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## Magical time of year

After a successful Ante Up Poker Tour stop at Running Aces Harness Park in Minnesota in April (coverage will be in our June issue), our AUPT moves on this month to Downstream Casino Resort in Oklahoma as part of its popular and historic Four States Poker Championship.

Manager **Dale Hunter** and his staff have put together the most diverse AUPT schedule and we are honored to be part of the mix. Be sure to check out Oklahoma-Kansas Ambassador **Robert Kelly**'s column on Page 28 for more details on this fantastic event, which everyone should attend to build their bankrolls for the World Series of Poker.

Speaking of the World Series, maybe you noticed the \$18.3 million man on the cover? This month kicks off the 44th annual WSOP at the Rio in Las Vegas, and so who better to chat with about it than the man who has won the largest bracelet event in history, **Antonio "the Magician" Esfandiari**? Just talking with Antonio gives us 10 extra cool points, but it's not just because he's suave, talented and funny. Esfandiari understands the importance of giving back; he appreciates the life he has and knows it's vital to help others less fortunate.

"I believe I'm very fortunate in the life that I live, so any time there's a charity opportunity, I try to make it work," he said in our *Ante Up PokerCast* interview. "It's good to give back; it makes you sleep good at night."

We couldn't agree more with this philosophy, which is why we are always proud to be a supporter of the annual Deep Stack Charity Classic at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room in Florida. This year, in a happy coincidence, Esfandiari will be the host of the Charity Classic (May 4-5), so we figured why not combine the two for our cover story?

We will be at the event in Daytona Beach again this year so stop by and say hello. But before then, please turn to Pages 36-38 to read all about the Deep Stack Charity Classic, which sells out each year because of the huge overlay in prizes, and check out our Esfandiari Q&A and his views on the WSOP.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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# SMITH LEAVES ISLE FOR MARYLAND LIVE

Most people are on a constant search for their dream job, though few ever find themselves in such a position. For **Mike Smith**, the third time at the Isle Casino was the charm. After leaving the Pompano Beach facility twice — he spent time at the Grand in Biloxi, Miss., and at the Seminole Hard Rock in South Florida — he returned in 2007 as the beautiful room on the second floor of the Isle Casino was getting ready to open and began a six-year run at what would quickly become a highly respected poker room and top revenue producer in Florida.



**DAVE LEMMON**  
SOUTH FLORIDA

And you'd think he'd stay there for as long as they wanted him ... that is, unless someone else wanted him more.

When Smith's good friend **Rob Norton**, the president of the Maryland Live casino in a southwest suburb of Baltimore, reached out to him to offer a position as director of poker for a new 55-table room, Smith saw an outstanding challenge and could not resist.

"I never had the opportunity to open a poker room that wasn't already existing," Smith said the day before his resignation took effect in late March. "You get to pick the tables; you get to pick the chairs; you get to hire the entire staff."

But as excited as he is about taking on this new challenge, he leaves Florida with a tinge of sadness.

"I love Florida and hate to leave it, but this is an opportunity for the future, and I'm not as young as I used to be."

Maryland Live Casino is a gambling and entertainment complex in Hanover, adjacent to the Arundel Mills Mall, owned and operated by the Cordish Co. The casino opened in June last year and after starting with 3,200 slot machines and electronic table games, added more than 1,500 last September to bring the total to 4,750 machines. After a voter-approved measure in November to expand gambling in the state, the casino has opened 122 table games, including blackjack and roulette. The poker room is set to begin construction soon, with a target opening date of Aug. 1.

About 75 miles from Charles Town Races in West Virginia and Delaware Park (both with established poker rooms), Maryland Live will become the second poker room to open in Maryland. Hollywood Casino in Perryville (closer to Wilmington than Baltimore) opened March 6 with eight tables.

Smith is no stranger to competition after battling numerous poker rooms for business in South Florida, and he'll see more in mid 2014 when a Horseshoe Casino is slated to open in Baltimore. Therein lies a successful aspect to Smith's stint in South Florida, where he hosted four successful tournament series each year without any WSOP or WPT associations.

"We've accomplished a lot here without going out and purchasing a brand name," he said. "I think we've listened to what the players have asked for mostly. I think most of what we do with tournaments is considered top-notch, and I think the floor decisions are consistent. I



**Stephen Bokor** shows his winning cards after the Battles main.

## Battles at the Beach, Isle Pompano Beach

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\* Denotes chop or deal; series ran March 4-19

don't have a bad-beat jackpot because I want the players to get their money back; I'm concerned about things like that."

But as is his custom, he also defers credit to his exceptional staff.

"This is a great team here, and I wish I could take the entire team with me, but I can't. It's been a good run here; I've been very fortunate; this is the best job I've ever had."

So as Smith moves into the next era of his career, his successor will be the former director of another of this country's largest and most respected poker rooms. **Stan Strickland** of the Borgata in Atlantic City, who left there April 6, will take over as director of poker at the Isle. Strickland had managed the 85-table Borgata room since 2006. For more on Strickland's departure from Atlantic City, check out **Jo Kim's** column on Page 30.

**TYLER CHARITY:** **Marcus Ivy** won the third annual Tyler Team Charity Classic at Palm Beach Kennel Club, earning cash and a World Series of Poker Circuit seat at PBKC in February.

The event attracted about 70 players but it was **Jeff Charlton** that Ivy beat heads-up for the seat and cash.

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The Hard Rock Punta Cana has a limited number of rooms left at the special rate of \$275 a night. That rate, which will be offered through May 28 or until Ante Up's block of rooms is sold out, is good for two people in a luxury suite and includes all meals and alcohol and most activities. Guests also can enjoy a \$750 resort credit, good for spa treatments, golf club greens fees and more.

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The Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship features 14 tournaments, ranging from \$115 to the \$1,100 main event, the winner of which will be featured on the cover of the September issue of *Ante Up Magazine* and win a personalized Ante Up Poker Tour champion's jacket and a bracelet from Pro Poker Gear. More information can be found at [anteupmagazine.com/worldchampionship](http://anteupmagazine.com/worldchampionship).

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**SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB:** A \$220 buy-in satellite will be at this Florida cardroom June 1, with \$100 rebuys through the first four levels. One package of seven nights all-inclusive accommodations for two, \$750 resort credit and one main-event entry will be awarded for every \$3,000 in the prize pool, with four packages guaranteed.

**CYPRESS BAYOU HOTEL & CASINO:** Satellites with \$125 buy-ins will be at this Louisiana casino May 11 and May 25. Winner of each earns seven nights all-inclusive accommodations for two, \$750 resort credit, one main-event entry and \$2,000 for airfare. On June 15, there will be a freeroll (for the same package) for the 90 players who have logged the most cash-game hours (80 hours min.) between Jan. 1 and June 14.

## St. Pete's Tuthill gets his major title, more

Coverage of poker events has grown over the years, including Internet streaming of final tables, and that's where I got to watch **David Tuthill**, a St.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

Petersburg pro and student at Florida State, put a notch in his poker belt.

The venue was Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

In a large and tough field, Tuthill collected his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring, more than \$250K and a seat in the national championship.

Instead of coming home to Florida, he headed west to the City of Angels. Riding the rush and playing confidently, he barreled through a \$10K World Poker Tour's LAPC field and made the final table (but

just missing the TV final table). When he arrived in St. Pete, I had the opportunity to speak with him for a short time.

**What were the first feelings you had knowing you took down a WSOPC main event?** It was joy and a sense of relief. Since I can remember watching Season 1 of the WPT, I knew I always wanted a major victory like this and now I have it. It's satisfying as well as humbling. I know the work it took to get here and I'm proud of the accomplishment.

**How did the LAPC work out for you?** When I got there, I just ran real well. Found good spots, got lucky and with about 14 left found my way to the top of the chip count. We were all bunched together, so it was very up and down. When we got to the final nine, it was getting very real. While I am happy with how I played, missing that TV final table, the set, the lights, **Mike** and **Vince** calling the action, missing that hurt a little.

**What are your plans? Are you going to finish school and do the work/play option, or are you going to take the chance and go for a pro career?** Good tough question. I plan to finish at FSU; I love my time there. I have a great group of friends that have been incredibly supportive. So it's hard to leave them, my girlfriend and all the benefits of being on campus. On the other hand, I love poker and I love playing. It was great when online was available, but now I have to go out and play, so that takes time, planning and preparation. I'll see where everything is once I graduate, but it's nice knowing that options are open.

**SARASOTA SUNDAYS:** One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room at the Sarasota Kennel Club is now open on Sundays 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

**NAPLES-FT. MYERS CHAMPIONSHIPS:** **Stewart Behrle** beat nearly 80 players to win \$11,771 and the pot-limit Omaha title at Naples-Ft. Myers poker room on March 22.

Then **Muktar Hossain** and **Bruce Gans** chopped the no-limit hold'em title on March 24 for \$33,075 each. The \$1,110 event drew 166 players.

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## Pacifico wins Jax \$50K guar.

Bestbet Jacksonville's \$50K guarantee had a whopping 642 entrants for the \$200 no-limit hold'em, essentially more than doubling the guarantee as the prize pool reached \$110K. **Drew Pacifico** had an amazing run at the final table, once having just 2.5 big blinds left before rallying to win the title and \$20K. The five-hour final table was heavy with veteran players, including **Blake Whittington** and **Jeremiah Pierce** from the Carolinas.

Each has won multiday tournaments at bestbet in the past and has been named Player of the Series in Jax's series last summer and fall, respectively.

The World Poker Tour Jacksonville Spring Series was wrapping up at press time so be sure to look for coverage from that event in our next issue.

**DAYTONA BEACH:** The always popular Deep Stack Charity Classic returns to Daytona Beach Kennel Club on May 4-5. For more details be sure to read our cover story on Pages 36-38.

**GRETNA/PGT:** Pensacola Greyhound Track and sister property Creek Entertainment Gretna continue to hold their Player of the Month tournament where players earn points for the annual POY tournament in January. The Player of the Month for January was **Tracey McKenzie** and **Timothy Whaley** won February's honor.

**EBRO:** Ebro Greyhound Park's poker room has brought back Three Card Poker. Along with its daily, weekly and monthly tournaments, Ebro also runs a Player of the Year tournament, where the top 10 of each month compete in a tournament. The winner of that tournament receives a voucher that enters them into the Player of the Year event. Only the top 10 players participate in that tournament. ... Ebro's Emerald Coast Spring Classic series continues through May 5, including the \$550 main event on May 4. For more details, call 850-234-3943.

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## THUNDER VALLEY SWEET 16 CONTINUES FINE TRADITION

Up the Ante poker room at Thunder Valley in Lincoln, Calif., has become a prime destination for any poker player looking to play in large tournaments or high-stakes cash games while relishing in the amenities of a luxurious resort and casino.



**GARRETT ROTH**  
**NORCAL**

I enjoyed the pristine rooms and played some events at Thunder Valley during its Sweet 16 tournament series, which ran March 28-April 15. The buy-ins were \$100-\$1,100 with most having large guaranteed prize pools and deep structures. The series also had a variety of events that appealed to every type of player, including six-max, ante only, H.O.R.S.E. and Omaha/8.

Poker director **Ben Erwin** and his extraordinary staff created the series last year and this year was even more successful. The large turnouts for each event can be accredited to the hard work of the experienced staff that listens to their players and



do everything to make their guests' time more enjoyable.

While playing in a few of these events, I heard nothing but positive feedback on the series and the resort. The players truly enjoy themselves in the lavish, professionally run room with flatscreen TVs in every corner. It's apparent Erwin and the Thunder Valley crew know exactly what it takes to bring players in and show them how a poker room should be run.

My time at Thunder Valley was nothing short of remarkable. From the poker room to the hotel, I couldn't have asked for a more courteous and welcoming staff. It's exciting to see the direction that Erwin and his staff are taking to make their poker room not only the best in the state, but in the country.

Congratulations to the winners (all from California) and be sure to check out next month's NorCal column for a recap of Thunder Valley's \$200K guarantee Sweet 16 Main

Event, which ended after press time.

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



**Event 2:** Joel Huppe  
Loomis, \$1,000



**Event 4:** Andrew Barber  
Sacramento, \$18,689



**Event 6:** Seven Duong  
Elk Grove, \$3,054



**Event 9:** John Johnson  
Marysville, \$1,400



**Event 11:** Michael Engell  
Fairfield, \$29,204



**Event 11:** Michael Engell  
Fairfield, \$29,204



**Event 12:** Phong Van  
Elk Grove, \$2,453



**Event 13:** Ronald Talmage  
Rocklin, \$1,008



**Event 15:** Tim Johnston  
Twain Harte, \$2,213

## Sprankle declared RiverCard Quest for the Cup champion

On March 16, Harrah's Rincon hosted the RiverCard Quest for the Cup XV tournament, which drew 263 players to the \$30K guarantee sporting a \$160 buy-in. Though the final nine chopped for \$2,700 each, **Kelly Sprankle** was declared the champion because he had the most chips, which earned him his name engraved on the RiverCard Cup.



**LORIANN**  
**PERSINGER**  
**SOCAL**

**PALA:** The Sunday \$5K Nooner, which has a \$75 buy-in, continues to be popular. Recent winners include **Alan Galuterra** and **Keith Everhart**, both of Escondido, Calif., (\$556 each, March 10); — **Jeremy Bouey** of Escondido (\$800, March 24) and

**Tony Lao** of Irvine, Calif. (\$800, March 31).

In May, those who play live poker from 8 a.m. to noon on Sundays will receive 500 bonus chips in the tournament for each hour played.

**SYCUAN:** It's World Series of Poker time again. Sycuan is running its \$45 satellites for a WSOP main-event seat. Satellites are Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through June 5 as 10 players from each satellite advance to one of the semifinals June 10 and 19. Then 10 players from each semifinal return for the final on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. The winner earns a \$10K seat plus \$1K for expenses.

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# MIRAMONTES WINS WINNIN' O' THE GREEN

With 21 starting flights, Bicycle Casino's annual Winnin' o' the Green was headlined by the Mega Million VI, \$150 buy-in, \$1 million guarantee. With nearly 6,300 entries plus more than 5,300 rebuys, the prize pool beat the guarantee by more than \$250K. Congratulations to **Andrew Miramontes**, who captured the title and \$200K.



**DAVE PALM**  
LOS ANGELES

**Kevin McGuinness** had four cashes in the series, including wins in the \$235 Omaha/8 and the \$150 PLO/8 events. With five cashes and two final tables, **Henry Ferguson** also had a stellar series.



Going through the results regularly for this column, I notice some names showing up with great regularity. **Phong "Turbo" Nguyen** had three cashes during Winnin' o' the Green, including second for nearly \$120K in the Mega Million. This makes eight cashes this year, all at the Bike and Commerce.

With two Winnin' o' the Green final tables and four WOG cashes, tournament veteran **Chris "Armenian Express" Grigorian** brings his 2013 cash total to eight, all in Los Angeles. Not to be outdone is Los Angeles tournament staple, and the only lady to ever final table the main event of the World Series of Poker, **Barbara Enright**.

She also added three cashes, including winning Event 11 NLHE and a final table in Event 22 (Omaha/8). This also brings her cash

total for the year to eight.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Are you the next **Ben Affleck**? In the summer of 2004, just as the poker boom was hitting stride, Affleck won the California State Poker Championship at the Commerce Casino. Yes, that Ben Affleck. Back then, pre-UIGEA and Black Friday, it was a \$10,000 buy-in. The late **Amir Vahedi** was at the final table.

This year's edition kicks off May 1 at the Commerce Casino. It's made up of 18 events with buy-ins from \$125 to the \$2,080 championship. Event 1 is \$225 and is a \$250K guarantee re-entry event with six starting flights.

With five events non-no-limit hold'em, there are ample chances for those who want to play other games. There is \$340 Omaha/8 on May 6 and a \$340 H.O.R.S.E. the next day. Then there's another string of other games beginning May 12 with the \$340 Omaha/8-stud/8 mix, \$125 pot-limit Omaha with rebuys (May 13) and PLO/8 with rebuys (\$125, May 14).

If you want to be a big game hunter on a limited bankroll, there are \$150 mega turbo satellites into the \$2,080 main at 8 every night May 1-14. On May 15 at 1 and 9 p.m., there are \$300 mega satellites to the main, as well as a \$300 last-chance mega on May 17. May 8-10 at 6 p.m., there are \$100 megas into the \$200K guarantee \$550 NLHE double-stack.

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# BBQ/MUSIC FESTIVAL COMPLEMENTS DELTA

Though the Mississippi “poker season” is slowing down in anticipation of the 44th annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, the best has been saved for last.



**JENNIFER GAY**  
MISSISSIPPI

From May 3-13, join me at the north end of the state, in Tunica, Miss., for the Gold Strike Delta Gold Classic. There isn't a better time for a poker tournament either. Just a few miles

away in Memphis, the nation's largest month-long Southern BBQ/Music festival will be under way. Known as “Memphis in May,” millions of visitors crowd the southern city in search of good music and barbecue. Tunica is part of the annual celebration, with plenty of entertainment and hotel rooms to draw the tourists. And now a poker tournament, too!

Gold Strike has planned a 10-day, action-packed schedule with its standard slow-moving structures. Poker room manager **Karen Kaegin** and tournament director **Eric Comer** have negotiated low room rates (especially during “Memphis in May”) of just \$39 during the week and \$69 Friday-Saturday. And on top of that, it's all but guaranteed to be flooded with casual and weekend players visiting the area.

Over the past year, the team at the Gold Strike and Beau Rivage (both MGM properties) has made changes to structures, tournament length and buy-ins to hit optimum attendance in the series. The last tournament we had at the Gold Strike, despite being just a week before Christmas, packed the house.

