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If November Nine chipleader **J.C. Tran** were to take down the title this month, that would all but clinch a future spot for him among the HOF elite, but that page in history still has to be written. What we do know are the 10 finalists for this year's class: **Chris Bjorin, Humberto Brenes, David Chiu, Thor Hansen, Jennifer Harman, Mike Matusow, Tom McEvoy, Carlos Mortensen, Scotty Nguyen** and **Huckleberry Seed**.

Each fits the minimum eligibility and they all deserve to be honored, but *Ante Up* has backed one horse since our magazine launched more than five years ago: Tom McEvoy.

Ante Up likes to focus on Average Joes, and McEvoy was just that in the '70s; his game, however, was anything but. The timeless 68-year-old legend left a career back then as an accountant in Michigan to be a rounder in Las Vegas. Now, in his fifth decade atop his vocation, McEvoy is a four-time WSOP champion, including the world title in 1983, and a top-notch strategy author.

And what may be his finest contribution to our game was his tireless efforts in spearheading the campaign that led to smoke-free poker rooms. Every time you take in a clean breath of air at the table, you can thank McEvoy, and every year he doesn't land in the HOF is a sad one for us. We have a feeling that streak came to an end by the time you read this.

We'll see you at the smoke-free tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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NOV 2	SAT	3	POT LIMIT OMAHA TRIPLE CHANCE	4PM	\$300	\$40
NOV 3	SUN	4	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM/SINGLE REBUY (1 DAY EVENT)	1PM	\$100	\$25
NOV 3	SUN	5	POT LIMIT OMAHA 8 OR BETTER	4PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 4	MON	6	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM SENIORS	11AM	\$200	\$30
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NOV 8	FRI	13A	NO LIMIT CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT 1	12PM	\$740	\$60
NOV 8	FRI		LAST CHANCE MEGA SATELLITE	2PM	\$80	\$20
NOV 8	FRI		SUPER SATELLITE WITH \$40 REBUYS \$40 ADD ONS	4PM	\$65	\$15
NOV 8	FRI	13B	NO LIMIT CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT 2	6PM	\$740	\$60
NOV 8	FRI		MEGA SATELLITE	9PM	\$80	\$20
NOV 9	SAT		LAST CHANCE MEGA SATELLITE	10AM	\$80	\$20
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The Ante Up Poker Tour wraps up its 2013 season this month in the same place where it all began, at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., just outside of Sacramento.



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

The Ante Up NorCal Classic, which runs Nov. 7-18, is a 13-event series with no-limit hold'em (including six-handed, turbo, bounty and ante only), Omaha/8 and a H.O.R.S.E. event for the mixed-game enthusiasts.

The main event features a \$250K guarantee with three starting days to suit everyone's schedule. The buy-in is \$1,100 and the event's winner lands on the cover of the January issue of *Ante Up*. The winner also receives a personalized AUPT champion's jacket to wear proudly in every chilly poker room across the nation.

The response from the inaugural Ante Up NorCal Classic last year was overwhelming with the main-event prize pool reaching \$342K. The winner was Sacramento resident **Huan Cung**, who took home \$73K and had his photo splashed on the cover of the January issue.

Thunder Valley Casino Resort is the perfect location to end this season of the AUPT. It's one of the nicest properties on the West Coast, plus it has a first-class staff and some of the best action you'll find anywhere.

"Along with the great poker that you can always expect during an Ante Up stop," said Thunder Valley's director of poker **Ben Erwin**, "there are other things to do being in Northern California and being relatively close to San Francisco and Lake Tahoe. There will be a lot of things for people to see when they come out to visit."

Erwin said the partnership with *Ante Up* has been a big reason why his poker room has been so successful with its foray

Ante Up NorCal Classic at Thunder Valley

Nov. 7, 1 p.m., Event 1: \$120 Turbo

Nov. 7, 5 p.m., Event 2: \$175 (\$20K guarantee)

Nov. 8, 11 a.m., Event 3: \$425 Day 1A (\$150K guar.) and Day 1B follows at 5 p.m. Day 1C is Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. as the finals will be Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Event 4: \$150 Knockout (\$10K guar.)

Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Event 5: \$140 H.O.R.S.E.

Nov. 11, 5 p.m., Event 6: \$150 Omaha/8 (\$10K guar.)

Nov. 12, 1 p.m., Event 7: \$120 Turbo

Nov. 12, 5 p.m., Event 8: \$150 Six-max (\$10K guar.)

Nov. 13, 1 p.m., Event 9: \$120 Ante only

Nov. 13, 5 p.m., Event 10: \$175 NLHE (\$20K guar.)

Nov. 14, 5 p.m., Event 11: \$300 Bounty (\$20K guar.)

Nov. 15, 11 a.m., \$1,100 Main Event: Day 1A (\$250K guar.); Day 1B is at 4 p.m. Day 1C is Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. and Day 2 is Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. The main event's final table is Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Event 13: \$150 Knockout (\$10K guar.)

into tournament series poker over the past year.

"We started seeing a big demand for the game," Erwin said.

"And that's when I looked and saw a partnership with a magazine, someone who could work with us as we started gearing toward this, never really seeing this level of success. ... And that's when we partnered with (*Ante Up*). The NorCal last year, for us, was a really big deal. The property is absolutely committed to these large-scale poker events."

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— Email Garrett Roth at roth@anteupmagazine.com.



Rosenbach wins HPT at Thunder Valley

By **Garrett Roth**

The Heartland Poker Tour teamed with Thunder Valley for the first time (Sept. 20-29). The series had a variety of events, capped by the \$1,650 main event, which drew 542 entries.

The three-day main event received attention from all over the poker community, including **Allen "Chain-saw" Kessler**, World Series of Poker commentator **Lon McEachern** and 2013 November Niner **J.C. Tran**, all of whom exited without cashing.

After 171 hands and 10 hours of play at the televised final table, **Michael Rosenbach** from Berkeley, Calif., emerged victorious. The New Jersey native won \$180K by defeating **Mel Weiner** (Calabasas, Calif.) who took home \$110K for second.

"Thunder Valley has been great," Rosenbach said. "I'm looking forward to playing more."



Weiner is a real estate investor who plays tournaments on the side. He was fresh off a third-place finish at Commerce Casino's HPT main event where he took home \$75K the week before.

This is Rosenbach's first HPT title but he is no stranger to winning as the Bay Area pro owns three WSOPC rings, his most recent at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens, Calif. (\$22K).

The rest of the final table included **Yotam Schmuclov** of San Francisco (third, \$73K), **William Chao** of El Sobrante, Calif. (fourth, \$51K), **Kevin O'Donnell** of Scottsdale, Ariz., (fifth, \$38K), **Lori Bare** of Santa Cruz, Calif. (sixth, \$29K), **Kirby Nunn** of Cutten, Calif. (seventh, \$24K), **Joe Fernandez** of Turlock, Calif. (eighth, \$19K) and **Andrew Higgins** of Sacramento (ninth, \$15K).

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	Fri, 11/8	5pm	Day 1B	
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	Sat, 11/9	5pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$240
	Sun, 11/10	11am	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$125
4	Sun, 11/10	7pm	NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED KO 2x Bounty with \$50 Bounties	\$150
	Mon, 11/11	11am	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 15 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$85
5	Mon, 11/11	1pm	H.O.R.S.E.	\$120
6	Mon, 11/11	5pm	Omaha 8 or Better \$10,000 GUARANTEED Deep Stack	\$150
	Mon, 11/11	8pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance to the Main Event	\$175
	Tues, 11/12	11am	1 in 15 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$85
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8	Tues, 11/12	5pm	NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED Six Handed Deep Stack	\$150
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	Thur, 11/14	1pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 6 earn entry into Event #11	\$60
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	Thur, 11/14	8pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$240
	Fri, 11/15	1pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$240
	Fri, 11/15	11am	Day 1A	\$250,000 GUARANTEED Ante Up NorCal Classic Final Table <small>Streamed live at pokerroom.thundervalleyresort.com</small>
12	Fri, 11/15	4pm	Day 1B	
	Sat, 11/16	11am	Day 1C	
	Sun, 11/17	1pm	Day 2	Final Table
	Mon, 11/18	4pm	Final Table	Final Table
13	Sun, 11/17	7pm	NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED Deep Stack Turbo KO Bounty with \$50 Bounties	\$150

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L.A. RE-ENTRIES FOLLOW COMMON SENSE

I have heard a lot of discussion about re-entry tournament policies regarding alternates waiting to play after someone busts. Is there a standard policy? Does a busted player go to the end of the line behind the alternates or do they get priority to get back in because they are “vested” with his prior entry? To me it seems logical they would go to the end of the line, but I’ve been hearing and seeing on forums in other areas that’s not the case.



DAVE PALM
LOS ANGELES

Since re-entry tournaments are popular in the Los Angeles area and every series seems to have multiple re-entry events, including some with multiple flights spread over multiple days, I thought I would ask local tournament directors **Mo Fathipour** of the Bicycle Casino and **Craig Kaufman** of the Hustler Casino for their input.

Both of their answers were the same that if you had, for example 50 alternates, the busted player would be No. 51. Check to see what policy they use at any casino you plan to visit, but it’s good to know if you visit my home area they seem to use what I feel is common sense.

COMMERCE: September’s tournament scene was headlined by the Commerce Poker Series, which ran Sept. 4-23. Making their mark on the cash list were well-known tournament pro **Al-**

len Cunningham and UFC announcer **Bruce Buffer**, who both finished second in events this series. Hall of Famer **Barbara Enright** had two cashes in the series. It was great to see a woman win, as **Julie Le** won Event 7, a \$235 no-limit hold’em double-stack tournament.

Local player **Ronnie McMillan** had a phenomenal series, winning the \$175 H.O.R.S.E Event 8 and the \$236 pot-limit Omaha/8 Event 22. **Kris Tong** took down the \$1,650 main event for more than \$165K, but the field was littered with pros as **Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler** finished ninth, **Amnon Filippi** finished 18th, **Gavin Griffin** was 32nd and **Todd Terry** placed 47th.

If you’re in Los Angeles in early November, you can still catch the end of the **Liz Flynt** Fall Classic at Hustler Casino. There are multi-flight re-entry events running through Oct. 31 and the \$300 main event with two starting flights on Nov. 2-3 with another on Nov. 4.

After that, we head back again to the Commerce for the L.A. Poker Open starting Nov. 6 with a \$150 opening event. There are plenty of games other than NLHE during the 20-event series, which culminates with the World Poker Tour championship starting Nov. 22 and a \$300 ladies event on Nov. 24 and satellites on the 23rd.

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WSOPC returns to Harrah’s Rincon Dec. 5

Harrah’s Rincon north of San Diego once again hosts the World Series of Poker Circuit, running Dec. 5-16. There will be 12 ring events ranging from \$365 to the \$1,675 main event. The ring events include no-limit hold’em, six-max and pot-limit Omaha. There will be mega and turbo satellites for the main event Dec. 12-14 for \$250.



KITTIE ALEMAN
SOCAL

Other non-ring events include a seniors event Dec. 8 and a ladies event Dec. 15, each with a \$250 buy-in.

There will be a \$125 charity event on Dec. 14 benefitting the **Gary Sinise** Foundation. Information about this organization and what they

do can be found at GarySiniseFoundation.org.

There were 306 entries for last year’s main event and first place paid \$107,862.

Harrah’s Rincon is in a beautiful location, with a full service hotel and casino. It’s a bit off the beaten path so if you plan on playing any of these events, booking a room is definitely something to consider. Information on hotel discount rates and the tournament schedule can be found on harrahsrincon.com.

PALA: **James Dages** of Vista, Calif., and **Rick Ramer** of Fallbrook, Calif., each took home \$3,175 after a two-way chop on Sept. 29 in the \$15K Pala Championship tournament. Dages, who was the chip leader, also will have his name engraved on the Pala

Signature Cup. The tournament hosted 98 entrants.

Nov. 30 will be the next \$15K championship at noon. This is a \$125 buy-in with two optional \$25 rebuys or add-ons.

The room also is continuing its popular \$5K Nooner series each Sunday in November except for the 30th. Late registration is open until 2 p.m. The \$75 buy-in gives you 7K chips with one \$25 rebuy for 3K more. If you play live poker 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday you can earn 500 bonus chips for each hour.

Poker room manager **George Arsenis** has put together some player-friendly promotions for live play as well.

Manic Monday cash drawings are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. You can earn entries for hands ranging from a full house to a royal flush. Earn double entries from 6-10 a.m. The drawings are for \$100 per hour.

Chase for the Dough: There’s \$10K up for grabs and all you have to do is play live poker. For every 40 hours played you earn \$60, for 60 hours you earn \$200 and for 80 hours you earn \$400. You can only choose one, but if you reach the 80 hours and there’s still money left in the prize pool, you can start earning again.

Trail to Poker Riches: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Players can win \$200 by hitting seven specified hands before 5 p.m. There’s also an Evening Trail to Riches: 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For full details contact the poker room.

— **Email Kittie Aleman at anteupkittie@gmail.com.**

WORLD SERIES OF POKER 2013 CIRCUIT EVENT SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5 - 16

Date	Day	Time	Ring Event #	Event	Buy-In
Dec. 5	Thursday	Noon	1	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 5	Thursday	5PM		No-Limit	\$250
Dec. 5	Thursday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 6	Friday	Noon	2	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 6	Friday	5PM	3A	No-Limit (Flight A)*	\$365
Dec. 6	Friday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 7	Saturday	Noon	3B	No-Limit (Flight B)*	\$365
Dec. 7	Saturday	5PM	3C	No-Limit (Flight B)*	\$365
Dec. 7	Saturday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 8	Sunday	10AM		Seniors No-Limit	\$250
Dec. 8	Sunday	2PM	4	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 8	Sunday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 9	Monday	Noon	5	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 9	Monday	5PM		Omaha 8 or Better	\$250
Dec. 9	Monday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 10	Tuesday	Noon	6	6 Handed No-Limit	\$365
Dec. 10	Tuesday	5PM	7	Pot Limit Omaha	\$365
Dec. 10	Tuesday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 11	Wednesday	Noon	8	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 11	Wednesday	5PM		Mega Satellite (to \$580 buy-in)	\$250
Dec. 11	Wednesday	7PM		No-Limit	\$125
Dec. 12	Thursday	Noon	9	No-Limit Hold'em	\$580
Dec. 12	Thursday	5PM		Mega Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 12	Thursday	7PM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 12	Thursday	10PM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 13	Friday	10AM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 13	Friday	Noon	10A	No-Limit Championship (Flight #A)*	\$1,675
Dec. 13	Friday	2PM		Mega Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 13	Friday	5PM		Mega Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 13	Friday	7PM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 13	Friday	10PM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 14	Saturday	10AM		Turbo Satellite (to \$1,675 Championship)	\$250
Dec. 14	Saturday	Noon	10B	No-Limit Championship (Flight #B)*	\$1,675
Dec. 14	Saturday	5PM		No-Limit	\$250
Dec. 14	Saturday	7PM		No-Limit Benefitting Gary Sinise Foundation	\$125
Dec. 15	Sunday	2PM	11	No-Limit Hold'em	\$365
Dec. 15	Sunday	5PM		Ladies No-Limit**	\$250
Dec. 15	Sunday	7PM		No-Limit	\$250
Dec. 16	Monday	Noon	12	No-Limit Turbo (1 Day)	\$365
Dec. 16	Monday	Noon		Championship Final Table	

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DANIA JAI-ALAI TEMPORARILY CLOSES ROOM

Dania Entertainment Center, purchased from Boyd Gaming in May by a group of Argentine businessmen for \$65.5 million, has begun a massive renovation to install slots, thus becoming the last of the eight parimutuel facilities in Dade and Broward counties to do so.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

Unfortunately, the building plan has forced owners to sacrifice the poker room for virtually the remainder of 2013.

