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Competition is good

One week before it opened, we visited the new 52-table poker room at Maryland Live Casino just minutes away from Baltimore-Washington International Airport. It was every bit as nice as we expected it to be, and to no one's surprise, crowds started forming hours before the room opened and likely have kept the room bustling even as you read this column. (Be sure to check out the details of the poker room's opening in our Mid-Atlantic column on Page 34).

After visiting Maryland Live, we embarked on an epic roadtrip to visit poker rooms in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia, and at each stop, the conversation at some point turned to the new kid on the block in Maryland and what effect it might have on the overall region, and what effect next year's expected opening of Horseshoe Baltimore will have as well.

Poker players should always root for competition because, just as in any business, the more options customers have, the more aggressive those options get in letting you know how much they want your business.

But poker is a peculiar business in that simply being in business doesn't necessarily benefit poker players. To that end, all players in the Mid-Atlantic region, or all players who plan to visit the region, should hope Maryland Live's emergence helps grow the overall poker market, not simply cannibalize it. With online poker soon debuting in Delaware (see **Joel Gatlin's** online column on Page 40) and in New Jersey, there's plenty of optimism that this particular region will, in fact, grow.

And that's what all of us should want.

We'll see you at the tables.

— **Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long**

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11:00	1	\$300 NL - Hold'Em - DSPT Event 1 - 12 (30) Min 13+ (40) Re-Entry for 8 Levels*	\$270 + \$30	\$30,000	20,000 / 30 / 40 MIN
18:00	2	DeepStacks – Step 1 Satellite	\$10 + \$15 + \$5		5,000 / 20 MIN
NOVEMBER 19TH – TUESDAY					
11:00	3	\$400 NL - Hold'Em - DSPT Event Day 1A (Re-Entry 6 Levels)* (Hosted by Michael Mizrahi)	\$360 + \$40	\$100,000	20,000 / 40 MIN
18:00	4	DeepStacks – Step 1 Satellite	\$10 + \$15 + \$5		5,000 / 20 MIN
NOVEMBER 20TH – WEDNESDAY					
11:00	3	\$400 NL - Hold'Em - DSPT Event Day 1B (Re-Entry 6 Levels)* (Hosted by Michael Matusow)	\$360 + \$40		20,000 / 40 MIN
18:00	5	DeepStacks – Step 1 Satellite	\$10 + \$15 + \$5		5,000 / 20 MIN
NOVEMBER 21ST – THURSDAY					
11:00	6	DeepStacks – Step 1 Satellite	\$10 + \$15 + \$5		5,000 / 20 MIN
14:00	7	DeepStacks – Step 1 Satellite	\$10 + \$15 + \$5		5,000 / 20 MIN
16:00	8	DeepStacks MEGA SATELLITE 1 in 10 to DSPT World Championship	\$250 + \$23 + \$7		8,000 / 20 MIN
18:00	9	DeepStacks – Step 2 Satellite	\$500 + \$40 + \$10		10,000 / 20 MIN
NOVEMBER 22ND – FRIDAY					
11:00	10	DSPT World Championship \$2,500 Main Event Day 1A (Unlimited Re-entries until start of Level 7) **	\$2,300 + \$200	\$500,000	30,000 / 60 MIN
14:00	11	DeepStacks – Step 2 Satellite	\$500 + \$40 + \$10		10,000 / 20 MIN
NOVEMBER 23RD – SATURDAY					
11:00	10	DSPT World Championship \$2,500 Main Event Day 1B (Unlimited Re-entries until start of Level 7) **	\$2,300 + \$200	\$500,000	30,000 / 60 MIN
NOVEMBER 24TH – SUNDAY					
11:00	12	\$300 ACCELERATED NL - Hold'Em - DSPT Event (Re-Entry 8 Levels) (1-Day Event)	\$270 + \$30	\$20,000	15,000 / 30 MIN
NOVEMBER 25TH – MONDAY					
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SEQUEIRA WINS PLAYERS TITLE AT TVCR

Thunder Valley Casino Resort's Players Championship is in the books, and from experiencing this series first-hand, it's easy to see why Thunder Valley in Lincoln, Calif., is considered a premier spot for tournament poker in Northern California.



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

The \$1,100 main event drew 347 players for a \$347K prize pool. After fighting through a tough field and an action-packed final table, **Mario Sequeira** of Hanford, Calif., captured the title and \$75K. He outlasted the seven-handed final table featuring **Quan Tran** (second, \$53K), **Alan Ribardo** (third, \$35K), **Al Stonum** (fourth, \$25K), **Dinh Le** (fifth, \$19K), **Jason Simpson** (sixth, \$15K) and **Tay Nguyen** (seventh, \$14K).

Sequeira has been playing poker for the past six years and credits his home-game poker league for its support throughout his career.

"The TVPC is my biggest cash by far and it came at a perfect time," Sequeira said. "Fresh off of a sick bad run, I was seriously considering quitting poker. The emotional rollercoaster this game puts us through had taken its toll on me and if not for my home game and the support of my group, I would have quit."

After taking some time off, Sequeira cashed in the Caesars Palace Mega Stack Championship in Las Vegas and followed that up with this win. When asked what he was going to do with the money, Sequeira said, "The TVPC main event was a blast. It feels awesome to finally get a good cash and now I am going to pay off some bills and play a lot more poker."

The TVPC ran Aug. 1-12 with 11 events, including variations of no-limit hold'em, H.O.R.S.E. and Omaha. Every guaranteed prize pool in the series was exceeded, including the main event, which toppled its guarantee by almost \$100K.

Next month, look for a preview of Thunder Valley's Ante Up NorCal Classic on Nov. 7-18. Please see the schedule on facing page. — **Email Garrett Roth at roth@anteupmagazine.com.**

Players Championship winners



Event 1: Zion Tout,
Nevada City, \$4,455



Event 2: Steven Gerialis,
Stockton, \$42,000



Event 3: Roger Wilson,
Somerset, \$1,900



Event 4: Mousa Helo,
Antelope, \$960



Event 5: Noah Nistler,
Grass Valley, \$2,005



Event 6: David Miller,
Carmichael, \$2,166



Event 7: David Nguyen,
Tracy, \$1,332



Event 8: Curtis Labay,
Fair Oaks, \$1,189



Event 9: Sean Burson,
Middletown, \$5,500



Main Event: Mario Sequeira, Hanford, \$75,000



Event 11: Rudy Puente,
Sacramento, \$3,517

* All winners were from California



You can have your pick of tournament series in the PNW

By **Philip Dobrikin**

Depending on where you live, different circuses are coming to town. Oregon and South Washington residents welcome the DeepStacks Poker Tour Oregon State Championships at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Central and Northern Washington players have the World Series of Poker Circuit at the River Rock Casino in Richmond, B.C.

The Oregon State Championships runs Oct. 27-Nov. 4, with 18 tournaments. It has a packed schedule with up to three tournaments a day and a wide range of buy-ins. DeepStacks has something for everyone, from evening events with buy-ins as cheap as \$55 to the \$1K main event. Those looking for variety

in games will be pleased to see an All-In or Fold, Omaha/8 and PLO tournaments. Players at the main event will get to rub elbows with **Michael Mizrachi**, **Tristan Wade**, **Randal Flowers** and **Jennifer Leigh**, who will be in attendance. The main event will be streamed live using DeepStacks 360 streaming.

Running at the same time, the WSOPC heads to River Rock (Oct. 28-Nov. 8). This year's schedule is similar to last year with 10 live ring events and two online ring events later in November. After a huge year in 2012, with the third largest main-event field that season, numbers may be down as the Lake Tahoe WSOPC event is scheduled for the same time.

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1	Thur, 11/7	1pm	Deep Stack Turbo	\$120
2	Thur, 11/7	5pm	NLHE \$20,000 GUARANTEED Deep Stack	\$175
	Thur, 11/7	8pm	Mega Satellites - 1 in 5 players earn entry into Event #3	\$95
	Fri, 11/8	1pm	Satellite - 1 in 5 players earn entry into Event #3	\$95
3	Fri, 11/8	11am	Day 1A	\$425
	Fri, 11/8	5pm	Day 1B	
	Sat, 11/9	11am	Day 1C	
	Sun, 11/10	1pm	NLHE \$150,000 GUARANTEED Deep Stack Finals <small>Streamed live at pokerroom.thundervalleyresort.com</small>	Final Table
	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.	\$140
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	\$125
	Tues, 11/12	1pm	1 in 20 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$60
7	Tues, 11/12	1pm	NLHE Deep Stack Turbo	\$120

EVENT #	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN
8	Tues, 11/12	5pm	NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED Six Handed Deep Stack	\$150
	Tues, 11/12	7pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$125
9	Wed, 11/13	1pm	Up the Ante NLHE (Ante Only Structure)	\$120
10	Wed, 11/13	5pm	NLHE DEEP STACK \$20,000 GUARANTEED	\$175
	Wed, 11/13	8pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 players advance to the Main Event	\$240
	Thur, 11/14	11am	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$125
	Thur, 11/14	1pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 6 earn entry into Event #11	\$60
11	Thur, 11/14	5pm	NLHE Deep Stack Black Chip Bounty \$20,000 GUARANTEED with \$100 bounties <small>One table satellites beginning at 10am (\$10 buy-in, 2 players earn entry into this event)</small>	\$300
	Thur, 11/14	8pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 10 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$240
12	Fri, 11/15	11am	Day 1A	\$1,100
	Fri, 11/15	4pm	Day 1B	
	Sat, 11/16	11am	Day 1C	
	Sun, 11/17	1pm	Day 2	
	Mon, 11/18	4pm	Ante Up NorCal Classic Final Table <small>Streamed live at pokerroom.thundervalleyresort.com</small>	Final Table
	Fri, 11/15	1pm	Multi-Table Satellites - 1 in 5 players advance into the Ante Up NorCal Classic	\$240
13	Sun, 11/17	7pm	NLHE \$10,000 GUARANTEED Deep Stack Turbo KO Bounty with \$50 Bounties	\$150

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CRISTOS WINS LEGENDS OF POKER MAIN

This just in: Guarantees in Los Angeles were missed. I don't think I've ever reported that before, though I don't think anyone can say the Legends of Poker at the Bicycle Casino wasn't a great success. There were six missed guarantees out of the 26 events that offered them, and even with the shortfalls, the cumulative guarantee amount of \$2,275,000 still was exceeded by more than a million dollars.



DAVE PALM
LOS ANGELES

As usual, plenty of Los Angeles-based pros made their way to the cage during the series. **Toto Leonidas** cashed twice, and making their presence known were **Can Kim Hua**, **Mel Judah**, **Barbara Enright** and **David "the Dragon" Pham**.

The World Poker Tour Main Event attracted 716 runners for a prize pool of more than \$2.4 million. **Greg "FBT" Mueller** made a deep run in the main, finishing 20th. **Jordan Cristos** won the title and \$613K, outlasting long-time pro **Dan Heimiller**. **Phil Laak** also made the final table.

Christopher Kwong captured the Mega Millions with its \$160 buy-in and million-dollar guarantee. He pocketed \$179K and change as part of a six-way chop.

Media personalities were in attendance, too, as **Vince Van Paten** finished third in Event 21. *Live at the Bike* and World Se-

ries commentator **David Tuchman** cashed in the main and fellow *Live at the Bike* commentator and WSOP bracelet-holder **Owais Ahmed** won Event 25 (badugi/2-7 triple-draw/baduci mix).

Continuing the tournament grind, with the Legends of Poker complete and the Commerce Poker Series running through September, next up is back to the Bike for one of my favorite series, Big Poker Oktober. It features 23 events with buy-ins from \$75-\$150. All are \$235 or less, except for the \$550 main event, which has more than 20 mega satellites if you want to get in for much less.

Of the 32 events, 29 are re-entry, which seems to be the norm everywhere these days. Thirty-one events have guarantees totaling more than \$700K, with the only exception being a \$120 survivor event that pays \$1K each to the top 10 percent of finishers. Also, 29 of the events are some version of no-limit hold'em, with five bounty events, six deepstacks, the survivor event and tournament director **Mo Fathipour's** patented Quantum Reload on Oct. 5. The other events are two Omaha/8 events and a stud/8-Omaha/8 mixed \$235 event. There is an afternoon and evening event nearly every day so come by if you're in town; you'll definitely be able to find a game.

