanns live just outside Colorado Springs and play about every four or five weeks in the Black Hawk/Central City casinos, always low-limit hold'em, though. "We're working up our courage to spread our wings a bit," Alex said. Connie's mom lives nearby and baby-sits their grade-school son, Alex Jr., when they hit the casinos for

a three-day weekend.

Alex got into poker about three years ago and became "just totally obsessed," as he describes it. Connie was unimpressed at first: "I hardly ever played card games. We played Uno when I was a kid. I didn't really 'get' poker. But I started watching (Alex) play online and I got addicted."

Each did pretty well online in those days pre-Black Friday, though Alex admits Connie has a much better feel for calculating odds and value than he does.

"I can do it, but she does it so much faster. ... I'm playing and she'll wander into the den and watch me play, and she'll say, 'You're 4-to-1 to call, what are you waiting for?' Human calculator."

Both played online for a couple of years before venturing into live play, where Alex's skill emerged.

"Live, you get so much more information," he said. "I get a huge buzz from finding a player's Achilles' heel and exploiting it."

Connie added: "He's helped my play a lot from how he studies players. ... I used to get scared off from any table with a maniac, but now I look for that. Every player has a weakness you can exploit."

Though they play in an occasional home game, the Hausmanns never play at the same table in a poker room. Said Alex: "It's too easy for someone to accuse you of collusion, of soft play if a hand happens to go that way."

Different as they are, Alex said, one thing is true of both Hausmanns: "We both hate to lose."

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

"Live, you get so much more information. I get a huge buzz from finding a player's Achilles' heel and exploiting it." — Alex Hausmann

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

It's not really no-limit in Washington, but it's close

The Pacific Northwest has more than 20 poker rooms, but what you may not know is Washington has a uniform gambling law that applies to all casino wagering, including poker: No single bet can exceed \$500. Therefore, all "no-limit" poker games have the limitation of a \$500 bet, meaning you can only be raised \$500, and can only reraise \$500, etc. So no-limit cash games aren't exactly no-limit, which is similar to how poker runs in Arizona. With that said, here is just a taste of some of the happenings at a few of our larger casino poker rooms:



BARTON GRATT • PACIFIC NW

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO: This busy

32-table poker room has a \$500,000 super bad-beat jackpot. To qualify, a straight flush must be beaten (both cards in both players' hands qualifying). The player holding the bad-beat hand will receive \$200K, while the winner earns \$100K. The remaining \$200K is split among all active players in the room as long as they are logged-in using their players card.

TULALIP RESORT CASINO: The 20-table room is remodeling with the aim of updating the facility, soon to have new carpets, wallpaper, lighting, chairs and a glass entrance. The room spreads \$4-\$8 limit, \$1-\$3, \$3-\$5 and \$5-\$10 NLHE, \$3-\$6 Omaha/8 and \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10 PLO. It has an active tournament schedule (check our Where to Play pages in the back for details) and at the end of this month the Poker Pro Challenge kicks off with an \$1,100 buy-in. Locals get to play against well-known invited professionals (TBA, call for details) in an exciting deepstack event.

SNOQUALMIE CASINO: The popular and well-run 10-table room spreads live action, including \$4-\$8 limit, \$2-\$5, \$3-\$5 and \$5-\$10 NLHE and \$5-\$5 and \$5-\$10 PLO. By request, any game players wish to play (my favorite is \$25-\$50 H.O.R.S.E.), the room generally will oblige. Snoqualmie, to coincide with its expansion, will add more tournaments to its schedule.

So, come visit the great Emerald City to see the great sights, eat a great plate of salmon and play some great poker.

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

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EVENTS ARE HEATING UP

Now that the weather is warming up, the tournaments are starting to heat up, too, including some excellent charity tournaments in the area. DisabilityGuide.org will sponsor a no-limit hold'em charity tournament on March 11, with first prize being a seat into the \$10K



MICHAEL YOUNG • MID-ATLANTIC

World Series of Poker Main Event. This event will have dozens of prizes, including ones for worst beat, first out and bounties.

The buy-in is a \$150 donation and there are unlimited rebuys until the sixth level. For more info, visit disabilityguide.org.

Also, the La Plata (Md.) VFD

hosts a NLHE charity tournament March 31 at 7 p.m. The \$125 buy-in (cash only) gets you 5K chips with no add-ons or rebuys. Call 301-609-7500 or e-mail lynngilroy@verizon.net for reservations.

DPPC: The Delaware Park Poker Classic (March 14-April 2) will have more than \$1 million in guaranteed prize money for the series. World champ **Greg Raymer** will host a special tournament March 28-30. The main event will take place March 31, with a \$200K guarantee.

DOVER DOWNS: The Royal Crown Poker Room will have a guaranteed \$25K prize pool on March 30. See ad at left for details.

MARYLAND: A measure in the Senate would allow table games such as blackjack and poker at slots parlors. The bill, introduced Feb. 6 in Annapolis by Prince George's County **Sen. Douglas Peters**, also would allow a slots parlor to be built in Prince George's County. The site in Prince George's County could be at Rosecroft Raceway or National Harbor, near the nation's capital. That site would be the sixth potential site in the state, which now only allows five casino locations.

Peters, a Democrat, also said it increases the amount of money a slots operator would receive. The current 33 percent would increase to 40 percent. Voters would have to approve table games and the new casino location in November.

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

Foxwoods Classic starts March 17

By Kay Fitzpatrick

The Foxwoods Poker Classic kicks off March 17 with a \$600 deep-stack tournament, the first of 21 events that include \$400 stud, \$400 H.O.S.E. and a ladies-only tournament. The Classic runs through March 31. See foxwoods.com/FPC.aspx for more information.

- The River Room in Milford, N.H., on the last Saturday of each month, hosts a \$100 event that includes a 40K stack, 30-minute blinds and a free dinner buffet.

- The New Hampshire Legislature again postponed a vote to allow casinos even though adjoining states Massachusetts and Maine have approved casino gambling. Maine expects slots and table games to start up in March at the Hollywood Casino Bangor, and to open another casino in Oxford in June. (Note: The Oxford casino will not spread poker but will have 12 live casino game tables.) New Hampshire already allows charitable gaming, including live poker, but no slot machines. Meanwhile, unregulated slots play has been sprouting up around the state at Internet cafes that offer sweepstakes machines with cash prizes. ♠

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BIG NAMES COME OUT FOR WSOPC

Choctaw Casino concluded its second World Series of Poker Circuit event Jan. 23 and 978 players turned out for the main event to create a prize pool worth \$1.4 million. **Abraham Araya** of Carrollton, Texas, won the \$270,380 first-place prize along with a WSOPC ring and an automatic bid into the national championship. Araya is known in the area for his win at Choctaw's **T.J. Cloutier** Poker Challenge in October 2011 where he scored \$83,659 in his main-event win bringing his total poker earnings to more than \$350K.



CRYSTALYNN HARRIS • OKLA.

Many pros, including **Layne Flack, Chad Brown, Dennis Phillips, Ylon Schwartz, Gavin Smith, Todd Brunson,**

Tom McEvoy, Men Nguyen, Scotty Nguyen and Cloutier were present and attendance increased 21 percent over last year's main-event field.

Ken Lambert, Choctaw's director of poker, said players loved seeing all the pros and that more pros turned out for this event than ever before at Choctaw.

Tables in the cash room were full like the tournament area and incredible action was found at every level. A \$5-\$10 game of congress captivated players with its five-card variation of Omaha and the cash and chips were heavy. I didn't play in that game but did watch some action from my \$1-\$2 no-limit table where Schwartz was killing time waiting for a bigger game.

Daily promotions, tournaments and other information can be found at choctawcasinoresort.com

KANSAS: Pending state approval, Kansas Star Casino will open a five-table poker room featuring hold'em as *Ante Up* goes to press.

"Based on overwhelming interest in poker, we looked at our current floor plan and found a way to give our customers what they want," director of casino operations **Mike Dickson** said. "Originally, we planned to open our poker room in about a year, when the next phase of our development is complete. There's a sense of urgency to give customers



Dennis Phillips was on hand to try to win his second WSOPC ring.

what they want and, of course, we are happy to do it."

The casino is just off I-35, a short drive from Wichita, the birthplace of bar poker nearly a decade ago. Poker is alive and booming in the Prairie State and poker table additions to the newest and closest casino around is likely to draw a crowd.

The poker room will be complete with a bad-beat jackpot plus promotions, tournaments and events. It will be a non-smoking room with restrooms, main bar, self-service soda machine and food offerings from the Arena Grill just a short distance away to accommodate players.

Kansas Star Casino is a state-owned, full-service casino that opened in Mulvane on Dec. 26. The next phase of development will open in January 2013 with additional gaming, new poker room, a hotel and more dining options. The final phase includes an equestrian center with conditioned stalls perfect for competitive events, shows and concerts. Visit kansasstarcasino.com for more information.

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WSOP Circuit, Choctaw Casino, Durant, Okla., Jan. 12-23



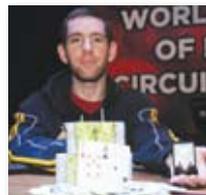
Event 1 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 1,219 • Pool: \$353,379
Winner: Justin Gardenhire, \$562,709



Event 2 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 944 • Pool: \$273,354
Winner: Reggi Trotter, \$51,928



Event 3 • \$555 NLHE
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Winner: Raja Kattamuri, \$37,293



Event 4 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 515 • Pool: \$148,515
Winner: Jason Simon, \$31,934



Event 5 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 419 • Pool: \$121,929
Winner: Dung Tran, \$26,530



Event 6 • \$345 6-Max
Entries: 372 • Pool: \$106,902
Winner: Harold Lockwood, \$23,526



Event 7 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 455 • Pool: \$132,405
Winner: Chan Pelton, \$28,175



Event 8 • \$555 Heads-up
Entries: 173 • Pool: \$83,905
Winner: Raja Kattamuri, \$23,475



Event 9 \$345 PLO
Entries: 332 • Pool: \$96,612
Winner: Chris Smith, \$22,222



Event 10 • \$345 NLHE
Entries: 407 • Pool: \$118,728
Winner: Huy Nguyen, \$26,121



\$1,600 Main Event
Entries: 978 • Pool: \$1,422,990
Winner: Abraham Araya, \$270,380



Event 12 • \$345 NLHE
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THREE VEGAS ROOMS YOU SHOULD VISIT

Anyone who knows anything about poker in Las Vegas has heard of Bellagio, Venetian and MGM Grand. Casinos such as Aria, Wynn and Caesars Palace have large advertising budgets and invest millions in making sure even the most casual Las Vegas visitor knows about their poker rooms and many amenities. This article, however, is all about popular rooms of which you may have never heard.



MICHAEL HAMAI • LAS VEGAS



These rooms are often packed with players, yet you rarely hear them talked about among pros or mentioned in other magazines. These rooms define what makes the Las Vegas poker landscape so unique, as they offer something

different, such as game selection, location or the chance to light up a cigarette at the table.

ORLEANS: Every Vegas local knows about the Orleans poker room, yet most tourists probably don't. It's the largest of the off-Strip rooms, and is one of the busiest rooms in the city. Offering more than 30 tables, the Orleans is best known for two things: cheapest rake in the city and Omaha/8 spread 24 hours a day. The rake of the Orleans poker room is 10 percent up to \$3 max (plus \$1 for jackpot).

The Gaming Board stipulates that 100 percent of all jackpot money must be returned to the players, so the \$3 per hand is the most the house takes off the game (compared to \$4 and \$5 at popular venues).

The game offerings of the Orleans are pretty standard with \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em, \$2-\$4 and \$4-\$8 limit. However, the Orleans is the only room in town to spread limit Omaha/8 around the clock, offering it in \$4-\$8 and \$8-\$16 with a half kill on both games. The list for this game is often quite long, and can require an extensive wait, but the dedicated clientele doesn't mind waiting.

The Orleans also offers daily tournaments, including a popular NLHE event on Friday nights that has often eclipsed 200 players for only a \$125 buy-in. There also are two H.O.R.S.E. tournaments and two Omaha/8 events every week.

RED ROCK: If the Red Rock poker room was on the Strip, it would be compared with the big rooms. Offering 20 tables of limit and NLHE, the Red Rock is quite a ways off the Strip, in the luxurious community of Summerlin, near Red Rock Canyon.

One of the only off-Strip rooms to spread \$2-\$5 NLHE daily, Red Rock is part of the Stations Casinos family and is the busiest poker room of the chain. The manager, **Mike Doe**, understands the importance of game protection and long-term vitality of his diverse limit and NLHE offerings, and continues to restrict his \$1-\$2NLHE game to an industry low of \$200 max. This allows for continued protection



and lack of cannibalization of his daily \$2-\$5 game and allows the low-limit NL players to be protected for long-term play.

Red Rock is certainly one of the most luxurious properties off the Strip, and is known industry-wide as the crown jewel of the Stations poker empire.

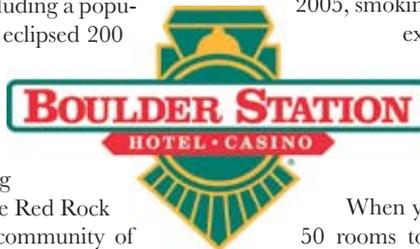
BOULDER STATION: One of my personal favorite "guilty pleasure" rooms of the Las Vegas Valley is Boulder Station. Its poker room is something out of a Vegas poker history book from the 1980s. Though many would discount a random 11-table room east of the Strip on Boulder Highway, they would be wrong to do so. The room is often packed with lists that can reach the bottom of the screen. Why? The room offers the deepest and most action-packed \$4-\$8 limit game in the city (Omaha with half kill) and most important, cigarette smoking is permitted at the table.

Not more than eight years ago, cigarette smoking at the table was commonplace in Las Vegas cardrooms. Starting in 2003 through 2005, smoking tableside became a thing of the past everywhere except two rooms, with Boulder being the busiest and most popular (the other being Arizona Charlie's Decatur). This niche market is one that continues to fill the Boulder Station poker room nightly, and offers a true look back into Vegas poker from back in the day.

When you decide to visit Las Vegas, there are more than 50 rooms to choose from, and not all are created equally.

Though the big rooms are seen in magazines, talked about on Internet discussion boards and seen on TV daily, these three rooms show there's so much more to the Las Vegas poker world than just what you hear and read.