I was part of the crew dealing the tournament and we couldn't have been happier with the turnout. This past month at the Beau



**Geff Klein won the Spring Break Classic Main Event at the Beau.**

## Spring Break Classic, Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Miss.,

### Event 1 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 549 • Pool: \$159,759  
Doug Claybrook, \$41,451

### Event 2 • \$230 0/8

Entries: 49 • Pool: \$9,506  
Mark Pharo, \$4,277

### Event 3 • \$230 Ladies

Entries: 22 • Pool: \$4,268  
Bridget Fredericks, \$2,134

### Event 4 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 144 • Pool: \$24,347  
Jeffrey Zelko, \$8,036

### Event 5 • \$120 0/8

Entries: 57 • Pool: \$5,529  
Mark Pharo, \$1,991

### Event 6 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 97 • Pool: \$18,818  
Jerry Drane, \$6,775

### Event 7 • \$230 Stud/8

Entries: 36 • Pool: \$6,984  
Doug Saab, \$3,143

### Event 8 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 88 • Pool: \$17,072  
Ken Irwin, \$6,145

### Event 9 • \$230 PLO/8

Entries: 45 • Pool: \$8,730  
John Binns, \$3,927

### Event 10 • \$400 6-Max

Entries: 76 • Pool: \$22,116  
Doug Claybrook, \$7,078

### Event 11 • \$230 LHE

Entries: 17 • Pool: \$3,298  
Verna Jackson, \$1,649

### Event 12 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 89 • Pool: \$25,899  
Claudia Crawford, \$9,323

### \$1,070 Main Event

Entries: 214 • Pool: \$207,580  
Geffrey Klein, \$68,501

### Event 14 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 18 • Pool: \$3,104  
Pradeep Buddharhju, \$1,552

Rivage for the Spring Break Classic was the same thing. Even the “slow days” still offered tremendous prize pools and plenty of new faces to mingle with the regular Mississippi grinders.

I believe the Delta Gold will be the biggest yet. Not only is this your last opportunity to generate some buy-in money to represent the Magnolia State in the WSOP bracelet events, but there won't be softer fields anywhere.

Buy-ins range from \$100 (every night at 7) to the \$810 main event. With the same buy-in, the Winter Classic just a few months before, pulled 260 entries and a prize pool of \$189,500. Every day features multiple events. A noon NLHE event, a 4 p.m. “alternative” event (Omaha/8, PLO, etc.), 5 p.m. mega satellite (always guaranteeing at least one seat to the main), and a nightly event at 7.

Gold Strike has the schedule and structure sheets posted on its Facebook page under the notes section. I will be there, of course, covering it for *Ante Up* as well as dealing the event. Be sure to come over and say hello. We love hearing from our readers.

I imagine I'll be moving a bit slower in May as dealer **Steven Pique** and I are expecting our first baby (due early fall). Though this will limit my time on the road, I'll be happily anchored in Mississippi for the foreseeable future.

We plan on making our permanent home in the Biloxi area, stepping out occasionally to do an Ante Up Poker Cruise. Which, if you haven't tried yet, is the most fun you'll have anywhere. There is an excellent one coming up in May with one of the best tournament directors in the business (**Roz Jordan**). Get more information at [anteupmagazine.com](http://anteupmagazine.com). Thank you so much for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you in May!

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



# You may not know him by name, but you should

You may not know **Kevin Eyster** as a poker player, but if you followed online poker pre-Black Friday, then you likely know 1\$ickDisea\$.e.



**MATT STROUD**  
LOUISIANA

The Lafayette, La., native, who just won the WPT title in Hollywood, Fla., for \$660K, once struggled with the transition to live play, so much so he considered giving up the game that now seemed too slow and less appealing.

But in the summer of 2011 that all ended when he finished in the top 30 twice in World Series bracelet events. He then moved out of the country in 2012 to play online again, capturing two FTOPS titles in three days.

But his live play continued to flourish, winning a WSOP Circuit ring at Choctaw Casino Resort in Oklahoma, defeating more than



380 players for \$27,573, and two months later he almost repeated the feat to earn a second ring at the Lodge in Black Hawk, Colo., and this time it was the main event. He nearly bested 420 players before falling runner-up to champ Jonathan Taylor. His second-place finish was good for \$85K.

Finally, Eyster returned overseas one of his greatest accomplishments and first six-figure score, the High Roller Six-Max Re-Entry FTOPS event, beating 775 players for his third gold jersey and \$333K.

At just 23, Eyster has accumulated more than \$1.5 million in online and live winnings and as been a huge inspiration to many Louisiana players.

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# SAUL STANDS ABOVE THE REST IN WSOPC MAIN

Two major poker tours came to New England the first week in April, and the results were staggering: 4,200 players sharing in more than \$2.5 million in combined prize money during the inaugural World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods and the return of the DeepStacks Tour to Mohegan Sun for the Patriot Poker Classic.



**PATRICK GALLAGHER**  
NORTHEAST

**WSOPC:** New England's first WSOPC stop delivered excitement, large fields and larger prize money. More than 3,700 entrants combined played in 12 ring events. The multiple \$365 and other mid-level entry tournaments helped bring the large fields and prize pools, starting with Event 1, which saw 800 players, a \$240,000 prize pool and a \$48,112 first prize for **Zach Donovan** of Massachusetts.

With a limited number of top circuit regulars winning or cashing during the Foxwoods event, New England and New York grinders made the money and brought home the hardware. Of the 12 ring events, locals claimed 10 rings. Massachusetts led with five and New York's finest claimed the hardware three times. Massachusetts local **Tim Kelliher** earned the Top Player Foxwoods Casino Championship (and a spot in the WSOP National Championship) by winning Event 12 and cashing three more times.

Only four of the circuit's top 20 players won or cashed during the stop, led by **Ben Reason**'s fifth in the main event and two top-15 finishes in the \$1,125 and \$365 NLHE event for more than \$54K; **Aaron Massey**, the WSOPC's No. 2 in points, took down the \$580 NLHE six-handed event for \$24,857.

The WSOP's decision to reduce the Circuit Main Event entry fees this year continues to be a successful one, as evidenced by the 615 entrants who ponied up the \$1,675 to take part. **Kevin Saul** of Warrenville, Ill., took home \$194K and qualified for the Circuit National Championship in May.



**Kevin Saul**

**DEEPSTACKS:** Late in 2012, the DeepStacks Poker Tour helped Mohegan Sun get back on the poker map with a successful tournament series featuring large fields, solid purses and poker celebrity visibility with **Mike Matasow**, **Michael Mizrachi**, **Tristan Wade**, **Andy Frankenberg** and **Justin Schwartz**.

In its return in late March and early April, the DSPT again brought its poker celebrities for the Patriot Poker Classic, but it was **Tom Christopher** of Rochport, Nev., who won the \$1,500 main event (167 players) for \$54K.

**Kevin McColgan** of Douglasville, Pa., won the \$250 bounty event (111 players) for \$3,695. **Thomas Panzella** of Milford, Conn., earned \$13,987 for beating nearly 200 players in the \$400 event, and **Carol Neal** of Provincetown, Mass., pocketed \$8,485 for winning the \$300 event (143 players).

**SENECA BAD BEAT:** On March 22, **Jeff Case**'s aces full of kings beat **Brad Cedeno**'s aces full of queens at the Seneca poker room in Salamanca, N.Y. Cedeno won nearly \$18K while Case took home nearly \$9K. The other players at the table each won \$1,500.



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## Foxwoods Poker Classic, March 4-17

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| <b>Event 1 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 507 • Pool: \$127,865<br>Carl Priest, \$22,497     | <b>Event 11 • \$400 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 214 • Pool: \$72,653<br>Howard Rosenthal, \$14,695*                       |
| <b>Event 2 • \$400 Stud</b><br>Entries: 74 • Pool: \$25,122<br>Michael Mann, \$7,291       | <b>Event 12 • \$400 O/8</b><br>Entries: 91 • Pool: \$30,895<br>Matthew Nowicki, \$9,269                            |
| <b>Event 3 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 507 • Pool: \$127,865<br>James Coghlan, \$7,062*   | <b>Event 13 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 215 • Pool: \$32,722<br>William Andrews, \$8,181                          |
| <b>Event 4 • \$400 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 252 • Pool: \$85,554<br>Joe Guarino, \$10,178      | <b>Event 14 • \$400 PLO</b><br>Entries: 43 • Pool: \$14,598<br>Luis Gonzalez, \$5,475                              |
| <b>Event 5 • \$400 Stud/8</b><br>Entries: 54 • Pool: \$18,333<br>Burt Bramble, \$4,122     | <b>Event 15 • \$500 6-Max</b><br>Entries: 149 • Pool: \$63,593<br>Jonathan Lewis, \$18,124                         |
| <b>Event 6 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 184 • Pool: \$46,405<br>Jake Roos, \$6,311         | <b>Event 16 • \$1K NLHE</b><br>Entries: 115 • Pool: \$101,510<br>Robert Brown, \$30,453                            |
| <b>Event 7 • \$600 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 142 • Pool: \$73,001<br>John Maston, \$15,682*     | <b>Event 17 • \$400 LHE</b><br>Entries: 51 • Pool: \$17,314<br>Troy Skinner, \$5,151*                              |
| <b>Event 8 • \$400 H.O.S.E.</b><br>Entries: 39 • Pool: \$13,240<br>John Castelar, \$3,416* | <b>Event 18 • \$230 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 271 • Pool: \$25,475<br>Michael Gomola, \$6,114                           |
| <b>Event 9 • \$300 Ladies</b><br>Entries: 130 • Pool: \$32,785<br>Deb Fletcher, \$9,180    | <b>\$2,500 Main Event</b><br>Entries: 192 • Pool: \$433,007<br>Justin Schwartz, \$112,582                          |
| <b>Event 10 • \$1,500 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 136 • Pool: \$181,390<br>Ross Gottlieb, \$34K*  | <b>Event 20 • \$300 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 228 • Pool: \$14,376<br>Albert Arcand, \$14,376<br>* Denotes chop or deal |

## WSOPC, Foxwoods Casino, March 27-April 8



**Donovan**



**Didio**



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| <b>Event 1 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 800 • Pool: \$240,560<br>Zach Donovan, \$48,112  | <b>Event 4 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 388 • Pool: \$116,671<br>Angelo Didio, \$25,668   | <b>Event 7 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 306 • Pool: \$92,013<br>Aditya Prasetyo, \$21,624 | <b>\$1,675 Main Event</b><br>Entries: 615 • Pool: \$924,652<br>Kevin Saul, \$194,178    |
| <b>Event 2 • \$1,125 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 179 • Pool: \$179,707<br>Daniel Chan, \$48,521 | <b>Event 5 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 359 • Pool: \$107,951<br>Glen Minxolli, \$24,829  | <b>Event 8 • \$580 6-Max</b><br>Entries: 176 • Pool: \$88,774<br>Aaron Massey, \$24,857   | <b>Event 11 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 273 • Pool: \$82,091<br>She Lok Wong, \$19,702 |
| <b>Event 3 • \$365 O/8</b><br>Entries: 143 • Pool: \$43K<br>Brian Scholl, \$12,040       | <b>Event 6 • \$580 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 212 • Pool: \$106,933<br>Arkadiy Tsinis, \$26,734 | <b>Event 9 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 241 • Pool: \$72,469<br>Julian Schulman, \$17,755 | <b>Event 12 • \$365 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 168 • Pool: \$50,517<br>Tim Kelliher, \$13,640 |

## Hollywood Poker Open, Hollywood Casino Charles Town, March 21-April 1

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| <b>Event 1 • \$350 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 299 • Pool: \$87,009<br>Denis Angelov, \$20,882      | <b>Event 5 • \$240 Seniors</b><br>Entries: 65 • Pool: \$12,160<br>Richard Johnson, \$4,286 | <b>Event 9 • \$350 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 43 • Pool: \$12,513<br>Dennis Summers, \$4,756  | <b>Event 13 • \$350 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 120 • Pool: \$34,920<br>Frank Cullen, \$10,825 |
| <b>Event 2 • \$560 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 470 • Pool: \$227,950<br>Steven Pennington, \$53,569 | <b>Event 6 • \$240 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 68 • Pool: \$13,192<br>Troy Skinner, \$4,485       | <b>Event 10 • \$240 PLO/8</b><br>Entries: 98 • Pool: \$19,012<br>Matthew Melin, \$6,083 | <b>Event 14 • \$240 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 26 • Pool: \$5,044<br>Michael Briggs, \$1,917  |
| <b>Event 3 • \$350 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 135 • Pool: \$39,285<br>Phillip McClain, \$11,785    | <b>Event 7 • \$240 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 138 • Pool: \$26,772<br>Cleveland Fincham, \$8,034 | <b>Event 11 • \$350 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 94 • Pool: \$27,354<br>John Creed, \$8,754     | <b>Event 15 • \$175 NLHE</b><br>Entries: 123 • Pool: \$17,720<br>Ali Heins, \$5,337     |
| <b>Event 4 • \$240 Ladies</b><br>Entries: 33 • Pool: \$6,402<br>Ginger Everett, \$2,433      | <b>Event 8 • \$240 PLO</b><br>Entries: 74 • Pool: \$14,356<br>Gabriel Ohana, \$4,881       | <b>\$1,620 Main Event</b><br>Entries: 144 • Pool: \$209,520<br>Michael McNeil, \$62,857 |   |

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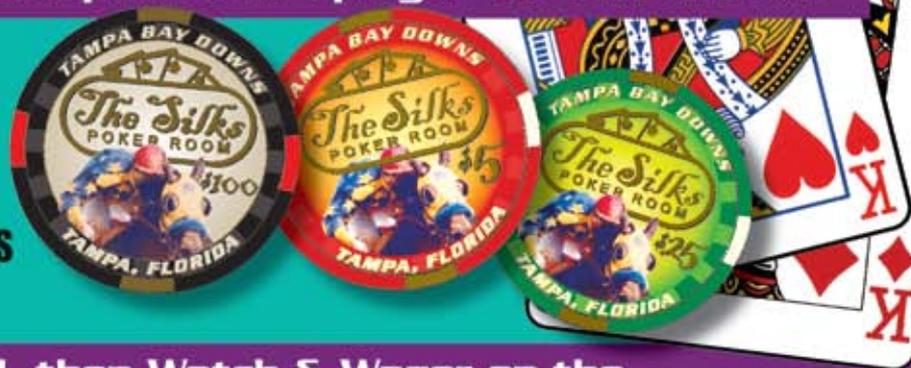
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# DELAWARE PARK HONORED WITH A GUINNESS RECORD

Delaware is the home of one of the newest Guinness World Records. The world-renowned record-keeping institution in March presented its certificate recognizing the Casino at Delaware Park's 2012 Ironman Poker Challenge as the "Longest Continuous Poker Tournament."



**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC

At 12:36 a.m. on Aug. 27, 2012, Delaware Park's Ironman Poker Challenge concluded after 36 hours, 34 minutes and 11 seconds. It began Aug. 25 at noon and ran to completion without breaks. The tournament drew 192 players, three of whom were still playing when the 36-hour mark eclipsed. Participants in the event competed for a pool of \$100,608. The tournament champion, **Peter Konas** of the Czech Republic, won \$27,160.

The event was recorded for posterity and witnessed by agents of Delaware Gaming Enforcement. All of the documentation from the Ironman Poker Challenge was sent for approval from Guinness to make the world record official.

"We are exceptionally proud to be the home of an event that has made world history," Park senior VP of slots and marketing **Andy Gomeriger** said. "The Ironman Poker Challenge attracts outstanding and dedicated players, and we are very pleased that Guinness has recognized the stamina and caliber of our players, and the Delaware Park staff that supports them."

**DELAWARE PARK POKER CLASSIC:** Delaware Park's poker room hosts its Poker Classic from May 8-28. There will be 28 events with the \$500K guarantee, multiday main event starting May 25. The full list of events can be found on the inside back cover of this issue.

**HPO AT CHARLESTOWN:** The \$1,620 Hollywood Poker Open qualifying tournament on March 31 at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races in West Virginia attracted more than 140 players. **Michael McNeil**, right, of Wheeling, W.Va., won the event and will head to the M Resort in Las Vegas to compete in the \$500K guarantee HPO Championship on June 28-30. Results are on the previous page. Players can enter the HPO Championship with a \$2,500 buy-in.



**DOVER DOWNS:** The poker room hosts a \$40K guarantee May 11. First pays \$20K. Buy-in is \$199. ... On March 10, **Jack Sloan** of Alexandria, Va., bested more than 230 players to win a new Toyota. ... **Charles Dill** took down another Ante Up Poker League title, his second, earning another Ante Up cruise package. If you'd like to have a league in your poker room, contact **Scott Long** at 727-331-4335.

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**Jack Sloan, left, won a Toyota Camry at Dover Downs while Charles Dill won his second Ante Up league.**



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# OMAHA ALWAYS HAS BEEN BIG HERE

Omaha, which continues to gain popularity across the country, has long been a robust part of the southwestern poker backbone, and it never required a lot of hoopla to attract devoted players. Here's but a taste:



**MARY BRADLEY**  
SOUTHWEST

**BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO:** Buffalo Thunder hosted a \$100 Omaha/8 re-entry tournament April 14 with \$100 per table added to the prize pool. Players got 5K chips and 20-minute rounds, plus they could earn 1K bonus chips for two hours of live play before the tournament started.

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** In Southeastern New Mexico, Inn of the Mountain Gods features a Tuesday night, PLOW the Competition Challenge each week at 6 p.m. Buy-in is \$35, which brings 2K chips. An optional \$5 dealer bonus gets you 1K more.

**NORTHERN EDGE:** Omaha is the featured game every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at noon. Omaha straight flushes earn \$25 and royals get \$100. There's also an Omaha bad beat (four eights) and as of press time it was worth more than \$10K.

Northern Edge, the newest casino in the Southwest, is proud of its hold'em tournaments, too, including Saturday (2 p.m., \$40), Tuesday (7 p.m., \$35) and a deepstack event the second Saturday of the month (2 p.m., \$160).

With six poker tables, play at Northern Edge is robust, and daily promos keep players coming back.

**SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO:** Sandia claims the most Omaha action in the state, with \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 games daily and \$10-\$20 games on Wednesdays. Tables fill rapidly, and Omaha is the first game to start nearly every weekday. Manager Billy Mallard said a younger crowd is playing Omaha recently, with lots of crossover. Sandia considers Omaha one of its prime games, and it has a bad-beat jackpot, as well as first and last Wednesdays, monthly \$25 tournaments. Sandia also is seeing tons of action with its \$2-\$5 NLHE/must-move games.

**SANTA ANA STAR CASINO:** No Omaha tournaments here just yet, but a popular live Omaha/8 game runs on Saturdays and Sundays (\$3-\$6 with a half-kill). Saturdays are especially exciting with \$100 hourly drawings starting at 2 p.m.

Santa Ana also has started a weekly 30-player hold'em freeroll in which players who reach the final table, split \$3K. To qualify for seats in this tourney, players must log at least 20 hours of live play, but 30 hours gets them seats reserved. And look for that freeroll prize pool to grow soon.

**TALKING STICK RESORT:** The Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick in Arizona offers two daily Omaha games \$8-\$16 and \$4-\$8 split, both half kill, and an occasional \$20-\$40 game. They sponsor four Omaha tournaments yearly (PLO and Omaha/8).

The \$230 PLO tournament is May 18 at 11:15 a.m. Players get 6K chips as signups begin the Monday before at noon. The Omaha/8 tournament is July 20.

It was a busy Thursday morning when I spoke with supervisor Rod Parish, who reminded me the ninth annual Arizona State Poker Championship is coming up in August. A thousand entries will mean a million-dollar prize pool so don't miss that.

**CASINO DEL SOL CASINO:** The poker room offers an Omaha/8 tournament on Saturdays at 9 a.m. (\$15 buy-in, \$5 rebuys, \$5 add-on, and \$200 in house-added cash). Be early, because the field is limited to 50 players.

**FORT MCDOWELL CASINO:** Second Sundays at Fort McDowell feature a no-limit Omaha tournament, with a \$5 buy-in, \$5 rebuys and a \$5 add-on. It's so much fun, and a great way to learn Omaha.

**HARRAH'S AK-CHIN:** Tuesdays at Ak-Chin never disappoint, with its \$25 Omaha/8 tournament at 7:30 p.m. You'll get 1K chips, but you also can rebuy twice and a \$10 add-on gets you 3K more. Plus a \$5 dealer appreciation gets you another 1K. Early Bird chips may be earned by playing in a live game three hours before the tournament or three hours post tournament.

**VEE QUIVA CASINO:** Though Vee Quiva offers tournaments occasionally, the casino's bad beat includes live hold'em, stud and Omaha. The jackpot is around \$17K.

**WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO:** The bad-beat jackpot includes hold'em, stud and Omaha (\$19,022 at press time).

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# Three tours in March made Reno hot spot

Three large tours made March stops in our big little city and proved again Reno poker is a major poker competitor.

The first series, the World Poker Challenge, kicked off at the Grand Sierra Resort on Feb. 28, offering 22 events across 11 days. Event 1, a \$200 no-limit hold'em \$50K guarantee, attracted 289 players. **Micha Bell** from Battle Ground, Wash., took home nearly \$12K.



**LESLIE PAULS**  
RENO

The \$100K guarantee had a \$300 buy-in to attract 406 runners. **Hung Ngyuen** from Sacramento won the title and \$25K.

The \$1K main event, which had a \$200K guarantee, drew more than 200 players as **John Deng** of Davis, Calif., won first place and \$49,385. Reno's **Taylor Ohl** was second (\$29K), followed by **Martin Wong** of Napa, Calif., (\$25K), **Jeff Tugwell** of Redding, Calif., (\$26K) and **Michael Yoshihara** of Reno for nearly \$14K.

As things wound down at the GSR, Atlantis Casino kicked off its All-In Poker Series that had 26 events March 15-25. The \$1,080 three-

day main event had 190 players as locals **John Miner** (Carson City) and **Jerry Morrell** (Reno) quickly became chipleaders and it stayed that way, chopping first place for a little more than \$45K each.

"The final table was like a blood bath," Miner said. "At first, I was going to respond to their aggression, but decided to just sit back and let them go at it. It was a great tournament; it was competitive, but fun, too."

"We were very pleased with the turnout of the All-In Poker Series, as we had our best turnout," manager **Daniel Chiu** said. "I look forward to continuously growing our tournament series and ensuring our players have a great time at a great value."

The Peppermill hosted the third annual Nevada State Ladies Championship (March 15-17). The LIPS Tour's \$150 main event had 93 women and paid more than \$13K with **Lu Hoge** of Sacramento taking the title, bracelet and \$4,415. This was a great win for Lu as it was her first time playing in a major tournament.

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# MEGA HITS AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD FOR \$672K

Caesars Entertainment's Mega Beat Progressive Jackpot hit for the first time March 9 at Planet Hollywood. The jackpot started Jan. 10 with an initial pool of \$200K, and had grown to \$672,420 when the unlikely hand was dealt just before 7 p.m. In a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em game, **Alex Adams** saw his quad queens lose to **Scott Rosen's** queen-high straight flush.



**ROB SOLOMON**  
LAS VEGAS

For having the losing hand, Adams claimed a prize of \$136,675, while Rosen took home \$69,401 (and the pot) for the winning hand.

The rest of the prize pool was distributed equally to the 216 players playing hold'em in one of the seven participating Caesars properties in Las Vegas (Caesars Palace, Bally's, Rio, Harrah's, the Quad, Flamingo and of course, Planet Hollywood), netting them each \$2,159. Harveys in Lake Tahoe chose to opt out of the Mega Beat at the last minute.

**WYNN CLASSIC:** The Wynn Classic came to a close March 21 as the \$5,180 main event had 207 players to surpass \$1 million for a prize pool.

**Raymond Dehkarghani** of Kansas won the title and \$235,931. California's **Sam Stein** was second (\$170,672) while **Tom Marchese** of Las Vegas settled for third (\$115,454).

**BINION'S:** Recently, I discussed the popular 2 p.m. weekend tournament at Binion's, reporting the guarantee increased from \$5K to \$10K for a slight bump in the entry fee (\$105 to \$125). On the third weekend in March, Binion's went even further, trying a \$160 "Super Saturday" event with a \$250K guarantee. It was a huge success, with more than 325 players participating and a first-place prize of more than \$10K. The event was so popular that Binion's scheduled another one in April, with plans to make it a monthly event once the Binion's Classic ends.

**TOURNEYS GALORE:** As summer approaches, the special events increase dramatically. First up is the WPT Five Star Poker Classic at Bellagio, running May 7-24. One of the highlights promises to be the Super High Roller on May 21. The entry fee is a cool \$100K, with players getting 300K chips.

The WPT World Championship starts May 18 and has a \$25,500 buy-in. The final tables for both of these events will be televised and live-streamed, on May 23 and May 24, respectively.

- The Orleans has the Orleans Open starts May 18, including a H.O.R.S.E. tournament and two Omaha/8 events among the usual NLHE schedule. The final event is a \$540 NLHE tournament May 26.

- The Hollywood Poker Open returns to the M Resort on Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26). For the Friday (\$125) and Saturday (\$225) events, the top-five finishers will win seats to the next day's tournament.

The top-two finishers in Sunday's \$335 event will earn entry to the HPO championship event that takes place at the M in late June.

- Of course, the biggest event of the year is the 44th annual World Series of Poker, which descends on the Rio on May 29 and continues until July 15. Sixty-two gold bracelets will be up for grabs, one more than last year. The main event gets under way on July 6.

The Rio is a poker lover's dream during the series. In addition to the bracelet events, there are numerous satellites running virtually non-stop, giving players a chance to enter the big events without coming up with the big buy-ins. Additionally, nearly every form of poker imaginable is available at the Rio. Daily deepstack tournaments run three times a day, and wild cash games at every level run around the clock.

During the series, many other special events are scheduled around town. And there are so many poker players in Vegas during this time that all of these tournaments get large fields.

- The Venetian will run its Deep Stack

Extravaganza III from May 23-July 21. Most

days will see four tournaments being held, with games

such as stud, deuce-to-seven triple draw, triple stud, and razz, among the offerings, in addition to numerous NLHE and Omaha events. The \$5K main event starts July 13.

- Caesars Palace has its Mega Stack Series running May 24-July 22. The \$1,080 championship begins July 9.

- Binion's will host its seventh annual Binion's Classic on May 25-July 7. A few H.O.R.S.E. tournaments are sprinkled in among the Omaha and NLHE events. For the event on July 3, the room is letting the players choose the game. The room's Facebook fans will be voting on which form of poker will be played in that day's tournament, which is a \$160 event. The \$1K main event starts July 1.

- The Golden Nugget, the other fine downtown poker room, has its Grand Poker Series on June 1-July 4. Among the different games offered are a deuce-to-seven triple draw/NLHE mix, a Badugi/2-7 mix and a "Guys & Dolls" tag team NLHE event. The Nugget also is opening up one of its events to a player vote, the \$125 tournament on June 21. The \$1,080 "Grand Finale Poker Shark Championship" event begins July 3.

- Aria has its Aria Classic June 17-July 1. An open-face Chinese poker event and a 2-7 triple draw event are featured in the heavily NLHE-oriented schedule. The \$1,080 championship event begins June 30.

- The Wynn also will be having a summer classic, with dates to be determined. A \$5K championship event is planned as part of the series.

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# HPT, WSOPC COLLIDE IN BLACK HAWK

Along with the gorgeous weather of spring — a season that took its sweet time arriving this year — it's finally a little quieter in the poker rooms of Black Hawk. It could only be quieter after a pair of huge events in March had this tiny mountain town packed with pros, semipro and amateurs of every stripe.



**RICK GERSHMAN**  
COLORADO

As we reported last issue, the Heartland Poker Tour attracted a typically strong turnout despite a blizzard shutting down the few roads into town on the final qualifying day for its no-limit hold'em main event at Golden Gates. Once that event wrapped March 11, many players stuck around for the inaugural World Series of Poker Circuit event at the Lodge, which ran March 14-25.

In the HPT main event, **Teresa Hemingway** outlasted 670 competitors to become the third female champion in the event's history. A sales executive from the Denver suburb of Aurora, Hemingway raked in \$226,463 for the win, coming in through a \$360 qualifier and making the most of it. Look for an interview with Hemingway about her big win next month.

**Jeffrey Yarchever** of Laguna Beach, Calif., finished second (\$139,904), but the rest of the top five were Coloradans: **Robert Moore** (Littleton, \$91,692), **Bob Sweeney** (Denver, \$63,711) and **Ryan O'Donnell** (Steamboat Springs, \$46,299).

Despite the massive winter storm, which dumped more than a foot of snow on the area and temporarily shut down Denver International Airport, the HPT built a prize pool for the main event of more than a million dollars. While the field of 670 was down from last year's two HPT events at Golden Gates (820 in April and 739 in September), it's certainly impressive given the circumstances.

Over at the Lodge, the casino's first WSOPC was a success. All events had a great turnout, with the main event attracting 421 players for a pool of \$631,500.

**Jonathan Taylor**, a poker pro from Alabama, earned his third



**Teresa Hemingway** is the third woman to win an HPT title.

WSOPC ring this season by taking down the main event. Taylor earned \$138,938 for the win, a healthy improvement over his paydays for earlier wins in a pair of \$365 events (\$12,434 at IP Biloxi and \$16,201 at Horseshoe Bossier City). Two Coloradans finished in the top five: **Allan Hedin** of Evergreen (third, \$62,733) and **Jerry Johnson** of Aurora, (fourth, \$46,579).

With a \$365 buy-in (compared to \$1,675 for the main event), the WSOPC hold'em re-entry event drew 516 entrants for a \$154,800 pool. The winner was **Mitch Schock**, a pro out of North Dakota, who earned \$33,284, while a Colorado player was the runner-up: **Aaron Gardner** from nearby Westminster, who earned \$20,578 for his first WSOPC cash. **Richard Marti** of Denver was fifth (\$8,381).

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## WSOP Circuit, The Lodge, Black Hawk, Colo., March 14-26

<p><b>Event 1 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 301 • Pool: \$90,300 Bryan Campanello, \$21,223</p>	<p><b>Event 2 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 272 • Pool: \$81,600 Jonathan Alfonso, \$19,586</p>	<p><b>Event 3 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 516 • Pool: \$154,800 Mitch Schock, \$33,284</p>	<p><b>Event 4 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 219 • Pool: \$65,700 Ryan Lenaghan, \$16,426</p>	<p><b>Event 5 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 188 • Pool: \$56,400 Chris Parsons, \$14,661</p>	<p><b>Event 6 • \$365 Omaha/8</b> Entries: 148 • Pool: \$44,400 Eric Varnado, \$12,434</p>
<p><b>Event 7 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 196 • Pool: \$58,800 Jason Tulloss, \$15,289</p>	<p><b>Event 8 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 215 • Pool: \$64,500 Ray Henson, \$16,128</p>	<p><b>Event 9 • \$580 NLHE</b> Entries: 187 • Pool: \$93,500 Michael Sanders, \$24,312</p>	<p><b>\$1,675 Main Event</b> Entries: 421 • Pool: \$631,500 Jonathan Taylor, \$138,938</p>	<p><b>Event 11 • \$580 NLHE</b> Entries: 149 • Pool: \$74,500 Allen Kessler, \$20,859</p>	<p><b>Event 12 • \$365 NLHE</b> Entries: 145 • Pool: \$43,500 Steven Cohen, \$12,181</p>

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5/8 & 5/22 • 12:30PM • \$85 • \$15 • \$10

**Thursdays** • 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 & 5/23 • 12:30PM • \$50 • \$10 • \$10 • Re-entry  
7PM • \$50 • \$10 • \$50 • \$10 • Bounty Re-entry

**Fridays** • 5/3, 5/10, 5/17 & 5/24 • 12:30PM • \$50 • \$10 • \$10 • Re-entry

**Saturdays** • 10AM • \$85 • \$15 • Re-entry • \$10,000 Guaranteed Prize Pool

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Event #4 • No Limit Hold'em Turbo • 5PM • \$150 • \$20 • \$20

**Sunday** • 6/2 • Event #3 • Day 1B • No Limit Hold'em Deep Stack • 11AM • \$450 • \$45 • \$20  
Event #5 • No Limit Hold'em Turbo • 5PM • \$150 • \$20 • \$20

**Monday** • 6/3 • Event #3 • Final Day • No Limit Hold'em Deep Stack • 11AM  
Event #6 • No Limit Hold'em Seniors 50+ • 5PM • \$175 • \$25 • \$20

**Tuesday** • 6/4 • Event #7 • No Limit Hold'em 6-Handed • 11AM • \$300 • \$35 • \$20  
Event #8 • Mixed No Limit Omaha/No Limit Hold'em • 5PM • \$175 • \$25 • \$20

**Wednesday** • 6/5 • Event #9 • No Limit Hold'em Seniors • 11AM • \$175 • \$25 • \$20  
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## STAY CONNECTED TO ST. LOUIS POKER SCENE

Social media has become an important source of news in many areas. Poker is ripe for rapid sharing of poker hands and situations from players. It has also been embraced by poker venues.



**DON MATUSOFSKY**  
MISSOURI

All of the St. Louis casinos with poker rooms have Facebook pages and some have Twitter feeds. These pages list general announcements for the casino, restaurants, entertainment and promotions.

You can find Hollywood Casino St. Louis on Facebook at [facebook.com/HollywoodCasinoSTL](http://facebook.com/HollywoodCasinoSTL). Ameristar Casino St. Charles is on Facebook ([Ameristar.Casino.SC](http://Ameristar.Casino.SC)) and Twitter ([@AmeristarSC](http://@AmeristarSC)).

The sister Pinnacle properties River City Casino and Lumiere Place Casino each have poker Facebook pages ([RiverCityPoker](http://RiverCityPoker) and [LumierePoker](http://LumierePoker)) and Twitter accounts ([@RiverCityCasino](http://@RiverCityCasino) and [@LumierePlace](http://@LumierePlace)) but they have taken social media to YouTube as well ([youtube.com/user/rivercitycasino](http://youtube.com/user/rivercitycasino) and [youtube.com/user/LumierePlaceCasino](http://youtube.com/user/LumierePlaceCasino)). There you can find videos about food and beverage, entertainment and promotions. Their Facebook poker pages post about current games running, tournament schedule, bad-beat jackpot size and recent bad-beat winners. This is an active source for current information while promoting new games they're trying to start.

A last resource is useful across all venues. The Twitter feed for the St. Louis Poker Atlas ([@StLouisPoker](http://@StLouisPoker)) makes announcements of the tournament each day with the venue, time and buy-in.

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## Is intrastate online poker on the horizon?

With Delaware and New Jersey taking action to pass online poker legislation, it was only expected that Pennsylvania would follow. In a recent issue of *Ante Up*, we reported Bucks County state Rep.



**MIKE OWENS**  
W. PA./W. VA.

Tina Davis was expected to introduce a bill in March to legalize online gambling in Pennsylvania. Though that didn't happen as of press time, Davis did speak to Philly.com about the bill.

"We wanted to get the conversation going," she told the website. "Were working on some changes to the bill. I got a lot of feedback from different stakeholders, includes the casinos. If we do not protect our casinos and money in Pennsylvania, we will be hurt by all the competition."

She also added that money from Internet gaming would go to the property Tax Relief Fund and the State Lottery Fund.

Hearing this news was music to my ears. With close to 13 million people in Pennsylvania, I think the state has the ability to dominate intrastate online poker in the country. It only makes sense to get the ball rolling now. Intrastate online gambling means players would only be able to gamble with players in their state.

The tax rate for the bill would be set at 20 percent and her legislation would set fees for license applications at \$16.7 million. Between Nevada, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, the Keystone State would have the largest intrastate player pool.

