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Oftentimes, this little corner of the magazine is used to shine a light on something in the poker world that needs attention. Well, this month, we're suggesting you avoid the spotlight at the table.

We have seen all levels of poker, from home games, bar leagues and online events to televised high-stakes cash games, live world championship final tables and even SNGs aboard our Ante Up Poker Cruises.

We've played with the best and probably the worst, and we're here to tell you: Stop giving away information for free.

There's a saying: Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt. While the proverb's true origins are unknown, its sentiment is not.

All too often, people feel the need to chat after folding a hand or winning a pot for the purposes of patting themselves on the back or to save face. They don't even realize they are revealing so much about their play.

No matter how good you are, there's always a better player, so why would you want to go out of your way to give that person more vital info about how you play?

Poker is about disseminating incomplete information. If you want to win money, the less you reveal the better.

Sure, the story of poker has more than its share of egos attached to its main characters, but many of those players have had years and years acting their parts.

They already understand the type of player you are and can use that against you. Why not be the strong silent type? You'll thank us later.

And in the meantime, be sure to take advantage of our strategy columns on Pages 32-35.

We'll see you, quietly, at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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LET'S MAKE A DEAL

The most-coveted perks to the AUPT event get split between Robert Veazey and B.J. McBrayer at the record-setting Pearl River Resort series.

By Scott Long

Robert Veazey got the cover of *Ante Up*. B.J. McBrayer got the seat in the Ante Up World Championship Main Event.

And all of the final seven players got just shy of \$15K.

While a vicious storm swirled outside Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss., a pair of calm deals brought to a close the main event of the Pearl River Spring Poker Classic Ante Up Poker Tour series and left everyone pleased.

"I normally don't like to chop, but the blinds got so high that the average stack was 10 big blinds, so that's why I decided to do it," McBrayer said of the first deal, which hinged on his approval. The other six players more or less quickly agreed to chop the money evenly and play it out for the magazine cover and world-championship seat as the clock ticked past midnight. "I think everyone was happy about it."

And the heads-up deal with Veazey was an easier one for Tuscaloosa's McBrayer, one of the more consistent players in the Southern circuit, to accept.

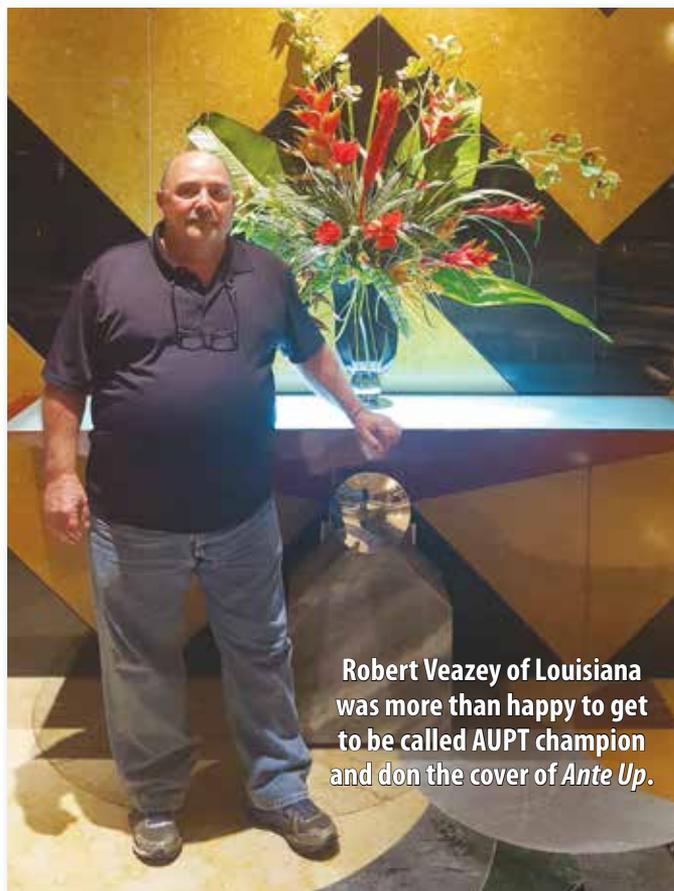
"I've been playing poker professionally for a long time now and I just never really cared for the limelight," he said of giving up the title and the cover to get the chance of a much bigger payday at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in California this August.

Veazey, who was the chipleader three times at the final table but was the short stack when the first deal was reached, never thought he'd see sundown, let alone the title.

"I started the day with 27K," the retired owner of a metal company said. "I had checked out of my room because I thought I'm only going to last so long. But then I started catching cards. I was ready for the chop. I was the short stack and we got better than third-place money."

The second deal was equally easy for him.

"B.J. wanted the seat more than the cover; I can guarantee you that," said Veazey of Carenco, La. "I used to own a business. I just play for fun. If I never won a dollar playing poker,



Robert Veazey of Louisiana was more than happy to get to be called AUPT champion and don the cover of *Ante Up*.

it wouldn't make a difference to me, though I still like to win. I can't wait until the magazine comes out!"

The 14-event series, well-run as always by Paul Dutsch and his crew that's well-known in Mississippi and beyond, kicked off with a multi-flight \$10K guarantee for \$340 that attracted 406 entries. Other tourneys included a seniors event, three Omaha events and a Monster Stack that featured 30-minute levels and 30K chips.

The tournament played out in the Time Out Lounge at Golden Moon, one of two casino-resorts that make up Pearl River Resort. On weekends, Time Out Lounge is an upscale sports lounge, which meant Pearl River Spring Classic players never were far from NCAA Final Four action. The room is largely closed off by glass from the casino, so players got the excitement of the casino without much of the noise. With 11 large-screen TVs throughout the lounge, they never missed a layout. The lounge offered a full bar and tableside food service as well, giving players just about anything they could want in a poker tournament.

"We had record-setting fields for the property on both the opening weekend and main-event weekend. Word is spreading about this property in the southeastern poker community," Dutsch said. "Where else adds four seats to its main-event megas, has comped tableside food service in the tournament area, guarantees the opener, guarantees the main event and provides unbelievable hotel rates to its poker players?"





Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Spring Poker Classic saw record fields in the series-opening tourney and the main event.



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The overall experience is hard to beat in today's poker environment."

Just a short walk from the tournament area was Pearl River's poker room, where live play has hopping on weekends.

"Our cash-game action picks up significantly during our Ante Up Poker Tour events," poker room manager Denise Dahl said.

"The games here are known to be very juicy. Our tournament director tells me that some of his regular tournament players will skip certain events to play cash because the games are so good."

Owned and operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Pearl River Resort features two hotel-casinos, Silver Star and Golden Moon, that together offer more than 1,000 hotel rooms, 2,400 slot machines, 59 table

games and a 14-table poker room with a separate tournament room, as well as the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Geysers Falls Water Theme Park and numerous dining and entertainment options.

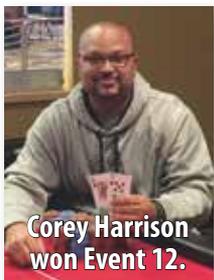
The next Ante Up Poker Tour series at Pearl River will be the third Pearl River Poker Open from Oct. 26-Nov. 5.

"Mark your calendars. There will be a couple of new events on the schedule,"

Dutsch said. "The one I can tell you about now is Mini Main Monday. It will be on the Monday of the opening weekend. One flight, half the buy-in of the main event and same structure. This will be the sixth tournament series at Pearl River Resort. Each has grown a little larger as word spreads about the hospitality that this property has for its poker players." ♠



Matt Higgins won Event 1.



Corey Harrison won Event 12.

Event 1 • \$340 NLHE

Entries: 406 • Pool: \$117,740

1. Matthew Higgins, \$26,369
2. Robert Donald, \$14,129
3. Rodney Shows, \$9,419
4. Michael Sullivan, \$8,242
5. Daniel Howard, \$7,064
6. Michael Monaghan, \$5,887
7. Paul Hebert, \$4,710
8. Robert Parnell, \$3,352
9. Case Buxton, \$2,355
10. Tara Snow, \$1,766

Event 2 • \$230 Seniors

Entries: 72 • Pool: \$13,896

1. Donald Kelly, \$4,306
2. Carl Rouss, \$2,501
3. James Bres, \$1,668
4. Charles Griffin, \$1,251
5. Ross Ladart, \$1,112
6. Henry Harden, \$973
7. Susan Smith, \$834
8. Gerald Denman, \$695
9. James Arnold, \$556

Event 3 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 59 • \$11,387

1. Dustin Stewart, \$3,531
2. Charles Stallfort, \$2,050
3. Grover Faulkner, \$1,366
4. Philip Walsh, \$1,025
5. Ronnie Hope, \$911
6. Terry Simpson, \$797
7. Damon Tucker, \$683
8. Mark Rouss, \$569
9. Stanley Williams, \$455

Event 4 • \$230 PLO

Entries: 13 • Pool: \$2,509

1. Edward Boyd, \$1,254
2. Michael Lawson, \$753
3. Jewell Spooner, \$502

Event 5 • \$150 NLHE

Entries: 40 • Pool: \$4,800

1. Mitchell Mittlmark, \$1,920
2. Ronnie Hope, \$1,152
3. Kenneth Anderson, \$816
4. Clifford Mills, \$576
5. Jerry Wiley, \$336

Event 6 • \$230 Big O

Entries: 24

1. Dustin Stewart, \$965
1. Herman Shumaker, \$965
1. Renee Willis, \$965
1. Jimmy Smith, \$965
1. Herbert Tapscott, \$965

Event 7 • \$110 NLHE

Entries: 10

1. Byron Doggett, \$235

2. Derrick Edwards, \$235
3. Larry Caughlin, \$200
4. James Davis, \$200

Event 8 • \$190 Bounty

Entries: 23

1. James Davis, \$1,552
2. Ralph Reid, \$932
3. William Swink, \$621

Event 9 • \$230 O/8

Entries: 18

1. Joe Smith, \$1,746
2. Kenneth Anderson, \$1,048
3. Jimmy Smith, \$698

Event 10 • \$110 NLHE

Entries: 12

1. Phillip McCormick, \$522
2. Robert Harper, \$313
3. Nicholas Hawkers, \$209

Event 11 • \$160 NLHE

Entries: 40

1. Roderick MacPherson, \$2,080
2. Rene McDaniel, \$1,248
3. Daryl Stephens, \$884
4. Jerry Venable, \$624
5. Hubert Phillips, \$364

Event 12 • \$230 NLHE

Entries: 73 • Pool: \$13,943

1. Corey Harrison, \$4,322
2. Freddie Ardoin, \$2,510
3. Joshua Lewis, \$1,673
4. Eugene Dudek, \$1,255
5. Rebecca Campbell, \$1,115
6. Bruce McAfee, \$976
7. Michael Sylznicz, \$837
8. Charles Stallfort, \$697
9. Larry Williamson, \$558

\$800 Main Event

Entries: 206 • Pool: \$147,700

1. Robert Veazey, \$14,899
2. B.J. McBrayer, \$14,897
3. Chris Lane, \$14,897
4. Mike Horchoff, \$14,897
5. Richard Runyon, \$14,897
6. Sannnie Kirkwood, \$14,897
7. Rob Matthews, \$14,897
8. Michael Monaghan, \$5,170
9. Rodney Shows, \$3,693
10. Alex Dmytraczenko, \$2,806
11. Max Dove, \$2,806
12. Clifford Chrisolm, \$2,806
13. William Brock, \$2,363
14. Prissy Giroir, \$2,363
15. Jacob Corda, \$2,363
16. Rebecca Campbell, \$1,920
17. Curtis Barnette, \$1,920
18. Craig McFall, \$1,920

DAYTONA HOSTS DSCC ON MAY 21

The ninth annual **Howard Frank** Memorial Deep Stack Charity Classic is May 21 at Daytona Beach Racing and Card Club. This is the most anticipated charity event of the year in Florida, guaranteeing more than \$70K in prizes, including first place being worth more than \$11K.

If the payouts aren't exciting enough, this is your chance to meet legendary poker player and WPT icon **Mike Sexton** and ESPN's **Norman Chad**.

The top 10 in the tourney will earn trips to Las Vegas to play in the Venetian's Deep Stack Extravaganza.

For more info, call 386-872-8719 see the ad on Pages 2-3 or visit deepstackcharityclassic.com. This event sells out every year so be sure to make your reservation soon.



BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: Jeremy Meacham of Massachusetts captured the WPT Deep Stacks main event at bestbet Jacksonville on March 13, good for \$114K. He was the Day 1A chip leader and went wire-to-wire for his first major win and biggest cash of his career. The \$1,500 event, which had a \$300K guarantee, drew 420 players for a \$567K prize pool. Meacham also earned a \$3K WPTDS Championship package.

"This main event was an amazing experience," Meacham said. "It was run fantastically by the staff. Everyone has been really cool. It's really well-organized. ... I ran good. I guess it was my tournament to have a nice little run in. Things went my way at the final table."

Meacham defeated **Raymond "Trey" Walton** of Georgia for the title. Walton earned \$80K for second. He was followed by **Corey Bierria** (\$51K), **Richard McCrary** (\$34K), **Mike Murphy** (\$26K), **Ken Williams** (\$22K), **Nick Gee** (\$18K), **Corey Thompson** (\$15K) and **Marie Harrell** (\$11K).

The winners of the undercard events were **Derrick Cutler** (Event 1, \$570 NLHE, \$33,600), **Richard Swain** (Event 2, \$240 turbo, \$3,577), **Imelda Cisneros** (Event 3, \$200 all-in-or-fold, \$2,300), **Chanthou Chauhan** (Event 4, \$350 bounty, \$8,935), **Sean Small** (Event 5, \$200 NLHE, \$13,799), **Tompkins Danglis** (Event 6, \$240 NLHE, \$5,818), **Danny Wilson** (Event 7, \$570 NLHE, \$7,748), **Brad Bragg** (Event 8, \$240 Omaha/8, \$4,264), **Nisim Cohen** (Event 9, \$350 Big O/8, \$3,785), **Jon Singer** (Event 10, \$240 turbo, \$3,629), **Dan Kaminsky** (Event 11, \$350 bounty, \$5,880) and **Keith Jones** (Event 12, \$240 turbo, \$3,533).

Bestbet hosts a \$200K guarantee May 3-5 with a \$1,100 buy-in. Other events in the series include a \$350 event on May 4, a \$350 Big O-O/8 tourney May 6 and a \$350 event May 7.