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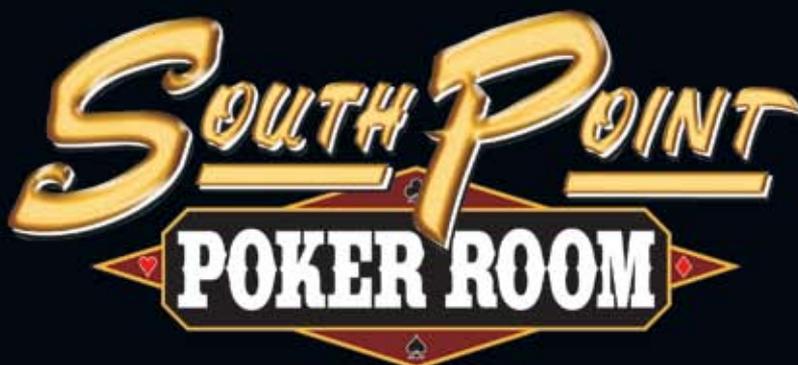
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YU WINS RED ROCK CHALLENGE, \$75K

Red Rock Resort in Summerlin made a big jump into the tournament game in late January with its \$250,000 guaranteed event, the Red Rock Challenge.

Pro **Benjamin Yu** of Henderson, Nev., topped a field of 247 players, taking home \$75,000 for first place. The victory also earned him 635.17 points toward the Ante Up Player of the Year race, vaulting him into the top 10.

The \$1,100 event, which ran three days, kicked off on Jan. 20 with daily satellites running during the two weeks preceding it.

Runner-up **Adam Kaplan** more than quadrupled his career earnings with his \$33,840 payday, bringing his lifetime total from \$10,290 to \$44,130. Other notable pros who cashed in the event included **David Sands** (third, \$24,160), **Ted "Coach" Kearly** (seventh, \$7,650) and **Bryan Devonshire** (25th, \$2,120). — **Todd Lamansky**



Final results

1. Benjamin Yu, \$75,000
2. Adam Kaplan, \$33,840
3. David Sands, \$24,160
4. Paul Lieu, \$17,345
5. Bende Laguna, \$12,475
6. Sokunthea Voir, \$9,115
7. Ted Kearly, \$7,650
8. Matthew Green, \$6,255
9. David Mandel, \$4,825
10. Lance Donnell, \$3,985

WSOP Circuit, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Jan. 19-30



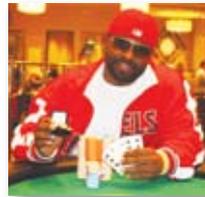
Event 1 • \$350 NLHE
 Entries: 482 • Pool: \$140,262
 Winner: Daniel Di Zeno, \$30,151



Event 2 • \$350 NLHE
 Entries: 887 • Pool: \$258,117
 Winner: Aaron Klausman, \$50,329



Event 3 • \$560 NLHE
 Entries: 207 • Pool: \$100,395
 Winner: Greg Hartwick, \$26,106



Event 4 • \$350 PLO
 Entries: 120 • Pool: \$34,920
 Winner: Gary Bolden, \$10,477



Event 5 • \$350 Ante only
 Entries: 203 • Pool: \$59,073
 Winner: Jeffrey Dobrin, \$25,391



Event 6 • \$350 6-Max
 Entries: 349 • Pool: \$101,559
 Winner: Dale Beaudoin, \$25,391



Event 7 • \$560 NLHE
 Entries: 187 • Pool: \$90,695
 Winner: Blake Kelso, \$23,583



Event 8 • \$560 NLHE
 Entries: 424 • Pool: \$123,384
 Winner: Gary Bolden, \$27,144



Event 9 • \$1,080 NLHE
 Entries: 228 • Pool: \$221,160
 Winner: Bryan Devonshire, \$55,291



\$1,600 Main Event
 Entries: 662 • Pool: \$963,210
 Winner: Kevin Calenzo, \$197,451



Event 11 • \$350 NLHE
 Entries: 282 • Pool: \$82,062
 Winner: Jeremy Burleson, \$17,168



Event 12 • \$350 NLHE
 Entries: 236 • Pool: \$68,676
 Winner: Alemu Makonen, \$17,168

Reno's Biggest Little Secret, and it's CRAZY!

Beside the shores of Lake Tahoe amidst the beauty of Incline Village, there's a one-of-a-kind poker game: Grand Lodge Casino's \$10-\$20 crazy pineapple/8 ... and the action truly is crazy.

For the uninitiated, pineapple is a variation of hold'em where players get three cards. There's a flop, turn and river, but there's a twist. In crazy pineapple, players muck one card after the flop, while in pineapple the discard happens preflop. You can use one, two or none of your hole

cards to make your hand. The game can be played high or high-low (like they do at the Lake).

Hawaiian players introduced pineapple to Reno in 1977 at the Cal Neva casino. It was played in Tahoe from 1975-76 as a dealer's choice

game at the North Shore Club. In 1981, Hyatt poker room manager **Bill Robinson** launched the first crazy pineapple tournament, played Fridays with a \$50 buy-in. By 1983, the game had grown into a \$10-\$20 or \$15-\$30 cash game. In 2011, the Hyatt became the Grand Lodge Casino, where play continues today.

The game regularly plays at \$10-\$20 limit with a \$5-\$5 blind structure. Players are allowed to discard any time before the turn, giving them the benefit of watching the action before discarding. If you forget to discard and find yourself with three cards after the turn, your hand is dead.

The game starts Fridays at 6:40 p.m., usually going late into the night, and sometimes two games will spread. Manager **Dan Madding** said he's always available to new players interested in learning to play.

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



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BOOT CAMP MAY BE COMING TO CHICAGOLAND

The World Poker Tour Boot Camp is looking to make a stop in the Chicagoland area in the fall, though final details are being coordinated with Windy City Poker Championship's **Kirk Fallah**. The camp uses high-profile professionals to teach students, and this year it's looking to focus on cash games and tournaments. The last time it was in town **T.J. Cloutier**, **Rick Fuller** and **Crispin Leyser** were among the instructors. Details will be available soon at wptbootcamp.com.



JOE GIERTUGA • CHICAGOLAND

WCPC: Windy City shows will start airing the first week of April on Comcast SportsNet Chicago, Bright House Sports Network and Cox CST Cable. Final schedule and broadcast details will be in next month's issue of *Ante Up*.

HAMMOND EXPANDS TOURNAMENTS: Horseshoe Hammond has added Monday and Thursday \$200 no-limit hold'em tournaments, starting at 7 p.m. This is the first time the Horseshoe is offering evening tournaments on a weekly basis.

HARRAH'S JOLIET: **Joe Chang** is the second player to win a seat to the World Series of Poker Main Event by playing in the Harrah's Joliet poker league.

BPL: The Horseshoe and Harrah's Joliet are the first two on Bravo Poker Live in the Chicagoland area. BPL, available on iPhone and the Internet, gives a real-time view of poker-room tables running. Players who play the less-popular games will find BPL a handy resource.

"BPL keeps me informed on everything going on," said **Rosemary Bulat**, who plays at the Horseshoe. "Just the other day I was surprised to see Harrah's now offers sit-n-go tournaments."

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

Tri-State Championship returns March 15

March sees the return of the Tri-State Poker Championship at Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind. The series runs March 15-25, and Hollywood Casino tournament director **Kevin Dawn** anticipates more players this year.



R.C. THORNE • S. INDIANA

"Our first event, a \$345 no-limit hold'em tournament with 20K in chips, will draw anywhere from 1,200-1,800 players," he said. "It's always a great jump-start to our event, and we work hard to keep that momentum

flowing throughout the whole event."

Buy-ins are \$235-\$555 and games spread will be NLHE, pot-limit Omaha, Omaha/8 and six-max. Events include seniors and ladies tournaments.

The \$1,600 main event rounds out the series on March 24. Nightly super and mega satellites will make sure there will be plenty of entrants registered in the main event.

"We will run seat-guarantee tournaments the five Saturdays leading up to the event that will place at least 50 players in the main event. Also, we add one main-event seat to each of the 10 nightly cash tournaments we run during the event."

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FREEROLLS POPULAR AT RUNNING ACES

More than 600 players lined up to try their luck in the \$5,000 hangover freeroll at Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus, Minn., on New Year's Day. I spoke with **Manessah Kunkel**, tournament director at Running Aces, about the success of the freerolls.



JOHN SOMSKY • MINNESOTA

"In 2009 we did our first Christmas Day freeroll. We were expecting 250-300 people, but 500 showed up," he said.

The cardroom offers \$5K freerolls three times a year: Christmas, New Year's and the Friday after Thanksgiving. Players start with 2K chips and are offered unlimited \$10 add-ons (up to 5K

more chips). Half of the price of the add-on goes to boosting the prize pool. And while unlimited add-ons are available, there are no rebuys, so when you're out of chips you're out of the tournament. The add-on period ends 30 minutes after the last player is seated in the tournament, which was about three hours after the tournament started for the New Year's freeroll.

In the end, 603 starters played, buying 3,106 add-ons, averaging about five add-ons per person. One bought 40 for an additional 200K chips in play. The prize pool finished at \$20,530, paying 60 places.

Freerolls are held every Monday night, though with only one add-on, and the prize pool was increased in February \$1,000 to \$2,000 and you'll need to notch five hours of live poker to qualify.

— **John Somsy is the Ante Up Ambassador for Minnesota. You can email him at john.somsy@gmail.com.**

Great start to 2012 for Michigan poker

What a great start to the year for Michigan poker. Three players, arguably on the list of the top-five Michigan players of all time, had great results in January starting **Joe Cada**, the 2009 World Series of



FRANK PANAMA • MICHIGAN

Poker Main Event champ. Cada won Event 16 at the PokerStars Caribbean Adventures for more than \$175K, beating nearly 350 players. In second place was Michigan native **Mike Telker**, who lives in Costa Rica. Telker has more than \$3 million in career earnings.

Kenna James, who grew up in Al-

bion, had two respectable cashes in the Aussie Millions for a score of nearly \$21K (Australian dollars), including 57th in the main event. James has more than \$3.5 million in career earnings, putting him in the conversation as one of the top players from Michigan.

In local news, Cada's Poker & Sports Grill in Sterling Heights reported running a \$5-\$10 heads-up cash game. Many players cheered this development on the poker room's Facebook page. Cada's poker room has made a splash since opening late last year with its monthly \$250 tournaments and deep tournament structures. Other poker rooms have started spreading \$250 tournaments, and players have reported other rooms adding levels to their tournament structures to keep players happy. The competition just means better poker for all.

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

Eastern Iowa rooms offer plenty of action

I had the chance to visit several of the Eastern Iowa casinos recently, including Meskwaki Casino in Tama, where I was treated to a low price on a hotel room and \$1-per-hour comps in the poker room.



KEN WARREN • IOWA

Meskwaki is unique in that it's one of the few places where 18-year-olds can play. I found there to be good action in Omaha/8 and no-limit hold'em.

Just across the river at Jumer's on Rock Island I found similar action. Be aware there's no phone or iPod use at the table. I then found myself in the Quad-City area, playing limit at the Isle of Capri in Bettendorf. This room has a good following of limit players, but you'll seldom find a NLHE game.

Finally, I visited Riverside Casino near Iowa City. On the weekends you'll find tourneys, limit, NLHE and Omaha/8 in this big room.

MSPT: The Mid-States Poker Tour will hold three events at Meskwaki this year, with the first coming this month (March 24-April 1), followed by July 21-29 and Oct. 27-Nov. 4. The MSPT also visits Grand Falls Casino in far Northwest Iowa near Sioux Falls on Aug. 11-19. The Meskwaki events will carry a \$300K guarantee.

WSOPC: The World Series of Poker Circuit returns to the Horseshoe in Council Bluffs at the end of this month (March 29-April 10).

— **Ken Warren is the Ante Up Ambassador for Iowa. You can email him at anteupken@gmail.com.**

Kulish captures Winter 500 at Menominee

On Jan. 21, the Forest Edge Poker Room at the Menominee Casino Resort in northern Wisconsin hosted to the Winter 500 Poker Challenge. The event drew 52 players for a \$26K prize pool. **John Kulish** of Oconto, Wis., won the title and \$8,580.



CHAD HOLLOWAY • WISCONSIN

The Forest Edge Poker Room has new winter hours (10 a.m.-2 a.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). It'll host a weekly tournament Saturdays at noon. For more information, call the poker room

at (800) 343-7778 (x5274) or visit menomineecasinosresort.com.

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

Winter 500 Poker Challenge results

1. John Kulish, Oconto, WI	\$8,580
2. Samuel Overlien, Baraboo, WI	\$5,720
3. Jason Bregger, Ashburn, VA	\$3,120
4. John Brzozowski, Winneconne, WI	\$2,340
5. Michael Burns, Oshkosh, WI	\$2,080
6. Ryan Mattson, Clintonville, WI	\$1,820
7. Richard Smaniotta, Bark River, WI	\$1,300
8. John Nieminen, Iron River, WI	\$1,040

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LOUISIANA

Cajun rounders do well in Choctaw

Louisiana players had a strong showing at Choctaw Casino's World Series of Poker Circuit stop in Oklahoma in January.

Don Readhimer of Shreveport started things off with a 10th-place finish in Event 1, winning nearly \$5,000.

In Event 2, **Oran Haynes** of Grambling followed with a strong second-place showing, winning \$32,125. Haynes also finished 13th in Event 6.

Shreveport's **Al Theriac** was fourth in Event 10 (\$8,757) and **Dennis Baker** of Haughton joined him at the cashier with a 26th-place finish.

Mark Burford bested nearly 1,000 players but fell just short of winning the \$1,600 main event. The Shreveport man finished fifth for a whopping \$70K. He also won an event at last year's WSOPC in Bossier City.

SEVEN CLANS: The Seven Clans Poker Cup returns to Coushatta Casino this month, kicking off March 28 with a mega satellite to the \$1K main event, which is March 30. Call 888-774-7263 and mention code "seven clans" to reserve your room.

DARK CITY: The Dark City Poker League is entering its ninth season and fifth year in Bossier City. The league fills up mostly every tournament, especially no-limit hold'em. But the league offers other disciplines such as stud and H.O.R.S.E. For more info, check out darkcitypokerleague.com.