The Dania Beach facility, which has hosted jai-alai games since 1953 along with a poker room since the late 1990s, closed its 26-table room on Sept. 23 with hopes of reopening in a new location inside the building in December.

About 30 poker employees were let go, and will be given the opportunity to reapply when the room is re-established in an area known as the SkyBox near the jai-alai court's back wall. In its place on the second floor will be 500 slot machines.

Original plans had the room remaining open while construction of the casino commenced, but after a closer look at the logistics of the renovation emerged, that proved to be impossible.

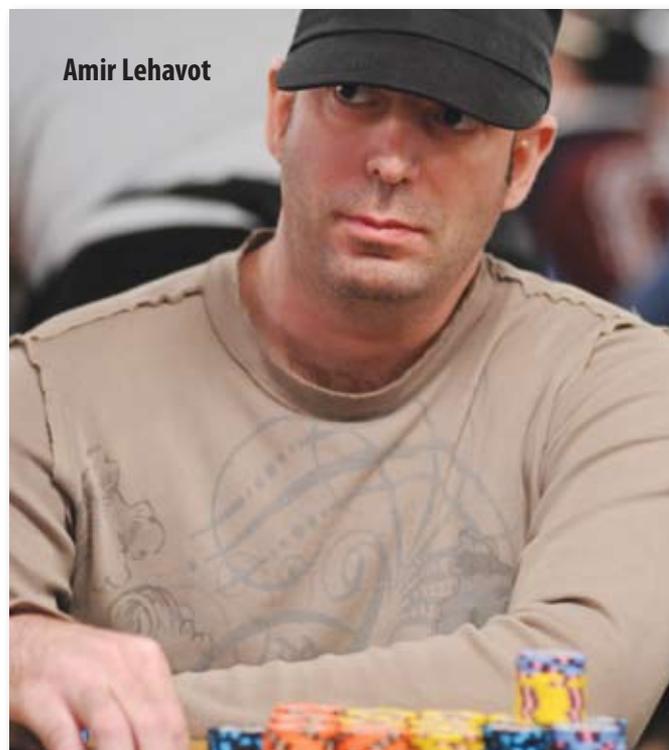
Billing itself as "the friendliest room in town," Dania's bottom line for poker was less-than-friendly, as the room ranked 22nd out of Florida's 23 cardrooms, taking in about \$750K in revenues for the year ending in June 2013.

Contrast that with state's top four facilities, which took in between \$10 million and \$14 million each during the 2012-13 fiscal year. The Argentine group, which operates 27 casinos in South America under the name Casino Club, expressed a desire to get slot revenues established as quickly as possible, as history has seen the poker bottom lines at other South Florida facilities nearly triple in recent years.

PALM BEACH CASINO SHIP: The *Island Breeze II*, originally planned to begin day cruises from the Port of Palm Beach in August, continues to refurbish the former *Black Diamond* ship, a 160-foot vessel that ceased operations in February.

That ship proved to be a colossal failure after lasting just three months, with poor marketing, weather issues and staffing problems blamed for its early demise.

Though no official date had been announced at press time, port officials were anticipating a late October or early November launch of the 600-passenger boat, which will feature a full casino with 14 poker tables, 21 table games and 220 slot machines, in addition to a sportsbook.



Amir Lehavot

Operated by New Jersey-based Island Breeze International, the refurbished ship is hoping to fill the void in Palm Beach County left by the closing of the Palm Beach Princess, which ended similar cruises in early 2010.

LEHAVOT'S NOVEMBER NINE CHARGE: Weston resident **Amir Lehavot** will be South Florida's only participant at the final table of the World Series of Poker Main Event, but he may not even have the active support of the area's many poker fans.

The Israeli native raised eyebrows by publicly announcing on Twitter and the 2+2 forum his plan to sell shares of his November Nine action, with each percentage point (up to 30 percent) available to prospective buyers for \$29,248 apiece.

With more than \$733K paid out to each of the nine finalists and thus subtracted from any potential payouts, investors will need at least a third-place finish by Lehavot to turn a profit.

Entering the final table in second place with almost 30 million chips, and with a 2011 pot-limit hold'em bracelet to his credit, Lehavot is expected to challenge for the \$8.36 million first prize, but if he sells all 30 percent of his shares, the return for a victory to a one-point investor will be about \$76K.

— Email Dave Lemmon at bigdave@pokeractionline.com.

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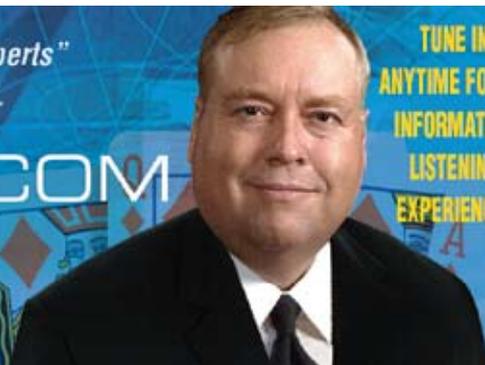
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HOLIDAY CHARITY CLASSIC NOV. 24 AT DBKC

The third annual Holiday Charity Classic returns to the Daytona Beach Kennel Club's poker room on Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. First prize is valued at \$6K, including a \$2K seat in the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure main event and a \$1K stake for cash games at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in the Bahamas. First prize also includes flights for two and hotel accommodations at Atlantis, among other prizes.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

Second- and third-place finishers will each win an Ante Up Poker Cruise for two to the Bahamas valued at \$1,300 on Royal Caribbean.

Vanessa Rousso will be a featured guest player at this year's tournament. Early registrants will have a chance to win seats to her VIP \$10K guarantee tournament.

The charity event costs \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door). Please see the ad on Pages 2-3 for more information.

And before this event, DBKC is running its fifth annual International Series Nov. 4-10. Please see that on ad Page 35.

EBRO: **Robert Matthews** won the main event of the Emerald Coast Poker Championship on Sept. 29. Here are the ECPC winners: Event 1, **Dillon Burns**; Event 2, **David Pleat**; Event 3, **Phillippe Petit**; Event 4, **Fabian Gradielas**; Event 5, **Bob Beck**; Event 6,

April Davis and Event 7, **Richard Cheng**. That same week the bad beat hit for more than \$84K. **Robert Petty** won \$42,007 when his quad 10s lost to **Sherry Edwards'** straight flush. She pocketed \$21,004 while the rest of the table each received \$3K.

BESTBET: The World Poker Tour is making another huge stop at bestbet Jacksonville and satellites will be running up until the \$3,500 main event, which starts Nov. 15 and has a \$500K guarantee. The series boasts 20 events leading up to the WPT main, kicking off on Nov. 1 with a \$50K guarantee (\$200 buy-in, four starting flights).

Be sure to check the ad on the facing page for details and the full schedule. If hold'em tournaments with huge fields and big guarantees just aren't your thing, the Fall Scramble will feature three Omaha tournaments, as well as the increasingly popular \$200 All-In or Fold with \$50 bounties and unlimited re-entry.

The \$240 H.O.R.S.E. will make its debut. Satellites for the main going on every day, while satellites for the \$50K and \$100K guarantees will be the week of the respective events.

In Jacksonville's September series main event, **Harvey Vandeven** won the title, splitting with **T.K. Miles** and taking home \$76K. Vandeven is a construction owner from Ocala who beat a field of 255. — Email Charles Allison anteupcharles@gmail.com.



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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
11/15	Fri	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	\$500,000
11/16	Sat	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
11/17	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		60/90 min		
11/18	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
11/19	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE FALL SERIES 2013

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
11/1	Fri	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Event #1 Flight #1	\$200	30 min	10,000	\$50,000
11/1	Fri	7pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Event #1 Flight #2	\$200	30 min	10,000	
11/2	Sat	12pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Event #1 Flight #3	\$200	30 min	10,000	
11/2	Sat	7pm	#1	No Limit Hold'em Event #1 Flight #4	\$200	30 min	10,000	
11/3	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
11/3	Sun	12pm	#2	Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/3	Sun	3pm	#3	No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/4	Mon	3pm	#4	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/5	Tue	3pm	#5	No Limit Hold'em W/ \$50 bounties	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/6	Wed	3pm	#6	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/7	Thu	12pm	#7	No Limit Hold'em Event #7 Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	\$100,000
11/8	Fri	12pm	#7	No Limit Hold'em Event #7 Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
11/9	Sat	12pm	#7	No Limit Hold'em Event #7 Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
11/9	Sat	3pm	#8	No Limit Hold'em All-In or Fold W/ \$50 bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
11/10	Sun	12pm	#7	Event #7 Final Day				
11/10	Sun	12pm	#9	Limit H.O.R.S.E.	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/10	Sun	3pm	#10	No Limit Hold'em W/ \$100 bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/11	Mon	12pm	#11	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/11	Mon	3pm	#12	Pot Limit Omaha W/ \$100 Re-buys	\$200	30 min	2,500	
11/12	Tue	12pm	#13	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/12	Tue	3pm	#14	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/13	Wed	12pm	#15	No Limit Hold'em	\$570	30 min	15,000	
11/13	Wed	3pm	#16	No Limit Hold'em	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/14	Thu	12pm	#17	No Limit Hold'em	\$1,065	30 min	15,000	
11/15	Fri	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1A	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	\$500,000
11/16	Sat	12pm	Main Event	No Limit Hold'em Main Event Day 1B	\$3,500	60 min	30,000	
11/16	Sat	3pm	#18	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/16	Sat	7pm	#19	No Limit Hold'em Turbo W/ \$50 bounties	\$240	15 min	10,000	
11/17	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		60/90 min		
11/17	Sun	3pm	#20	No Limit Hold'em	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/18	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
11/19	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

All events other than Event #8, the All-in or Fold event, will allow one re-entry within the registration period. Event #8, the All-in or Fold event, will allow unlimited re-entries. All events are one day events except for Events #1, #7 and the Main Event. Event #1 is a three day event. There will be four starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent flights, as well as one re-entry on same flight. Event #7 is a four day event. There will be three starting days allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as one re-entry on same day. Main Event is a five day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as one re-entry on same day. Main Event final table will be live streamed on www.worldpokertour.com. 7PM Nightly super satellites start October 1st. Single table satellites running daily starting November 1st. Registration for the Main Event is open through the second break. Registration for all other events is open through the first break. Player of the series points will be accumulated through Event #18. Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion / tournament at any time.

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BAY AREA FULL OF TOURNEY ACTION

September was filled with some major tournament action in the Tampa Bay area. The Hard Rock and Silks poker rooms had series that attracted some big numbers.

The Silks at Tampa Bay Downs in Tampa held a five-event series, rekindling the PPC series it ran in the summer. **Pamela Buzzetto**, who is a floor supervisor at Derby Lane's poker room in St. Petersburg, captured the main event. She walked away with cash (the event was an eight-way chop so actual numbers were not released) and a \$4K Aruba prize package. When I asked her about the tournament, she said it was all about running good and was excited to go down to Aruba.

Along with this win, Buzzetto has several notable cashes to her name, including two at this past World Series. However, she was not the only area female player to take down events locally.

The Hard Rock's Fall Tampa Bay Open series had two of Central Florida's finest female players win titles: **Anne "Shari" Amato** and **Natasha Barbour**.



ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.

These two are no strangers to big cashes or big titles. Amato last year made it to the televised final table of the Heartland Poker Tour event in Daytona Beach. She also made a deep run at the Seminole Hollywood Everglades Poker Open with another fine bay-area female player, **Marsha Wolak**.

These women made deep runs in the series main event and have boasted numerous top 10 finishes. Wolak earned a World Series ladies bracelet in 2011. Barbour is a bay-area grinder who tours the circuit and has big cashes across the country, including South Florida, Biloxi, Miss., and several series in Vegas at the Wynn and Caesars.

As for the main event, **Scott Anderson** pocketed \$68,393 for the Tampa Bay Open title. The series held 17 events and saw a good mix of buy-ins and game styles. All winners are listed in the chart.

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Tampa Bay Open

- Event 1 - \$515 NLHE
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- Event 4 - \$290 NLHE
Evan Eisenberg, \$3K*
- Event 5 - \$220 NLHE
Ernest Webb, \$4,181*
- Event 6 - \$220 Seniors
Anne Amato, \$6,670*
- Event 7 - \$355 NLHE
Natasha Barbour, \$4,461*
- Event 8 - \$220 NL/PLO
Adam Farjam, \$3,923
- Event 9 - \$220 Seniors
Don Fann, \$5,688
- Event 10 - \$220 PLO
Walid Maddah, \$3,317*
- Event 11 - \$245 Bounty
Jason Lux, \$3,724*
- Event 12 - \$220 NLHE
Robert Gill, \$5,116
- \$1,500 Main Event
Scott Anderson, \$68,383
- Event 14 - \$220 NLHE
Barron Whipple, \$3,479*
- Event 15 - \$290 Bounty
Alban Frasher, \$3,916*
- Event 16 - \$355 NLHE
Amir Daoud, \$4,919
- Event 17 - \$190 NLHE
Ryan Gittings, \$2K*

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KICKAPOO IS LONE STAR'S LONE ROOM

For the first time, *Ante Up's* Southwest column will include a poker room from the great state of Texas. The newest kid on the block is in Eagle Pass, Texas, where the Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino has some terrific November promotions.



MARY BRADLEY
SOUTHWEST

There is a \$20 no-limit hold'em rebuy event every Tuesday at 7 p.m., including unlimited \$10 rebuys. On the second and fourth Sundays, a \$75 bounty tournament starts at 1 p.m., including a one-time add-on for \$10, and \$25 bounties.

The first and third Sundays feature \$120 tournament at 1 p.m., including a one-time add-on for \$10.

Also, the high hand of the hour every Wednesday from 3-11 p.m. wins \$100. And Aces Cracked is every Monday and Thursday (3-11 p.m.) earns \$100.

Arizona

TALKING STICK RESORT: The Arena Poker Room is looking forward to its Jack and Jill no-limit hold'em championship, which has a \$12K guarantee on Nov. 23 (11:15 a.m.) Buy-in is \$115 per couple as play alternates every 30 minutes. Players begin with 5K chips, with an optional \$10 add-on for 1,500 chips. For more tournament information, be sure to check our Where to Play pages in the back of the magazine or contact the poker room.