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Palm Springs and poker make perfect pair

With a rich history of being a playground for the rich and famous, Palm Springs is a great place to get away, have some fun and play some poker.



KITTIE ALEMAN
SOCAL

Agua Caliente Casino has a wonderful, player-friendly poker room. From the moment you walk into the enclosed room, you can feel the energy. It's a nice big open room. With 20 tables, there's always a cash game or tournament running.

There are nine large flatscreen TVs scattered around the room, and two are 90 inches. Also, there's a self-serve coffee and soda station.

If there's a waiting list, there are pagers so you can leave the room and not miss your seat being called.

The poker-room manager, **Jerry Sandau**, has made sure there's a level and limit for everyone's taste. Cash games include: limit hold'em \$3-\$6 (half-kill) and \$4-\$8 (full-kill), NLHE \$1-\$3 (\$60-\$300) \$2-\$5 (\$200-\$1K), Omaha/8 \$6-\$12 (full kill) and \$5-\$5 pot-limit Omaha (\$500-\$5K).

The room also has a range of deepstack events (with guarantees most days of the week) with buy-ins starting at \$70.

There are quite a few promotions running at this time, too.

- Full House Rocks runs Monday through Thursday between 2-5 p.m. For every jacks full or better, the player chooses an envelope with between \$30 to \$200 in chips.

- Splash pots are every day from 7:15-10:45 a.m. with \$50 added every half-hour, every game.

Football season is a big deal here. Sunday's 1 p.m. game has a high-hand promotion. Whenever there's a score the high hand at that point gets a bonus.

The Sunday Night Squares promotion lets players earn squares during the prior week with a full house or better. After the game is over, the board clears for the next week.

Monday Night Rack attacks: For every touchdown, five tables get a rack added. For every field goal, three tables get a rack.

They also bring in food on Sundays and Mondays for the games. These promotions and the big televisions make watching football a lot more fun.

And we can't forget Spotlight 29, which has a nice spacious enclosed room. This is another player-friendly facility. It has a refreshment station with tables for the players' comfort. Snacks are offered at various times.

Poker-room manager **Matt Singleton** has put together a nice mix of tournaments and cash games, including \$3-\$6 limit with a full kill and \$1-\$2 NLHE (\$60-\$200).

The Daily Big Deal is a \$35 buy-in tournament that gives you 6K chips. There are two \$10 rebuys within the first 45 minutes for 3K chips each, and one add-on, \$15 for 4K chips.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. is a \$50 buy-in bounty tournament (\$10 bounties) with 45-minute late registration available.

Both of these poker rooms are worth your time and effort when you're in the Palm Springs area.

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HINKLE WINS HISTORIC HARD ROCK TITLE

After a summer of planning and preparation for a groundbreaking event featuring a guaranteed \$10 million prize pool, officials of the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open were ready for a large portion of the tournament poker world to arrive in South Florida. And while Hard Rock executive **Larry Mullin** promised a fun event and several pros joked about a possible huge overlay, it would be neither fun nor funny for Seminole gaming if the event fell short of the needed 2,000 entries.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

But any worries proved unnecessary, as two months of satellites from six Seminole properties provided an initial group of 250 entrants in place with a week remaining before the start of the main event. The extensive summer advertising and the positive word-of-mouth that only an eight-figure prize guarantee can provide would then attract a huge field and the brave new world of unlimited re-entries would fill in the rest.

"I started feeling really good two days before the main event when 600 players showed up for a satellite at noon, then 625 for another the next day. ... outstanding numbers for a satellite," director of poker **William Mason** said. "When we have a cash tournament for \$560, we're lucky to get those numbers."

The final tally of 2,384 entries blew out the guarantee, creating a prize pool of nearly \$12 million and paying nearly 15 percent of the field (338 players). A dozen players cashed for more than \$100K, and the final six earned at least \$378K apiece. In the end, an entertaining battle between two well-known veterans — **Blair Hinkle** and **Justin Bonomo** — turned into a nearly six-hour rollercoaster ride, with both guaranteed more than a million dollars.

Heads-up play started with Hinkle and Bonomo virtually even. Hinkle took an early advantage, but Bonomo grabbed the lead three times, only to see Hinkle battle back to nearly even. After 147 hands, Hinkle retook the lead for good and 18 hands later won the title. He pocketed \$1,745,245 for the victory, along with the white Hard Rock guitar, while Bonomo received a nice consolation prize of \$1,163,500. There were two South Floridians at the final table: **Mukul Pahuja** of Coconut Creek, who finished third and earned more than \$872K, and **Greg Lehn** of Plantation (\$378K, sixth).

The event attracted many poker stars, including **Phil Ivey**, **Mike Matusow** and four November Niners (**J.C. Tran**, **Ryan Riess**, **Amir Lehavot** and **David Benefield**), along with nearly all the South Florida elite (**Jason Mercier**, **Michael Mizrachi** and **Noah Schwartz**,



among others). The addition of the inaugural WPT Alpha 8, a \$100K buy-in Super High Roller taped for broadcast on Fox Sports 1 next March, added to the excitement for the week, and was won by **Steve Silverman**.

The Seminole Hard Rock also delivered on the promised fun, with several late-night parties hosted by rapper **Nelly**, rock star **Tommy Lee** and actor-DJ **Danny Masterson** (*That '70s Show*). Nelly and Masterson played in the main event, with Masterson cashing for more than \$14K.

Tournament director **Matt Savage** ran the events, arriving in South Florida on Day 1A despite serious neck surgery earlier in the week. Trying to ignore the pain and lack of sleep, Savage told me he just had to be there.

"I've run some big events, but this one is special to me," he said. "It was well-attended, but everyone that was here seemed to love everything about it. I'm excited about it and I hope they do more in the future. I felt it was very important to be here, because I worked so hard for months with Bill Mason to help put this event together, and I didn't want to miss it."

Mason also was pleased, saying the reward justified the huge risk.

"The players came from all around the world and besides the tournament events, it was just amazing to see the cash games going on over in the regular poker room," he said. "There were nights we had 15 to 20 games that were \$5-\$10 or higher."

So, what's up next?

"This was a great success and I see bigger and better things coming," Mason said. "The challenge is there. How can we top ourselves? That's what people are asking."

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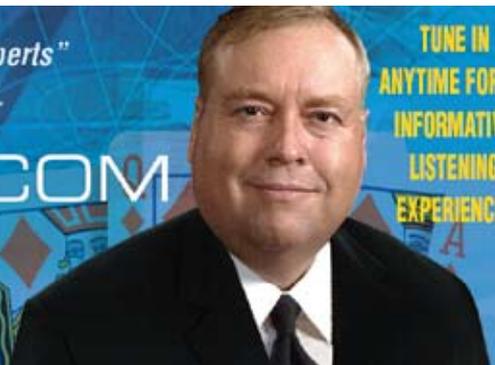
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HPT RETURNS TO DAYTONA BEACH ON OCT. 4-13

It would have been hard to imagine in the fledgling days of Florida poker that this peninsula would become such a worldwide focal point for the game.

A large factor in that boom was when the limits changed, but another one of the pillars of that success has come from big events and poker series, which attracted the game's biggest names and became a core foundation for Florida's amateurs to take steps toward the grand stage.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

Daytona Beach Kennel Club has become a linchpin stop for the Heartland Poker Tour. The HPT prides itself on being a tournament built for the regular people, and nowhere is that adage more suitable than DBKC.

The HPT returns Oct. 4-13, and to gear up for its big event DBKC is holding \$65 qualifiers every Friday and Sunday. Every qualifier comes with a guarantee of one seat, but usually two or three are given away, so that number is sure to grow as the main event gets closer. The HPT final table will be televised at a later date. Please see the ad on Page 47 for this event.

BESTBET: In the River City, bestbet Jacksonville is ready to welcome its special guests; the lovely ladies of the LIPS Tour will stop by for their second visit. First Lady of Poker **Linda John-**

son, Jan Fisher and the rest of the LIPS crew will be on hand for a fun-filled weekend, complete with a bounty event, a women's championship and a tag-team event open to men and women. Details on this exciting weekend will be up soon so check out bestbet's website for more details.

Before the dust can settle from the LIPS event, the World Poker Tour is rolling back into Jacksonville at the start of November, but satellites for the upcoming \$500K guarantee main event are starting as early as the first week in October. There will be \$100 (with \$20 rebuys), \$270 and \$390 satellites lined up weekly until the big day, as well as hourly high hands where players will have a chance to win tickets to all of the satellite events.

EBRO: At the Panhandle room, the Emerald Coast Championship series was well under way at press time, so be sure to check back with *Ante Up* for results from Ebro's signature series, which concluded Sept. 29.

Also, for anyone interested in learning how to play Omaha/8, Ebro holds weekly \$40 tournaments every Monday, and to help players not familiar with the game, Ebro hosts a training course at 5:30 p.m. every week before the tournament.

— **Charles Allison is Ante Up's North Florida Ambassador. Email him at anteupcharles@gmail.com.**

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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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DEL CUETO MAKES MOST OF THIRD CHANCE

I recently had a chance to chat with local player **Ray Del Cueto**, a.k.a. Tampa Bay Ray, who discussed life, cancer and poker. For most of us, we've gravitated to the game when we were in our 20s or 30s. Then there is Tampa Bay Ray. He didn't start playing until much later in life. In fact, it wasn't until surviving his second bout with cancer did he even contemplate playing for any real stakes.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.**

"First, I have to give all the credit for playing poker to my girlfriend, **Denise**. If it wasn't for her, I don't think I would have ever started this journey."

The journey started at a weekly home game, then he branched out to other venues.

"I live in Sarasota, and coming home via Cortez Road I would see a sign for free poker leagues and after a while I went in to see what it was all about. ... I felt welcomed by the crowd, which made things easy," he said. "It was a good way to socialize, but also to understand the game better. I would do well enough to make it to the monthly events and the chance to win a trip to the World Series in Las Vegas. I came close and did well, but never reached the top."

However, that didn't stop him from making the trip to, as he



phrased it, "Poker Nirvana," the World Series of Poker, where he played in the senior event.

"It was phenomenal just to be there," he said.

In 2011, at Palm Beach Kennel Club's inaugural WSOP Circuit, Ray reached a level many players can only dream of, by winning a ring in a \$345 event that drew 436 players. Over the past six months, he has cashed in five series, including wins in Punta Cana at the AUPT World Championship, Isle Casino at Pompano Park, Sarasota Kennel Club and at the Hard Rock's \$10 million guarantee in Hollywood. "Cancer made me change my outlook," he said. "I have to enjoy life."

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The \$50K guarantee Halloween Tournament will be presented by Ante Up Poker Cruises. The \$350 buy-in event has two starting flights (6 p.m. Oct. 25, and 1 p.m. Oct. 26) and will end Oct. 27. See the ad on Pages 2-3 for details. Satellites for \$30 with optional add-ons will be at 7 p.m. for five consecutive Thursday nights (Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24). Top two chipleaders in each when play halts will win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package for two for the Dec. 2 sailing, plus a seat in the Halloween Tournament.

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KUETHER WINS ASPC MAIN EVENT, \$246K

The ninth annual Arizona State Poker Championship at Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room was the biggest yet, as Wisconsin pro **Joe Kuether** captured the title and \$246K.



MARY BRADLEY
SOUTHWEST

Plenty of other big names made the trip to the Scottsdale casino, including "Miami" **John Cernuto** (34th, \$3,572), **David Plastik** (58th, \$3,312), **Dan Heimiller** (80th, \$3,053), **Jake Balsiger** (91st, \$2,598) and **Billy Kopp** (128th, \$1,949). There were 1,299 players in the \$1K event.

"The tournament was by far the best we've had," said **Ron Parish**, a lead supervisor who, with **Molly Brentlinger**, was put in charge of the event after popular poker-room manager **Kent Odekirk** retired a few months ago. "It was the most we had turn out in the history of the event and a lot of big-time players were here, including **Phil Hellmuth**. It was fabulous all around and we've heard that it was the smoothest it was ever run."