— **Matt Terral** is the Ante Up Louisiana Ambassador. Email him at anteupmatt@gmail.com.



MATT TERRAL • LOUISIANA



NEW MEXICO

New poker room at Northern Edge

New Mexico's newest poker room is at Northern Edge Navajo Casino on the outskirts of Farmington. The casino is 86,000 square feet with six poker tables nestled in an open room. Table games manager **Myron Yazzie** came from Michigan, where he worked at Soaring Eagle Resort Casino.



CHIP SANDIDGE • NEW MEXICO



With plenty of experience around poker (he was at Soaring Eagle when it hosted a Heartland Poker Tour event), he plans to bring a variety of tournaments, promotions and some World Series of Poker satellites to the room.

Northern Edge has a fast-growing bad-beat jackpot that's averaging about \$5,000 a week, according to the manager.

"I'm just trying to get a feel for the players and see what everyone wants. It seems like a lot of players just want to play tournaments," Yazzie said about his early feelings for the state's northern most poker room. With one more option for poker in the Land of Enchantment, players have something new to enjoy.

WSOP SATELLITES: Sandia Resort Casino is running weekly \$35 satellites that get you into a May event for a WSOP package.

Hard Rock Albuquerque, every Tuesday and Thursday, will have \$60 qualifiers for seats into a final where the winner will receive a WSOP main-event seat. Call for more details.

— **Chip Sandidge** is Ante Up's New Mexico Ambassador. Email him at anteupchip@gmail.com.



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ARAYA SITS ATOP ANTE UP POY STANDINGS

Heading into the end of the first quarter, **Abraham Araya** has grabbed the top spot in standings for 2012 Ante Up Player of the Year.

The Carrollton, Texas, player earned 1,314 points by virtue of his victory in the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at the Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla. That \$1,600 tournament saw 978 entries and a \$1.423 million prize pool, of which Araya earned \$270K. You can read about this series on Page 28.

Other players to enter the top 10 include **Matt Juttelstad**, winner of the WPT Lucky Hearts event (Page 14), in third place, **Joey Chalbaud**, the 20-year-old from Lake Mary, Fla., who captured the Heartland Poker Tour event at Daytona Beach Kennel Club (Page 16), sits in fourth place. **John Dolan**, our cover boy this month (Page 20), won the Beau Rivage's Million Dollar Heater Main Event to land in fifth place.

This month's Ante Up POY events include:

- MARCH 10:** WPT Stax Showdown, Seminole Coconut Creek (FL)
- MARCH 18:** Ante Up Poker Cruise Spring Event 1
- MARCH 21:** Ante Up Poker Cruise Spring Event 2
- MARCH 23:** WPT regional main event, Derby Lane (FL)
- MARCH 23:** Battles at the Beach main event, Isle Casino (FL)
- MARCH 24:** WSOP Circuit main event, Harrah's Rincon (CA)
- MARCH 30:** Spring Fling, Daytona Beach Kennel Club (FL)
- MARCH 31:** Naples-Ft. Myers (Dog Track) Championships (FL)

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WSOP: The 43rd annual World Series of Poker has released its schedule and a whopping 61 bracelets are up for grabs this year at the Rio

SOUTH CAROLINA



World Series of Poker satellite finalists **Homer Chapman** of Midway Park, N.C., and **Sherry Davidson** of North Charleston, S.C., chopped a \$18,700 first- and second-place prize money for \$9,350 each as 106 players bought in for the \$330 event, the third largest Sun Cruz field at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The series runs May 27-July 16 as the main event begins July 7.

Some developments of note: The Rio will add 92 tables this year, which means 470 total tables will be available for events. As a result, the main event will only need three Day 1s.

And because of the presidential election, the November Nine will actually be the October Nine as the main event's final nine will reconvene Oct. 28, with heads-up play on Oct. 30. For more information, be sure to go to wsop.com. ♠

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TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURS

Mike Palmieri captured the North Area quarterly tournament in January, defeating more than 30 players. The top four players split the prize pool of \$450 in chips from the Creek Entertainment Gretna cardroom.

Palmieri was followed by **John Jolinski, Samuel Inman** and **Stanley David**.

The NE Volusia/Flagler division held its first quarterly Jan. 14 and **Bob Thomas** won. He was followed by **Roger Piasecki, Jose Palanza, Carol Somma, Randy Sikes, Miro Lavik, Joe Glielmo, Millie Walsh, Harry Erb, Carlita Wilson** and **Phyllis Lukowski**.



PLEASURE ISLAND POKER



Henry Kelly captured the monthly tournament on Jan. 10 in Ft. Walton Beach, beating nearly 70 players. For his victory, Kelly earned a tournament entry chip to Pensacola Greyhound Track's \$20K guarantee event.

Bobby Davenport, who finished second, also won a tournament chip to a PGT event. They were followed by **RC Klein**,

Loria Walters, Maria Johnson, Frances Wilson, Jack Chaemcheun, Theresa Mills, Josh Morehouse and **Terry Green**.

TREASURE CHEST POKER



Elisa Turi won the Stix monthly tournament in Palm Harbor and a \$100 gift card. She was followed by **Carla Flinner, Gloria Harrison** and **Jim Schusler**.



Joey Meade captured the Stokers monthly, defeating almost 100 players for the \$250 gift card.

NUTZ POKER LEAGUE

Dale Rich, who won the semiannual grand championship in November for a trip to Vegas, took down a monthly title and the Courtside Extravaganza in Tampa in January.



ALL IN POKER SERIES

Thomas Kemper bested more than 80 players to win the January monthly tournament and a \$500 gift card.

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Benny Cordell, left, outlasted a field of 40 players to win the South Division quarterly tournament at the Rockett Cafe and Club in Waxahachie.

Eric Fuller bested a 55-player field to win the North Division quarterly at Diamond Jim's in Arlington.



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NorCal Poker

By Scott Long

Southern California has the glitz of Hollywood, but Northern California is rich in history. Featuring some of the oldest cardrooms in the state, thanks to the Gold Rush of the 1850s, the San Francisco Bay area has plenty of places for rounders to match wits in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and surrounding cities. . . .

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This Petaluma cardroom, part of the Park West Casino family, offers the obligatory limit and no-limit hold'em games (with the rarer kings and queens cracked to go with aces cracked certain hours) and tournaments (including World Series qualifiers), but twice a week also features Mexican stud at 6 p.m. The game features a high-hand progressive and limits of \$4-\$50 on Wednesday nights and \$5-\$500 on Saturday nights, and the first nine players are treated to a taco dinner.

Artichoke Joe's | 650-589-3145

artichokejoes.com

Founded in 1916 by **Joseph Sammut**, this San Bruno room near San Francisco International Airport got its name five years later when Sammut, who accepted wagers of any size, quipped he'd pay off any big bet he lost "in artichoke leaves." The room is still owned by the Sammuts and it shows with an atmosphere only a family can foster. It has a 19th-century look for a historical feel, but with modern touches such as aquariums. Tournaments with buy-ins as little as \$20 run most every day, with bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.

Livermore Casino | 925-447-1702

livermorecasino.net

Fresh off a remodel, this poker room is stylish. First-time players will have a hard time beating this offer: \$20 gets you \$50 in chips with a coupon you can download from the website. Experienced players have plenty of reasons to play here, too, from high-hand, royal-flush and bad-beat bonuses. Plus, the first nine players in live games each day get \$50 in chips for a \$30 buy-in. Hungry? A \$2.99 breakfast is offered around the clock.



California Grand | 925-685-8397 | californiagrandcasino.com

The Pacheco location opened a new facility across the street from its long-time facility in July 2009. The room features 19 tables and chip bonuses for early morning play and several high-hand and bad-beat promotions. A \$55 tournament is held Sunday mornings.

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Bay 101 | 408-451-8888

bay101.com | @bay101live

Fans of televised poker will recognize the dolphin fountain in the front of this San Jose room famous for its annual Shooting Star tournament that puts bounties on an impressive list of professional players. The tournament is the only World Poker Tour event in Northern California, and this year's event is March 5-9. The room also hosts the Bay 101 Open series in August. Daily tournaments start at \$120 with several \$540 events each month. A strong variety of cash games can be found, including Omaha/8, and the high-limit area hosts popular nose-bleed stakes games.

Garden City Casino | (408) 244-3333

gardencitycasino.com | @gccasino

If you haven't been to the mountain-chalet-themed Garden City Casino in San Jose, you had better hurry. This spring, the long-time cardroom will close as its owners christen the posh Casino M8trix (408-645-0083, casinom8trix.com) just across the freeway from Bay 101. M8trix will call a newly constructed eight-floor tower home, with high-end baccarat games on the exclusive top floor and dozens of hold'em games offered in intimate "cocoon" on the first floor. M8trix hired some of the best casino designers in the world to collaborate on bringing the dream to reality, so expect high-end touches.

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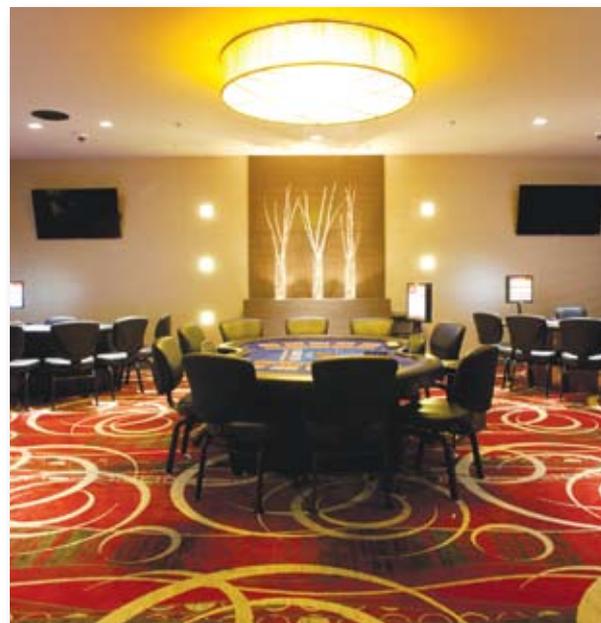
They tell us the old saying in Colma is, "It's great to be alive in Colma!" The city is home to 16 cemeteries and 1.5 million dearly departed folks, including **Joe DiMaggio**, **Wyatt Earp** and **William Randolph Hearst**. The action however, is anything but dead as you pass through the city-mandated stately exterior after enjoying complimentary valet parking. The room, decorated in an Asian theme, runs tournaments Sundays through Thursdays and says it's the only room in Northern California with guarantees on all of its tournaments. If you're an Omaha player, you'll want to come here on Tuesdays when the game's jackpot is doubled from noon until 6 a.m. on Wednesday.



Oaks Card Club | 510-653-4456

oakscardclub.com

They've been playing cards at the corner of Park and San Pablo in Emeryville since 1895 at what is another of the historical Northern California cardrooms that have been owned by the same family for generations. The club took its name in the mid 1930s in deference to the Oakland Oaks baseball team, and walking inside you instantly soak up the history of gamblers who've played at the same tables as you will today. Cash games come in several varieties, including pan, a game of Mexican origin that was a predecessor of rummy. Tournaments are held most days of the week, including World Series of Poker qualifiers.



Casino 580 | 925-455-6144

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The Park West Casino poker room in Livermore features a number of daily promotions, and it pays to get there early. If you help start a cash game before 10 a.m. and play for two hours, you'll get an extra \$20. Raffles are every four hours starting at 11 a.m., and tournaments are every morning. The Saturday and Sunday events are just \$25, and you'll earn points toward the monthly leaderboard in the weekday events.

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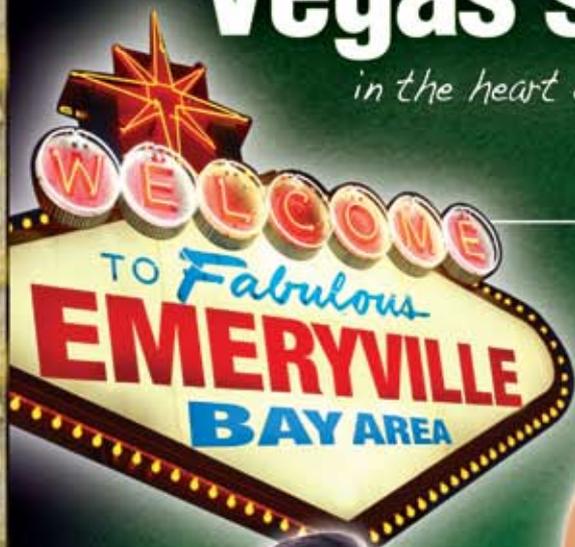
The poker room in American Canyon calls itself the "friendliest casino in America," and based on the amount of its player promotions, how can we argue? It starts with free donuts in the morning, and soups and sandwiches in the evening. If you're a night owl, play 30 hours between 2-9 a.m. each month and you'll compete in a freeroll with a top prize of \$1,500 on the first Saturday of the month. Later that day you can play in the \$115 monthly deep-stack tournament, though other tournaments are every Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Call ahead to reserve your seats in the Saturday night \$5-\$10 no-limit game or Wednesday's pot-limit Omaha game.

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Capitol Casino | 916.446.0700

capitol-casino.com | @capitolcasino

The largest cardroom in Sacramento, Capitol features 15 tables in 17,000 square feet of space. Daily tournaments starting at \$30 are offered, including a \$220 deepstack on the second Saturday of every month as well as occasional larger events. Promotions include bad-beat jackpots and high-hand and royal-flush bonuses, and if your aces are cracked you get to spin the wheel. Don't miss earning tickets for the April 28 drawing featuring a top prize of a new Ford Ranger truck, as well as 35 other prizes, including cash.

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Jackson Rancheria | 209-223-8469

jacksoncasino.com | @jacksoncasino

This tribal casino in Jackson has just hired a new manager and at press time was busy putting the final touches on a new 24-hour poker room on the new casino floor. The room should be open by the time you're reading this magazine, or shortly thereafter, and promises new tournaments, freerolls and aces-cracked promotions.

Red Hawk | 530-677-2580

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The tribal casino in Placerville features a modern poker room that focuses on tournaments and features tableside dining and several flatscreen televisions. Daily tournaments are at 10 a.m. and every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The Tuesday tournament is a bounty event.

