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Avoiding disappointment in the poker world is usually managed through preparation, and especially, through timely action. All of us who enjoy tournament play have heard the stories of people who prepared, but didn't act (or didn't act fast enough).



AN INSIDER'S GUIDE
by **HOWARD FRANK**

They saw the tells, but didn't pick off the bluff. Usually, their stories involve the moment they let slip by, "I woulda... I shoulda... I coulda..." always tinged with a sigh and regret. This brings me to the 2014 Deepstack Charity Classic coming to the Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room on April 27th.

As an exclusive insider, I received a sneak peak to this year's tournament. It is very clear to me that this year's Charity Classic will be **"the Poker Event of the Year."**

I don't need to mention (but I guess I will) the celebrities (Hellmuth, Merson, the Shulmans & Chad), the thousands of dollars in door prizes, the luxury vacations and electronics raffle, the amazing food (D.B. Pickles brunch and Carrabba's Italian Grill dinner), and the over \$70,000 prize package pool. What the Chairmen of the event have

told me (and I believe this puts an already great day firmly into the "awesome" category) is that they will be awarding 10 Vacations for Two (Top 10 winners and their guest) to Las Vegas' Five Diamond Resort. And, an extra trip which they will give away before a single card is dealt... 11 Vegas trips in all!

Each year for the past four years, hundreds of players from the Southeastern United States have waited too long to register, and simply missed the chance to play. They prepared their schedules to have the time available, they made arrangements with their poker friends to go together, but simply waited too long. The shame of it all is that a player doesn't even have to travel to Daytona Beach before tournament day. An easy call (386) 316-3138 which you can do now, guarantees a seat, and **you score a sweet Ante Up discount.**

In 2013, the tournament sold out almost a week earlier than in 2012, with players coming from as far away as Massachusetts and Illinois. The line of people hoping to be just an alternate was longer than the entire 55 table room.

As an insider.... my recommendation to you..... go to www.DeepStackCharityClassic.com or call (386) 316-3138 NOW to make your reservation. So take my advice, and I'll see you at a table on April 27th.... and trust me on this.... I'm not bluffing.

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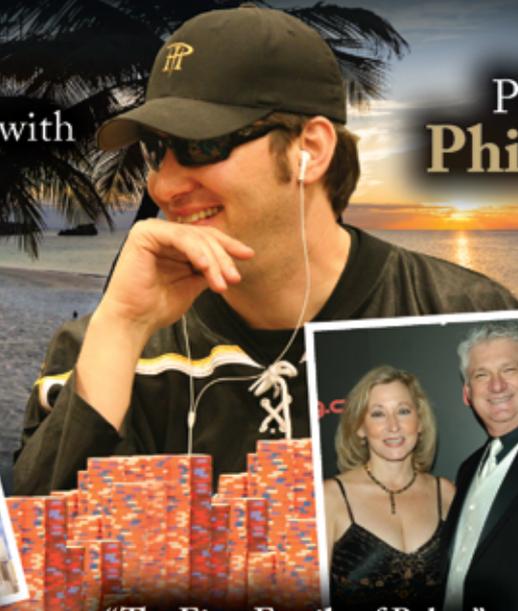
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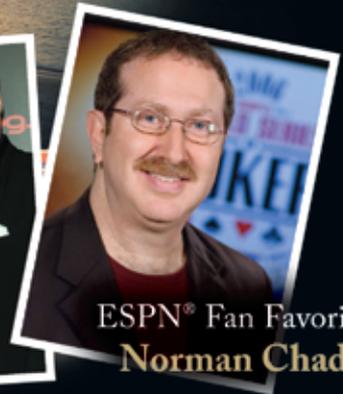
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Poker is a game built on deception. Few feelings at the poker table are more euphoric than pulling off a successful bluff, selling your opponent on a story created out of thin air.

That's part of the game, and it's part of why we love it so much.

But in the "poker industry," there is no room for lies or deception. Not even if we cleverly describe them as "bluffs."

This new year is barely two months old, and we've seen counterfeit chips introduced to a major Atlantic City tournament, a poker personality sentenced to probation for what police say was fishing dealer tips out of a token box with chopsticks and top Scandinavian players' laptops stolen and infected with a virus that exposes their hole cards online.

We urge the poker community — all of us — to strongly and publicly condemn crimes like these. Doing anything otherwise is a threat to the future of the game we love.

Most of us want to see the game of poker expand. We want to see it expand online beyond the three states that allow it. But we face a chorus of opposition that says the game can't be trusted.

We want to see it expand live to more places closer to home. But we face a chorus of opposition that says casinos breed crime and other detriments to society.

Each time something like the events above happens, and the poker community doesn't vigorously distance itself from it, and doesn't pledge to prevent it in the future, those choruses win.

We must get our house in order. We must keep it in order. Not doing so, by simply saying, "Well, there's always a few bad apples in every bushel," is ineffective and, frankly, what holds back supporters of other industries that invite controversy. We have to be different. We have to remember many people are rooting for us to fail, rooting for more criminals to make headlines in casinos and poker rooms. We have to remember we need to not only control our message, but control those among us who make that message much more difficult to sell. Please join us in standing strong against those who make us look weak.

We'll see you at the (honorable) tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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			5:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
2A	3/21/14	Friday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (3 day event) Re-Entry	\$300	\$65		
			5:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
2B	3/22/14	Saturday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (3 day event) Re-Entry	\$300	\$65		
			5:00 PM	Super Satellite w/Rebuys and Add-on	\$125	\$25		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
			10:00 AM	Non-Ring No Limit Hold'em - Seniors	\$200	\$50		
3	3/23/14	Sunday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$1,000	\$125		
			3:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em - Turbo w/Main Event Added	\$170	\$30		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
4	3/24/14	Monday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$300	\$65		
			3:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em - Turbo w/Main Event Added	\$170	\$30		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
5	3/25/14	Tuesday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$500	\$80		
			5:00 PM	Pot Limit Omaha	\$300	\$65		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
7	3/26/14	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Six Max No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$300	\$65		
			3:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em - Turbo w/Main Event Added	\$170	\$30		
			7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
8	3/27/14	Thursday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$500	\$80		
			12:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50		
			3:00 PM	Super Satellite w/Rebuys and Add-on	\$125	\$25		
			6:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50		
			9:00 PM	Super Satellite w/Rebuys and Add-on	\$125	\$25		
9A	3/28/14	Friday	10:00 AM	Mega Satellite - Turbo	\$200	\$50		
			3/28/14	Friday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em Championship Event (4 day event)	\$1,500	\$175
					5:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50
					7:00 PM	Mega Satellite	\$200	\$50
					9:00 PM	Super Satellite w/Rebuys and Add-on	\$125	\$25
9B	3/29/14	Saturday	10:00 AM	Mega Satellite - Turbo	\$200	\$50		
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					5:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$300	\$65
10	3/29/14	Saturday	7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
			3/30/14	Sunday	12:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em (2 day event)	\$500	\$80
					5:00 PM	No Limit Hold'em - Three Blind	\$125	\$25
11	3/30/14	Sunday	7:00 PM	Nightly Second Chance	\$100	\$25		
			3/31/14	Monday	12:00 PM	Turbo No Limit Hold'em (1 day event)	\$300	\$65
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FERNANDO WINS HPT AT THUNDER VALLEY

The first stop of Heartland Poker Tour's 10th season began at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., running Jan. 13-27 and culminating with a \$1,650 main event.



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

And no one was happier with this news than **Exequiel Fernando** of Elk Grove. The engineer and part-time poker player shipped the title for a whopping \$179K after battling a tough final table. To top it off, Fernando only invested \$720 into the tournament, a parlay any poker player can respect.

The HPT drew 537 entries to push the prize pool to \$778K, paying the top 54 players.

When the final table began, all eyes were on 2013 World Series of Poker Main Event fifth-place finisher **J.C. Tran** of Sacramento. But Tran lost a big portion of his stack early and busted shortly after in eighth place for \$19K. Tran seems to always put situations into perspective after busting a tournament, stating on Twitter, "The best part about playing a tourney so close to home is that I get to go home and see my family each and every night."

Other members of the final table included **Grant Hillman** of Oakland (ninth, \$15K), **Ben Sarnoff** of San Francisco (seventh, \$23K), **Phuoc Nguyen** of San Jose (sixth, \$29K), **Neil Blumenfeld** of

San Francisco (fifth, \$37K), **Tony Nguyen** of Sacramento (fourth, \$50K) and **Ngoc Bui** of San Jose (third, \$72K).

When play reached heads-up, it was Fernando and Granite Bay's **Ed Miller**. Both got it all-in preflop with a pair, but Fernando flopped a set of fives, defeating Miller's kings and giving Miller a runner-up finish and \$109K, not a bad commission for the poker-playing car salesman.

When asked about his run in the HPT main event, Fernando said, "It's a grind. You just have to survive against these players. There were a lot of players from Bay 101 and they are all very aggressive, so I just tried to pick my spots carefully and be patient while they knocked each other out."

Fernando made it clear when asked about what it means to win first prize and capture the HPT.

"I was only ever looking to get first place," he said. "I will be able to play a lot more tournaments and keep my family happy."

Fernando is a class-act player who stays quiet at the table while keeping focused. He's cashed in tournaments all around the Bay Area. In

2012, he had a runner-up finish at Bay 101 for \$65K and he's planning on playing as many big tournaments as his can while staying close to home to spend time with his family.

— Email Garrett at roth@anteupmagazine.com.



Exequiel Fernando

Massive WSOPC at Bike begins on March 6

With the Los Angeles Poker Classic at the Commerce Casino coming to a close, it just would not be normal in Los Angeles without another event ready to begin. Next up is the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens kicking off March 6.



DAVE PALM
LOS ANGELES

The schedule this year is just great. It's almost like two tournament series running concurrently. Over the course of the series, there are 78 flights where you can play a WSOPC event, a non-ring event, one of the multiple starting flights of a re-entry event or a satellite.

Front-loaded on the schedule are the 12 WSOPC events with buy-ins of \$365 for eight of them. Most are no-limit hold'em, but there's a \$365 Omaha/8 ring event that starts at 4 p.m. on March 9. There's also a \$1,125 NLHE event March 14. The \$1,675, \$1 million guarantee, WSOPC main event begins March 15. There are satellites for both beginning March 13.

On top of the WSOPC events, there are 12 tournaments interspersed with the ring events. With smaller buy-ins of \$135-\$355, and other variants of poker, this may be more for the everyday player. Some of the other formats offered are HORSE,

Omaha/8, bounty and a \$355 survivor, where the top 10 percent of the field cash for \$3K.

After you get through all the ring and side events, what tournament series at the Bike would be complete without the patented Mega Millions? Mega Millions IX kicks off with the first of 22 \$160 starting flights at 1 p.m. on March 21. These run at 1 and 6 every day through March 31. Keeping up with the recent twist on this format, in addition to the multiple starting flights, there are multiple buy-in levels, too. If the \$160 entry is too much of a crapshoot for you, there are four flights where you can buy in for \$550 and get 25K chips with 10 percent advancing to Day 2. If neither of those options appeals to you, there's a direct buy-in to Day 2 where \$5,300 will get you an average chip stack starting in the money.

To finish, there's a \$300K guarantee with seven \$160 starting flights. Much like the Mega Millions, you can buy in with a larger stack and 10 percent advancing for \$550, or right into the money on Day 2 and get an average stack for \$3K.

So, there you have it: \$2.75 million in guarantees, five weeks and 78 starting flights. Just another average month in L.A.

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	Sat, 3/15	12pm	Day 1A	
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2	Mon, 3/17	12pm	Day 2	
	Tue, 3/18	12pm	Day 3	
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There will be eight events, including a \$150 turbo, several \$150 events and a \$225 tourney in addition to the \$1,650 main event. For the dates and times of these events check out htpoker.com.

The series kicked off with Event 1, a \$250 deepstack \$60K guarantee on Feb 27.

The main event begins March 7 at 1 p.m. with Day 1A, followed by Day 1B on March 8 at 9 a.m. Day 1C will be at 3 p.m. later that day. The levels for all flights will be 40 minutes.

Day 2 will be March 9 at 2 p.m. The levels for Day 2 will be 60 minutes. Play will end when the field dwindles to nine players, who will return March 10 at 2 p.m. for the televised final table.

Every day there will be single-table satellites and multitable qualifiers with buy-ins ranging from \$80 to \$350 at various times throughout each day.

"We are thrilled at this opportunity for poker players to experience our world-class resort by hosting the HPT," Agua Caliente general manager **C.J. Graham** said.

The casino features a 20-table poker room, along with nearly 1,400 of the latest slots and many styles of table games.

For more information, you can check hotwatercasino.com.

SAN MANUEL CASINO: The poker room is having a \$33K Hold'em Play In tournament on March 26 at noon. Players have to qualify for this tournament and there is no buy-in. It will be limited to the first 300 players to qualify starting on Feb. 27.

Players can earn entry while playing cash games during the qualifying period and receiving nine stamps on a tournament-qualifying card.

For each poker hand that's 10s full or better (queens full or better in Omaha) one stamp will be given. The structure has not been released at this time.

First place pays \$10K, followed by \$5K, \$2,500 and so on until 30th place at \$200.

San Manuel Casino is in Highland, Calif., north of San Bernardino. For more information, go to sanmanuel.com.

PALA CASINO: The popular End of the Month \$15K Nooner will continue in March, usually scheduled for the last Sunday of each month.

Registration is accepted until 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$125 with a \$15K guarantee. There are two optional \$25 rebuys or add-ons. The winner's name will be engraved on the Pala Signature Cup. Check palacasino.com for more information.

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LOSCALSO'S EXPERIENCE IS UNRIVALED

From a pure weather standpoint and how it affects living conditions, it's easy to see why a poker-room executive may decide to make a career change (or least a venue change) from,

let's say, Atlantic City to South Florida. **Stan Strickland** did it in April by leaving the Borgata and taking the head job at the Isle in Pompano Beach. In the fall, **Ray Stefanelli** made a similar move from marketing director position at the Borgata to director of marketing at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla. Now, a third gentleman with Atlantic City ties joins the South Florida poker scene, as



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

Chris Loscalso took over as director of poker at the Miami and Ft. Pierce jai-alai facilities in January.

Loscalso is a bit different since his move came directly from a casino games consulting job at the Ritz-Carlton in Aruba (a little harder to explain) but he's truly excited to be back in the poker world with a challenge ahead of him at the two Florida Gaming cardrooms. He has not been awarded the luxury of a planning period; he told me he's learning on the run after flying to New Jersey from Aruba and immediately jumping into his car to drive to Florida.

"I stopped at every poker room that was near I-95 on the way down to get an idea what rooms were doing in different areas," Loscalso said. "I haven't stopped running since I got here, putting together a new strategy and a new focus."