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## DOWNSTREAM HOSTS AUPT/4 STATES MAY 17

The annual Four States Poker Championship/Ante Up Poker Tour series kicks off May 17. Running through May 26, the series features a minimum of two events per day, 21 events total, beginning with a \$100 no-limit hold'em event and the first of five \$120 AUPT main-event satellites. Tournaments will be offered in a variety of games, including H.O.R.S.E., razz; deuce-to-seven triple draw; Omaha/8 and pot-limit Omaha. There also will be six-handed, Bonnie and Clyde, and raise-or-fold limit hold'em. The \$1K AUPT main event begins May 24 and offers two Day 1s. Day 2 is May 26. The series concludes May 27. Contact the poker room at 918-919-6209 for more information. For the full schedule please see the ad on the facing page. Special room rates are available, \$99 Sunday-Thursday and \$109 Friday-Saturday.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
OKLAHOMA

**MSPT:** Downstream also recently hosted the Mid-States Poker Tour as Thomas Ryan of Illinois overcame a field of 143 to win the main event and collect \$39,243.

**CHOCTAW CASINO:** If you haven't had the opportunity to get in on the action at Choctaw there might still be time to take in an event of the \$1 million Choctaw Classic running until April 28. All 31 no-limit hold'em events offered a prize pool guarantee and most had buy-ins in the \$100-\$300 range. The feature event, a \$1K buy-in, \$300K guarantee, started April 27 and offered the champion a platinum ring. Two preliminary events had gold and silver rings. The series also offered a \$50K best all-around prize pool built around a point system cumulative through Event 27. First place in best all-around earned a \$10K bonus while 30th place paid \$500.

**BOOT HILL CASINO:** The cardroom continues to run its popular Monday night \$75 buy-in freezeout tournament. With a reputation for working closely with players to grow action and ensure a great playing experience, the Steve Walker Memorial Poker Room continues to feature \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE as well as limit hold'em and PLO in its western-themed environment.

**CRISIS AVERTED:** April 2 saw alarming action in the Kansas Legislature as Sen. Jacob LaTurner introduced an amendment to Senate Substitute for HB 2055, a bill to abolish the possibility of racetrack gaming facilities, that sought to make Internet and online gambling a "non-person class B misdemeanor." The amendment was approved 26-11. Two separate failed attempts were made to amend language that would remove the new section, but late in the day the bill failed 24-15 in emergency final action.

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Event	DATE	DAY	TIME	TOURNAMENT	BUY-IN + ENTRY
1	5/17	Fri.	Noon	Opening Event-No Limit Hold'em	\$85 + \$15
2	5/17	Fri.	7pm	Satellite ME	\$100 + \$20
3	5/18	Sat.	Noon	Pot Limit Omaha-\$100 Rebuys*	\$200 + \$30
4	5/18	Sat.	4pm	No Limit Hold'em	\$85 + \$15
5	5/18	Sat.	7pm	Satellite ME	\$100 + \$20
6	5/19	Sun.	Noon	Bonnie and Clyde	\$125 + \$25 (per team)
7	5/19	Sun.	4pm	No Limit Hold'em	\$85 + \$15
8	5/19	Sun.	7pm	Ante Only-No Limit Hold'em*	\$100 + \$20
9	5/20	Mon.	Noon	Razz*	\$100 + \$20
10	5/20	Mon.	7pm	Raise or Fold-Limit Hold'em*	\$100 + \$20
11	5/21	Tues.	Noon	HORSE*	\$100 + \$20
12	5/21	Tues.	7pm	2-7 Triple Draw-Limit*	\$100 + \$20
13	5/22	Wed.	Noon	7 Card Stud*	\$100 + \$20
14	5/22	Wed.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em/Pot Limit Omaha*	\$200 + \$30
15	5/23	Thur.	Noon	Limit Omaha 8/*	\$100 + \$20
16	5/23	Thur.	7pm	6 Handed-No Limit Hold'em*	\$200 + \$30
17	5/24	Fri.	Noon	Satellite ME	\$100 + \$20
18a	5/24	Fri.	4pm	Main Event (Day 1a)-No Limit Hold'em	\$925 + \$75
19	5/24	Fri.	7pm	Satellite ME	\$100 + \$20
20	5/25	Sat.	Noon	Satellite ME	\$100 + \$20
18b	5/25	Sat.	4pm	Main Event (Day 1a)-No Limit Hold'em	\$925 + \$75
	5/26	Sun.	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-Main Event (Day 2)	
21	5/26	Sun.	4pm	Second Chance-No Limit Hold'em	\$85 + \$15



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# STRICKLAND'S EXIT ENDS BORGATA ERA

It's the end of an era as **Stan Strickland** has resigned as Borgata's director of poker. After seven years, Strickland quit managing the

the Borgata poker room has consistently upheld its popularity as the highest attraction locale for the players in the area.



**JO KIM**  
A.C./PHILLY

85-table poker room, which opened in 2006. Since Strickland's reign, the Philadelphia-Atlantic City region has modified its tournament style to match the Borgata's competition with perpetual readjustments in tournament structures and up-to-date poker experience. Since 2006, Strickland has refined the poker room, including the high-limit section



**Strickland**

called the Boardroom, targeted for the players to capitalize on the brick-and-mortar experience.

The most recent Borgata Spring Open proved its growth by meeting its expected guarantees. The first event drew 1,631 entrants and the numbers continued its impressive turnout throughout the series. Strickland plans to continue his work after accepting an offer from Isle Casino in Pompano Beach as the new director of poker. His new position goes hand-in-hand with his performance as the Florida market is growing in poker. He replaces **Mike Smith**, who accepted a position with Maryland Live in Baltimore. You can read more about Smith in **Dave Lemmon's** column on Page 8.

Strickland has managed the Borgata poker room's acclamation by adapting to the changes the game has experienced in the past decade, such as poker media and field demographics. Some of the changes include the addition of a World Poker Tour partnership, double plays, timed rakes, addition of razz and the beginning of re-entries and high guarantees in the Borgata Poker Opens. Strickland always has maintained true professionalism while

**SHOWBOAT:** The poker room has made some improvements to its daily tournaments and there are guarantees for the weekend events, including the \$5K guaranteed on Friday and Saturday nights with unlimited re-entries until the end of Level 6. First place can take home a guaranteed \$1,800 with a \$65 entry fee.

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# Hard to believe how far Chicago poker has come

When **Chris Moneymaker** won the World Series of Poker Main Event a decade ago, limit hold'em was Chicagoland's most popular game and the Midwest's busiest poker room was Harrah's East Chicago.

game has been running on weekends.



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
CHICAGOLAND

"When Moneymaker won the WSOP event, poker started to explode. Being a floor guy at Harrah's I monitored the long lists and always encouraged top management to add tables," said **Dom Niro**, who now is poker room manager at Daytona Beach (Fla.) Kennel Club.

At Harrah's, player suggestions have been important to manager **Doug Walters**, too. Deepstacked \$1-\$3 NLHE started running on Tuesdays and Thursdays in 2011, creating lots of action; it's now run daily. This \$300-max game allows players to buy up to the largest stack as the game progresses.

Now, typically 60-plus no-limit hold'em games (from \$1-\$2 to \$5-\$10 blinds) are played on weekends, and 100 big blinds has become the standard. But this is slowly changing with managers listening to players.

**TURBO TIME:** One of the more interesting stories from this year's Chicago Poker Classic was 73-year-old **Pete Falco**, who decided to start playing turbo tournaments. After 16 of them, he had 10 final tables with four wins, making him the Turbo Series Champ and winning \$25K.

After requests for deepstacked games, Horseshoe manager **Michael Soto** started a \$5-\$5 NLHE game with a max buy-in of \$1K, and this

**HORSESHOE:** The Horseshoe has changed its tournament schedule; for information check the Where to Play section in the back of the magazine.

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# A bad beat, a Spring Fling and a state record

March proved to be a busy month in Wisconsin. On March 9, a nearly \$150K bad-beat jackpot was hit at a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em cash game at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Wisconsin Dells.

in Milwaukee hosted its \$350 Spring Fling tournament, which drew 200 players and 21 rebuys for a \$63K prize pool. It paid top 18, and a three-handed deal resulted in **Jason Kaufman**, **Michael Schmidt** and **Shane Thorne** each taking home \$12,735.



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
WISCONSIN

**Brendon Leary** from Madison won \$59,950 after his aces full of queens lost to the quads of **James Grove** of Richland Center, who earned \$29,975. What's more, the 51 other players in the room each won \$1,175. What's even more interesting, the bad beat was hit on the same date a year before.

**MSPT:** Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosted a Mid-States Poker Tour \$1,100 main event in late March, attracting 300 players for a state-record \$299,800 prize pool. **Danial Bekavac** won the title and \$76,668.

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## ROUND-BY-ROUND AT MCC

With the growing popularity of pot-limit Omaha, Motor City Casino has started spreading a \$2-\$5 NLHE-PLO round-by-round game on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays. The poker room will be opening as many as four tables for these games on those days depending on demand. April 2 was the first day of the new game and it attracted 40 players. Local player Brock Wilson was at the first session and discussed the action.



**FRANK PANAMA**  
MICHIGAN

“The action on Day 1 was out of this world,” he said. “The main game was playing super deep for a \$2-\$5 game.”

By all reports, the game outlived its Tuesday and Wednesday schedule. **Brooke Ziomiek**, media-relations coordinator for Motor City said, “Based on its initial unveiling, we think this will become a fan favorite with our players.”

“The game never showed signs of slowing,” Wilson said. It was still running on Friday of its first week, and despite only playing four or five hours each day, Wilson did well in the game. “There honestly aren’t even words to describe the play,” he said.

It seems PLO is the latest hot trend in Southeast Michigan, with new PLO or PLO/8 games running at Motor City Casino, Northville Downs (Northville), Sunnybrook (Sterling Heights), Big Beaver Tavern (Troy) and even down south at Hollywood Casino (Toledo).

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## Ring gets a bracelet

The Mid-States Poker Tour returned to Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel in Tama, Iowa, in early April, attracting 342 players to surpass the \$300K guarantee.



**KEN WARREN**  
IOWA

It was a tough final table sprinkled with World Series of Poker bracelet-winners and poker pros. But it was an Iowa amateur who took home the big prize as **Terry Ring** from Durant eliminated **Nick Jivkov** in a tough heads-up match. Ring was quiet and



focused at the final table, suffering few setbacks on his way to victory. He took home \$87,694 and a bracelet.

The MSPT will return three more times to Iowa this season: Meskwaki (July 20-28), Grand Falls Casino Resort (Aug. 10-18) and back to Meskwaki (Oct. 26-Nov. 3).

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS:** The Heartland Poker Tour also made a stop in Iowa at the Prairie Meadows Racetrack Casino Hotel (March 8-17). The prize pool was \$213,736 as another Iowa amateur, **Matt Hennig** from Des Moines, took a title. Hennig had a great run at the final table eliminating seven opponents to earn \$57,709. The HPT will return to Prairie Meadows Oct. 18-28.

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# SPRING SHOWERS BRING TOURNAMENT ACTION

Tournament players in Ohio are starting to get some prime-time action and weekly \$10K-plus first-prize opportunities. Cleveland and Columbus have joined Toledo in the offering if more tournament action.



**DAN  
HARKENRIDER  
OHIO**

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO:** Poker room manager **Peter Lau** continues to offer an array of options, including the button straddle as part of his big Tuesday night PLO game, as well as being the only room in Ohio spreading pineapple. Tournament options here remain the widest of any room in the state. Hollywood Toledo is an excellent destination for players looking to play smaller tournaments, including twice-a-day action on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The second Sunday each month features a \$300 deepstack tournament with plenty of satellite opportunities.

**HORSESHOE CLEVELAND:** The room has opened its tournament program to include a Wednesday evening \$200 tournament and moved the Thursday PLO to 7 p.m. from noon. At the same time, it has provided overlays into every tournament, including an impressive \$3K to the Wednesday night and \$7,500 on the \$500 Last Sunday, which had 62 players and a \$13,400 first prize last month. Also, \$200K was added to the bad-beat jackpot and \$100K into the backup. As of this writing, the hold'em bad beat was nearly \$250K.

**HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS:** Poker room manager **Matt Dodd** has begun offering a weekly 11-tournament schedule in its new 36-table room. He has put together a structure that offers nice early maneuvering room,

an action-packed middle stage and plenty of chips for play at the final table. The structure is the same for all tournaments with starting chips increasing with the corresponding buy-ins. May will be a big month at Hollywood with the Hollywood Poker Open, which in Ohio is a single event with four Day 1 options, including re-entry (even if you have already made it in). There will be plenty of satellites, free shots in the poker room for cash play and even drawings for seats to the \$1,090 main event. (See ad Pages 2-3) This will be the largest event in Ohio history and will feature **Chris Moneymaker** in the field. Also of note in Columbus is the appearance of some nice cash-game action in some sick mixed games featuring rounds of \$5-\$10 NLHE, \$5-\$10 PLO and \$30-\$60 stud. Average stacks in the game are more than \$3K.

**HORSESHOE CINCINNATI:** The newest room in Ohio is showing some brisk action. Manager **Jason Newman** has created a regular \$6-\$12 PLO/8 game along with the predictable no-limit action. Horseshoe Cincinnati has larger top-end buy-in amounts than found in Cleveland in PLO offering players a nice deepstack experience.

**OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION:** All Ohio casino employees have been banned from playing anywhere in the state. There are about 8,000 people affected by this ruling. It should be pointed out this was once the case in Pennsylvania, but the state figured out it was just sending its casino employees to Ohio to play. It recently changed this rule to allow in-state play. Let your feelings be known.

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Players who want major tournament series in their area may want to make their feelings known to the Ohio Casino Control Commission at [casinocontrol.ohio.gov](http://casinocontrol.ohio.gov). Or you can just scan the QR Code on the right with your smartphone.



## MINNESOTA



# Radio's Cove wins SPC main event

**Cory Cove**, better known as "Sludge" on KFAN Sports Radio's *The Power Trip*, won the top prize of \$47,490 in the Spring Poker Classic Main Event at Running Aces Harness Park. The main event drew 153 entries and had a prize pool of \$148,410. **Brian Zekus** had about 3 million chips to Cove's 800K when heads-up play began. But Cove was the champion when the dust settled at almost 6 a.m. after about 14 hours of play on Day 2.



**JOHN SOMSKY  
MINNESOTA**

**John Marlowe** was one of the standouts in the series, cashing in four of the 12 events and winning twice. **Erick Wright** won the \$500 event and cashed in two others. **Muneer Ahmed** and **Brian Mikesh** also cashed in three events.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Canterbury Park hosted the Minnesota State Poker Championship (March 2-10) as **Yen Pham** of Maple Grove, Minn., took the title and \$46,654. The \$1,100 event drew 185 entries and generated a \$179,450 prize pool.

**WILBERG INTERVIEWED:** **Tristan Wilberg**, Running Aces Harness Park tournament director, was interviewed on the Feb. 14 episode of the *Ante Up Magazine PokerCast* and the March 6 episode of Fifth Street Radio about the Ante Poker Tour event at Running Aces.

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## Spring Poker Classic

### Running Aces Harness Park, March 7-17

#### Event 1 • \$100 NLHE

Entries 58 • Pool \$9,635  
Adam Hunkins, \$3,757

#### Event 2 • \$230 NLHE

Entries 87 • Pool \$8,700  
Joe Benson, \$2,978

#### Event 3 • \$500 NLHE

Entries 106 • Pool \$50K  
Erick Wright, \$16,500

#### Event 4 • \$100 NLHE

Entries 178 • Pool \$14,240  
Justin Pick, \$4,413

#### Event 5 • \$150 O/8

Entries 44 • Pool \$5,500  
John Marlowe, \$2,255

#### Event 6 • \$250 NLHE

Entries 292 • Pool \$62,240  
Craig Fierke, \$15,928

#### Event 7 • Freeroll

Entries 291 • Pool \$6,265  
Troy Raymond, \$1,756

#### Event 8 • \$50 Rebuys

Entries 36 • Pool \$4,260  
John Marlowe, \$1,917

#### \$1,100 Main Event

Entries 153 • Pool \$148,410  
Cory Cove, \$47,490

#### Event 10 • \$50 Rebuys

Entries 62 • Pool \$4,320  
William Records, \$1,600

#### Event 11 • \$300 NLHE

Entries 42 • Pool \$11,130  
Mark lafigliola, \$4,563

#### Event 12 • \$100 NLO

Entries 34 • Pool \$2,720  
Steve Marlowe, \$1,225



## BITAR SIGNS PLEA DEAL IN FTP CASE

The former CEO of Full Tilt, **Ray Bitar**, has settled with U.S. federal prosecutors, pleading to two of nine felony charges. He will forfeit about \$40 million in assets and won't have to serve jail time because of his failing heart.



**JOEL GATLIN**  
ONLINE POKER

One of the reasons he was able to receive this deal is he's in dire need of a heart replacement (transplant/artificial heart) within the next 12 months or he might die. His doctors have diagnosed him with Class 4 heart failure and said he has a 50 percent chance of survival over the next six months to a year if he does not receive a new heart or artificial device.

If he had been sentenced to prison, that would have taken him off of the transplant list and essentially been his death warrant.

So between all of the settlements of the Full Tilt principals, **Howard Lederer, Rafe Furst, Chris Furgeson** and Bitar, millions were forfeited from bank accounts, assets, homes and trust accounts, restrictions on future employment were levied, but no one went to jail.

Millions of online poker players were affected by the actions of these guys and the money has not all been repaid. So the story is still ongoing and the books will not be closed until everyone affected gets repayment of their funds that were frozen back on Black Friday, but it seems we are getting closer. I will have an update next month.

**NEW JERSEY:** The American Gaming Association, the largest lobbying group representing casinos in America, recently filed a brief with the N.J. Gaming Commission to block the sale of the Atlantic Club Casino to Rational Group, the parent company of PokerStars. The Rational Group filed a brief saying the AGA has its own interest at heart and wanted to block the sale for their own reasons. PokerStars has released plans to invest around \$20 million in Year 1 and more than \$40 million into the N.J. property over the next five years should the plan be approved.