WILD HORSE PASS AND VEE QUIVA: November promotions for Vee

Quiva and Wild Horse Pass look familiar, with for the following exceptions: at Wild Horse, there will be no East-West tournament, and baseball splash pots are replaced by basketball splash pots. At Vee Quiva, baseball splash pots are replaced by basketball splash pots.

New Mexico

ISLETA RESORT & CASINO: A new Camaro will be given away in a drawing on Dec. 14 as players earn tickets for each hour of live play in the poker room or by making an ace-high flush.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: A reminder to players who clocked 40 hours of live play in October, your freeroll is Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Also, a \$100 Omaha/8 tournament is Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. Players start with 5K chips and have 20-minute levels, plus \$100 will be added to the prize pool per table.

From Nov. 1-Dec. 24, the poker room hosts its \$5,200 Holiday Cash Giveaway. Players receive one entry ticket for every two hours of live play and there will be three drawings daily (Dec. 11-24). Plus, Happy Hour is coming to the poker room, with beverage and food specials nightly.

ROUTE 66 CASINO HOTEL: The poker room's monthly event is Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. The prize pool will have \$2K added, and there are three ways to get in: play 35-plus hours and entry is free; play 20-34 hours and pay half (\$150) or buy-in directly for \$300.

— **Mary Bradley is Ante Up's Southwest Ambassador. You can email her at anteupmary@gmail.com.**



Reno local Brecher wins WPT Regional at Atlantis, \$58K

The Atlantis Casino wrapped up its WPT Regional event in September, paying out more than \$450K over 28 events.

The \$1,650 main event attracted 111 runners for a \$200K prize pool as Reno local **Steve Brecher** took home \$58K and the title. The final table included two Atlantis dealers, **Travis Francis** and **Kyle Hanson**, who won a seat into the main event via satellite, taking home a combined \$13K. Brecher was followed by **Roger Sippl** (\$38K), **Dean Friedlander** (\$25K), **Jed Hoffman** (\$18K) and **Gerald Morrell** (\$14K).



LESLIE PAULS
RENO

Said Atlantis poker room assistant manager **Keith Dames**: "We were pleased with the tournament as a whole. The event ran smoothly,

thanks in part to our outstanding tournament staff. Our guests for this event complimented the generous structures."

WENDOVER: The Wendover Nugget Hotel and Casino in West Wendover, Nev., will award an Ante Up Poker Cruise package to the winner of its Ante Up Poker League that runs through Dec. 31. The champion of the league, which began Aug. 1, will be the player with the best average finishing position in tournament points and live game hours clocked during the

league period. At 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month of league play, a \$2K freeroll will be held. Players can earn additional starting chips based on tournament points and live game hours from the previous month. The champion will win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for up to two people on the March 30 sailing from Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera and a league champion's jacket. Go to anteupmagazine/leagues for more information.

WSOPC: The World Series of Poker Circuit at Harveys Lake Tahoe runs through Nov. 4 and the first flight of the four-day \$1,675 main event is Nov. 1 at noon. Poker room supervisor **Apollo Poth** said he's "extremely excited for this year's circuit event, as the 2012 series crushed numbers from the previous years and we even set a record for the largest tournament in Northern Nevada history. I expect the success and popularity of last year's event to roll over into this one and I'm looking forward to another amazing turnout this year."

For more info, go to wsop.com or call 775-588-2411 ext. 2707.

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LVH'S NEW POKER ROOM FINDS NEW HOME

The new poker room at the LVH is on the move. In late July, the property started spreading poker for the first time in more than five years. The five tables initially were in the main pit of the casino, and in just a few months the room has proved to be successful enough to given its own room, right by the main showroom.



ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

Mark Selby, the lead supervisor of the poker room, is excited to earn a permanent location. I asked him to discuss the decision to bring poker back to the LVH.

"The LVH is a legend reborn," Selby said. "A part of that is bringing us back to being a full service hotel and casino. Our guests have asked for poker and we have listened. ... Poker players and sports bettors are often one and the same. The biggest, best and most successful sports book in Las Vegas history perfectly complements our new poker room."

What does the future hold? "I think our intent has been shown in moving the room from a location on the casino floor to one where it is more permanent," Selby said. "The new room is perfectly appointed and ready to grow. We see poker continuing to grow at LVH, as our guests become accustomed to us once again having poker and word spreads what a great room we have."

Next to the Las Vegas Convention Center, the hotel guests are predominately convention attendees. But Selby isn't settling for just that market.

"All successful poker rooms have a core group of locals," he said. "Here at the LVH we hope for the same. The conventions that the hotel hosts and that are hosted close by will provide the bulk of our tourist traffic. In time, I am sure that tourists will hear about the friendliest room in Vegas and stop by to check it out for themselves. I am confident once a player tries our room, they will become a repeat visitor. Being a small room, capitalizing on gaining repeat business from our guests will be the key to our success. As a team, we're working extremely hard to provide the best level of hospitality available today in Las Vegas or indeed any poker room in the country."

Selby wasted no time in getting the LVH poker room on social media, with a dedicated Facebook page and Twitter account, keeping the Vegas poker community apprised of the games LVH is spreading. At this point, it's mostly \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em and \$4-\$8 limit. The room opens daily at noon

except on NFL Sundays, when things get started at 8 a.m. Selby expects to announce a tournament schedule soon.

PALMS: The six-table room off the Strip has a new manager. **Todd Buechler**, formerly of the M Resort, is the man in charge of the room that's owned by Cantor Gaming. He replaces **Bobby Griffith**, who left in September.

Buechler has an ambitious slate of new promos for the room. On Fridays, drawings every half hour give away a total of \$3K between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Players earn tickets for every hour played during the week. Every day but Friday, players who have aces cracked win a minimum buy-in for the game they're playing (\$200 for \$2-\$5 NLHE, \$100 for \$1-\$2 NLHE, \$40 for \$4-\$8 limit and \$20 for \$2-\$4 limit).

They offer high-hand bonuses for quads or better, and a splash pot for any table where a player hits a high hand. Check the Where to Play pages in the back of the magazine for more.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: Phamous Poker Series II was a five-day series in early September and offered \$1K prize to the player with the most points during the series. Las Vegas grinder **Mike Davis** won the championship Sept. 7, which had a \$10K guarantee, and then used his seventh-place finish the next day in the series finale to win Player of the Series and the \$1K bonus. Phamous Poker Series III is scheduled for Dec. 26-30.

BELLAGIO: **David Sands** of Montana won top prize in the main event of the Festa al Lago Classic (\$83K). Thirty-eight players paid \$5,180 to battle for the \$184K prize pool. **Matt O'Donnell** of Florida (\$49K) and **Frank Rusnak** of Chicago (\$31K) rounded out the top three. The series ended Sept. 13.

The Bellagio just completed a slight remodel of its popular room, removing three tables to make things more comfortable for players. The new 36-table configuration gives more room for the \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 players.

CAESARS PALACE: **Ross Fabrizio** of Las Vegas won the championship at the Kickoff Classic on Sept. 15, earning a \$16K first prize. More than 150 entrants vied for the \$75K prize pool in the \$560 event.

VENETIAN: The room's Deep Stack Extravaganza 3.5 completed its two-week run with a three-day, \$1,600 main event on Oct. 1. Nearly 230 players competed for the \$332K prize pool, and the winner was **Thomas Mohler** of Florida. He took home \$79K.

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TOURNAMENTS AND BAD BEATS MAKING NEWS

The region's flurry of poker tournament series that began shortly after the conclusion of the summer tournament season in Las Vegas, has eased up a bit. Downstream, WinStar World, Choctaw, Hard Rock, Cherokee West Siloam Springs, Indigo Sky hosted at least one tournament series up until mid October.



ROBERT KELLY
OK.-KANSAS

About a month will pass before the next series begins. While dates had not been released at press time, that series will be Hard Rock Casino's annual Hard Rock Poker Open. Typically running 10 days, the series will begin in

November.

Downstream Casino is hosting its "Fish n Chips" event Nov. 13-16. Some of the top anglers in the country will gather to fish for two days and then play a poker event. Competitors receive points for the weight of the fish and their place in the poker tournament. The Saturday tournament will be a \$225 no-limit

hold'em event that will be open to the public, enabling players to play with the anglers.

BAD BEAT NEWS: A few area casinos are seeing their bad-beat jackpots climb to life-changing amounts, and one reason is each bad beat requires quads beaten. Hard Rock's was almost \$300K at press time. Boot Hill Casino's was near \$200K and River Spirit Casino's was more than \$125K. Players in the region have noticed the growing jackpots have drawn action away from non-hold'em games.

An interesting development to keep an eye on in the region is the involvement of Hollywood Casino Kansas Speedway in the second season of the Hollywood Poker Open. M Resort in Las Vegas will once again host the championship event in June. This past season, Hollywood Casino Kansas Speedway qualified players, based upon hours of seat time, into a freeroll for championship seats. It's likely its promotion will begin in December. — **Email Robert Kelly at anteuprob@gmail.com.**



River City hosts Heartland Poker Tour on Nov. 1

The Heartland Poker Tour returns to River City Casino on Nov. 1-11.



DON MATUSOFSKY
MISSOURI

This has become a twice-a-year stop for the tour, but new for this stop is the addition of the 200-room hotel on site. Special room rates are available so contact the poker room for details.

There will be 44 tables for tournament and cash-game play.

Tony Russo will be stepping in as tournament director as **Anthony Chester**, the ex-tournament director, now is solely working for Lumiere Place's poker room.

"Anthony did a lot to make these tournaments run so smoothly and provided great training for the dealers," Russo said. "Anthony deserves credit for our success. Traveling dealers have applied in record numbers to deal these events because they love this stop. We are very proud that, other than extra dealers, we haven't hired outside staff to run these

tournaments."

The HPT events at this stop will all be no-limit hold'em. Each day has qualifiers for the main event, daily events and second-chance tournaments. Single-table satellites will run all week with buy-ins from \$50-\$360. Event 5 on Nov. 5 will feature the popular six-max format. The main event's TV final table will be Nov. 11 and the public is invited to attend the taping.

— **Don Matusofsky is our Missouri Ambassador. Email him at anteupdonm@gmail.com.**



Semanisn wins Ho-Chunk Nekoosa's Pulse Pounding tournament

Miroslav Semanisn captured Ho-Chunk Nekoosa's third annual Pulse Pounding tournament Sept. 28, held in memory of former table games employee **Kevin Abbott**.



CHAD HOLLOWAY
WISCONSIN

The tournament attracted 40 runners for prize pool of \$12,500. The event raised \$1,800 for the Foundation of Saint Joseph's Hospital.

The event featured four \$200 bounties including local radio personalities **Kim Carr, Bryan Scott, "Panama Jack"** and myself. Also in attendance was 2012 World Series of Poker National Championship runner-up **Nikolas Stone**. After two days of play, Semanisn emerged victorious



to win \$3,500 and a championship silver bracelet.

"The Pulse Pounding tournament event started in 2011," Nekoosa poker room manager **Adam Estes** said. "(Abbott) loved poker, dealing and talking to people. We wanted to create an event to honor his memory and raise money to donate to help others in need at the same time."

Here are the rest of the top six, and the top three made a deal. **Kevin Koscal** (\$3K), **Troy Miller** (\$3K), **David Nelson** (\$1,250), **Ben Rock** (\$1K) and **Robin Weideman** (\$750). Ho-Chunk Nekoosa's next big tournament will be in December.

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MONROE DONATES MUCH OF HIS HPT PRIZE

There are many ways to begin a column about September's Heartland Poker Tour at the Golden Gates, especially when it's the second-straight HPT event in which extraordinary weather conditions closed the main roads into Black Hawk. But this stands out most of all: The event's winner, 62-year-old **Rich Monroe** of Sedalia (about 40 miles south of Denver), decided on a remarkably commendable use for his winnings: He's donating about 30 percent of his more than \$235K prize to relief for victims of the devastating Colorado floods.



RICK GERSHMAN
COLORADO

Because my computer has a calculator, I can advise that comes out to about \$70K, including sizable donations to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Just as impressive is that Monroe didn't make a big deal about the charitable act.

"The money isn't really a huge deal to me, because I've done well," said Monroe, who retired from Accenture in 2001 and thanked the Golden Gates dealers with sizable tips.

That's the sort of thing you might expect from one of the top pros or an extremely active (and successful) amateur, but Monroe doesn't wholly fit that mold. He's been playing for about eight years and had six cashes at World Series of Poker events

in Las Vegas, but the HPT award eclipses Monroe's previous best by, well, a good \$220K.

Regardless, competing in a field of 716 players that included big-name pros such as **Kathy Liebert**, **Cyndy Violette** and **Greg "Fossilman" Raymer** (the 2012 HPT Player of the Year), it was Monroe who came out on top.

The big difference this time? "I just ran very well," Monroe said. "I'm a player who (usually) has lots of bad luck. If it comes down to a race, I'll get beat on the river. This time, I played really tight for most of the tournament."

And that suckout came when it was three-handed at the final table as Monroe's 2-5 held up against **Alex Greenblatt's** pocket aces thanks to a river deuce that gave him two pair. Greenblatt had largely run roughshod over the final table to that point. Greenblatt of Atherton, Calif., finished second and cashed for more than \$145K, while Denver's **Keith Love** was third (\$95K-plus).

The HPT had one of its best turnouts at Golden Gates, generating a prize pool of more than \$1.23 million, despite the road closures caused by the floods. The March HPT event dealt with a rogue blizzard that also closed the main roads into Black Hawk on the final qualifying day, but it managed to be successful regardless.

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PROMOTIONS ARE IN FULL SWING IN TUNICA

Fall is under way and with it comes exciting promotions and a few more tournaments in Mississippi poker. I'll start at the north end of the state in Tunica. Gold Strike has moved its annual winter tournament to an earlier time slot, running Oct. 31-Nov. 9. This will conflict less with the holidays and hopefully guarantee big turnouts and even bigger prize pools. Though promotions will be suspended during the tournament, the fall is a great time to visit Gold Strike.



JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

"They're just giving away money at the Strike!" said manager **Johnny Grooms**, who also runs the Beau Rivage's poker room in Biloxi. Promotions include the "Sick Beat," which rewards players losing with queens full of deuces or better. The loser wins \$500, the winner wins \$300 and any player dealt in will win \$100. Aces Cracked is back from midnight on Sunday until 3 p.m. Friday every week. Any player in a limit hold'em game up to \$10-\$20 will receive \$100 when they lose a pot with pocket aces. From 9-3 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. the payout doubles to \$200. For more info, visit facebook.com/GoldStrikePoker.

Just down the road at Harrah's Tunica, all sorts of great fall promotions are running. The Early Bird High Hand is my favorite, awarding the morning players every 30 minutes from 4 a.m. till noon Sunday-Thursday weekly. The highest hand each 30 minutes, bigger than 10s full of deuces will be awarded a progressive cash prize.