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MEET TARA SNOW

In the recent Million Dollar Heater at the Beau Rivage, **Tara Snow** won the main event and \$150,975. It was her biggest score and will undoubtedly mean we'll see much more of her in the future.

She's from Morgan City, Ala., and has two daughters. The die-hard Alabama fan enjoys tennis, softball and basketball. She started playing penny poker when she was nearly 20 and from that branched into home games and online poker.

Her MDH final-table experience was a daunting one. "The field was so tough," she said. "You had **Kyle Cartwright**, **Aaron Massey**, **B.J. McBryer** and **John Dolan** all in the final 18. Of course, I was a huge underdog, so just making the final table was amazing. Only two women made it to the final day, so to be at the table with such seasoned pros was an honor in itself. I knew I had to play the best poker I could. I ended up being the first woman to win the (MDH) main event and that was a huge honor. Kyle was such an amazing person to play with. Such a stand-up guy."

Snow said she'll play the WSOPC North Carolina next, but don't call her a pro just yet. "I'm actually a high school special-needs teacher. So this was life-changing for me. We all know teachers in the South don't make much. This win allowed me to pay off debt and get in a position where if I were to win another event, I could maybe take a shot at playing professionally." — **Jennifer Gay**

ORANGE CITY RACING AND CARD ROOM: This month, look for \$200 high hands every 20 minutes on Mondays from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Also, \$300 hands will be paid every 30 minutes on Wednesdays (11 a.m.-10 p.m.).

CREEK GREYHOUND ENTERTAINMENT: This month's \$10K guarantee is May 20 for \$270. See the ad on Page 45 for more details.

PENSACOLA GREYHOUND PARK: There are a handful of guarantee events each week. The \$2K guarantee is Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. for just \$60. There's also a \$2,500 guarantee for \$120 on Wednesdays at 7. The monthly \$20K guarantee has three starting flights May 25-27 and cost \$180. Satellites for \$60 are available. For more, see the ad on Page 45.

EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: The Emerald Coast Spring Classic hadn't concluded at press time. The main event had three starting flights April 28-29 so look for results in a future issue.

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Saturday	April 29	12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Day 1C	\$360	15,000	
Sunday	April 30	5:00pm	Event #2 NLH Six Hour Ironman	\$290	25,000	
		12:00pm	Event #1 NLH Final Day			\$100,000
Monday	May 1	1:00pm	Event #3 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #1	\$200	12,000	
		12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #2	\$200	12,000	
Tuesday	May 2	7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #3	\$200	12,000	
		12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #4	\$200	12,000	
		3:00pm	Event #5 Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	10,000	
Wednesday	May 3	7:30pm	Event #4 NLH Flight #5	\$200	12,000	
		12:00pm	Event #4 NLH Final Day			\$50,000
Thursday	May 4	1:00pm	Event #6 NLH	\$240	10,000	
		12:00pm	Event #7 NLH	\$350	10,000	
		3:00pm	Event #8 All-in or Fold w/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	10,000	
Friday	May 5	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1A	\$1,100	25,000	
Saturday	May 6	12:00pm	Main Event NLH Day 1B	\$1,100	25,000	
		3:00pm	Event #9 Big O 8 or Better	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #10 NLH Turbo w/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	10,000	
Sunday	May 7	12:00pm	Main Event Day 2			
		3:00pm	Event #11 NLH w/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	10,000	
		7:00pm	Event #12 NLH Turbo	\$240	10,000	
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As for cash games, there's a steady biweekly \$6-\$12 mix game on Sundays at 7p.m. with the standard HORSE games. There's talk of adding badugi, Big O, pineapple and others. Call the poker room for more details, but it's every other Sunday so be sure to ask for the schedule.



ANTE UP POKER CRUISE: On our March poker cruise to Mexico out of Tampa, we had two great tournament winners. **Fritz Von Ammon**, left, won the \$100 main event, while



Heather Mae, right, won a cabin

aboard our Aug. 26 cruise to Cuba. For more details on the upcoming Cuba cruise, go to anteupcruises.com.

SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB: The new America's Poker Tour recently debuted at the One-Eyed Jacks Poker Room in Sarasota and got off to a fine start. The first event was a \$200 deepstack that had 167 players. **Kevin Butler**, **Shane Gosline**, **Merlin Schenk** and **Byron Schenk** chopped the prize pool.

Other events included the \$150 seniors, which drew 62 players, and a \$240 PLO, which had 162 players. The \$1,100 main event was running at press time so be sure to check out next issue for a recap. **Stan Jablonski**, **Vanessa Rousso** and **John Racener** were scheduled to play.

SOUTH FLORIDA

If the quality of a major series is measured by the volume of marquee names appearing at its final tables, the Seminole Hard Rock Showdown series will be near the top of that list for a long time. However, at the seventh annual WPT Showdown main event in Hollywood, Fla., it was **Tony Sinishtaj** of New York who would crash the big-name party to take down the top prize and etch his name on the World Poker Tour Champions Cup.

Sinishtaj has been around the pro scene since 2011, with several final tables in Atlantic City at the Borgata, but his only major victory was in 2013 in the Deep Stack Extravaganza in Las Vegas over a small field. This time, he bested 1,200-plus opponents to collect \$661K and a \$5,250 seat in this fall's SHRPO, defeating **Dan Colman** (fourth, \$217K), **Robert Mizrachi** (third, \$293K) and South Florida favorite **Darryll Fish** (second, \$453K).



After **Simeon Naydenov** and **Eric Beller** exited early, the final four

players settled in for a long fight, with the lead changing hands several times before it got heads-up. Sinishtaj had a 2-to-1 lead over Fish, and while the Ft. Lauderdale star would grab the lead for a short time, Sinishtaj's diamond flush on the last hand grabbed the title. For Fish, it was his third top-three finish in five weeks after winning a Big Stax event at Parx and finishing third at the Isle's Battles at the Beach main event in March.

Former WSOP champion **Ryan Riess** knocked off **Alan Sternberg** to win the \$10K WPT Finale, as his big slick out-flopped Sternberg's pocket sevens with a king on the flop and another on the turn. A field of 349 players created a \$3.3M-plus prize pool, surpassing the \$2M guarantee. Riess pocketed \$716K-plus and a \$15K seat in the season-ending Tournament of Champions.

In between those two exciting finishes, the final table of the \$25K High Roller highlighted the star-studded week as South Florida's **Jason Mercier** won the title. Mercier, who's expecting his first child in October with wife and poker pro **Natasha Barbour**, found himself heads-up with **Justin Bonomo** for the title. With a 4-to-1 advantage, Mercier saw his A-Q dominate the A-2 of Bonomo on the final hand to give him the victory and a first-place check of nearly \$795K.

From here, the Seminole Hard Rock is rebuilding the Seminole Paradise area and is closing the regular poker room over the next couple of months. Poker action will shift to the left half of the ballroom for the next 18-24 months.

ISLE CASINO: The Pompano Beach property is hosting \$100K guarantee for \$150 May 4-7. Flights on May 4-6 are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., with Day 2 May 7. Players start with 20K units and will have 25-minute blinds, though blinds will be 30 minutes for Day 2. There are \$20K guarantees May 8, May 22 and May 25 for \$130 (16K stack, 20-minute levels) and a \$15K guarantee May 27 for \$120 (18K chips, 20-minute levels). And don't forget the \$15K guarantee on May 13 (\$240, \$50 bounties, 18K units, 25-minute levels).

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES: **Tom Morse** is the Heartland Poker Tour's latest champion. The computer programmer won his \$1,650 main-event seat via a \$375 qualifier and walked away \$117,229 richer after topping a field of 359 players. Morse had less than \$5K in earnings before the event and overcame a 4-to-1 chip deficit against runner-up **Jeffrey Landherr**, who received \$74K-plus. Both players hail from Wentzville, Mo.

Mary Struges (Rolla, Mo.) made her second straight HPT final table at this property, eventually coming in fifth for just shy of \$26K. **Michael Urbaniak** (O'Fallon, Mo.) busted in eighth to the tune of \$14,274.

Event 1 (\$350 NLHE) had a state-record 969 entries. **Jeffrey Copeland** (St. Louis) took home top honors for \$61K. Another St. Louis local, **Paul Felig**, finished ninth for \$5K.

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SPRING CLASSIC GOES TO HOLMES

Daniel Holmes of Lafayette, La., bested the field of 148 entrants to win the \$700 Spring Classic Main Event for \$16,882 at Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La.

He was followed by **Hector Hernandez** (\$11,225); **Mohamed Kasswan** (\$9,004); **Douglas Frieiss** (\$6,752); **Kinney Fitzgerald** (\$6,003); **Tiffany Gerron** (\$5,253); **Joseph Golias** (\$4,502); **James Beetz** (\$3,752); **Blake Barrousse** (\$3,001) and **Victor De Los Santos** (\$2,151).

James Lloyd of Houston beat nearly 140 players to win the \$250 seniors tourney for \$4,213. **Michael Boyd**, **Karl Guidry**, **Shelton Tate**, *Ante Up's* **Capt. Ronnie Hope** and **Alton Cain** chopped second place for \$3,286 each. **Ralph Rushing** was seventh, followed by **William Gregory** and **John Maxwell**.

The \$250 PLO event saw a seven-way chop: **Jacob Seale** (\$5,245); **David Sherman** (\$5,200); **Jason Faircloth** (\$5,200); **Wesley Monico** (\$5K); Hope (\$4,500); **Harold Willis** (\$3,925) and **Alvin Cahee** (\$2,930). Also, Hope, *Ante Up's* new Louisiana Ambassador, made two of three final tables and cashed in all three events.

The series saw great turnouts in all of the events with overflowing fields and a great staff, including **Danny Wade**, **Amanda Peyton** and **Ricky Soileau**. Since the revamping of their tournament structures, there have been consistently growing fields in Coushatta events.

LAUBERGE CASINO BATON ROUGE: The Spring into Cash promotion continues until May 7, ending in a \$30K freeroll. The top 60 players will qualify. Call the poker room for details.

BOOMTOWN CASINO NEW ORLEANS: The bad-beat jackpot was \$133K at press time. There are also straight flush and royal flush promotions, earning \$100 and \$150, respectively, though the payouts will increase \$25 per day until hit.

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES: The bad beat was at \$144K at press time. The room has drawings on Sundays for \$400 every two hours (11 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Thursday).

Also, Aces Full Frenzy pays \$400 for each aces active full house in descending order with each full house being paid only once each week.

HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS: The WSOPC starts May 11 and culminates with the \$1,675 main event. This event will be the last stop in the WSOP points race for 2017. The bad-beat jackpot was \$180K at press time.

Descending quads (midnight-noon) start at \$2K and will increase by \$100 daily until hit.

NOTABLES: Some Louisiana players performed well around the area. New Orleans native **Teddy Conner** finished fifth in a field of 2,923 at the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open in Hollywood, Fla.

Stephen Bierman has been on a nice run lately, going deep in Tulsa's WSOPC main event.

Also, congrats to all who cashed in the Ante Up Poker

Tour's Pearl River Spring Poker Classic with Lafayette local **Robert Veazey** winning the main event.

Other Louisiana locals did well, such as Pier Part native **Paul Hebert** making the final table in the opener and **Robbie Matthews'** deep run in the main. Hope had three cashes in five events with two final tables.

MISSISSIPPI

BEAU RIVAGE: The Biloxi property recently wrapped up its biggest tournament event of the year: the Million Dollar Heater.

It was the first time the series ran under the new room manager **Henry Garrison**. Featuring the excellent structures and huge guarantees that are synonymous with the Beau, the MDH was a great success.

Event 1, the \$600K guarantee, boasted 2,739 entrants with a prize pool of \$797,049. The final table featured several locals and notable names such as **Tim Burt** (sixth, \$28,067) and **Thu Tran** (second, \$93,190).

The first-place check for \$93,190 went to **Holly Meliet** of Baton Rouge.

The \$50K guarantee Monster Stack (Event 8), saw 359 contenders vie for the \$104,469 prize pool. First and second went to two local grinders, **Dustin Stewart** of D'iberville (first, \$28K) and **Craig Boyd** of Biloxi (second, \$15,670).

The \$2,700 main event drew 183 entrants for a \$457,500 prize pool, beating the \$300K guarantee. The final table was a veritable who's who of well-known grinders with **Aaron Massey** going out ninth (\$9,150), **Jacob Bazeley** taking seventh (\$18,300) and **Kyle Cartwright** taking second (\$78,690).

The champion, **Tara Snow**, won \$150,975. You can read more about her in this month's profile on Page 10.

"I always enjoying playing at the Beau Rivage," Snow said. "I think the structure for the main event is one of the best there is. You get a lot of chips and have longer rounds. **Derek (Dillman)**, poker room staff and Henry were great. Very kind and helpful. (Tournament director) **Paul Dutsch** and his staff always run a great tournament."

More results can be found at beaupoker.com. The next big event here will be the Gulf Coast Poker Championship in September with dates to be announced.

HORSESHOE TUNICA: On May 21, there will be Poker Extravaganza drawings for \$20K in prizes and a \$10K freeroll. Earn entries until May 19 by playing in the poker room (call for details). Also, the April \$50K, which had a remarkable 987 entries for the \$160 event, generated a \$120K prize pool and **William Bott** won the title and \$22,744. **Michael Sengdetka** was second, earning \$14K and **Mike Monaghan** was third (\$10,326).

PEARL RIVER RESORT: The next \$25K guarantee super deep-stack event will be June 8-11. See the ad on the facing page for more details. Also, see our coverage of the Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Spring Poker Classic on Pages 8-9. ♠



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Dylan Wilkerson won \$216K and his first WSOPC ring at the Bike.

Dylan Wilkerson has played two World Series of Poker Circuit events this year and he's had a stellar showing in both.

At the end of February, Wilkerson finished 11th in the WSOPC main event at the Rio and took home \$20,908. Just a few weeks later, Wilkerson improved on his performance and won the main event at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino in Los Angeles. He topped a 705-entry field to win \$216,790 and his first circuit ring.

"Winning always feels great," he said after his win. "Regardless of how big. And this was pretty big. So yeah, it's really good."

Coming into the final day, Wilkerson was one of the shorter stacks, but he wasn't thinking about any missed opportunities in Las Vegas. "Honestly, Rio hadn't crossed my mind," he said. "It's nice to be able to finish this one off, but the cliché is 'Just take it one hand at a time.' And that's basically what I was doing. I was just trying to play my best here."