Loscalso broke in at the Atlantic City Hilton about a decade ago as a blackjack dealer, but realized immediately the more experience and knowledge he could gain about all aspects of the casino business would be his ticket to quick advancement. Becoming a poker dealer was the final step in getting a well-rounded education, and he moved from dealer to a floor position and then to tournament director in about a year. He moved to the Showboat and developed lifelong friendships in the poker world as a pit boss, eventually becoming poker director at Harrah's Chester and later, the Horseshoe in Cleveland.

The challenge ahead of him at Casino Miami Jai-Alai's Crystal Card Room will be to regain business lost to the new kid in town, Hialeah Park. The classic racetrack opened a beautiful room in August and has averaged more than \$660K a month in poker revenue over the course of its first four full months. In that same period, Casino Miami Jai-Alai's business has dropped off by about \$80K per month, while the two other poker rooms in Miami at Magic City and Calder have seen

even more precipitous decreases in revenue.

After enduring constant competition in saturated markets such as Atlantic City and Philadelphia while in management there, Loscalso feels he has an idea on how to improve business in Miami.

"We need a game plan. You're always looking for a way to compete, so we're looking at larger buy-in tournaments and big promotional giveaway days, trying to build a brand," he said. Loscalso also will use social media to its utmost, saying the room has added almost 2K followers on Facebook since he arrived.

While there's pressure to improve revenues as quickly as possible, Loscalso feels improving customer service will be the most important factor.

"The numbers are always important, but it's not my main focus. People will show up for a good product," he said.

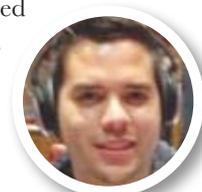
Eventually, he would like to host some major events, but he feels there's other work ahead of him now.

"We'd like to bring some regional attention to this place. Between here and Ft. Pierce, we have two stellar rooms and we have already talked about potentially doing something in conjunction with both rooms at the same time," he said.

ISLE CLASSIC: **Farid Jattin** of Miami captured the \$1,090 main-event title and \$147,160, besting 565 players at the Isle Casino in Pompano Beach. He followed that up with a final table at the WPT Borgata Winter Open Main Event, finishing sixth for \$174K.

CHARITY EVENT: Final preparations are under way for the fourth annual Tyler's Team Charity Poker Classic at the Palm Beach Kennel Club on March 23. Buy-in is \$60 with \$20 rebuys and \$10 add-ons. Players are treated to a buffet at noon. The tournament will start at 1 p.m. and there will be prize bounties on celebrity guests. The event will pay the top 10 percent of the field. Several ex-Dolphins, including **Jim Jensen** and **John Bock**, along with some top poker pros have committed to attend. The first-place winner will receive a seat at the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event in 2015 at PBKC along with a cash prize. There also will be a special 50-50 raffle and a silent auction. For sponsorship and general info, call **Kevin McLellan** at 561-215-3717, or visit tylermclellanfoundation.org.

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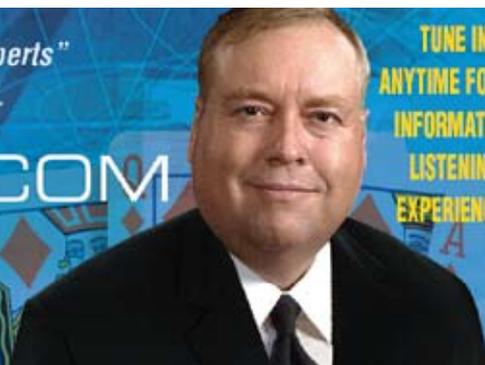
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MCKENZIE WINS PENSACOLA POY EVENT

In Pensacola, the yearlong build toward Player of the Year wrapped up at the end of January. Throughout the year, Pensacola Greyhound Track tournament players stacked up points as well as pots in their monthly events to try to earn a spot into the Player of the Year event.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

The top 100 players qualified for a \$5K freeroll, and top points-earner **Mike Rea** earned \$5K. In the POY tournament, **Tracey McKenzie** came out on top, claiming an almost \$20K chunk of the \$67,480 prize pool, as well as the POY title.



WPT's return to the First Coast. Satellites are under way for the \$3,500 main event at bestbet Jacksonville with a \$500K guarantee, including a massive 20-seat guarantee on March 1 as well as 10-seat guarantee on March 20.

Both of those satellites come with a \$590 price tag, but there'll be plenty of chances to win a high-hand seat into the event the week before. See bestbet Jacksonville's website for the promotional calendar and satellite schedule or see the ad on the facing page.

DBKC: In Daytona Beach, the road to the next HPT is being built. It started with the \$100 Daytona Beach Blizzard event. The blizzard was far from chilly, with 1,100 players nearly doubling the \$50K guarantee. Day 2 of the event was a long one, starting in the afternoon and moving well into the night. The final four players were heavily stacked moving past the midnight hour, so a chop was worked out among **James Brown, Tammy Kenny, Reggie Bautista** and **Steven Constantino** that saw each player taking at least \$11K home with Constantino getting the biggest share.

The HPT returns at the end of this month and satellites are running (\$65 buy-in and a guaranteed \$1,650 seat to the main event in each satellite). See the ad on Page 51 for details.

— Email Charles at anteupcharles@gmail.com.

BESTBET JAX: **Tony Otts** started the year right by winning bestbet Jacksonville's \$50K guarantee. The \$200 event brought out 678 players and garnered a \$111K prize pool. The 65-year-old retiree bested final-table regular **Eddy Mroczkowski** and **Jose Santos**.

Santos is quite the story, going from playing \$1-\$2 limit hold'em to cashing in final tables in only a two-month span. He credited the daily \$40 NLHE tournament at bestbet for being such a great way for new tournament players to learn the ins and outs of the game.

Otts took \$21K back home to Waycross, Ga. While the \$50K doubled the guarantee, it's also a fine warm-up for the

A SAD DAY FOR TAMPA BAY POKER SCENE

It's a sad day for the Tampa Bay area poker players as popular player **Walter "Walt" Meredith** recently died.

A staple player at Derby Lane and the Silks Poker Room, Meredith was known by almost every regular. Loud and wild sweaters, large preflop raises and a joke for every dealer, he was a happy-go-lucky player who knew how to put the bad beat on players. A few remembrances over Twitter brought memories of horrible calls, bad beats and even arguments at the table.



ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.

I can remember many a poker tournament looking across the table at **Walt** and asking myself, "What is going on here?"

Archibald McLauchlin, who just chopped the Derby 12 Days tournament in December, posted on Twitter, "RIP Walter Meredith. I will miss his quick wit, funny banter, awesome sweaters, impeccable smile, and of course those 12x preflop raises." Walt, we will miss you.

NAPLES-FT. MYERS: The Naples-Ft. Myers Championships will be March 28-29 at Naples-Ft. Myers Poker & Racing. The PLO championship is \$550 and begins at noon on March 28. The \$1,100 NLHE two-day event has a \$100K guarantee and starts at noon on March 29. See the ad on Page 9 for more details.



MORE TOURNAMENTS: Tampa Hard Rock, the Silks, Seminole Immokalee and Derby Lane all have tournaments this month.

Hard Rock hosts its WPT Regional, March 13-16.

The Silks hosts the next leg of the PPC, the Florida Spring Poker Stakes (March 11-16), featuring a few new events (Open Face Chinese and PLO) and \$60K in guarantees.

Jordan Wunder won Silks' Winter PPC main event and \$23K, beating 290-plus players.

Seminole Immokalee is bringing back friend **Scotty Nguyen** for a \$550 event on March 30 at 2 p.m. The winner of the event gets to play Nguyen for a \$3,500 seat into the \$5 million guarantee Seminole Hard Rock Open WPT Main Event in April.

And finally, there's the popular Pokerfest \$150K guarantee series at Derby Lane coming later in the month. A series that is looking to offer big buy-ins, lots of events and the quality tournament play that you expect from Derby Lane, this Pokerfest is going to be another fine option for those in the Tampa Bay area.

It also will feature appearances from **Jesse Kage** and the 98 Rock team. Go to derbylanepoker.com for the most recent information.

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
3/21	Fri	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	\$500,000
3/22	Sat	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
3/23	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		60/90 min		
3/24	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
3/25	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE SPRING SERIES 2014

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
3/7	Fri	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	\$50,000
3/7	Fri	7pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/8	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/8	Sat	7pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/9	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
3/9	Sun	12pm	#2	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	\$100,000
3/9	Sun	3pm	#3	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/10	Mon	12pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/10	Mon	7pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/11	Tue	12pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/11	Tue	7pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
3/12	Wed	12pm	#4	Event #4 Final Day				
3/12	Wed	3pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/13	Thu	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	
3/14	Fri	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
3/14	Fri	3pm	#7	No Limit Hold'em Turbo	\$240	15 min	10,000	
3/15	Sat	12pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
3/15	Sat	3pm	#8	All-In or Fold w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
3/16	Sun	12pm	#6	Event #6 Final Day				
3/16	Sun	12pm	#9	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/16	Sun	3pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/17	Mon	12pm	#11	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/17	Mon	3pm	#12	Pot Limit Omaha w/ \$100 Re-Buys	\$200	30 min	2,500	
3/18	Tue	12pm	#13	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/18	Tue	3pm	#14	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/19	Wed	12pm	#15	No Limit Hold'em	\$570	30 min	15,000	
3/19	Wed	3pm	#16	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
3/20	Thu	12pm	#17	No Limit Hold'em	\$1,070	30 min	15,000	
3/21	Fri	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	\$500,000
3/22	Sat	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
3/22	Sat	3pm	#18	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/22	Sat	7pm	#19	No Limit Hold'em Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	15 min	10,000	
3/23	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		60/90 min		
3/23	Sun	3pm	#20	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
3/24	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
3/25	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

All events will allow unlimited re-entries within the registration period. All events are one day events except for events #1, #4, #6 and the Main Event. Events #1 and #4 are three day events. There will be four starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent flights, as well as on the same flight. Event #6 is a four day event. There will be three starting days allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as on the same day. Main Event is a five day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as on the same day. Main Event final table will be live streamed on the internet. Nightly super satellites at 7pm. Single table satellites running daily. Registration for the main event is open through the second break. Registration for all other events is open through the first break. Player of the series points will be accumulated through event #16. Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion / tournament at any time.

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Reddell does it all, and she enjoys her Candy Crush

By Donovan Livingston

This month's dealer newlywed **Debbie Reddell** (formerly Debbie May), who comes from the beautiful Cliff Castle Casino Hotel in Camp Verde, Ariz., just outside of Prescott.

She's a dual rate, which means she's a dealer and a supervisor, and switches roles as needed in her poker room. She began in the casino industry in 1991 in Reno, Nev. Back then, she said she, "Dealt everything from craps to blackjack to Pai Gow to Three Card Poker. You name it, I dealt it."

It was 3.5 years ago when she moved to Arizona to start working for Cliff Castle. Now she deals strictly poker, but said she's happy in her new role. The popular games in her room?

"The Club 52 poker room offers several popular spread-limit games, such as \$2-\$8, \$1-\$300 and \$5-\$150 Texas Hold'em, but we will spread any poker variation based on demand," she said. The room also provides several daily options for players who prefer tourna-



Debbie Reddell

ment poker.

When she's not working, Reddell enjoys "bowling, horseback riding and playing Candy Crush Saga," she said, laughing. At the time of this publication, she was at the 200 levels. Poor Debbie, you have such a long way to go.

So what does she love about dealing?

"I'm a real people person and I like staying busy. And with poker you can engage in the game. When there is a game, I'm working, and it's that simple, and I like that."

So is Debbie a poker junkie like the rest of us?

"I do play poker, but not nearly as often as I'd like, since I'm not allowed to play in my room because of my supervisor status. But I do enjoy the game, and when I go out of town and visit other casinos, I'm always sure to stop in and visit their poker room."

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TALKING STICK HOSTS CLASSIC MARCH 15-17

Another seasonal major event will take place at the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale as its third annual Winter Poker Classic returns March 15-17. The wildly popular tournament features a \$335 buy-in and will offer two starting flights (Day 1A and Day 1B) with a re-entry format, so players who fall short on their first crack can sign up for another shot if their bankroll permits.



JONATHAN ZAUN
N. ARIZONA

Based on last year's turnout, Talking Stick estimates a first-prize payout of more than \$27K, making the Winter Classic one of the most valuable tournaments in Arizona in terms of return on investment. A series of satellites

will run March 2 to provide players with a chance to win their way in for a fraction of the buy-in.

On March 9, the ongoing Winter Seasonal Points Challenge will conclude, with qualifiers competing in an invitation-only freeroll boasting an estimated \$40K prize pool. March 23 is Ladies Night at Talking Stick, with the return of the \$75 buy-in event.

In addition, the Arena Poker Room's monthly schedule of multitable tournaments will run as scheduled, with the \$330 Big Stack tourney March 1, the \$225 Super Bounty Big Stack on March 8, the \$150 End of Month on March 29 and the

\$115 Jack & Jill tourney March 30.

Talking Stick also is hoping to bring single-table tournaments, a once-popular format, back from the brink.

Registration for single-table shootouts is open 24-7 at the Arena Poker Room, and whenever 10 players sign up the sit-go action will commence. The buy-in for these one-time tournaments is \$115, and \$5 more will pad your 1,500-chip starting stack with another 500 chips.

Rather than use the traditional payout structure where top three make money, Talking Stick set up its SNGs to be winner-take-all, for \$1K. Of course, the final three players are free to negotiate an equitable chop, so for the most part these exciting, one-off events play out in a similar fashion to the online SNGs of old.

CLIFF CASTLE: Players in \$3-\$6 LHE or a spread-limit game get to register first at this casino in Camp Verde, so be sure to sit in a game if you don't want to miss your chance to play.

All other casinos in the region will be running their regularly scheduled daily and nightly tourneys, so check our Where to Play section for specific information and phone numbers.

BUCKY'S: **Chuck Shoaf** was the January Tournament Player of the Month, good for \$300, followed by **Eric Mevissen** (\$200) and **Jon Victor** and **Michael Miles** (\$50 each).

— Email Jonathan at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

Vee Quiva releases new tournament schedule

Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino rebranded itself last summer as a hip destination for Phoenix-area gamblers. Now, it's upgrading its poker image.

The 16-table poker room rolls out a new tournament schedule March 1, enhancing its three weekly tournaments with bigger buy-ins, more chips and better structures.



BRIAN PEDERSEN
S. ARIZONA

The \$40 Big Stack tournament, which gets you 4K chips and starts at 11:15 a.m. on Saturdays, has an optional \$10 staff fee to your stack to 7K. Early-bird play could earn you 4,500 more chips before the tourney begins.