Kuether, a World Series of Poker Circuit champ, defeated **Kelly Minkin**, who was runner-up (\$151K). She was followed by **Daniel Hirleman** (\$116,910), **Justin Riches** (\$88,982), **Zach Kottler** (\$77,940), **Jason Bidwell** (\$64,950), **Ed Clark** (\$51,960), **Nidel Salem** (\$38,970), **Dave Kaminsky** (\$25,980) and **Matt Kursar** (\$19,485).

In other Talking Stick news, the Arena offers \$80 NLHE tournaments Monday-Friday at 11:15 a.m. this month.

On Oct. 5, the \$330 Big Stack event runs at 11:15 a.m. and features 10K chips with 3K more for a \$15 add-on.

Oct. 12 is the \$225 Super Bounty Big Stack tournament (11:15 a.m., 8,500 chips, 2,500 more for \$10) and Oct. 19 is a Super Bounty, Super Big Stack, Super Turbo (\$225, 11:15 a.m., 10K chips, 2,500 more for \$10).

And don't forget the \$150 End of the Month event (Oct. 26, 11:15 a.m., 3,500 chips, 2,500 more for \$10, plus a \$5 keno ticket equals 1K chips).

For more daily tournament info, be sure to see our Where to Play pages in the back of the magazine and see the ad on the facing page.

ROUTE 66: Manager **Mark Serna** said the New Mexico poker room will continue its big monthly tournament this

month, with \$2K added to the prize pool. Player are offered three ways to enter: free, after 35 hours of cash play; half price (\$150) buy-in for 20-34 hours of play; and \$300 (full price). Also, Route 66 has started a tournament bad-beat jackpot, but more details are expected later.

WILD HORSE PASS-VEE QUIVA: For the East-West Championship (\$120) at both properties (which ran Sept. 28), the final table will be at Vee Quiva on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

For promotions, half-price food (on the poker menu) will be available for all seated players, and there will be Football Super Splashes (\$100 splashed pots) for NFL and NCAA football games on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

SANDIA RESORT & CASINO: The Albuquerque poker room features a bounty series on Thursday nights throughout October, and there are hints of upcoming big changes to the bad-beat jackpot collection and distribution, so stay tuned.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS: Manager **Anthony Sago** announced the poker room is taking a break from tournaments and will have just live games this month.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: The poker room has featured tournaments this month, and here are but a few: Tuesdays are \$15 Omaha/8 with two rebuys and three add-ons at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays are \$10 NLHE, three rebuys, three add-ons at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays are \$40 NLHE at 7:30 p.m.

As far as promotions, for each morning's startup, the first six players to play two hours will receive \$20.

Faces Cracked pays \$40 for kings, \$30 for queens and \$20 for jacks (noon-4 and 8-midnight, Monday-Wednesday and Friday). For more info, check our Where to Play pages or call the poker room.

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



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PAY TO PLAY? LAS VEGAS PICKS UP ITS GAME

Some Las Vegas poker rooms will pay you to play in their room. It's a variation of the freeroll, but instead of rewarding players who have played a minimum number of hours with a free guaranteed prize pool tournament, the poker room just gives away money based on hours played. No doubt players prefer this, because if they play the requisite number of hours, they're sure to get paid, rather than having to do well in the subsequent tournament. And since the players usually have to qualify for the freeroll by playing cash games, they may not feel as comfortable having to play a tournament.



ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

It's cost-effective for a poker room, too. It saves money by not having to staff a tournament from which it gets no extra money. So, why not just give the money back without having the freeroll?

Treasure Island has the "Get Paid to Play Poker" promo. Hours accumulate weekly as 10 hours of live play earns \$50. Additional increments of 10 hours in the same week earn a bigger payback, up to \$599 for 60 hours. TI regularly spreads \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em and \$2-\$6 spread-limit hold'em.

Downtown, Binion's has the "Cash Back Bonanza." Hours accumulate monthly with the first tier at \$50 for 25 hours. Players who put in 100 hours in a month will earn \$750. Binion's offers \$1-\$2 NLHE, \$2-4 limit and \$3-6 limit.

TEXAS STATION: The North Las Vegas casino has been spreading a new Omaha-high game on Sundays nights. It's a spread-limit game (\$2-\$6). Plus, it has "over" buttons, meaning anyone who takes a button agrees to switch any hand to no-limit if everyone left in a pot also has an over button. Recently, all the players with over buttons split off and formed a no-limit game while the original table remained \$2-\$6.

GREEN VALLEY RANCH: On the south side of town, Omaha also is being spread regularly. The \$3-\$6 game usually has one or two tables going most days. The \$2,500 Omaha freeroll, with only 10 hours per month needed to qualify, is one reason. Another is the new progressive high hands for the game. A straight flush is needed to win, with royals paying at least \$250.

LVH: The new poker room is starting a \$5-\$10 stud game, scheduled to spread Fridays at noon, with the hope that a second day could be added in the future. The room is offering cheap poker-room rates for players who play six hours a day. The weekday rate is \$39; on weekends it's \$49. There are some

blackout dates, so interested parties should call for availability.

MANDALAY BAY: The 10-table room is one of the longest established in town. It recently had a total remodel, with new tables, new chairs and new carpeting. The electronic tracking system, Bravo, is in the process of being installed, which will make tracking the \$1-per-hour comps much easier. The room generally spreads \$1-\$2 NLHE and \$3-\$6 limit and offers high-hand bonuses. Mandalay Bay has a full schedule of moderately priced tournaments.

MGM: The popular room on the south side of the Strip recently started taking a \$1-per-hand promotional drop. The original promo was a \$500 high hand of the day, but that promo will soon be replaced. And now that football season has started, the room will have drawings during the Sunday night and Monday night games every time a team scores. Payouts will vary between \$100 and \$500.

PALMS: The off-strip room recently changed its main NLHE game from \$1-\$3 to \$1-2, with a minimum buy-in of \$50 (\$300 maximum). The six-table room has a \$3K weekly freeroll for 15 hours of live play.

CHANGES: Ron Carson has been named the poker-room manager at the Monte Carlo. He replaces Susan Sandberg, who moved to the Mirage. Carson has worked in the room since 1998.

CAESARS PALACE: The seventh annual Caesars Classic runs Oct. 18-Nov. 4. The series features more than \$500K in guarantees. The \$1,080 two-day championship event starts Nov. 3 and features a \$175K guarantee.

VENETIAN: Deep Stack Extravaganza IV will be Oct. 31-Nov. 27. Four of the multiple-day NLHE events will have guarantees, including the \$2,500 main event, which starts Nov. 23 with a \$500K guarantee.

STRATOSPHERE: The Heartland Poker Tour comes to the Stratosphere on Nov. 7. The \$1,650 main event begins Nov. 15 and finishes with the televised final table Nov. 18.

BELLAGIO: The WPT Five Diamond World Poker Classic is set for Nov. 29-Dec. 11.

CLOSURE: One of the longest established poker rooms in town, Circus Circus, has closed. The room opened in 1974 and suffered greatly as properties all around it closed or lost popularity. The property is popular for families with children, but it could no longer sustain a poker room.

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ROBB EARNS CPC TITLE IN A CHOP AT GATES

It's not extraordinary to see chops in tournament poker; that often just makes the most practical sense for players involved. A chop ensures everyone walks away with a healthy cut of the action, a perfectly reasonable payout for the time and focus involved, especially in a multiday event.



RICK GERSHMAN
COLORADO

But a six-way chop is somewhat less common, especially in a main event. Regardless, that's how the top event ended at Golden Gates' Colorado Poker Championship. The final six players in the recent \$1,020 tourney decided to divvy up the remaining prize pool, each cashing a little less than \$28,200.

Earning the main-event title was chipleader **Jay Robb**, who recently moved from Denver to nearby Lakewood. And by recently, we mean *recently*: Robb said he and his girlfriend were supposed to move during the CPC main event. Robb, 33, had decided to take his chances on a qualifier and happened to make the cut. Robb assured he would be using a bit of his winnings to show his appreciation for his girlfriend's patience. "Poker doesn't like you to be happy in your relationships," Robb said with a laugh. "I'll be paying back relationship capital."

It's by far the biggest cash for Robb, an amateur who more often plays cash games and provided a fresh face at the main event's final table: "I don't usually grind it out with these (local

mobs." That's part of the reason, Robb said, he let himself be persuaded to take a chop in the main event, which attracted 285 entrants for a \$256K prize pool.

The chop was being pushed pretty strongly by the other players, Robb said, and after some contemplation, he agreed. There were several experienced players in the final six, including Aurora's **Teresa Hemingway**, who cashed for more than \$225K by winning the Heartland Poker Tour main event at Golden Gates in May. Hemingway, a strategic-but-aggressive final-table player, also happened to be sitting to Robb's left.



"I was surprised that everyone else was willing to chop," Robb said. "I don't have the type of tournament credentials (they do.) It's an HPT winner and CPC winner and guys with all these tournament credentials, and they're sweating me for a chop. ... I think I chopped for bankroll reasons and variance. The money for the chop was better than third-place money, so I was okay walking away as the declared champ. But I was getting needled by people on Twitter."

Hemingway was second with the next-largest stack, followed by **Mansour Alipourfard**, **Jerry Johnson**, **Ian Glycenfer** and **Gavin Writer**. Robb, who said he's pursuing a career in city management or municipal government, attributed his run to his competitive drive. A 4A state champion long-distance runner in high school, he said he "didn't like running, but I hated losing."

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INTHAVONG WINS WINSTAR RIVER SERIES, \$473K

Tournament action in Oklahoma continues to be heavy. Main events for WinStar World Casino's River Series, Cherokee Casino's Blast to the Past Series at West Siloam Springs, Hard Rock Casino's Poker Showdown and the Mid-States Poker Tour at Downstream Casino were among those crowning champions since our last issue.



ROBERT KELLY
OK.-KANSAS

Kaophone Inthavong defeated **Benjamin Kantor** to win the River Series' \$2,500 main event for \$473,900 in Thackerville. Kantor earned \$286,418 for his runner-up finish in a tourney that had 1,108 entries. In other big news from the series, the \$5K "No Juice" drew 54 entries and WinStar ambassador **Maria Ho** captured the event and \$101K.

- **Todd Kerr** overcame 375 players and beat **Ken Pastewka** in a short heads-up battle to win the MSPT's \$400 main event. He earned \$37,050. Pastewka won \$20,357 as runner-up.

- **Duy Nguyen** took down the Blast to the Past Series' \$330 main event. A repeat winner, he overcame 112 entries to earn \$10,500. Nguyen also won the main event in 2010. **Phonesanong Omo** was second (\$6,300).

- **Mark Newport** and **Eric Mihalka** chopped the Hard Rock Poker Showdown's \$1,090 main event for \$6K each.

- Choctaw Casino in Durant will complete its \$1M guarantee Fall Classic on Oct. 7. Results and a tournament recap will appear our next issue.

Next up for the region is the Heartland Poker Tour at Indigo Sky Casino. Scheduled to run Oct. 10-21, the main event features a \$1,650 buy-in.

UPDATES: Some interesting news in the area involves game developments at two Kansas casinos and the return of poker at one Oklahoma venue and possibly another.

- Poker has returned to Paradise ... Casino that is. Not offered for more than four years, poker has returned in the form of a nine-handed table in its table-games pit. A second table is expected to be added within a month (\$1-2 NLHE is offered now) with SNGs being considered for that table. Paradise once offered a six-table poker room.

- First Council Casino is considering a return to the poker market. By late fall, the decision will be made to create a three-table poker room. First Council once had an enclosed poker room with nine tables. It closed in May 2012 because of Kansas Star Casino opening its poker room.

- Speaking of Kansas Star Casino, it has started offering \$3-\$6 limit hold'em and has found a substantial amount of support for a cash game not commonly found in many casinos, \$2-\$5 PLO/8.

- Boot Hill Casino offers \$2-\$5 PLO. It and Kansas Star share enough of a player pool that demand has sparked at Boot Hill. Also, Boot Hill's bad-beat jackpot was closing in on \$200K at press time with a quads-beaten qualifier.

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WISCONSIN

Peebles wins Potawatomi event

On July 28, the Potawatomi Bingo & Casino in Milwaukee hosted its \$100K Mid-Summer Classic, which attracted 200 players and generated 49 rebuys for a \$109,800 prize pool.