The prize pool was \$1,059,000 and the top 72 players cashed.

Here are the undercard winners: **Fredrick Arni** (Event 1, \$365 Monster Stack, \$87,010); **William Wolf** (Event 2, \$365 NLHE, \$10,665); **Danny Illingworth** (Event 3, \$580 NLHE, \$16,495); **Joseph Hoffman** (Event 4, \$365 Omaha/8, \$10,330); **Albert Ng** (Event 5, \$365 NLHE, \$15,585); **Neil Ho** (Event 6, six-max, \$16,345); **Joe Marcal** (Event 7, \$365 NLHE, \$14,275); **Gal Yifrach** (Event 9, \$3,250 High Roller, \$90,005); **Mike Leah** (Event 10, \$1,125 Bounty, \$12,450); **Dave Banerjee** (Event 11, \$365 NLHE, \$12,320) and **Valentin Vornicu** (Event 12, \$365 Turbo, \$13,675).

GARDENS CASINO: The WPT500 is coming to the Hawaiian Gardens property, which recently completed a \$90M renovation. The construction included a 200,000-square-foot venue housing 100 tables, which brings the total capacity to more

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How did you start playing poker? I've enjoyed poker since I was a kid and played acey-deucey in family games. I played a few times in my mid-20s at a local tavern but never had any success to speak of. I didn't know about hold'em until I met my wife, Diana, in 1995. She taught me how to play hold'em; her family introduced me to Omaha and we went on a couple of poker cruises. I saw it as an opportunity in 2005 when I retired to play hold'em tournaments and cash games. Today, I can play eight hours straight but Diana can outlast me and play 10-plus hours a session.

Hobbies? I love camping, fishing, fantasy sports and watching movies. Of course, my favorite hobby is spending time with my wife and playing poker with her.

— **Philip Chow**

than 300 tables.

This tournament series, the Gardens Poker Festival, runs May 15-31 and will include 16 events with \$110-\$1,100 buy-ins. The \$565 main event will have 14 Day 1 flights and a \$1M guarantee. The final table will be live-streamed May 31.

Several of the events will include an action clock and will have a \$10K guarantee.

Also, Event 15 (\$1,100 six-max deepstack turbo) is May 30. For more info, go to thegardenscasino.com.

PALA CASINO SPA AND RESORT: Chipleader **Steven Firestone** of San Diego won \$4,714 and the Quantum Reload title after a four-way chop in mid March. **Santos Messina** of Vista was second (\$3,206), while **Mahood Mahdoui** of La Jolla was third (\$3,040) and **Peter Nguyen** of San Marcos was fourth (\$2,952). The prize pool was \$24K as more than 140 players entered.

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WPT SWINGS THROUGH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The World Poker Tour made two stops in Northern California during March with the Bay 101 Shooting Star at Bay 101 in San Jose and the Rolling Thunder at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln.

The \$7,500 main event of the WPT Shooting Star had 806 entries. **Sam Panzica** racked up his second WPT title and whopping \$1.37M first prize by beating **Anthony Spinella**, who earned \$786K. Other final-table finishes were **Chino Rheem** (third, \$521K), **Paul Volpe** (fourth, \$349K), **Dennis Stevermer** (fifth, \$243K) and **Rainer Kempe** (sixth, \$188K).

The \$3,500 WPT Rolling Thunder main event had 421 entries. This field is getting tougher each year and the final table ended up being stacked with talent. **Michael Del Vecchio** won his first WPT title and took home \$284K. He outlasted a difficult final table, including **Sorel Mizzi** (second, \$190K), **Steve Tabb** (third, \$122K), **John Hadley** (fourth, \$81K), **Olivier Busquet** (fifth, \$63K) and **Connor Drinan** (sixth, \$52K).

Thunder Valley hosts a series of WSOP satellites this month, culminating in a three-seat guarantee to the \$10K main event. See the ad on Pages 18-19 for all of the details.

OAKS CARD CLUB: The Emeryville property will host six events in its WSOP Direct Qualifying Series from May 7-28. The first satellite will be a \$235 Monster Stack on May 7 with re-entries available. On May 13, there's a \$130 limit event with rebuys and May 20 will be a \$130 Omaha/8 rebuy. There will be a \$25K freeroll on May 21. The final weekend will host two events, a \$130 stud rebuy (May 27) and a \$235 NLHE re-entry (May 28).

TURLOCK POKER ROOM: The WPTDeepstack Series runs May 12-15. The \$1,100 main event will have a \$100K guarantee. Last year's winner of this event was **Steve Tada**, who took home \$36K. Turlock also has multiple progressive bad-beat jackpots running with the prizes increasing \$200 a day. These jackpots pay the losing hand, winning hand and have a table share.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: In Citrus Heights, the poker room hosts the Western Senior Poker Series on May 7. This event is a \$175 event that brings seniors from all over the area. The room also hosts the Six Shooter Tournament on May 12 for \$200 with a massive \$100K guarantee.

LUCKY CHANCES: The Colma poker room is planning a fine Memorial Day Weekend with two events on May 28-29. May 28 is a \$350 event with a first prize of \$20K. There will be a \$120 event May 29 with a first-place prize of \$4K.

RENO

ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA: **Rommel Santos** defeated a field of 233 players to capture the WPTDeepStacks Reno Main Event. Santos won \$51,085, a \$3K championship package and the trophy after dominating the final table in about three hours. He won his seat into this event from a \$250 satellite.

"I'm just overjoyed," he said. "It's my very first time winning the WPT. I'm proud of myself. I did play with some good players today, so I was fortunate to catch some good cards." **Shawn Van Asdale** finished second (\$35,870) and **Tim Armour** came in third (\$23,065).

PEPPERMILL CASINO: **Jason Somerville's** Run It Up ran in early



April with Reno's **Tim Tucker** taking the trophy in the main event after a five-way chop. Tucker, **Joe Wegner** and **Keith Finkelstein** each pocketed \$23K while **Adam Haman** earned \$22,682 and Somerville was fifth (\$19,313).

ELDORADO RESORT AND CASINO: The property plans to move to a new poker room next door at Silver Legacy.

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GRAND SIERRA: Players have raved about the remodeled buffet next door. The poker room has high-hand promotions for quads and straight flushes that increase to \$599. The room also pays \$2 an hour in comps.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO: The Auburn, Wash., room's \$55K-added Spring Classic, which ran March 15-20, was a huge success with four of the five events selling out at 280 players each.

The \$250 Shootout (Event 1) chopped four ways with **Aaron Pardee** (Marysville, Wash.), **Jin Liu** (Seattle), **Ken Hennum** (Burien, Wash.) and **Ken Burnsed** (Covington, Wash.), each getting \$7K. **Dan Barker** (Poulsbo, Wash.) got the biggest share of another four-way chop in Event 2 for \$8K. **Thomas Chikamura** (Renton, Wash.) won Event 3 for a negotiated \$18K and **Allen Oh** (Portland) won Event 4 for \$26K.

Mahesh Pritamani captured the \$750 two-day main event, which had a record field, for a staggering \$57K, his first tournament win recorded on HendonMob.com.

In addition to winning the third event, Chikamura took seventh in the main to win overall Classic Championship for \$6K.

On Fridays and Saturdays, Omaha players vie for three \$100 high hands every hour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., plus a \$20K bad-beat jackpot (quad 10s). In a new promotion, Sunday tournament winners get a free entry into a December Tournament of Champions with the rest of the 250-player field filled by players who pay \$250 and who qualify by being the top point-earners who didn't win one of the tournaments.

PORTLAND POKER CHAMPIONSHIP: In Oregon, Portland Meadows and the Final Table Poker Club hosted the four-event series March 3-11 with \$90-\$160 buy-ins and guaranteed prize pools of \$20K and \$30K.

The overall tournament series championship went to **Darrell Plant** of Portland, racking up his points by taking 24th and 11th in the two events with the most entrants.

Portland Meadows (22 tables) and the Final Table Poker Club (15 tables) are operated as poker clubs, no fees for tournaments, no rake for cash games, no salaries for dealers. A \$15 membership fee gets you all the play you want for one day.

See *Ante Up's* September 2016 issue for a story on Portland clubs' legal issues.

RIVER ROCK CASINO: The May Showdown at the Rock runs May 24-28 in Vancouver. There's a \$230 event May 24, a \$345 bounty tourney May 25 and the \$575 main event has a pair of Day 1s (May 26-27) with Day 2 on May 28. Fields will be limited to 100 players per day, so get your reservations in early if you're going.



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IT'S POKER SERIES SEASON IN LAS VEGAS

Planet Hollywood hosts its Goliath series May 25-July 13, and is offering \$7.5M-plus in guarantees. The series starts with the Ultimate Goliath Stack, a \$600, five-day tournament that has a \$250K guarantee. The Goliath Milly has a \$1M guarantee for the same buy-in. The first of its four starting flights is June 4.

Many of the weekend days feature the \$50K in a Day tournament, offering a \$50K guarantee for a one-day, \$250 buy-in. There are also a number of \$20K in a Day \$200 events with a \$20K guarantee.

July 2 is the start of a \$250 Low Roller. It has five starting flights and a \$250K guarantee. A two-day PLO High Roller starts July 6 and has a \$5K buy-in.

The main event has five starting flights starting June 27. The buy-in is \$2K and the guarantee is \$2M. The Grand Finale has a \$1,650 buy-in and a \$1M guarantee. The first of its three starting flights is July 9.

There are also numerous Omaha, HORSE, Triple Draw and Dealer's Choice events throughout the series.

The main event of the Goliath Warm-Up series ended in a three-way chop in April. **Tuan Mai, Daniel Engels** and **Sinisa Zimek** took home \$84K each. The \$1,650 buy-in event had 340-plus entrants and a \$530K prize pool.

GOLDEN NUGGET: The Grand Poker Series runs May 30-July 3. It features a few multi-flight events with affordable buy-ins and big guarantees. The first one starts June 2 and has six starting flights over two days. The \$150 buy-in has a \$100K guarantee. The identical tournament runs again June 23. A \$200 buy-in version begins June 8. It has nine starting flights over three days and has a \$200K guarantee.

Most days start at 11 a.m. with a non-hold'em event, most with a \$250 buy-in. Those usually are followed at 1 p.m. by a \$150 tournament with a \$20K guarantee.

Oklahoma **Johnny Hale** hosts Seniors Week starting June 15 with the \$360 Seniors Championship. See the ad on Page 21 for details.

A \$250 tournament runs June 17. The \$1K High Roller is June 18. The Super Seniors (for those 60-plus) is \$250 and runs June 19. The \$250 Seniors Choice event runs June 20.

A \$570 PLO Championship is June 21 and a \$570 mixed PLO/8-Omaha/8-Big O tourney is June 27.

The \$570 main event has three starting flights beginning June 29 and has a \$500K guarantee. The series has \$1.4M-plus in guarantees.

ARIA: The Aria Poker Classic is June 2-July 9. The highlight is the WPT500. That event has nine starting flights, beginning June 26. The first seven starting flights have 30- and 40-minute levels.

The final two starting flights are July 3 and are turbos with 20-minute levels. Players can enter multiple flights and take their best stack forward to Day 2. The buy-in is \$565 and the guarantee is \$1M.

The Classic also offers a two-day, \$1K event June 23. There are two \$465 senior events (June 15 and June 19). There are PLO events on June 8 and June 12. HORSE runs June 6.

PLO/8 is June 22 and a Triple Draw Mix, featuring deuce-to-seven, ace-to-five and badugi, runs July 5. Omaha/8 is June 25. All of these events have \$465 buy-ins.

Most days offer a \$400 tournament and most evenings run a \$240 tournament.

WYNN: The Wynn Summer Classic will be June 2-July 16. The series starts with a \$400 Survivor event June 2. The top 14.5 percent of the field will get \$5K and the guarantee is \$50K. On June 7, a \$400 PLO event will have a \$50K guarantee. A \$600 seniors event with a \$100K guarantee runs June 12.

The first multi-starting flight event begins June 14 with a \$1,100 tournament. It has four starting flights and a \$1M guarantee. A \$600 tourney with two starting flights is June 27 and has a \$250K guarantee.

Two-day \$1,100 tournaments run June 24, July 13 and July 16 with \$200K guarantees.

The rest of the schedule is filled with one- or two-day hold'em events with \$400 or \$550 buy-ins and guarantees of \$50K and \$100K, respectively.

The \$1,600 championship, which has a \$1M guarantee, has three starting flights July 4-6.

Wynn is offering \$4M-plus in guarantees for the series.

BINION'S: This year, the summer series is called Binion's Dog Days of Summer Poker Jam. For those of you who prefer disciplines other than NLHE, this is the series for you.

HORSE is featured June 5 and July 1. Omaha/8 is June 6. On June 8, it's PLO/8. June 9 will be a stud event. An Omaha/8-stud/8 event runs June 10. Razz will be June 13, followed by stud/8 on June 14. Two PLO events are June 17 and June 30. Triple Stud runs June 24. All of these events have \$365 buy-ins and \$20K guarantees. There's also a \$475 razz event June 23 and a \$475 Omaha/8 tourney July 3. Both of these have \$30K guarantees.

A \$585 PLO Championship with a \$50K guarantee has two starting flights June 15. The \$585 HORSE Championship has a \$50K guarantee and the first of its two starting flights begins June 20.

There's still plenty of NLHE, too. Most are \$365 with a \$20K guarantee, with a few \$475 buy-ins with a \$30K guarantee mixed in.

The series offers three WSOP main-event qualifiers. These run June 19, June 28 and July 4. The buy-in is \$365 and one \$10K main event seat is guaranteed in each.

The NLHE Championship has three starting flights beginning June 25. It has a \$850 buy-in and offers a \$200K guarantee.

SOUTH POINT HOTEL AND CASINO: The poker room's \$175K hold'em freeroll is June 12-14 at 6 p.m. with the finals running on June 17 at 10 a.m.

Players can qualify with 100 hours of live play by May 31. All qualifiers receive \$100 and 10K in chips for the freeroll. First place pays \$35K, second place is \$15K and third is \$10K.

The tournament is limited to 20 qualifiers each night. See the ad on Page 17 for more details.

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HUGE CHOP AT TSR EVENT IN ARIZ.