The event has 15-minute levels and features an optional \$20 add-on for 4K chips at the first break.

On Sundays, the 11:15 a.m. "Sunday Brunch" tourney costs \$30 and gets you 3K chips, but the \$10 staff fee can add 2K and early bird play can earn 3,500 more.

Levels are 20 minutes, and after three levels a 4K-chip add-on is available for \$20.

The last weekly tournament is the Wednesday night "Hump Day" event, which starts at 7:30. For \$40, you get 3,500 chips and can add 4K more via the \$10 staff fee and as much as 3,500 more from early-bird play. Levels are 15 minutes, and no add-on is available.

Besides the prize money, each weekly tournament offers players a chance to qualify for a quarterly "Tournament of Champions" freeroll.

The top-two finishers in each Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday tourney is invited to the freeroll, the first of which is scheduled May 31. The event could have a prize pool of \$10K, depending on quarterly participation.

Freerolls also are set for Aug. 30 and Nov. 29.

DESERT DIAMOND: The Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino in Tucson continues its effort to provide specialty tournaments that benefit local charities, hosting its annual Chicanos Por La Causa event Feb. 28-March 2.

The \$200 tourney will have a \$10K guarantee for first place and offer two Day 1 flights (Feb. 28 and March 1), both starting at noon with a 50-player max.

Players get 8,500 chips, but can earn 1,500 more with three hours of live play before the tourney (less live play will earn fewer bonus chips).

Day 2 is March 2 and \$100 of the buy-in will go toward the prize pool with the remaining \$100 split between the tournament fee (\$30) and a charitable donation (\$70).

The event is expected to have Tucson-area "celebrities" participate, with a \$100 bounty placed on each of them.

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Cagan moved up the ladder fast at Bucky's

By **Donovan Livingston**

This month we feature **Jeff Cagan** for our spotlight on management. He works for Bucky's Casino, which is run by the Yavapai Prescott Indian tribe in Prescott, Ariz. Cagan has been involved in the poker industry since 2006, starting first as a dealer at Bucky's, then promoted to pit boss in 2008. A year later, he was promoted to table games shift manager, and finally promoted to table games manager in 2011.



He's a single parent with two boys, one of which is an Army Ranger, and the other a senior in high school.

When asked how he got into the industry, he said, "I always wanted to be a dealer since my late teens and early 20s, but casinos were not legal in Arizona. I started an insurance agency when I was 24 and decided to go into the casino industry after selling the agency in 2005."

When he's not working, Cagan loves to play poker, ride his motorcycle and go hiking.

As for the poker action at Bucky's, Cagan offers fixed limit \$3-\$6 hold'em and Omaha/8 on weekdays. For nights and weekends, he has spread-limit games of \$2-\$8, \$2-\$20, and \$2-\$150.

Tournaments are available, too. "We have regularly scheduled tournaments every Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. During the football season, we have splash-pot promotions on Sundays and when the season is over we offer a Texas Hold'em bounty tournament on Sundays. We also have the Northern Arizona Texas Hold'em Championships every summer with a first prize of \$10,000 if the tournament fills up."

To top it off, there are plenty of promotions in his poker room.

"We run promotions every minute of every day. We have a bad-beat jackpot, royal-flush bonus and straight-flush bonus, 24 hours a day. We also offer Aces Cracked, high hands and splash pots at various times during the day and night," he said.

Bucky's is connected to the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. With great rooms and food, this is the place to stay when in Prescott. Bucky's also offers a blackjack pit featuring blackjack, Three Card Poker, Texas shootout and high-card flush. The blackjack pit offers friendly dealers, low minimum bets and fun games. Many of the games include progressive jackpots for added excitement.

There's plenty to do outside of the casino, too. Bucky's is in the cool pines of Prescott. At 5,000-plus feet, it's usually 15-20 degrees cooler than the Phoenix area. Prescott offers lots of outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing and boating, and is home to the world's oldest rodeo and world famous Whiskey Row. ♠

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Buffalo Thunder added new events to its schedule.



MARCH WILL BE BUSY AT BUFFALO THUNDER

Sundays and Mondays in March just got busier at Buffalo Thunder. The poker room is adding \$25 buy-in no-limit hold'em tournaments and adding \$50 per table into the prize pools. There will be unlimited rebuys and one add-on each Sunday, and one re-entry on Mondays.



MARY BRADLEY
NEW MEXICO

You can bet there's plenty of anticipation for the 60-player, \$104 bounty tournament March 8 at Buffalo Thunder and hosted by 104.1-FM "The Edge." Besides all the green, there's a lot of excitement surrounding the four bounties. Two are yet to be determined, but one of the bounties will be **DJ Buck** from the

Buck and Dex Show, and the other bounty is **Mark Schrecengost**, Buffalo Thunder's general manager.

Other special events in March include Tuesday \$40 buy-ins with one rebuy and Friday and Saturday \$75 buy-ins with no rebuys. Of course, Buffalo Thunder is known for its active Omaha/8 tournaments and on March 9 is a \$100-per-table-added, \$100 entry with one re-entry.

The Last Saturday of the Month deepstack tournament is March 29 and features a \$150 buy-in and, as always, players can earn 1K bonus chips for two hours live play before the start.

SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO: Would you say the timing is perfect for the March 16, \$350 Luck of the Irish deepstack tournament at the Sandia poker room? More details are coming, but you can rest assured that someone will be counting their pot 'o gold on St. Paddy's Day.

Every Wednesday and Saturday in March features \$10-\$20 Omaha/8 games. On Fridays, it's \$20-\$40 limit hold'em, and there are bounty tournaments on Thursdays. Don't forget the \$40 tournaments on Tuesdays and Sundays (except for the Luck of the Irish on March 16).

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LAMSON WINS CAESARS CLASSIC, ANTE UP CRUISE

Elliott Lamson of Kalamazoo, Mich., took home the big prize in the Winter Classic at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Lamson earned \$23K, outlasting 240 entrants in the late \$560 January tournament. Florida's **Yegor Moroz** won \$17K

for second place and Israel's **Galit Malkin** took home \$13K for third. The total prize pool was nearly \$117K.

In addition to the cash, **Lamson's** purse included an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two to the Mexican Riviera out of the Port of Los Angeles on March 30. **QUAD AND FLAMINGO:** These neighboring rooms on the Strip are offering combined freerolls.

The two weekly \$2K freerolls require eight hours played for Monday and eight hours for Friday. There's also a \$12K monthly freeroll for 40 hours. Play in both rooms can be combined to qualify for all of these events.

Both rooms offer high-hand bonuses for quads and straight flushes. Royals are worth \$500, plus \$50 to each player at the table. A flopped royal is worth \$2K and a \$200 table share each.

The Quad offers Aces Cracked, while the Flamingo has high hands of the hour 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

The Quad and the Flamingo are the only rooms on the Strip that offer \$2-\$4 limit hold'em, as more rooms are switching to a \$2-\$6 spread-limit game. The Flamingo usually has multiple \$2-\$4 games. Its \$1-\$2 NLHE game is popular, too.

After several years of disruption from property renovations, the Quad has settled into its permanent location. The six-table room is next to the Catalyst bar and is one of the nicest, roomiest venues you can find for a small location.

VENETIAN: The biggest room on the Strip announced a partnership with Ca D'Oro and Horologio for 2014. Ten Tag Heuer watches, valued at \$2,500, will be given away over the course of the year. Five will be given to main-event champions of the five Deep Stack events this year. It has not yet been determined how the other five will be awarded.

SAM'S TOWN: This popular locals room on the east side of town offers a \$105 deepstack bounty tournament on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The starting stack is 10K, and additional 2K chips are available as a \$5 staff bonus. The levels are 20 minutes and only \$10 of the buy-in goes to the house, making this an attractive option.

Sam's Town also offers cheaper tournaments three times a

day (10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.). Cash-game promos include high-hand bonuses, Aces Cracked and bonuses for the best full houses on selective days.

CLUB FORTUNE: This independent, stand-alone casino in downtown Henderson has a five-table poker room. The room opens at noon and has a \$30 daily tournament at 2 p.m. It's the only room left in Vegas where you'll find a 50-cent-\$1 NLHE game. The minimum buy-in is \$20 and the max is \$200. Its most popular cash game is \$1-\$6 spread-limit hold'em. Cash games have a max rake of \$3, and free food is offered every evening.

The room offers a popular "Beat the Boss" tournament on Monday nights. It's a \$45 buy-in for 5K chips and 15-minute levels. Additional chips are available for live play up to three hours before the 7 p.m. start. The player that knocks out the boss receives a \$100 bounty. If the boss wins the tournament, the \$100 is carried over to the next week's tournament, but the second-place finisher in the tournament will claim the first-place prize money. There's also a random \$20 mystery bounty. The tournament offers a progressive high-hand bonus, too.

BELLAGIO: Longtime tournament director **Jack McClelland** retired at the end of 2013. A replacement has yet to be named. His career spans more than 30 years, including director of the World Series for several years in the late '80s.

OBSERVED IN A VEGAS POKER ROOM: A player was overly tired, or perhaps intoxicated, and was taking a long time to make even the simplest decisions. The river card put three to a straight on the board, which also showed a pair of nines. He was first to act. After a minute, he finally said to the dealer, "I forget, does three of a kind beat a straight?" The dealer wouldn't answer, saying it was one player to a hand.

The player then said, "You mean I have to Google it? OK," and grabbed his smart phone. The dealer called the floor person, who stopped the player from looking at his phone by telling him no, three of a kind does not beat a straight. By the way, I later checked with the shift manager who confirmed it was appropriate for the floor to answer the question.

The player said, "It doesn't? Oh." And then he mucked his cards, despite no bet facing him. The other player took the pot, and showed a 10, indicating he had a pair of 10s.

The moral of the story? If you see a player like this in a Vegas poker room, ask for a table change to his table.

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The World Series of Poker Circuit at Choctaw Casino and Resort, which ended Jan. 20, provided a grand time for all. ... some more than others, but that's to be expected. It's the largest and most exciting event annually at Choctaw and it did not disappoint. There was something for almost everyone in the world of poker, from the \$65 mega re-entry turbo satellite to the \$1,675 re-entry main event and everything in between. There were daily 5 and 7 p.m. tournaments plus plenty of single-table satellites, mega and super satellites to the larger buy-in events, plus seniors and ladies contests.



JOHN D SHORT
S. OKLAHOMA

The luxurious and secluded second-floor Choctaw Poker Room constantly buzzed with players in different stakes and games. There were times the waiting lists for several games were 50-plus. It was nice to see the room humming along as it should.

One of the series highlights was Event 3, a \$365 no-limit hold'em re-entry tournament with four starting flights over two

days (Jan. 10-11). Imagine 638 players in Flight 1A, 503 in 1B, 968 in 1C and 758 in 1D for a record-setting 2,867 entrants generating a \$860K prize pool. It was the second largest tournament in WSOPC history.

Chris Bowen, a 54-year-old Tyler, Texas, native earned his first ring and \$122,567. Bowen, a CFO of an electronics company, also notched 50 points en route to winning the casino championship and a seat at the WSOP national championship.

The \$1,675 two-day main event drew 1,428 entrants, including numerous well-known grinders and pros, for the fourth biggest main event in WSOPC history. With a prize pool of \$2.142M, the battle lasted three days and the last man standing was **Tyler Morris**, also from Tyler, Texas. He won a ring, \$369,503 and a seat in the national championship

WINSTAR WORLD: The WinStar World Casino has its winter Mini-River Series just cranking up and we'll report on the results next month. A lot of players I know seem to think they should call it the Creek Series since a creek is a mini-river.

— **Email John at anteupjohnshort@gmail.com.**

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Chris Bowen, \$122,567



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Event 5 • \$365 NLHE
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Entries: 396 • Pool: \$118,800
Ivan Primera, \$28,512



Event 7 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 257 • Pool: \$77,100
Jed Hoffman, \$18,888



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Entries: 364 • Pool: \$109,200
Jeremy Downing, \$24,017



Event 9 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 262 • Pool: \$78,600
Dylan Easley, \$19,258



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\$1,675 Main Event
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Tyler Morris, \$369,503



Event 12 • \$365 NLHE
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Cody Brinn, \$28,186

Kansas poker rooms are holding their own

Recently, I visited a pair of poker rooms as well as competed in a charity event in Wichita, Kan. The fourth annual Cards for the Cure: Kansas Poker Championships drew nearly 700 entries. I played a couple of sessions at Kansas Star Casino and one at Riverwind Casino.



ROBERT KELLY
N. OKLAHOMA

The Star's expansion to 13 tables increases its ability to host tournaments, which are offered five days a week. Its bad-beat qualifier has increased to quads, though the rake and jackpot drop remain unchanged. I stopped in Norman, Okla., for a couple of late Saturday night hours at Riverwind Casino. The enclosed 17-table room is comfortable and attractive.

OZARKS: The Ozark Championships at Cherokee Casino West Siloam Springs will be March 7-16. Ten events are on

the schedule, including Omaha/8, crazy pineapple and a variety of NLHE. The opening \$230 re-entry event sports a \$20K guarantee. The two-flight, three-day \$550 re-entry main event offers a \$50K guarantee. There will be \$50 and \$100 (with \$25 rebuys) mega-satellites into the main beginning March 9.

GRAND CASINO: The \$530 Grand Championship is March 8, sporting \$50K guarantee.

HARD ROCK: The Oklahoma Championship of Poker series will conclude March 2 in Tulsa. Results will be April's column.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO: The poker room at Kansas Speedway continues to qualify players for June's Hollywood Poker Open Championship at the M Resort in Las Vegas. Players will qualify through April into a May freeroll (based on cash-game seat time). Eight players will earn a share of \$32K at the freeroll.

— **Email Robert at anteuprob@gmail.com.**



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3	5/20/14	12:00 PM			
3	5/20/14	6:00 PM			
3	5/21/14	12:00 PM			
3	5/21/14	6:00 PM			
FINAL	5/22/14	1:00 PM			
4	5/22/14	12:00 PM	NLH Turbo Bounty (\$100)	10,000	\$200+\$30
5	5/23/14	12:00 PM	NLH 6 Max	10,000	\$300+\$40
6	5/24/14	12:00 PM	NLH Re-Entry	15,000	\$900+\$100
6	5/25/14	12:00 PM			
FINAL	5/26/14	1:00 PM			

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CHINOOK WINDS HOSTS DSPT ON MARCH 28

By Eric Terpening

It's a pretty busy month for tournaments in the Pacific Northwest, especially in Oregon.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, Ore., will host the DeepStacks Poker Tour for the second time (March 22-30), including a \$150K guarantee main event (\$1,100 buy-in) that kicks off March 28 at noon.