CHAD HOLLOWAY
WISCONSIN

One notable in attendance was **Eddie Blumenthal**, who has \$901,386 in career World Series of Poker winnings, including two seventh-place finishes this summer (Event 15 \$1,500 H.O.R.S.E. for \$28,778 and Event 22 \$1,500 pot-limit Omaha). Unfortunately, Blumenthal couldn't get anything going in his home state.

After more than 14 hours of play, **Thomas Peebles** emerged victorious over **Paul Hendricks** in heads-up play to win the \$30K first-place prize. Hendricks earned \$23,802.

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Tom Peebles and Paul Hendricks got heads-up for the Potawatomi title and \$30K.



MICHIGAN

Townsend beats 300 for MSPT title

Jordan Townsend of Grand Rapids, Mich., beat a field of 300 players to win the Mid-States Poker Tour Main Event at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Mich., for \$76,975. **Adam Lamphere** of Lansing, Mich., was runner-up for a second time, earning \$42,118. Lamphere won \$39,351 in March at MSPT's first stop at Firekeepers.

This also was a repeat final table for **Patrick Steele** of Chelsea, Mich. The Heartland Poker Tour champ came in fourth for the second time this year, winning \$18,880, collecting 1,000 points to put him in first place in the Player of the Year race. Lamphere is in third place (2,200).

Also in the field with his first cash in an MSPT event was **Jason "icufish" Smith**, who finished 15th (\$4,067). Smith is a pro from Ferndale, who had more than \$1.67 million in earnings online before Black Friday. He has been making the transition to live tournaments and said of the MSPT, "I like the structure. They skip a few levels, but the levels that they have are long enough to get a good amount of hands in."

According to manager **Kelley Bailey**, Firekeepers hasn't come to an agreement with the MSPT for a 2014 schedule yet, but they're happy with their partnership this year.

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RIVER CITY COMPLETES EXPANSION WITH HOTEL

River City Casino in St. Louis completed Phase 3 of its \$83 million expansion in September by opening its new hotel. Other phases included an event center and parking garage. This greatly expands the possibilities for larger poker tournaments and series.



DON MATUSOFSKY
MISSOURI

The addition of 1,600 covered parking spaces has been helpful in relieving parking congestion. The 14,000-square-foot event center has hosted many concerts and is becoming a major focus for the property.

“The hotel has 200 rooms, including six director suites and one Pinnacle suite,” director of hotel and development **Gerad Hardy** said.

Combined with five dining venues, a coffee shop and a full-service casino, River City truly covers all the bases. Poker-



room discounts are available and special discounts will be made for the Heartland Poker Tour event in November. Check with the poker room for details.

The initial plans are to retain the casino nightly closing time of 4:59 a.m. on Monday through Thursday.

“We are not moving to 24-hour operations at first and will review based on player feedback,” Hardy said.

Fridays and Saturdays are already in 24-hour operation.

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LOCAL HARWELL WALKS AWAY WITH GCPC TITLE

The Gulf Coast Poker Championship wrapped up at the Beau Rivage, and it was great seeing the thousands of players who made it out to compete. We have the results here for you to check out, but I wanted to recap briefly what ended up being a fantastic 12-day event.



JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

Staff and players got a chance to put in long hours to manage the consistently large fields. The Beau Rivage upped the ante by hiring a full-time blogger to cover the tournaments in detail. Paired with **Eric Harkins** of Image Masters Photography, all a virtual railbird had to do was log on to the Facebook page for “Beau Rivage Poker” to see minute-to-minute, in-depth coverage of every event.

I really hope this is the beginning of a trend for the Mississippi MGM events. I can't tell you how much fun it was to sweat the familiar players on the days I couldn't make it to the Beau.

Sam Grizzle joined the crowd for multiple events, livening up the table banter with his usual southern charm and big personality. He managed to pull off several deep runs, including fifth place in the \$1,580 main event.

The biggest cause for celebration ended up being local **Robert Harwell** (Pass Christian, Miss.) who took home the trophy and \$112,351. **Corrie “Slim” Wunstel** was second and **Amir Sahebdivani** finished third. I had the pleasure of running into Amir shortly after the last hand was dealt and he said

a monetary deal had been struck.

We have about a month off in the Magnolia State before a Halloween kickoff in Tunica. Gold Strike has moved its Winter Classic to an earlier time slot, beginning Oct. 31 and wrapping up Nov. 11. It's now called the Fall Poker Classic.

Though last year's December event broke records, I still expect this time-block to do exceptionally well. No longer conflicting with Thanksgiving travel or holiday shopping, we'll all have time to focus on poker.

The main event is \$800 and begins Nov. 8. There will be a host of mega- and super-satellites for this event, all at affordable prices. You can expect the same deepstack, slow-moving structures typical for the MGM events; as well as a few fun events for those who enjoy non-hold'em varieties.

Some of the non-NLHE events include Omaha/8, PLO Triple Chance, PLO/8, stud/8, and an interesting event called the \$230 Election Day Voters Choice tournament. It, of course, runs on Nov. 5, which is Election Day. It's a one-day event.

Be sure to look at the ad on the facing page for the full schedule and details.

This fall series will wrap up the Mississippi tour for 2013, to resume after New Year's at the Beau Rivage for the much-anticipated Million Dollar Heater (Jan. 3-15).

Next issue, I'll have follow-ups from the WSOPC IP Biloxi as well as fall-winter promotions from around the state. Looking forward to seeing you in Tunica soon.

— Email Jennifer Gay at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.



Robert Harwell

Gulf Coast Championship, Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 22-Sept. 2



Event 1 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 1,262 • Pool: \$367,242
Mohammad Moeini, \$55,103



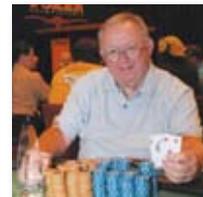
Event 2 • \$230 Ladies
Entries: 55 • Pool: \$10,670
Marsha Adams, \$3,841



Event 3 • \$125 NLHE
Entries: 220 • Pool: \$37,733
Sean Carter, \$12,453



Event 4 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 42 • Pool: \$8,148
Charles Jordan, \$3,667



Event 5 • \$340 Seniors
Entries: 151 • Pool: \$43,941
Edwin Cloud, \$14,504



Event 6 • \$400 6-Max
Entries: 58 • Pool: \$16,878
Jovon Williams, \$5,739



Event 7 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 178 • Pool: \$34,532
Douglas Sewell, \$11,398



Event 8 • \$340 O/8
Entries: 47 • Pool: \$13,677
Adam Nash, \$6,154



Event 9 • \$230 NLHE
Entries: 65 • Pool: \$12,610
Jonathan Hart, \$4,539



Event 10 • \$340 NLHE
Entries: 72 • Pool: \$20,952
Tuep Doan, \$7,542



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NOV 1	FRI	2	LIMIT OMAHA 8 OR BETTER	4PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 2	SAT	1B	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM \$100,000 GUARANTEED	12PM	\$300	\$40
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
NOV 4	MON	7	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM 6-MAX WITH BOUNTIES	4PM	\$360	\$40
NOV 5	TUES	8	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 5	TUES	9	ELECTION DAY VOTER'S CHOICE EVENT (1 DAY EVENT)	4PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 6	WED	10	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12PM	\$300	\$40
NOV 6	WED	11	STUD 8 OR BETTER	4PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 7	THUR	12	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	12PM	\$200	\$30
NOV 7	THUR		SUPER SATELLITE WITH \$40 REBUYS \$40 ADD ONS	4PM	\$65	\$15
NOV 7	THUR		MEGA SATELLITE	6PM	\$40	\$10
NOV 7	THUR		MEGA SATELLITE	9PM	\$80	\$20
NOV 8	FRI		LAST CHANCE MEGA SATELLITE	10AM	\$80	\$20
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
NOV 9	SAT	13C	NO LIMIT CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT 3	12PM	\$740	\$60
NOV 9	SAT		LAST CHANCE MEGA SATELLITE	2PM	\$80	\$20
NOV 9	SAT	14	LIMIT OMAHA 8 OR BETTER CHAMPIONSHIP	4PM	\$400	\$40
NOV 9	SAT	13D	NO LIMIT CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT 4	6PM	\$740	\$60
NOV 10	SUN	15	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM/SINGLE REBUY (1 DAY EVENT)	2PM	\$100	\$25
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DAN HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

Ohio

In an interesting development, the Ohio Attorney General issued an opinion classifying PokerPro electronic poker tables as slot machines. The PokerPro tables were a huge hit for players of the Buckeye Charity Poker Room and in particular pot-limit Omaha and PLO/8 players. The result of this classification was that the technology could no longer be used in charity poker rooms. As a result, Buckeye was closed Sept. 7.

However, for fans of the PokerPro electronic tables, there's a significant silver lining. Classification as a slot machine opens the door to the use of PokerPro tables as a VLT, thus bringing poker to Ohio's racinos and offering players an even wider selection of poker establishments. This likely means the few legal poker clubs left in Ohio will soon be legislated out of business and closed.

Poker in recent years has overtaken golf as the top fund-raising activity in the nation. It's unclear what effect these changes will have on charitable events and poker in venues such as VFWs. But it's clear times are changing in Ohio.

Play remains strong in all four Ohio casinos with a wide selection of tournament buy-ins, cash games and buy-in ranges. There's plenty of high-stakes action for certain, but one must investigate each casino for days and times of certain bigger games. In some cases, reservations should be made.

Be sure to check our Where to Play pages in the back of the magazine for details.

Western Pennsylvania

There's a new location for the poker room at the Meadows Casino. The 15-table room (down from 20) has been moved upstairs to the main gaming floor, which management hopes will help increase business with the increased traffic. ... The Rivers Casino continues to have a wide selection of games and high-stakes action, plus a popular Saturday deepstack tournament that attracts players from across the region. ... Presque Isle Downs will award an Ante Up Poker Cruise package, plus a \$500 gift card, to the top winner in an Oct. 12 drawing.

West Virginia

Mountaineer and Wheeling Island have been hit hard by Ohio and Pennsylvania action, but they continue to offer players the opportunity to mix it up and play close to home for affordable fees. Many tournament players appreciate the opportunity to play smaller-stakes tournaments to hone skills and entertain themselves.

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



Alexander, Vang chop TOC event at Running Aces

Minnesota tournament regulars Matt Alexander and Kou Vang, pictured at right, chopped Running Aces Harness Park's Tournament of Champions for \$50,846 each after a long heads-up match in Columbus, Minn.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

When heads-up play began, both players had more than 50 big blinds and each held a 3-to-1 lead at different points in the match. But after they returned to about even stacks one last time, they decided to chop the money and do a best-of-seven flip for the trophy and title. Alexander won the flips.

This was the second year Running Aces hosted its \$2,500 buy-in event. It attracted 83 entries and generated a \$189,198 prize pool. After the event, pro Allen Kessler tweeted, "Great staff, friendly players and best structure anywhere."

TWIN CITIES OPEN: Mario Hudson of Saint Paul, Minn., took first place at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn.



The tournament ended after chipleader Hudson accepted a chop for \$30,900 that awarded \$29,303 to Tony Hartmann and David Gonia. The \$1,100 event drew 182 players and resulted in a \$176,540 prize pool.

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RIVERSIDE HOSTS \$100K GUARANTEE

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While the buy-in is \$1K, there will be qualifier tournaments running up to the event to allow players to earn a seat inexpensively.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

If you haven't played at Riverside and are wondering if it's worth the trip, it is. This is one of the bigger rooms in Iowa and there should be significant side action. The room regularly spreads limit and no-limit hold'em up to \$2-\$5 blinds and maybe even a PLO game.

HORSESHOE: In the third week of August, the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs held its Poker Classic. This was a week of various events culminating in the \$1K main event. This multiday tournament had 126 players and **Richard Thousand** of Ankeny, Iowa, found himself at the top of the heap. He earned \$30,798 when he eliminated **Thomas Lutjens** of Columbus, Neb., in heads-up play.