The first session each morning will begin with \$100. If no hand qualifies, the money rolls over and increases by \$25 every 30 minutes until there's a winner. Once awarded, the prize will start over at \$25 and continue to increase until awarded. If mornings aren't your thing, from 2-9 p.m. Monday-Friday

every 30 minutes \$25 will be awarded to a random seat at each limit hold'em table. For more info, call 662-357-3018.

Just a bit further south at the Pearl River Casino Resort in Choctaw, Miss., the Bravo Poker System has arrived. This is one of many signs of positive growth as action continues to reach new levels in Choctaw.

Manager **Neil Atkinson** has added two tables to bring the room total to 12. Pearl River will host a \$25K guarantee Dec. 13-15. The last one, held in September, had 197 entries for a prize pool of a little more than \$35K. In addition to new tournaments and expanding space, the poker room is set up for table-side dining from the casino sports bar. For more information, call 855-97-POKER.

In beautiful Biloxi the action is heating up with a WPT Regional qualifier runs Nov. 29-Dec. 8 at the IP Casino Resort. This event will feature multiple guarantees in a broad range of buy-ins. More information is available on the WPT website or you can call the IP at 800-436-3000.

Speaking of the IP, the World Series of Poker Circuit wrapped up on Sept. 16 and you can see the winners down below.

Martin Zentner of New Orleans captured the main-event title by edging **Hank Sitton** of Greenville, S.C. Zentner earned more than \$106K for the victory and a gold ring. Sitton won \$65K. Third place went to **Rob Mariano** of Pensacola, Fla., for almost \$48K. If that name sounds familiar it's because he's Boston Rob from *Survivor* fame. Mariano was a poker student of pro **Daniel Negreanu**.

The Biloxi poker rooms have so many great promotions they deserve their own column. Next month, I'll feature everything going on at the Beau Rivage, Hard Rock, IP and the newly rebranded Golden Nugget.

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WSOPC, IP Casino Resort, Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 5-16



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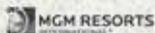
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ZINNO OUTLASTS SELBST FOR BPO TITLE

Borgata held its annual World Poker Tour Borgata Poker Open on Sept. 3-20, and it's not only the most popular tournament series in Atlantic City, but it has brought the largest field of players for the past three consecutive years.



JO KIM
A.C./PHILLY

The large volume of entrants in Atlantic City has brought changes to WPT's world championship event for the upcoming 2014 season. After 11 WPT seasons of holding the championship at the Bellagio in Las Vegas, the event will be at the Borgata in May.

Event 1 of the series set a record of 4,482 entries. **Maksim Rozenfeld** of Staten Island took home the trophy and \$363,091.

The \$3,500 championship event had 1,189 players for a prize pool of \$3.8 million.

"Borgata gets more local players than most other tournaments and less of the big-name pros fly in due to the low buy-in," Philadelphia pro **Chris Klodnicki** said. "The large field size makes it tough to win."

Many notables were in the field, but only few remained as Borgata hosted the longest bubble burst ever in the event.

Anthony Zinno of Cranston, R.I., captured the title, finishing heads-up against pro **Vanessa Selbst**, who came close to being the first woman to win a WPT televised event. Zinno took home \$825,099.

One local player, **Joe "Worm" Palma**, took home two trophies

from Events 3 and 12. Both events were non-hold'em tournaments: pot-limit Omaha/8 and H.O.R.S.E.

"There were much smaller fields for these events and only a small percentage play them well," Palma said.

Despite Palma's humble remarks, the field had numerous tough competitors, including **Allen Kessler** and **Chris Reslock**.

The busy traffic was apparent as the bad-beat jackpot set a Borgata record shortly after the BPO. The \$614,619 pot was rewarded to a \$2-\$5 NLHE table among eight players. **William Varley** of Jackson, N.J., took home \$245,845 with a nine-high straight flush. The Borgata Fall Open will be Nov. 12-27.

In other Borgata news, it was the first room to be granted an online gaming license in New Jersey.

POKERSTARS: Atlantic City is anticipating its inaugural launch date for online poker. The tentative date is set for Nov 26. PokerStars, the world's top competitor in online poker, has begun a blueprint for a \$10M poker room at Resorts Casino Hotel.

Depending on the final scheduled launch date approved by the State Division of Gaming Enforcement, the gaming company has set a cascade of events to quicken the legal process. Not only will this be a revolutionary change for online poker players in the U.S., but for many N.J. residents seeking jobs. Construction on the new room will begin once PokerStars gets its license approved.

GOLDEN NUGGET: The poker room closed Oct. 10.

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HPO hits Hollywood Lawrenceburg Nov. 15

Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind., will host its Hollywood Poker Open on Nov. 15-24. The 25-event schedule will have a \$345 opener with three Day 1s, a seniors and a ladies tournament. The \$675 buy-in HPO mini-series main event will be Nov. 23. See the ad on the facing page.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

NIRO'S INFLUENCE: The decade following the turn of the century, Chicagoland poker rooms experienced sweeping changes paving the way on how they're currently run. Back then limit poker was played, no tournaments, no bad beats, not even automatic suffers were available.

Working his way up the ranks, **Dom Niro** was involved with many changes. Niro, who started at the Showboat in 1997, worked under four casino names while watching poker rooms come and go. For Niro, it was all about poker and its players, becoming a valuable link between upper management and the poker room.

Niro was part of the team that started the state's first bad beat, submitted NW Indiana's first tournament along with Chicagoland's first weekly no-limit tournaments. Seeing a nationwide

trend with tournament popularity, Niro greatly expanded Majestic Star's weekly tournament schedule. (Majestic Star has an HPT event Nov. 22-Dec. 8, by the way.)

At Harrah's East Chicago, Niro watched over the Midwest's biggest limit games. He was the key figure with the Heartland Poker Tour's first televised event in Chicagoland.

"I have worked with some great people like **Jeremy Smith**, **Amanda Alavarez**, **Nick Zachny**, **Greg Nichols**, **Mike Soto**, **Jason Gregorec** and **Dave Schugar** and many more who are now spread out across the USA," said Niro who runs the Daytona Beach Kennel Club's poker room. Today, Niro's influence in Chicagoland's poker rooms is still present with the many employees who have worked under him.

"Having worked with Dom for over eight years, he has always been an influential figure with the way I manage the poker room, always making customer service a high priority," Smith said.

WSOPC: Horseshoe Southern Indiana's World Series of Poker Circuit's re-entry event had 546 entries with a \$64K pool. **William Firebaugh** from Indianapolis won the title and \$34K.

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Sat	11/16 at 7pm	1c	No Limit Hold'em Deep Stack	\$345
Sat	11/16 at 9pm	2	Nightly Cash No-Limit Hold'em	\$125
Sun	11/17 at Noon		Deepstack Event #1 (Day 2) 1a, 1b & 1c combined	NA
Sun	11/17 at 3pm	3	NL Hold'em (Producer Card Giveaway)	\$235
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Mon	11/18 at 8pm	7	Nightly Cash No-Limit Hold'em	\$125
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Tue	11/19 at 8pm	10	Nightly No-Limit Hold'em	\$125
Wed	11/20 at 11am	11	Daily Cash Turbo No-Limit Hold'em	\$80
Wed	11/20 at 3pm	12	NL Hold'em (Iron Man)	\$235
Wed	11/20 at 8pm	13	Nightly Cash No-Limit Hold'em	\$125

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Thu	11/21 at 7pm	15b	No-Limit Hold'em Deep Stack	\$275
Fri	11/22 at 11am	16	Daily Cash Turbo No-Limit Hold'em	\$80
Fri	11/22 at Noon		Merge / Restart Event #15	
Fri	11/22 at 3pm	17	No Limit Hold'em w/ \$100 bounties	\$345
Fri	11/22 at 5pm	18	Turbo Satellite (to Main Event)	\$80
Fri	11/22 at 8pm	19	Nightly Cash No-Limit Hold'em	\$125
Fri	11/22 at 10pm	20	Turbo Satellite (to Main Event)	\$80
Sat	11/23 at 11am	21	Turbo Satellite (to Main Event)	\$80
Sat	11/23 at 1pm	22	HPO Mini-Series Main Event	\$675
Sat	11/23 at 8pm	23	Nightly Cash No-Limit Hold'em	\$125
Sun	11/24 at Noon		Main Event Restart	
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WSOPC CIRCUIT INVADES OHIO FOR 1ST TIME

The region's first World Series of Poker Circuit ran the last two weeks of September and players loved it. There is a mixed view on the relative success of the events based upon overall attendance. What can't be argued, however, is the wonderful production of the staff at the Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati. They did a superb job getting players signed in for tournaments and provided players a great playing environment; complete with a first-class poker kitchen. There was plenty of action for players at any entry point. Poker room manager **Jason Newman** (formerly of Horseshoe Hammond) is no stranger to throwing a big poker party and it really showed. The staff was wonderful, floors confident and easygoing. It had the feel of major event and there was a generous sprinkling of known pros lurking about, including **Aaron Massey, Maurice Hawkins, Aaron Stuary** and **Mark Rose**.



DAN HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

In the largest tournament of the series, Event 2 saw 1,106 entrants vie for the \$60K first prize. **Jason Hill** from Burton outlasted St. Clairsville's **Tim Bishop** (\$37K) in an entertaining final table. The main event had 740 participants and a prize pool of \$1.11 million. Cincinnati's **Bradford Albrinck** took down the \$221K first prize by defeating **David Kash** (\$136K) of Mansfield in a tough final table that featured bracelet-winner Stuary.

There were other winners, and not just of titles. The local hotel, bar and hospitality industry did a fine job entertaining everyone, while the Horseshoe got to show its stuff on a regional stage. And, the WSOPC put on a fine show.

But there were some losers, too. The Horseshoe Cincinnati had to absorb last-minute security changes in camera coverage for the event. The original plan had been a 2-to-1 table-to-camera ratio. Two days before the event began, the Ohio Casino Control Commission determined that ratio didn't sufficiently meet the standard of coverage and forced an extra 30 cameras (about \$1K each) and two DVR devices (about \$15K

each) to be installed.

Poker, unlike any other game in the casino, is a partnership between the room that takes a rake for providing a fun, safe and trustworthy environment to the player and the players who win and lose money to each other. If the house can't be profitable in hosting an event or game, then it will not run it.

Looking forward, it doesn't take a math genius to add up the numbers. Using the numbers from the ring events there is just shy of \$300K in rake generated (3-4 percent goes to the dealers and floor staff). So, let's be crazy and add another \$100K on top of that number for the non-ring events and nightly tournaments, etc.

The cost of the cameras and DVRs is about \$120K before any work has been completed. While these are infrastructure costs, it's easy to see where this will have a chilling effect on major tournament poker in Ohio if something isn't changed regarding the costs of putting on special poker events.

Jessica Franks, communications manager for the OCCC, said the security standards the OCCC adopted in 2011 were a combination of best practices used by other states. These standards relate to table games and slots, not poker and not tournament poker. The standard states security must be able to clearly view cards dealt, any community cards and winning hands, and of course, all wagers. She said one of the major roles of the OCCC is to provide players with a safe and secure playing environment and to protect player interests.

The problem is there's a fundamental disconnect between what's needed to protect players, in particular in the tournament environment. As we all know in a tournament, the director can enforce a variety of penalties to players, including removing them from the event with no refund. Tournament poker is different. The future should prove interesting.

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

WSOPC, Horseshoe Cincinnati. Sept. 19-Oct. 1



Event 1 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 308 • Pool: \$92,400
Caufmann Talley, \$21,716



Event 2 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 1,106 • Pool: \$331,800
Jason Hill, \$60,554



Event 3 • \$365 0/8
Entries: 148 • Pool: \$44,400
Samuel Panzica, \$12,434



Event 4 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 196 • Pool: \$58,800
Chris Parsons, \$15,289



Event 5 • \$580 6-Max
Entries: 138 • Pool: \$69K
Darren Rabinowitz, \$19,664



Event 6 • \$580 PLO
Entries: 106 • Pool: \$53K
Chris Karambinis, \$15,902



Event 7 • \$580 NLHE
Entries: 163 • Pool: \$81,500
Robert Edelstein, \$22,008



Event 8 • \$365 PLO
Entries: 94 • Pool: \$71,800
Samuel Panzica, \$21,538



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Entries: 740 • Pool: \$1.11M
Bradford Albrinck, \$221,994



Event 10 • \$365 NLHE
Entries: 203 • Pool: \$60,900
Pavlin Karakikov, \$15,835



Event 11 • \$365 NLHE
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John Robertson, \$11,589



Event 12 • \$365 NLHE
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Thursday, Dec 12	6:15pm	HHPT Ohio Ladies Championship	8,000+2,000	\$100/20
Friday, Dec 13	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Day 1A	10,000+2,000	\$400/40
Saturday, Dec 14	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Day 1B	10,000+2,000	\$400/40
Sunday, Dec 15	12:15pm	Ohio Poker Championship Finals		

Blind levels for the Monday Night Mega Satellite are 15 minutes. 2 players from every 10 entered in this satellite event will win a \$440 seat to Day 1A of the \$50,000 Guaranteed Ohio Poker Championship on Friday December 13, 2013. Blind levels for Tuesday-Thursday events are 20 minutes. Blinds for the Ohio Poker Championship event are 40 minutes on Friday/Saturday and 60 minutes on Sunday. Complete tournament structures are available on our website. Winner of the Ohio Poker Championship will receive a custom, Championship Watch.

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COUPLE MAKES POKER LIFE WORK FOR THEM

This month I interviewed a couple that lives in the New Orleans area and has been making their living off of the poker scene for quite some time. It's rare to find couples whose daily lives consist of poker. **Morgan Bowers** and **Jeff Sager** hit up Harrah's Casino in New Orleans regularly and have been together quite some time. I asked Morgan about their relationship.



MATT STROUD
LOUISIANA

Did one teach the other how to play or did you meet on the poker table?

We met during a Saints game. He taught me to play poker online; we started pursuing it together and thus began both of our poker careers. ... Jeff taught me the ins and outs of poker ... but once I reached a certain level, we began to learn together.

What are some advantages and disadvantages you experience? Luckily, for us, it's not a disadvantage that we're both serious poker players. People always ask us "Who's the better player?" ... It's really difficult to be a serious poker player and have a relationship at the same time. ... Our biggest setback is having to leave or stay when the other one wants to.

For my final question I'll ask both of you, do you play each other differently? (MORGAN) It totally affects my play when he's at the table. I can never focus. ... I probably play a little more conservatively when he's at the table. Just seeing him is like a reminder to wise

up a little bit and maybe chill out on the triple-barrel bluff-type plays. **(JEFF)** It's love-hate being at the same table as her. I love her being there at the table because we talk, joke, etc., but at the same time it's kind of like a dead seat to me. ... dead seat meaning another good player sitting at the table that you wouldn't target.