Talking Stick Resort wrapped up its Winter Point Challenge on April 2 as 163 players vied for the \$40K prize pool. The tournament ended with a 22-way chop. The top three players, **Frank Linden, Joe Hiudt** and **Thomas Schulteis**, each received \$2K and 19 others received \$1,488.

The Summer Point Challenge began March 26 and runs through July 15. Players receive a point for each final table. You only have to earn two points to qualify for the \$40K tournament July 23. Also, the top 15 players in each category share in another \$40K before the tournament. See the poker room for full details.

The Big Stack tourney saw 185 players compete April 1. **Michael Bennett** finished at the top and earned \$9,824. **Marlou Heiland, David Kaminsky, Mark Ginn, Darrell Mead, Cedric Kolstad, Scott Cunningham, Juan Sosa, Kautik Surwade** and **Adam Taskinsoy** each received \$4,115.

BUCKY'S CASINO: The poker room hosted qualifiers throughout April for its Northern Arizona Texas Hold'Em Championship, with the finals held April 30. It wasn't completed by press time so look for a recap in our June issue.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: There are World Series of Poker satellites here three nights a week. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. will be for a \$1K Omaha/8 seat. This \$80 satellite gets you 7K chips; an optional \$10 dealer add-on gets you 3K more. Wednesdays at 7:30 are for \$1K NLHE seats. This also is an \$80 buy-in for 7K chips and the optional \$10 dealer add-on for 3K more. Sundays at 5:30 are for \$1,500 NLHE seats. These satellites have a \$110 buy-in for 7K chips and the \$10 dealer add-on for 3K more. On May 20, there will be a \$10K main-event satellite with a \$350 buy-in for 15K chips. Preliminary rounds are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., with the finale at 7:30 p.m.

HON-DAH RESORT CASINO: **Bill Moffat** won the poker room's latest Tournament of Champions event.

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MEET "THE" RON WALKER

Many of the high-limit players at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., requested *Ante Up* write this profile.

Ron Walker and his wife of 35 years moved to the Phoenix area from Vancouver in 1999. Over the past decade, he has become a regular at Talking Stick and the \$20-\$40 games have seen more action as a result.

Walker's business is Classic Sports and Trucks, where he recently had about 35 vehicles valued at \$2M-plus in total. He stacks up exotic autos like he stacks his chips. His favorite games are Omaha/8 and stud/8, but his biggest wins have come from hold'em. He has won \$10K-plus in on day at \$40-\$80 and \$20-\$40 limit, while his biggest Omaha/8 win is a mere 15 racks.

"I'm an action player," he said. "Everyone loves the fact that I will win or lose \$5K at any time. Even Las Vegas players have heard how lucky I am. Players at Bellagio ask visiting Phoenix players if they know me. I'm not afraid to gamble, plus I'm sociable with all of the players. ... some I love; some I don't."

He's definitely not afraid to gamble. — **Chris Cronin**

\$2-\$6 limit game in the table-games area. Limit may be a lost art these days, but there's still plenty of money to win if you can make the adjustments.

SANDIA CASINO RESORT: Sunday has two events here, \$50 at noon and \$45 at 5 p.m. Monday brings the Sprint Tournament for \$50. At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays you can play a bounty event for \$75. The \$60 Wacky Wednesdays series features a different game each week, including stud, big O/8, ladies night, pineapple, HORSE and Omaha/8.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: Each Friday is a \$120 event at 6 p.m. and every Sunday at 2 p.m. there's a \$75 tourney. Plus, you can earn bonus chips when playing cash games before each tournament. See the Inn's website for details.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT: The \$150 Last Saturday of the Month tournament starts at 1 p.m. The 6:30 p.m. tournament is a great consolation if you missed out earlier and, because of the large numbers, there are plenty of cash games in hold'em and Omaha.



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GARCIA BAGS \$109K IN BLACK HAWK

Golden Gates Casino in Black Hawk, Colo., saw its latest Mid-States Poker Tour Main Event draw 472 entries. After three starting flights and a long Day 2, it was 61-year-old **Fred Garcia** of Durango, Colo., who emerged captured \$109,881 for first.

"I've been waiting to make a final table, that was my goal, and things just worked out," he said after the win. He then showed his card protector, which was a picture of him and his late fiancée. "My girl had passed away in July so she's been with me all tournament."

Keith Block of New York took second for \$66,387 and **Joey Michael** of Texas got \$43,266 for third. Local **Sammy Aweida** of Broomfield, Colo., was fourth for \$29,989 and **Baskaiyel Baker**, another Colorado resident from Lafayette, won \$22,892 for fifth. They were followed by **Griff Malatino** of Florida (\$17,627), **Fernando Galvan** of Denver (\$14,651), **Larry Davidson** of Washington (\$12,133), **Erasmus Morfe** of Highlands Ranch, Colo., (\$10,256) and **Michael Campbell** of South Dakota (\$7,783).

Among those to fall before the money were **Corey Zedo**, who had won the MSPT \$360 regional event the weekend before, one-time chipleader **Jim Morrison**, who lasted all of two levels on Day 2, and World Series of Poker bracelet-winner **Ben Keeline**.

- Over at the Ameristar, **David Clark** has been named poker room manager. The main bad-beat jackpot (quads) was at \$250K and quads beaten is still the qualification. When those quads are finally beaten, an hourly \$200 high hand will run 24-7.

- The Isle of Capri's bad-beat was at \$30K at press time. You can also win \$100 for getting your aces cracked Sunday through Thursday.

CRIPPLE CREEK: At Midnight Rose, the primary bad-beat jackpot was at \$33K. On Thursdays, only a high hand every 30 minutes wins you a collectable Silver Eagle.

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HARD ROCK CASINO: **Will Berry** of Norman, Okla., captured the \$1,675 World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event in March. He earned \$180,086 and his first gold ring. Other winners were **Jerry Rushing**, **Will Joyner**, **Joshua Evans**, **William Brock**, **Matthew Lansdon**, **Michael Klatt**, **Kevin Rund**, **Salvadore Dicarlo**, **Mike Cordell**, **Christopher Staats** and **Michael Hahn**.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO: The signature Four States Championship will run May 11-13 and May 18-21. Featuring \$77,500 in guarantees, the main event sports a \$340 buy-in. Other tournaments offer buy-ins of \$75-\$230, including NLHE and six-max. Use promo code 4ST17 to get 20 percent off standard hotel room rates.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: Qualification for the quarterly \$10K freeroll (July 8) runs through June 30. Traditionally, a special tournament is offered during Memorial Day weekend, but since information wasn't available at press time, check with the room as the date gets closer.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: **Daniel Brewer** of Bella Vista, Ark., took down the second annual Spring Deepstack event for \$4,574. Next up for this eight-table room is the Cherokee Poker Classic, which runs May 12-21.

The all-NLHE series starts with a three-flight, \$150 buy-in, \$20K guarantee, re-entry event. It will be followed by a \$155 buy-in rebuy and a \$75 re-entry (\$1K added).

It concludes with the three-flight, \$50K guarantee main event for \$350.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: This 24-7 46-table room routinely offers \$1-\$2, \$1-\$3, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10 NLHE as well as \$4-\$8 limit and \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5-\$10 pot-limit Omaha and PLO/8.

An Aces Cracked promotion runs Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight. NLHE tournaments are offered through the week with \$65-\$230 buy-ins.

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO: Among the promotions offered is a Beat the Clock High Hand promo that runs Sunday-Wednesday. You can win \$200 if your hand holds for two hours. Six payouts maximum can be paid each day.

CHOCTAW CASINO: Poker Night in America returned to the Durant, Okla., property April 6-24. Results will be reported in the next issue.

A number of promotions are offered during the week, including \$99 Aces Cracked Sunday-Thursday 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. There's also a \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (quad 10s).

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: Tableside food began in March. The room's next monthly \$15K freeroll for qualified players is May 13. The top 10 places are paid with first place earning \$5K.

Check the poker calendar online to see what tournaments and high-hand promotions are being offered.

AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY: This 13-table room has a new tournament. A \$120 survivor began running April 10. It will run Mondays at 7 p.m.

Ten percent of the field wins \$1K with the remaining prize money going to the bubble. The \$100 high-hand promotion continues daily 2-6 p.m. and 8-midnight. The minimum qualifier is aces full of deuces.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: The RunGoodGear.com Spring Brawl wasn't over at press time so results will be in the next issue. World Series of Poker qualifiers began running in late April.

The remaining dates are May 20, June 3 and July 17. The \$320 qualifiers start at 10 a.m.

The daily tournament schedule offers a variety of tournaments with buy-ins \$30-\$120.

The last Saturday of the month is a \$250 Mega Bounty. Call for details. The room's early bird promotion continues.

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Abraham Korotki earned his second World Series of Poker Circuit main-event ring on March 20, beating 340 players over three days to win the \$1,675 tournament at Harrah's Atlantic City for \$117,645.

"This was a good tournament. It was fun and a lot of nice people in it, so I enjoyed it,"

Korotki said.

This was a historic victory in that Korotki won this same title in 2006, but he said this one was more difficult.

"Well, the first one was a decade ago. I would say over the decade, players have gotten better," he said. "And it is very difficult to win a tournament, let alone multiple tournaments."

Korotki's first win was worth \$433,008, but that was because the buy-in was \$9,700 in 2006.

The Delaware resident bagged the chip lead after Day 2 of this event, but found himself in trouble on Day 3.

"I lost a huge hand. I misread the opponent," he said. "But I was fortunate to flop a couple of straights. There's no one that has ever won a tournament that didn't have some luck with them."

Dan Buzgon of Marlton, N.J., was the story of the undercard tourneys, winning Events 6 and 12. Here are the winners of the ring events: **Fred Ferrell** of Philadelphia (Event 1, \$365 NLHE, \$17,401), **Phil Levine** of New York (Event 2, \$365 NLHE, \$36,106), **Nick Bevilacqua** of New York (Event 3, \$365 Monster, \$19,110), **John Iraj** of New York (Event 4, \$580 NLHE, \$18,062), **Dan Swift** of New York (Event 5, six-max, \$18,789), Buzgon (Event 6, \$365 NLHE, \$15,366), **Matt Paoletti** of Perkasi, Pa., (Event 7, \$365 Omaha/8, \$7,968), **Vinny Pahuja** of New York (Event 8, \$365 NLHE, \$13,284), **Chris Lim** of the Bronx (Event 10, \$365 NLHE, \$9,989), **Frank Toscano** of New York (Event 11, \$580 NLHE, \$14,400) and Buzgon (Event 12, \$365 NLHE, \$9,089).



SUGARHOUSE CASINO: A 20-hour Day 2 culminated in **Michael Hager** going wire-to-wire to capture the Philadelphia Poker Classic in late March. The \$500 event drew 511 players to create a \$272K prize pool, beating the \$200K guarantee.

He began the day as chipleader and survived being all-in on the money bubble with kings vs. aces en route to winning his first career main event. He's primarily a cash-game player who doesn't play a lot of tournaments so this victory was quite impressive.



MEET JASON RIVKIN

A tournament grinder, **Jason Rivkin** had taken some significant time off for personal reasons, but he's back now, and we caught up with him.

Tell readers about your results upon returning. I was extremely selective in the tournaments I chose to play, mostly focusing on cash games and my personal life. This decision allowed me to avoid the stress that most full-time players constantly suffer from. Over the next six months, I played a dozen tournaments and found myself with a WSOP Circuit ring, a charity tournament win, a six-max final table, a Parx BigStax final table, a deep run in the Borgata WPT main and a painfully close runner-up finish in the WSOPC Cherokee main. Couldn't have written the script any better. It wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support within and outside the poker community.

Any advice? To be successful in tournament poker, you need to eliminate distractions at the table and you need the patience and the confidence to endure all the speedbumps along the way — **Jo Kim**

Hager, **Abe Faroni** and **Joe Palma** made a deal at the final table with Hager earning \$46K. Palma pocketed \$35K and Faroni earned \$40,434. **Peter Miranda**, who had the lead for a bit, finished fourth (\$19,643). Poker Hall of Famer **Phil Hellmuth** was in the field for Day 2 but failed to make a serious run at the title.

One of the highlights of the series was **Mike Ta**, who chopped the SugarRush Challenge, which had 735 runners, and won the PLO event. **Schyler Twaddle** was declared the champion of the SugarRush Challenge for \$24,846. Also, **Rafael Camejo** captured the senior event for \$2,800.

SANDS BETHLEHEM: **Saimir Collaku** of Hoboken, N.J., won the DeepStack Extravaganza's \$550 main event on March 13 for \$55K. He chopped with **John Kramer**, **Ryan Miquel** and **Jack Hackbart**. The event had more than 700 runners for a nearly \$350K prize pool. Saimir was chipleader for all of Day 3. He said he hasn't played any major events in three years and this was his first event at the Sands, scoring his largest cash of his career. In other tourney news, there's a \$325 deepstack (25K chips) at 11 a.m. for \$325 on the last Saturday of the month.



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ECPC at Turning Stone runs May 18-28

The East Coast Poker Championships will be May 18-28 at Turning Stone Resort in New York with the \$570 main event sporting a \$100K guarantee.

The championship event will have two flights (May 19-20) with Day 2 on May 21. There also will be a \$50K guarantee the following weekend for \$350. Please see the ad on the right for more details. Also, the Jumbo Bad Beat Jackpot was \$231K at press time with a qualifier of quad fives. The qualifier gets easier after each day it's not hit until it reaches aces full of kings.

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FOXWOODS CASINO: **Rami Owera** of Florida took second-place money in a three-way chop (\$76K) but earned the Foxwoods Poker Classic title and trophy when the three rounders decided to play for the hardware. **Brad St. Vincent** of Rhode Island earned the most cash (\$81,716) but lost the crown to **Owera**. **Soukha Kachittavon** of Rhode Island won \$73K. The \$2,200 championship event drew 247 players for a \$479,180 prize pool.

Mark Bramley outlasted 176 entrants to win the \$1,200 Event 9 (\$40,940), followed by **Dominick Pelli** of Stamford, Conn., (\$29K), **Shaun Connaughton** of Massachusetts (\$27K). **Robert Cournoyer** of Rhode Island (\$15,439) and **Jayaram Chathoth** of New Jersey (\$11,697). The prize pool was \$187,142.

The opening event (\$600 NLHE) saw a whopping 1,232 players for a \$632K prize pool as **Michael Haddad** of New York won the title and \$67,731. **Ben Bianco**, also of New York, was second but earned more cash (\$71,555) via the chop. **Emmanuel Okrah** was third (\$64,866) and **Bryan Leskowitz** was fourth (\$51,068). Both are from Massachusetts.