In the other events, **Sean Johnson** of Chamberlain, S.D., took down the \$550 NLHE event, winning \$11,086 by defeating 79 players. **Brandon Cordry** of St. Joe, Mo., won the \$200 Omaha/8 event for \$3,361. **Jerry Moore** from Omaha bested 164 players to win the \$150 bounty event for \$1,611 and **Steven Baker** of Owasso, Okla., won the \$250 NLHE 196-player event (\$10,526).

The Horseshoe has been promoting Omaha as PLO has been gaining popularity. Because of this, it will host the Omaha Poker Open on Oct. 6-13. There will be a mix of Omaha/8, NLHE and PLO events all week. Oct. 11 is the \$200 Triple Chance PLO event. The \$550 main event starts Oct. 12. Expect great side action at the Horseshoe as it is also one of the biggest rooms in Iowa, spreading Omaha, PLO and hold'em at \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS: The poker room hosts the Heartland Poker Tour on Oct. 18-28. This circuit should bring a large number of players to the Des Moines area for the week. The \$1,650 main event is Oct. 25 with qualifiers running all month. In the past, this event has brought out a number of well-known pros. There also will be a NLHE deepstack event Oct. 20 and a \$125 PLO tournament on Oct. 23. The final table of the main event will be aired on TV on various networks so here is your chance to get on the other side of the tube.

MESKWAKI: The Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel hosts the \$300K guarantee Mid-States Poker Tour on Oct. 26-Nov. 3. The last event blew past the guarantee and the good turnout should continue, so drop by if you're looking for more great action.

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The Royal Crown Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino hosted its Delaware Poker Championship III on Sept. 7 as **Dave Tarantino** of Wilmington, Del., captured the main-event title. There were 206 entrants for a \$108,150 prize pool. The final table made a deal as the top three chopped \$61K and the other seven players took home \$4,638 each.



MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

On Oct. 13, Dover Downs will host a \$40K guarantee that features a \$199 buy-in and starts at 12:15 p.m.

The poker room has NFL Sunday Ticket, so look for Sunday Splash pots and high hands at the end of every quarter of three games on Sunday plus Monday and Thursday nights.

MARYLAND LIVE: One of the largest poker rooms in the Mid-Atlantic region opened on Aug. 28 at Maryland Live Casino in Hanover, Md. Easily accessible from the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., metro areas and only 10 minutes from Baltimore-Washington International Airport, its two-level, 52-table poker room will offer a number of amenities for its customers, including safety deposit boxes, a private bar, tableside food service, special phone-charging stations and tableside massages.

Players began forming a line as early as 7 a.m. to get one of the first seats in the poker room.

By 11 a.m., the line had grown to about 300, and by noon the 500-plus player line snaked around the casino.



The ceremonial first hand.

The ceremonial first hand was played by 10 players who were chosen at random after responding to the casino's Twitter feed.

Maryland Live will offer hold'em, Omaha and stud games. Director of poker **Mike Smith** said for the opening day they generated interest in a \$4-\$8 limit and \$15-\$30 limit cash tables in addition to the standard \$1-\$2 and \$2-\$5 NLHE games.

This month there will be a regular schedule of daily tournaments, usually two each weekday, plus a \$20K guarantee, \$330 buy-in event each Saturday at noon.

CHARITY POKER IN D.C.: All In Enterprise is hosting a charity event at the Shriners' Temple in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 13. The event will have a \$195 buy-in. For more information, go to allinenterprises.org.

— **Ray Dizon** contributed to this report. You can email **Michael Young** at anteupmike@gmail.com.

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FIRST-TIME WINNERS STAR AT FOXWOODS

What does a physical education teacher, meat manager, Broadway stage father and a retired online-poker-grinder-turned-investment-banker have in common? They all won their first World Series of Poker Circuit ring at Foxwoods Resort Casino in August.



PATRICK GALLAGHER
NORTHEAST

Just four months since the last WSOPC here, Foxwoods still managed to hit record numbers in players and prize pools, cementing its place as a top stop on the WSOPC. The overall series drew 3,975 players to the 12 ring events, vying for their piece of the combined \$2.2 million purse.

Multiple \$365 (and other mid-level entry) tournaments helped bring the large and varied fields and prize pools, and as a result delivered multiple first-time winners.

New England and New York grinders continued to dominate the Foxwoods circuit event, claiming seven of the 12 rings. Massachusetts PE teacher **Ryan Methia**, who won Event 6 (\$365 NLHE) and cashed three more times throughout the series, won the Casino Championship.

The main event went to ex-Internet pro **Jason Strasser** of New York, who survived with just 10 big blinds at the final table. He outlasted 591 players, including 2012 November Niner **Mike Esposito** and New Hampshire pro **Joe Mournau**, who made the final table at the Little One for One Drop this year.

Other interesting and notable wins include **Joe Frizzi** (supermarket meat manager) Event 11 (\$365 NLHE), **Grant Lang**, who's daughter was preparing to star in a Broadway play while he took down Event 7 (\$580 six-max), as well as **Ari Engel's** sixth ring coming in Event 9 (\$580 NLHE).

There's no rest for the weary as Foxwoods now moves on

to its signature series, the World Poker Finals, which runs Oct. 20-Nov. 3.

The series is guaranteeing \$1 million, including \$500K for the \$2,700 main event, which begins Nov. 1 at noon. Players start with 30K chips and have 60-minute levels.

Other interesting events include a \$400 limit hold'em tourney on Oct. 22 (1 p.m.), \$400 pot-limit Omaha (with re-entry) on Oct. 23 (1 p.m.), \$400 Omaha/8 on Oct. 25 (1 p.m.) a \$400 H.O.S.E. tournament on Oct. 27 (1 p.m.) and a \$400 stud/8 event on Oct. 30 (1 p.m.). There also will be a seniors event (\$500, Oct. 23, 11 a.m.) and a \$300 ladies tournament (Oct. 26, 11 a.m.)

The opening event is a \$600 NLHE re-entry tournament on Oct. 20. It starts at 11 a.m. and has a \$100K guarantee. See the ad on the facing page for full schedule details.

MOHEGAN SUN: On the heels of its successful Summer Showdown, Mohegan Sun has announced the \$150K guarantee Indian Summer Classic (Oct. 3-6).

The weekend series features a variety of deepstack events, including two \$300 NLHE re-entry tournaments with \$30K guarantees and 15K in chips, a \$250 NLHE re-entry with a \$25K guarantee and 20K chips and \$70 satellites to the \$500 NLHE re-entry main event with \$65K in guarantees (25K chips).

Go to mohegansun.com for details on this series.

EPT: Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, the Eastern Poker Tour hosts charity events that feature 50-plus-player fields, \$20 satellites, guarantees, nightly \$1-\$2 cash games and solid play. Visit easternpokertour.com for complete schedule and tournament details.

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Event 6 • \$365 NLHE
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Ryan Methia, \$19,919



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BORGATA OPEN STILL BREAKING RECORDS

Over the past two years, Borgata has had the largest fields in World Poker Tour history, and this year, the 11th Borgata Poker Open was no exception. The fall series, which ran in September, is the most popular Borgata Open of the year, bringing in high numbers of registrants and some of poker's biggest names.



JO KIM
A.C./PHILLY

The opening event in the series featured a \$2 million guarantee, and with the cheap and popular \$560 buy-in, a record field wasn't surprising.

Event 1 set the record for the most registrants in Borgata tournament history (4,482). Day 1B also had a record-breaking 2,812 entries for the largest one-day field.

Makzin Rosenfeld captured the event for \$363K after beating **Dan Wach** when his 7-4 bested Wach's K-K by hitting runner-runner for two pair.

The \$3 million championship event, which was a \$3,500 buy-in re-entry tournament, attracted a wide field of local players and professionals chasing the WPT title. The event, which wasn't over at press time, will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

The Borgata has consistently drawn 1,000-plus players for its main events, and the cash tables were buzzing as the bad-beat jackpot hit for nearly \$500K during the series.

PARX: The Philadelphia-area poker room hosted its Big Stax III in August, featuring three trophy events. The main event buy-in was adjusted to \$1K from \$1,600 in accordance to the player-base preference. The first event, with a \$330 buy-in, had an impressive turnout. The \$150K guarantee drew 1,316 entries to kick off the series, nearing the record of 1,361.

Among the participants were **Matt Glantz** and *Ante Up's Lee Childs*. Glantz, as Parx's hailing poker ambassador, designed the tournament structures for the series.

In the \$250K guarantee, 415 players competed for a \$402K prize pool. The final eight chopped the remaining \$279K.

Big Stax IV will be Oct. 3-14.

PHILLY POKER OPEN: Harrah's Philadelphia in Chester will host its semi-annual Philly Poker Open on Oct. 25-Nov. 4. For those looking for fast action before the PPO, there will be a \$25K guarantee with 30-minute levels Oct. 12 (\$250).

— **Jo Kim is Ante Up's Atlantic City/Philadelphia Ambassador You can email her at anteupjokim@gmail.com.**



It's a busy month for Indiana poker rooms

October is a busy month for Indiana as the World Series of Poker Circuit hits the Horseshoe Southern Indiana on Oct. 3-14, and then it moves to Hammond on Oct. 17-28.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

The Midwest's first circuit event was held in Southern Indiana in 2005, then under the Caesars name. The \$300 buy-in opener set a record with 954 players.

- The Heartland Poker Tour returns to Belterra Casino in Florence, Ind., Oct. 25-Nov. 3. Last year **Greg Raymer** made the news here by winning his fourth tournament of the year and becoming the HPT's Player of the Year.

- Lake Area United Way, which aids 31 non-profit agencies, will kick off the WSOPC in Hammond on Oct. 16 with a charity tournament. Top three will win a \$1,675 seat to the main event.

"We wanted to do an event that was fun and full of excitement and something that was different from the norm. This tournament is like no other event in Northwest Indiana and we are thrilled we have the opportunity to impact so many agencies with the proceeds from this event," chairman **Aaron McDermott** said.

Co-chair **John Kennedy** said, "Thanks to Horseshoe, we'll be able to provide a premier poker experience for players while helping the community at the same time."

The event starts at 6 p.m. and buy-in is \$200 if you pre-register (\$225 at the door). General admission is \$25. Seating is

limited to 400 players. Register online by clicking on the poker chip at lauw.org.

- Horseshoe Hammond concluded its \$250K guarantee, five-year anniversary tournament with a record 766 entries. Winner **Stephen Jones** won \$67K from the \$372K prize pool.

ILLINOIS: Majestic Star hosted a record 520-player field as the HPT returned to Chicagoland. The final table had

Darryl Ronconi, who finished 54th at this year's WSOP main event.

It was **Bob Chow** from Schaumburg who worked his way to the top spot, eliminating six players at the final table, winning \$171K.

Chow becomes the first player to win a Chicagoland HPT and WSOPC main event.

The 53-year-old was the only pro player at the table, defeating Chicagoan **Vu Huang**, who fought for 29 hands heads-up before Chow caught a higher straight-flush draw on the river to take down the biggest field HPT has ever seen at Majestic Star.

Huang, who said he was unemployed, invested just \$190 in the tournament and walked away with \$104,859.

Chow earned \$171,534 and the title.

"The new structure is a tremendous structure for this type of tournament, plenty of play," the champ said.

Ronconi, an executive from Naperville, Ill., agreed. "The structure is great. I canceled my trips to Florida and Foxwoods to play this event because of the structure."

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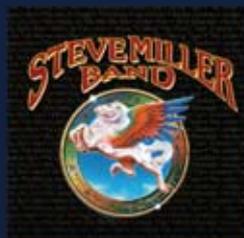
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DELAWARE ONLINE GOES LIVE THIS MONTH

Delaware is going live this month with online gaming and poker players in the state couldn't be happier. Nevada went live with its online poker this year, and New Jersey is slated to have its online systems running in November. Delaware launched online gaming for play money last month.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

In late August, Dover Downs Hotel and Casino, Harrington Raceway & Casino and Delaware Park initiated the first step in the process of having real-money games by opening play-money sites for users to play poker, slots, blackjack and roulette.

The state's gaming commission had laid out the plan that each casino must complete to be authorized to allow any real-money play on their sites, and that allowed residents to get used to the interface and understand what to expect. Once the real-money sites are approved for business, the play-money sites will still be available for those who wish to play for fun. This also provides the casinos an opportunity to market and advertise their promotions and real-money games.

