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October 29	Saturday	1	11am	Group C \$100,000 Guaranteed	300+40
			5pm	Group D \$100,000 Guaranteed	300+40
			6pm	Main Event Super - 2 seats Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
October 30	Sunday	1	1pm	\$100,000 Guaranteed Restart	
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			6pm	Main Event Super - 2 seats Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
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October 31	Monday	3a	11am	Seniors No Limit Holdem Day 1A	200+30
			6pm	Main Event Super - 2 seats Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
			7pm	No Limit Holdem/ Single Re-Entry	100+20
November 1	Tuesday	3b	11am	Seniors No Limit Holdem Day 1B	200+30
			6pm	Main Event Super- 2 seat Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
			8pm	Main Event Mega - 4 seats added	80+20
November 2	Wednesday	5	11am	Seniors Restart	
			12pm	No Limit Holdem/Re-Entry	100+20
			4pm	Limit Omaha 8 or better	200+30
			6pm	Main Event Super- 2 seats Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
			8pm	Main Event Mega - 4 seats added	80+20
November 3	Thursday	7	12pm	Monster Stack	200+30
			6pm	Main Event Super- 2 seats Guaranteed	60+20/40rebuys
			8pm	Main Event Mega - 4 seats added	80+20
November 4	Friday	8	10am	Main Event Mega	80+20
			12pm	Group A \$100,000 Guaranteed Main	750+50
			6pm	Group B \$100,000 Guaranteed Main	750+50
November 5	Saturday	8	10am	Main Event Mega	80+20
			11am	Group C \$100,000 Guaranteed Main	750+50
			5pm	Group D \$100,000 Guaranteed Main	750+50
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Time to speak up

You should be angry. No, check that, you should be beyond irate. Why? Online daily fantasy sports is gaining momentum and regulation throughout the country. It's up for consideration or has passed legislation in more than a handful of states, including New York. It's only a matter of time before most of the country will be allowed to play DFS without fear of government retribution or shutdown.

While we'd never begrudge anyone the opportunity to legally spend their money how they see fit, we refuse to live with a double standard.

Sure, regular fantasy sports had a carve-out consideration passed years ago, and that's just fine. But now the industry has used that toe in the door to expose the law and expand it. Why should you care? The business model/skill argument for online DFS is no different than online poker.

Only three states have been enlightened enough to pass legislation regulating online poker for their citizens: Delaware, Nevada and New Jersey. While we applaud those efforts, player liquidity is making it difficult for them to survive, much less thrive. We need federal regulation now, especially with a new administration headed our way in January.

With the DFS momentum, it should be made clear this vehicle for competition is remarkably similar to online poker, so much so that many online poker pros and amateurs made the transition to DFS.

Those players deposit money on a site, just like online poker, they enter tournaments that pit their skills against each other, just like online poker, and when the competition is over, those who perform the best win a prize pool, just like online poker. They have guaranteed prize pools and even overlays. Without getting into too much minutia, the common attributes are staggering.

Want to do something about it? Write your local representatives, call this travesty to their attention and even reach out to the Poker Players Alliance (theppa.org) to see what else you can do.

Hopefully someday soon we will see you at the online tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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11/16	Wednesday	7pm	Nightly No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry (Main Event Seat added)	\$125
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11/17	Thursday	4pm	Mega Satellite Re-Entry	\$250
11/17	Thursday	7pm	Nightly No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry (Main Event Seat added)	\$125
11/17	Thursday	8pm	Mega Satellite Re-Entry	\$250
11/18	Friday	Noon	Event #10A: No-Limit Hold'em Main Event Re-Entry (3-day event - Official Ring Event)	\$1,675
			1 Re-Entry for each flight in the Main Event	
11/18	Friday	4pm	Mega Satellite Re-Entry	\$250
11/18	Friday	7pm	Nightly No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry (Main Event Seat added)	\$125
11/18	Friday	8pm	Mega Satellite Re-Entry	\$250
11/19	Saturday	Noon	Event #10B: No-Limit Hold'em Main Event Re-Entry (3-day event - Official Ring Event)	\$1,675
			1 Re-Entry for each flight in the Main Event	
11/19	Saturday	7pm	Nightly No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	\$125
11/20	Sunday	10am	Senior Event Re-Entry (Must be 50 years of age or older)	\$250
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IT'S BRABSON!