Lotus Casino | 916-399-4929

mylotuscasino.com | @mylotuscasino

Formerly the Silver Fox Casino, this Park West Casino poker room in the Little Saigon area of Sacramento is fresh off a multimillion-dollar renovation to go with its new name. The Rollover Raffle features four \$100 drawings per day and if no one claims it within five minutes, it rolls over to the next drawing. It's just one of a flurry of daily promotions, including splashed pots, high hands and aces cracked. Hungry? Play for two hours and you get a free meal.



Phoenix Casino | 916-331-2345

playphoenixcasino.com | @phoenixcasinoca

This cardroom is giving away six seats to the World Series of Poker, headlining a strong collection of player promotions. It does three cash drawings a day, gives you \$80 for your \$40 buy-in at 8 a.m. each morning and provides free sushi on the first Wednesday of every month. Daily tournaments cost \$35 or \$40, including a PLO tournament on Mondays, and the room adds \$500 to the prize pool of Friday and Saturday events.



Thunder Valley | 916-408-7777

thundervalleyresort.com | @thunder_valley

Ben Erwin is the young, energetic and creative leader of this constantly growing poker room at the tribal casino in Lincoln. Recently expanded and still filled with players, the luxurious room combines innovative promotions (it gave away a Corvette last month) with exciting tournaments that regularly attract players from Reno and beyond. The Harvest Hold'em Series in November drew a more-than-capacity crowd, and similar excitement surrounds this month's Sweet 16 Tournament Series, a 16-event series that ends with a \$385 main event. World Series of Poker satellites run through May 4.

Lucky Derby 916-726-8946

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This Citrus Heights cardroom has a *Cheers*-like feel from the minute you check in with the host. The attached Rounders sports bar helps, too. And here's something Norm and Cliff would love: a \$1 buy-in tournament on the last Saturday of the month with a \$1,000 guaranteed prize pool. Yes, that's right. Just one dollar. Other tournaments for as little as \$20 run daily, and on Thursday nights it hosts a poker league with teams of up to four players. The next two-month league begins in April. A pot-limit Omaha/8 tournament on the second Sunday of the month is just of the many other creative tournaments you'll find in addition to cash games.



Wine Country Casino | 209-365-4150

winecountrycasino.com | @winecountrypkr

For as little as \$15, you can win a seat in the WSOP main event at this recently renovated Park West Casino cardroom in Lodi. But perhaps more unique is its Wine Country Poker League. The league started in October and runs through September of this year, but the action is broken into two-month intervals so you join at any time. The top 30 point-earners at each interval get to face off in a \$7,500 prize-pool tournament. The top five in each of those events advance to the \$50,000 championship Oct. 20. Earn points for the events by playing in cash games or finishing high in daily tournaments. ♠

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MY EXPERIENCE OF BACK-TO-BACK WINS

After a disappointing PokerStars Caribbean Adventure, where I cashed in 0 of 8 or so tournaments, I continued my normal January tournament trip to Biloxi, Miss., for Beau Rivage's Million Dollar Heater tournament series. I always look forward to going to Biloxi because I get to visit my family a bit, as they live in neighboring Pensacola, Fla., and the poker is always amazing. This year proved to be no different.



JONATHAN LITTLE

My first tournament was a \$1K event. The fields in Biloxi are usually modest in size, and because of this, many professionals opt to skip the series, which is fine with me. There were 87 people in the field, which is about what I expected.

Nothing went well for me for the first few hours and I found myself short-stacked with around 25 big blinds. Someone raised to 2.5 BBs from middle position and the button and the small blind called. I elected to go all-in when I looked down at the A-8 offsuit in the big blind, which I think is super standard in that spot. To my surprise, all three called. I scooped a nice 100 BB pot when I hit an ace. From there, I ran over the table and found myself at the final table with around a third of the chips in play.

At six-handed play, I won a flip or two, giving me half of the chips, and that's when a fun hand came up. I raised with 9-9 to two BBs from middle position and the big blind, a regular local player, reraised to four BBs out of his 50 BB stack. I happily called, planning to set mine. When someone reraises small out of position, they almost always have A-A, K-K, Q-Q or occasionally A-K. The flop came 9-3-2. My opponent quickly bet 20 BBs into the 10 BB pot. At this point, I could just call, but I doubt he would even fold A-K, so I went all-in and he snap-called with A-A. I held up and eventually got heads-up with a 6-to-1 advantage against **Alex Kuzmin**, a tough Russian player.

Right off the bat, I doubled his 28 BB stack to 56 BBs when my K-J couldn't beat his A-A. The final hand of the tournament was a lot of fun. I raised A♠-6♣ to two BBs and he reraised to six BBs. We had developed a fairly aggressive dynamic with a decent amount of three-betting, though there were few four-bets.

So, I elected to make it 14 BBs. He instantly called, which confused me. The flop came K♠-J♠-6♦. With 28 BBs in the pot and 40 effective big blinds behind, I chose to go all-in. If I bet around 10 BBs and he pushed, I would be in a tough spot. And if I had checked, it would've been to give up the pot.

I figured if I pushed he may fold hands such as 10-10 and he might call off with hands I am ahead of, such as Q-10. I was sad when he snap-called, but happy when he turned over the 8♠-6♠. His flush draw didn't come in and I won the tournament and the \$30,000 that went



Jonathan with all of the chips after Event 28.

with it.

The next day I registered for a \$2,000 event, which got 49 people. I was super tired throughout this whole event so I don't remember many hands. When you're tired, you're probably better off skipping a tournament, and playing tournaments tired seems to be one of my miniature leaks.

I ended up running well and found myself with half of the chips when we were five-handed. From there, I lost every hand I played and ended up with a sixth of the chips when we got down to four players. **Chris Bell** had around the same amount as me, one of Chris' overly talkative but fun friends had around a quarter of the chips. An older gentleman, who had expressed interest in chopping, had the rest of the chips.

I proposed we chop the tournament evenly and there were no objections. We all walked away with a touch more than second-place money, which was \$23,000. I'm not normally a fan of chopping, but when a deal this good comes up, I feel like it is spewing equity to turn it down, especially since I only had 15 BBs.

When you run hot and win a few events in a row, it's important to not get overconfident and cocky. Anyone can win one or even two tournaments in a row off dumb luck. Remember to stay humble and show up to every event with the intention of playing your "A" game. The players who stand the test of time all realize there's always something new to learn and if you stop improving, you will quickly be passed by. The true winners realize bragging does little more than make you look like an idiot. I prefer to let my results do the talking for me.

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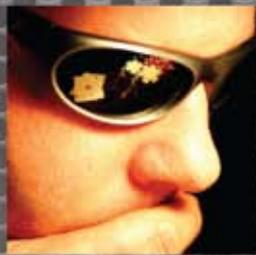
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AGGRESSIVE PLAY PAYS THE BILLS

I play (and teach) an aggressive poker game. While I usually err on the side of being tight-aggressive, there are situations where a loose-aggressive style should be mixed in to balance your range of hands in certain situations and to set up plays for later in your session or tournament.



LEE CHILDS

With my general tight-aggressive style, this means I'm pretty much always entering pots raising or reraising. I'm taking the initiative on the flop as I know these things help me take control over the outcome of the hand and give me less reliance on my cards to win a pot. I like to tell my students, "Bet and raise to win and you check and call to lose."

Playing poker passively just makes it more of a game of luck and much more difficult to win, while playing it aggressively makes it much easier and much more profitable. A key concept for maintaining aggression and profitability that players often overlook is folding.

Folding your hand, at any point in the hand, is often the most profitable (and aggressive) play you can make. This begins with not playing hands that are not likely to be profitable because of your position or based on the action in front of you, so you just fold them preflop.

Alternatively, it may be making a tough laydown postflop where you think you may have the best hand, but the size of the pot is really just

getting out of control for the relative strength of your hand. To play a proper aggressive (i.e., profitable) style of poker, you must always be looking for reasons to fold your hand.

If you find yourself looking for ways to justify calling, then you're playing a game that's much too loose, much too passive (remember, calling is a passive action), and much too unprofitable. You must be folding, raising, reraising and betting (all of the aggressive actions) most of the time if you want to be profitable playing poker.

I have countless hand examples of disciplined folding, but rather than use explain them here, I'd like to give you a few examples of things you can say to yourself to encourage you to fold and move on so you can find a better situation later.

• *If I raise with this hand preflop and I get reraised, I'm going to have a tough time deciding if I should call, fold or reraise.* If you clearly know which of these three options you'll choose, then you should be more inclined to play the hand, even if you know you'll fold if you get reraised. Folding to a three-bet preflop is something you should do much more often than simply calling a three-bet preflop.

• *Man, it seems like he's bluffing here, but I'm really not sure. And worse, this is a really big pot for me just having top pair.* Remember, it's OK to be bluffed and it's OK to fold the better hand. You'll be much more profitable over-folding rather than over-calling.

• *I really might be good here (with a mediocre hand), but this guy is not really*

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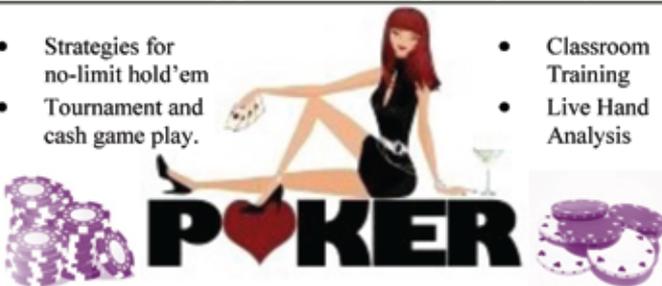
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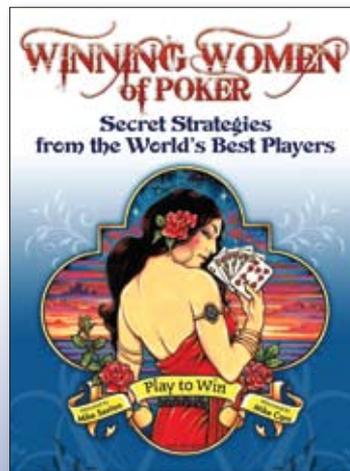
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YOUR BODY ALWAYS OOZES INFORMATION

Here's an update to a classic Navarro column. Be sure to scan the QR code to read all of his Ante Up columns.

If there's anything I hope you've learned from this column, it's our bodies always transmit information. Of course, that includes our torso and how we sit. Our brain is constantly assessing the world around us, and if you're not careful, it will react to your hole cards and the community cards in ways you may not want to intend.



JOE NAVARRO

Sitting still during a long session is Mission: Impossible. For an hour, sure, it's doable. However, once you're a couple of levels deep into the second day, your body gets restless and needs pacifying through stretching, leaning, adjusting, etc.

We comfort ourselves by moving into different positions. We slouch, sit up straight and lean back into our chairs, but honestly, are you really thinking about how you sit? Consciously, probably not, but your brain, especially your limbic brain, never takes a break.

Your subconscious mind determines how engaged you'll be in a situation. It analyzes and transmits how far away you will sit from the other people around you, without you doing the calculus. It will assess any violations of your space and will call you to action, and alerting you to adjust one way or another. For example, if the person next to

you places his smartphone too close to your "space," your subconscious will tell you to move slightly away, stare at him or ask him to move over. In any case, you will react. If you don't believe me, just try it. Move your drink over into someone else's space and watch what happens to their torso.

When someone receives good news, their excitement is reflected in their posture, by a matter of degrees or inches. Bad news makes shoulders sink and posture shrink. Keep an eye out for players who look at cards and sit up quickly. At the same time, if opponents look at cards and their posture falls, don't expect them to play the hand. Posture can dictate the engagement at any point of a hand, so instead of watching the cards come out on the flop, turn and river, look at opponents. No matter when you look at the center of the table, the card will be the same. While you're playing you should be aware you'll be constantly adjusting in ways you may not realize. If you find you're giving information away with your posture, get up and walk around the poker room. That distraction may realign what others perceive. Be aware, that over time you will send various messages with your posture, sitting low or sitting high. Manage this nonverbal carefully and your bankroll will be safer than ever before.

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Players who are disciplined enough to avoid getting into likely unprofitable situations and make disciplined folds when they find themselves in an uncomfortable or uncertain situation will be more profitable.

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that good and he will definitely pay me off if I can get a monster hand against him." Like the last example, this is a situation where your opponent is not necessarily bluffing, but possibly overvaluing his hand because of his inexperience. If your hand is not that strong, just let it go and wait for a better spot, rather than playing the guessing game and calling in the hopes that you are good.

Great players make huge laydowns and often it's the ones they just make preflop based on position or previous action. Folding is probably the most profitable play we can make at the tables.

Players who are disciplined enough to avoid getting into likely unprofitable situations and make disciplined folds when they find themselves in an uncomfortable or uncertain situation will be more profitable.

When you find yourself in one of these situations, do yourself a favor and start folding those hands rather than calling to figure out what's going on. It simply doesn't matter what's going on at that time. You will have plenty of opportunities to win pots as the raiser and bettor as long as you don't spew away your chips as a caller, guessing and hoping that you might have the best hand. Decide to Win!

— Lee Childs is a professional poker player and coach. He's the founder and lead instructor of Acumen Poker and Inside The Minds. Check out his sites at acumenpoker.net and facebook.com/insidetheminds.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT GAME SELECTION

You don't have to be a great player to make money at poker. To be frank, there are times when you don't even have to be good. The key is to be less bad than the players at your table.

In poker, you earn money by making fewer mistakes than opponents. Yeah, exploiting other players' mistakes is fun, but let's focus on playing mistake-free poker. In cash games, grinders are privileged in a sense. They can choose to play at certain tables.



MIKE WOLF

They can ask the floor person to be put on a list for a specific table, whereas in a tournament, if you draw a table with two 21-year-olds with headphones on your left you're kinda screwed for the rest of the day. Table break, one time!

The key to table selection is to let go of your ego. This is tough for the most players, but if you can quiet the beast you'll most certainly observe a boost in your bottom line. I see a lot of my friends grinding tough cash games infested with full-time grinders. What's the point? They're just passing money around and paying rake.