The money sites' operations and management have been awarded to Scientific Games and 888 Holdings, who are involved in the online operations of sites in Nevada and are in

talks with New Jersey officials to be on the forefront there as well. Since Delaware only has a little more than 900,000 residents, the state is looking into opening its online gaming to other states that allow online casinos.

Nevada is being discussed as the first state to potentially partner with Delaware in early 2014. This will allow them the ability to create more revenue for the state's coffers and remain competitive against New Jersey. Tax revenues for Delaware are expected to be close to \$4 million in the first full year of operation. This could increase dramatically once other states' residents are allowed to play there.

FULT TILT UPDATE: The Full Tilt Poker Claims Administration released this statement about the refund process to the U.S. players: Starting on Sept. 16, GCG will email a notice with instructions on how to submit a petition for remission online to all potentially eligible claimants identified by GCG utilizing data supplied by Full Tilt Poker. The deadline to submit a Petition for Remission is Nov. 15, 2013. Instructions concerning the filing of petitions will be included in the notice and will be posted on (fulltiltpokerclaims.com). Please continue to check that website for updates. Please note the registration process for email notification is no longer available.

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FEDERAL APPEALS COURT DEALS BLOW TO POKER

For those who followed the poker case in New York, *U.S. v. DiCristina*, in which a 91-year-old federal judge ruled poker was a game of skill immune from federal prosecution under the Illegal Gambling Business Act, your heart was recently broken.



**MARC
DUNBAR**

In August, the Second District Court of Appeal overturned the 100-plus-page order and ruled under New York law that poker was a game involving skill but predominated by chance because of the randomness of the shuffle and deal of the cards.

The result of the case is essentially a return to the status quo across the country, and absent some act by a state legislature or by Congress, poker will remain a game subject to prosecution under federal gambling laws if it is part of a business enterprise.

The appeals court did note the legislative history of the federal act, which provided comfort language preventing federal law enforcement from storming the corner home game. Those games will need to be policed as they are today by local law enforcement.

In the grand scheme of things at the federal level, this case is a vignette in the broader story about the general dysfunction in Congress, the Department of Justice and the federal courts over exactly what to do with gambling on the Internet and, specifically for *Ante Up* readers, online poker. With Nevada, New Jersey and Delaware going live for their residents, it's becoming

more apparent that some of these licensees will push the envelope in the quest for players and increased liquidity for their Internet games. Pressure is mounting on California advertising companies to allow Nevada-based licensees to advertise to California citizens.

With the requirements for age verification and geo-location confirmation in the UIGEA, it's only a matter of time before the DOJ and gaming enforcement officers in Nevada begin sending cease-and-desist letters to try to keep these businesses within their borders. At some point, a legal challenge will be filed as well, asserting a host of federal constitutional arguments, which have evaded review since the passage of UIGEA.

Bringing it full circle as you wait for your spot at your local table, I can only say get comfortable because we are no closer to a legitimate domestic Internet poker industry in the United States than we were before Nevada, New Jersey and Delaware legalized it for their residents.

Those licensees need liquidity for the industry to demonstrate viability, and it's located in the wallets of players outside their borders in the large states such as New York, Florida, California and Texas. Until they can get into those wallets, the games in these states will be an empty shell of the industry that existed before Black Friday.

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BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU TELL OPPONENTS

As I discussed in the September issue, Twitter and other social media are great for poker, but they have a few pitfalls. The main downside of using social media for play-by-play commentary is the information you're giving to others about your game.



LEE
CHILDS

As poker players, we need to do as much as we can to not give away tells or any information about our hands. Obviously, we aren't going to be tweeting during a hand, but if you give a detailed report of how a hand played out street by street, you're just giving away too much information.

I realize most casual players won't have a lot of poker-playing followers that will use this information against them, but if you play with anyone on a regular basis, you wouldn't want them to know what's going on in your head. The same goes for any random opponent who may decide to look you up while you're playing together.

So, be sure to give a little thought to the information you put out there on Twitter and Facebook. Giving detailed information about how you think about hands and what you do in certain situations will give you less of an edge at the table.

Doing so also may educate your lesser-skilled opponents, just

as talking strategy at the table will. Too many players do the latter as well and it's a huge leak that can only result in a loss of money for you in the long run.

I have started to be much more vague about the hands I play unless they're extremely straightforward and what would be considered to be standard all-in situations, etc.

Also, I'm sure to never talk about what I had in a hand unless it went to showdown or I decided to show my cards to everyone, which is almost never.

Otherwise, I may be telling some players at my table, or players at my future tables in this same tournament, information I didn't intend to share. This can only cost me money, as I don't know who is getting that information and how it could be used against me.

When thinking about what you want to post online, think about whether you would want anyone you play against to know that information.

Even if they're not at your table right then, they could be in the future and that free information could cost you the tournament or a major pot. Decide to Win!

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THEY ARE SPEAKING IN TONGUES

What's one thing we use every day that adds so much to our lives, but yet we rarely think about it? It's something we often see at the poker table but we mostly ignore. It's essential when we snack, eat or take a sip. It's not the lips; it's the tongue.

Yes, the tongue. It's out of the way. It's hidden. So how could anything involving the tongue assist you with poker tells? Just like any part of our body, the tongue can give away information about what we're thinking, feeling, desiring or fearing.



JOE NAVARRO

Watch players who lick their lips. Lip-licking is how we use our tongue to stimulate nerve endings in the lips and tongue. Signals are sent to the brain to calm us and soothe our emotions.

You'll see this often when a player attempts a bluff. They'll go all-in and then immediately lick their lips in a subconscious attempt to calm their anxiety. The stress of bluffing requires a pacifier. No matter how talented the player, they will calm their stress using some sort of pacifier. Given the secrecy of the tongue, many lean on this behavior.

I know what you're going to say: Some people lick their lips when they aren't bluffing. That's true, but we know it increases with stress. The tongue is activated on an as-needed basis. When the brain says, "Look, I'm stressed here; help me out," the tongue responds.

To pacify, the tongue will move around massaging the insides

of our mouths. If you were an observer, you'd notice the tongue create a movement along the cheek or right in the front of their mouth as the tongue brushes against the front teeth. Though these movements are subtle, they're noticeable. All are ways of pacifying, but they tend to be more covert.

One behavior often mistaken for pacifying is called the tongue jut. This occurs when the tongue is subconsciously shown so that it juts out between the teeth, usually not touching the lips. We see this with individuals who are caught doing something they shouldn't be, making a mistake or getting away with something.

The tongue jut is visible in poker when a player who's really strong, gets other players to commit to the pot. As they bring their chips forward, the strong player will jut out the tongue between the teeth, indicating he has gotten away with something, in this case, inducing his opponents to put more chips into the pot.

Ever notice when people dangle their tongue out of their mouths while accomplishing a task? **Michael Jordan** used to do it. Some people do it to concentrate. Not everyone does it, but it's worth taking a look. Be aware it's not a sign of confidence or strength, but rather deliberation and intensive thought.

So, when you see that tongue moving around, ask yourself why does this player need to calm down?

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BETTING ERRORS

I'M STILL AMAZED BY HAND RANGES IN CASH GAMES

In a recent \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em game, I was amazed by the range of starting hands played at my table.

Having done this for more than 35 years, little surprises me in cash games. I can't understand why players are willing to gamble large dollar amounts pre-flop and play for big pots with such poor starting hands.



ANTONIO PINZARI

I'll cite a hand so you may judge for yourself, and find a reason to play the hand.

After several hours of play, I saw a player call a raise (followed by a call) for \$40 pre-flop.

Usually a player calling a raiser and a caller will have a good hand.

The flop was A♣-3♦-6♦. The player who raised pre-flop bet \$100, the next player folded and our player called.

The turn was the K♦. The pre-flop raiser bet \$100 and our player raised to \$200; he was quickly called.

The river was the 2♠. The pre-flop raiser said all-in for \$167 and was called by our player who had \$123.

The pre-flop raiser turned over A♦-K♣ for top two pair. Our

hero turned over K♠-3♠. The following explanation from our hero was; "I love suited cards and since I hit the board I had to see the turn, and once I hit the king and had two pair I was pot-committed."

I can find no reason to play this hand pre-flop for any price. With two suited cards, it's 118-1 against flopping a flush.

K♠-3♠ isn't connected so the straight draw is improbable. Since 60 percent of all flops contain two suited cards, when you hold suited cards you have an 11 percent chance of flopping the same suit.

Last, if you flop two of the same suit you only have a 35 percent chance of making the flush by the river, or 2-1 against you. You will, however, have to call two bets (turn and river) with your draw, which won't be the nut flush if you do hit (if the ace isn't on the board).

The final comment by our hero was, "I'll always call to see the flop with suited cards." My feelings: Please do!

— **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.**

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HANDLE BURNOUT

Burnout is described as a syndrome of emotional exhaustion, depersonalization and feelings of low personal accomplishment. It's usually been written about in terms of work, but I got to thinking about it in terms of poker.



STEPHEN BLOOMFIELD

The two most quoted definitions are:

- "A state of physical, emotional and mental exhaustion caused by long-term involvement in emotionally demanding situations."
- "A state of fatigue or frustration brought about by devotion to a cause, way of life or relationship that failed to produce the expected reward."

These definitions embrace the essence of burnout, with the first stressing the part that exhaustion plays in it, and the second stressing the sense of disillusionment that is at its core. The real danger of burnout comes from the disillusionment. A poker player tells me the \$2-\$2 and \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em games are too boring; he can't maintain his patience and no one folds; the \$2-\$5 game has too much variance and he needs too much bankroll to play, and tournaments involve too much luck.

When I hear this kind of thinking, I immediately think the player is burning out, playing too much, not being able to fit poker into a hectic life, has had too many bad beats and is feeling the need for more action.

Typical symptoms of burnout are edginess, tiredness, feelings of helplessness, loss of control, detachment and blaming every-

one but yourself for your lack of interest or winnings.

What can you do?

- You can change nothing and it might clear up on its own.
- You can take a break, do nothing and things might clear up.
- You can take a break and reassess poker in your life.
- You can take a break and increase your skills.
- If time management is the problem, you can use numerous time management skills to help you.
- You can use a coach to identify the problem and work on it.
- You can use the insight and realization to move forward.
- You can use the break from poker to read, watch videos and use other coaching.

You can assess your priorities and see where poker fits and adjust your life to better fit your priorities.

Burnout is a big topic. Even the Mayo Clinic has offered advice (not specifically to poker players, but it's still useful):

- Manage stress that contributes to burnout.
- Evaluate options, adjust your attitude and seek support.
- Assess your interests, skills and passions. Get some exercise.

My advice is to re-adjust, change something, talk about it, get some supportive help, take a break, do something different and/or think about what you want to change.

And as always 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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INTROSPECTIVE POKER

ACTION DOESN'T STOP WITH YOU

Here's a recap of the hand that busted me at the Deep Stack \$2 million guarantee at the Borgata Open. The hand is not at all instructive as far as my play, but it ended up a three-way pot and one of my opponents played it so horribly that it's worth examining. Blinds were 250-500 with a 50 ante. Player A raised from middle position for 1,500. He had about 27K chips. I didn't like the raise as this was a fairly tight player, so I knew he had a strong hand.



DAVID
APOSTOLICO

I looked down at A-K suited and had about 6,800 chips. I didn't have much choice other than to push all-in, which I did. It got folded to Player B on the button. He looked conflicted, asked for a count and then went in the tank. Player B had about 30K chips and I watched him count out an amount equal to my stack. At this point, I was hoping he would call as I knew what was going to happen. During his two minutes in the tank, not once did he look at the original raiser to measure his stack.

Player B finally called. The blinds folded and the original raiser pushed all-in. Player B looked surprised and annoyed and I could only chuckle inside. How could he not see that coming? I fully expected Player B to fold and we'd have his

dead money in the pot. I didn't want him to call as I couldn't win any more of his chips and fewer opponents is best. To my surprise, he made the call. Player A turned over pocket jacks and Player B had A-9 suited.