Pros such as **Mike "Mouth" Matusow, Tristan Wade** and **Randal Flowers** will be on hand as the main event has two Day 1s and is a re-entry event with 25K starting chips and 50-minute levels.

There will be 15 events in this series, including satellites to bigger events, a HORSE event, a ladies tournament, a six-max and Omaha events. For more on this series, please see the ad on the facing page.

- Encore Club in Portland hosts a \$40K guarantee (\$250 buy-in) on March 15. The club also offers six daily tournaments with guarantees. See the Where to Play pages in the back for the magazine for more information.

- Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, Ore., hosts its Pot of Gold series March 12-15, including a \$330 main event (with \$1K added to the prize pool). The series starts with a \$175 Beat the Boss tournament that features \$500 added to the prize pool. For more info, call the poker room.

— Eric Terpening is Ante Up's Northwest Ambassador. Email him at anteuperic@gmail.com.

RENO/TAHOE



James Hall poses with friends after winning the Ante Up Poker League at Wendover Nugget. For his victory, he earned a personalized league champion's jacket and an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two aboard the NCL Star. The cruise sails out of the Port of Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera on March 30. If you'd like to go, visit anteupcruises.com.



Colorado poker is remaining resilient

Casinos that host poker know it's often comprised of precarious ups and downs, and business is reflected by the constant ebb and flow of the game. The poker tide seems to be going out for one poker room in Colorado, as the Ute Mountain Casino, in Towaoc, Colo., closed its poker doors Feb. 28 for the indefinite future.



HANS HOLLENBECK
COLORADO

Yet, the poker scene maintains its balance, with the action throughout the rest of the state more innovative and healthier than ever. The Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio, Colo., is integrating new promotions such as a high-hand jackpot and tournament shootouts (in addition to its bad-beat jackpot) in an effort to strengthen cash games.

"We value the facet of social interaction that table games such as poker provide," Sky Ute table games manager **David Oelschlaeger** said. "It is a fundamental aspect that people seek when going to casinos for entertainment that cannot be rivaled with slots, or Internet-based gaming."

Other poker events not only strengthen the game, but the community as well, such as the Tri Lakes Chamber Charity Poker Classic, which will be at the Sundance Mountain Lodge

in Monument, Colo., on March 18. This is a free event, sponsored in part by On Tilt Radio, (ontiltradio.com), a web-based e-zine with poker broadcasts, podcasts and social networking. Proceeds from the event will support the Homeless Foundation of Colorado Springs. Please contact 719-481-3282 for more information.

The usual staples of Colorado poker continue to remain strong, with the Heartland Poker Tour returning to the Golden Gates Casino a Poker Parlour in Black Hawk, Colo., for the 16th time on Feb. 7-16. (Winners will be updated next issue.) HPT tournaments at the Golden Gates have only increased in popularity, attaining prize pools consistently eclipsing million-dollar levels over the past few seasons, signifying Black Hawk as Colorado's premier poker constituent.

I'm excited to be the new Colorado Ambassador for *Ante Up* and will be on the lookout for exciting new events and concepts, including inventive tournament structures and payouts, strong live-game action, intriguing players and noteworthy events.

My goal is to update readers with tournament results and key places to visit and play in future articles, endorsing poker throughout Colorado for the foreseeable future.

— Email Hans at anteuphans@gmail.com.



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Monday, March 24, 2014, 12pm
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Event 6

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Buy-in \$45 • Entry Fee 10
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Stacks 10,000 • Levels 30 minutes

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w/Re-Entry (6 levels)
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 6pm
Buy-in \$85 • Entry Fee 15
Stacks 10,000 • Levels 20 minutes

Event 9

\$115 NL Hold'em 6-Max
w/Re-Entry (6 levels)
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 12pm
Buy-in \$100 • Entry Fee 15
Stacks 10,000 • Levels 30 minutes

Event 10

\$220 Main Event MEGA Satellite
w/Re-Entry (4 levels)
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 6pm
Buy-in \$200 • Entry Fee 20
Stacks 10,000 • Levels 20 minutes

Event 11

\$200 Bounty Tournament (\$25 Bounties
Included) w/Re-Entry (4 levels)
Thursday, March 27, 2014, 12pm
Buy-in \$150 • Entry Fee 25
Stacks 10,000 • Levels 30 minutes

Event 12

Main Event Satellite \$130
w/Re-Entry (4 levels)
Thursday, March 27, 2014, 6pm
Buy-in \$115 • Entry Fee 15
Stacks 10,000 • Levels 20 minutes

Event 13

Turbo Main Event Satellite
\$100 w/Re-Entry (6 levels)
Friday, March 28, 2014, 10am
Buy-in \$90 • Entry Fee 10
Stacks 8,000 • Levels 10 minutes

Event 14

\$1100 NL Hold'em w/Re-Entry (6 levels)
MAIN EVENT DAY 1A
Friday, March 28, 2014, 12pm
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Saturday, March 29, 2014, 12pm
Buy-in \$1,000 • Entry Fee 100
Stacks 25,000 • Levels 50 minutes

DAY 2 MAIN EVENT

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Sunday, March 30, 2014, 11am
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Event 15

Last Chance Main Event Satellite Turbo
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MARYLAND LIVE'S \$1M CLASSIC IS MARCH 10-24

Maryland Live Casino hosts the first \$1 million Live Poker Classic on March 10-24 (schedule is below). The classic is the biggest series since the poker room opened in August. The series has nine events over 14 days, with a guaranteed \$1 million to be awarded. The \$3,500 main event features a \$400K guaranteed prize pool.



MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

“The poker room at Maryland Live has enjoyed terrific success since opening last August,” director of poker **Mike Smith** said. “We have welcomed poker players from all over the country, both professional and amateur, who bring with them the demand for a poker tournament series of this caliber. We are so thrilled

to introduce the first \$1 million Live Poker Classic.”

DOVER DOWNS: The Crown Royal Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino will host a March Madness Bracket Challenge. Sixty-four players will be assigned one of 64 teams in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Sixteen raffles will be held each playoff day at 3, 6, 9 p.m. and midnight. Raffle winners receive \$25 or gaming chips in Round 1, up to \$1K in the final round. During March Madness games, there will be high hands and splash pots.

On March 8, Dover Downs hosts a \$20K guarantee. For \$199, players will receive 10K chips and 30-minute levels.

HOME GAMES LEGISLATION: The Maryland Legislature has bills to legalize playing in and hosting home poker games. House Bill 305 and Senate Bill 428 make it legal for you to host and play in home games. There will be ongoing public testimony hearings before the Senate and House members.

CHARITY TOURNAMENTS: All In Enterprise hosts a charity tournament March 9 at 1315 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. Proceeds go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The cost is \$275 for 30K chips. For more information, visit allinenterprises.org/

VFW Post 2632, in California, Md., will host tournaments March 7 and 21. The buy-in is \$110 for 5K chips. The event will benefit the VFW. E-mail poker@vfw2632.com for more information, or call (240) 925-4000.

— Email Michael Young at anteupmike@gmail.com.

\$1 million Live Poker Classic

- March 10-13:** \$550 NLHE, \$225K guaranteed, three Day 1s
 - March 13:** \$150, double green-chip bounty: \$20K guar., 7:15p
 - March 14-16:** \$1,100, \$100K guarantee
 - March 17:** \$550 freezout, \$75K guarantee
 - March 18-19:** \$1,600 purple-chip bounty, \$100K guarantee
 - March 19:** \$350 PLO black-chip bounty, \$10K guarantee
 - March 20:** \$1,100 six-max, \$50K guarantee
 - March 20:** \$150 double green-chip bounty, \$20K guar., 7:15p
 - March 21:** \$3,500 main event Day 1A: \$400K guarantee, 11:15a
 - March 22:** \$3,500 main event Day 1B: \$400K guarantee, 11:15a
- * All events start at 10:15a unless noted. Call for satellites.

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MEET NEW JERSEY'S NEWEST MILLIONAIRE

There's a new millionaire in Atlantic City, thanks to the Borgata and online partner PartyPoker. Eight players gathered for a final live tournament after winning the site's weekly "New Jersey's Next Poker Millionaire" qualifiers, which were held within the first couple of months of regulated online poker.



JO KIM
A.C./PHILLY

Myroslaw "onetime99" Woroch was the last man standing as he claimed his prize package of numerous large buy-in tournament entries and, of course, a check for nearly \$900K.

What Woroch described as a "truly surreal experience" is just one of many online gaming promotions generated since the return of poker sites to New Jersey. Many online sites are continuously running big-prize freerolls, extreme overlays and member bonuses.

COUNTERFEIT UPDATE: Borgata, which was forced to cancel Event 1 of its Winter Open after it discovered counterfeit chips had been sneaked into the tournament, has a suspect in the case. Police arrested **Christian Lusardi** for rigging a publicly exhibited contest, criminal attempt and theft by deception after Harrah's Resort discovered the counterfeit chips in the sewer pipes leading to his room.

The tournament had attracted nearly 5,000 players and was down to the final three tables when play was stopped. The re-

maining prize pool (a few hundred players had cashed before the chips were discovered) is being held until further notice from N.J. authorities.

CAESARS UPDATE: Caesars Entertainment has been busy on the boardwalk. Atlantic Club closed recently after Tropicana and Caesars teamed to purchase the property at \$23.4 million in an attempt to revive casino revenues by eliminating regional competition. Few public statements have been made regarding Atlantic Club's future plans. But the big news is, after months of publicly closed renovation, Wild Wild West has revealed its 64-table poker room, which opened in late February. Stay tuned for updates on this mammoth room and what it means to Atlantic City.

Also, Caesars submitted a bid for Revel Casino to modernize the corporation's Atlantic City portfolio. Revel may gain a better promising poker prospect under Caesars management, rather than its current state of bankruptcy.

PHILLY: Parx's Big Stax V is under way, concluding March 10. The series includes three trophy events for \$330, \$550, and \$1,600 buy-ins. ... Harrah's Philadelphia is wrapping up its Philly Poker Open on March 2. The main event, which began Feb. 28, had a \$75K guarantee. Results of these events weren't available at press time.

— Email Jo Kim at anteupjokim@gmail.com.



NORTHEAST

Foxwoods hosts FPC March 8-23

A \$1 million guaranteed prize pool and 22 events return to the woods of Connecticut with the Foxwoods Poker Classic (March 8-23). Attracting pros and amateurs, the FPC features a \$2,700 re-entry main event (with plenty of satellites), multiple \$300 events and the popular Ladies Only (\$300, bounty \$500) and two multflight \$200 and \$300 events. The FPC also includes PLO, Omaha/8 and stud events for the more discerning poker player.



PATRICK GALLAGHER
NORTHEAST

Check out foxwoods.com or see the ad on the facing page for more information.

MOHEGAN SUN: Not to be outdone by its neighbor to the west, the Mohegan Sun poker room will be featuring the Spring Showdown from March 23-30, with 12 events and \$500K in guarantees. The MSSS includes a \$1,100 re-entry main event, low buy-in/high guarantee events of \$120 and \$300, as well as a ladies-only event, sponsored in part by the High Heels Poker Tour. Check out poker.mohegansun.com for more information and details.

EASTERN POKER TOUR: Here's a look at the Eastern Poker Tour's weekly charity event schedule (and for more info, go to easternpokertour.com): Monday night, \$120, deepstack bounty; Wednesday night, \$110 deepstack; Friday night, mini-mega, \$100 deepstack and Saturday, \$150, megastack.

— Email Patrick at anteupn@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN

Is Wisconsin entering iGaming?

While there has been no Internet poker legislative movement in Wisconsin, there have been some positive steps toward iGaming. Last year, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians became the first nation to join the Tribal Internet Gaming Alliance, an alliance of Indian tribes working to bring Internet gaming to Indian country within the framework of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and other state and federal laws.

"As online gaming legislation progresses throughout the United States, the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council recognizes the need to stay in the forefront of the potential opportunities," said the tribe, which has launched a fun-play site for its Lake of the Torches Casino Resort to help pave the way to real-money gaming.

"It pleases me that some in Indian country are aggressively exploring their Internet gaming options. For many Americans, tribal casinos are well-known entities and it would be only natural for players to migrate to their brands online," Poker Player Alliance executive director **John Pappas** said. "Given the significant capital investment, it makes sense that tribes would band together so that smaller and medium-sized tribes can compete in the market. Also, the unique nature of Indian gaming law allows tribes to be more creative in building the necessary liquidity to have a successful online poker platform."

— Email Chad at anteupchad@yahoo.com.



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SAT	3/8	1PM	2	¹ 300 Omaha Hi-Lo 8+	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
SUN	3/9	11AM	3	¹ 300 NLH Bounty (Re-Entry)	¹ 210/ ¹ 40 ¹ 50 Bounty	15,000
SUN	3/9	1PM	4	¹ 300 PLO HIGH RE-ENTRY	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
MON	3/10	11AM	5	¹ 300 NLH (Re-Entry) ¹ 100,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	15,000
TUE	3/11	11AM	6	¹ 300 NLH Bounty (Re-Entry)	¹ 210/ ¹ 40 ¹ 50 Bounty	15,000
TUE	3/11	1PM	7	¹ 300 HOSE	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
WED	3/12	11AM	8A	¹ 400 NLH Day 1A (Re-Entry) ¹ 100,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 350/ ¹ 50	20,000
WED	3/12	1PM	9	¹ 300 7-Card Stud	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
THU	3/13	11AM	8B	¹ 400 NLH Day 1B (Re-Entry) ¹ 100,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 350/ ¹ 50	20,000
THU	3/13	1PM	10	¹ 300 Limit Hold'em	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
FRI	3/14	11AM		¹ 400 NLH Day 1A and 1B combined		
FRI	3/14	NOON	11	¹ 500 NLH Semi-Turbo Bounty (Re-Entry)	¹ 340/ ¹ 60 ¹ 100 BOUNTY	20,000
SAT	3/15	11AM	12	¹ 300 NLH Ladies Only (Re-Entry)	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	15,000
SAT	3/15	NOON	13	¹ 1,650 NLH (Re-Entry) ¹ 150,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 1,500/ ¹ 150	25,000
SUN	3/16	11AM	14	¹ 400 NLH Six – Max (Re-Entry)	¹ 350/ ¹ 50	20,000
MON	3/17	11AM	15A	¹ 300 NLH MULTI FLIGHTS (Re-Entry) ¹ 75,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	15,000
MON	3/17	5PM	15B			
TUE	3/18	NOON		¹ 300 NLH FLIGHTS A and B combined		
TUE	3/18	11AM	16	¹ 400 NLH SENIORS (Re-Entry) Two-Day Event	¹ 350/ ¹ 50	20,000
WED	3/19	11AM	17	¹ 1,100 NLH (Re-Entry) ¹ 75,000 Guaranteed Two-Day Event	¹ 1,000/ ¹ 100	20,000
WED	3/19	1PM	18	¹ 300 7-Card Stud Hi-Lo 8+	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	10,000
THU	3/20	11AM	19	¹ 300 NLH Bounty (Re-entry)	¹ 210/ ¹ 40 ¹ 50 Bounty	15,000
FRI	3/21	11AM	20	¹ 2,700 NLH CHAMPIONSHIP (RE-ENTRY) ¹ 400,000 GUARANTEED Three-Day Event	¹ 2,500/ ¹ 200	30,000
SAT	3/22	10AM	21	¹ 300 NLH SPECIAL (RE-ENTRY)	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	30,000
SUN	3/23	10AM	22	¹ 300 NLH SPECIAL (RE-ENTRY)	¹ 260/ ¹ 40	30,000



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Coushatta's 7 Clans series is March 11-14

Danny Wade, a dual-rate supervisor at Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La., is passionate about his job. Wade has gone above and beyond in improving the poker room's weekly tournaments and the upcoming 7 Clans Poker Cup series (March 11-14) by making them more player-friendly.