In an earlier series, **Daniel Podheiser** edged **Christopher Smith** to win the main event of the Winter Deep Freeze Poker Challenge in Mashantucket. A Massachusetts resident, Podheiser earned \$58,541 for the victory. Smith collected \$50K. With 303 entrants, the prize pool for the \$1,100 tourney was \$293,910.

Barry Weprin of New York won Event 1, a \$500 event that had a \$262,909 prize pool and 616 runners. He earned \$37K for the title. **Meng Lu** of Massachusetts was second (\$32K), followed by **Dennis Zollo** (\$28,201) and **Andrew Kloc** (\$25K).

Event 7, a \$300 event, went to **Giuseppe Alfonso**, who chopped with **Alex Morgovsky** for \$8,967 each. There were 250 participants for a \$63K prize pool.

MID-ATLANTIC

HORSESHOE BALTIMORE: The World Series of Poker Circuit runs until May 8. Most ring events were \$365 and the \$1,675 main event begins May 5. There are satellites and non-ring events for all budgets so be sure to check out the schedule at wsop.com.

MARYLAND LIVE: The WPTDeepStacks series, which had \$750K-plus in guarantees, still was running at press time. Be sure to check in with us next issue for results.

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO: Eight tournaments with combined guarantees of \$65K, including a \$30K event, highlight the May 26-29 Getaway Weekend. Call for details.

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MINN. STATE CROWN GOES TO HANNER

The Minnesota State Poker Championship returned to Canterbury Park in Shakopee with an expanded series of three events.

Jonathan Hanner of Minneapolis won the \$1,100 main event for \$45,511. The victory brings Hanner's lifetime earnings to \$300K-plus. Second-place finisher, **Umut Oztruk** of Apple Valley, earned his career-best cash (\$24,506). The final table was packed with top Minnesota talent, including **Vic Peppe**, **Blake Bohn**, **Rajae Wazwaz** and "D.Q." **Dan Hendrickson**. The main event drew 182 entries for a \$175K prize pool. The buy-in was reduced from last year's \$1,650, which helped increase entries from 153.

Erick Wright of Shoreview came out on top in the \$540 event for \$30,060. Wright beat local pro **Aaron Johnson** heads-up for the victory. The event offered a \$120,720 prize pool for the 252 entrants.

James Boone of Lakeville took down the \$300 six-max for \$9,887. The event had 126 entries for a \$35,310 prize pool.

RUNNING ACES: The Pot o' Gold tournament in Columbus offered players another chance to play one of the casino's signature series. **David Gonia** of White Bear Lake garnered the top spot, cashing for \$37,986. This cash propelled him past the \$500K mark for lifetime tournament earnings. Gonia played Erick Wright heads-up for the win. The \$280 tournament offered multiple entries across each of its Day 1 flights, resulting in 855 entries and a \$170K prize pool.

CHICAGOLAND

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT: **Michael Scarborough**, a sales manager from Lawrenceburg, Ind., topped a field of 436 entries, winning the Heartland Poker Tour Main Event for \$95K. Starting fifth in chips, he survived early elimination and ramped up the aggression late.

"It's one of the best tournaments for value and you couldn't play against nicer people," he said. "I just love it and everybody's super nice."

The \$300 Monster Stack set a property record with 557 entries. **Curtis Whisman** of Kentucky won almost \$15K.

BLUE CHIP: There are \$1-\$2 NLHE cash games with a \$300 max buy-in, and \$1-\$2 PLO on weekends (\$500 max).

HARRAH'S JOLIET: The largest bad-beat jackpot in Illinois history was \$755K at press time (quad eights). There's a \$275 PLO tournament May 20 at noon.

HORSESHOE HAMMOND: **Lance Howard** of Detroit won the Chicago Poker Classic Main Event for \$231K and a WSOP main-event seat.

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MEET ERIC ANDERSON



If you've played a Mid-States Poker Tour event, then chances are you've crossed paths with Minnesota's **Eric Anderson**, known as @MSPTEric on Twitter. His title is Event Manager, but he's really a Jack of all trades. From ensuring everything is up on time to running the RFID live stream final table, there's not much he doesn't do.

How did you first learn to play poker? I started playing five-card draw with my neighborhood friends in around second grade. I used my birthday money to buy a carousel of plastic Hoyle chips. In high school, we went to a friend's Sunday night poker game for nickels, dimes and quarters. In 2000, I started playing online and hosting \$20 Texas Hold'em tournaments in my home.

When and how did you start working for the MSPT? I purchased an RFID table in 2012 and was uploading videos from my home games to YouTube. I had played in some MSPT tournaments and knew **Bryan Mileski** from there. He reached out through Facebook and asked if I would want to come to the next main event and help him with his broadcast. My first event was February 2013 when **Dave Gonia** won the MSPT Running Aces. — **Chad Holloway**

Jake Hommen topped a field of 1,793 entries to win the \$360 opener for \$87K. See our Wisconsin report for more on Hommen. The low-stakes grinder from Madison, Wis., faced a tough table with HPT and MSPT main-event winners **Mike Puccio** and **Ken Komberec**.

HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA: The Horseshoe Poker Classic runs May 12-21. The 10-event series will feature a \$560 main event May 20 at noon.

There's a new \$200 deepstack on the last Saturday of the month at noon. Players start with 15K chips and a \$20 add-on gets 10K more. There will be unlimited re-entries until Level 6.

IOWA

MESKWAKI CASINO: Pro **Jason Ramos**, 35, from Carol Stream, Ill., won \$108,120 for winning the 100th Mid-States Poker Tour main event. The event broke the MSPT entries record at Meskwaki with 466 players. Iowan **Matt Rolling** was second (\$65,325). He moved all-in with A-2 and Ramos snap-called with pocket eights, which held.

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MIDWEST

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The MSPT returns to Meskwaki in July for the Iowa State Poker Championship.

GRAND FALLS CASINO: The MSPT returns the first week of May for a regional \$350 main event in Northwest Iowa near Sioux Falls, S.D. This event has a \$50K guarantee.

HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS: Well-known pro **Blair Hinkle** won a WSOPC ring in the \$1,125 event April 6. This increases his ring total to three. He also owns a WSOP bracelet.

DIAMOND JO: The bad-beat jackpot in Worth was approaching \$250K at press time.

OHIO/WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

RIVERS CASINO: The Pittsburgh Poker Open ran March 1-14. The \$1,100 main event drew 141 entries for a \$136,770 prize pool. **Greg Brietich** of Coraopolis, Pa., took first place for \$38,296, besting **Ricky Ali** (\$23,251) of Oakdale, Pa., and **Vince Isoldi** (\$14,498) of Presto, Pa. In addition to his main-event win, Brietich also took down the six-max event for \$2,150.

Two other players also won two events each: **Ryan Slanicka** of New Kensington, Pa., (\$6,459 and \$1,862) and **Justin Daley** of Aliquippa, Pa. (\$2,679 and \$2,276).

In other PPO action, **James Patterson** of Coraopolis won the \$250 Pittsburgh Hammer, besting the massive 621-player field. He took home \$35,417 from the \$175,650 prize pool. Winners of the other events were **Robert Quigley** of Allison Park, Pa., (\$1,509), **Brad Pietropola** of Pittsburgh (\$2,510), **Joseph Crisanti** (\$2,308) and **Joseph Herman** of Greensburg, Pa. (\$2,703).

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HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBIS: The Hollywood Open runs until May 7; call the poker room for details.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO: Look for high hands every 30 minutes Thursdays (4-midnight), Fridays (4 p.m.- 2 a.m.), Saturdays (noon-2 a.m.) and Sundays (noon-10 p.m.). The minimum qualifying hand is aces full of deuces.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL: The Battle Creek property hosts the Mid-States Poker Tour from May 18-21. The main event sports a \$300K guarantee and continues to be the state's biggest tournament. The event in October had an \$800K prize pool. Qualifiers run until the start of the main. For more information, call 269-660-5631 and see the ad at the right.

WISCONSIN

CPC: Madison's **Jake Hommen** topped a field of 1,793 entrants to win the Chicago Poker Classic's \$360 Event 1 for \$87,281.

"I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who has been there for, with or against me throughout the years," the cash-game pro said after the win. "As much as this is an individual sport, I could not have done it without the help from some really great poker friends."

SYVERUD HEATER: Season 8 of the MSPT kicked off in January and Wisconsin's **Rick Syverud** has three cashes: 56th in the Potawatomi regional for \$927, 15th in the MSPT Running Aces for \$4,841 and 17th at Meskwaki for \$4,370. ♠

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TIPS TO BRING YOUR 'A' GAME WITH YOU

Summer's here and we all know what that means. Projections are 100K-plus players will converge on Vegas for the World Series. If you decide to go — read **Brent Philbin's** excellent column in this issue on why you might not want to go — here are a few tips to help bring your "A" game with you.



MARK BREMERT

BREAKS: After getting knocked out of a tournament, give yourself a break. Don't jump back in the satellite line or start playing ring games. Your poker brain is tired. Get some rest. This could be the most profitable advice you'll ever get about poker in Vegas.

Even the most disciplined player will find his A game disappeared after a disappointing tournament experience.

REST: Wiley veterans of the game understand their limitations. They have a plan and are organized enough to stick to their guns. If you fall into the category of out-of-town player, naturally you'll feel pressed to get in as much time as you can.

TACTICS: Record any significant hands. Tournaments are long and grueling. With each hour passed, we're less likely to have a vivid memory of a hand that deserves accurate analysis.

Write down these hands on your break.

They deserve scrutiny.

PLAN: Imagine you're at Level 4 in an event. What's your chip count in relation to the blinds? What's your plan if you're deep? If you have less than 10 big blinds, do you have a short-stack strategy?

Keep track of these things. The pro you're up against is aware of his situation at all times. By holding yourself accountable to a plan, your results are bound to improve.

STEP UP: Your bankroll-management chart says you belong in a certain game. Yes, bankroll management is important, but you have a replenishing bankroll because you have a job. Take a shot. You might be surprised as to how well you play when confronted at a higher level.

Attending the WSOP is often a dream come true. To me, it feels like grown-up camp. Finding yourself in the main event is a dream for many and poker is the only game in the world where a player can work hard and achieve high status at any age.

One simply cannot decide to become a tennis pro. These endeavors start at an early age. Dreams do come true; it could happen to you.

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LET'S GO TO THE WSOP! (NOT SO FAST, CHARLIE)

May is upon us and that means the start of the World Series of Poker. We're pros now, so we better go out there, right? Slow your roll, Charlie. We're low-stakes cash-game pros and we might want to avoid the WSOP.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

I remember my first summer at the WSOP when I was playing full time.

I wasn't being backed and I didn't have much of a bankroll.

I went out to Vegas and loved every second of it. I was spending lots of money and playing a ton. But I wasn't winning and my bankroll got depleted. Why wasn't I winning?

TOUGH CASH GAMES: Every summer, the largest group that makes the pilgrimage to Vegas Summer Camp is slightly better than your average recreational donkey.

There are plenty of recreational donkeys that go out and take a quick shot at Colossus or some other such lottery-style event, of course.

You'll notice, though, the most of the players you've identified as winning players at your home casino will be gone. They are all in the same place.

LOCAL GAMES THRIVE: So if all the best players are in Vegas playing the WSOP cash games with a bunch of others that don't qualify as novices, they leave behind a void.

Games that you might normally be seated with three competent pros now only have one.

Your hourly rate will soar and your standard deviation will become smaller, which helps stabilize your bankroll.

TOURNEY TEMPTATION: The WSOP is the only place where you can buy in to a tournament for less than \$1K and have a chance to win \$1M. Outside of the WSOP, tons of properties will run tournaments with massive guarantees and sometimes massive overlays.

The problem is these tournaments are large and therefore variance is massive. You're only setting aside a small amount each hour for a tournament fund, right?

The most likely scenario is you don't win one of these events and since the worst players are always playing in the tournaments over the summer, you'll feel much more at home at these tables.

FIND THE BEST GAMES: The most profitable games might not be in the most obvious of places. They're probably exactly where everyone else doesn't think to look.

Popular tourist casinos that aren't convenient or affiliated with the WSOP often can be a great location to check out (think MGM Grand or Mandalay Bay).

Don't be afraid to change games, change locations or go home and wish you'd listened to me in the first place.

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PUTTING PLAYERS ON POKER HANDS, PART I

When sitting at a table and watching the betting, think about what cards a good player would play under the gun or in early position.

So, when UTG players raise to start the betting, you should assume they have something along the lines of a big pocket pair or big suited/unsuited connectors and one-gappers such as A-K or A-Q. If the player is noted for being overly aggressive from any position at the table, certainly include mid pocket pairs and hands such as A-10s, suited connectors or even two face cards.



AL
SPATH

However, if the player who raised has a particularly tight image, expect top cards.

Conversely, those who weakly and improperly limp into pots from early position, usually can be put on drawing hands (such as small pairs, connectors and hands such as any suited ace).

These hands play much better in late position, with lots of callers, not in early position with many players yet to act.

It's important for you to be aware of opponents' style of play (solid, weak, bad, loose, overly aggressive) to make your reads more accurate.

Also, it's vital to watch opponents play, whether you're in the hand or not, and try to understand why they bet and the amount or why they checked in certain situations. Mental notes

on players can be helpful in this area.

As you go around the table after the pot has been raised, players calling are providing you much-needed information. To call a raise, players generally should have pretty decent starting cards, but why they didn't reraise should be your question.

They may have a drawing hand and are trying to induce others to follow them to build a pot.

Most players holding a quality hand would reraise, not call in those situations, so you can range those that call easier by generally eliminating a Group I-type hand.

Holding a top hand, they would want to reraise to thin the field, isolate the early raiser and have position on them.

When a player in the blinds voluntarily calls or reraise, a huge hand can be expected in most instances.

Sure, there's the occasional squeeze play, hoping to bet enough to steal a substantial pot every now and then, but generally expect the a blind reraise to mean it's a hard-to-beat hand.

Look for Part II next month.

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LEARN TO ANALYZE DECISION-MAKING

An excellent recreational player recently told me he doesn't mind suckouts or having the second best hand because he accepts this as part of the game. But when he makes the wrong decision, he tilts. He believes he has control over his decisions but not over the cards and the variance, which makes sense.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

We've all experienced the frustration of making what seemed like a good decision only to lose. What to do? Analyze how you made the decision.