The jacks held up and I was eliminated. Player B, however, went from 30K chips (second at the table) to the least amount of chips with a paltry 3K. Not only did he greatly overvalue his A-9 with a raise (from a tight player) and a reraise in front of him, he played the hand oblivious to any potential action after him. Now, perhaps he didn't notice the original raiser, but I don't think so. He never looked over at the blinds, who still had to act.

Having watched Player B all along, he really seemed to be making moves in a vacuum. While this was an egregious mistake, I see plenty of similar mistakes where players think their call is the end of the action when there are still players left behind them. Before you commit chips to any pot, always think through what you plan to do and if there's further action behind you. I'm sure our Player B wasn't ready to commit 27K with A-9.

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POKER LIFESTYLE

FINDING BALANCE IN YOUR POKER LIFE

By Matthew Gregoire

One of the most important aspects of a person's life is balance. It's common to see the same players day-in and day-out at the casino playing countless hours. They have allowed poker to consume them and it often results in a life of misery and negativity.

I'm sure most of you who play in any casino see these individuals regularly. They're just unhappy, whether they're winning or losing. It has become a running joke when you see this player take a bad beat and proceed to berate his opponent or spew off a buy-in or two.

For me, it has become a regular occurrence to see this. After some self-evaluation over the years, I have come to realize it's becoming more difficult to not become this bitter individual. But, luckily, I was able to broaden my horizons and bring new things into my life to help restore balance.

One of the things that I have incorporated is travel. During a recent visit to Europe (my first time), one of my goals was to not play or think about poker.

This was my first trip out of the country with this new mindset and I must admit it was difficult. Every day my goal is to get better at poker and adjust to new playing strategies to maxi-

mize my profits.

When I took this mind-set out of the equation and focused on just having fun and unwinding, it was a gratifying experience. When our minds are not set on focusing about our careers, it becomes much easier to meet new people, try new things and just become a better person. It takes away the constant anguish of self-improvement and turns it into an approach of allowing everything in your life to improve.

It may sound a bit dramatic, but for a while this was the direction my mind took me.

Now even adding one simple thing such as travel has given me a new outlook on life. It has made me want to focus on bringing value to the hours I put in at the table by using this money for something I will cherish for the rest of my life rather than moving up in stakes or spending it on an expensive meal.

These articles I write for *Ante Up* are invaluable to me since it gives me a chance to evaluate my thoughts in writing. I hope if you are having the same impasse in life that it also provides you an opportunity to not become the cranky, bitter poker player at the table.

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

East

* WORLD POKER FINALS: Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn., hosts this series Oct. 20-Nov 4. There will be 21 events with buy-ins from \$300 to \$2,700 offered in a variety of formats.

West

BIG POKER OCTOBER: The Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens, Calif., hosts this series (Sept. 22-Oct. 15) of 32 events with buy-ins from \$75 to \$550. The Bike puts on good events and this should be a great series for the low roller.

HPT CLUB ONE: The HPT wraps up a string of several West Coast stops at Club One Casino in Fresno, Calif. (Sept. 27-Oct. 6). In addition to the \$1,650 televised main event, there will be six \$100 events and one \$200 event.

FALL POT OF GOLD: The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno hosts this series (Oct. 3-13) with 17 events (buy-ins range from \$120 to \$400). This should be good value for small bankrolls.

WYNN FALL CLASSIC: There will be 11 events with buy-ins from \$330 to \$1,600 and many with multiple Day 1 flights at the Wynn in Las Vegas. This poker room always puts on well-run events, and this should be no exception, as the series runs Oct. 11-Oct 29.

WSOPC HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE: The World Series of Poker Circuit stops at Harveys Lake Tahoe from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. There will be 12 ring events with buy-ins from \$365 to \$1,675 as well as 15 non-ring events.

OREGON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City,

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7. Jordan Cristos	1,222
8. Ray Qartomy, Sugarland, TX	1,153
9. Mohammad "Mo" Arani, Plano, TX	1,141
10. Baptiste Chavillaz, Portland, OR	1,134

Ore., hosts this DeepStacks Poker Tour stop Oct. 27 to Nov 4. There will be 14 events with buy-ins ranging from \$75 to \$1,100.

DEEP STACK EXTRAVAGANZA: This will be the fourth (and final) installment this year of the Deep Stack Extravaganza at the Venetian in Las Vegas, which runs Oct. 31-Nov 27. There will be 57 events with buy-ins from \$200 to \$2,500.

Central

* FALL POKER SERIES: There will be 25 events in this series at Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla. It runs Sept. 26-Oct. 7 and will have buy-ins ranging from \$125 to \$1,120.

WSOPC HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA: The WSOPC stops at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Ind., from Oct. 3-14. There are 12 ring events with buy-ins ranging from \$365 to \$1675 as well as nine non-ring events.

* FALL CLASSIC: Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., is hosting the largest and oldest tournament series in Minnesota (Oct. 5-21).

This year's series will feature 27 events with buy-ins from \$120 to \$1,100, including H.O.R.S.E., stud and pot-limit Omaha.

* FALLOUT CHAMPIONSHIP: The Riverside (Iowa) Casino hosts this \$1,010 event Oct. 6-13. See our story on Page 32.

HPT INDIGO SKY: The Heartland Poker tour stops at the Indigo Sky Casino in Wyandotte, Okla., Oct. 10-21. In addition to the \$1,650 televised main event there are six events with buy-ins ranging from \$100 to \$360.

WSOPC HAMMOND: The WSOPC stops at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind., Oct. 17-28. There are 12 ring events with buy-ins ranging from \$365 to \$1675 as well as nine non-ring events.

* HPT PRAIRIE MEADOWS: Prairie Meadows Racetrack Casino Hotel in Altoona, Iowa, hosts the HPT from Oct. 18-27. In addition to the \$1,650 main event there will be five events with buy-ins from \$60 to \$250.

HPT BELTERRA: The HPT stops at the Belterra Casino in Florence, Ind., from Oct. 25-Nov. 4.

MSPT MESKWAKI: The Mid-States Poker Tour returns to the Meskwaki Bingo Casino from Oct. 26 to Nov. 3 for another \$300K guarantee with a \$1,110 buy-in.

South

* ISLE OPEN: The Isle Poker Open returns to the Isle Casino Pompano Park in Pompano Beach, Fla., from Oct. 3-30.

* HPT DAYTONA: The Daytona Beach Kennel Club hosts the HPT on Oct. 4-14. In addition to the \$1,650 main event, there will be three events with buy-ins from \$100 to \$330.

* 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
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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.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 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 • harrahskachin.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.).
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VEE QUIVA CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.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 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon. & Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue. & Wed. (\$50, 7:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$100; splash pots (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily); Super 777 bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K (quad 7s or better); Rolling Cash Fever; Money Wheel.



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 jackpot (doubled on every even hour); super bad-beat jackpot; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked (daily on every odd hour). 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. (\$60, 6p); Wed. (\$75, 6p); Fri. & Sun. Mexican Poker (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$125, noon); all tournaments have guaranteed prize pools.	Mega bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; Cracked Aces; Splash Pots; high hands; call for all 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	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:30); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10:30a).	Pot Builders (Mon.-Fri.).
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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); Fri.-Sun. (\$50, 10p).	Get paid \$5/hour to play (call for details); Big Poker Oktober runs until Oct. 14 w/\$200K main event, Oct. 11-14 (\$550).
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. (\$35, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$70, 10:15a). \$50K CCPC, June 8 (\$180, 9a).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
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); Heartland Poker Tour runs until Oct. 6 w/main event, Oct. 4 (\$1,650).	High-hands pay \$500 (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily).
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasinocom.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.
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CALIFORNIA (Continued)

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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).
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
LUCKY DERBY CASINO (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
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. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. (\$30, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	High hands; holiday gift grab; holiday cash giveaway; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
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 • redhawkcasinola.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).	\$4K bad-beat jackpot (daily); 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 • golden casinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
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 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • 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), see ad Page 37.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p). See ad Page 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives; Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked; Indian Summer Classic, Oct. 3-6; call for details.

* 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. See ad Page 35.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p). See ad Page 34.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; Football Splash Pots pay \$400 (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.).

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	\$1K added, Oct. 19 (\$40, 3p); LIPS & FSLPC, Oct. 25-27; WPT satellites (call for details). See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Deepstack event, Oct. 22 (\$150, 6p); turbo KO, Oct. 27 (\$200, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); half-hour high hands (Mon.-Fri.).
CALDER CASINO (305) 625-1311 • studz poker.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 GRETTA (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgretta.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).
DANIA JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 12:30p); Sun., Mon., Tue., (\$15, 6:30p); Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50 w/\$25 bounties, 6:30p); Fri. (\$125, 6:30p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p & 6:30p).	High hand starts at \$500 (daily); Magic Hand wins free tournament ticket; Spin-the-Wheel pays up to \$500; royal flushes pay \$250.
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 47 for HPT details.	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.); Heartland Poker Tour, Oct. 4-14 w/main event, Oct. 11 (\$1,670).
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., Fri. & Sun. (\$60); Tue. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (\$40 w/\$10 rebuy). See ad on Page 43.	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.
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. See ad on Page 5.	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 Sat. nights (8p); Isle Poker Open, Oct. 3-30 (call for schedule). See ad on Page 41.	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 & Omaha; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand (Fri.-Tue.); Quad Qualifier (Thurs.); Full House Frenzy (Mon.-Thurs.). 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).

CLUB 52

Doors Open 10am Daily

FEATURED TOURNAMENTS

in October

OCT 12 - SUPER STACK - \$7,500

1PM START \$125 Buy-in/12K Starting Chips

"GHOST" BOUNTY TOURNAMENT

OCT 26 - MEGA STACK - \$20,000

1PM START \$240 Buy-in/17K Starting Chips

Win a seat with a straight flush.*

(*One hole card must play to qualify.)

Guaranteed Prize Pools

▶ 10 Bounties/\$200 Each
Ghost Bounty Tournament Oct. 26th

High Hand Hour

SPIN TO WIN

Mon 12p-10p

WIN \$100

THU 10A-2A

QUAD THUR

Get first Quads of day (As-2s) receive \$100

See Details posted in Club 52

HIGH HAND HOURS

\$100

SUN/TUE/FRI

10a-Close

Every 60-min

\$100 Every 60-min Mon 10a-12p & 10p-1a (High Hand Hour minimum qualifier As full of 2s or higher and one hole card must play.)

\$125

OCT 5 & 19

11a-12a

Every 15-min

\$250

OCT 12 & 26

11a-12a

Every 30-min

WIN \$50

MON - THU / 4PM - 7PM

with every Full House

FULL HOUSE FRENZY

(Minimum qualifier 10s full of 2s. Both hole card must play)



FLORIDA (Continued)

NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, noon); Sun. (\$115, noon) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Celebrity tournament, Oct. 17 (\$70, 7p).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad on Page 40.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; Player of the Month points for every tournament, \$8K for top 5 and \$25K freeroll for top 100 (call for details). See ad Page 12.	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad beat in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); \$10K satellites (Sun., 1p & Tue. and Thurs., 7p); 2nd & last Sat. of month \$10K guar. (\$250).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; full house or better (daily); earn up to \$3/ hour in free play (Sun.-Tues.).
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$120); Sat. & Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120, 2p).	Jackpot high hands (daily).
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Wed. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Prog. spade royal in hold'em; progressive bad beat in hold'em; high hands (Fri.-Sun.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.); Bonus Hand Prize Board (Mon., Tue. & Thurs.).
SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p); WPT Fall Classic, Oct. 23-Nov. 3 w/main event, Oct. 31 (\$500).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$560); guaranteed prize pools (call for details); \$200K guar. Big Stack event, Oct. 3-6 (\$350). See ad Page 31.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); Play, earn, and redeem (call for details).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7p); Fall Tampa Bay Open (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$50, 1p & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. rake-free (\$115, 7p). See ad Page 16.	High hands (\$50-\$100) every 2 hrs (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-11p & Fri.-Sat., 11p-2a & 2a-4a pays \$199-\$500); prog. royals and bad beat; \$199 drawings every 2 hours (Sun.).
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; \$50K guar. Halloween tournament, Oct. 25-27 (\$350), plus Ante Up Poker Cruise packages are up for grabs (See ad Pages 2-3).	Up to \$599 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); \$300 every 15 minutes (Mon. & Wed., 1p-7p & 9p-1a); Splash the Pot; Rack Attacks; high hands; Aces Cracked (daily, 10a-1p).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$30-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Call for information.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	SNgs: \$25, \$50 and \$115. MTTs: (\$60, \$120). See ad Page 51.	Call about monthly freerolls.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$40, 7:15p); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 7:15p) & (\$40, midnight); Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 11:15a); Sun. (\$40, 5:15p).	Heartland Poker Tour, Oct. 25-Nov. 4 w/main event, Nov. 1 (\$1,650).
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand of the hour (Mon.-Fri., 10a-4p) pays \$50 per hour; Weekend "Full Of" Cash pays up to \$800 (Fri.-Sat., 6p, 8p, 10p, mid.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$100, 11a); Mon. & Tues. KO (\$120, 7p); Thurs. (\$200, 7p); Fri. Survivor (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$200, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games; WSOPC, Oct. 17-28, main-event satellites (\$200, 11a) through Oct. 12 w/three seats added.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily (\$50-\$81); Mon. (noon); Tue. (noon, 7p); Wed. (7p); Thurs. (noon); Fri. (mid.); Sat. (noon); Sun. (3p); WSOPC, Oct. 3-14 w/main event, Oct. 11-14 (\$1,675, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the day pays \$200 (call for details).