7 CLANS: The 7 Clans Poker Cup ran Sept. 17-22 at Coshatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La., including a charity event that raised \$9,030 for the Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. The \$270 buy-in attracted 129 players, including me, and I chopped first place for \$4,134. The main event drew 236 players for a \$217K prize pool. The final two chopped as **Lawrence Lazar** took home \$40,689 for first and **Larry Green** won \$38,689 for second. They were followed by **Edward Lenggenhager** (\$21,747), **Donald Webb** (\$18,485), **Ada Lang** (\$16,310), **Nester Punay** (\$11,961), **John Thomas** (\$10,873), **Kelvine Vu** (\$9,786), **Thomas O'Neal** (\$7,611) and **Christopher Runte** (\$6,524).

WSOPC: The World Series of Poker Circuit hits Horseshoe Bossier City on Nov. 7-18.

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SOUTHEAST IOWA CLASSIC IS NOV. 3-10

The Southeast Iowa Poker Classic has been announced by Catfish Bend Casino in Burlington. This will run Nov. 3-10. There will be six no-limit hold'em events running Nov. 8-10 with qualifier tournaments running the first part of the week.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

This room is also spreading regular 50-cent/\$1 NLHE cash games with \$20 max buy-in. This is somewhat unique and is a great opportunity for newer players to take the cash-game plunge. See catfishbendcasino.com for more details.

HORSESHOE: Andrew Brock, poker room manager at the Horseshoe in Council Bluffs, announced all no-limit games will play nine-handed. Also, the max rake will be reduced to \$5. This is good news to players in Iowa. The room is hosting some unusual tournaments every Monday night at 7.

These rotate with the first Monday being Omaha/8, second Monday is pot-limit Omaha, third is H.O.R.S.E., and the fourth is PLO/8.

The buy-ins are \$100 for each of these tournaments. In months with five Mondays, that fifth event is something special, but the game varies. It could be a bounty tournament, or maybe crazy pineapple or something even more exciting, so check with the poker room.

The Horseshoe also was in the news recently when a story broke that \$1,500 in bogus chips were discovered in play on

one cash-game table. These chips were taken out of play and all players that had these bogus chips were fully compensated by the Horseshoe because they were earned through no fault of their own. Navy Vice Admiral **Tim Giardina**, who was the second in command at U.S. Strategic Command, has been demoted and reassigned to Washington, D.C., but will not face criminal charges. The military continues to investigate the case.

GRAND FALLS: In the northwest corner of Iowa you'll find one of the newer casinos rising out of the cornfields like the players in *Field of Dreams*, the Grand Falls Casino Resort. **Todd Slager** runs the poker room there and is excited about the second annual Fall Poker Series, which will run Nov. 22-25. There will be three big NLHE events with a \$100 bounty event kicking it off on Nov. 22, followed by a \$200 event on Nov. 23 and a \$500 main event on the 24th.

RIVERSIDE: On the other side of the state, Riverside Casino and Resort will hold its Cold Turkey Showdown. This is a \$500 buy-in and runs Nov. 29-Dec. 1. There are \$60 qualifying tournaments running every Sunday if you would like to earn your way in cheaply. This has been a popular tournament in the past and is sure to be once again.

I have enjoyed playing with everyone I have met in the Iowa poker rooms and I hope to see many of you again. If you'd like to know where I might turn up next, because I am always an easy mark, please follow me on Twitter @Ken_Warren.

— Email Ken Warren at anteupken@gmail.com.

Carlson wins Midwest main event, \$53K

Michael Carlson of Maple Grove, Minn., took down the bracelet and \$52,925 for the Midwest Poker Classic at Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus, Minn. Carlson came to the final table with chip lead and defeated **Chad Himmelspach** for the win. Other standout performances: **Darrell Windingstad** (six cashes, \$6,148), **Erick Wright** (five cashes, \$4,412) and **Anthony Burgoyne** (four cashes, \$12,639). Also, **Nes Coburn** won back-to-back events.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

The series featured 25 events, including H.O.R.S.E., ladies edge, seniors, Big O/8 (which I won, so we didn't list in the results) and Jokers Wild. Men were encouraged to enter the ladies-edge tournament. Women received a \$25 discount and the extra \$25 paid by men went to the last woman standing, which ended up being a \$1,600 bonus. And there was a wild card in the joker's wild event.

VANG HONORED: Kou Vang has been announced as the fourth club pro for Running Aces Harness Park.

— Email John Somsky at john.somsky@gmail.com.



Midwest Poker Classic results

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|--|---|--|
| Event 1 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 81 • Pool: \$6,286
Steve Sherritt, \$2,154 | Event 9 • \$100 Seniors
Entries: 96 • Pool: \$7,450
Bob Watters, \$2,551 | Event 17 • \$150 HORSE
Entries: 62 • Pool: \$7,517
Nes Coburn, \$2,781 |
| Event 2 • \$150 NLO
Entries: 53 • Pool: \$5,398
Jerry Olson, \$2,104 | Event 10 • \$250 NLHE
Entries: 68 • Pool: \$14,181
Leo Fussy, \$5,247 | Event 18 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 55 • Pool: \$6,669
Nes Coburn, \$2,781 |
| Event 3 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 61 • Pool: \$7,396
Lance Delich, \$2,736 | Event 11 • \$100 Jokers
Entries: 42 • Pool: \$3,259
Steve Rouse, \$1,336 | Event 19 • \$150 Ladies
Entries: 103 • Pool: \$11,093
Tony Lazar, \$3,793 |
| Event 4 • \$2,500 NLHE
Entries: 20 • Pool: \$50K
Kou Vang, \$32,500 | Event 12 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 71 • Pool: \$5,510
Jeff Cramer, \$1,887 | Event 20 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 68 • Pool: \$5,307
Luke Bohnen, \$1,964 |
| Event 5 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 96 • Pool: \$7,450
Kevin Bergerson, \$2,551 | Event 13 • Freeroll
Entries: 81 • Pool: \$3,542
Josh Rothstein, \$1,205 | \$1,100 Main Event
Entries: 176 • Pool: \$170,720
Michael Carlson, \$52,925 |
| Event 6 • \$200 6-Max
Entries: 138 • Pool: \$22,746
Floyd Degroat, \$7,283 | Event 14 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 47 • Pool: \$5,699
Jon Goetze, \$2,336 | Event 22 • \$150 NLHE
Entries: 109 • Pool: \$13,183
Ryan Ruuska, \$4,349 |
| Event 7 • \$500 NLHE
Entries: 150 • Pool: \$64,154
Hunter Cichy, \$20,529 | Event 15 • \$200 NLHE
Entries: 76 • Pool: \$12,056
Muneer Ahmed, \$4,417 | Event 23 • \$100 NLHE
Entries: 40 • Pool: \$3,104
Robert Poznanovich, \$1,397 |
| Event 8 • \$300 Bounty
Entries: 92 • Pool: \$15,171
Tyler Ripplinger, \$5,198 | Event 16 • \$100 NLHE
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DELAWARE PARK TO HOST BLACK FRIDAY TOURNEYS

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MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

In addition, online poker is getting under way in Delaware. To play online you simply need to live within the state borders. Delaware Park, as advertised in Ante Up, will be one of those online sites.

DOVER DOWNS: On Sunday evenings, Dover Downs' poker room will host Ladies Night freeroll tournaments at 7 p.m. All participants must be 21 and must register at the poker cage with a Dover Downs players card. First place pays \$100, followed by second (\$75), third (\$50) and fourth (\$25).

The tournament may not be chopped and must be played until there is one winner.

Dover Downs also will start offering a Tournament Bad Beat Jackpot, which will pay \$10K to the losing hand of aces full of kings or better. Tournament players also now receive the same comp dollars as cash players and are being rated (only casino in the area rating tournament players).

The poker room also has every NFL game, so that means splash pots and high hands at the end of every quarter of three games on Sunday plus Monday and Thursday nights.

Finally, Dover Downs will host a Toys for Tots event Dec. 7 at 1:15 p.m. The \$45 buy-in sports a \$1K guarantee and gets the player 3K chips, but if you bring a new toy, you'll receive 9K chips.

PPA TESTIFIES IN MARYLAND: Poker Players Alliance executive director **John Pappas** recently visited Annapolis to testify before the Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight. The committee invited Pappas to provide his expertise and insights on the law that makes it a crime to play any game for a wager. Even a penny-ante game of poker in a private residence is considered illegal in Maryland.

Pappas spoke out in favor of legislation that would make exceptions for home poker games. Earlier this year, PPA worked with Maryland delegate **Kirill Reznik** to introduce H.B. 486, the Home Games Protection Bill. This legislation would eliminate penalties for private poker games played at a home where no one is profiting from operating or hosting the game.

All eight members from the Maryland House and Senate who serve on the Joint Committee attended the hearing. It was encouraging that committee chair **Nancy King** said she has heard from "many poker enthusiasts" about their right to play poker in the privacy of their homes. The PPA will be stepping up its advocacy over the coming months to ensure this legislation becomes law.

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MOHEGAN SUN TO HOST DSPT WORLDS

The Mohegan Sun scored a big coup with the addition of the DeepStack Poker Tour World Championship, which begins Nov. 18 and culminates with the \$2,500 main event Nov. 22. The winners of all 2013 DSPT stops will be represented at this year's televised main event, which has a \$500K guarantee. In addition to the world championship, there will be 11 events (all around \$300-\$400) and \$150K in guarantees, as well as multiple satellites for the main event.



PATRICK GALLAGHER
NORTHEAST

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The DSPT is building on a successful run of events at Mohegan Sun, with last winter’s stop and recent summer session. The tour attracts local as well as nationally recognized players, including DeepStacks pros, **Mike Matusow**, **Michael Mizrachi** and

Tristan Wade, who will host several events in November, including the main event.

All DSPT world championship events will be 360 degree live-streamed and held in the poker room, with the exception of the six-handed televised main event final table, which will be in the Cabaret Theater at Mohegan Sun.

For more information, go to mohegansun.com.

FOXWOODS’ WPF ANNIVERSARY: Foxwoods continues a strong year of tournament offerings with the return of the World Poker Finals (Oct. 20-Nov. 3), now in its 20th year.

With more than \$1 million in guarantees, the WPF returns with a wide range of offerings, including no-limit hold’em, pot-limit Omaha, stud and stud/8.

This popular series, which draws players from all over the country, is a favorite for northeast grinders because of its large fields, generous guarantees and multiple NLHE events.

The WPF will feature a \$2,700 main event (with satellites planned each day leading up to the event), \$1,650 and \$1,100 re-entry events, as well as six-max, seniors and women’s events.

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It's been a long time coming and we've been hearing a lot about it for a while, but the time is here: The World Series of Poker brand is online for real money, but of course, only in Nevada. On Sept. 19 at 9:19 a.m., the site started accepting real money for poker within the state. This made WSOP.com and Ultimate Poker the only real-money online providers to step up to the plate since the law passed.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

The site is still in the "field test" stage of its business, but as soon as it's able to show the gaming commission all of the hurdles have been cleared, it's expected the site will quickly take hold and become a major player.

The site has many sit-n-go, multitable tournaments. These range from free to \$215 buy-ins. There's also a weekly \$15K guaranteed every Sunday. So, WSOP.com has no signs of letting the dust settle on its boots when it comes to online or live play.

On Oct. 25 (after press time), WSOP.com offered the first WSOP Online Championship Series, which was comprised of nine events. The winners of each event will play in a live single-table freeroll on the main stage at the Penn & Teller Theater right before the WSOP main event final table. Prizes will be \$50K for first, \$30K for second and \$20K for third.

FULL TILT UPDATE: Emails have been sent to eligible players with money in their Full Tilt accounts. I contacted some of my friends who received the email and have found out there were some glitches when they filled out the form on the GCG website. The biggest glitch was with the unique petition number claimants had to use to file their petition. The number was listed in the email from the GCG. When the player went to the GCG claims website to enter this number, a message was returned on the screen saying the number was invalid. It was later discovered and posted on several blogs that a zero had to be added to the front of the number before the website would accept it. The zero wasn't included in the number in the email. Once that issue was settled, the process was simple and straightforward.

According to the GCG website (fulltiltpokerclaims.com), more than 1.4 million emails were sent and as of Oct. 3, there have been more than 23,500 petitions filed. For those who have not filed yet, the deadline is Nov. 16. If you don't have your claim filed by that date, then you're not eligible to receive any money from your Full Tilt account.

If you didn't receive an email and you believe you should have, there's a process in place for you to file a petition as well. Go to the website read the section titled IMPORTANT UPDATE. The same deadline applies.

— Email Joel Gatlin at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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I'm playing \$1-\$1 no-limit hold'em in a Florida cardroom. One player was all-in preflop, creating a side pot for me and the remaining player with chips. After the flop, my remaining opponent said, "all-in" but doesn't push his chips across the line. I said, "call" and tabled my hand, as do the two remaining players. The board runs out and my hand wins. The dealer pushed me the main pot and the side pot. The second all-in opponent gets up out of his chair still holding his stack of chips and makes a beeline for the cashier. I asked the dealer where the rest of my chips were, and the dealer said he thought the opponent only called and hadn't moved in.



JODY RUSSELL
CALL THE FLOOR

Four other players at the table confirm hearing him say, "all-in." Meanwhile, I holler to a floorman to stop my opponent from leaving, but he quickly cashed out and left. The floorman checked the security cameras and paid me what I would should have won, so it all ended well for me, but I'm curious about a few things. I know a lot of the responsibility of being aware of what's going on belongs to the players. But it's not my job to put another player's chips in the pot when he bets. I'm not even allowed to touch his chips. One of the reasons I pay a rake is so the game is run by a professional dealer, who counts the chips and makes sure the pot is right. That can't be my responsibility to count each player's bet and confirm that it's correct. Can it?

I can't touch the chips. How can I count them? The way it was handled by the floor made me feel good about the integrity of the room. I wonder what they will do if my opponent, who I'm told is a "regular" in the room, shows up again. Confront him? Ban him? Or just let it go? — **Frank Toscano, via email**

JODY: It's always the player's responsibility to make sure the bets are correct and the pot is right. The dealers facilitate this, but they aren't perfect. Human error can occur at any time, so it's ultimately the player's responsibility to pay attention to what is going on and to ask questions when they're unsure.

You can always ask the dealer to count the bets in a manner you're comfortable with and you can ask them to bring the chips into the pot.

This situation you described isn't common, but it does happen from time to time. The best answer I can give is it really isn't anyone's fault when some angle-shooter tries to steal from a game.

The room you were playing in did right by you so I would definitely encourage you to continue playing there. I would also encourage you to speak with management there and let them know they may lose your business if they allow the person who stole from you to continue to play there. If this happened in my room, they would be banned for life.

— **Jody Russell is a veteran poker room manager. Email questions to editor@anteupmagazine.com.**

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GAME SELECTION IS KEY TO SUCCESS

Most people who play poker lose money. A small percentage of players make money in the long run. If you tell me you're a winner or break-even player, you're practicing solid game selection or you're lying. Maybe you're lying to yourself. What I know for sure is if you're a long-term winning player, then you're practicing proper game selection.