MATT STROUD
LOUISIANA

The 7 Clans will have two satellites, a preliminary \$300 buy-in event and a \$1K main event that could pay \$50K to first place. Being a poker player, **Wade** understands the effort it takes to battle his way deep into tournaments.



He gathered as many player requests as he could and took them all into consideration in trying to be best tournament in the state.

He said his efforts have been paying off, thanks to the staff led by manager **Randall Litteral** and **Tom Helo**.

BELLE OF BATON ROUGE: Mid-States Poker Tour made its Louisiana debut Feb. 15-23 (after press time) at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino. There were multiple satellites to the main event and PokerNews was on hand for live reporting. Results will be published soon.

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Sandness wins Canterbury Freeze Out

Mark Sandness of Wyzata, Minn., won \$46,910 in the Great Minnesota Freeze Out after defeating **Todd Breyfogle** heads-up for the title. The freezing temperatures didn't stop 186 entrants from generating a \$180K prize pool for the \$1,100 event at Canterbury Park in Shakopee on Jan. 24-26. This win increases Sandness' lifetime earnings to more than \$270K, according to the Hendon Mob database. The final table featured several of Minnesota's finest players with **Peixin Liu**, **Steve Lillehaug**, **Jeremy Dresch**, **Matt Alexander** and **Ryan Hartmann** among the final 10.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

AVALANCHE: Alexander won the \$36,826 first-place prize in the Big Stack Avalanche at Running Aces Harness Park on Jan. 12. There were 298 entrants in the \$500 event for a prize pool of \$131,513.

CRUISE FREEROLLS: Running Aces is continuing to give away a cruise package for the Oct. 19 Ante Up Poker Cruise sailing out of Galveston. The giveaways come during the Monday night freeroll every other week so be sure to call for details.

SPRING POKER CLASSIC: Running Aces hosts its Spring Poker Classic Ante Up Poker Tour event March 4-17. There are 33 events, including a \$1,100 main event and \$2K High Roller. For more, see the ad on the facing page and see our preview on anteupmagazine.com. — Email John at john.somsky@gmail.com.

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In 1984, Illinois lawmakers allowed poker to be played at charity events. **Jim Kasputis** was there at the beginning, starting Rockford Charitable Games. After 30 years of listening to players, they still enjoy playing in a legal environment while helping Illinois charities.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

In the '80s, poker was well-suited to back rooms and basements. Kasputis changed that by booking events in upscale banquet halls, giving players a more pleasant experience.

"I found out about Rockford Charitable Games on a business trip in the mid '90s," World Series of Poker media director **Nolan Dalla** said. "I was astounded by how friendly the players were."

Today, you'll find the same friendly atmosphere. As a family-run business, the family's passion for poker has helped RCG be the state's largest and oldest poker business.

Kasputis' daughter, **Regina**, got involved early on, running charity events with her dad, and now runs Island Casino in Longview, Wash. **Jim Jr.** runs events with his father.

Long before casinos started running tournaments, RCG ran them regularly, and now they run more tournaments in a week than all of the Illinois poker rooms combined. One of the early tournament winners was WSOP main-event champ **Greg Raymer**.

RCG was one of the first to run WSOP satellites outside of Nevada, and it still runs satellites for some of the major events around the country.

With RCG's long history, tournament players from ev-

erywhere can be found with RCG roots, including a recent WSOPC event at Horseshoe Hammond, where eight players who frequently play at RCG made a final table.

Before Illinois had a smoking ban, Kasputis noticed some of the venues had poor ventilation. He had players vote on a smoking ban, and that's when RCG events became non-smoking.

WCPC: Since its event in January, Windy City Poker Championship's weekly charity events have been extremely successful. Players have multiple opportunities to advance to WCPC's televised final table or TV cash game set for May 24-25.

Four players have qualified. Low-limit tournaments are scheduled weekly at noon and the \$60 buy-in has been popular with its deep structure.

Since the poker boom, leagues have become popular in Chicagoland. The WCPC will be running every weekend in the south suburbs and launch its league March 8 at the Tinley Park VFW. This monthly league will have a \$50 buy-in. For more details, go to windycitypokerchampionship.com or look for Chicago Poker League on Facebook.

HORSESHOE HAMMOND: The Chicago Poker Classic is scheduled for April 29-May 12. In other news, **Frank Tighe**, who started playing cash games when the Horseshoe opened, recently started playing tournaments seriously and won the first End of the Month \$100K guarantee he entered, pocketing \$28K.

Runner-up **Alexander Horodysky** also recently started playing tournaments seriously. **Robert Edelstein**, who made the final table, has a pair of WSOPC rings.

— **Email "Chicago" Joe at chicago.joe@comcast.net.**



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DAN HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

DEEPSTACK PLAY: If you like playing deep in the \$1-\$2 game, Hollywood Columbus and Horseshoe Cincinnati provide buy-in options based not on set min-max spreads, but rather

as percentages of the biggest stack at the table. These properties also are doing interesting things to help build \$2-\$5 action, and bigger, by mixing up these buy-in levels, and these changes are making a difference in the games.

Cleveland Horseshoe has increased the spread on the \$2-\$5 buy-in to a \$500-\$2K level, which has detractors and fans. Many people believe this will hurt the growth of \$2-\$5 and

\$5-\$10 in Cleveland, but reports from Bravo show Columbus, and Cincy are really running large numbers of \$2-\$5 games, including as many as six games on weekends.

In Pennsylvania, the Meadows and Rivers poker rooms each feature \$1-\$3 games that have brisk action. The Rivers routinely has 27-plus tables of the 30-table room filled on weekends and on game nights.

If you're planning on taking a little *pokercation* weekend with the fellas or ladies, check Bravo or make some calls. Each room has an ever-changing situation regarding promotions, the bad-beat size and other things that may interests you off the tables. Some casinos don't offer promotions on the weekends, others do.

As always, tournaments are changing. The Rivers and Hollywood Columbus are surely focusing on being creative and trying to provide players as many options as possible and overall deeper structures per your buy-in dollar.

— **Dan Harkenrider hosts the Division of Poker and Chris MoneyMaker radio shows. Email him at anteupdan@gmail.com and follow him on Twitter @DivisionofPoker.**



WSOPC COUNCIL BLUFFS KICKS OFF BUSY SLATE

It appears the tournament scene in Iowa is beginning to ramp up for the year.

The Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs will host a World Series of Poker Circuit event April 10-21.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

This WSOPC is the big event of the year in Iowa. There will be more than 30 events leading up to the \$1,675 main event. Most of these are hold'em, but there are a few Omaha events and even a rare HORSE event if you like mixed games. (See the adjacent ad for more info.) The Horseshoe is one of my favorite rooms in Iowa.

Poker room manager **Andrew Brock** and his crew will make you feel welcome. If you haven't played at the Horseshoe, please drop by to see what I mean. If cash games are more to your liking, the Horseshoe offers some of the biggest in the state with its unique max buy-in rule. You can buy in for up to 75 percent of the big stack at the table. In the evening, this can be significant. My biggest pots won in NLHE and PLO have all come at the Horseshoe.

RIVERSIDE: There will be seven events at the eight annual Riverside Poker Challenge Series (April 9-13). These are all \$125 entry, except the main event, which is \$375.

In addition to the regular hold'em events, there will be an Omaha/8, a pot-limit HO game, and an ante-only NLHE game.

Main-event satellites will run with buy-ins as affordable as \$40. With events like these, it's easy to see why Riverside is considered the best tournament location in eastern Iowa.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS: Once a month, the poker room is running satellites for the \$10K WSOP main event. There are four satellites remaining (March 23, April 20, May 18 and June 8). These sport a \$200 buy-in and the winner receives the \$10K WSOP main-event seat this summer and \$2K for expenses.

ISLE: Recently, I had a couple of opportunities to drop by the Isle Casino in Waterloo. In addition to the normal NLHE action, it has a strong PLO-PLO/8 group.

There's a regular \$1-\$3 game on Friday nights that alternates orbits of PLO and PLO/8.

Late in the evening, this game often changes to Big O if all players agree. It's an exciting action game so if you become bored with hold'em, drop by to give it a try.

If you're looking for something bigger on Tuesday nights, there is a \$5-\$5 PLO-PLO/8 game and sometimes NLHE is thrown in the mix.

MESKWAKI: The Mid-States Poker Tour kicks off March 29-April 6.

The MSPT will have a \$300K guarantee with plenty of satellites (buy-ins from \$45 to \$250), so anyone should be able to find a seat in the \$1,100 main event.

— Email Ken at anteupken@gmail.com.

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Friday, April 11

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Ring Turbo | Noon
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Nightly | 7pm

Saturday, April 12

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Noon
\$365 No-Limit Hold'Em
Ring Re-Entry Flight B |
5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 8pm

Sunday, April 13

\$250 Seniors | 10am
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Ring | 2pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Monday, April 14

\$365 No-Limit Hold'Em
Ring | Noon
\$365 Omaha/8 Ring |
5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Tuesday, April 15

\$365 No-Limit Hold'Em
6max Ring | Noon
\$250 PLO/8 | 5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Wednesday, April 16

\$365 No-Limit Hold'Em
Ring | Noon
\$250 HORSE | 5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Thursday, April 17

\$580 No-Limit Hold'Em
Ring | Noon
\$250 Mega to ME | 5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Friday, April 18

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ME | 10am
\$365 No-Limit Hold'Em
Ring Turbo | Noon
\$250 Mega to ME | 5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm
\$250 Turbo Satellite |
10pm

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10am
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\$250 Turbo Satellite |
3pm
\$1675 Main Event
Flight B | 5pm
\$135 No-Limit Hold'Em
Nightly | 7pm

Sunday, April 20

Main Event Day 2 | 2pm
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LOCALS THRIVE AT WSOPC AT HARRAH'S TUNICA

I had the pleasure of spending two weeks in Northern Mississippi at the Harrah's Tunica World Series of Poker Circuit. The closing of Gold Strike's poker room (Jan. 14) seems to have had no adverse effect on action in Tunica. If anything, poker is more consolidated and thriving. Though I do miss the Strike, several of the staff and dealers have found positions at Harrah's.



JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

Almost every live table was full by mid afternoon and manager **Steve Reed** worked tirelessly to make sure visitors were treated to the same level of hospitality the Tunica regulars have come to expect.

Results are below, where you'll see plenty of familiar faces. Congrats to **Mitch Franks** of Tupelo, Miss., for winning Event 1.

He really doesn't play that many tournaments, but when he does, he's a force. Of his 12 cashes, a third are victories.

Congrats also to the two locals who went heads-up for the big opening weekend re-entry tournament. **Robert Richard** of Memphis, who won the title for almost \$75K, eliminated **Stuart Breakstone** of Collierville, Tenn., in second place (\$45K).

The main event was a medley of players from all over the area. Familiar faces and newcomers alike cashed, a good sign poker is still growing in the Mid South. Texas native **Jonathan Gaviao** took home the championship and \$181K.

While we all wait to thaw out, I look forward to seeing you at the Beau Rivage on March 27 for the Spring Break Classic. In the meantime, stay warm and good luck.

— Email Jennifer at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.

WSOPC, Harrah's, Tunica, Miss., Jan. 23-Feb. 3



Event 1 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 384 • Pool: \$115,200
Mitchell Franks, \$25,341



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Event 3 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 1,448 • Pool: \$434,400
Robert Richardson, \$74,932



Event 4 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 347 • Pool: \$104,100
Robert Hankins, \$23,941



Event 5 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 348 • Pool: \$104,400
Justin Brown, \$24,012



Event 6 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 318 • Pool: \$95,400
Oran Haynes, \$22,416



Event 7 • \$365 6-Max
Entries: 314 • Pool: \$94,200
Joe Hebda, \$23,550



Event 8 • \$580 NLHE
Entries: 274 • Pool: \$137K
Daniel Rivera, \$32,878



Event 9 • \$365 PLO
Entries: 148 • Pool: \$44,400
Paul Goldberg, \$12,434



\$1,675 Main Event
Entries: 577 • Pool: \$865,500
Jon Gaviao, \$181,757



Event 11 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 199 • Pool: \$59,700
Andrew Rothfolk, \$15,520



Event 12 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 159 • Pool: \$47,700
Thuy Djedjos, \$12,877



St. Louis players have many event options

St. Louis is getting ready for six weeks of national tournaments, and while all St. Louis rooms offer daily tournaments to hone your skills or build your bankroll, bigger cash games are being spread, too.



DON MATUSOFSKY
MISSOURI

- Hollywood St. Louis runs two tournaments most days. The buy-ins range from \$60 to \$160, but the bigger events feature double starting chips and longer blinds. Hollywood spreads \$20-\$40 limit hold'em with half kill on Wednesday and Friday and \$5-\$10 no-limit hold'em on Tuesday and Thursday.

- Ameristar St. Charles runs one tournament a day. Tuesdays and Saturdays are bounty tournaments. The Wednesday tournament is an all-in-or-fold event. Ameristar runs \$2-\$5 Big O every Wednesday.

- River City Casino runs tournaments Thursday through

Sunday. Thursday has bounty tournaments at noon and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday have the same structure without the bounty. Sunday is a deepstack mystery bounty tournament. The mystery bounty is picked randomly and will carry a triple bounty.

"These tournaments offer more variety and also fulfill a longtime request of our players," manager **Jimmy Gorman** said. "The structures are not typical for casino poker rooms; they offer more play than our competitors' tournaments, which has an appeal to any regular tourney player."