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DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 5s; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; progressive jackpots for straight flushes.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Call for information on future promotions.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Mon. varies (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$125) and last Sat. (\$235). See ad Page 32.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand; get paid for royals (\$300), straight flush (\$200) and quads (\$50).
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p); \$300K Mid-States Poker Tour, Oct. 26-Nov. 4 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush jackpot.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiqueclubq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on first Thursday of every month; HPT, Oct. 18-28 w/main event, Oct. 25 (\$1,650). See ad Page 11.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. & Fri., Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. PLH/O (\$40, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. (\$30, 4p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. of month (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details); Fallout Championship, Oct. 11-13 (\$1K, 5p, see ad Page 33).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Call for information.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$85, 7p); freeroll, 1st Sunday of the month (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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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 26.	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).	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); Tue. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy & add-on, 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	No tournaments.	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).	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); Fall Classic, Oct. 5-21.	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- and \$2-per-hour comps (24/7); \$150K guar. Hollow-Scream, Oct. 18-27 (\$275); 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).	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); Winter Poker Classic, Oct. 31-Nov. 10 (See ad Page 29 for details).	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).	Quads 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).	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); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$1K guar. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

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AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$75, 2p); Sun. (\$55, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot pays quads, straight flushes and royals.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$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 (See ad for details).	Bad-beat in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better and has multipliers; Coverall Board promo.



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FRIDAY NOV 1	EVENT #1 - \$230 NLH Tournament	12 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
SATURDAY NOV 2	EVENT #2 - \$340 NLH Tournament	12 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
SUNDAY NOV 3	EVENT #3 - \$230 NLH Tournament	12 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
MONDAY NOV 4	EVENT #4 - \$150 NLH Tournament	12 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
TUESDAY NOV 5	EVENT #5 - \$230 NLH Tournament - 6 Handed	12 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
WEDNESDAY NOV 6	EVENT #6 - \$230 ESPN/Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition Charity Shootout	12 pm / 3 pm / 5 pm
	\$100 Second Chance Tournament	5 pm
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
THURSDAY NOV 7	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	9 am
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	12 pm
	\$200 HPT Main Event SUPER Qualifier - 1 in 10 advances to HPT Main Event	4 pm
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	7 pm
FRIDAY NOV 8	EVENT #7 - \$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight A	2 pm
	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	8 pm
SATURDAY NOV 9	\$375 HPT Main Event Qualifier - 1 in 5 advances to HPT Main Event	9 am
	EVENT #7 - \$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight B	12 pm
	EVENT #7 - \$1,650 HPT Main Event - Day 1/Flight C	5 pm
SUNDAY NOV 10	EVENT #8 - \$230 NLH Tournament	12 pm
	HPT Main Event - Day 2	3 pm
MONDAY NOV 11	TELEVISED FINAL TABLE	2 PM
SATELLITES OCT 31 - NOV 8	\$50 Single Table Satellites - two players receive \$200 TEV* & \$20 cash	All Day
	\$85 Single Table Satellites - two players receive \$300 TEV* & \$75 cash	All Day
	\$125 Single Table Satellites - two players receive \$500 TEV* & \$75 cash	All Day
	\$180 Single Table Satellite - one player receives \$1,650 Main Event Seat & \$30 cash	All Day
	\$300 Single Table Satellites - two players receive \$1,650 Main Event Seat	All Day

Registration for the HPT Main Event begins Friday, November 1 at 8 am. Registration for all other Multi-Table Tournaments opens at 9 pm the evening prior to the tournament.

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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).	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.). Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p); CP Classic, Oct. 18-Nov. 4 w/\$175K guar. main event, Nov. 3 (\$1,080, noon).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoren.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 between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$80, 6:30p); Fall Pot of Gold, Oct. 3-13 w/\$200K guar. main event, Oct. 10 (\$380).	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).
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.	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; 20 hours for \$20K freeroll (call for details).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); WSOPC, Oct. 24-Nov. 4 (call for schedule).	High hands (daily); Poker Payout Plus, \$1.5K automatic chop (Tue. & Thurs., 6p); \$2K automatic chop (Sun., 2p); call for details.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40) at 10:30a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 8:30p, 11:30p.	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).
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 6p), (\$50, 11p); single-table tournaments available (\$60, 1p & 9p).	Night football promo (Sun. & Mon.); win up to \$500 for each score; two high hands of the day pay \$500.
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a & \$50, 2p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
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.	\$150K freeroll qualifying; hourly \$100 cash or card drawings; Quadzilla progressive four of a kind (call for details).
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various (\$60, 12:05p & \$80, 7:05p); Fri. (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. KO (\$80, 12:05a & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. KO (\$80, 12:05a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$100, 7:05p).	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).
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	Call for information.	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
PALMS CASINO (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
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-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K.
QUAD RESORT & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p).	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
RIO CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
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).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
STRATOSPHERE (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
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.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
SUNSET STATION (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$35, 5K chips, 7p). Also, there are twice-monthly freerolls. Call room for details.	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
TEXAS STATION (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$599; quads or higher spins wheel; \$5K weekly freeroll (10 hours minimum to qualify).
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$55) at 11a, 2p, 7p and \$1K guar. at 10p.	Tournament bad-beat jackpot (\$30K added by the house) runs during daily tournaments only; Deep Stack Extravaganza, Oct. 31-Nov. 27.
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).	Four high hands every four hours (24/7); highest flush, full house, aces full and quads or better.
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.	\$50 cash for every 10 hours of limit hold'em.
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).	

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BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC 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).
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
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 multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
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 (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); last Sat. of month (\$150, 1p); second Sun. of month, Omaha/8 event (\$100, 2p); Ballooning Bonanza, Oct. 6 (\$40, 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 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
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 • santaanastar.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. PLO & Thurs. KO (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 11a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a) & (\$40, 7p).	Splash the Pot (Mon. & Tue., 8p-midnight); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. KO (\$90, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$55, w/rebuys, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$55, 10a & \$175, 1p); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p).	Progressive high hands (24/7); get paid for quads (\$25), straight flushes (\$75) and royals (\$100).
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 & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, midnight); Wed. PLO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 4p); Sat. (\$120, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	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.
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 • cherokeestarrowards.com	Daily (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. pineapple (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	\$1M Choctaw Fall Series, until Oct. 7 w/\$300K guar. main event, Oct. 4-7 (\$1,100, noon); 100-seat guarantee super-satellite (call for details). See ad Page 45.	\$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. PLO (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Wed. \$250 added (\$40, 2p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$40, 7p); Sat. Fish 'N Chips qualifier (\$50, 2p). See ad on Page 23.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p). See ad Page 48.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events. See ad Page 42.	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).	Heartland Poker Tour, Oct. 10-21 w/main event, Oct. 18-21 (\$1,650).
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. (\$40, 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).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p); Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Guaranteed Boss Bounty pays \$50-\$200 (Thurs.).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); (\$10K guar., \$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. O/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); last Sat. of month (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Call for details.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (866) 374-3386 • eriecasinoc.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Wed. Omaha (\$65, 12:30p); Sun. (\$75, 12:30p); 1st Sat. of month (\$125, 12:30p); 2nd/4th Fri. of month (\$125, 7:30p); last Sat. of month (\$250, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Cruise through Summer promo: Win an Ante Up Poker Cruise package on Oct. 12 (call for details).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. KO (\$100, 7p); Wed. KO (\$100, 11a); Thurs. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$200, 11a); Sun. KO (\$200, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hand; Aces Cracked; call for details.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CADILLAC JACK'S (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
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WASHINGTON

7 CEDARS CASINO (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
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NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	Call for promotions.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
SWINOMISH CASINO & LODGE (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
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WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. (\$33, 1p); Wed. (\$55, 7:30p); Fri. (\$55, 7p); 1st & 3rd Sat. of month PLO (\$33, 2p); 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat. of month (\$33, 2p); Sun.-Tue. (midnight).	Rackback Bucks (call for details).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p); first Sat. of month (\$215, 2:15p); \$500 added to all Saturday pots.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170); MSPT qualifiers, Tue. (\$250, 6p) & Sat. (\$60, 3p).	Call for promotions.
MENOMINEE CASINO (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$35 w/rebuy or add-on, 4p). See ad Page 48.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$110, 8p); Friday (\$110, noon); Sunday (\$165, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.

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



WITH J.C. TRAN



Justin Cuong Van Tran, a 36-year-old poker pro born in Vietnam, lives in Sacramento. He was the World Poker Tour Player of the Year in Season 5 and has won two World Series of Poker bracelets. The chipleader for the upcoming November Nine chatted with our Dave Lemmon during the inaugural WPT Alpha 8 Super High Roller at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood, Fla., where he finished second, earning nearly \$527K.

Wow, what a year. Anything in your wildest dreams come close to this?

I had a pretty good run in '07 and I was hoping to repeat another year like that before I became a true family man. And now with a second kid on the way, I think I'm there. This run came at a perfect time; making the November Nine was at the top of my goals and the last thing I hadn't accomplished.

What is important to you as far as the game of poker goes? People that know me understand I'm not big on trying to play for TV time. I play to win tournaments and I've had a pretty rough time over the past three years before this summer. But in this position now as a family man, the money is the most important thing for me. Of course, the titles come right along with it. If they said right now that I could choose between the money at the November Nine and the bracelet, I'd take the \$8 million and let the other guys fight for the bracelet.

Is the fame important to you at all? Fame is not why I got into the game. I got into poker for the challenge and because I love the game, to be successful and make money. Fame comes along with it, I guess, but to me respect is one of the most important things. If I can earn the respect of my peers and become a great ambassador for poker, I'll be happy. I just signed with 888 Poker and I want to be a good ambassador for them. I've gotten enough fame; I just want to enjoy a nice peaceful dinner with my family and not have to deal with people rushing me for pictures and autographs.

Still, with TV exposure, there's going to be an adjustment in your life.

Definitely. But I like to lay low-key when I'm home and, like I said, I'd just like to pick up some money, along with respect along the way.

How do you deal with the ups and downs of professional poker? The last few years, I have not played as good as I would've liked, and that makes me second-guess myself. The game changes every year and a lot of these really good Internet kids are coming out and playing very aggressively. So you have to adjust, and I did that and still didn't get the results I wanted. I made more changes this year, but it's really just my same style, so I know it's just a hot run and I've had better luck. I've fought through the storm and let's hope that I don't have one of those cold runs again.

What are your preparations for the November Nine? We've heard of guys simulating the final table to prepare, but with the chip lead, you seem to be in control of this thing. How are you getting ready? (laughing) They can simulate all they want because the cards aren't going to be the same.

The most important thing for me is to rest, keep my head clear and try not to burn myself out by playing too much poker. I'm going to watch some video of myself and make some adjustments with how I play.

Having the chip lead, I can mix things up and my goal is to throw people off early and make them feel that everything they studied and learned is not working. That may force them into mistakes. ♠

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