**NEVADA:** Treasure Island and 888 Holdings were approved in late March. This was the final hurdle to Caesars Interactive Entertainment's bid to launch the World Series of Poker brand into the online market in Nevada. Caesars said it should have its WSOP brand of online poker running this year.

**NEW MEXICO:** In a recent proposal being negotiated between the Navajo Tribes and New Mexico, wording has been introduced that would ban any and all forms of online gaming, including online poker, in the state if it is not run by the Navajo Nation. The Navajo tribes are trying to perform a pre-emptive strike to control all online gaming in the state.

The proposal, as it stands, would ban any non-Navajo controlled online gaming in the state, as well as ban any interstate online commerce with the likes of Nevada, New Jersey or Delaware (or any other state that might allow it in the future.) The debate is ongoing and I'll be following this one closely.

**ILLINOIS:** As I reported last month, Illinois Gov. **Pat Quinn** said he'd consider the approval of Internet gaming, given it has certain pro-

visions for the state's citizens that included strict ethical standards, wording to make sure no loopholes for organized crime involvement, a ban on campaign contributions from casino operators and a dedicated amount of money to go toward education.

The bill was introduced, but now the governor is saying the state's pension problems would have to be addressed before any Internet gaming bill could be approved. Quinn also said online poker was too new on the market and it needed to be vetted more before being thrown into a bill late in the approval process. So, the people of Illinois still don't know whether they will be able to play poker online.

**WASHINGTON:** A 2006 law made playing Internet poker in the state a felony, but citizens are trying to change things. There have been petitions put online for digital signatures in support of two proposals being reviewed by the state.

They are I-582 and I-583. I-582 would require the state to authorize and regulate online operators and would require them to have a physical presence in the state, allowing people 21 and older to play online poker. I-583 is a proposal to remove the language in the current laws that make it felony to play online. Wagers must be between individual players, and no Internet gambling website operator can benefit directly from the outcome.

I-583 would only be enacted if I-582 fails as the passing of I-582 would make I-583 irrelevant. Work on this is being organized by the group WAiPokerNow. Its goal is to collect 300,000 signatures from registered Washington voters before the end of December. More information can be found at [waipokernow.blogspot.ca/](http://waipokernow.blogspot.ca/).

If one of these doesn't get put into law in the 2014 legislative session, then there will be an option of taking the proposals to the voting booths to allow the people of the state to have their say on the November 2014 ballot.

**FLORIDA:** In an effort to restrict the types of devices used in Internet cafés, the proposed Senate Bill 1030 is not specific in its definition of gaming devices. This has some people in the Legislature worried it could have implications on other commercial businesses as well as online gamers and online poker players.

The intent of the bill was to lock down regulations on certain "gaming devices" because of a supposed recent scandal in the state where an apparent \$300 million went into the hands of the owners of Allied Veterans of the World instead of the veterans themselves.

The bill quickly got approved by the Legislature and headed to Gov. **Rick Scott's** desk for signature.

After hearing of the concerns over the bill, Scott agreed to closely examine the wording before signing, and then he signed it.

"I think the House and Senate did the right thing to crack down on illegal gaming, especially in light of the Allied Veterans multi-state conspiracy," the governor said.

One of the early casualties of this law was ClubWPT.com, which pulled out of Florida as of press time. I'll keep an eye on this story as it progresses.

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# The Face of Poker

For years, Antonio Esfandiari has been an A-lister in the poker world, but after winning the largest poker prize in history at last year's World Series, his status has shot through the stratosphere.

**W**ith the World Series of Poker kicking off this month at the Rio in Las Vegas, who better to have a chat with than the Magician, **Antonio Esfandiari**? He is, after all, the leading tournament money winner in the history of poker after winning last year's Big One for One Drop \$1 million buy-in tournament. He'll host the Deep Stack Charity Classic this month (see the next page for a preview) and he recently chatted with the publishers of *Ante Up Magazine* on the *Ante Up PokerCast* about his incredible feat and, quite frankly, his incredible life.

**No charity event has received more exposure than 2012's Big One for One Drop, which you won for \$18.3 million. Has it finally sunk in?** Yeah, it actually has kinda sunk in, and it feels fantastic. I don't even know what else to say, it's kinda like, wow, it happened, and what's next? It feels so good that it's kind of overwhelming for a little bit, but yeah, it feels fantastic. I'm very happy.

**Minutes after you won you gave the unique bracelet to your dad. Did he keep it and where is it today?** That's a good question. It actually broke the night I won it. It broke on the hinge, so I gave it back to them to fix it and I just got it back (in March). It took that long for it to get fixed. ... It's all good; I'm pretty happy. It's in my dad's safe and that's where it's going to stay, probably. I've never worn it. It's actually a good question. ... I think it's kinda cheesy when a player wears a WSOP bracelet when they go play poker. But this bracelet is so unique and one of a kind that people really want to see it. And so my question is, if I wear it to the World Series for a couple of events, will I be that guy? (laughs)

**The Big One is taking this year off, though smaller events benefiting One Drop will be held, but it will be back in 2014. Have you committed to defending your title?** I don't know if I need to commit, but I'm playing in it. (laughs) I'm the only guy who can win it twice; I can't not play.

**Let's chat about the World Series. Have you charted how many events you plan to enter?** The World Series, we as professional players, we know that's the time to get at it, so during the World Series I'll be playing every single day, super-focused. All I'm going to do is play poker, so how many events I play kinda depends on how things are going. I'll play every event that I can. I may have a couple of deep runs and not play a couple events, who knows?

**Any highlights for you on the schedule, besides the main event, and do any**

**of the new offerings interest to you?** I'm pretty excited about the two little One Drop tournaments, the \$111K and the \$1,111. That's kinda cool. ... They always cook up some cool new tournaments so I'm excited.

**Speaking of interest, you've won three WSOP bracelets and two WPT titles. The first time we interviewed you for our show and magazine you said in life you always want what you don't have, and once you have it you desire it less. Is there anything left for you to prove? Are you losing your desire at all?** No, it's actually gone up, and there's a whole other factor to that equation, and that is delivering pain. I know that when I succeed I hurt other players, and vice versa (laughs). So a little sick part of me just loves to deliver pain, especially to **Phil Laak** really. (laughs) So I'm actually really hungry to win and do better. ... I really, really want to win. It's really strange. I've had some great success and life is good. My career is good, but I really want to continue winning, so before I have babies and can't travel as much for poker, I'm gonna do what I can to punish. (laughs)

**You're no stranger to television, from your many poker appearances to your own show *I Bet You* to a guest spot on *Entourage*, but last year you made your movie debut as an undercover cop in *Freelancers*, which starred 50 Cent, Forest Whitaker, and Robert De Niro. How long will it be before you win your first Oscar?** It wasn't that I pursued getting a movie role, it was just I played poker with a guy who was a producer on a movie, and he said, "Hey, you wanna be in a movie?" And I said sure, why not? I knew it would hurt other poker players when they see it (laughs) so I accepted.

**It's not easy being a magician; it takes as much dedication as poker, if not more. Do you keep up with it or do you just have a few favorites you hang on to?** I haven't learned a new magic trick in 10 years, but I have the ones from a long time ago that require some moves I spent years practicing, and I have those with me. It's kinda like riding a bike, you just kinda have it. I'm not as good as I used to be but I still do OK. So, yeah, I still do magic for friends and certain people I meet here and there, not as often as I used to, but yeah.

**How often to people at the table ask you to perform chip tricks or magic tricks, and do you mind?** No, of course not, not at all. It happens quite a bit.

**Parting words?** You can catch me on Twitter @MagicAntonio. ♠



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# MAGICIAN TO HOST CHARITY CLASSIC

By Christopher Cosenza

When it comes to charity poker tournaments, few can rival the Deep Stack Charity Classic, which returns for its fifth year on May 5 (1 p.m.) at the Daytona Beach (Fla.) Kennel Club and Poker Room. Perhaps the Big One for One Drop sticks in your mind as the premiere charity event, but that's maybe because you were wooed by the \$1 million buy-in, the ESPN broadcast and the World Series brand. So how does the Deep Stack event reply to the Big One? By landing the winner of that Big One — \$18.3 million man **Antonio Esfandiari** — as special host, instructor and player at this year's series.

"We are overwhelmed and ecstatic that the most successful player in poker history, Antonio Esfandiari, is joining us this year," said Deep Stack Charity Classic founder **Scott Frank**. "I watched him win the One Drop last year and instantly appreciated the electricity and excitement he will now bring to poker fans in Florida."

Esfandiari will come in ahead of schedule to conduct a poker seminar on May 4 as part of the charity weekend and will have fellow WSOP bracelet-winner **Jason Somerville** as his teaching partner. Seats are limited so be sure to check with the poker room on availability. The Magician said he is happy to give back to the poker community whenever he can.

"I believe I'm very fortunate in the life that I live, so any time there's a charity opportunity, I try to make it work," said Esfandiari, who has three WSOP bracelets and a pair of World Poker Tour titles. "My schedule's a bit hairy, so I can't do as many as I'd like to ... It's good to give back; it makes you sleep good at night."

Frank, who was inspired by his 87-year-old father's love of Texas Hold'em to create this unique charity event, each year joins Rabbi David Kane in putting on one of the most exciting tournaments you could ever attend.

"As poker players and fans ourselves, we are constantly striving to provide our players with the most fun and best value, anywhere," Frank said.

You'd think a tournament that is this successful and fun would have a huge buy-in, but that's not the case.

"While this is a charity event, we have designed the tournament to provide players with incredible value and a player-friendly structure," Frank said. "The buy-in is only \$185 and \$195 on tournament day, but we expect to be sold out well before then."

There will be one rebuy and add-on available. This event has sold out the past three years, but they will allow alternates for the first 150 minutes.

The final table and their guests will win trips to Las Vegas to stay at the Venetian, and the final tablists will play in the Venetian's popular

## Deep Stack Schedule

**May 4:** Seminar with Antonio Esfandiari and Jason Somerville, 1 p.m.

**May 4:** VIP Celebrity Invitational Cocktail Party with Esfandiari, Somerville and Norman Chad (5:30 p.m.) at the MG on the Halifax (included for VIP ticket-holders).

**May 4:** VIP tournament with Esfandiari, Chad and Somerville (\$440, 8 p.m.).

**May 5:** Deep Stack Charity Classic Main Event (with Esfandiari, Chad and Somerville, \$185, 1 p.m.).

Deep Stack Extravaganza.

"Over \$70,000 in prize packages will be awarded here in Daytona Beach," Frank said, "and our first-place champion will get to play in the Venetian's main event."

The charity tournament pays the top 10 percent, and an incredible amount of door prizes (more than \$30K worth) will be added, making this a guaranteed overlay.

Also, **Norman Chad**, the color commentator for ESPN's coverage of the WSOP, will return as poker host this year.

"I'm thrilled Norman Chad will be joining us again this year," Frank said. "Norman is one of the finest poker ambassadors in the world, so much fun, and an exceptional gentleman. Norman will be at the VIP Celebrity Invitational Tournament and cocktail party, and be at the main event. He will go table to table and schmooze with everyone, with his special brand of humor and insight. He was adored by poker fans here last year, and we humbly requested he make a repeat appearance this year."

Chad said being dead money at the table is no way for him to serve the poker community.

"As I told Scott Frank, who puts the whole thing together and does a great job, my people skills, incredibly, are much better than my poker skills and I don't have that great of people skills," Chad said, laughing. "My poker skills are so bad, the best use of me is, since I'm so good looking and dress well and have such a sexy voice, I might as well just walk around and turn more people on instead of sitting at one table."

But you will get a chance to play against Chad, Esfandiari and Somerville in the lead-up VIP event on May

4 (\$440, 8 p.m.).

This charity series benefits a host of national and Central Florida charities. For more information, go to [deepstackcharityclassic.com](http://deepstackcharityclassic.com). ♠



The Magician joins what is expected to be one of the first online sites to go live in Nevada.

## Esfandiari signs with UltimatePoker.com

**Antonio Esfandiari's** busy life will soon get much busier. He's been chosen as the first brand ambassador for UltimatePoker.Com, which is expected to be one of the first online poker sites to go live in Nevada, possibly as early as this summer.

UltimatePoker.Com has some heavy-hitters of the gaming world at the top, including former Golden Nugget owner **Tom Breitling**, who is chairman of the company, and **Frank** and **Lorenzo Fertitta**, the owners of the UFC mixed martial arts juggernaut and the Station Casinos. The poker site is expected to leverage its relationships with the two brands to offer its players unique prizes and events.

"We're thrilled to have Antonio Esfandiari represent our company," Breitling said in a news release. "Antonio is the ultimate champion and modern poker player. He brings the gaming lifestyle to the online arena with his work-hard, play-hard attitude."



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# Open Face Chinese

By Natasha Barbour



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Most poker players have played or at least heard of Chinese Poker, the 13-card game you can play just about anywhere with two to four players. But Open Face Chinese has taken over the poker landscape, so here we give you a brief tutorial and a few tips as well.

**A**s a tournament player for the past eight years, I travel the country looking for good tournaments, good guarantees and good payouts. But this year was a little bit different on the road. Whether it's on an app or live, it seems like most players are looking for some Open Face Chinese action after busting from a tournament. Since it's a game you can play with two to four players, it's never a problem. Also, without exaggeration, I can say on my past two trips, as many as 30 percent of the table, if not more, were playing OFC on an app while in a tournament.

**HOW TO PLAY:** If you've never played standard Chinese Poker, I recommend you play at least 100 hands of that before jumping into the more difficult OFC. You can play hands vs. a computer or even practice alone.

The purpose of Chinese Poker is to divide the 13 cards you're dealt into three poker hands: two five-card hands and one three-card. The strongest hand has to be the five-card hand on the bottom. The middle has to be a five-card hand weaker than the bottom. "Up top" is the three-card hand, which needs to be your weakest hand.

In OFC, the rules are the same except players don't get all 13 cards at once at the beginning of the game. Instead, each player starts with five cards and is forced to set them. The player to the left of the button starts placing his five cards anywhere: bottom, middle and top. After all the players place their first five cards, each player is dealt one card at a time starting from the left of the button until all 13 cards are dealt to each player. The goal is to make the best valid hands (meaning you must follow Chinese Poker

rules and the top hand must be the worst hand, etc.).

**SCORING:** In OFC, most players use the 1-6 scoring system: If you win/lose two out of the three hands you make you win/lose one point. If you win/lose all three hands you win/lose six points (scoop). A mis-set hand, which is where the good-better-best rule is violated, is considered a scoop for your opponents and is worth six points plus any royalties to every player in the game. What are royalties? They start with a straight at the bottom, trips in the middle and a pair of sixes or better up top. If you make a royalty hand, opponents must pay you a bonus. Those bonuses are in the accompanying chart.

**FANTASY LAND:** It will be tough to find an OFC game that doesn't use the Fantasy Land variation. It consists of a valid hand with Q-Q or better up top. Once that occurs, the player will be in Fantasy Land, which means the next hand will be played differently. The opponents will play OFC normally, but the player in Fantasy Land will get to see his 13 cards all at once and play his hand, which is a huge advantage.

The only thing better than going to Fantasy Land is staying in Fantasy Land. Once a player is in Fantasy Land and his hand consists of four of a kind or better at the bottom, a full house or better in the middle, or trips up top, the player will get to stay in Fantasy Land for the next hand.

**FINAL THOUGHTS:** Starting with three suited cards, chances of hitting a flush are about 55 percent. If you're last to act and two of your outs or more are gone, your percentage drops to about 48. Also, straights are worth two points at the bottom, but six points (plus possible royalties) if you mis-set to each player. Is it really worth the risk? ♠

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## ROYALTIES

### BOTTOM HAND

Straight: 2  
Flush: 4  
Full house: 6  
Quads: 10  
Straight Flush: 15  
Royal Flush: 25

### MIDDLE HAND

Trips: 2  
Straight: 4  
Flush: 8  
Full house: 12  
Quads: 20  
Straight Flush: 30  
Royal Flush: 50

### TOP HAND

6-6: 1  
7-7: 2  
8-8: 3  
9-9: 4  
10-10: 5  
J-J: 6  
Q-Q: 7  
K-K: 8  
A-A: 9  
2-2-2: 10  
3-3-3: 11  
4-4-4: 12  
5-5-5: 13  
6-6-6: 14  
7-7-7: 15  
8-8-8: 16  
9-9-9: 17  
10-10-10: 18  
J-J-J: 19  
Q-Q-Q: 20  
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# YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO IMPROVE

Players of all levels constantly asked me how they can improve their game. Quite often a player will be stuck in a rut and decide to read a book, watch a training video or get private coaching. While these things almost always show immediate positive results, assuming the player is studying, the player will often fall back in the rut. This is because the player doesn't actually know how to learn to improve his game without being told what's wrong. The ability to organically learn from experience and discussions is one of the major traits that separate the world-class players from the simply good players.



**JONATHAN LITTLE**

Perhaps the easiest way to learn, at least for me, is to observe world-class players. I'm lucky in that I play high-level tournaments on a regular basis. Whenever I have the opportunity to play with someone I think is amazing, I make a point to pay attention to every hand they're involved in and I'm constantly trying to put them on a range. If I see the player do something I rarely do, I try to figure out why they made that specific play and how I can implement it into my game, assuming the play makes sense. If a play doesn't make sense to me, I discuss the hand with friends, run some math away from the table, and try to figure out what I am missing, if anything. Sometimes, the good player will simply make a mistake. It's important to note that just because a play works for one player doesn't mean it will work for you. Even if you don't play high stakes, you can still observe the big winners in your game and figure out what makes them successful. It's mandatory you don't develop some sort of a system and stick with it, especially when you consistently get poor results. If your plays aren't showing a high amount of profit, you're probably doing something wrong.