• Did I make the decision because of ego?

- Did I fall prey to confirmatory bias?
- Did I make a tentative decision and stick with it beyond the data?

Solutions lie in awareness.

You just got bluffed by the villain and now all you can think about is getting back at him. Then, later on he sucks out on you and you go on tilt seeking revenge. You play hard and fast and keep losing. Why? His stack is 10 times the size of yours and your bets don't affect him.

He's getting exceptionally lucky and you play marginal hands hoping to hit the turn and river, hands you wouldn't play against someone else.

Confirmatory bias is a tendency to search for, interpret, favor and recall information that confirms yours pre-existing beliefs or hypotheses. Stereotyping is the most obvious. Certainly, it's reasonable to think the old guy joining the game is more tight and maybe more passive. We make fast decisions on limited information.

But if you act on this belief without watching his game, you are doomed. Lots of good players cultivate a false table image just to play off your confirmatory bias.

I play every Sunday. I get to the room around 7 a.m. To the overnight regulars, my arrival means the day shift has arrived. The waitress brings my regular coffee.

Anyone watching would know I'm a regular instead of an old guy coming for some fun. Someone not watching will think bluffing is not in my wheelhouse; check-raising and three-betting are foreign to my game; at least I hope they make these misperceptions.

Holding on to bad decisions when the data contradicts is disastrous. Some people wildly overbet J-J preflop, never fold A-A or K-K when it's clear there are flush and straight draws on the board.

Decide how much time you want to devote to analyzing your decision-making so you can keep your head in the game.

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The original better calls. Then the dealer burns again but nobody notices and he puts out what seems to be the turn. Both players check. The dealer is about to burn for the river when he notices he has too many burn cards in front of him.



ELLIOTT SCHECTER

This means the turn was wrong and the card that was put out as the turn should've been the third burn instead.

He pulls out the accidental second burn and wants to put that up since it was the real turn. We call the floor, who said that since there were just two checks instead of any betting, action can restart on the real turn.

So the dealer put out the real turn and went from there. Was this the right ruling? Would the ruling have been different if there had been a bet on the incorrect turn? — **David Bloomberg**

ELLIOTT SAYS: The floorperson mangled the call. He reasoned correctly but applied the rule quite incorrectly. I gather there were only two active players in this hand.

While two players checking is not considered action, the dealer acting to burn a card becomes the third player checking in the round, which seals the betting and the board for the purposes of substantial action.

The correct ruling would've been just like golf on the PGA Tour. They were going to have to play the turn where it lays. Also, there's no re-running of betting rounds after action has taken place.

That is just a descent into utter chaos. I'm not averse to putting the actual river out there but that is neither here nor there.

Two ways to go here, but headaches abound

At a New Orleans casino, there's a straddle, five callers, a raise to \$50 and then I move all-in for \$350. As the dealer pulls in the bets, the red light on the shuffle machine comes on with a message that 53 cards are in the machine.

The dealer takes out the cards from the shuffle machine and spreads them face down and a blue card, which is the current deck, is mixed in with the red deck.

The floor is called and he tells the dealer to count the blue deck. It's determined only 51 cards are in play. The floor rules the hand is live and the blue card that was mixed in will be treated as an exposed card.

I said nobody has seen that card, but the floor then turns it over and tells the dealer to continue the hand. I think the hand should be voided and everyone returned their money since it was a fouled deck. — **Justin Harrow**

ELLIOTT SAYS: This is a situation where there are reasons to rule in either direction, but I'm quite inclined to agree with you about returning the funds to all players.

The floorperson in this spot seems to be regarding only the

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letter of the law regarding substantial action. Also, he seems to want to make sure the hand is played rather than misdealt so the house can receive the rake for all of this time being spent on this hand.

Yes, action can bind a hand and prevent a misdeal, but that can be overridden by a fouled deck. Also, one can say it's fair for everyone since all players are using the same deck. This is faulty logic. By continuing with the hand, the floorperson is opening up the casino to unnecessary liability.

In a regulated jurisdiction, there's almost no player that wouldn't be granted relief payable by the casino in this situation by a gaming commission.

This is not a spot where there are too many or not enough burn cards. If there are 52 cards in the deck in play, then as long as live, unseen cards are used on all streets, there is no damage to the player because the theoretical odds for any and all hands have not changed at all.

Once a deck is found not to have enough cards, the odds on hands can change drastically without the players being given proper notice by the casino.

This problem can be compounded when a jackpot is in play, because the odds are changed to make any jackpot hands possibly harder to hit than other tables in the room playing for the same jackpot. This is probably the only acceptable post-action misdeal situation.

Was reraiser punished too harshly?

We're at the final table of a 50-player tournament. I raised to 10K and it folded to the cutoff, who shoved for 27K. The dealer placed an all-in button in front of the player, but then slid the player's card into the muck. The floor was called and ruled the all-in bet must stand and the player's hand was dead.

It folded around to me and all I have to do is call to win the hand. The dealer still ran out the board (why?) and I took the pot. — **Andrew Harris, Manteca, Calif.**

ELLIOTT SAYS: Wow, that's a tough spot for the reraiser. Tournament directors and casino operators try hard to not eliminate players from tournaments because of the result of a floor decision. In this case, I would have ruled that 10K of your opponents' chips, the amount of the bet to him, would have to stay in the pot and the hand would be dead. I'm assuming the hand in dispute was irretrievable. As I recommend to all poker players, if you're not being pushed the pot or trying to fold, don't let go of your cards.

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By Willy Neuman

Do you love to play poker? Maybe you even live to play poker. If you're like a lot of players I know, playing poker ranks in just about the five most favorite things you could possibly imagine.

Okay, I guess I pretty much feel that way, too.

So, could anything be more fun? How about if you were paid to play poker? Are you thinking *utopia*?

Here's the point I'm coming to: They pay me to play poker. That's right, I'm a poker prop player and I get paid to play. So what exactly is a prop player and why am I getting paid to play?

Let's start at the beginning. Prop is a shortened form of proposition. I wouldn't be surprised if you haven't heard of this before. If you regularly play in a cardroom of 30 or more tables and the room often is full with a waiting list, there's no need for the room to employ a prop player.

However, consider for a moment a cardroom such as the 10-table room in Ft. McDowell near Phoenix. It wouldn't be unusual for two or three players to be waiting for a game to get started. Then another player walks into the room and the floor says, "Just as soon as we get a couple more players, we can get a game started."

You can guess what would quite possibly happen next. The new guy would look around the room, see no action, look back out the door hoping to see two or three players approaching, check his watch and then say, "Nah, I'm not going to wait around. I'll just go play a little blackjack instead."

It wouldn't be unusual for this to happen two or three more times in the next half-hour, which means an opportunity has been lost.

But Ft. McDowell has the foresight to employ prop players and there are usually a couple of us in the room, which, if you refer back to the beginning where I mentioned two or three players waiting, would make four or five. Then when the new guy walks into the room, the floor can say, "We're just about to start a game with five players, so take a seat and it will be full shortly because we have a couple of call-ins."

Now when the next person walks into the room, rather than getting discouraged and walking back out the door, he sees a game in progress and sits to play. When this table is full and two new players enter the room, the floor says, "We have seats for you because two of our players are about to get up." The floor then motions to the props and they rack up and get ready to start another game.

This same process works in reverse, too. In addition to helping games get started, the prop arrangement helps keep games going. Usually when the table dwindles to five or six players, the game is close to the breaking point. But if there are two prop players in action who wouldn't otherwise have been at the table,

the game likely is to continue for a lot longer.

This is totally win-win-win. The house wins because they get games going that wouldn't otherwise start. And the amount they pay the props is a bargain, usually \$10 or \$12 per hour, because, thanks to their presence, there's a game and a rake for the house that would not have occurred without them.

The players win because the action created by the prop players would not otherwise have occurred. And the action often lasts longer than it would have without the props being in the game.

Then finally, the props are happy because they're getting paid to do what they love, just like **Michael Jordan** or **Jack Nicklaus**.

What a life!

So is there any downside? Yes, and you've probably already guessed what it is. Instead of playing for eight hours straight, a prop might wind up sitting out for a couple of hours. But that's not a major issue because he's still getting paid and, of course, if the game is good, he can get back in the game to play after his shift.

Because I know it will often happen that I will be out of action during some part of the day, I have developed a list of things to keep me occupied so that I don't get bored. I bring a book to read, something to write about (this article, for example), connect with CNN for the latest news, read the latest issue of *Ante Up*.

I'm often asked if I have to play with my money. Well of course. It wouldn't be reasonable to expect the casino to pay me and give me money to play.

As you can imagine, there have been instances where a prop player was hired who couldn't show a profit in the long run, even with the hourly pay, and had to give it up. That's unfortunate, but it's also how I got the job, by filling the opening created when someone who couldn't make it had to leave.

The bottom line then, if you want to apply for a job as a prop player, is to make sure you stay at the top of your game so you make money while you're playing, in addition to the amount you're getting paid to play.

I want to add that, at least in my case, I get a feeling of satisfaction, knowing I'm doing something that others appreciate. In other words, I'm providing a worthwhile service.

Do you feel maybe there's an occasional player who, for whatever reason, doesn't like the idea of having someone employed by the poker room at the table? I haven't seen one instance of this. Players generally are able to grasp the win-win-win scenario.

My only concern is my bubble will burst one of these days if Ft. McDowell finds some reason to discontinue the prop player program. ♠



Yes, prop players use their own money.

THIS COLUMN MAY JUST SAVE YOUR LIFE

By Dr. Frank Toscano

How many people in America play live poker every day? HI figure about 30 cardrooms in Florida with 15 or more tables per room and nine players per table. Add in the big poker states such as California and Nevada and all of the riverboat casinos everywhere else. Now double that number for bar leagues, home games and casual family gatherings. I don't know what the final number is but it's pretty big, probably more than 100,000 every day. Maybe twice that. If you visit the World Series of Poker this summer in Las Vegas, easily 100K people will attend that event, plus all of the other tournaments and cash games.

Some will die at the table. Gather 100,000 people every day to perform any activity and it's inevitable some hearts will unexpectedly stop beating. If this happens in your poker room, you could be the one who makes the life-or-death difference. That's what happened to one of my ER co-workers.

He found himself the only one in the room knowledgeable enough and willing to interrupt his play to resuscitate a fellow player who collapsed at his table. The casino had a defibrillator handy and it worked beautifully so it was a clean save.

It was lucky my friend didn't have to pound on the poor guy's chest for long because the new version of bystander cardiac compression, while cleaner and simpler than ever before, requires a level of physical stamina that most of us would find pretty demanding. I'll explain.

The old version of CPR was a complicated mishmash of compressions, ventilations and pauses for pulse checks that changed depending upon the number of rescuers. The precision and coordination required put synchronized swimmers to shame. Plus it had that messy mouth-to-mouth business. Who wants to do that?

It turns out, a whole lot of people didn't, so most cardiac arrest victims never got the pulmonary part of bystander CPR. Years later, after a lot of research, we're a bit smarter. We've come to the realization that maybe it's really OK not to give Grandpa the "kiss of life."

The latest studies seem to show it's the compressions that make the difference, not the ventilations. Use faster forceful compressions to keep the blood pressure up. If you can provide good blood flow to the brain and heart, a single rescuer can skip the mouth-to-mouth part.

"How can that be? Oxygen, we have to have it, right?" True,

but there's a fair amount of residual oxygen still floating around in the victim's blood. The old compression rate of 60 per minute coupled with all the interruptions for ventilations and pulse checks didn't produce enough pressure head to get that residual oxygen into the brain and heart muscle.

Enter Continuous Chest Compression CPR. Find someone down. Check a pulse or try to arouse him for about 10 seconds just to make sure he's not sleeping or something. Then launch into compressions. Don't bother to check for breathing; don't give two quick breaths; don't watch for the chest to rise; just yell for help and start the compressions. No need to count or remember ratios, just pump.

The details are fairly simple. Kneel beside the victim. Put the heel of one hand in the middle of the guy's breastbone and your second hand on top of your first. Lock your elbows and using the weight of your upper body,

compress about two inches then repeat until help comes. Use plenty of force and don't worry about a few broken ribs. He's dead! If you don't keep his brain alive until a defibrillator arrives, he's still going to be dead. Pump hard.

Here's the only difficult part. You've got to speed it up. The old rate of 60 compressions per minute just doesn't cut it. Bump it to 100 and the pressure head stays high enough for blood flow to get to the brain and heart.

So how do you estimate 100 compressions a minute? Easy, think **John Travolta** dressed in white.

Stayin' Alive, the old *Saturday Night Fever* disco earworm, clips on at just

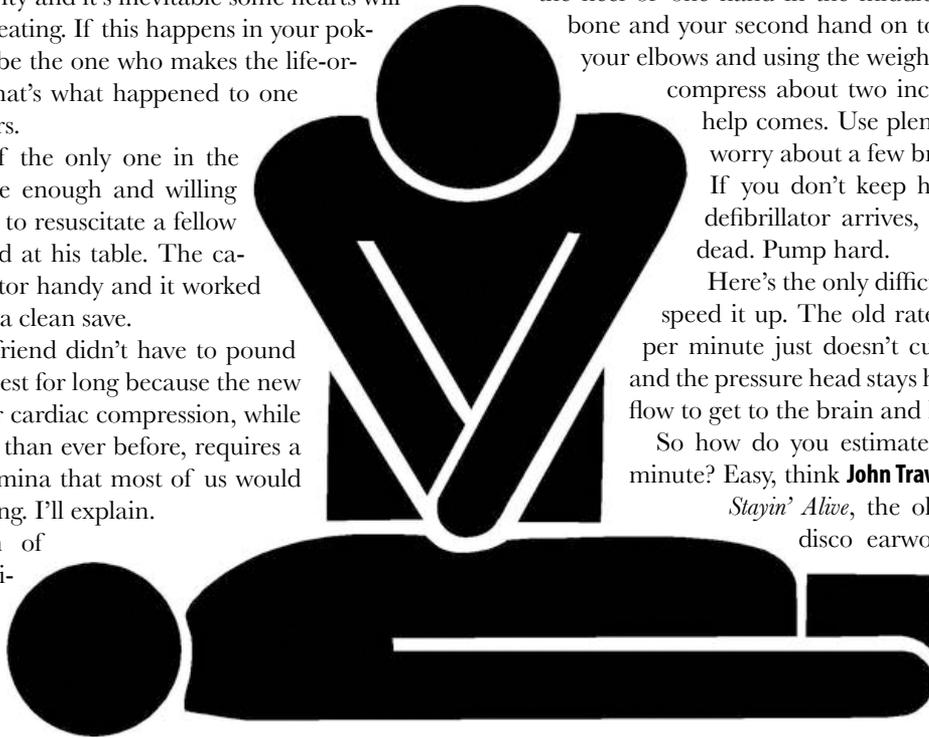
about 100 beats per minute. Plus it's got that uplifting theme of keeping someone alive.