- Lumiere Place runs daily tournaments Monday-Friday. Friday night is the Three Blind tournament using poker room manager **Anthony Chester's** unique structure. Saturday and Sunday has deeper stacks and longer blinds. WSOPC mega satellites run every Saturday night until March 15.

— Email Don at anteupdonm@gmail.com.



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HOUSE RULES MAY VARY, EVEN FOR FOOD

I was playing \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em in a California cardroom and a floor person ruled an opponent was able to pay for his meal that he had ordered out of his stack before calling my raise, which put him all-in.



JODY RUSSELL
CALL THE FLOOR

My opponent stalled his decision until the waiter was bringing his tray of food. Then he grabbed chips from his stack to pay for the dinner (and tip handsomely mind you) before he finally called. The floor said it was OK for him to use chips for his meal purchase and didn't care that he did so while his chips were in jeopardy. I thought he should have paid cash, not chips, since the action was on him.

— Todd Falstad, via email

JODY SAYS: It sounds like the floor's call probably was correct based on house rules. This situation will vary from house to house. Though I believe this player was using the house rule to an unfair advantage, he also was minimizing the amount of money he could win with his hand. The most agreeable version of this rule that I'm aware of is to allow players to use a percentage of their chips in play to pay for food or tournaments. A lot of places set the amount at 50 percent.

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I was in a \$1-\$2 no-limit cash game at Florida casino. I called a \$50 bet from Seat 3. Seat 5 hadn't act yet when Seat 6 called out of turn. As he was about to put his money in the pot when the dealer said Seat 5 still had his cards. Seat 5 called the \$50 bet. Seat 6 then said he was not calling and the dealer said, "OK." I told the dealer I thought a verbal call was binding, especially since there was no change in the action. The floor supervisor and the shift manager agreed with the dealer. Is this correct? — Bob N., via email

JODY SAYS: Poker TDA Rules 37 and 38 deal with verbal betting and action out of turn. Though Rule 37 states verbal bets in turn are binding, Rule 38 goes on to include that betting out of turn is binding if the action to the out-of-turn player has not changed when it becomes their turn. In this situation, the player in Seat 6 is obligated to make the call.

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I was playing in a \$40 tournament in Black Hawk, Colo. In Seat 1 is a casual, social player who is not in the habit of placing a chip on her cards to protect her hand. The dealer finished his deal and turned toward Seat 1 as she was first to act. She had not touched her cards and they were in that precarious Seat 1 pitfall spot that's just too close to the dealer's hand; he was moving fast and in an effort to point or maybe push her cards closer to

VERBAL IS BINDING

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her to ask for action, he flipped over one of her cards.

He called the floor and admitted to exposing the card. The floor person told Seat 1, "You may choose to play your hand as is, meaning everyone will know one of your cards. You may choose to fold. Those are your options. You will not incur a penalty." Seat 1, frustrated the hand was compromised, took exception to his last sentence, and responded with, "You're darn right I'm not going to get a penalty; it was the dealer's fault." While it is in players' best interest to protect their hands from exposure, mucking or other corruption, are they at fault if the dealer or another player exposes their card? Would a floor ever penalize the player for not protecting their hand in a similar situation? — Jessica Loyd, via email

JODY SAYS: Though it sometimes seems someone else is to blame, it's always the player's responsibility to protect their hand. When something unintentional does happen to a hand, the blame is rightfully placed on the player to whom the cards belong. In situations like this, there should be no negative consequence to the player if they choose to play the hand with one card exposed. I think the floor person was simply trying to be thorough with the ruling.

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In a \$3-\$6 limit hold'em game, three players saw the flop. Player 1 checked and Player 2 went all-in for \$1. Player 3 threw in \$1 and then \$2 more. Player 1 quickly raised to \$6. The dealer stopped action and ruled a string bet from Player 3 and told Player 1 he could only call the \$1 all-in.

The floor was called to explain why Player 1 can't at least complete to the full \$3 bet. The ruling basically came down that an incomplete bet (less than half) does not constitute action and Player 1 can only call or fold. Is this the correct ruling?

— Don Matusofsky, via email

JODY SAYS: I concur with the dealer and the floor person in this scenario. Player 1 had a chance to act in this betting round. In limit poker, all-in action for less than half a bet is not considered significant enough to reopen the betting to players who have acted in that round. If Player 3 had completed the bet to \$3 in a proper fashion the betting would have been reopened to Player 1.

— Jody Russell is a veteran poker room manager. Be sure to email your questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.



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Both flights of the Cordova Casino Ante Up Championship sold out and had alternates.

AGUSTIN WINS CORDOVA CASINO TITLE

Chris Agustin, a father-to-be from Sacramento, uses aggressive play at the final table to capture the Cordova Casino Ante Up Championship and a spot in the AUP World at Thunder Valley.

By Scott Long

It never hurts to win a poker tournament when you have a baby on the way.

Chris Agustin of Sacramento expects to celebrate his son's birth in just a few weeks, but for now, he and his girlfriend are celebrating his victory in the first Ante Up Poker Tour event of 2014, the Cordova Casino Ante Up Championship at Rancho Cordova, Calif.

After a grueling Day 2 that lasted nearly 11 hours, and didn't really ease up even after a five-way chop deal was reached, Agustin topped **John Eaton** heads-up for the title when his A-6 held against Q-3. Agustin earned \$3,209 in the chop, plus a \$1,650 seat in the Ante Up World Cham-



pionship Main Event on Aug. 9 at Thunder Valley Casino Resort and a personalized AUP champion's jacket.

Eaton, a Cordova Casino dealer, earned \$3,033 in the chop. **Marcus Lee**, who technically finished fourth, earned the most money, \$5,524, by virtue of being chipleader when the chip-count deal was reached in the middle of Level 17. The final five played out the rest of the tournament for the world championship entry and the title.

"The blinds were killing us," Agustin said of the motivation to reach a deal. "I didn't start playing aggressively until the chop, and then I started playing a lot more aggressively when there were three of us. Pretty much, the

Next up for the AUP

Running Aces Card Club near Minneapolis, Minn., will host the next Ante Up Poker Tour event March 4-17 with 35 events, including satellites.



The Spring Poker Classic will culminate with a three-day, \$1,100 buy-in main event that will send its champion to the Ante Up World Championship in August.

- The AUP then sets sail on the Ante Up Poker Cruise on March 30-April 6 aboard the NCL *Star* out of Los Angeles with a four-event series. Immediately after the cruise, the 101 Casino in Petaluma, Calif., just north of San Francisco, will host a six-day series April 7-13, ending with a main event that will put the champion on the cover of the May issue of *Ante Up*.
- Seven other series are on the 2014 AUP schedule, with more expected to be announced soon. Visit AnteUpPokerTour.Com for more information on all events.

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pace went from lax to aggressive.”

Agustin, in his first time playing at Cordova Casino, was in the top five as play entered Day 2, which he said was markedly more competitive than Day 1.

“The guys at the final table were strong,” he said. “They proved to be worthy of the final table. It was a different caliber than Day 1.”

Agustin, an investment-fund manager, recently got back into playing poker more seriously after leaving his 13-hours-a-day corporate world job and moving to Sacramento from Orange County, Calif.

“Before when I used to play, there weren’t many tournaments,” said Agustin, a regular at Thunder Valley Casino Resort where he plans to play in the World Poker Tour Rolling Thunder event in March. “Now, there is a wide variety of buy-ins conveniently located close to where we live. I pretty much play every day.”

The Cordova Casino Ante Up Championship was by far the most unique stop in Ante Up Poker Tour history: a single, \$220 buy-in tournament to reintroduce the cardroom to the Northern California poker community by landing the champion on the cover of Ante Up. Cordova Restaurant Casino sold out both of the event’s starting flights, and was able to accommodate nearly two dozen alternates to create a 136-player field and a \$26,800 prize pool.

“I think we delivered on what we intended to do, (to) provide a player-friendly tournament that had great bang for the buck,” said

Rob Ketchum, poker room manager, who is looking to re-establish the stylish cardroom as a place where players will find great action instead of unsustainable promotions. “Players appreciated the price. I think it was a good field for our property to see where we can go from here. We definitely had some good feedback.”

To stoke the action in its cash games, Cordova allows players in all games to buy in for up to the biggest stack at the table, and allows straddles for up to 10 times the big blind. Current promotions include a bonus \$20 when buying in for \$40 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily and when buying in for \$80 between 4-7 p.m. daily.

Cordova general manager **Peter Nairn** and casino manager **Jerad Horstman** created a comfortable environment for players, providing a breakfast buffet for Flight 1 players, a dinner buffet for Flight 2 players and a sandwich buffet for players returning on Day 2.

Before and after the event, players enjoyed a varied food menu and a deep craft beer selection in the Lodge restaurant, as well as a variety of California card games in addition to no-limit hold’em in the poker room. The casino is in an upscale office park setting, with several hotels within easy walking distance.

Cordova Restaurant Casino has begun discussions on its next big tournament. In the meantime, its sister property, the 101 Casino in Petaluma, Calif., just north of San Francisco, will host an AUPT championship event April 7-13. ♠



**Runner-up
John Eaton**



Results

- 1. Chris Agustin, \$3,209*
- 2. John Eaton, \$3,033
- 3. John Duckworth, \$4,964
- 4. Marcus Lee, \$5,524
- 5. Jeff Townshend, \$4,707
- 6. Connie Xabandith, \$1,608
- 7. Mike Postle, \$1,340
- 8. Rob Geach, \$804
- 9. Kenny Tran, \$536
- 10. Adam Housh, \$536
- 11. Tom Kilcollins, \$268
- 12. Carla Edwards, \$268

* Plus \$1,650 seat in the Ante Up World Championship Main Event on Aug. 9.

Top five agreed to chip-count chop before continuing play



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Attack Poker and Bellator have partnered in a multi-year alliance that kicked off at Bellator's Season 10 debut from Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut on Feb. 28. The alliance will make Attack Poker the official online gaming partner of Bellator, and will be featured throughout Bellator's live event broadcast, as well as online and through digital campaigns.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

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"Bellator is the toughest tournament in sports, and this partnership will make Attack Poker the toughest, largest, free-to-play poker tournament in the world," said **Ronald Doumani**, managing director of the parent company of Attack Poker. "Some of MMA's top fighters and poker's top players will converge through this partnership, elevating Attack Poker from online play to an action and entertainment lifestyle."

Attack Poker brings online play to life through interaction and special events with Team Attack Poker, comprised of some of poker's top players including **Eli Elezra**, **Luke Schwartz** and **Billy Baxter**.

NEW JERSEY: Many of the online sites in the Garden State

are running big-prize freerolls, extreme overlays and member bonuses. Ultimate Poker began its promotion, running until March 9, where all players are refunded the entry fee for any guaranteed tournament that meets the prize-pot requirement.

TRIBAL NATIONS: Since online gaming has become legal in Nevada, Delaware and New Jersey, there are many Indian tribes looking to add online gaming to their revenue streams.

According to an article in *Stateline*, in 28 states, American Indian Tribes have 460 gaming locations, but none have online gaming.

In Oklahoma, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have joined forces and made an agreement to go after players outside of the United States.

They intend to share the profits between their tribes and have come to an agreement on terms with the state to pay certain percentages of the net revenue of house-funded games on a sliding scale and 10 percent of the monthly net revenue of non house-funded card games, including poker, being funded by the players.

Recently, the U.S. government halted the agreement, stating the tribes are getting the bad end of the deal and the state is taking advantage of them. The tribes feel this is a good deal for them and don't see the state as taking advantage of any kind. So, the tribes have filed a lawsuit against the government.

— **Email Joel Gatlin at editor@anteupmagazine.com. Christopher Cosenza and Jo Kim contributed to this report.**

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YOU CAN'T IGNORE THE POT ODDS

I was playing in my regular \$10-\$20 PLO game at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond when this hand took place.

We were five-handed and everyone had stacks of around \$4K-\$5K. I was in the big blind with $Q♥J♦3♥3♦$ and the action folded around to the small blind, a good player with whom I have a ton of history. He raised to \$60 preflop and I called. The flop came $8♦4♠3♠$. He led \$100 into me and I raised to \$350, which he called. The turn was the $8♥$ pairing the board. He checked and I bet \$600, which he again called. The river was the $8♣$ for a board of $8-4-3-8-8$. He led \$400 into a pot of roughly \$2K and I folded. Then something happened. But before I tell you what that was, let's break down the hand.

PREFLOP: The action was pretty standard. I have a double-suited hand in position, enough stack depth to make plays on most streets, and I can control the pot size. Easy call when he makes it \$60 and I'm already in for \$20.

FLOP: I flopped bottom set on $8♦4♠3♠$ with \$120 in the pot. A smart player leads \$100 into me with the effective stack size being roughly \$4K. I raised to \$350 because I'm ahead in the hand and I don't want this player to see a cheap turn in case he has marginal draws. Also, because of our previous history, my range is wide when I raise in position in this spot because I would definitely raise my drawing hands as well.

TURN: When he checked and I bet \$600 into a pot of \$800 on

the turn, I'm not just betting for value. A big bet on a turn that pairs the board looks bluffy to most solid players in this spot. If I really have a boat, why would I bet out all of the draws that missed? Because of this dynamic, if he has an overpair such as A-A or K-K, he's going to call a high percentage of the time.

RIVER: With the board reading $8-4-3-8-8$, my full house diminished to eights full of threes, as opposed to threes full of eights. An eight or any pair bigger than mine wins. Since my opponent called my large turn bet, I'd say he has an eight or an overpair a high percentage of the time. Rarely would a solid player check-call \$600 on the turn with just a drawing hand, since he could be drawing dead out of position in a sizeable pot. With \$2K in the pot on the river my opponent bet \$400 into me and I folded. How bad was my fold? Epic bad. I should have called because of the overwhelming pot odds. I didn't think my opponent was capable of making a call on the turn with a pure drawing hand and no pair. I was wrong.

My mistake was forgetting that my bet-sizing on the turn was actually TRYING to induce a light call, and not just from overpairs. I got what I wanted and then choked.

After I mucked my opponent showed $4♥5♠6♠7♦$ for the open-ended straight flush draw that missed. He took advantage of the fact that he made a bad turn call and used it against me.

I don't play every hand perfectly, no one does. Well, maybe except **Phil Hellmuth**. But I make sure that when I do, make a mistake I try and learn from it. ♠

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STAND UP TO THE BULLY

By Natasha Barbour

It seems every poker table has one person who tries to run over everyone. This person raises, three-bets and four-bets every hand, making sure he takes control of every pot. We call that person a bully. A bully always tries to push people off their hands and is extremely aggressive, too aggressive. By being too aggressive, the bully automatically makes mistakes. How do you take advantage of his mistakes and take the bully out of his comfort zone?