LEE
CHILDS

To select the right games, we must be completely honest and objective about our skills and bankroll. The biggest issue is we all think we're better than we are. Most of us have desires to compete against the best. After all, you have to beat the best to be the best, right?

Culture teaches us that being second is the first loser, and nobody wants to be a loser. I'm going to go out on a limb here and say the best poker player in the world isn't reading this column. He certainly isn't writing it and whoever he or she is probably is playing poker in Macau or enjoying spending everyone else's money. And hopefully donating quite a bit to charitable causes as well.

Here's the deal: You're not going to be the best poker player in the world. However, you can work toward being the best you can be. This starts, and actually could essentially end, with

proper game selection. No matter how good you are or strive to be, if you simply play against players that are not as good as you on a regular basis, you will win. You obviously need to do all of the other things I write about, like solid fundamentals and keeping your mind-set under control, but if you have those things down pat and exercise poor game selection, you will lose. It really is that simple.

I'm just as guilty as everyone else with this. I love to play against solid players. I love to put my skills to the test. But, knowing what I know now, when I do this, I know I'm in a long-term losing situation.

Will it help me to get better playing against better players? Yes. Do I satisfy my need for challenge? Yes. Am I going to make money in the long run vs. these players? No. Not a chance. I only have an edge when I play against weaker players and in games with less stress because they're not as much of a financial risk.

Get an edge on opponents. Become a long-term winning poker player by practicing solid, intentional game selection. Decide to Win!

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INTROSPECTIVE POKER

MAKE ALL OF YOUR BETS COUNT

Here's a situation I see surprisingly too much in no-limit hold'em tournaments and cash games. Let's use tournaments as an example. Say blinds are 100-200 and everyone is plenty deep. There are four limpers to the big blind, who raises to 400. Everyone calls and they see a flop five-handed.



DAVID
APOSTOLICO

What has the big blind accomplished? What could he possibly hold that would justify such a bet?

The answer to both questions is nothing. If his goal is to thin the field, he failed miserably. If his goal is to punish the limpers, he didn't really accomplish that either. While limping and calling a raise is never a good strategy, the players are getting proper odds here to make the play.

What if his goal is to build a pot? Well, that brings us to the second question of what holding would justify such an action. Even if he had pocket aces, playing them in a five-handed pot out of position could lead to trouble, which easily could have been avoided. You've done nothing to help clarify opponents' hands. If you get action or push back on the flop, it will be difficult to determine where you stand.

So, what should the big blind do here? He has a couple of

options. With a random hand, he could check his option and see a free flop in a sizeable pot.

Or, he could raise big with a pot-sized bet to try to win the pot. The problem with the latter option is your move will be transparent and if you get action, you've raised the stakes to play a hand out of position.

With a strong hand, you really only have one choice: Make a big raise. With pocket aces, I'd be inclined to make an oversized bet to about 1,300 to go.

That would thin the field and you may trap someone who thinks you're making a move. While I would love to get it all-in heads-up, I'm happy to take the pot right there. I'd much rather take the pot than face four opponents out of position.

This is just one example of what I find to be lazy poker. Players are just not making simple adjustments or calculations based on pot size and number of opponents. If opponents are trying to see a pot cheaply, see it with them or change the price of poker. Make it expensive.

Taking a middle ground is pointless. Every bet and action you make should be purposeful. Consistent and purposeful action will lead to positive results in the long run.

— **David Apostolico is the author of *You are the Variable: Play Your Best Poker*, (\$5.99 for Kindle). Email him at thepokerwriter@aol.com.**

OMAHA

THREE TIPS FOR SMALL STAKES PLO

If you find yourself making consistent trips to your local casino to play \$1-\$2 or \$2-\$5 pot-limit Omaha cash games, take a look at these tips to help improve your overall results.



JAY
HOUSTON

If you're going to be a nit, buy in for the max.

What's the point of waiting hours for that one juicy hand when you can only get in \$100? You're only hurting your hourly rate. At my local casino, our \$1-\$2 PLO game with a \$5 bring-in will allow a minimum of a \$100 buy-in and a maximum of a \$500. I see these guys buying in for \$100 and playing three hands

over the course of four hours. It's bad for the game and bad for their overall strategy.

If you're going to sit back and wait, make sure you have the full amount to make it count when you finally find that sweet spot. If bankroll management is the issue here, then you shouldn't be playing poker, let alone riding the PLO rollercoaster.

The players at these stakes rarely check-raise light. Most people playing live, small stakes PLO are playing their cards and nothing else. If they check-raise you, they have the goods more than 90 percent of the time. Use that knowledge to your

advantage, especially against aggressive players who also know this to be the case. Check-raising a continuation bet from aggressive players on dry boards (i.e. K-7-2 rainbow) with a broader range will make you a lot of money in the long run. Keep them guessing!

Make continuation bets a lot more; I mean a LOT more. Since most of these fish will never check-raise you unless they have the goods, c-bet more when you're in position. It allows you to check-back on turns more and see free rivers if you see fit. You'll also find yourself guessing a lot less often on later streets.

Keep in mind c-betting is important when heads-up and in multiway hands. Most people are afraid to bet dry boards when there are three people in the pot, but that's a fantastic time to bet if it checks around to you. The more people in the hand, the more people will believe you.

Bottom line, these people are usually playing so face-up that it hurts. An optimal strategy for live small stakes PLO would be to buy in for the max, play tight preflop, and fire postflop until people play back at you. You rarely need to make hero calls in this type of game because you'll find so many better spots to get value. Good luck at the tables. ♠



NONVERBAL TELLS OF THE FINGERS

In poker, most players focus on the face, but hopefully you've learned the whole body speaks and the hands have a lot to say about what we're thinking or feeling.

The chip shuffle is perhaps the most common action you'll see at a table involving the hands. It's a repetitive behavior and serves to calm us and pass the time (like leg-bouncing, finger-strumming or playing with the hair); it's a pacifying behavior.



JOE NAVARRO

I look to see changes in chip-shuffling, such as when it stops, speeds up or they fumble the chips, to tell me something is going on. For some players, the fumbling of chips is indicative of stress, perhaps they're weak but committed to the pot.

Others do the same behavior when they're nervous because they're sitting on a monster hand. For others, when they stop, they want to pay close attention to what you're doing because they may be concerned. It's tough to generalize, which is why you want to get a base line of behaviors on each player and see what they do with those chips and when.

When some players get strong cards, their hands will begin to move slowly toward the center of the table. They don't realize when they're weak they place their hands on their hole cards, but when strong they move them toward the center.

Look for players who suddenly treasure their hole cards after the flop. They'll literally cage their cards

with their fingers as if to keep them from escaping.

We never think about our thumbs and yet we know from research that when we're happy and excited the thumbs rise or move away from the index finger. And when we're weak or stressed, the thumb moves closer to the index finger. When there's a lot of stress or fear, the thumb gets tucked under the index finger.

Fingers also communicate confidence. When we're lacking confidence they come together when we exude confidence they tend to spread apart. Look for a change in the distance between fingers (territorial display) as cues that suddenly a player is stronger or more confident.

We pick at our nails or cuticles to ease stress. If all of sudden you see nail-biting or cuticle-picking, the player may be experiencing more stress and needs to calm or soothe himself with these behaviors that our mothers told us to stop long ago.

One last thing: We use our fingers to soothe us. Watch when the hands moves toward the neck; neck-touching is usually indicative of some sort of psychological discomfort, insecurity, or weakness.

Always remember at the table, we want to conceal our tells, not just observe them.

For a more in depth look at hand behaviors, take a look at my book, *200 Poker Tells* or *What Every Body is Saying*.

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



BETTING ERRORS

YOU NEED TO HEAR THE SOUNDS OF THE GAME

Perhaps I don't understand why fashion has become more important than information? I'm amazed how often I see players with headsets and electronic devices in use during play.

Is it because more prominent players choose to adorn themselves with these electronics? Is it fashionable to wear these headsets?



ANTONIO PINZARI

I marvel at players who arrive at a table and immediately put on their headset, knowing nothing about the table or its players. Do they think players are impressed? Do they think I'd be intimidated and think they're someone to be afraid of? "Boy, do those headphones scare me!"

Over my career, I've gained valuable information by simply hearing what's being said during play and between hands. I've heard players say what they have during the hand. Do you recall when **Jamie Gold** in World Series of Poker Main Event announced during a hand, "I have top-top?" I wonder if the guy

wearing the headset would have heard that statement.

One of my favorite bits of information I heard was a player whispering to the player on his right, "I never bluff." Isn't that valuable information to know? I've heard players say, "Wow I flopped a set," and proceed to bet and get raised by a player wearing headphones. When asked why he raised after the other player announced he flopped a set, the player responded, "I never heard him say that."

No matter what you paid for the electronics, even if they were free, you're losing so much of the game, which isn't simply tells, but sounds that inform.

So enjoy the hip-hop or whatever else you listen to; I'll continue to listen to the sounds of the game and gather information you'll never hear. You do, however, look cool.

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

SOMETIMES YOU NEED A BREAK

By Matthew Gregoire

Sometimes our toughest poker battles occur away from the felt. When times are tough in your life, it's often best to take a break from poker to reassess your life. If your mind is drifting into life decisions rather than making the optimal play during a tournament or cash game, it can really send your life into a tailspin. I've seen numerous friends risk financial ruin playing cash games in an attempt to forget about breaking up with their girlfriend or having lost a family member.

These issues can be difficult to cope with and some unfortunate associates of mine decided to turn to the one thing that could take their mind off the pain: poker. The problem with this mind-set is even if it takes away the pain for those short moments of time, it still will lie deep in our subconscious and keep us from playing optimally. It will feel more difficult to fold because of the discomfort of potentially being shown a bluff,

we can't bear to fire a bet with the worst hand in certain situations where we feel it is correct because if we get picked off the embarrassment will be torturous.

If you play for a living, poker can be psychologically demanding. Your financial well-being is based off the turn of a card, over which we have no control. If a hand isn't played optimally, you have to forget and move on or face the effects of not living in the moment. Add in the aforementioned obstacles in our everyday life and all our decisions can be amplified. The good decisions will just be expected, yet the bad ones will feel disastrous. Bottom line is if you are in this predicament it's not only cheaper to avoid playing but it also will help us come out of this life downswing more quickly by allowing us to grieve and figure out things.

— **Matthew Gregoire is a pro poker player living in Miami. You can email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.**

POKER TECHNOLOGY

ARE YOU KEEPING OPPONENTS' RANGE WIDE?

Assume we're playing in a nine-handed cash game with 100 big-blind stacks. We raise preflop with A♥-Q♥ in middle position and our opponent calls on the button; everyone else folds. The flop comes A♣-9♠-8♦. We make a bet two-thirds the size of the pot and our opponent calls. The turn is the 6♥. Most players have a standard play on the turn based on their tendencies: always checking or always betting. But what we do here should depend much more on our opponent's tendencies than ours.

Before I explain why that's important, if you're a member of AdvancedPokerTraining.com, go to your APT database to look for situations similar to this one to see if I've described you correctly. Most of you are probably familiar with APT, where you can play 500 hands an hour against more than 100 lifelike opponents. With the new feature of saving every hand you play and advanced sorting and filtering capabilities, you can easily find these specific hands to see your actions.

Were you consistent on the turn? Most players will play this situation the same virtually every time. Let's look at why that's a bad idea. Suppose we can label our opponent passive or aggressive. By looking at the chart shown here, we

Assumption: Opponent raises flop or turn with two pair or better

Opponent Type	Our action...	Our opponent's reply...	Our equity
PASSIVE	BET	Calls with any ace, most draws, and all pairs+draws.	74%
	CHECK	Bets only strong aces, turned two pairs, sets, straights.	40%
AGGRESSIVE	BET	Folds weak Aces. Doesn't call with nearly as many draws.	50%
	CHECK	Semi-bluffs with most draws / floats. Value bets too thinly.	64%

can see the proper play – betting again into the passive opponent, or checking to the aggressive opponent – dramatically increases our equity. We profit here by keeping our opponent's range wide.

Sadly, many players lose money long-term with hands such as A-Q and pocket jacks. It's because they face these common scenarios all of the time, and they don't understand the concept of keeping their opponent's range wide.

On AdvancedPokerTraining.com, you can configure the software to deal you only A-Q or J-J, or whatever your trouble hand is, over and over again to practice. The lifelike opponents are a mix of players designed to target your weaknesses so you can improve at a more rapid pace.

Poker is a game of specific scenarios, so just watching a pro's video from an-

other training site may not be the most effective learning technique. It could have the opposite effect, if you constantly apply things you see in videos vs. the wrong player types or in the wrong situations.

APT has a new set of "Beat the Pro" challenges that allow you to play a set of hands first (such as A-Q), and then see how our pros played those same scenarios against the same players so you can improve at a pace other training sites can't offer. With practice, you can learn how considering opponents' tendencies can significantly increase your win rate.

— **Tom Braband (TitanTom32) is a Southern California poker pro with nearly \$3 million in winnings. He's part of the coaching team at AdvancedPokerTraining.com and is available for private coaching.**

HOW YOU HANDLE TILT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Tilt is short-hand for a state of mental or emotional confusion or frustration in which a player adopts a less-than-optimal strategy. This results in poor play.

Writers have long been attempting to oversimplify this complex process and have created a disservice to the poker community.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

The fact is we have tilt. How we get there and how we react are personal issues is probably more a part of how we react to negative situations in general than just related to poker.

The same set of circumstances may lead to different reactions in people. For some, when faced with crisis, they develop a calm mind-set; they almost go into a zone. Others get frantic and some withdraw into themselves. These reactions are personalized.

So the real issue is how one reacts to bad circumstances in poker. The ideal antidote to tilt is to accept the inevitability of “bad” stuff (as the book says) happening to good people and react in a way that increases your performance. Some players become hyper-aggressive while others turn incredibly passive.

The other side of dealing with tilt is placing an opponent on tilt. Don’t make assumptions about the way others go on tilt. Just because someone is on tilt doesn’t mean they’re going to lose; indeed sometimes the deck just hits them in the head.

The paradox to tilt is you put someone on tilt; they react

badly; they get hyper-aggressive and the deck hits them; and you get felted. It’s only variance. More often than not the tilting player is making bad decisions, so you lose when you’re on tilt and win when your opponent is tilting.

People attribute all sorts of variables to creating tilt: running bad, inequity, good or bad luck, revenge, mistakes, chasing losses, etc.

Others attribute all sorts of emotions to creating tilt: anger, depression, fear and contempt.

My advice is to work on yourself. Figure out what makes you tilt and then learn how to deal with it. Also, don’t broadly make assumptions when opponents are on tilt. There are so many forms of tilt and so many emotions. The advice you often get, however, is “Don’t feel the emotion.” But it’s impossible to not feel an emotion, which would be a paradox. You can’t act out negative behavior, but you will “feel” the emotion.

Experience the feeling, understand it, be aware of what the feeling arouses and understand the negative behavior that might follow (tilt). Learn to regulate the behavior, even to channel it into positive and profitable behavior.