This game is about money and profitability. I'd rather play at smaller stakes and make money than take turns trading coolers with the regs. Why do you play poker? Is it the competition? If so, then go

ahead and butt heads with other pros. If it's about paying rent, then go find a soft table where you know you have an edge. Screw what the other players think about you for playing a smaller game.

What's the best way to pick a table? I suggest stereotyping. I'm going to catch some flak for this, but it's true. Here are a few pointers:

AGE: If the table has two or three older players, it's probably a good game. They tend to play passively and can be run over a lot. They also tend to stack off because of their inability to fold overpairs.

ALCOHOL: If someone has a lot of money in front of them and they're drinking, pull up a seat. Actively try to get involved in pots with them because they're bound to spaz at some point.

GENDER: There are a ton of really amazing female poker players, but, generally speaking, if you see a middle-aged woman playing mid-stakes cash games she's usually not very good. Be careful, though. I play a lot with a high-stakes regular at the Borgata who is a woman. She understands how people adapt to her. She understands who's going to try to bluff her and she understands exactly what her flirting does to the other players.

Take everything you read here with a grain of salt and you should be all right. Be picky. Picky is good. Being a game-selection nit will make you money. And like I always say, money is pretty cool.

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BETTING ERRORS

CHANNELING NAVARRO FOR DECISION

I'm on a final table at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. There are eight players. I'm in the small blind with a decent chip stack. Everyone had folded and the button had raised. I looked down at pocket sixes and simply called the raise.



I'm always leery of small pairs, plus there's a player to my left who was still able to call or reraise (nice squeeze-play position). The big blind called the raise and the three of us went to the flop.

The flop was a 10♠-4♦-9♣. Seemed like a safe board for my sixes, however I was out of position and at the mercy of both players.

I made a pot-size bet in hopes of winning the hand right there. The big blind went all-in. The button folded, and I was faced with a tough decision for my tournament life.

The all-in player only played big cards and often would raise in position when he felt he could force his opponent out of a pot with a big bet or a shove.

I also know there were eight overcards to my pair of sixes. And nothing puts a player on the rail more than a pocket pair.

I know I have more experience and I'm a better player. He only

played big cards and this board didn't seem to fit his range. With all the things I knew, none of them gave me help. Enter *Ante Up* columnist **Joe Navarro**.

Having read *Read 'em and Reap* and *What Every Body Is Saying* dozens of times, I know how to proceed with this decision. I went into the tank and began looking for the tell (or tells) that would help me.

Without looking directly at my opponent, I noticed he was frozen. I couldn't detect any movement. First tell, he was trying to become invisible; he didn't want me to make this call.

This, however, isn't enough information. I was patient, and then he began to rub both legs with his hands (soothing motion). That's it, a second tell, just what I needed to make the call.

Both tells showed he was uncomfortable and really wanted me to go away. I called and he turned over A-J. My hand held up and I won the pot (and eventually the tournament). Thanks, Joe.

I receive no compensation for touting his books; in fact a well-known pro asked me why I continue to educate "the suckers." The answer is easy: I love the game, which has provided me an exceptional life, and if you play it you should want to play it well. Information is currency!

— **Antonio Pinzari is the former host of *Poker Wars* and has been playing poker professionally since the '70s.**

POT-LIMIT OMAHA

WHAT POKER TRAINING SITES CAN'T TEACH YOU

I participated in a proposition bet in January where I had to play \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha online for 30 days and make more than \$25K, including rakeback. I ended up losing the prop bet, but I learned a lot about putting in massive amounts of cash-game volume.

Before I started the month, I figured I would need to play around 120,000 hands in 30 days to win, and I ended up only playing about 65,000. Most people instantly assume my lack of volume is because of laziness, when that's not entirely the case.

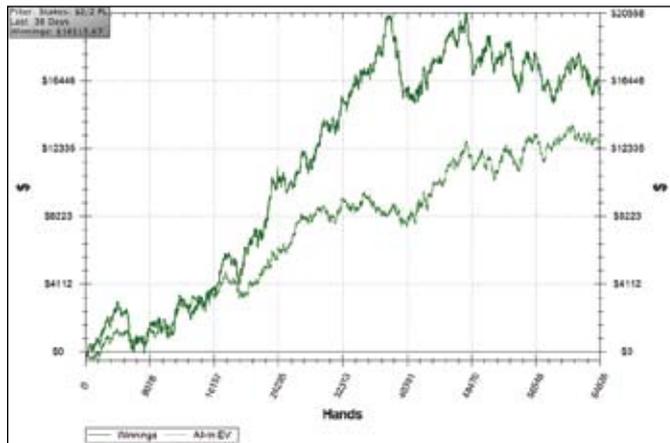
The thing is, if you find yourself playing an eight-hour PLO session while 12-tabling, sometimes you're going to come across some pretty insane swings.

If you see you're down 15 buy-ins, which happens quite often, you need to stop and ask yourself a few questions: "Am I playing poorly because I'm tilting?" or "Am I playing too loose to try to get unstuck?"

What's worse is you have to deal with these emotional swings while calculating 12 tables at the same time. It's so important to take breaks and step back so you can stay stoic and rational.

On the other end, if you can't seem to lose a hand and you're up 20 buy-ins, is that affecting your play? Are you getting it in as an underdog on purpose just because you're running so hot? It's important to keep the long run in the picture when you're on a big upswing or else you may get sloppy.

What poker training sites can't teach you is what variance actually feels like. I made \$118 an hour for 170 hours to make \$20K (after



\$4K in rakeback) in the 30 days of my prop bet, but it really felt like I got destroyed the entire month. It's because losing feels worse than winning feels good. It takes practice to control your mood swings while your variance runs rampant. It's a skill not many training sites remember to mention in their videos.

By the way, the skill of keeping your cool is a lot more important for online poker as opposed to live poker because the volume is so condensed. If you tried to play 65,000 PLO hands in a casino, at the average rate of 30 hands per hour, it would take you almost 14 months at 40 hours a week. Yikes.

— **Jay Houston is a Team Pro with DeepStacks and a PLO specialist who crushes the mid-stakes online cash games.**



LINE BETWEEN HERO AND ZERO NOT SO FINE

By Al Spath

The most exhilarating feeling is when you take down a monster pot, especially when opponents don't see it coming. You feel like a hero, not a zero, you're on top of the world, you're bulletproof, nothing can stop you, "just bring it on!"

On the other hand, when you fail to make your draw, someone sucks out on you, or when someone simply outplays you, it's common to lose your stack, your seat in a tournament, or worse than that, you lose your confidence and poise. They say it's how you handle adversity that sets apart the balanced, confident player from the schizophrenic player who seems to bleed on their sleeve over each defeat or setback. Nothing feels worse than being a zero. Having lost your stack in a cash game, being bounced from a tournament without reaching a money seat, or just being humiliated with an ill-conceived bluff, a horrendous call, or when you have been exposed incorrectly slow-playing a monstrous hand, thus enticing someone to actually run your big hand down for the right price. Again we should ask: hero or zero? I think zero!

How about when you are at the tables and just suffered a terrible bad beat, or worse yet, a beat from an inferior hand (played by an inferior opponent), who catches a "miracle" river card to complete a gutshot wheel (straight), while playing you heads-up against your flopped set of aces, do you act like a hero or zero? Do you lash out at their play? Do you berate them as play continues and the rest of the table laughs inside as they watch your antics? Or do you accept the fact that your opponent paid his/her way to the river, and is entitled to catch his/her share of cards? It's still poker, and sometimes they'll get there, so don't you really want them in the pots you are contesting?

I posed this same question (hero or zero?) on several website forums and I'd like to share with you some of the thoughts from a Luxor

regular who has won multiple online tournaments:

"OK, it's hard to think of heroes in poker. We are all there for one thing: to get each other's chips. To me a hero is someone that will risk his/her own well being to help someone else, or at least to stand up for a belief. In poker, we are not doing either of those things; we are there for personal reward. But there are players that I do look up to in the game. Players that I would like to try and emulate. In a way, you can say they are my poker heroes. To me it does not matter what level they are playing at. These are the players that you can just sense that they are serious about the game. They say very little at the table but they are always polite. They never criticize anyone's play and fit into a table in a way to enhance a good mood, while they play in a manner that would suggest just the opposite. They are out for every last chip they can get, and when they leave the table you will never know by the look on their face if they have won big or lost big. To me these would be my poker heroes because they promote the game of poker.

"Zeroes, these are much easier to spot," he said. "They are boisterous; know-it-alls that are only losing because "their opponents," do not know how to play. They think they can run over a table by playing very aggressively, but then when they get beat are mad because their opponent did not fold. They sometimes are drunk with mouths that came out of the sewer. These players are zeros to me because they can very easily chase the fish from the pond."

I would add just one more bit of observation. You don't have to do anything spectacular at the tables to be a hero, you just have to avoid being a zero.

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The destination casino bill was put to rest in the Florida House of Representatives Subcommittee on Business and Consumer Affairs last month. Though a vote was not taken on the bill, the temporary postponement of such a vote likely seals its fate for the remainder of this legislative session, with nothing likely to occur before 2013.



MARC DUNBAR

The bill has circulated around Tallahassee since October, when Senate Bill 710 was introduced. Since that time, the 140-page destination casino bill has had various amendments added to it, and multiple versions have appeared in the House and Senate.

In its original version, the bill required, among other things, that any recipient of a destination casino license spend a minimum of \$2 billion on capital expenditures, only 10 percent of the square footage of its building could be dedicated to casino gaming and that any and all types of Vegas-style games would be available for play. It would have created a central gaming regulator, the Department of Gaming Control, to oversee regulated gaming activities statewide. An identical version of the bill was introduced in the Florida House in October 2011 (HB 487).

At the initial workshop of the bill in December, presentations were made to the Senate Regulated Industries Committee by national and international casino companies, including Genting, Caesars and several others. In addition, parimutuel properties pleaded with the committee that if this bill were to pass, that they, too, be allowed parody of the games played and the rate at which those games were to be taxed. A similar workshop was held in the House Subcommittee on Business and Consumer Affairs, with almost identical presentations made by the interested parties.

The initial introduction of the bill in the Senate in January led to

multiple amendments that opened the gaming options for parimutuels around Florida. For example, under the amended Senate version, any parimutuel operator, upon the approval of a countywide referendum in the county where the facility is located, could have offered full-casino gaming.

In response to the perceived gaming expansion of the amended SB 710, a revised version was offered in the form of a strike-all amendment in the House. The revised HB 487 would have closed Internet cafes statewide and revoked several unused parimutuel permits in an attempt to offer a net reduction in gaming options. In addition to the changes provided via the strike-all amendment, several other amendments were presented at the bill's initial presentation in the House.

These amendments were far less pro-gaming than the Senate counterparts and each of the first three, including innocuous amendments that would have simply changed the verbiage of small provisions of the bill, were voted down on party lines. The final two amendments were withdrawn, as they, too, would almost certainly have received the "no" treatment. It seemed most of the 15-member subcommittee (10 Republicans, five Democrats) wanted nothing to do with the destination casino bill. Finally, after several presentations by members of the audience, the bill was withdrawn from consideration for the remainder of this session.

Which leaves us where we are now: another session likely gone with countless hours and dollars spent by proponents and opponents of destination casinos, with almost no movement of the bill through either chamber of the Legislature.

So, like many sports fans at the end of a so-so season, those with interests in the passage or defeat of the destination casino bill are left to wonder, what about next year?

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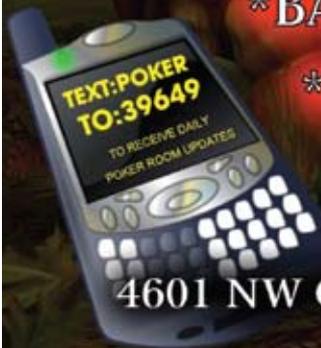
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HERE'S WHY ZYNGA IS GOOD FOR POKER

For many of us, Zynga is the thing we hate most about Facebook, getting requests to harvest crops from high school classmates we don't even remember.

For poker players, however, getting Zynga to join the fun when Internet poker is finally regulated in the United States may be like landing the homecoming queen as your prom date.



SCOTT LONG

If you're one of the seven people not on Facebook, Zynga has built a multibillion-dollar empire developing the most popular social-networking games in the world. You can plant seeds in FarmVille, whack wiseguys in Mafia Wars, find out how dumb you are in Words With Friends and, of course, match wits with friends and foes alike in Zynga Poker.

Zynga lines its ivory castle by selling credits to players to help them advance in the games. And it's because of this wildly simple and wildly successful business model that Zynga has danced around whether it wants to bet its \$9 billion net worth on real-money poker.

Consistently, and as recently as Jan. 2, Zynga officials have insisted they have no interest in getting into for-money online poker. At least one reason given is that execs fear playing for real money may destroy the playful competition its customers wage daily with friends and family. (We have to assume **Shaun Deeb** and his grandmother don't have Zynga accounts).

But in an earnings conference call on Feb. 16, Zynga's chief operating officer **John Schappert** finally put a name to unconfirmed rumors that the company was possibly having a change of heart.

"I think it's actually a very interesting opportunity, because we're in an unique position," Schappert said of for-money gaming. "We have the world's largest online poker game."

So I think it's time for us to start wondering what the world of poker will be like with Zynga in the middle of it.

What's the one stat that has led more online poker sites to crash and burn than any other? Player liquidity. And it's simply not an issue for Zynga. I'd tell you its poker game, the largest free one in the world, gets 7 million daily users and has more than 30 million overall users. But those numbers are likely to be hopelessly out of date by the time you're reading this. Suffice to say, it's big. Huge, as **Donald Trump** would say. No doubt, casino giants such as Caesars Entertainment will kick open the gates with large player bases, but there's not a company on earth that wouldn't drool over having 7 million daily players right now.

For sure, sharp players are salivating over the prospect of so many free poker players turned loose in a for-money environment. But aside from the fact that, if we're all honest, we'll admit we've lost more money in our playing careers to the Radars of the world than to the Hawkeyes, that's not why we should be excited. The reason is cultivating tomorrow's poker players took a huge hit on April 15, 2011.

No longer being able to play poker easily in the comfort of their pajamas led many prospective players to pick up new hobbies. Some won't return when online poker does. Many didn't make the leap to the live poker world, either. We need a non-intimidating feeder system for the

world of poker. Ladies and gentleman, I give you Zynga.