Call more often and bet less. Why?

- He has air more often than a real hand. You need to open up your range. Against a bully, you don't want to wait for a real hand as you usually will end up winning a small pot. You need to check-call a lot as he cannot reopen the betting and this keeps control of the pot with your marginal hand.

- If you have a good hand that's not vulnerable, let the bully make mistakes. A bully wants to be in control and once he loses that control, the pot is yours. So if you're confident about your hand and want to get paid, don't scare him. As he is usually loose-aggressive, he will do the betting for you. Though it

doesn't seem like it, this type of player can lose comfort rather fast, especially when outplayed or when he hangs himself. By that last term, I mean when you play a strong hand passively as he is constantly betting into you.

A bully is bluffing most time, so remember that, and on top of calling him more, you need to bet less.

A second, more aggressive way of dealing with a bully is to take control of the pots to bring him out of his comfort zone. Though they act tough, bullies lose comfort when they are being raised and reraised (in other words, when there's another player bullying him). The trick is to be more aggressive than he is and he'll slow down. Check-raise more often; it will put a stop to his bullying.

Playing with a bully is never fun. It kills the game if nobody plays back at him. To change that, you need to be more aggressive than he is (always in position). Remember, the bully's range includes any two cards, so putting him on a hand or trying to read him is usually impossible, which is why it's difficult to play with one.

If in a tournament, you need to "outbull" this bully pretty fast as you're playing for first place and you can't have him take every pot. In a cash game, you have the choice to change tables. Your aggression will slow him down. Stand up to him. ♠



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LEARN NOT TO BE A POKER VICTIM

Play long enough and you'll get your share of cooler hands. There will be times when the cards play themselves and there's not a whole lot you can do. There are, however, plenty of times when you can do something about it. You don't always have to be a victim. Here are two scenarios I witnessed in the past two tournaments I played.



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In the first one, we were down to eight players (paying six) and the two biggest stacks saw a flop of Q-J-2. There was a bet, a raise, a reraise, an all-in and a call. Snap, snap, snap, snap and snap. Both could have coasted to the money so I was expecting to see some big hands, yet, it was A-Q vs. K-10. A nine on the turn left the A-Q crippled and he was eliminated shortly thereafter.

Next tourney, we're down to six and paying four. The big stack at the table called an all-in with pocket sixes and lost to pocket 10s. A few hands later there was an almost identical hand. He called an all-in with pocket sevens and was against 10s and lost again. Shortly thereafter, he was eliminated. In both tournaments, I sensed the player eliminated felt victimized by his poor luck and there wasn't much he could have done given the hand he was dealt.

This brings me to a third scenario. A friend of mine called me to ask my opinion of a hand. He was in a tourney where they were down to six and paying five. He was short-stacked, but so are two others. One of the short stacks went all-in pre-flop before our friend could act. According to our friend, the all-in player was playing extremely tight. Our friend had A-Q and decided to fold. Everyone folded and the all-in flashed pocket nines. Our friend announced he folded A-Q and the table didn't believe him as they were unanimous that A-Q is an automatic call in that spot.

A-Q is a positive EV call there given the potential hand range of even a tight player coupled with the blinds and antes in the center of the table. Is it an automatic call? That's up to each individual, but my friend's point was that he did not want to go out on someone else's terms. He could easily be up against a pocket pair or A-K and after grinding all day, he did not want to risk his tournament life on a coin flip or worse. He refused to be a victim to his cards. He folded and ended up in a four-way chop. While a correct decision doesn't depend on the ultimate result, I can't argue with his logic, not after some of the victims I've witnessed.

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WHAT EVERY "BODY" IS SAYING



← MORE BY JOE NAVARRO

HERE ARE MY TOP 20 THOUGHTS ON POKER TELLS

- Getting a baseline of behaviors on opponents is critical. It will enable you to better assess if opponents are weak. Watch them when in play and out and note everything about them.



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- Changes in behaviors (tells) mean changes in thoughts, feelings, perceptions or intentions. Don't ignore changes as all behaviors have meaning.
- If you see discomfort/comfort behaviors from a player, discomfort takes primacy as most likely there are hidden issues or concerns.
- When we're bluffing, we tend to lack confidence. Look for confidence displays that say I'm strong; when they're missing the player most likely is weak.
- All tells must be observed in context.
- I'm a firm believer players should look at hole cards out of sequence. When you look at your cards in sequence, you're guaranteeing everyone is noting your tells.
- Look for tells outside the poker arena so that when you're playing you don't have to think about them.
- If an opponent overplays a pacifier (any self-soothing behavior) so you'll take notice, they're likely bluffing.
- The most immediate response in relation to a stimulus, is going to be the most accurate. Tells slow in coming are more likely contrived for the purpose of perception management.

- Weak or marginal players will engage in personal attacks or arguments more often than strong.

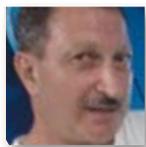
- Some players increase chatter when nervous. This happens with extroverts who find comfort in talking to reduce tension.
- If you can't read someone at all, go with betting patterns and statistics. Don't try to invent tells where there are none.
- Some players have read my books and have mastered displaying no usable info by holding still or by giving out false tells.
- Avoid staredowns, as those tend to put players on tilt.
- Just because you didn't see a tell doesn't mean it wasn't there.
- Observe others without being intrusive. Try to see multiple people at once so you're not staring at them.
- If a player thinks he's weak then that's exactly what you're going to see, signs of weakness. Remember you are reading perceptions of reality, not reality.
- Make sure you can hear those around you. Exhales of stress, are often missed when players are using headphones.
- Reading tells is a perishable skill; it takes practice.
- The key to mastering tells is to learn what many authors have to say on the subject: Go out and look for them, become comfortable observing others.

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THOU SHALT MAXIMIZE YOUR POKER EDGE

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

Edge in poker can be interpreted as having an advantage in a given situation at the table; when involved in a hand. However, the more we delve into this controversial topic; the greater the intangibles play a role in understanding what edge means.



MARK BREMENT

The recurring sum of net edge, multiplied by the volume equals expectation; which over time will equal your profit. Simply put, math does not lie. If we get all of our money in the pot with a bigger pair in the hole vs. a lower pair, it should be simple enough to compute our expected profit. Or simply putting a suited A-Q vs. 8-8 in PokerStove (a freeware probabilistic poker calculator that determines the odds of winning) will compute the hand value of one against the other, but this relatively simple hand analysis cannot comprehend or quantify the value of the respective hands when taking position to account.

And we can keep adding factors we're not able to numerically value. This muddles things. I recently sat in a no-limit game at an unfamiliar venue. Within 10 minutes, I knew where and why I wanted to change my seat. I needed to get to the left of the deepstack, who also was the dominant player. As soon as

my request was complied, this player requested a table change. We knew what each other was doing in about 30 minutes, playing the intangibles. Perhaps the biggest decision one can make in a given night of poker is picking the table. This certainly puts a unique slant on edge.

Remember, poker is a net-sum game. If we get into situations with the best of it, this is from where much of our earn will come. We have to understand over the long run, getting our dominant hand in against more players will earn us more profit, but might decrease our scoop rate. I had back-to-back conversations with students recently where both players lamented the tendency of opponents, of not respecting the raise and the "game being too weak to beat."

It must be obvious we want to play against poor players, yes? Of course! Recently, I read a column advocating folding A-A preflop. He dealt out cards to prove his point. Poker is a net-sum game! Depending on the program one uses, to do the math, getting all-in against seven or eight players is ideal with A-A (most profit) highest-expectation over the long haul.

Perhaps you should contact me if this is not as obvious to you as it need be. And yes, there are times that A-A is a fold, particularly in a satellite. Thanks for any feedback.

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SOMETIMES YOU NEED DELAYED GRATIFICATION

By Zack Bartholomew

We all know what a continuation bet is. Raise preflop, and then bet the flop. Even amateur live players these days are starting to counter the predictable c-bet, or at least they're *trying* to. This leads us to the problem of how to win pots when you have nothing, and your opponent *probably* has nothing as well, but they aren't willing to fold to just one flop bet.

One option? Double barrel. Fire that second bullet. Though, if you have been playing an aggressive game, some players may have decided they aren't folding to one, or even *two* bets. The fact that we c-bet to *begin* with automatically has our opponent in, "nope, don't believe you" mode.

So how do we adjust?

This is where the delayed c-bet comes into play. The play itself isn't much different than a regular continuation bet. You raise preflop, and instead of betting the flop, you wait to fire your bet on the turn.

A common trouble spot I run into is when I have a losing image, and c-bets just aren't getting through, or the board comes low, like 6-4-2, and my opponents accidentally correctly put me on two overcards (they had to think real hard to figure that one out).

Say I check back that 6-4-2 board. Almost regardless of what hits the turn, if my opponent checks again, I'm going to bet. Most opponents, especially when they're facing someone they think is aggressive, are going to bet the vast majority of their

medium strength hands, like one pair. So when they check, it generally indicates they have a monster or nothing. Since it's much more likely they have nothing (it's hard to make monsters) I will go ahead and fire my delayed c-bet on the turn.

The concept works the same for when I have a poor image. If my opponent checks to me twice, it's unlikely they hold anything they feel has value, so I go ahead and try to take the pot down on the turn. Occasionally, you should be willing to fire the second bullet on rivers depending on opponent style, your analysis of their range, and how the texture of the board changes on the river.

Yes, delayed c-betting opens us up to being bluffed out on the turn when our unimproved K-Q beats our opponent's unimproved K-J. But hey, your preflop raise let you see four cards, and you don't have anything. Folding is not illegal, and if your opponent check-donks out of position regularly, you eventually will be able to exploit that.

At Big Slick Poker Academy, we instructors are always trying to improve our own games, and delayed continuation betting is a spot I have been geeking out on lately from a theoretical perspective. For more information, and a peek at some of the mathematics behind why delayed continuation betting works, check out the rest of this article online at anteupmagazine.com. Run good and play better!

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PULLING THE TRIGGER ON MY DREAM

By Matthew Gregoire

I don't make New Year's resolutions because my motivation always has been situational. During my brief living arrangement in South Florida I realized this situation wasn't working for me and it was time to find an alternative living arrangement.

For some time, my girlfriend and I have wanted to travel the world, and with online poker still available to the masses in pretty much every other country, we figured it was time for a change.

I'm writing this on the morning of my departure for Mexico. Hopefully this will begin my ambitious dream of traveling around the world while also profitably playing online poker to fuel my travels. In my previous article, I spoke of rebuilding the bankroll.

My thought process is that Mexico will be the perfect opportunity to remedy the issue. Cheaper cost of living combined with being able to play much cheaper buy-in tourneys and cash games online should help fix things.

More tables to play at once, cheaper rake, bigger tourney fields for smaller buy-ins, and not having to tip will positively

affect my income.

We have belief in the power of positive thinking and positive reinforcement of ideas. If you want something to change in life you should dream about it, envision it, write about it and these ideas can come true when you set your mind on personal goals. Sometimes it can be tough to set goals when people are so busy with life between jobs and family, but it's a necessary part of staying motivated.

Our idea of traveling has slowly morphed into a much bigger ambition. In the coming days to our first move into a foreign country, our minds have wandered toward what it will be like living in different lands in comparison to our own. Can you think of a bigger motivation than trying to find an area of the world you dreamed of and settling down there? Imagine allowing yourself to leave all of the stress and just let life guide you uninhibited.

I'm uncertain of how my voyages around the world will turn out, but there's one thing I can say with certainty: When things don't feel like they're going the way I want, I'm not afraid to take a chance to make changes in my life.

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BE SMART WHEN SETTING YOUR POKER GOALS

When it comes to setting goals, I recommend using the SMART model: goals should be Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Attainable, Realistic and Timely. From talk at the poker table, it's clear some of you have abandoned your New Year's resolutions, a.k.a. goals. OK, so what to do next, feel like a failure or reassess? I favor reassessment.



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So what do you do when your goals don't work out? Examine them and examine yourself. Go back to the model to see if the goal you set really met all of the requirements of good goal-setting.

Lately, I've been thinking the most important part of goal-setting is to make sure it's something you can control.

You can't make your goal "to not get sucked out on," but you can make your goal to make bets and raises that don't allow the suckee to make you the sucker.

Make strong enough bets and raises so that "sane" people will fold marginal hands and not chase improbable draws.

But even when you do that (bet correctly to get rid of players who could suck out on you) you still can't control the player who chases and catches.

Just be happy you're playing against someone who makes the wrong decisions. They sometimes win, it's part of the game, but over the long run they will lose. So a corollary goal or ob-

jective to not getting sucked out on is, "I will bet and raise my good hands to get rid of people chasing and people playing marginal hands, so they can't suck out" and a secondary goal/objective is, "I will not tilt when I get sucked out on by someone who insists on chasing."

Take each of your goals and re-evaluate them. Goal-setting is a movable feast; it's not a one-time event. Reassessment is the key. You change, the game changes and the opponents change.

Be flexible in reviewing your goals to see if they really make sense. If you believe playing more is important, then set a goal to play more. Hopefully that will morph into winning more or enjoying the game more.

I believe one of the most important things to think about is why you play. A recreational player plays for the enjoyment of the game and winning helps you enjoy it. But is it necessary? This is a question you have to ask.

Goal-setting is a process; goals need to change. Think of a goal as a hypothesis; if it doesn't work out, be flexible and change it.

That does not mean to abandon the goal; it means re-examining the goal, examining yourself and examining the situation. It's the only way to keep your head in the game.

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COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CORDOVA CASINO (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments. See ad Pages 2-3. Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards (\$300 for 50 hours played).
DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon., Tue. Wed., (\$30, 6p) \$1K guarantee; Sat. & Sun., (\$30, 12:30p) \$1K guarantee.	Jackpots available for hold'em and Omaha.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Tournaments to begin soon.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; royal-flush bonus pays \$500.
HARRAH'S RINCON (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. (\$36 w/\$20 add-on, noon) & (\$51, 7p); Sat. (\$31 w/\$20 add-on, noon) & KO (\$65, 7p).	Aces Cracked (24-7); Midnight Splash Pot; free buffet w/3 hours of play (daily).
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; 7 Card Stud Progressive Jackpot.