If you keep diligent notes like I suggest you do, you'll hopefully be able to figure out specific situations where you're losing money. In the past, I had a hard time dealing with four-bets (probably because

my three-betting range was too wide) and leads on the flop (probably because I was raising preflop with too many hands). There are only two reasonable options to remedy these problems. I could bluff more, which I don't want to do in tournaments because the chips I stand to lose are worth more than the chips I stand to gain, or I could show up with a stronger range. While it is never fun to tighten up, this was the simple solution that has proved to be profitable. If you play online, you have it really easy, as the various poker-tracking tools will be able to quickly pinpoint where you're making mistakes. As a general starting point, most players play too many hands from out of position and turn their strong top-pair hands into bluffs by betting when you can only get called by better hands, especially on the river when the pot is large. If you can think analytically about your game, you'll find your leaks are generally not too difficult to plug. Be aware that poker is a game of balance. Sometimes when you plug one leak, a new one will appear.

You should also develop a group of friends with whom you can discuss various concepts. If I didn't discover my initial group of poker friends, I'm confident I wouldn't be the player I am today. When I was grinding the high stakes sit-n-go tournaments online around nine years ago, we were constantly discussing countless poker questions through AIM. Even if you don't play online, you should make a point to make friends with the biggest winners in your game. Try to take them out to lunch or discuss hands after your session ends. You'll find the best players are almost always willing to help you, assuming you approach them in a reasonable manner and don't come off as needy. Once you find a close group of poker friends, your understanding of the game will quickly progress, allowing you to move up to larger buy-in games.

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## INTROSPECTIVE POKER

# THE WORST CASE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION EVER

I recently witnessed one of the more self-destructive plays I've ever seen at a Caesars World Series of Poker Circuit event. It was the first level of a \$1,060 buy-in tournament. The blinds were 25-50 and the players involved were close to the 15K starting chips. Our dunce was in early position and raised to \$150. He was called by a player in late position as well as the big blind. I was seated next to the dunce who was wearing headphones. He obviously couldn't hear a thing at the table but that's his prerogative. The flop came J-3-6 rainbow. The big blind threw a 1K chip in the pot and said



**DAVID APOSTOLICO**

600. I didn't hear him but others clearly did. Our dunce saw the chip, took off his headphones and asked the dealer if that was the bet. The dealer said yes. He called. The player in late position threw in 600, which caused the dunce to rip off his headphones. The players at the other end of the table all agreed the big blind clearly said 600 when he made his original bet.

Our music-loving dunce went ballistic. He whined how this misinformation caused the entire hand to be played differently. He protested he would've raised and not just called if he knew the bet was only 600. He insisted on bringing over the floor. After a passionate,

articulate though somewhat mad plea, the floor informed him the action stood. This unleashed a fresh tirade directed at the dealer.

The turn brought a seven and the big blind checked since our dunce had basically informed everyone of his hand by revealing his entire thought process. (I assumed he had a set at this point, which he later confirmed.) Our dunce bet 1,500 and the player in late position raised to 4K. The big blind folded and the dunce then berated the dealer some more, whining how she was going to cost him a ton of chips. He reluctantly called. The river was a blank. The villain checked and the player, who obviously had a straight, bet 4K. Our dunce turned his anger to his opponent and told him how dumb he was and that the way he played his hand made no sense. He finally called to see the straight and quickly mucked his hand.

Wearing headphones so you can't hear the action, telling everyone your intentions in a pointless protest that had no chance of winning, and then going into a complete meltdown is as destructive as it gets. Our loser blamed everyone but himself for how this hand played out. While this is an obvious example, always start with self-evaluation rather than external factors when critiquing your play.

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# IN POKER TELLS, THE EYES HAVE IT

The eyes exquisitely reveal, in real time, our true sentiments: joy, pain, happiness, loneliness, concern, disdain, dislike or disapproval. They're formidable communicators of feelings, including *comfort* and *discomfort*, helping us decipher others. Often looked at for signs of deception, the eyes reveal far more important information.



JOE NAVARRO

Few things reflect our emotions as well or as rapidly as the eyes. Babies, just several days old, respond to the eyes of the mother and can tell the difference between a squint and wide-open eyes. Babies can tell the difference between a happy and contented mother and one who is stressed, just from looking at the eyes.

The eyes serve as conduits of information we have relied on for thousands of years. We rely on them because of their accuracy. The man who is asked to help someone move will cover his eyes with his fingers rubbing them as he answers, "Yes, I will help you," when no doubt this will be an inconvenience. This blocking behavior authentically reveals how he feels even though he will assist.

Eye-blocking behaviors such as shielding the eyes, lowering the lids for a prolonged period, delays in opening of the eyes are so hard-wired in us that children who are born blind, when they hear something they don't like will cover their eyes. Obviously this behavior is hard-wired, part of our *paleo-circuits* and represents an adaptation to stress or other negative stimuli that has served us well over millennia.

In poker, you may see someone rub their lids the second they see the community cards, meaning they have a weak hand. We have used these behaviors for so long that we forget to cover them up when we play, revealing our true sentiments.

Eye-blocking is just one of the more obvious things we do. When we're troubled, frustrated or struggling with something emotionally, our lids may close hard and remain closed or they may flutter rapidly as an expression of our sentiment. Poker players, when forced to raise, often demonstrate a quick eyelid flutter, indicating ever so briefly their disdain, thus revealing their weakness.

Research also shows when we're nervous or troubled our blink rate increases, a phenomenon often seen with liars and people under stress, such as poker players who are marginal or weak. I wouldn't call anyone a liar or bluffer just because their blink rate increases, but it's something to note while playing to see when it occurs and when it disappears. It's interesting to note that **Richard Nixon**, when asked tough questions, would increase his blink rate about 12 blinks per minute to 68; a sure indicator of stress.

When interpreting eye behavior, many misconceptions exist. Little or no eye contact is erroneously perceived as a classic sign of deception or bluffing. There's no science to support this fallacy. Researchers have found liars tend to engage in greater eye contact because they know we're looking there for signs of deception, quite the opposite of what most people believe.

In contrast, players engage in a lot of intense eye-staring to convince opponents they're strong. My recommendation is to avoid the hard stare, eventually you're going to run into someone who will make you uncomfortable when you're weak and your strategy will be revealed.

Eyes will move side to side, look up and to the right, look down or hold still as we process information. Ask someone to multiply 56 times 89 in their head and watch their eyes. The cognitive load placed on them by the task will cause all sorts of eye movements or even eye closure. At the poker table, eyes can reveal the player is thinking about a move or processing her risk, but that's all we can venture to say from that behavior. The person is processing, not necessarily bluffing.

I look at the eyes to tell me when someone is comfortable and relaxed. I also look at the eyes to tell me when someone is suddenly troubled. When there are issues, immediately one sees the orbits narrow. Squinting or the narrowing of the eye orbits accurately indicates discomfort, stress, anger or issues, but they also can indicate merely we're focusing on something. So once more we rely on getting a baseline of behaviors before and during the game so we can determine for this particular player what does this behavior mean in context.

— **Joe Navarro is a former FBI agent and author of *What Every Body is Saying* and *200 Poker Tells*. Follow him on Twitter at @navarrotells.**

## BETTING ERRORS

# THE PROS AND CONS OF KICKERS IN HOLD'EM

In my seminars, I always stress the importance of the kicker in the player's hand. Average players simply don't acknowledge the kicker as a principle factor in each hand and the hand outcome as a result of the kicker.



ANTONIO PINZARI

Let's examine the pros and cons of kickers.

You're in the big blind with Q-6; there are three players in the hand and the small blind folds when the limped action gets to you. You check in the big blind and the flop is Q-7-2 (one of four flops that can't make a straight on the turn). You have top pair and a dry board. What do you do with top pair and three players behind you?

You bet and the next player raises. The other players fold. It's on you now. Notice I didn't state the amount of the raise or the type of player making the raise to make this example a pure question.

If you call and the other player also has a queen you're most certainly outkicked. If you fold, you may be asking yourself why you bet postflop or whether you were beat.

When players are all-in preflop and one player holds A-K and the other player holds A-Q, we say the A-Q is crushed.

When the hands aren't exposed the player with the Q-6 (top pair) seldom realizes he's crushed to every other player holding a queen.

These types of holdings are common and are the cons. Let's look at the pros, which will require additional help.

Playing a hand such as A-3 and hitting an ace on the flop, you have top pair and a kicker if it hits on the flop or turn that will often win the hand for you with two pair.

You know the three isn't going to win you anything; you also know the three isn't going to scare opponents when it hits. The additional benefit is an A-3 can make a straight that won't be seen very often.

If you're going to use your kicker (with top pair) always factor a backdoor straight. The Q-6 can't make a straight, while A-3 can. Top pair and weak kicker will destroy your game.

— **Antonio Pinzari has been playing professionally since the '70s. He's the creator of 23 Poker and Wild Tallahassee Poker, which you can learn more about at WildTallahasseePoker.com.**

# KEEP YOUR SELF-TALK ON THE POSITIVE SIDE

Self-talk can be positive or negative. But it is private. Positive self-talk is an important tool at the poker table. The process is to develop positive self-talk that keeps you calm and focused instead of tilting.



**STEPHEN  
BLOOMFIELD**

You can learn thought stoppage; you can practice away from the table by keeping some pennies or coins and transferring from your left pocket to your right when you engage in negative self-talk.

I once advised a poker player to keep a rubber band around his wrist. Snap the rubber band every time he was thinking negatively. It literally snapped him off of tilt. This technique is a proven way of changing thought process and used extensively in psychology. Given all the riffing of chips and other things we all do at the table no one would notice.

A must in poker is to be able to let go of negative thoughts, shake mistakes, forget about bad beat, or the idiot who played cards he should not have and beat you. If you brood about this you are doomed.

A successful poker player has to let go and refocus, particularly during critical times.

A variety of techniques work. Changing your frame by taking a walk or a lap around the room; order something to eat or to drink; take a bathroom break to wash your face. Anything that changes the frame. Don't feel like you're chained to the table. You're allowed to get up and if you have to then do it.

Another effective technique is to develop a statement that will help you. This statement is something designed away from the table; may even be with a coach. It's personal, positive and short.

Once you've developed the statement, away from the table, use it:

- Inhale through your nose lasting a count of three or four
- Hold the breath
- Exhale through your mouth for a count of three or four and say your statement to yourself

You should practice this simple breathing technique with statement before you do it at the table. If you are self-conscious do it away from the table. Take a break.

The statement has to fit you. It can be as simple as "focused;" it can be a self-affirmation, "I know how to play this game," but it shouldn't be much longer than a short sentence. It has to be personal and meaningful to you and it must be positive. Positive thinking is the key. It doesn't change the odds or the cards, but it changes you.

The only thing you really have control over at the table is use. Learn how to harness positive thoughts and use them to enhance peak performance.

Think positively, stay focused, concentrate and keep your head in the game.

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

## POKER POLITICS

# LOTS OF ACTION HEATING UP ACROSS THE NATION

It looks to me like 2013 may be one of the most active years for the gaming industries in a generation. Across the country, gambling legislation is flying around as various states try to get a grip on their intrastate industries. This activity is being considered with an eye on Washington, D.C., in the hopes that the federal government will step in to deal with the iGaming. Here is a look at some of the action around the country:



**MARC  
DUNBAR**

In the Rust Belt, every gaming state is looking to stem losses to neighboring states or get into the action. With Ohio a new casino state and Pennsylvania bragging about its continued growth and flourishing horse-racing industry, neighboring states are moving

quickly to recapture lost business. West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois legislatures are looking at ways to expand their commercial gambling industries to keep the domestic dollar and entice more folks across their borders. Kentucky is looking at casinos but is having difficulties solving the politics of a conservative anti-gambling electorate and protection of its flagship gambling enterprise, Churchill Downs.

Heading over to the Atlantic Coast, Maryland has added table games to its casinos and Delaware was joined by New Jersey with an iGaming authorization as New Jersey continues to move forward its federal-court challenge to crack into the sportsbook market. New York is looking at its future as a gambling state as its commercial casinos clamor for table games and its Indian tribes joust with Gov. **Andrew Cuomo** as he looks to "phase in" at least three new upstate casinos over the next few years. In addition, New York is heading to a full-scale privatization or divestiture of its horse-racing franchise, which is still one the dominant recipients of the gambling dollar in the Northeast. Further up in the Northeast, Churchill Downs announced its acquisition of a casino in Maine, furthering its rebranding from a horse-racing company with a couple of good casinos into a casino company with a couple of good horse-racing days.

Down South, Alabama continues to struggle with the questions of "What is bingo?" and "How can it be played?" Georgia has tackled its gray-market industry again in an attempt to clarify what is legal in that state. Speculation is rampant that the bill clarified that skill-based slot machines such as video poker are legal in that state, which should make for an interesting next several months as slot routes begin to get established in the Peach State. Florida took a different tack on its gray-market industry and has decided to rid its state of the billion-dollar-plus industry that has plagued that state. Following up on that measure, Florida also has contracted for a statewide comprehensive study of its gambling industries and the various gambling expansion proposals with an eye to 2014 for a grand cleanup of its gambling laws and likely consolidation of its gambling industry.

Heading West, Texas killed another casino initiative, making one wonder if it's ever a wise idea to propose commercial gambling again in the Lone Star State. Wyoming legitimized the slot-machine technology known as "instant racing" to bolster its flagging horse-racing industry, while it appears Oregon may head in the other direction, which likely would signal the demise of the parimutuel industry in that state.

California, wishing to opt in to the Nevada iGaming regulatory structure, again is taking a look at how Internet gaming could supplement the state budget and the coffers of its domestic Indian tribes. While all eyes seem to be on the Internet, California likely will see the closing of one of its flagship horse tracks, Hollywood Park, which has operated since 1938, and that could mean the closing of its poker room.

So for the live players, sunny days appear ahead. For Internet players, I wish greater certainty exists but until Washington gets its act together, the games will continue to be *caveat emptor*.

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# Where to play

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

## East

**WSOPC PHILADELPHIA:** Harrah's in Chester, Pa., hosts the WSOPC until May 6. In addition to the standard 12 ring events, there will be a ladies event and a couple of satellites to the WSOP main event.

**\* DELAWARE PARK CLASSIC:** This series (May 7-28) is hosted by the Casino at Delaware Park in Wilmington, Del. It will feature 28 events with \$100-\$2,500 buy-ins.

**PARX BIG STAX II:** Parx Casino near Philadelphia is hosting another Big Stax Series (May 8-20), which features nine events with \$175-\$1,600 buy-ins.

## West

**LIZ FLYNT SPC:** The Hustler Casino in Los Angeles will host the Liz Flynt Spring Poker Classic, which is a series with smaller buy-ins and large guarantees. Fields should be large and filled with fish.

**CAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Commerce Casino is hosting the California State Poker Championship May 1-19. The series consists of 18 tournaments (\$125-\$2,080).

**SPRING POT OF GOLD:** The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno hosts this series (May 9-19) of 23 events (\$130-\$1,100).

**HPT ROUTE 66:** The Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque hosts a Heartland Poker Tour (May 17-26) with a \$1,650 main event that

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1. Jeffrey Fielder, Des Moines, IA	1,426
2. Baptiste Chavaillaz, Portland, OR	1,134
3. Jonathan Tamayo, Humble, TX	1,093
4. Kevin Saul, Warrenton, IL	1,047
5. Matthew Kirby, Bemidji, MN	1,008
6. Matthew Giannetti, Las Vegas	872
7. Dale Roesel, Red Bank, TN	823
8. Jared Ingles, Baton Rouge, LA	807
9. Zhong Chen, Long Beach, CA	802
10. David McCord, Bradenton, FL	791

has a televised final table.

**ORLEANS OPEN:** The Orleans Casino in Las Vegas has its annual nine-event series May 18-26 (\$225-\$540).

**\* VENETIAN DSE:** The Deep Stack Extravaganza III (May 23-July 21) is back with an amazing 215 events (\$200-\$5K). There will be lots of players and action and is a good alternative to the WSOP.

**MEGA STACK SERIES:** Caesars Palace in Las Vegas is hosting this 103-event series (May 24-July 14), which has \$130-\$1,080 buy-ins.

**BINION'S CLASSIC:** Binion's Casino in Las Vegas brings back its seventh annual Classic, running May 25-July 7 and consisting of 47 events (\$125-\$1K).

## Central

**HPT SOARING EAGLE:** The Heartland Poker Tour stops in Mount Pleasant, Mich., on May 1-20. In addition to the \$1,650 televised main

event, there will be two events for \$220 and \$550 each.

**\* HPO COLUMBUS:** The Hollywood Poker Open will hold another regional event, this time at Hollywood Columbus in Ohio, May 6-17 and 19. See the ad on Pages 2-3 for details.

**\* AAPT FOUR STATES POKER CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Ante Up Poker Tour makes its next stop at the beautiful Downstream Casino for the Ante Up Poker Tour/Four States Poker Championship on May 17-26.

The series features 16 events with \$100-\$1K buy-ins. The winner of the main event will be on the July cover of *Ante Up*.

## South

**DELTA GOLD CLASSIC:** The Gold Strike Casino in Tunica, Miss., hosts this series (May 3-13), which features 16 events with buy-ins ranging from \$135-\$810.

**\* DEEP STACK SERIES:** The Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., runs this event May 9-18, featuring six events with buy-ins ranging from \$240 to \$1,650.

**SUMMER SLAM:** The Seminole Casino Coconut Creek in Coconut Creek, Fla., is hosting a World Poker Tour Regional May 14-26. The series has 11 events (\$65-\$350).