The one reason Zynga executives seemingly have been resistant to enter our world is the one reason it's so vital that it does.

— **Scott Long** is co-publisher of *Ante Up*. Email scott@anteupmagazine.com.



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POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

WE ARE NOT ALL THE SAME AT THE TABLE

Sports psychology can play a part in your evolution as a poker player. You have to be a poker player who wants to put in the work, perform at your peak and move up the ranks. If you play recreationally and don't worry too much about improvement, enjoy. Don't

feel guilty. Most athletes, professional or amateur, don't do this and they still enjoy their activities.

For most folks, poker is an enjoyable recreational activity that has moved from home games with friends to the poker room. This move increased the desire of many to improve.

For me, the worst part of the game is the criticism folks receive for "not playing right," who are there just to enjoy an afternoon or evening away from home. Sure, everyone likes it better when they win; but not everyone is in it for the winning. Adjust your game after you determine why you're there.

Do a little soul-searching and define what kind of player you are or want to be; don't feel guilty or as if you have to play like someone

else. And if you're a regular or are more serious, don't criticize the novice or recreational players. One of the joys of this game is anyone (with a stake) can sit at almost any table with anyone and play the way they want.

There are many types of poker players: novice, occasional, recreational, avid recreational, serious non-professional, semi pro, grinding pro, professional and elite. There's also the gambler who "happens" to be playing poker in the guise of any of the types I've mentioned.

Of course the goals might be different, and if one decides to move up the chain, goals and other aspects of sports psychology becomes more important.

Find your style of play and comfort zone and decide how and where you want to be playing. Play your game; don't beat yourself up if you don't perform at the highest levels if you don't put in the work and please don't criticize the play of others; give us all a break. Keep your head in the game and play your game.

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



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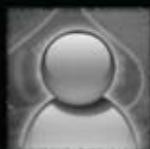


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DR. FRANK TOSCANO • A look at how to stay healthy at the poker table

IGNORING SLEEP CAN BE WORSE THAN SMOKING

The following is a classic column that first ran in October 2010.

In my fantasy, the Grinder and I are heads-up at the final table for the Big One. This epic battle has lasted far too long. The sun has risen and begun to bake the dirty desert horizon as the poker gods finally offer me the kill shot. Grinder seems interested in the flop and unaware that my two-gapper hit a well-disguised straight. All of the money goes in and just like that, it's over. Groans arise from legions of Grinder supporters while cheers erupt from my tiny band of railbirds consisting of my mom and my two publishers. I am, of course, wearing an Ante Up logo patch.



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The reality, of course, is any member of Grinder's family, including dear sweet Mama Grinder, could probably slap me silly on the poker table and, anyway, I'm too old and set in my ways to stay up playing poker till dawn. All the caffeine, Provigil and Adderall in Nevada couldn't keep me focused later than a Leno monologue.

This wasn't always true for me. As a 30-year-plus emergency medicine veteran, I've earned a gray hair for every night shift I've worked. Thankfully, I don't work many nights now, but it used to be a brutal necessity for me to stay focused at 5 a.m. when heart attacks rolled in.

Many poker players fight the clock in the same way. Tournaments drag on too long; the cash game is too good to leave; just a few thousand more online hands and you'll be a Supernova. So you push yourself to stay alert just a few hours longer, trying to focus.

It turns out ignoring your body's natural sleep cycle is amazingly unhealthy. There are some alarming new studies out that are changing the way ER groups schedule their docs and should make you think twice about those late-night poker sessions.

Hormones that keep us alert fluctuate in a cycle of about 24 hours. When they peak, you find it easy to stay alert. You calculate pot odds easily and notice your opponents' subtle betting patterns. When these hormones plummet, so do you. Just staying awake is a challenge. Playing poker well is nearly impossible.

I notice my alertness peak at about 10-11 a.m. and my deepest trough occurs very predictably at 5 a.m. I can feel my body temperature and blood sugar plummet and I have to fight to stay awake. By 6:15 I'm beginning to recover and by 7 I'm ready to drive home. Your timing may vary a few hours.

If on rare occasions, say once or twice a month, you ignore your sleep cycle and force yourself to stay awake and focused all night long, you probably don't do too much damage to your body. Also, if you

completely switch your cycle around so that you stay up every night and sleep every day, you body can adapt in about four or five days. The real problem comes from changing your cycle back and forth. If you spend three or four days sleeping all day and playing sessions all night and then switch back to "normal" time for a few days and then back again, that's when the trouble starts.

There's good evidence now that switching your sleep cycle back and forth has deleterious effects on cholesterol, insulin, testosterone and a host of other hormones that can lead to an increased risk for diabetes, hypertension, obesity, depression and heart disease. One study suggests those who frequently switch may increase their risk of heart disease by as much as 40 percent. Forty percent! That's almost as much as smoking a pack a day.

So, here are a few tricks to get in some late-night sessions without killing yourself. First, if you can anticipate an upcoming series of late-night sessions, switch your body over to nights gradually by staying up later and later each night and sleeping later and later each day. That's called a "clockwise" rotation.

Second, don't switch back and forth. Sleeping every day during this time is a must. Sleep in a room that's cool, quiet and dark. Turn off the phone and put a sign on the doorbell. Make sure your family and friends understand and respect your sleep time.

When you're nearing the last four hours of your late-night session, avoid caffeine completely. Instead, a high-protein snack will give you some temporary energy that will wear off quicker than caffeine. Before bed, a few complex carbs will help you get warm and sleepy. When you awaken, have proteins again and expose yourself to bright lights. Eat healthy foods. Drink plenty of water and be sure to exercise. Don't use drugs to stay awake or fall asleep.

Pay close attention to your sleep cycles. Notice what time, during an all-night session, you find it most difficult to stay awake. That's your "anchor sleep" time, the most important time for you to be tucked in bed. If possible, don't force yourself to stay awake while your hormones are plunging. If you must work or play through your anchor sleep time, try to take a break, close your eyes, rest your brain or even nap for 20-30 minutes until your hormones start waking you up again.

Once you've been through a change in your sleep cycle, allow your body about a week to recover and switch back to normal time. In my view, one of the best reasons for delaying the final table of the WSOP main event is to allow the players to recuperate from weeks of grueling late night poker in July.

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ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 771-6779 • buckycasino.com	Mon. (10a & 6p); Tue. Ladies Night (6p); Wed. & Thurs. (6p); Sat. KO (10a); call for details.	Progressive high hand (Mon.-Fri.); progressive Aces Cracked (Sat., 11a-11p); Splash Pots every half-hour (Sun., 11a-11p).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); monthly event, March 3 (\$330, 11:15a); monthly Super Bounty Big Stack event, March 10 (\$225, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO (928) 567-7952 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. & Sun. (\$25, 10a); Wed. (\$60 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Sat. (\$120, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; high-hand bonus; royals pay \$100.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Tue. (\$75 w/\$60 rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads and Omaha; player comps for live play; Splash Pots pay \$50; Aces Cracked.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$5, 7p); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$10, 4p) and (\$20, 9p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$10, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of deuces and Omaha is quad fours; mini jackpot is hold'em is aces full; high hand (daily); Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahssakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$40, 12:30p & 5:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p); WSOP satellites (Wed., 7:30p & Sun., 5:30p).	Splash Pots pay \$25 every half-hour starting 7:15a (weekends) and 9:15a (weekdays); \$5K freeroll (40 hours min.).
VEE QUIVA CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays up to \$200; high hands; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily).

ARKANSAS

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

CALIFORNIA

101 CASINO (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); monthly events March 10 & 24 (\$115, 1p); March 3 (\$295, 1p); ask about WSOP main event qualifiers.	Double Super Bad-Beat Jackpot in hold'em (Sun., 9a-midnight); Aces, Kings and Queens Cracked (daily); Squeeze Baccarat and Mexican Stud now playing.
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun. \$4K guarantee (\$60, 10a); \$7.5K guarantee monthly freeroll, March 3 (10:30a).	High hands; Rack Attack (call for details).
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Mon. (\$28 w/\$20 rebuy & add-on, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 11a); Wed. & Sun. (\$49 w/\$20 rebuys & \$40 add-on, 6:45p); Thurs. (\$48, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; high hands.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Wed. \$500 added (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 2p); Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$25 bounties, 2p) & Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Mexican poker.
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Mon.-Thurs. \$1.5K guarantee (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. \$2K guarantee (\$40, 10:30a).	Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); Morning Rack Attacks (Mon.-Fri.).
BAY 101 (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); monthly event, March 10 (\$530, 9:30a); WPT Shooting Star \$10K main event, March 5.	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Daily (\$40-\$75); Winnin' o' the Green series, March 2-April 5 (\$75-\$535) w/main event, April 5 (\$535, 6p).	Jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, stud and Mexican poker.
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$250 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings (call for details); Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri., 2a-9a).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; receive bonus chips in cash games (call for details).
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, 10a); Fri. (\$30 w/\$30 add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$50K minimum; high hands pay \$200 (daily); royal-flush bonus (all suits); Aces Cracked spins wheel.
CASINO 580 (925) 455-6144 • thecasino580.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 9:30a).	Progressive straight flush for all suits; badbeat in hold'em (aces full of jacks) and Omaha (quad nines); royals pay \$200; high hands pay \$100; raffles (daily).
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$14 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon., Wed.-Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$14, 10a); Sun. player appreciation freeroll with \$1K added (2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha and Omaha/8 is quad 10s and pays \$5K.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Daily (\$55-\$220) at noon and 6p (Mon.-Fri.) and 1p (Sat.-Sun.).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Daily at 10:15a; Mon. (\$35, 6p); Tue.-Wed. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 1:30p); Sun. (\$65, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
GARDEN CITY CASINO (408) 244-3333 • gardencitycasino.com	Daily (\$125-\$330) at 10a; nightly Sun.-Wed. (\$150-\$180) at 8p; Thurs. (\$180, 10p).	Call for promotions.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon.-Thurs. (6:15p); Mon. (\$40); Tue. (\$35); Wed. (\$60); Thurs. (\$60); Fri. (\$30, 9a & \$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$30, 2:15p); Sun. (\$40, 2:15p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; cash giveaways; Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S RINCON (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Daily (\$30-\$125) at noon & 7p; WSOP Circuit, March 15-25 (\$345-\$1,600) w/main event March 24 (\$1,600, noon). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily); high hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$40-\$70); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p); Winter Hold'em series runs until March 4 (call for details).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasino.com	Mon. (\$140, 7p); Tue. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Wed. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$120 w/\$100 rebuy, 7p); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Please call for tournament information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily); high-hand tournaments.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Daily (\$20, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Tue. Omaha (\$20, 10a); Wed. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sat. (\$20, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon. (\$65, 9:30a); Tue. (\$175, 9:30a); Wed. (\$65, 9:30a); Thurs. (\$120, 9:30a); Sun. (\$225, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud (payouts doubled Sun., Mon., Wed. 6-8p); Aces Cracked pays up to \$300; Rack Attack pays up to \$500.
LUCKY DERBY CASINO (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.

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

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NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO \$2.5K (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p); monthly \$10K guar., March 18 (\$100, 2p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Tue. (\$120 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rb 1p); March 3 (\$330, 11a).	Call for promotions. See ad on Page 41.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Tue., Thurs. Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$135, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K minimum) and Omaha (\$5K minimum); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K minimum (7:30a-9:30a); cash drawings.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasi.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$50, 10a); Tue. & Wed. \$300 added (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Pot of Gold, March 14, (\$70, 1p). Ask about Tag Team, March 3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten); high hand; \$3K cash giveaway (Sun.); Chase for the Dough (play 80 hours and receive \$499).
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$25, noon); Sat. (\$25, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	Graveyard Easy Money (call for details); Splash Pots; high hands.
QUECHAN CASINO (877) 783-2426 • playqcr.net	Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 1p); \$1K weekly freeroll on Thursdays (6p).	Aces Cracked (Wed.); Splash the Pot (Mon., Tue., Thurs.); Faces Cracked (Mon.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	\$100K super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SOBOBA CASINO (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily (\$0-\$50), including Thurs. \$2.5K guarantee (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$1.5K guarantee (\$15, 10a & 4p).	Cash giveaways (Sat., 1p-3p & 7p-2a); get paid to play (player comps).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$36, 6:30p); Tue. & Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$54, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$54, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Cash Splash; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; call for details.
TABLE MOUNTAIN CASINO (559) 822-7777 • tmcasino.com	Tue. \$1K guarantee (\$35 w/\$40 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. \$2K guarantee (\$55 w/\$60 rebuy, 7p); tournaments have optional dealer add-on.	Progressive royals; high hands.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35 w/\$10 add-ons, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.).
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p); monthly \$20K guar., March 3 (\$250, 11a); monthly event, March 11 (\$125, 11a). See ad Page 9.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (call for details). See ad Page 9.
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$15 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$27, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$47, 6:15p); Sun. varies (call for details).	Poker squares; \$7 military nights (Sat.); 2X drawing tickets (call for details).

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$65, 10a); Fri. (\$75, 2p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Super High Hand (Mon.); hourly high hand (Tue.-Thurs.).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is a decreasing qualifier.
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Daily "no juice" tournaments (\$60) at 10a, noon, 3p & 7p (call for details). Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings); qualify for Poker Bingo (call for details).
MIDNIGHT ROSE CASINO (719) 286-6060 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Mon. (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Wed. (\$60, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$120, 7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon & \$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot (get entered into grand-prize drawing for winning \$500 or more, call for details).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p); Foxwoods Poker Classic, March 17-April 1 (\$300-\$2,500 w/main event, March 30 (\$2,500, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad eights) and stud (quad deuces).
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$80, 10a); Wed. \$10K guar. (\$120, 7:30p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. (\$125, 10a); monthly \$30K guar., March 25 (\$330, 10a).	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a); Delaware Park Poker Classic, March 14-April 2 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon. & Wed. (noon); Fri.-Sun. (noon & 7p); monthly \$3K freeroll, March 18. See ad on Page 26.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks; Crushed Quads pays \$500; royals win poker room jacket and the rest of the table gets \$50 (see website for details).
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); monthly \$5K guarantee, March 16 (\$115, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads.