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JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$80, 11a); Sun. satellite (\$30, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; royal flush is 10% of bad-beat jackpot (call for details). See ad Page 11.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon. (\$57, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$57, 11a); satellite tournaments are \$22 and run on Mon. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (10a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 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); Mon.-Thurs. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LODI CASINO (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (varies, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (2-20p).	Mini & Super Bad Beat Jackpots; Morning Bonus Buy-In; Aces Cracked; Full House Cracked; high hands; royal-flush bonus.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
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).
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$10-\$60); Tue.-Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$100K-plus in cash prizes for cash-game promotions.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasino.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$160, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$70 w/\$50 rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$330, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Tue. & Wed. \$750 guar. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$65, noon); \$15K nooner, March 30.	Ask about the Aces Cracked-Red Aces Cracked promotion and the Flush Marathons.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$35, 10a & \$40, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 10a); Wed. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$40, 11a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Aces Cracked (Mon. & Wed., noon-2p & 9p-11p); Splash of Cash (Mon. & Wed.); Early Bird Splash & Cash (Tue.-Thurs., 3a-8a).
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 10a & 6:15p); Sun.-Mon. & Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p); Sun. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal; progressive bad-beat is aces full of kings or better; mini bad-beat jackpot; high-hand bonus (Fri. & Sat.); quads and straight-flush bonus.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. cash drawing (2p-mid.).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$120, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Extreme Cha-Ching; Poker Yahtzee (call for details).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); WSOP qualifier (\$225) on first Sat. of month.	Progressive Bad Beat Jackpot; Big Hand Bonus spins the prize wheel.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$40, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$75, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details); WPT Rolling Thunder, March 15-19 w/main March 15 (\$3,500, noon). See ads Pages 12-13.
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); 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 • goldencasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p; deepstick, Fri.-Sun. (\$160-\$210, noon); Mid-States Poker Tour, March 7-17.	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	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10's; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier; Monte Carlo High Hand Jackpot (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasino.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$85, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. NL Omaha (\$55 w/re-entry, 2p); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Sun. (\$10, 3p).	Call for information.
WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 4p); Sat. (\$60, 6p); Sun. KO (\$60, 6p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot run-off (every other Sunday).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a). Foxwoods Poker Classic runs March 8-23 (See ad Page 39).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p); Spring Showdown, March 23-30 (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad 5s; \$500 high hand jackpot every 3 hours (Mon.-Fri.).

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p). See ad Page 34.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).

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

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WHERE TO PLAY

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	WPT Spring Open, March 7-25 w/\$500K guar. main event, March 21-25 (\$3,500, noon). See ad Page 19.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$1K high hands & \$500 table share, March 29; \$500 high hands & \$100 table share, March 2 (2p-mid.).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); deepstack KO, March 25 (\$200).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); half-hour high hands (daily).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.com	Call for information.	High hands for grand opening will be Jan. 1-8, awarding \$200 every 15 minutes from 10a-10p. Call for more information.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$75, 7p); Sun. \$4K guar. (\$100, 2p); call for details. Player of the Month and daily SNGs.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50-\$100, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad Page 63.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Tue., 10a); free play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly). Closed for renovations.
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Closed for renovations.	Closed for renovations.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p). See ad Page 51.	Bad beat in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Heartland Poker Tour, March 21-30 (call for schedule or see ad on Page 51).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). \$150K guaranteed Pokerfest. See ad Pages 36-37.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p); PPC Spring Classic, March 26-30 (call for schedule).	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. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounty); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rbs); Thurs. KO (\$20); Fri. & Sun. (\$60); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half hour (Thurs., Fri.-Sat., noon-mid.); \$250 hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500; instant win with flopped royals and straight flush. Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (11a); Tue. \$2.5K guar. (7p); Wed. \$5K guar. (7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (7p); Sat. \$6K guar. (11a); Sun. \$5K guar. (1p).	
ISLAND BREEZE CASINO - JAMIE GOLD POKER ROOM (561) 410-7447 • ibreezecasino.com	Jamie Gold Poker Room is opening soon. See ad on back cover.	Jamie Gold Poker Room is opening soon. See ad on back cover.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening; Battles at the Beach, March 5-25 (call for schedule and see ad Page 47).	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Tue. 0/8 (7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p).	11a-10p; \$500 high hands every half hour & up to \$1K for 2/5; Instant Win (10p-4a); full house pays \$50 (10s full or better), \$100 quads, \$250 straight flushes & \$500 royals.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Thurs.-Tue.). See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.	Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & \$65, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 1p & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$115, 1p) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p). See ad Page 9.	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); high hand pays up to \$3K hourly (Wed.).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad on Page 50.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad Page 17.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).

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PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sun. (\$50, 1p); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); 1st, 3rd and last Sat. \$10K guar. (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Wed., 2p-10p); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily).
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$120); Fri. (\$220, 1p) Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$120, 2p).	Jackpot high hands (daily).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Monday \$500 added (\$50, 7p); Wednesday (\$20, 7p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$125, 4p).	Progressive spade royal flush in hold'em; progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (Fri.-Sun.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.); Tourney High Hand pays \$100 (Mon.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$70, 11a) & (\$120, 6p); Tue. (\$70, 6p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$120, 6p); Thurs. (\$70, 11a) & (\$100, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 11a & 6p).	Call for information.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$80-\$310); guaranteed prize pools (call for details); WPT SHR Poker Showdown, March 27-April 16 w/\$5M guar., April 10 (\$3,500). See ad Page 15.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7p); WPT Regional Tampa Bay Open, March 13-16.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Fri. NL Omaha/8 (\$50, 7p); Sat. rake-free (\$115, 7p); WPT qualifier, March 14 (\$230, 7p); \$10K guar., March 30 (\$550, 2p, see ad Page 40).	All quads and straight flushes and royals are progressive from \$50 and higher; Pay Double (Fri. & Sat., 11p-4a); Hall of Fame party for Scotty Nguyen, April 7 (3-4p).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; freerolls (Sun.-Thurs., 10a). See ad Page 45 for PPC event information.	High hand cash w/table share payouts (Tue., 1p-7p & 9p-1a); Splash the Pot; \$599 high hand (Fri., 1p-mid.).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$20-\$45); 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, 11a-4p); Quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-8p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-8p).

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Call for information.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Four MTTs offered at every event; SNGs : \$30 and \$60. See ad Page 56.	Rakeback cash drawings three times daily; NL cash games \$4 rake.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$40, 7:15p); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p & \$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$85, 11:15a); Sat. (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 5:15p).	Call for information.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-4p) pays \$50 per hour; Weekend "Full Of" Cash pays up to \$800 (Fri.-Sat., 6p, 8p, 10p, mid.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100, 11a); Mon. & Tues. KO (\$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily; Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, midnight); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit hold'em and limit hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the day pays \$200 (call for details).

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 5s; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; progressive jackpots for straight flushes.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Call for information on future promotions.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Mon. varies (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$80, 7p); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$125) and last Sat. (\$235). WSOPC ad Page 43.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand; get paid for royals (\$300), straight flush (\$200) and quads (\$50).
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush jackpot.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiqueiqdbq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on first Thursday of every month.	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. & Fri. limit Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. ante only (\$30, 5p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. qualifiers (2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Call for information.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Wed. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$120, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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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).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
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	Daily (\$70, 9a); Mon.-Fri. \$2K guar. (\$110, noon); daily (\$70, 4p); daily (\$110, 7p); daily (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. \$5K guar. (\$235, 2p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games; \$3 max rake on limit games only.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	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; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily; \$500 guarantee (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.). Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways (call for details).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. HORSE (\$40, 7p); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; runner-runner quads with pair in hand pays \$500.	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 (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 6K chips, 10a & 3p) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; 20 hours for \$20K freeroll (call for details).
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LVH HOTEL & CASINO (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (call for details).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays \$100-\$2K; Football Madness.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays anywhere from \$100-\$2K.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 6p), (\$50, 11p).	Bad beat (Tue., Thurs. & Sat.); progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a), (\$50, 2p) & (\$80, 7p).	Grand Giveaway pays up to \$3K/four hours; hourly limit high hand pays \$50.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details; highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day).
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; Triple Draw Cash Drawings; Splash Pots; hourly high hands; Hot Seat Drawings.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom prog. bad-beat in hold'em (quad 6s) and pays \$100K guar.; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands; quads pays \$25 (24/7).
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	No tournaments.	\$105K Holiday Cash Giveaway; high hand every half-hour; Aces Cracked; Splash Pot Bonuses.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$45-\$60) at 12:30p & 6:30p; Sat. \$300 added (\$45, 12:30p); Sun. \$300 added (\$40, 2p).	High hand; get paid for straight flushes and royals; player comps (120 hours of play earns \$2.50/hour; 30 hours of play earns entry into \$10K monthly freeroll).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$2K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p).	Mega-beat progressive jackpot, one hand loses, everybody wins.
QUAD RESORT & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Mon. and Fri. w/ monthly \$12K payout (earn entries by playing at Quad and Flamingo).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (daily, 8a-8p or until 5 jackpots paid); high hands- get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100); royal flush (\$500 w/\$50 table share).
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
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SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	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	Mon., -Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
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.	Push the Pot (call for details); Win share of \$1K every Fri. (6p-10p); earn tickets daily when you win a pot (\$40 min. in pot to qualify) pays \$200 to 5 players (Fri.).
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$80) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$125, 7p); Tue. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & Survivor (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Sun. (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added), runs during regular daily tournaments only; DSE Extravaganza, March 27-April 23 (call for schedule).
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	Call for promotions; Wynn Classic, Feb. 27-March 20 w/main event starting March 16 (\$5,200); see website for schedule.

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OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p); DeepStacks Poker Tour, March 22-30 (See ad Page 33).	Luck of the Draw (Mon.); Splash Pot (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); (\$10K guar., \$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. O/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.); Pot of Gold, March 12-15; Mazda 3 giveaway, March 1-April 30.
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush hand jackpots (call for details); Hollywood Poker Open, Feb. 20-March 2.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight-flush and royal-flush jackpots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon); Parx Big Stax V runs until March 10 (call for schedule).	Call for details.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	1st & 3rd Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 1st & 3rd Fri. (\$125, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 3:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 Hot Seats (Mon.-Wed., 11a-11p every 3 hours).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and ranges from quad 4s-10s depending on jackpot amount.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$100-\$200).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hands; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat Sweepstakes; call for details.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); call for full schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; see website for high-hand and bad-beat information.
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7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelocthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); 1st Sun. \$3K invitational (\$100, 3p); 2nd Sat. \$888 added (\$88, 5p); 3rd Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
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.
LUCKY EAGLE CASINO (360) 273-2000 • luckyeagle.com	Mon. (\$50, 6p); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$40, 6p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); first Wed. of month KO (\$135, 6p); Sat. (\$40, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 1p) & (\$40, 6p).	High hands pay \$100/hour (Sun., Mon., Wed., 9p-1a); progressive high hands (Tue., 8p-mid.); 2nd Sun. \$2.5K freeroll (1p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
SWINOMISH CASINO & LODGE (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

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MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); last Sat. of month (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. (\$33, 1p); Wed. (\$55, 7:30p); Fri. (\$55, 7p); 1st & 3rd Sat. of month PLO (\$33, 2p); 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat. of the month (\$33, 2p); Sun.-Tue. (midnight).	Rackback Bucks (call for details).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p); first Sat. of month (\$215, 2:15p); \$500 added to all Saturday pots.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. super satellite (\$60); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170); MSPT, March 15-23 (call for schedule).	Call for promotions.
MENOMINEE CASINO (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$35 w/rebuy or add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$120, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p); tournaments include add-on price.	Aces Cracked (Thursday).

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WITH TONY DUNST


Tony Dunst is one of poker's best-known personalities, thanks to his TV work on the WPT segments, known as the Raw Deal, and his strategy columns. In October, he got his name on the WPT Champions Cup for the first time by winning the Caribbean event in St. Kitts.

Our Big Dave Lemmon spoke to Tony recently on the *Poker Action Line* podcast.

Tell us about your recent victory at the WPT Caribbean event, your first major title. Well, really it was just a tournament I ran the best in; I feel I played similarly in previous events but this was one where everything fell my way. I had good starting hands, I flopped well and I had some people attempt some poor bluffs at me. As far as being a player, it didn't really mean that much to me, but from my overall career perspective it was important because it made my superiors at the WPT very pleased. It's actually going to be a televised event, so viewers that say, "Well, he talks a good game, but can he play?" will get their answer. It felt good for me, but I try not to be too results-oriented. I think it's a misconception that people played especially well in tournaments that they won. I remember being pretty focused at the table and paying close attention, but I do that in a lot of tournaments that I bust out early in.

Let's talk about *Bet, Raise or Fold*, an excellent portrayal of the human-interest stories of three online players: you, Danielle Moon-Anderson and Martin Bradshaw. I thought they did a really good job of picking three people who represented different aspects of the poker experience and they originally were going to add a few other characters to broaden that even further, but when Black Friday struck during the early production, they realized they needed to capture that moment in time and it wouldn't be economically feasible to add more people to the equation. We were lucky in that regard that the three of us represented those aspects of the poker world so nicely and so neatly.

What is its future as far as exposure and as a result, profitability? (It's) available on video-on-demand platforms through X-Box and cable, everything right now except Netflix, and I think that will

happen in the future. So, the availability will be great, but as far as the economics of the film, that's not something I'm privy to, so whether they made big money or not, I don't know.

What has been the reaction to your appearance? Mostly positive ... I think people resonated with the anger I expressed after Black Friday and the film expresses something that they were a part of and now feel deprived of, so it has been quite positive.

Tell us about the process involved with putting together the segments for the Raw Deal. I write a lot of the segments at home and then bounce my ideas off the producers. We work together to come up with a finished product, but I need to give my producers and editors a lot of the credit for making the segments visually come together, because they take the jokes and ideas that are in my head and mold them into something that people at home enjoy watching. So it feels great to have a good team behind me that can help manifest my imagination.

What has been the reaction from players who may have been critical targets? You know, I've never really taken much flak for it. I'm pretty surprised about that, but I guess people understand that I'm a tongue-in-cheek dude, so it's been cool.

What is your future in 2014 at the felt? I'll probably play the same amount of tournaments that I always do, a few cash games and try to strike a nice balance.

You been through the success and downfall of online poker, you've moved into a whole new area now; are we finally moving in the right direction? It does seem that way, with three states having intrastate poker and the promise of the DOJ to finally refund the online funds, so I think we're making progress . . . I can't be totally sure, but I think we are. ♠

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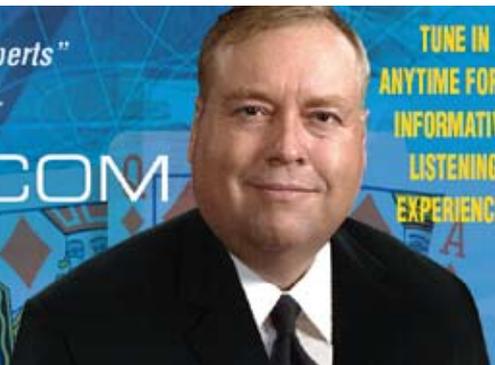
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