**\* Denotes the main event of this series/tournament qualifies for Ante Up Player of the Year consideration as the final 10 players earn POY points.**

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## ARIZONA

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<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); May 11 (\$330, 11:15a); May 18 (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 23.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a).
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.); Duncan Celebrity tournament, Jan. 12 (\$200, 6p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.); WSOP seat freeroll (call for details).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • ddcz.com	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a & 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$35, 9:30a).	Splash Pots; Round Ball Splash Off; call for details.
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$10, 4p) and (\$20, 9p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$10, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads over aces full of deuces and Omaha is quad fours; mini jackpot is hold'em is aces full; high hand (daily); Aces Cracked.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • harrahssakchin.com	Tue. Omaha (\$25, 7:30p); Wed. WSOP (\$65, 7:30); Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sat. WSOP (various, 12:30p); Sun. WSOP (\$50, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$1,200; high hands; Aces Cracked & Faces Cracked; Pot Match (daily). Call for details on the WSOP satellites.
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Sun.-Thurs. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 11a); Wed. (\$10 w/rebuys, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked; Super 77 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad sevens or better beaten).
<b>WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 777 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s or better); Rolling Cash Fever; Money Wheel.

## ARKANSAS

<b>OAKLAWN RACING &amp; GAMING</b> (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Ladies Night freeroll (7p); Sunday Kick off the Week (\$10 w/\$10 rebuy, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings or better beaten; straight flush progressive; weekend cash giveaway; Rakeback Bucks (call for details).
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<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); PLO (daily)- buy up to largest chip stack; May 4 (\$295, 1p); May 11 & 25 (\$115, 1p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; super bad-beat jackpot; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily, mid.-noon); high hands (noon-3p, 3p-6p, 6p-9p, 9p-mid.).
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
<b>ARTICHOKE JOE'S</b> (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$599; quads \$100; straight flush \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$25, 2p); Mexican Poker, Thurs. & Sun. (\$30, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Mexican poker and Omaha; Lucky Seat; Splash Pots; call for more promotions.
<b>BANKERS CASINO</b> (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon); deepstack event, May 26 (\$260, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
<b>BARONA RESORT</b> (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>BAY 101</b> (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$120, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9a); Sun. varies (call for details); May 11 (\$530, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
<b>BICYCLE CASINO</b> (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Mon.-Sun. Quantum Reload (daily, \$30-\$65) and has up to \$10K guaranteed; call for schedule; CPPT series, May 23-June 1 w/\$300K guar. main event, (\$1,100, 1p).	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
<b>CACHE CREEK CASINO</b> (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); KO event, May 26 (\$135).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); high hands; cash drawings (call for details).



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<b>CASINO ROYALE</b> (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Call for schedule	Call for promotions.
<b>CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
<b>CHUMASH CASINO RESORT</b> (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Wed.-Sun. (\$35, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 2p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked pays \$25 (Wed.-Fri.).
<b>CLUB ONE CASINO</b> (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/ rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COMMERCE CASINO</b> (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>CORDOVA CASINO</b> (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasinoc.com	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em; super bad beat in hold'em; player rewards (\$300 for 50 hours played); first nine players before noon get \$100 for \$70 (2 hrs. min.).
<b>DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO</b> (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Call for details.	Call for information.
<b>FOLSOM LAKE BOWL</b> (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Mon. KO (\$72, 6p); Tue. (\$62 w/\$20 rebuy, 6p); Wed. \$2K guar. (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 1:30p); Sun. (\$62, 1:30p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S RINCON</b> (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).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p); \$100K guar., May 20-23 (\$115, various times depending on starting day and time).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	\$100K bonus jackpots (daily); win up to \$10K in cash drawings (call for details).
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasinola.com	Mon. (\$40, noon & \$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$40, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 11a). Bonus day (Fri.); call for details.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (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).	Call for information.
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (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.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LOTUS CASINO</b> (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>LUCKY DERBY CASINO</b> (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).

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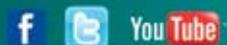
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<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinosort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rb, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$150 w/re-entry, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120 w/re-entry, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rb, 1p); May 4 (\$330, 11a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (\$20K min.) and Omaha (\$5K min.); hold'em jackpots increase to \$40K min. (7:30-9:30a).
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasi.com	Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 10a); Sun. (\$65, noon); Memorial Day event, May 27 (\$65, 10a).	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full of 10s beaten); high hand; Flush Marathon (Mon. & Wed., noon-mid.); \$100 hourly high hand and \$50 Aces Cracked, May 22 (9a-11p).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. (\$30, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	High hands; holiday gift grab; holiday cash giveaway; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
<b>PHOENIX CASINO</b> (916) 331-2345 • playphoenixcasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$35, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (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.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); hourly high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll tournaments held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Wheel Spins (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Tue.); Splash the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sat.-Sun.).
<b>SOBOBA CASINO</b> (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily (\$7-\$20, 10a); Tue. KO \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 7p); Wed. deepstack (\$30, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$30, 7p); Sat. KO \$2K guar. (\$30, 6p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$20, 10a).	Lucky Football Squares (Sun.-Mon., 5p); Football Blitz (Thurs., 5p); Wheel Spins (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Tue.); Splash the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sat.-Sun.).
<b>SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO</b> (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.).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Acey/Deucey; high hands; Poker Yahtzee; Late Night Luck.
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); Sun. (\$100, 11:15a).	High hands pay \$50 (daily); Kings Can't Lose (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); call for other promotions.
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$75, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 11a); Fri. deepstack (\$125, 5p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details).
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (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

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLD CREEK CASINO</b> (719) 689-5449 • facebook.com/goldcreekpokerroom	Friday (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys and add-ons, 4p); \$5K free roll, May 18 (call for details on how to qualify).	Super and Major bad-beat jackpot; Red and Black Monte Carlo Jackpots.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • golden casinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (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); \$1500 Crazy Cash Giveaway, May 1-26; call for details.
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 3p & 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon & 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks with a 50 percent room share.
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# CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) including \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$10K guar., Sat. (\$160, 6p) & Sun. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$60-\$200); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 10a); Wed. \$10K guar. (\$120, 7p) & Fri. (\$200, 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 11a); Sun. (\$120, 5p).	High hands paid every four hours daily, seven days a week.

# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a). See ad back inside cover for Delaware Park Classic schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$65, 1p); Tue. PLO (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$155, 7p); Sat. (\$80, 7p); \$25K guar., May 24 (\$300, 7p). See ad Page 20.	AUPT World Championship satellite (\$130, noon) April 21; Ante Up Poker Cruise (\$25, noon), April 7.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO event, May 12 (\$60 w/\$25 bounties, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; \$3 max rake and \$3 food specials (Mon.).

# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon. & Fri. KO (\$125, 7p); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, noon). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Mon., Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun., Tue., Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$100, noon); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studzpkoker.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (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.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNIA</b> (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgretina.com	Thurs. & Sun. \$10K satellite (\$75, 1p & 7p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); \$10K guar., May 4 (\$250, 1p). See ad Page 51.	Bad beats in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); play daily and receive up to \$3/hr; mini bad beat (Tue., 10a); high hands pays \$100/hr (Fri.-Mon.).
<b>DANIA JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 12:30p); Sun., Mon., Tue., (\$15, 6:30p); Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50 w/\$25 bounties, 6:30p); Fri. (\$125, 6:30p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p & 6:30p); Sun. freeroll (12:30p).	High hand starts at \$500 (daily); Magic Hand wins free tournament ticket; Spin-the-Wheel pays up to \$500; royal flushes pay \$250.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p); Deep Stack Charity Classic, May 5; call for details.	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.).



# FLORIDA (Continued)

<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad on Pages 17 for the Mega Mega Stack \$25K guarantee this month.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p), Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on Page 32.	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).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri. (\$2.5K guar.), Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (rebuy). Ad on 15.	High hands (daily); \$500/half hour with power hours paying \$750 at noon, 4p, 7p & 10p (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$250/hour (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon). See ad Page 39.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	\$50 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a & mid.-3a); high-hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half hour (Fri. & Sat.).	\$40 frenzy vouchers (Sun.-Thurs., 9a-11a & midnight-3a); high hand jackpots; \$500 high hand every half hour (Fri. & Sat.).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & \$90 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). See ad below.	Bad beat in hold'em & Omaha; royals pay \$500; straight flush pays \$120 entry into May Moolah \$10K event (May 25); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand (Sun.-Sat.).
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guarantee freeroll, May 12 (2p); \$4K guarantee, May 27 (\$50, noon).	Miccosukee Progressive Mania includes 26 different progressive jackpots up to \$25K; Splash Pot (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$10K Giveaway, May 19 (11:30a-9p).
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, noon); Sun. (\$125, noon) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); May 4 (\$275, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$1K; \$1K hourly high hands (Wed.); Sat. \$5K high hand (6p-mid.).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$30, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad Page 46.	High hand (daily); royals pay \$500 (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; Player of the Month points for every tournament, \$8K for top 5 and \$25K freeroll for top 100; call for details. See ad Page 9.	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad beat in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Daily (\$50-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); \$10K guar., May 11 (\$250, 1p); \$20K guar., May 25 (\$500, 1p).	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad jacks) and stud (quads); full house or better (daily); mini bad beat (daily, mid.-4a); play Sun.-Wed. for an extra \$2/hr.
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$160) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 2p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels). Now open on Sundays. See ad on Page 21.	Progressive jackpots in all games.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Wed. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (Fri.-Sun.); Pick-A-Pocket pays up to \$1K (Mon., 4-9); Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$560); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad Page 31.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); Play, earn, and redeem (call for details).
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<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p). See ad Page 48.	\$199 high hand (daily, 11a-2p, 2p-4p; 11p-2a & Fri. & Sat. \$99-\$199-\$500, 2a-4a); progressive royals and bad beat.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; \$10K guar., May 19 (\$350, 1p). See ad Page 19.	Up to \$599 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); \$300 every 15 minutes (Wed., 1p-7p).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$30-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

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<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsojliet.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.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinjojliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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<b>BELTERRA CASINO RESORT</b> (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$40, 7:15p); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 7:15p) & (\$40, midnight); Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 11:15a); Sun. (\$40, 5:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>BLUE CHIP</b> (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-2p) pays \$50 per hour; Real Deal Lucky Wheel pays up to \$200 (Fri.-Sat., 4p-midnight).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG</b> (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).
<b>HORSESHOE HAMMOND</b> (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$100, 11); Mon. & Tues. (\$120, 7p); Fri. & Sat. Survivor (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$200, 11a); May 25 (\$500, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games.
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<b>MAJESTIC STAR II</b> (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

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (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.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Call for information on future promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 10a); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Omaha/8, May 6 (\$100); Fat Stack, May 11 & 27 (\$125) and May 25 (\$235).	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).
<b>MESKWKI CASINO</b> (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.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on first Thursday of every month (except July will be second Thursday) - call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. & Fri. limit Omaha H/L (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$80, 6p); Wed. (\$50, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. (\$30, 4p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. of month (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).

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# KANSAS

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<b>BOOT HILL CASINO</b> (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO</b> (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>KANSAS STAR CASINO</b> (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$85, 7p); freeroll, May 5 (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

# LOUISIANA

<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO</b> (800) 284-4386 • cypressbayou.com	Wednesday (6p); call for details.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. (\$55 w/\$20 rebuys); Tue. (\$105 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); Hot Seat (6 days a week); tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> (504) 533-6000 • harrahsnoworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways Mon.-Thurs.
<b>L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO</b> (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO</b> (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
<b>PARAGON CASINO RESORT</b> (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Thurs.); Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal flush jackpot.

# MARYLAND

<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE</b> (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	No tournaments.	No promotions.
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# MICHIGAN

<b>FIREKEEPERS CASINO</b> (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Wed. (\$70, noon); Sun. (\$70, noon); Winter Freezout (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
<b>GREEKTOWN HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; 5-10 Omaha H/L w/kill (Tue., Thurs. & Sat.).
<b>LEELANAU SANDS CASINO</b> (231) 534-8100 • casino2win.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
<b>MGM GRAND DETROIT</b> (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SOARING EAGLE CASINO</b> (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); May 10 (\$175, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
<b>TURTLE CREEK CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

# MINNESOTA

<b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$1.5K Cash for Quads Board (Thurs., 8a & 5p).
<b>RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK</b> (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Mon. freeroll (7p); Tue. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Wed. (\$45, 10:30a & \$65, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$45, 2p & \$125, 6p); Fri. (\$65, 10:30a); Sat. (\$65, 9:30a & \$235, 2p).	Aces Cracked (Tue.); Aces Cracked Double the Pot (Thurs.); Aces Cracked progressive (Fri.-Sat.); Mayhem in May event, May 9 (\$275, noon). See ad Page 52.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); May 11 & 25 (\$60, 2p); Omaha/8 events, May 4 & 18 (\$60, 2p); Island Cup Deepstack events on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad beat in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-2a & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for quads (\$44), straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

# MISSISSIPPI

<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT</b> (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340); Delta Gold Poker Classic, May 3-12 w/main event, May 10 (\$810, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$40, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Pot (Thurs.-Mon.); Set over Set (Sun.-Tue.); high hand (Tue. & Wed.).
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahstunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; progressive quads; Spin to Win pays up to \$1K; \$15K guar. w/W SOP drawing, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22 (\$160, 11a).
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 3p); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
<b>ISLE CASINO HOTEL BILOXI</b> (228) 436-7967 • biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/rebuy, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy and bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); high hand (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 10a-mid.); Aces Cracked/Lucky Seat (Mon. & Wed., 10a-mid. & Fri., 10a-6p).

# MISSOURI

<b>AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES</b> (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
<b>AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
<b>HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY</b> (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a & 7p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$80, 7p).	High hands (17 jackpots); call for details.



MISSOURI (Continued)

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<b>HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS</b> (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>LUMIERE PLACE</b> (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (\$150K paid between River City and Lumiere in nine weeks); quarterly \$10K Coverall Board (call for details).
<b>RIVER CITY CASINO</b> (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Daily (\$65, 3p); Thurs. turbo (\$75); Sat. (\$100, midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better & has multipliers (\$150K paid out between River City and Lumiere in nine weeks); Coverall Board promo.

NEVADA

<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • ariallasvegas.com	Daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels); Aria Classic, June 17-July 1 w/main event, June 30 (\$1,080, 6p).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlanticasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a, 2p & 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 11a, 2p & 8p) w/\$500 guarantee first prize.	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$545, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); WPT World Championship, May 18-24.	No jackpots.
<b>BINIIONS' GAMBLING HALL</b> (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).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (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.); Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p); WSOP Warm-Up runs until May 12 w/main event, May 11 (\$560, noon).	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 2p); Sunday Freeroll at noon (play 10 hours minimum to qualify).	High hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50, same color \$100.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (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.
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily; \$500 guar. (\$50, 10a & 6p); KO (\$80, 2p); \$750 guar. (\$70, 9p); \$600 guar. (\$60, 12:30a).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a); \$25K guar., May 11; Grand Series, June 1-July 4 (call for details).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 6:30p); Spring Pot of Gold, May 9-19 w/\$150K guar. main event, May 17 (\$1,100, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); high hand cash prizes during tournament play.	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).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80 w/\$20 bounties, 8p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; high hands; get paid for straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$500).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOOTERS</b> (866) 584-6687 • hooterscasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2p-8p & 2a-6a); high hands (daily); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).

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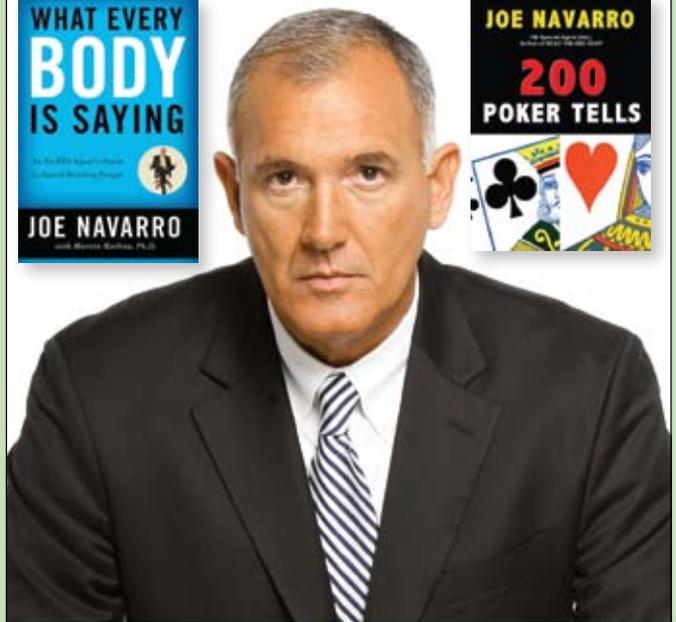
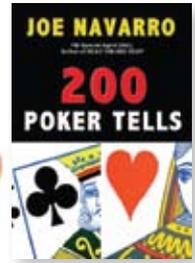
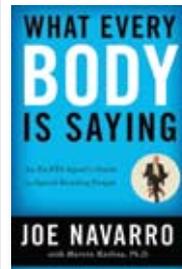
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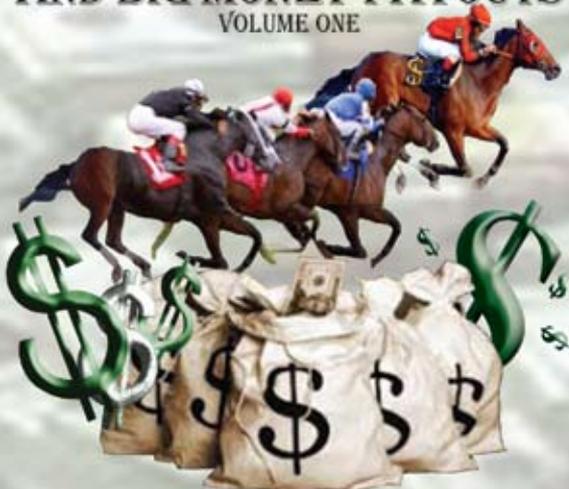
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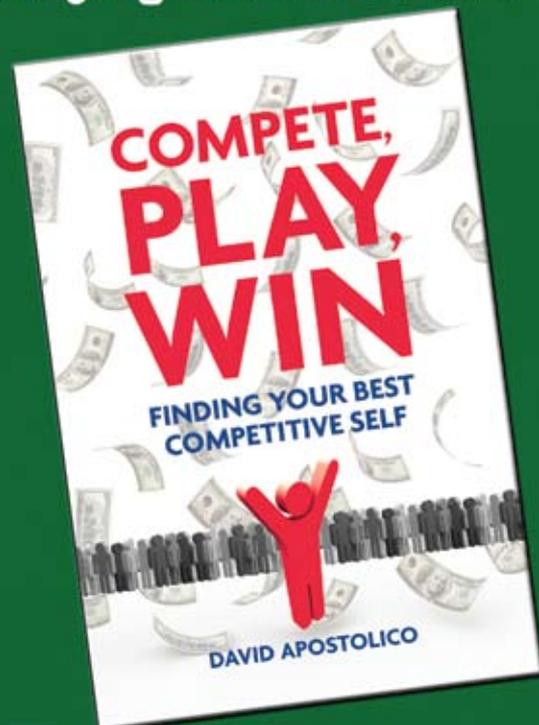