How? Work on yourself; get a coach. Feel, recognize, understand, regulate and keep your head in the game.

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

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO GETTING BETTER

Either you just caught the poker bug or have had the bug and are struggling to get to the next level. Or maybe you find yourself asking everyone, "What should I read? Where do I start?"

Let me recommend you pick up **Ashley Adams'** *Winning No-Limit Hold'em*. His practical approach to inform and teach the reader is smooth and transparent.

He explains and demonstrates his game theory based on countless years of experience with success and failures.

This is what sets him apart from other authors and players. Ashley "feels your pain." He's done that, asked that stupid question, made a fatal mistake, but recovered and learned from each experience.

In this book, Adams takes you from the 'basics' to "next level and beyond." If you're a top-flight player, then this book is one you should gift to a player you encouraged to play poker so their transition to your level will be swift and seamless.

Don't be misled; this book is not for everyone, though the foundational concepts covered could indeed help some upper-tier players regain their balance.

This book is for new players, struggling players and inter-

mediate players who got to that level and somehow were not instructed properly along the way.

Players want to feel like the writer understands the frustrations and hurdles we all face as we take our lumps at the table. Adams illustrates poker is not only a game of skill and experience, but odds and outs, deception and control of your emotions.

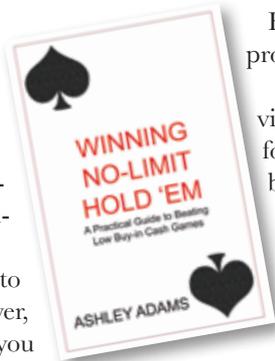
He talks about tournament play, online play and improving your overall game.

When he finishes a chapter, you're provided a review and questions that will challenge you to reinforce what you read and help you build a knowledge base that will not let you down.

No one in poker knows it all, though many think they do. I learned plenty by reading this book, and as it should, it reminded me of concepts I knew, but had (maybe), let slide.

Something new introduced to me: "Semi-Demi-Bluffing!" No, I won't explain it to those who (like me), never heard of it, you have to buy the book and have a great read.

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A look at some featured events around the country, plus daily events and promotions.

East

* World Poker Finals: Foxwoods in Mashantucket, Conn., hosts this series until Nov. 4. The \$2,700 main event starts Nov. 1.

* DSPT World Championship: The Mohegan Sun Casino and the DeepStacks Poker Tour host this event Nov. 18-25. There will be four events with buy-ins from \$300 to \$2,500 as well as satellites.

Seneca Fall Classic: The Seneca Niagara Casino holds its Fall Poker Classic (Nov. 18-25), which will feature a \$1,500 main event.

WSOPC Atlantic City: Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City hosts the WSOPC starting Nov. 29. There will be the standard 12 ring events.

West

Caesars Classic: Caesars Palace in Las Vegas is hosting this series until Nov. 4. The \$1,080 main event starts Nov. 3.

WSOPC Harveys Lake Tahoe: The WSOPC stop at Harveys Lake Tahoe continues until Nov. 4. The \$1,675 main event begins Nov. 1.

DSPT Oregon State Championships: The DSPT at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City lasts through Nov 4. The \$1,100 main event starts Nov. 1.

Deep Stack Extravaganza: The Venetian in Las Vegas hosts the final Deep Stack Extravaganza for the year Oct. 31-Nov. 27. There will be 57 events with buy-ins from \$200 to \$2,500.

* Ante Up NorCal Classic: The Ante Up Poker Tour returns to this season's first event, the luxurious Thunder Valley Casino Resort just north of Sacramento,

2013 Ante Up POY Standings

1. Blair Hinkle, Columbia, MO	2,738
2. Justin Bonomo, Las Vegas	1,631
3. Kaophone Inthavong	1,463
4. Joseph Kuether, Elm Grove, WI	1,453
5. Jeffrey Fielder, Des Moines, IA	1,426
6. Mukul Pahuja, Hicksville, NY	1,331
7. Jordan Cristos	1,222
8. William Chao, San Pablo	1,155
9. Ray Qartomy, Sugarland, TX	1,153
10. Mohammad "Mo" Arani, Plano, TX	1,141

Calif. (Nov. 7-18). The 13-event series will have buy-ins from \$120 to \$1,100 in a variety of formats. As always, the winner will be on the cover of the magazine.

HPT Stratosphere: The Heartland Poker Tour stops at the Stratosphere in Las Vegas (Nov. 7-18) for six small buy-in tournaments offered in addition to the \$1,650 main event.

Fall Poker Round Up: The Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton, Ore., holds this series Nov. 7-17. There will be 13 events with buy-ins from \$110 to \$2K offered in a variety of formats with \$50K added to the prize pools.

WPT Five Diamond Classic: The WPT returns to the Bellagio for the Doyle Brunson Five Diamond World Poker Classic. There will be 11 events (\$1,080-\$100K). It should be a good series if you have the bankroll.

Central

MSPT Meskwaki: The Mid-States Poker Tour event at the Meskwaki Bingo Casino lasts through Nov. 3. The \$1,100 main event starts Nov. 1.

* HPT River City: The HPT will stop at the River City Casino in St. Louis on Nov. 1-11. There will be eight events with buy-ins from \$150 to \$1,650.

MSPT Ho-Chunk Dells: Ho-Chunk Wisconsin Dells hosts the MSPT (Nov. 2-10) for a \$1,100 event with a \$200K guarantee.

* Hollywood Poker Open: The Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg, Ind., hosts this series Nov. 15-24, which will offer 22 events with buy-ins from \$80 to \$675.

MSPT Canterbury Park: The MSPT returns to Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., for a \$200K guaranteed event with a \$1,100 buy-in Nov. 30-Dec. 8. This event always draws a large field.

South

* Gold Strike Fall Classic: The Fall Classic is the former Winter Classic in Tunica, Miss., running Oct. 31-Nov. 11. The series will have 15 events with buy-ins from \$125 to \$800.

* WPT Fall Scramble: The WPT stops at bestbet Jacksonville in Florida (Nov. 1-19) and will have 21 events with buy-ins from \$200 to \$3,500.

WSOPC Bossier City: The WSOPC returns to Horseshoe Bossier City in Louisiana (Nov. 7-18) with the standard 12 ring events (\$365-\$1,675). There also will be 19 non-ring events with buy-ins up to \$250.

* WPT Rock 'N' Roll Open: The Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., hosts a WPT Regional from Nov. 13-Dec. 2. It will have 20 events (\$125-\$1,650).

WPT IP Fall Classic: The IP Casino in Biloxi, Miss., hosts a WPT Regional (Nov. 29-Dec. 8), which features 21 events (\$120-\$1,150).

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

ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$70, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); last Sat. of month, (\$150, 11:15a); Jack & Jill Championship, Nov. 23 (10a).	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a); Graveyard Splash Pots; Jackpot Wheel Spin.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$15, 10a) Mon. (\$35, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Wed. (\$15, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sat. 0/8 (\$15 w/rebuys, 9a) & (\$35, noon); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuys, 11a & \$15, 7p).	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcz.com	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a) & \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Random Splash Pots (call for details).
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$30, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$200.
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. Omaha/8 (\$15 w/rebuy and add-on, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30p).	Morning Start-Up; Aces and Faces Cracked; Baseball Splash Pots; Professional Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); College Football Splash Pots (Sat.).
TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO RESORT (928) 856-7200 • twinarrows.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
VEE QUIVA CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilriver.com/vee-quiva	Wed. (\$15 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys & add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$30, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads; royals pay \$200; Aces Cracked (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot (quad 7s or better beaten).
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilriver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 777 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s or better); Rolling Cash Fever; Money Wheel.



CALIFORNIA

101 CASINO (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); 1st Saturday of the month (\$295, 1p).	Mini bad beat (doubled every even hour); super bad-beat jackpot; double super bad-beat (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-2p & 11p-2a); Omaha bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked. High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays up to \$100K; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha; royal flushes pay \$599; quads \$100; straight flush \$200; Aces Cracked pays up to \$300.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$35, 6p); Thurs. & Sun. Mexican Poker \$1.5K guar. (\$55, 6p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$125, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; Bonus Hands (quads); high hands; call for other promotions.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuys, 6p); Sun. KO (\$160, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot pays \$25K; Player Points Challenge (call for details).
BARONA RESORT (619) 443-2300 • barona.com	Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
BAY 101 (408) 451-8888 • bay101.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 9:30a); Fri. (\$180, 9:30a); Sat. (\$230, 9a); Sun. (\$180, 9a); second Sat. of month (\$550, 9:30a).	Earn double points and WPT vouchers for future events (call for details).
BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Daily Nooner (\$40, noon); Daily Quantum Reload (\$40, 4p); Mon. Omaha 8 (\$75, 2p); Thurs. Mexican Poker (\$30, 8p); Thurs.-Sun. (\$50, 10p).	Get paid \$5/hour to play at the Bike (call for details).
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat.-Sun. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 10a-10p); quads pay \$100 (Mon.-Fri., 6a-6p); royal flush pays \$100 (daily).
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60 w/\$50 rebuy & add-on, 11a); 1st, 3rd & 4th Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a).	Bad-beat in hold'em & Omaha; \$200/shift high hand; \$25K Blazing Cash Giveaway, full house or better receives raffle ticket for drawing. See ad Page 11.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
CASINO ROYALE (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. & Tue. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a) & (\$25, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high hands; progressive royal flush; Quantum Quads (call for details).
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20-\$30, 10:15a); Mon.-Sun. (\$50-\$85, 6:15p); Sat. Omaha/8 (\$20, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	Mon. \$200 freeroll (7p) (call for details); Tue. (\$40, 7p); first 9 eliminated receive \$60 for \$40 buy-in for live poker; Thurs. Bail Out (cash out) event; call for details.	Call for information.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CORDOVA CASINO (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player rewards (\$300 for 50 hours played).
DIAMOND JIM'S CASINO (661) 256-1400 • diamondjimscasino.net	Mon., Tue. Wed., (\$30, 6p) \$1K guarantee; Sat. & Sun., (\$30, 12:30p) \$1K guarantee.	Jackpots available for hold'em and Omaha.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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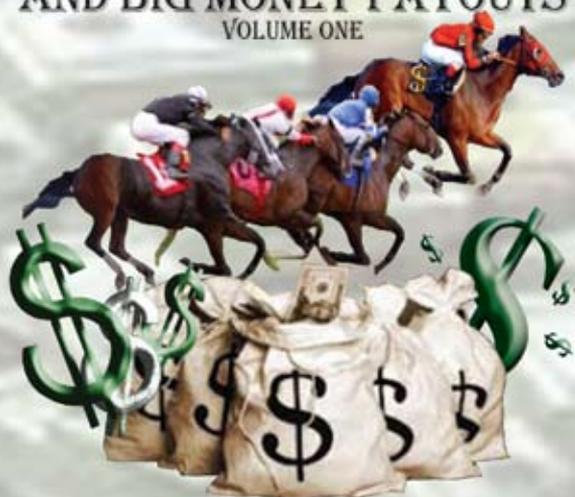
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HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; Stud Progressive Jackpot.
JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 11a) & (\$50, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$100, 8p); Sun. (\$100, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; Aces Cracked; Flush 'N Win (call for details).
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon. (\$57, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$57, 11a); satellite tournaments are \$22 and run on Mon. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (10a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; 45-year anniversary tournament series, Sept. 16-21 w/\$45K, Sept. 21 (\$330, 1p).
LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LODI CASINO (209) 334-7777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a) & (\$30, 7:20p); 1st, 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$45, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (2:20p).	Super bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hand.
LOTUS CASINO (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
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NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasino.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$150, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$330, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Tue. & Wed. \$750 guar. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$65, noon).	High hand pays \$100 (Wed., 10a-7p); Flush Marathon (Mon., noon-mid. & Fri., 10:30p-10:30a).
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. KO (\$30, 10a); Tue. limit hold'em/Omaha (\$25, 10a); Wed. freeroll (11a & 7p); Thurs. Survivor (\$40, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. varies (2p); Sun. (\$30, 11a).	High hands (Sun., Tue., Thurs.); Holiday Gift Grab; MNF promo; mega/mini jackpots; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:15p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; mini bad-beat jackpot; high-hand bonuses (daily); progressive royal-flush jackpot; quad bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. cash drawing (2p-mid.).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Car Giveaway; Poker Yahtzee; X Marks the Spot (call for details).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$120, 11:15a).	Progressive Big Hand Bonuses (daily); \$2K Player Loyalty Bonus Drawing (Sun.).
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$40, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$75, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details); Ante Up NorCal Classic, Nov. 7-18 (See ad Page 9 for details).
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); call for details.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLD CREEK CASINO • CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 689-5449 • facebook.com/goldcreekpokerroom	Closed for renovations.	Closed for renovations.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10's; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 3p & 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon & 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks.
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a). World Poker Finals (Oct. 20-Nov. 4)	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud; World Poker Finals \$500K guar. main event, Nov. 1-4 (\$2,700, noon).
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p); DeepStacks Poker Tour, Nov. 18-25 w/\$500K guar. main event.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives.

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



WHERE TO PLAY

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p). Call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p). See ad Page 36.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; Football Splash Pots pay \$400 (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.).

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	World Poker Tour Fall Scramble, Nov. 1-19 w/\$500K guar. main event, Nov. 15 (\$3,500). See ad on Page 15 for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); daily high hands every hour up to \$1K.
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Deepstack event, Nov. 26 (\$150, 30 min levels, 10K chips, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); half-hour high hands (daily).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studzpkoker.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$75, 7p); Sun. \$4K guar. (\$100, 2p); call for details. Player of the Month and daily SNGs.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GREYNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$75, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$75, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies (\$100/\$150, 7p); \$10K guar., 1st Sat. of month (\$250, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Tue., 10a); free play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Fri.-Sun., hourly). Closed until 2014.
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Closed until 2014.	Closed until 2014.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p); See ad on Page 35 for International details.	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-midnight).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad on Page 17.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad Page 14.	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6-30p); Mon. KO, Fri. (\$2.5K guar.) & Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Thurs. KO (\$20); Sat. (\$40 w/\$10 rebuy).	High hands (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$500/half hour with power hours paying \$750 at noon, 4p, 7p & 10p (Sun.-Wed., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500. See ad Page 25.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Tue. \$3K guar. (7p); Wed. KO (7p); Thurs. \$5K guar. (7p); tournaments vary so please call for details.	Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thislepompanopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening; PLO and PLO/8B on select Saturday nights (8p). See ad on Page 37 for \$50K guarantee this month (Nov. 6-10).	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. H.O.R.S.E. (\$115, 1p) & freeroll (7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. shootout freeroll (7p).	Sun. & Thurs. Instant Win (daily) pays for full house (\$50), quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royal flush (\$500); \$500 high-hand jackpot (every half-hour).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand (Thurs.-Tue.); Full House Frenzy (Mon.-Thurs.). See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.	Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).