I never liked the Bee Gees and I'm a cynical cuss so I prefer

Another One Bites the Dust by Queen. Same tempo and it seems strangely more accurate somehow. If you are too young to remember those songs, try *Somebody to Love* by that hairy heart-throb **Justin Bieber**. It works, too.

And don't forget the "calling for help" part. One hundred chest compressions per minute can get tiring in a hurry, even for young buff Internet whiz kids. It may be tiring but keep in mind that CCC is not technically difficult. You can do it — really. You may never win a major tournament, but you might have the opportunity to be a real hero. All you have to do is fold your baby suited connectors, start pumping and sing, "Ah, ah, ah, ah, stayin' alive!"

— **An avid poker player, Frank Toscano, M.D. is a board-certified emergency physician with more than 30 years of front-line experience.**



ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/\$20 early bird rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/\$20 early bird rebuy, 7p).	\$50 for straight flushes and quads (Wed.); royals pay \$200 (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Monday-Friday (noon); Tuesday Ladies event (2p); Wednesday & Thursday (6p).	Omaha High Hand (Monday & Wednesday); ongoing rewards; get paid for straight and royal flushes; Aces Cracked.
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Monday-Friday (\$125, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$145, 7:15p); Friday (\$200, 7:15p). See the ad on Page 25.	Splash pots.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Tuesday freeroll (7p); Thursday \$5K guarantee (\$120); Saturday \$200 added (\$20 w/\$5 rebuys and \$10 add-on, 9a); Sunday (\$65, 11a & \$100, 5p).	Player comp credits pay \$1 per hour.
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 10a); Wednesday (\$60, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 6:30p); Saturday (\$50, 11a); 1st & 3rd Saturday (\$70, 11a).	High hand bonus; Aces Cracked.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcz.com	Monday & Thursday (\$35, 9:30a); Tuesday & Wednesday (\$35, 7p).	Splash Pots.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Daily, usually at noon and 7p. Call for schedule.	High hands (daily); Aces Cracked can win \$300 (daily).
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	2nd Mon. (\$60, 7:30p); Tue. WSOP sat (\$80, 7:30p); Wed. WSOP sat (\$80, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$20, 7:30p); Sat. (\$50, 12:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p) & WSOP sat. (\$110, 5:30p).	Morning High Hand Contest (Mon.-Fri.); Splash Pot Bonanza (Sat.-Sun.); Steel Wheel and Royal Flush pays \$50.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	\$100 high hands; Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad on Page 33.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Tue. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 7:30p); Sat. (varies, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Monday-Thursday (\$30, noon); Tuesday-Wednesday (\$50, 7:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha.

ARKANSAS

OAKLAWN PARK RACING AND GAMING (501) 623-4411 • oaklawn.com	Tue. \$1K guar. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Payday (\$20, 2p); Thurs. Ladies Freeroll (7p); Fri. Bounty Hunter (\$30, 2p); Sun. deepstack (\$50, 2p).	Progressive and mini bad-beat jackpots; high hands; Splash the Pot.
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CALIFORNIA

AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); Sat. (\$100 w/\$50 rebuys, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75 w/\$25 rebuys, 6:30p).	Splash the Pot.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Monday (\$28, 11a); Tuesday (\$25, 11a); Wednesday HA (\$50, 6:45p); Thursday (\$48, 11a); Sunday (\$49, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Wed. Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Monday (\$65 w/\$60 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Tuesday (\$45 w/\$40 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Saturday (\$55, 11a).	Aces Cracked.
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Tuesday \$1.2K guarantee (\$40, 6:30p); Saturday (\$60, 10a); Sunday (\$60, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.

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BAY 101 CASINO (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 9:30a); Friday (\$180, 9:30a); Saturday (\$230, 9a); Sunday (\$180, 9a).	No jackpots.
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	M-F, noon; T & W, Quantum, 5p & 6:30p, F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p, Sa, noon, 2p & 4p & Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p); M & Th, 5p; Mexican Poker (Th, 8p); Th-Sa, 10p.	Numerous jackpots (call for details).
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sun. KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; high hand (Mon.-Sun.); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hand pays \$50 (Mon.-Sun.).
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot in hold'em.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); 1st Sat. (\$100, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$160, 7p) w/\$2.5K to first place (minimum 60 players).	No jackpots.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Monday & Tuesday (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	M-F (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Th. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. \$3K guar. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Mini No-Limit Hold'em Tournament, May 21.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. 0/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	No tournaments.	Aces Cracked.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6p); Tue. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. KO (\$30, 6p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. freeroll (\$10 rebuys, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 4p); Sun. KO (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wed. (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Sat. \$1K guar. (7p).	Friday Night Special pays players \$120 for a \$100 buy-in.
GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardencasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p); Gardens Festival & WPT500, May 15-31.	Daily jackpots; high hand; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Mon. (\$45, 6:15p); Wed. (\$80, 6:15p); Fri. (\$45, 10:15a); Sat. (\$65, 12:15p); Sun. KO (\$65, 2:15p).	Mega and Omaha jackpots.
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Saturday & Sunday \$1.75K guarantee (\$40, noon); Friday & Sunday \$1.75K guarantee (\$40, 8p); Saturday \$2.5K guarantee (\$55, 8p).	Bonus Wheel; High Hand of the Hour; Pay for Play pays \$5/hour; monthly cash drawings.
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O event (\$60, 3p); Sunday Special, April 1 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	M (\$60, 7p); T 0/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); W (\$30, 11a) & (\$50, 7:30p); Th crazy pineapple (\$40, 11a); F. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a); 2nd Sun. \$5K guar. (\$220, 1p).	\$20K bad-beat jackpot.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon. & Wed.-Sat. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. (\$200, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a); Memorial Day events, May 28-29.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue. & Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Thurs. (\$65, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 w/\$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasino.com	Friday \$3K guarantee (\$40, 7p); Saturday \$2.5K guar. (\$40, 5p); Sunday \$1.5K guarantee (\$15 or \$10 w/players card, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a); WSOP Direct Qualifying Series, May 7-28.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasin.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7:15p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:15p); River Card Championship, May 11-14.	\$100 Hourly High Hand (Mon. & Wed., 10a-7p).
PARK WEST CASINO CORDOVA (916) 296-7477 • cordovacasin.com	No tournaments.	\$5K Mini Bad Beat Jackpot.
PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7:20p); Tuesday (\$25, 10:20a); Thursday (\$25, 10:20a & \$45, 7:20p); Saturday (\$25, 10:20a); Sunday (freeroll, 1p).	Progressive jackpots.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad beat in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); PLO (Wed., 2p); Omaha high hand and buy-in bargain for HE & Big O w/free meal included; Aces Cracked (24/7).
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
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RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasin.com	Mon. (\$40, 10a & 6:15p); Tue. (\$60, 10a & \$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$60, 10a & 6:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot; quads bonus; Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot; straight flush, quads and high-hand bonuses.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events).	Double jackpots; Money Wheel.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a); Western Senior Series, May 7; Six Shooter, May 12-21.	Rack Attacks (daily); Aces Cracked (daily).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$30 w/bs, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs.-Fri. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60 w/bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$70 w/\$50 bs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); 1st Saturday WSOP satellite (\$225, 11:15a). See ad Page 41.	Aces Cracked; progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Rack Attack.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th (\$60, 11a); M (\$25 w/\$10 bs, 7p); W/0/8-PLO/8-HORSE (\$60, 7p); F sats for Sa event (\$60, 11a & 8p) & (\$155, 6p); Sa \$20K guar. (\$235, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 7p); Su (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands. See ad Pages 18-19.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (9a); M (\$20, 6p); T KO (\$25, 6p); W Omaha (\$20, noon & 6p); Th KO (\$25, 9a & \$40, 5p); F (\$25, 9a & \$85, 5p); Sa (\$20, noon); Su Omaha (\$45, 11a) & sats (\$125, 4:30p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush progressive jackpot; Mexican Poker \$100 high hand (Thurs.-Sun.); WPT DeepStacks, May 7-15.
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Monday \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tuesday \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wednesday \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sunday \$1K guarantee deepstack (\$55, 4p).	Progressive straight flushes.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • golden casinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Sun., Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$50/hour (daily) and \$100/hour (noon-10p); Fri. pays \$500 (5p-10p) & Sat. pays \$600 (noon-10p).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll (3p) w/40 seats awarded per week.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Friday (\$60, 7p); Saturday (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Friday (\$100, 4p); 2nd & 4th Saturday (\$40, 12:30p); 2nd & 4th Sunday (\$110, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Thursday (\$50, 7p); Saturday (\$120, noon); 1st Saturday of month (\$210, noon).	Player comps pay \$1/hour; Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Mon. & Thurs., noon, 2p & 4p); high hands (Fri. starting at 10:30a).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); Mega Stack Challenge, May 5-15.	Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy (Sun. & Tue., 9a-9p & Fri. & Sat., 2p-2a) with \$500 paid every 30 minutes.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Monday-Thursday (10a, 2p & 7p); Friday (11a & 2p); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a & 5p).	High hands pay up to \$600.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Daily at 11:15a & 7:15p; Mon. (\$35 & \$25); Tue. (\$35 & \$35); Wed. (\$35 & \$60); Thurs. (\$35 & \$35); Fri. (\$35 & \$35); Sat. (\$115 & \$35); Sun. (\$50 & \$35).	High hands (daily); Hot Seats; Bad Beat Hands; royals pay up to \$900 with the cash wheel; May Getaway Weekend, May 26-29.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tuesday & Thursday (\$60, 11a); Wednesday Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Saturday (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sunday KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands; Aces Cracked; quad jacks or better.

FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$155 (noon & 7p). See ad on Page 11 for series that runs until May 8.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tuesday (\$50, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em.
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniabeach.com	Monday \$6K guarantee (\$130, 7p); Friday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 6p).	Numerous jackpots and promotions.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wednesday \$2.5K guar. (7p); Friday & Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 7p).	Earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour. See ad on Page 45.
DAYTONA BEACH RACING AND CARD CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$65, 3p); T (\$65, 3p); W (\$35, 1p, \$65, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (\$65, 3p, 7p/8p); F (\$140, 7p); Sa (\$65, 10a, & \$125, 7p); Su (\$65, 5p); 1st Su \$10K guar. (\$90, 1:10p).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); high hands; DeepStack Charity Classic, May 21, see the ad on Pages 2-3.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p.	Player Rewards Program.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 7s.
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Monday (\$65, 6p); Wednesday (\$65, 6p); Friday (\$35, 7p); Saturday (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sunday (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 7.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Monday \$5K guarantee (\$75, 7p); Wednesday \$10K guarantee (\$100, 6p).	High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Monday \$1.5K guarantee (\$80, 8p); Thursday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal pays \$20K plus \$500 table share; high hands; weekday draw down (Mon.-Fri., 2p & 11p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); last Fri. of month PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p). See ad below.	Straight flush plays \$150; royals pay \$500.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tuesday & Thursday freeroll (7p); Saturday Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sunday freeroll (2p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	M (\$60, noon & \$75, 7p); T (\$75, noon & \$70, 7p); Th (\$75, noon & \$60, 7p); F (\$105, noon & \$130, 7p); Sa (\$130, noon); Su (\$130, noon & \$75, 7p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
OCALA GAINESVILLE POKER (352) 591-2345 • ocalagainesvillepoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7p); Tuesday (\$35, 7p); Wednesday (\$55, 7p); Thursday Omaha (\$55, 7p); Friday (\$80, 7p); Saturday (\$55, 5p); Sunday (\$55, 4p).	High hands; quads and straight flush.
ORANGE CITY RACING & CARD CLUB orangecitypoker.com	No tournaments.	\$100K bad-beat jackpot; high hands; player rewards.
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High hands.

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PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on facing page.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skpoker.com	Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekasino.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (varies, 11a & 6p); SHRP Deepstack Series, May 18-29.	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); May Little Slick Series, May 15-21.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tuesday-Thursdays (\$60, 7p); Saturday Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 7p); Sunday deepstack (\$115, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-2a (Sun.-Thurs.) & 8p-6a (Fri.-Sat.).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily, ranging from \$25-\$225 w/guarantees from \$1K-\$10K; check website for monthly special events. Ad on Page 13.	Early bird; carry over high hands payout starts with a minimum qualifier of aces full; quads and higher hands win cash (daily).
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands.

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Wednesday (\$100, 12:30p); Sunday (\$150, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (daily).
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guarantee (\$125, 7p); Saturday varies (noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$40K freeroll; Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked; call for more promotions.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinourora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	Thursday \$2K guar. (\$125-\$140, 7p); Saturday (\$125-\$140, noon); call about Sunday events.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rccgpoker.com	Daily (\$40, 2p), (\$70, 4:30p), (\$40, 6:30p) & (\$125, 8p).	Select quads and hourly drawings win cash.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Friday & Saturday \$5K guarantee KO (7:15p); last Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Fri. (\$90, noon) & (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon) & (\$110, 7p); Sun. (\$180, 3p); 1st Sun. seniors (\$150, noon); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (5p).	\$100 hourly drawings.
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$30, 2p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$65, 2p); 2nd & last Sat. of the month (\$160, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight-flush jackpot.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p); MSPT, May 4-7.	High hands.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	Win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; 10 progressive straight flushes in hold'em.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tuesday (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wednesday Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Saturday & Sunday (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebdq.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tuesday (\$30, noon); Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Sunday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RHYTHM CITY CASINO (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinolandresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big O (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tuesday & Wednesday \$500 guarantee; Friday (\$25, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	No tournaments.	Hold'em and Omaha/8 games spread on live tables.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, 11:15a); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$65, 11:15a) & KO (\$85, 7:15p); Sun. (\$125, 11:15a); Sat. Special (\$125, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$235, 11:15a).	Monthly \$15K freeroll; bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Tuesday (\$100, 7:00p); Wednesday (\$45, noon); Friday (\$45, noon); Sunday (\$85, 2p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRAIRIE BAND CASINO (785) 966-7777 • pbpgaming.com	Open 24/7 based on demand.	High hands.