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • jaxpokerroom.com	Poker room opened late February, call for details.	Poker room opened late February, call for details.
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$50-\$150) at noon & 7p; Wed. Big Stack (\$150, 7p); Fri. Big Stack (\$150, noon) & Sun. PLO/8 (\$70, noon); WPT main event satellite, March 31 (\$560).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.). See ad Page 15.
BESTBET ST. JOHNS GREYHOUND PARK (904) 646-0002 • jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$50-\$150) at noon & 7p; Fri. Bounty (\$120, 7p); Sat. Mega Stack (\$150, 7p). See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • caldercourse.com/poker	Daily guarantees 11a & 7p (\$40-\$100) w/a \$10K guarantee on Saturdays (\$100, 11a). See ad Page 5.	Flopped progressive straight flushes have five payouts per suit; high hands pay \$500 hourly (Mon.-Thurs., noon-2a) and \$100 hourly on all other days and hours.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYHOUND (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgreyna.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); Sun. & select Sat. (\$100, 1p); monthly \$20K guar., March 3 (\$500, 1p); monthly \$6K guar., March 17 (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily, 10a & 7p); mini bad beat (Tue., 10a). See ad Page 63.
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 1p); Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$65, 6:30p); Wed. & Sat. (\$85 w/\$25 bounty, 6:30p); Thurs. \$1K freeroll; Fri. (\$105, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 1p). See ad Page 37.	Progressive flopped quads; royals pay \$500; high hands pay \$200 (Fri., 8p-midnight); hourly Splash Pots (daily, 2p-6p & 8p-midnight); call for more.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonabeachgreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (\$35-\$275); Friday Night Lights (\$120, 7p); Sat. KO \$2.5K guar. (\$140, 7p); Sun. Super DeepStack \$7K guar. (\$275, 1p). See ad Page 17.	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; early bird (Mon.-Fri., 10a-11a); Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs., 5p-9p) & (Fri., 5p-1a); Super Sat. (noon-11:30p); Sun. (1p-5p).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p); WPT regional, March 16-25 (\$175-\$1,800) w/main event, March 24 (\$1,800, noon).	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions. See ad on back page for WPT schedule.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad Page 27.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri., Sun. (\$60); Tue. & Thurs. (\$80); Wed. (\$100). Mon.-Wed. tournaments have bounties and Sat. is a rebuy. See ad on Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 10s; high hands pay \$400/hour from noon-midnight and \$250 (daily, 11a & 1a-3a); royals pay \$500 (see website for times and payouts).
HAMILTON JAI-ALAI & POKER (800) 941-4841 • hamiltondownsjaijai.com	Single-table tournaments available upon interest (call for details).	Royal flush jackpot (daily); progressive high hand (Wed. & Thurs.); progressive quads (Mon. & Sun.); high hands pay \$500 (Fri. & Sat., 1p-2a); Aces Cracked

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

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$350); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon); Battles at the Beach, March 1-26 (\$200-\$3,300). See ad Page 33.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; U.S. Women's Poker Academy camp, March 17 (call for details).
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (850) 997-2561 • jckcpokerroom.com	Fridays (\$50, 7:30p, 2K chips, 15-minute levels).	Royal flushes win jackpot.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$100, 7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guarantee freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1K guarantee shootout freeroll (7p).	Buy a rack, get a \$20 stack (daily, 10a); high hand jackpots; 26 progressive jackpots; \$250K given away in monthly promos (call for details).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35, 2p & 7p); Thurs. KO (\$90, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 4p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). \$10K guar., March 17, 1p, \$120, see ad Page 38.	Bad beat in hold'em; straight flush pays \$100; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked (Wed.); Spin to Win (Sat., 1p & 3p); prog. high hand (Sun., 1p-3p-5p-7p-9p-11p). See ad below.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • casinomiamijai.com	Daily (\$20-\$165).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly \$100 high hands plus tickets for Sunday raffle.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Friday and Saturday (\$110, 8p). Free buffet for all tournament players.	Spade royal flush pays jackpot; high hands pay \$200 (Sun.-Thurs.) and \$300 (Fri.-Sat.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$50, noon & \$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 2p); Sun. KO (\$125, 2p); March 3 (\$275, noon).	Diamond Big Slick Royal Progressive pays minimum of \$25K; all other royals pay \$1K; high hand (daily); \$75K guar., March 31-April 1 (\$1,100, noon). See ad Page 7.
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 54.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$550) at noon & 6:30p; Tyler's Team Charity Poker Classic, March 25 (\$50, noon). See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. and Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); monthly \$20K guar., March 31 (\$350, 1p). See ad Page 63.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily, various times); mini bad beat (daily, midnight-4a).
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$440) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 1p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels); deepstack on first Sat. of month (\$440, 1p). See ad Page 47.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces); progressive jackpots in all games; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.-Sat.). See ad Page 47.
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive spade royal flush; Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Thurs.); quads pays up to \$100 (Sun.-Tue.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Call for information on scheduled single-table tournaments. WPT Stax Showdown March 8-14 (See ad Page 21).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$35-\$300). WPT Hard Rock Showdown, March 28-April 23 (see ad Page 29).	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); gift card promotion for hours played (call for details).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$240, 7:30p). See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC (866) 222-7466 • seminolehollywoodcasino.com	Thurs. freeroll (\$500 winner-take-all, 6p); Sun. (\$40 w/rebuys, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., midnight-8a); Four of a Kind Frenzy (Thurs.); high hands (Sun.-Fri.); Four of a Kind Wheel Spin (Sat.).
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7:30p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$50, 7:30p); Fri. HA (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & deepstack (\$115, 6:30p); Sun. Tahoe re-entry (\$30, 4p).	\$100 progressive hand of the day; \$2K progressive royals; \$1K high hand/\$199 runner-up (Fri.-Sat., mid.-4a); WPT sats, March 17 (\$230, 1p) & March 31 (\$530, 1p).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200); Mon.-Sat. (1p & 7p); Sun. (1p & 4p); See ad on Page 23 for the \$250 St. Patrick's Day \$50K guarantee.	Progressive payouts (quads and higher); Mon. & Wed. wins up to 5X the players buy-in; \$599/\$299 high hands (Fri.); get paid for quads, straight flush and royals.
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$20-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).



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HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); single-table tournaments available (daily, 9a-midnight).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a & \$50, 7p).	No jackpots or promotions.

INDIANA

BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. (\$80, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Fri. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Thurs, 10a-2p) pays \$50 per hour.
CASINO AZTAR (812) 433-4000 • casinoaztar.com	Monthly event, March 11 (\$100, 1p).	Aces Cracked (Sat. & Sun.); Hot Seat (Wed.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p; Tri-State Poker Championship, March 15-25 (\$150-\$1,600) w/main event, March 24-25 (\$1,600, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point-earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon. & Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$100, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$200, noon); monthly event, March 31 (\$500, noon); Chicago Poker Classic runs through March 5.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays out \$100K guaranteed.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (midnight); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Hot Seat (daily, 10a, noon, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7:30p); Sat. (\$100, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; get paid for straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$200).
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$60, 10a); Tue. (\$60 w/\$60 re-entry, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$70, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 10a & 2p); WSOP Circuit, March 29-April 10 (\$350-\$1,600).	High-hand jackpot (quads or better).
ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF (563) 359-7280 • bettendorf.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 6:45p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of 10s) and Omaha (quad 10s); call for special poker player hotel rates on high volume weekends.
ISLE CASINO WATERLOO (319) 833-2183 • waterloo.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$45 w/rebuy and add-on, 6:30p); Sunday Poker League (\$50, 6:30p).	High-hand jackpots in hold'em for straight and royal flushes (call for details).
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. KO (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p); Mid-States Poker Tour, March 31 (\$1,100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).

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

KANSAS

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

LOUISIANA

AMELIA BELLE (985) 631-1745 • ameliablellecasino.com	Sunday Poker Challenge (\$50, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of 10s.
BELLE OF BATON ROUGE (800) 266-2692 • belleofbatonrouge.com	Sunday (\$50, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is any quads; Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed., 9a-3p); Aces Cracked happy hour (Mon.-Thurs., 6p-7p); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs., 9a-3p).
BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday freeroll (11a) for 4- and 5-star players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. (\$110 w/\$10 add-on, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; high hands (Mon. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p). Seven Clans Poker Cup begins March 28.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CYPRESS BAYOU/SHORTY'S CASINO (800) 224-4386 • cypressbayou.com	Tue. (\$40 w/two \$20 rebuys & add-ons, 6:30p); Sun. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys & \$50 add-on, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Thurs.); cash games run on non-tournament days.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Tue. (\$65 w/\$25 or \$50 rebuy and add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$100, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$200, 6:30p); Sat. (\$115 w/add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$190, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Aces Cracked wins \$100 (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot pays \$100 (Mon.); high hand (Thurs.).
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesdays (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Aces Cracked.
HOLLYWOOD BATON ROUGE (225) 709-7777 • hollywoodbr.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons), including Thursdays (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldccasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
PARAGON CASINO (800) 946-1946 x1975 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fridays (\$60 w/one \$50 rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; get paid (24/7) for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$125); high hands pay \$50 (Wed.).

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
FOUR WINDS NEW BUFFALO (866) 494-6371 • fourwindscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25, noon); Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$10, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 7p); Sat. (\$30, noon & \$50, 7p); Sun. (\$30, noon & 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GREEKTOWN CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$35, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$75, 11a & \$225, 7p); Thurs. (\$45, 11a & 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 11a & \$100, 7p); monthly event, March 24 (\$340, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; hourly cash drawings (Tue.).
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MOTORCITY CASINO (313) 237-7711 • motorcitycasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$65, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); monthly event, March 24 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO (231) 534-8888 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tue. KO (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$10 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$120, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.

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

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AMERISTAR VICKSBURG (601) 630-4996 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Thursdays (\$70, 7p) with one optional add-on.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Mon.-Thurs. (6p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (noon); Sun. (1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI (228) 436-8999 • boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (24/7) and \$100/\$200 (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p).
GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340); Delta Gold Poker Classic, March 23-April 2 (\$125-\$1,080) w/ championship event, March 31 (\$1,080, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. (\$35, 3p); Thurs. (\$25, 3p); Fri. (\$45, 3p); Sat. (\$50 w/add-on, 3p); Sun. (\$55, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot (aces full of queens beaten by quads); Hard Rock Jackpot Hands; Four of a Kind Blows My Mind.
HARLOW'S CASINO (662) 335-9797 x144 • harlowscasino.com	Tue. (\$65, 7:30p, 10K chips; 25-minute levels); Fri. (\$35 w/rebuys).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s beaten by quads or better; bad-beat bonus (\$10K); mini bad-beat jackpot pays \$2K; Cash for Quads (Wed.); Aces Cracked.

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HARRAH'S TUNICA (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Daily at 1p (\$50-\$110); Thurs. \$1.1K guar. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p) Thurs. (\$50 w/one free rebuy, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; progressive royal single-table promotion (call for payouts).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO BAY ST. LOUIS (866) 758-2591 x4026 • hollywoodcasinobs.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked (24/7) w/double prize hours (10a-2p & 10p-2a) pays up to \$200 (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$100, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 6p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 4p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Flush Frenzy (\$100) if you make a flush in every suit during your session.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon. (\$30, 2p); Tue. (\$30 w/add-on, 2p); Wed. (\$40 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 2p); Fri. (\$30 w/add-on, 2p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); Omaha's Wheel Them Out (Sun.-Thurs.); high hand (Sun.-Thurs.).
SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA (800) 456-0711 • samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$70), including a \$3K guarantee on Saturday (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; high hands; ticket drawings.
SILVER SLIPPER CASINO (866) 775-4773 x3766 • silverslipper-ms.com	Mon. Turbo KO (\$45, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sat. Turbo KO (\$45, noon); Sun. PLO (\$65, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked wins up to \$300 (Tue., Thurs., Fri., Sat.). Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
SILVER STAR CASINO (PEARL RIVER) (601) 650-1234 • pearlriverresort.com	Daily (\$35-\$60), including a \$2.5K guarantee on Sat. (\$60, 2p). Start times for events are Mon.-Thurs. (7p) & Fri.-Sun. (2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad sevens) and stud (quads); diamond royals pay \$500.

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AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Ladies Only (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65, 11a); \$20K freeroll (150 hours minimum to qualify; call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BORDERTOWN CASINO (800) 957-2435 • bordertownbingo.com	Daily at 2p and 7p; Mon. (\$20); Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. (\$30); Thurs. (\$30/\$45); monthly deepstack event, March 10 (\$100 w/\$50 add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnk.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); Aces Cracked pays \$100.
HARRAH'S ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • harrahsstlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$60, noon); Heartland Poker Tour (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (twice daily).
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$35, 3p); Heartland Poker Tour (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (daily).