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<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40) at 10:30a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 8:30p, 11:30p.	High hands (daily); \$1K freeroll (Tue. & Thurs., 6p); \$1.5K freeroll (Sun., 2p); call for details.
<b>M RESORT</b> (702) 797-1000 • themresort.com	Daily (\$60, 10a) & (\$60, 10p); Mon., Tue., Thurs., Sun. (\$60, 6p); Wed., Fri., Sat. (\$100, 6p); \$10K guar., May 25 (\$125, noon).	Progressive high hand; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$50, 6p), (\$50, 11p); single table tournaments available (\$60, 1p & 9p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Nightly mixed games and H.O.R.S.E. (call for details).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (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).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours min.); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 11a & \$80, 7p); Fri. Omaha/8 (\$60, 11p) & (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$80, 11a & \$100, 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$100, 7p).	\$25K single table bad-beat jackpot; \$60K Make it Rain Drawing; bonus hand payouts for quads or flush pays \$100; royals pay \$200.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	Multitroom qualifiers running for \$300K Poker Plus Tournament on June 29-30 (call for details).	Multitroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; multitroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands.
<b>PALMS CASINO</b> (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
<b>QUAD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Multitroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIO CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	World Series of Poker, May 29-July 15 w/main event, July 6-15 (\$10K, noon).	Progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a); Graveyard Trip Comps (daily, 3a-noon) pays \$3 per hour instead of \$1 per hour.
<b>RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (800) 634-3420 • rivierahotel.com	Daily (\$60) at 7a, 11a, 7p and 11p; monthly freerolls.	High hands (call for details).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multitroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>STRATOSPHERE</b> (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).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (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.
<b>SUNSET STATION</b> (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	No tournaments.	Multitroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$55) at 11a, 2p, 7p and \$1K guar. at 10p.	High hands pay up to \$599; quads or higher spins wheel; \$5K weekly freeroll (10 hours minimum to qualify).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & Survivor (\$200, 7p); Sat. (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added by the house); 2013 Deep Stack Extravaganza III, May 23-July 21 w/main event, July 13 & 14 (\$5,000, noon).
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$140, noon & 7p); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Sat. (\$225, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon).	No jackpots.

# NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multitroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$40-\$340); Mon. \$10K guar. (\$140, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$30K guar. (\$300, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
<b>CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multitroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125).	Harrah's AC multitroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
<b>REVEL</b> (609) 572-6040 • revelresorts.com	Daily (12:30p & 8p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$75); Sat. (\$100); May 24 (\$125). See ad on facing page.	Bad beat in hold'em; high hand; get paid for royals; \$2,500 drawing (Sun., 15 hours of weekly play); Loyalty Rake Back promo (40 hours minimum); call for details.
<b>SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); \$20K starting stack for all tournaments; Fri. & Sat. 7p events pay \$5K guar. with unlimited re-entry for 6 levels.	Harrah's AC multitroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
<b>TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT</b> (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

# NEW MEXICO

<b>BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO</b> (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); May 25 (\$150, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75.
<b>HARD ROCK ALBUQUERQUE</b> (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS</b> (575) 464-7777 • innofthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpots; royals pay \$500; straight flush pays \$250; quad aces pays (\$150); quads pays \$50; call for details.
<b>ROUTE 66 CASINO</b> (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (11a & 7p); Fri. (11a, 5p, & 8p); Sat. (noon, 5p & 8p); Sun. (7p); Heartland Poker Tour, May 17.	Bad beat; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; \$2K freeroll event (35 hours of live cash poker to qualify, more hours equals larger chip stack); call for details.
<b>SANDIA RESORT</b> (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. WSOP sats (\$35, 2p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. varies (\$25, 7p) Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon); Omaha events, May 1 & 2; WSOP sats, May 9, 16, 23, 30 & June 6.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
<b>SANTA ANA STAR CASINO</b> 505-867-0000 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).



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

# NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, 2a) & PLO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Call for information.
<b>SUNCRUZ (S.C.)</b> (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$220, 7p); daily freerolls (call for schedule).	Bad-beat (aces full of jacks beaten by quads); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200).

# OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$70, 10:15a); Fri. (\$140, 10:15a); Sat. (\$240, 10:15a); Sun. PLO (\$90, 10:15a); Mon.-Wed. (\$90, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$140, 7:15p). See ad on Pages 2-3.	Call for promotions.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CINCINNATI</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, noon); May 26 (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

# OKLAHOMA

<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. at 1p & 7p (\$60-\$120); Sat. (\$170, noon); Sun. \$3K freeroll (3p). See ad on facing page.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad beat (daily); high hand (Mon.-Wed., 11p-5a); high limit rewards (Mon.-Thurs.); Early Bird Special (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 354-2000 • comanchenationcasino.com	Two tournaments a month (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. w/lunch provided (\$30, 11a); Mon. (\$20, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$150, 2p); Sun. H.O.R.S.E. (\$50, 2p). See ads on Pages 5 & 29.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot. See ads on Pages 7 and 31 for the Ante Up Poker Tour/Four States Poker Championship.
<b>FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events. See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays \$10K.
<b>OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • milliondollarelm.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. ante only (\$50, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Fri. (\$50 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p, 10K chips).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.



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<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$25, 1p); Mon. KO (\$55, 6p); Tue. (\$25, 1p) & (\$30, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Fri. (\$50, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	High hand pays \$100/hour (Sun.).
<b>ENCORE CLUB</b> (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); \$10K guar. (\$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
<b>SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO</b> (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Events on May 4 & 18 (1:30p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p).	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid daily; \$50 alternating high hands/Aces Cracked hourly (Wed., noon-mid.); \$50/\$100 high hands/half hour (Thurs./Sat.).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahshchester.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p & 11:30p); Wed. (noon & 11:30p); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details); WSOP Circuit runs until May 6 w/main event, May 4 (\$1,675, 11a).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcnpn.com	Mon. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); May 25 (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily & nightly (\$30-\$70, 11a & 7:15p); Sat. (\$30, 3:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for daily promotion details.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon); Big Stax II, May 8-20 w/\$2M expected pool; call for details.	Call for details.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 374-3386 • ericcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$75, 7:30p); Sat. (\$250, 3:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); Deep Stack, May 3 & 17 (\$125, 7:30p) & May 4 (\$125, 3:30p); Omaha/8, May 9 & 23 (\$75, 7:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$2K freeroll, May 18 & June 1 (20 hours min. to qualify; call for details).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$555); Sun.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of jacks).
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$100, 11a); Thurs. (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sat. (\$200, 11a); May 12 (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); May 26 (\$200, 11a); May 27 (\$200 w/\$100 bounties, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; \$15K Poker Room Hot Seat Sweepstakes, May 10 (11a-9p); call for details.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p) & (\$55, 8p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; half rake on \$2-\$10 or lower games; High Society Challenge (call for details).
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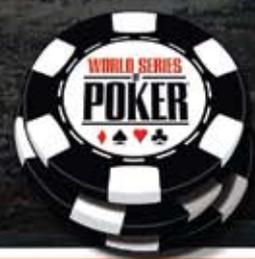
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## Q&A

### WITH MARS CALLAHAN

Mars Callahan is an actor, director, writer and producer from California. He's probably most known for his work on the classic hustler film, *Poolhall Junkies*. As a teen actor, he appeared on the hit shows *Growing Pains*, *Facts of Life* and *Wonder Years*. In 2011, he cashed in 94th place in the World Series of Poker Main Event for \$64,531 and his upcoming projects include a sequel to *Poolhall* called *Poker Junkies*. Mike Owens caught up with Callahan to talk *Junkies*, poker and his main-event run.

**When did you develop an interest in poker?** I first started playing poker in a weekly game at my friend George's house. Quarter, 50-cent dollar, dealer's choice versions of seven-card stud. Nobody had really ever even heard of hold'em at that time. Lot of famous people came through that game, before, during and after their heights of popularity.

**Do you get recognized at the tables right away?** Sometimes, but usually it takes a second and then the reactions are pretty funny.

**Can you talk a little bit about your deep run in the 2011 main event?** It's a really funny story. I was donking around on Day 1 and then in the last hand right before the dinner break this kid who was trying to pretend to be my friend all day tried to angle shoot on me. I'm in the big blind, he's in the small blind and everyone else had folded. He makes a motion like he's going to fold leaving me with a walk and I flash my hand showing him I have a big hand. Anyway, he doesn't actually muck and instead he raises me. I call and say, "What are you doing?" The flop comes improving my hand and this ass fires out in front of me again. I call again and say, "What the f--- are you doing? I just showed you my hand, are your f---ing kidding me?" The turn comes an overcard and he fires out again. I call and the river is an ace, another overcard. He shoves and I have to muck wanting to kill him. He shows a stone-cold bluff four-high and I go on super tilt to the dinner break. I was so pissed that I played so fearless and so aggressive that I absolutely steamrolled the table and ended the day chipleader at my table and that fueled my deep run.

**What did you do to prepare for your role as Johnny Doyle in *Poolhall Junkies*?** My preparation for *Poolhall Junkies* was my whole life. I lived the life of a pool player for many years and so when it came time to play the

part the only thing I had to do was not to try and do anything that wasn't natural. Just to let it flow and let the game come to me. Pretty easy to say and pretty tough to do when you have to carry the film and hold your own alongside **Christopher Walken**, **Rod Steiger** and **Chazz Palminteri**. But they were all very supportive and they all helped me tremendously.

**Do you consider yourself a hustler?** No. Because I used to use the old double-reverse psychology on them. I told everybody that I played that I was going to beat them so badly that they'd never be able to show their face in the poolroom ever again and this made them want to beat me so bad that it would take them out of their comfort zone and when they lost they could never say I hustled them because I just finished telling them I was going to beat them when we started.

**What was it like working with Christopher Walken?** Highlight of my career. Dream come true. Can't wait to work with him again.

**Can you tell us about your upcoming film *Poker Junkies*?** It will be better than *Poolhall Junkies* and that's all I can say right now. We're keeping these cards very close to the vest.

**Who are you most looking forward to working with on a film?** Clint Eastwood. No question.

**In your opinion, what's the best poker scene in a movie?** It hasn't been made yet. But it will be in *Poker Junkies*; I guarantee it.

**Are you working on any other projects right now?** I'm also working on *Poker Junkies* the television series. Think *Entourage* but set in Vegas and in the poker world.

**If you could invite any person living or dead to your home game, who would you choose and why?** I have two. **Steve McQueen** for all the obvious reasons and **Stu Ungar** for all the even more obvious ones. ♠



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	WED 05/08	9:00am	\$75	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #1 - DAY 1A	7500	
1	WED 05/08	12:00pm	\$550	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 1A *	25,000	\$250,000
	WED 05/08	4:00pm	\$75	SATELLITE into EVENT #1 - DAY 1B	7500	
	WED 05/08	7:00pm	\$75	SATELLITE into EVENT #1 - DAY 1B	7500	
	THU 05/09	9:00am	\$75	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #1 - DAY 1B	7500	
1	THU 05/09	12:00pm	\$550	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 1B *	25,000	\$250,000
	THU 05/09	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A		SEATS added
	FRI 05/10	9:00am	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #2	7500	
2	FRI 05/10	12:00pm	\$200	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	15,000	\$25,000
	FRI 05/10	2:00pm		EVENT #1 - RESTART		
3	FRI 05/10	4:00pm	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM/POT LIMIT OMAHA	15,000	\$10,000
	FRI 05/10	7:00pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - MEGA STACK	12,500	
	FRI 05/10	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	SAT 05/11	9:00am	\$65	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #4	7500	
4	SAT 05/11	12:00pm	\$400	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	20,000	\$100,000
	SAT 05/11	7:00pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - MEGA STACK	12,500	
	SAT 05/11	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	SUN 05/12	9:00am	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #5	7500	
5	SUN 05/12	12:00pm	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12,500	\$15,000
6	SUN 05/12	4:00pm	\$150	SENIORS (50+) NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	10,000	\$10,000
	SUN 05/12	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	SUN 05/12	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
7	MON 05/13	12:00pm	\$100	DOUBLE STACK - NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	20,000	\$10,000
8	MON 05/13	4:00pm	\$150	SEVEN CARD STUD	10,000	\$10,000
	MON 05/13	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	TUE 05/14	9:00am	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #9	7500	
9	TUE 05/14	12:00pm	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12,500	\$15,000
10	TUE 05/14	4:00pm	\$150	OMAHA 8	10,000	\$10,000
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	WED 05/15	9:00am	\$40	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #11	7500	
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	FRI 05/17	12:00pm	\$135	SATELLITE into EVENT #14	7500	
	FRI 05/17	2:00pm		RESTART EVENT #13		
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	FRI 05/17	7:00pm	\$135	SATELLITE into EVENT #14	7500	
	FRI 05/17	10:00pm	\$135	SATELLITE into EVENT #14	7500	
	SAT 05/18	9:00am	\$135	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #14	7500	
14	SAT 05/18	12:00pm	\$1090	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM *	35,000	\$200,000
	SAT 05/18	7:00pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - MEGA STACK	12,500	
	SAT 05/18	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added

#	Date	Time	Buy-in	Event	Chips	Guarantee
	SUN 05/19	9:00am	\$60	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #15	7500	
15	SUN 05/19	12:00pm	\$250	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	15,000	\$25,000
	SUN 05/19	2:00pm		RESTART EVENT #14		
16	SUN 05/19	4:00pm	\$150	LADIES - NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	10,000	\$10,000
	SUN 05/19	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	SUN 05/19	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
17	MON 05/20	12:00pm	\$100	DOUBLE STACK - NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	20,000	\$10,000
	MON 05/20	2:00pm		RESTART EVENT #14		
18	MON 05/20	4:00pm	\$150	O.E. (OMAHA 8 / STUD 8)	10,000	\$10,000
	MON 05/20	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	TUE 05/21	9:00am	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #19	7500	
19	TUE 05/21	12:00pm	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12,500	\$15,000
20	TUE 05/21	4:00pm	\$150	OMAHA 8	10,000	\$10,000
	TUE 05/21	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	WED 05/22	9:00am	\$35	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #21	7500	
21	WED 05/22	12:00pm	\$200	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 6 MAX	15,000	\$15,000
22	WED 05/22	4:00pm	\$150	POT LIMIT OMAHA	12,500	\$10,000
	WED 05/22	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	THU 05/23	9:00am	\$60	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #23	7500	
23	THU 05/23	12:00pm	\$300	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 1A *	15,000	\$75,000
23	THU 05/23	4:00pm	\$300	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - 1B *	15,000	\$75,000
	THU 05/23	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	SEATS added
	FRI 05/24	9:00am	\$65	TURBO SATELLITE into STEP 2A	7500	
	FRI 05/24	12:00pm	\$550	STEP 2A - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE (1 in 5)	15,000	20 SEATS
	FRI 05/24	2:00pm		RESTART EVENT #23		
	FRI 05/24	4:00pm	\$300	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE (1 in 10)	12,500	
	FRI 05/24	7:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2B	7500	SEATS added
	FRI 05/24	10:00pm	\$65	STEP 1 - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE into STEP 2B	7500	SEATS added
24	SAT 05/25	11:00am	\$2500	MAIN EVENT - DAY 1A *	40,000	\$500,000
	SAT 05/25	12:00pm	\$65	TURBO SATELLITE into STEP 2B		
	SAT 05/25	4:00pm	\$550	STEP 2B - MAIN EVENT SATELLITE (1 in 5)	15,000	
	SAT 05/25	7:00pm	\$300	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE (1 in 10)	12,500	
	SAT 05/25	10:00pm	\$300	MAIN EVENT SATELLITE (1 in 10)	12,500	
24	SUN 05/26	11:00am	\$2500	MAIN EVENT - DAY 1B *	40,000	\$500,000
25	SUN 05/26	12:00pm	\$340	NLH - BLACK CHIP BOUNTY	20,000	\$25,000
	SUN 05/26	7:00pm	\$100	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM - MEGA STACK	12,500	
	SUN 05/26	10:00pm	\$65	NLH - DEEP STACK TURBO	20,000	
	MON 05/27	9:00am	\$30	TURBO SATELLITE into EVENT #26	7500	
26	MON 05/27	12:00pm	\$150	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12,500	\$20,000
	MON 05/27	2:00pm		RESTART MAIN EVENT - DAY 2		
	MON 05/27	7:00pm	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7500	
27	TUE 05/28	12:00pm	\$100	DOUBLE STACK - NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	20,000	\$10,000
	TUE 05/28	2:00pm		RESTART MAIN EVENT - DAY 3		
28	TUE 05/28	4:00pm	\$150	CASINO EMPLOYEE EVENT	12,500	\$10,000
	TUE 05/28	7:00pm	\$65	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	7500	

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