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COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wednesday (\$145, 6:30p); Thursday (\$165, 6:30p); Friday (\$130, 6:30p); Saturday (\$120, 11a); Sunday (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesday (\$130, 11a); Saturday (\$130, 11a); WSOPC, May 11-22.	High hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Monday (varies); Wednesday (\$105, noon); Thursday turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wednesday KO (\$70, 6:30p); Friday (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Monday & Wednesday (\$60, 11a); Sunday (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Monday (\$50, 11a); Wednesday (\$50, 11a); Saturday (\$90, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thursday (\$18, 1:30p); Friday (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon. & Wed. (\$125, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 11a); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$150, 7p); Sat. (\$350, 11a).	Splash Pots; WSOPC runs until May 8.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily, from \$65-\$500, times vary so call for schedule. See the ad on Page 5.	Late night high hands (daily) pays \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K.
MGM NATIONAL HARBOR (301) 971-5700 • mgmnationalharbor.com	Monday-Thursday (\$120, 11a).	Royals pay \$500.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. See ad on Page 31 for info on May 18-21 MSPT event.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. (\$30, 11:30a); Sun. (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	Saturday Big Bounty (\$210 w/\$40 bounties, 2p); Sunday KO (\$110 w/\$20 bounties, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Tuesday (\$13, 6:30p); Wednesday (\$60, 6:30p); Thursday (\$60, 6:30p); Sunday (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Monday (\$40, 7p); Tuesday KO (\$60, 7p); Wednesday (\$40, 7p); Sunday (\$100, 2p); first Saturday of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); T (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); W (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Th (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); F (\$50, 10:30a); Sa (10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked.
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands; Aces Cracked; Quads Beat and Flop-A-Royal tournament jackpots.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$70, 12:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Monday-Thursday \$1K guarantee KO (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Saturday \$2K guarantee (\$60, 2p); Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, and tournaments; \$100 Aces Cracked w/ Bonus Splash the Pot; Poker Squares for Cash pays \$100/hour (Fri.-Sat.).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Friday (\$40, 7p); Saturday (\$40, 2p); Sunday (\$20, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Monday-Thursday (\$50, noon & 7p); Friday (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$150, noon); Sunday (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; High Hand of the Hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p). Ad on Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p).
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Monday-Sunday, noon); satellites on Friday & Saturday (6p); industry tournaments on Sunday (4p).	Cash giveaways.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. Survivor (\$120, 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. KO (\$25, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month KO (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkcc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights or better; progressive high hands for all straight flushes and royals.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (varies, noon & 7p); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.

MISSOURI (Continued)

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks; high hands; Aces Cracked.
NEVADA		
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Monday-Thursday (\$125, 1p); Monday-Sunday (\$125, 7p); Friday-Sunday (\$240, 11a); Summer High Roller Series, May 24-July 15; Super High Roller, May 28-31.	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; daily tournament high hand pays \$250; \$4/hour comps (24/7); progressive high hands.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$200, 2p) w/shot clock structure.	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sunday-Friday (\$100, 1p); nightly (\$75, 7p); Saturday \$10K guarantee (\$160, 1p).	High hands of \$50 for quads, \$100 for straight flushes and \$250 for royal flushes; Triple Pay before 1p and double pay from 5p-7p & 11p-1a; royals capped at \$599. Quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wednesday (\$30, 7p); Thursday (\$30, 7p); Friday (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel; Aces Cracked; high hands.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily \$1.5K guarantee (\$100, 10a); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 2p); \$2K guarantee (\$125, 6p); \$2.5K guarantee (\$150, 9p).	High hands; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
CLUB CAL NEVA RENO (877) 777-7303 • dubcalneva.com	Monday-Friday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p); Saturday-Sunday (\$10, 11a, 2p, 6p & 9p); 1st Saturday of month (\$50, 4p).	High hand progressive jackpots.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.com	Daily (\$35, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$35, 6p); freeroll on the first Fri. of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Six tournaments daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$6K freeroll (Fri.); \$8K freeroll; \$32K freeroll (call for details).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$70, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$70, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a); Grand Series, May 30-July 3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sunday-Friday (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Saturday KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Quads for Cash: All four-of-a-kind hands can win \$250 (call for details).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hands.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Sunday-Thursday \$500 guarantee (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p, 7p & 10p); \$1K guarantee; Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p); Gala \$100K+ freeroll into WSOP (call for details).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway; get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
MANDALAY BAY 702-632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Monday-Sunday (\$40, 11a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	High Hands; Rolling High Hands; Aces Cracked (6p-9p).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guarantee (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sunday-Thursday (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	Progressive Picture Pyramid; High Hand of the Hour (Monday-Friday, 5a-10a); Invitational Tournaments (call for details).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Friday-Sunday (\$120, 11a); Friday-Saturday KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$120, noon); Sun. (varies, noon, 2p & 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; quads (\$75), straight flush (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$80) at 10a, 1p, 4p, 7p and 10p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; Goliath Phamous Series, May 25-July 13.	High hands; progressive heart royal jackpot; around-the-clock food rewards.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sdv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll; \$5K freeroll for tournament players.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	World Series of Poker, May 30-July 17 w/main event starting July 8 (\$10K).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces & Best Full Houses get paid.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Monday-Sunday (\$45, noon); Sunday-Thursday (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wednesday & Sunday (\$100, 6p). See the ad on Page 17.	High hands.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Monday through Sunday (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hands; quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royals (\$500).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play, earn \$12/hour, including food and beverage comps.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T (\$200, 7p); Th (\$125, 7p); F (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza, May 15-July 23; daily events suspended during series.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wednesday & Thursday (\$10, 8:30p); Friday & Saturday \$1K guarantee (\$50, 8:30p); Sunday (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Wynn Summer Classic, June 2-July 16.	No promotions.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$50, 5:30p); W (\$50 w/rb & add-on, 5:30p); Th (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p); Su (\$50 w/add-on, 1p & \$50 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
MANCHESTER POKER ROOM (603) 668-6591	Tuesday KO (\$20 w/rebuys, 5:30p); Thursday \$50/\$50/\$50 (5:30p).	High hands.
RIVER CASINO (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad tens in hold'em; Spring Open runs until May 5.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Mon. KO (\$105, 11:15a) & (7:15p), Tue. & Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a & \$85, 7:15p); Wed. \$2.5K guar. (\$80, 7:15p); Fri. (\$125, 7:15p); Sat. (\$105, 12:15p & \$50, 7:15p).	High hands; Splash the Pot.
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Monday-Sunday (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; Late Night High Hands pays up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CASINO AND RESORT (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Friday (\$120, 6p); Saturday Second Chance (freeroll, must play Friday event); Sunday (\$75, 2p). See ad Page 35.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$15, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$30, 7p); Sun. (\$20, 2p & \$25, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Monday (\$55, 7p); Tuesday & Thursday KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sunday (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 11a & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 11a & \$100, 7p); Wed. (\$125, 11a & 7p); Th. (\$60, 11a & 7p); Fri. (\$125, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a & \$225, 11a); Sun. (\$75, 10a & \$125, 6p).	Progressive bad-beat in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad deuces); high hands.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
TIOGA DOWNS (888) 946-8464 • tiogadowns.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; high hands.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.). See ad on Page 29 for details on the East Coast Poker Championships.

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	M (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); T (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); W (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); Th (\$80, 7p & \$40, 10p); F (\$135, 7p & \$80, 10p); Sa (\$580, 7p); Su (\$80, 10a & 7p) & (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players.
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:15p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$69, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$150, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Hollywood Open runs until May 7.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hands.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$75, 11:15a); Mon. (\$75, 6:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:15p); Wed. (\$150, 6:15p); Sun. (\$150, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$50K (\$390, 11:15a); 2nd-5th Sat. (\$75, 11:15a).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrowwards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 7p); Sun. deepstack (\$75, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon) - extra chips available with cash donation; room open Sun. - Thurs. (noon-2a) & Fri.-Sat. (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
COMANCHE RED RIVER HOTEL CASINO (580) 250-3060 • comancheredrivercasino.com	Open Thursday-Monday (noon-2a) & Friday-Saturday (noon-4a); Thursday (\$20, 5p); Sunday (\$50, noon).	Splash Pot.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. Progressive KO (\$90, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked; Splash Pots; high hand.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Mon. (closed); Tue. Omaha (\$40, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Deuces Wild (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$25, 7p); Fri. KO (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$20, 2p & \$50, 7p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Monday-Friday (\$30, 2p); Tuesday & Thursday (\$40, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$40, 7:30p); Saturday (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Monday-Thursday (\$65, 1p & 7p); Friday (\$120, 11a); Saturday (\$175, 11a); Sunday KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Monday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$100, 4p); Saturday (\$95, 2p); Sunday (\$80, 6p); closed Wednesday & Thursday.	Splash Pot; royal flushes pay \$200 during tournaments.
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hand (Sunday); Wheel Spin (Saturday).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily at 11:30a & 7p; (buy-ins vary, call for details).	High hands (Friday & Saturday).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Monday-Friday (\$80, 11:15a); Saturday & Sunday (\$120, 11:15a); Monday-Thursday (\$80, 7:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p (buy-ins are \$31-\$96).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p)	High-hand jackpot (daily).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Monday (\$120, 7:15p); Tuesday (\$120, 7:15p); Wednesday (\$80, 12:15p); Thursday (\$120, 7:15p); Saturday (\$230, 12:15p); Sunday (\$100, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri.-Sun., 4p-mid.).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Monday-Friday (12:15p & 7:15p); Saturday (9a, 12:15p & 7:15p); Sunday (midnight, 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Monday (11a); Tuesday (7p); Wednesday (11a); Friday (11a); Saturday (11a); Sunday (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 7:15p); Wed. (\$100, 7:15p); Sat. (\$40, 12:30p & \$100, 7:15p); Sun. (\$55, 12:30p & \$85, 7:15p).	3X Twos-Days pays \$200 (Tuesday); High Hand Giveaway (Friday); \$400 high hands (Saturday).

RHODE ISLAND

TWIN RIVER CASINO (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	No tournaments.	Player rewards.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Monday (\$20, 7p); Tuesday (\$20, 7p); Wednesday (\$20, 7p); Thursday (\$20, 7p); Sunday (\$20, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (605) 571-2135 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon. (\$12, 6:30p); Tue. (\$23, 6:30p); Wed. (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$34, 6:30p); Fri. (\$34, 6:30p); Sat. (\$23, 1p); Sun. (\$111, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$221, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SALOON #10 (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Wednesday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Saturday (\$125, 6:30p); Sunday (\$30, 3p).	Spin the Wheel.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); Thursday Throwdown (\$45, 7p); Sunday Showdown (\$120, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
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WASHINGTON

CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wednesday (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot.
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Sat.-Sun., noon-3p), (Mon.-Wed., 9p-mid.) & (Mon.-Fri., noon-4p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	High Hand Insanity.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (10:30a); Sunday-Thursday (7p).	Beginner lessons available (call for details).
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; Monte Carlo Board.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Sun. (\$50, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$150, 7p) and Sun. (\$150, noon & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Monday (\$45, 7:30p); Wednesday (\$55, 10:30a) & KO (\$75, 5p); Friday (\$55, 10:30a); Sunday (\$55, 2p).	High hands.

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tuesday (\$55, 1p); Thursday (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sunday (\$85, 1p); 1st Sunday of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Hand (Tue. & Thurs., 11a-7:59p); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed., noon-4p).

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

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ABSOLUTE POKER REPAYMENTS

Good news for players who had money on Absolute Poker when it was shut down: The U.S. Department of Justice finally has started the repayment process. Affected players can



file a claim at absolutepokerclaims.com.

CHRIS: This has been a long time. Lots of things have changed, from contact information to some people might have forgotten how to play poker by now. I think there's going to be a lot of money left over.

SCOTT: This was in my spam folder. And I was like, "Wow, someone is really reaching deep in Nigeria to get my money!" The next day, I saw an article and was like, "Oh my god, it really is true!" And then my first thought was, "I had totally forgotten that there even was an Absolute Poker. Literally, it was so far in the past and I never played on that site."

UNITED PASSENGER PLAYED POKER

Dr. David Dao, who made headlines around the world for being the passenger dragged off a United plane, has a little more than quarter-million in tournament winnings, including \$117K for a runner-up finish at the 2009 WSOPC main event in Tunica, Miss.



CHRIS: This guy knows how to play poker ... and he knows how to get dragged off a plane. Remember how **Phil Hellmuth** used to have his entrances? Well, Dao will have his exits!
SCOTT: Remember the XFL? **Vince McMahon**, that was his baby, right? No disrespect to **Alex Dreyfus**, who is trying to "sportify" poker, but here's an idea McMahon might like. Televisе poker tournaments, and when you get knocked out, you're not really out until the rest of the players drag you out!

WIN A WSOP SEAT FROM BBO TABLES

Ante Up partner BBO Poker Tables is sending one lucky winner to the World Series of Poker Millionaire Maker event, with a lesson from world champion **Jamie Gold** included! To enter, go to bbopokertables.com. Use "Ante Up" as your referral by May 15 to be entered in a separate drawing for a BBO Poker Tables Table Top! The winner of the contest gets a seat in the World Series of Poker Millionaire Maker event, coaching from Gold, one year of online training from Tournament Poker Edge, dinner with Gold in Las Vegas and a final in-person coaching session, plus Gold will offer the winner tips on breaks in the event. The contest is a result of a long-term strategic philanthropic partnership between BBO Poker Tables and Gold, who is known for his philanthropic efforts, helping to raise more than \$400M through 256 celebrity charity events. As part of the partnership, BBO has produced the Gold Championship Edition poker table, which will be donated by BBO for dedicated charity events. Also, BBO Poker Tables will produce a limited number of these Championship Edition tables for sale, with 50 percent of the proceeds donated to charity. "After recently creating a corporate philanthropy model where we thoughtfully combine the most charitable A-list celebrities, brands and



organizations, I started looking for the right partners to add to this vision," Gold said. "BBO shared my vision and we have now created a customized charitable model for them that will affect change around the globe."



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