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ALIANTE STATION (702) 692-7484 • aliantecasino.com	Daily (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Sun. (\$50, 7p); Wed.-Sat. KO (\$65, 7p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a); All In Poker Series, March 15-25 (\$120-\$1,060) w/main event, March 24 (\$1,060, noon).	\$1K rakeback for monthly hours; daily bonus hands for quads or better; poker room comp points (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily at 11a, 4p and 8p (\$75, 5K chips, 20-minute levels).	High hands pay quads (\$50), straight flush (\$250) and progressive royals (starting at \$1K); Round Table Royals pays \$100-\$500 to entire table when royal hits.
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$120, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$540, 2p); Sun. (\$330, 2p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250); Monday Night Football promotion (call for details).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$70, 9a; \$110, noon; \$70, 3p; \$110, 7p; \$85, 10p); Wed. PLO (\$110, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K (24/7); high hands (24/7); payouts for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CANNERY CASINO (866) 999-4899 • cannerycasinos.com	Nightly (\$25, 7p); \$10K monthly freeroll (play 40 hours to qualify).	Progressive high-hand jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily).
CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday freeroll, 2p (play 15 hours to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$200); football parlay card with quads or better (call for details).
COLORADO BELLE HOTEL CASINO (702) 298-4000 • coloradobelle.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Mon.-Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8 and stud; Aces Cracked pays \$25-\$100 (24/7); Super Beat pays \$10K guaranteed; quads of the day pays \$100-\$400.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 6p, 6K chips, 20-minute levels); play in any live hold'em game after tournament and get a \$20 bonus.	Progressive bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$50, 1p & 5p; \$40, 8p) w/one rebuy and add-on; \$500 first prize guaranteed on Sat. (\$50, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70, 10a, 6p and 9p); daily (\$60, 12:30a); daily KO (\$80, 2p); Friday freeroll \$1.5K guarantee (9a); monthly freeroll \$5K guarantee.	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (progressive by suit); Aces Cracked pays \$100 (8a-2p); bad-beat bonus: \$2,500 for quads or better beaten.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAUGHLIN (702) 298-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$30-\$45, 8K chips) at 10a, noon, 3p, 7p, and 10p; Sun. \$2,012 guarantee (\$60 w/\$20 rebuy, noon, 8K chips, 20-minute blinds).	Double high-hand progressive (9a-2p); Aces Cracked pays \$50.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p, 1a, and 4a.	High hand between 2a-2p wins twice the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 10a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p); World Poker Challenge, March 1-11 (\$120-\$1,080); call for schedule.	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p).	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$55, noon & 8p).	Progressive high hands are quads and straight flushes that start at \$50; royals start at \$150; Aces Cracked and hourly high hands pay \$100 (Mon.-Thurs., 10a-4p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily: (\$25, 8a); (\$60, 10a & 3p); (\$25, 1a); (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p); monthly \$10K guar. freeroll (30 hours min. to qualify; call for details).	Mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full and pays (\$500/\$200/\$50); high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$100 (9a-2p).
HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN (702) 298-4600 • harrahslaughlin.com	Monthly cash-added tournaments (up to \$3K added to prize pools).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.

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

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IMPERIAL PALACE (800) 634-6441 • imperialpalace.com	Mon.-Fri. at noon, 3p and 8p (\$40); Sat. & Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 9a).	Aces Cracked; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flushes (\$100) and royals (\$250).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$35, 10:30a); (\$60, 12:30p); (\$60, 8:30p); \$55 single-table tournaments.	High Hand Hysteria pays a tiered amount daily (call for details).
M RESORT (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Mon., Thurs., & Sun. (\$55, 10a & 6p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 10a & \$100, 6p); Fri.-Sat. (\$75, 10a & 6p).	Progressive high hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 10a; \$50, 3p & 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$40, 10a; \$50, 1p; \$100, 5p); Sun. (\$50, 11a & 2p; \$100, 5p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.) pays to flop it (\$500), turn it (\$250) and river it (\$125); Splash Pot Fun (Tue., Wed., Fri. & Sun.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80) at 11:05a & 7:05p.	No jackpots.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p).	Static bad-beat jackpot in hold'em includes a table-share payout; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150 (daily, 8a-2p); high hands; flopped royals pays table; football promos.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); Thurs.-Sun. (\$40, 2p); qualify in March and April for an upcoming freeroll (call for details).	Uncapped progressive high-hand jackpot is quads or better with a new progressive table share (call for details).
MONTEGO BAY HOTEL & CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	Mon. (\$30, 8:30p); Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$30, noon); Sun. (\$40, 8:30p); all tournaments have rebuys.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush jackpot; quads get paid.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Daily (\$75, noon & 7p) except Fri. (\$125, 7p); variations include hold'em, Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E.	\$50K progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament player of the month includes top point earners who will receive their share of a progressive prize pool.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed. High hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-11a).
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p & 6:30p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
RAINBOW HOTEL & CASINO (775) 664-4000 • wendoverfun.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Quadzillas pay \$500; Aces Cracked pays \$100; Splash Pots pays \$50.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrocklasvegas.com	Daily (\$100, 10a); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. Omaha/8 (\$60, 5:30p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
RIO CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$55, noon); (\$55, 3p); (\$65, 6p); (\$75, 9p); (\$55, midnight).	Progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a); Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3 per hour instead of \$1 per hour.
RIVER PALMS CASINO (702) 298-2242 • river-palms.com	Fri. (\$60, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 2p).	High hands pay quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked.
RIVERSIDE RESORT (702) 298-2535 • riversideresort.com	Daily turbo at 10a, 5p and 11:30p (\$15); Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. (\$50, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked in hold'em and Omaha; high hands pay quads (\$25-\$50), straight flush (\$100), royal (\$300).
RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Daily KO (\$60) at 10a, 2p and 7p (unlimited re-entries during first hour). See ad on Page 31.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K minimum; players earn comps while playing (call for details).
STRATOSPHERE (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on).	Royal- and straight-flush progressive jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
SUNSET STATION (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Thurs. & Sun. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 10a).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$50) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands pay up to \$500; quads spins wheel; straight flush spins w/2X multiplier; royal spins w/\$X multiplier; cash back promotion pays up to \$599 (call for details).
TROPICANA (702) 739-2222 • tropiclv.com	Daily at 10a, 2p, 8p and midnight (call for schedule).	Player comps; cash giveaways (call for more promos).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p) & Omaha/8 (\$100, 2p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$100, 2p); Sat. (\$340, noon); March 3 (\$550, noon).	No jackpots.
WENDOVER NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO (702) 770-7000 • wendovernugget.com	Tue. (\$10 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p); Fri. (\$50, 8p); Sat. (\$50, 8p); Sun. (\$40 w/\$10 bounty, 3p).	\$30K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads (call for info on more jackpots).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Daily (\$120, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$150, noon); Sat. (\$340, noon); Wynn Classic runs through March 15 (\$550-\$5,170) w/main event, March 12 (\$5,170, noon).	No jackpots.

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

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55-\$80); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 8p); Sun. (1p & 6p); Wed. & Sun. are turbos; winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$340); \$10K guar. (Mon.), \$30K guar. (Wed. & Fri.).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines.

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NEW JERSEY (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$120, 1:15p & 9:15p); Fri. (\$120, 1:15p & \$200, 9:15p); Sat. (\$200, 1:15p & 9:15p); WSOP Circuit, March 1-12 (\$345-\$1,600); call for schedule.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (10a, 4p, 10p & 4a); \$10K guar., March 3 (\$120, noon); \$2,012 guar., March 4 (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); winners of each tournament will be invited to the \$10K TOC freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad Queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; Sun. & Mon. night football promos (call for details).
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. & Fri. (6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; mini bad-beat jackpot; early-bird special.
HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot; Deuces Never Loses (call for details).
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 6p); Wed. KO (\$55, 6p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rebuys, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Aces Kicked & Kings Kracked wins a T-shirt (daily); bonus chips (call for details).
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (10a); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Sat. (1p); Sun. (7p).	Action Aces (Mon.-Thurs.); Splash the Pot.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); monthly Omaha event, March 7 (call for details); Big Dog event, March 17 (\$150, 2p)	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

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

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Tuesday (\$60, 6p); Saturday (\$120, 10a); Sunday (\$120, 2p).	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

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

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CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$45, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 12:30p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 12:30p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Tournament royal flush bonus pays \$200; Boss Bounties pays up to \$200; live game bonus (call for details).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); (\$10K guar., \$120 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools.
SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Monthly events on March 4 & 18 (1:30p); freerolls are held Wed. & Fri. at 6p.	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid out daily; \$100 hourly high hands (Sat., noon-midnight).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p); monthly event, March 3 (\$110, 1p).	Call for promotions.

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HARRAH'S CHESTER (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$60-\$195). Starting times are Mon.-Fri. (10:30a & 6:30p) and Sat.-Sun. (11:30a & 6:30p).	Bad beat in hold'em (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue.-Fri. (\$80, 12:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sat. & Sun. deepstack (\$100, 11:15a); Sun. KO (\$125, 7:15p); SNGs available on demand.	Call for future jackpots.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily (\$40-\$225); Mon.-Sat. (10:30a & 7:30p) including Fri. (4p), Sat. (3p) and Sun. (1p and 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (10a & 7p); Mon. (\$35); Tue. (\$60 & \$75); Wed. (\$35 & \$50); Thurs. (\$60); Fri. (\$75 & \$120); Sat. (\$60 & 120); Sun. (\$60).	High-hand promotion (call for details).
MOUNT AIRY CASINO (570) 243-5184 • mtairycasino.com	Fridays (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (866) 374-3386 • eriecasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Tue. (\$50, 12:30p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$50, 12:30p; Feb. 25 (\$125, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Winter Showdown runs until March 7 (\$120-\$500) w/main event, March 6 (\$500, 11a).	Call for details.
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. (\$100, 11a); deepstack event, March 30 (\$300, 11a). Tournaments start March 12 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).

WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added monthly event, March 23 (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:30a); Tue. Beat the Boss KO (\$50, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lightning Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots (call for details).
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	\$500K Super Bad Beat Jackpot; \$20K Baby Bad Beat Jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half hour (daily); Players Points Promotion starts March 15 (call for details).	\$500K Super Bad Beat Jackpot; \$20K Baby Bad-Beat Jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half hour (daily).
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a); WSOP Spring Fling, April 3-7 (call for details).	Call for promotions.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$60, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; hourly high hands pay \$100-\$300; Monte Carlo board (call for details).
SWINOMISH NORTHERN LIGHTS (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$250, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Sat. (\$400, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush pays \$100; Hot Seat (Mon., 10a-10p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO AT TRI-STATE (800) 224-9683 • tristateracetack.com	Daily (\$45-\$150); Mon. (1p); Tue. (7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (1p & 7p); Sun. (2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in Omaha and stud.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); monthly event, March 24 (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).
WHEELING ISLAND CASINO (304) 232-5050 • wheelingisland.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Fri. Turbo (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. KO (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads or straight flush lets you spin the wheel; early bird special (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. (\$33, 1p); Tue. (\$22, 7:30p); Wed. (\$55, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$88, noon); Madison Poker Championship running every Fri. & Sat. (call for details).	Hot Seats; rakeback (call for details).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA ho-chunkgaming.com • (800) 782-4560	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 4:15p); monthly event, March 3 (\$200, 4:15p).	Call for future promotions.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 356-6210	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Sun. (\$55, 3p); monthly event, March 4 (\$100, 3p).	Call for promotions.
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ONEIDA MASON STREET oneidabingoandcasino.net • (920) 494-4500	Mon. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65 w/rebuy, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked pays \$100; royals pay \$200.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday KO (\$165 w/\$10 add-on, 6p); Wednesday Omaha (\$110 w/\$10 add-on, 8p); Sunday (\$110 w/\$10 add-on, 3p).	None.

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Q&A

WITH TATJANA PASALIC

Tatjana Pasalic plays in some of the biggest events in the world and can be seen hosting videos and web shows on CalvinAyre.com. *Ante Up* Ambassador and CheckRaze.com's Mike Owens had a chance to chat with her recently.

Where were you born and where do you call home? I was born in Yugoslavia, in a part that is now Bosnia and Herzegovina, but moved to Zagreb, Croatia, when I was 3 months old. Where do I call home? Huh, in between terminals. I feel like Tom Hanks. I am trying to live in London, but I kinda have clothes in between Croatia, London, L.A.

How did you first get involved in poker? I lived in Denmark when the poker boom started and by chance went to Las Vegas for the WSOP. When I first entered the Amazon Room and heard the chips shuffling I knew I had to be a part of this incredible world. I went back and started working in PR for a poker room.

Later on, I decided to start blogging and playing and helped with the poker boom in Croatia back in 2009. After a few years of coverage and traveling, I got offered a job as a TV host. With great support from **Kara Scott**, I decided to step in front of the camera. Today, I am proud to say I have hosted some of the coolest shows and video blogs in the industry.

Which do you enjoy more, cash games or tournaments? Ugh, I am still a cash rookie. I love tournaments because they give me more freedom, more time and I can relax and learn the game. After all, I am still new

at the felt, my poker knowledge comes from interviewing players, not playing against them, but I am working on it.

What's your favorite game? Definitely no-limit Texas Hold'em. It's fun, engaging and let's me be whoever I want every time I change tables. Tight, aggressive, silent, loud; it's like acting.

What's the worst pickup line you've heard? I rarely get pickup lines, not many boys come up to me. It's a bit intimidating when I stand around with a microphone and surrounded by cameramen, so if they come up, they usually have good ones. I do get an occasional creepy one like a guy that messages me on Facebook every now and then offering me massages.

What do you hate the most about being on the road and traveling? Not being able to cook. I'm such a passionate cook and eating out does me in. It's nice to go to restaurants and get served, but there's nothing better than a home-cooked meal and the satisfaction you get when you sit down and enjoy something you made yourself.

What's the perfect night out for you? Beer, burgers and Chinese poker. I know it's unhealthy, but everyone deserves to have a break now and then. ♠

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3/17/12 SATURDAY	12PM	EVENT 1	WARM-UP TO THE MAIN EVENT* *SAME BLIND STRUCTURE AND CHIPS	\$825+\$75	30K STACK
3/18/12 SUNDAY	12PM	EVENT 2	NLHE	\$240+\$35	25K STACK
3/18/12 SUNDAY	12PM	EVENT 1	WARM-UP TO THE MAIN EVENT	RESTART	
3/19/12 MONDAY	7:30PM	EVENT 3	NLHE 6 HANDED	\$150+\$20	17K STACK
3/20/12 TUESDAY	12PM	EVENT 4	NLHE/PLO	\$330+35	20K STACK
3/21/2012 WEDNESDAY	12PM	EVENT 5	SENIORS EVENT 50 YEARS AND ABOVE	\$180+\$20	15K STACK
3/21/2012 WEDNESDAY	7:30PM	EVENT 6	PLO	\$330+35	20K STACK
3/22/2012 THURSDAY	12PM	EVENT 7	NLHE DAILY DOUBLE TURBO	\$180+\$20	10K STACK
	7:30PM	EVENT 7	NLHE DAILY DOUBLE TURBO	\$180+\$20	10K STACK
3/23/2012 FRIDAY	12PM	EVENT 8 DAY 1A	WPT REGIONAL EVENT	\$1650+\$150	30K STACK
3/24/2012 SATURDAY	12PM	EVENT 8 DAY 1B	WPT REGIONAL EVENT	\$1650+\$150	30K STACK
3/25/2012 SUNDAY	12PM	EVENT 9	NLHE PLAYER APPRECIATION	\$500+\$20	25K STACK
3/25/2012 SUNDAY	2PM	EVENT 8 DAY 2	WPT REGIONAL	RESTART	

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