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MON
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Spin for Prizes Every hour 12p-10p

THU
\$100* Every hour 10a-12p & 10p-2a
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LOUISIANA

BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tuesday Freeroll (11a) for 4 or 5 Star Players; Wed. (\$35 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Thurs. \$1K guarantee.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad sixes) and Omaha; Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; Splash the Pot (daily).
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • coushattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7:30p); Sat. (\$220, 2p). See ad Page 32.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO (800) 284-4386 • cypressbayou.com	Wednesday (6p); call for details.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Mon. (\$55 w/\$20 rebuys); Tue. (\$105 w/\$50 add-on, 6:30p); Wed. (\$120 w/\$25 KO, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120 w/\$75 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$145, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; straight flush pays \$100 (24/7); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Thurs., 2a-2p); tournament bad-beat jackpot.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahsneworleans.com	Call for schedule.	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun. (\$100-\$200 w/rebuys & add-ons) including Thurs. (\$200, 6p); WSOP Circuit, Nov. 7-18 (call for details).	High hands (Sun. & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Mon., Tue., Fri.); Splash Cash (Thurs.). Call for details and times.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; minor jackpots daily; cash giveaways (daily).
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Tournaments run on Wed., Fri., Sat., and twice on Sun. (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; player comps earned on a tier basis (call for details).
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Mon. KO (\$20, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Thurs.); Straight Flush Saturdays; progressive royal flush jackpot.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywoodcasinoperryville.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sun. (\$75, 15 min levels, 12K chips, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$120, 20-min. levels, 12K chips, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 20-min. levels, 12K chips, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad deuces or better beaten.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 11a); Tue. (\$320, noon & \$60, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 11a & 120, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 11a & \$150, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$330, noon & \$520, 7p).	Check website for more information about the satellites into the Players Poker Championship.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$70, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$70, 6:30p); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$110, noon); second Sunday of month (\$220, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$65, 11a & 7p); last Sat. of month (\$340, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; secondary bad-beat jackpot; high hand jackpot; earn tickets every day for drawings (Tue. & Fri.) - call for details.
LEELANAU SANDS CASINO (231) 534-8100 • casino2win.com	Call for information.	Call for promotions.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13 w/rebuys, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$45, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p); 1st Fri. of month (\$175, 1p); HPT main event, Nov. 22 (\$1,650).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increase daily (call for details).
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Tournaments featured monthly (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. (\$45, 10:30a); Mon. & Sun. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue. (\$45, 6:30p); Wed. (\$235, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. (\$180, 10:30a).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand/hr (Mon., 9a-mid.); Aces Cracked (Tue., 10a-6p); \$1.5K Cash for Quads Board (Thurs., 8a & 5p).
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	M-F at 11a, plus Mon. (freeroll, 6p); Tue. (\$150, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$150, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 9:30a & \$150, 6p); Sun. (\$30, 11a), (\$250, noon) & (\$80, 6p).	Progressive board (24/7); \$1 per hour comp on 2/4 and \$2 per hour comp on all other games (24/7); \$50K guar. Big Turkey Tournament, Nov. 23-24 (call for details).
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Wed. (\$60, 6p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p); Island Cup deepstack on Mondays (\$70, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked (Thurs., 10a-2a & Sun.-Mon., 10p-close); get paid for straight flush (\$75); royals are progressive and starts at \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for schedule). See ad on Page 27 for details to the Million Dollar Heater.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Super Mini Bad-Beat Jackpot (24/7/365); Aces Cracked (Sun., Mon. & Wed., 9a-mid.).
GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT (662) 357-1136 • goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340); Fall Poker Classic, Nov. 1-10 w/main event, Nov. 8 (\$800), see ad Page 5.	Bad-beat jackpots (call for details); win \$100 every other hour (Mon.-Fri., 3a-10a); get paid to play (25 hours minimum).
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon., Fri. & Sat. KO (\$40 w/rebuy, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/rebuy, 2p); Wed. KO (\$40 w/rebuy and bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$20 w/rebuy, 7p).	Progressive straight and royal flush (daily); high hand (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 10a-mid.); Aces Cracked/Lucky Seat (Mon. & Wed., 10a-mid.).
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Mon. KO (\$40, 3p); Thurs. (\$30, 3p); Fri. (\$35, 3p); Sat. (\$55, 3p); Sun. (\$30, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of queens; Hard Rock Jackpot Hands (daily); Splash the Pot (Thurs.-Mon.); Set over Set (Sun.-Tue.); high hand (Tue. & Wed.).
HARRAH'S TUNICA (800) 946-4946 x33760 • harrahsunica.com	Mon. & Fri. (\$60, 1p); Tue. (\$70, 1p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$35 w/\$20 add-on, 1p); Fri. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$70, 1p & \$70, 6p); Sun. (\$50, 1p & \$60, 6p).	Win \$25 every half hour with \$4-\$8 Hot Seat (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$40). Mon., Wed., Thurs. (6p); Fri. & Sat. (7p); Sat. & Sun. (2p); Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 w/rebuys & \$20 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads, must be in \$3-\$6 or higher) and Omaha.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$90, 6p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 3p); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; call for more daily promotions.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon); WPT Regional IP Fall Classic, Nov. 29-Dec. 8 w/main event, Dec. 6 (\$1,150).	Poker Squares pay up to \$1K (Sun. & Mon.).
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 7p); Fri. \$1.5K guar. (\$50, 2p) & 2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuy, 11a) & \$3K guar. (\$125, 5p).	\$1.5K freeroll (Sun., 3p) w/15 hours of play each week; call for details.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$60, noon); Wed. KO (\$85, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (see website for details).
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a & 7p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sat. pineapple (\$80, 7p).	High hands (17 jackpots); call for details.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 1p & \$125, 7p); every other Sun. (\$60, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Daily (\$45, noon); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER CITY CASINO (888) 578-7289 • rivercity.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$65, 3p); Heartland Poker Tour, Nov. 1-11 w/main event, Nov. 8 (\$1,650).	Bad-beat in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better and has multipliers; Coverall Board promo.

NEVADA



LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 11a, 2p & 8p) w/\$500 guarantee first prize.	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$335, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); WPT Five Diamond, Nov. 29-Dec. 11 w/main event, Dec. 6 (\$10K).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p); CP Classic \$175K guar. main event, Nov. 3 (\$1,080, noon).	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily; \$500 guarantee (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraesort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$80, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; Omaha freeroll (10 hours min.); call for details.	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80, 8p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; 20 hours for \$20K freeroll (call for details).
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); WSOP Circuit runs until Nov. 4 (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
LVH HOTEL & CASINO (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Pro Football Pick'em promo; food comps available based on play (call for details).
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40) at 10:30a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 8:30p, 11:30p.	High hands (daily); Poker Payout Plus, \$1.5K automatic chop (Tue. & Thurs., 6p); \$2K automatic chop (Sun., 2p); call for details.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 6p), (\$50, 11p); single-table tournaments available (\$60, 1p & 9p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Football Bonus (call for details).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a & \$50, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p).	Night football promo (Sun. & Mon.) - win up to \$500 for each score; Progressive High Hand of the Hour; call for details.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; \$150K freeroll qualifying; hourly \$100 cash or card drawings; Quadzilla progressive four of a kind (call for details).
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	Call for information.	Multiroom prog. bad-beat in hold'em (quad 6s) and pays \$100K guar.; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands; quads pays \$25 (24/7).
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1K guaranteed to first place.	Mega-beat progressive jackpot, one hand loses, everybody wins.
QUAD RESORT & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RIO CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
STRATOSPHERE (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7); Heartland Poker Tour, Nov. 8-17 w/main event, Nov. 15 (\$1,650).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
SUNSET STATION (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	Sunday-Thursday (\$35, 5K chips, 7p).	Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); Spin the Wheel for cash (Tue. & Thurs.); high hands (Fri. & Sat.); double points (Mon. & Wed.); Push the Pot; call for details.
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$55) at 11a, 2p, 7p and \$1K guar. at 10p.	Quads or higher spins wheel; Get Paid to Play promo - earn up to \$12/hr including food and beverage comps (call for details).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & Survivor (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added) - runs during regular daily tournaments only; Deep Stack Extravaganza IV runs until Nov. 27 w/main event, Nov. 23 (\$2,500).
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Tue., Wed. & Thurs. (\$20, 8p); Fri. (\$50, 8p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. (\$30, 1p); re-entry allowed during the first hour; ladies play free on Wednesdays.	Four high hands every four hours (24/7); highest flush, full house, aces full and quads or better.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	\$50 cash for every 10 hours of limit hold'em.

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NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$60, 12:15p); Mon. & Wed. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$60, 8:15p); Fri. (\$100, 8:15p); Sat. (\$100, 12:15p & 8:15p); daily (\$60, midnight).	Harrah's AC multi-room bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; WSOPC, Nov. 29-Dec. 9 (call for details).
SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); \$20K starting stack for all tournaments; Fri. & Sat. 7p events pay \$5K guar. with unlimited re-entry for 6 levels.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$65, 11:15a & 7:15p); Wed. (\$25, 7:15p); SNGs available (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; Aces Cracked; varies new promotions every month (call for details).
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); last Sat. of month (\$150, 1p); second Sun. of month, Omaha/8 event (\$100, 2p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat pays \$599/\$300/\$75; Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) pays up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand jackpots; royals pay \$500; straight flush pays \$250; quad aces pays (\$150); quads pays \$50; call for details.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (11a); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (11a & 7p); Fri. (11a, 5p, & 8p); Sat. (noon, 5p & 8p); Sun. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; \$2K freeroll event (35 hours of live cash poker to qualify, more hours equals larger chip stack).
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$40, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 505-867-0000 • santanaastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 10a); Sat. (\$200, 11a); Sun. (\$150, 6p); Seneca Fall Classic, Nov. 18-24 (call for details).	Progressive high hands (24/7); get paid for straight flushes (\$75) and royals (\$100); progressive bad beat in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad 9s) & stud (quad 2s).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon).	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & 9p, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

NORTH/SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, midnight); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 2p) & (\$180, 7p).	Call for information.
SUNCRUZ (S.C.) (843) 280-2933 • suncruzaquasino.com	Tuesday (\$150, 7p); daily freerolls; last Sun. of month (\$330); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks beaten by quads; get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$200).

OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$240, 12:15p); Sun. \$6K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); 2nd Sat. \$20K guar. (\$440, 12:15p).	Call for promotions. See ad on Page 31 for the Ohio Poker Championship.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
HORSESHOE CINCINNATI (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon. (\$110, 12:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Wed. & Sun. (\$210, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Wed. (\$200, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, 7p); last Sunday of the month (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrwards.com	Daily (\$20 w/rbs, 10a); Mon. pineapple (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$70-\$120, 1p & 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. freeroll, Nov. 3, 10 & 24 (\$3K freeroll); call for details. See ad Page 43.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily); Early Bird Special (Mon.-Fri.).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 354-2000 • comanchenationcasino.com	Two tournaments a month (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50 w/\$25 rebuys, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. Fish 'N Chips qualifier (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$40, 2p). See ad Page 21.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p). See ad Page 44.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily (10a); Tue.-Fri. (7p); call for details. See ad on Page 42 for details to this month's Hard Rock Casino Poker Open.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for updated amount.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tue. ante only (\$40, 7p); Wed. mature only (\$35, 2p) & (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$35, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$35, 3p).	Call for information.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. \$800 guar. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a). See ad Page 23.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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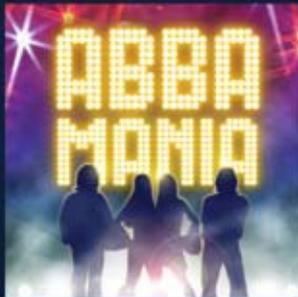
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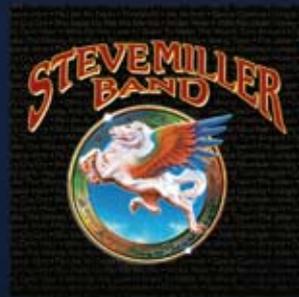
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WITH RYAN RIESS



Ryan Riess, a 23-year-old pro from East Lansing, Mich., will be at the World Series of Poker's final table with a good chance to win the \$8.36 million first prize. Somewhere along the way, he picked up the nickname "Riess the Beast," thanks to his aggressive and sometimes overwhelming style of play. His biggest cash before this November Nine appearance came in October 2012 when he finished second in the WSOPC main event in Hammond, Ind., for \$239K. Two months later, he graduated from Michigan State with a degree in hospitality business. He enters play on Nov. 4 as the youngest player at the table, in fifth place with nearly 25.9 million chips. He chatted with our Dave Lemmon about the biggest tournament of his career.

Every poker player dreams of becoming a November Niner. What's it like to anticipate what could be the biggest moment of your career? It's exciting and I can't wait, but I try not to think about it too much and get overwhelmed. I'm playing a lot from now until then, trying to get better and prepare myself. It's going to be fun.

Do you have any specific things you want to work on? Will you study video of the other players to prepare? I'm going to do simulations with some of my friends; we're going to set up the chip stacks and talk about the hands, certain ICM spots, what you do in a certain position, and I'm going to watch some video.

J.C. Tran has the most chips, so I'm probably going to watch some video of him. Watching the episodes on ESPN is going to help a lot, and I'll try to get some hand histories from that.

If you win this Main Event in Vegas, it's going to be a life-changer. Is that something you're prepared for? I'm not sure I'm completely prepared for it, but I welcome it with open arms. I used to be really bad at interviews; I think now I'm getting better at it. We'll see. I hope it gets to that point.

You played in the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open with its \$10 million

guarantee. People recognized this as a ground-breaking event, so what did you think of it? I was extremely happy with it; Matt Savage is one of the best in the business and he ran another great tournament. I wish I could have done a little better, but I busted early on Day 2.

Has it been relaxing for you to play in South Florida? I realize that there was a lot of money at stake, but you have such an important situation ahead of you - are you just killing time until November? Well, kind of, but I really wanted to win that tournament and I thought I played pretty well. I'm going 100 percent to win everything I play in.

Would it be fair to say that waiting it out until November is the toughest thing? No, I'm just really busy and I plan to travel a bunch during this period. I'll be in Europe for almost all of October. ... I'm going to London and Paris to play in EPT London, WSOP Europe and the WPT Grand Prix so I'll be playing a lot of poker, but I'll get to relax and have fun and clear my head.

I know that Spartan Nation will be behind you all the way. I just hope that I can make them proud. ♠

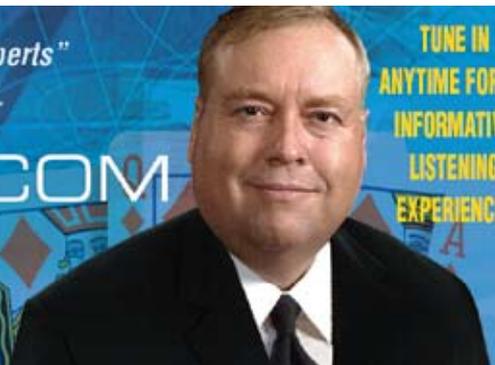
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