Doug Brabson, a humble player from Alamogordo, N.M., wins the title at Sandia Resort and Casino.

By Scott Long

You need big hands to win big tournaments and **Doug Brabson** sure did get his big hands at the right time to win the Four Corners Championship, an Ante Up Poker Tour series at Sandia Resort & Casino in Albuquerque.

"I feel wonderful. It was a very fun tournament," Brabson said of the \$600 buy-in event that attracted 122 entries over two flights. "The best player at the table didn't win. He was much better than I was. But I played well."



"He" was **Gary Dinh** of Santa Fe, N.M., who came into the final day of the series as the commanding chip leader. But just as Brabson's big hands came up big for him when he

needed them, Dinh's big hands seemed to never go his way.

Dinh was in command of the final table, as he was for much of the tournament, until he was holding pocket aces and got **Bill Carrell** all-in with pocket 10s. Carrell spiked a 10 on the turn to cripple Dinh. Brabson, meanwhile, remained patient as play at the final table stalled. His first big hand was soon to come.

Five-handed, Brabson watched as short-stack **Dennis Hill** shoved all-in, and Carrell, who remained second in chips, did the same. Brabson, with pocket kings, quickly called and Hill turned over 4-4 and Carrell J-J. Not that he needed it, but Brabson got a king on the river to vanquish two rivals and become a dominant chip leader three-handed.

"We couldn't break six(-handed)," said Brabson, who owns a printing company in Alamogordo, N.M. "We were just rotating money. That drag from eighth-sixth place was terrible. Sixth to fourth was worse."

Dinh, who was left with less than 10 big blinds not too much earlier, now felt he had a second chance to win the tournament. But Brabson sensed an opportunity and put pressure on Dinh and the remaining player, **Aaron Shark**.

"I decided to play really fast," said Brabson, an avid listener of the *Ante Up PokerCast*, where he learned about the tournament. "I was folding the button and didn't care. I just wanted the blinds to eat everyone else up. I was winning big pots without having good hands. I think I played the situation pretty well. I recognized what I needed to do and I did it."

Brabson soon eliminated Shark, and found himself with a 6-to-1 lead over Dinh. A few hands later, Dinh shoved and Brabson found the last big hand he needed to win the tournament, A-A. The hand held.

"He did really well getting back up to second place. He's a very good player and he knows when to push his cards," Brabson said of Dinh, who earned \$11,462 for second. "Gary was good enough that had he doubled-up, we would have played a



Doug Brabson won \$17K and a seat in the Ante Up World Championship.

lot longer, I'm afraid."

In addition to \$17,815 in prize money, Brabson won entry into the \$1,650 Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in August, a custom bracelet from Sandia, a personalized Ante Up Poker Tour champion's jacket and appears on this month's cover.

The series was unique in that rather than having several successive events in one week, the first four events were held on preceding weekends. **Jacob Brenden, Christopher Schlarb, Charlie Burgoon** and **Collin Grubuagh** were winners, each getting a seat in the main event in addition to the prize-pool money. Brenden parlayed that win into a final-table appearance in the main event.

"This is our first time putting together a such a big event, from the qualifiers, to the series and then the final championship," said **Clarence Hilton**, director of poker operations at Sandia. "We reached about 50 percent of my expectations and am very optimistic with what we can do with this in the years to come. We've gone from a single-day event to a multiday, multiple-event series for the first time."

During the main-event weekend, the enclosed poker room at Sandia was bustling with every table going during most tournament hours and cash games up to \$10-\$20 Omaha/8. And leading up the event, players had multiple opportunities to satellite into the main for just \$65.

"We've exceeded revenue from last year every single day with our live games," Hilton said. "We are a small room, with 15 tables, and I think we managed it very well. The event has increased play from our out-of-town guests and our locals be-

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Main-event final table

cause of the event. A perfect example was as we were playing out the finals. Because we did a one-day event before, no one knew what was going on at 4 a.m. when the final table began. This year, it brought some real life into the room.”

Sandia made sure all players came away from the tournament with something, as all entrants got a souvenir Sandia card cover. The final 20 players also got Sandia T-shirts and golf umbrellas, and in the lead-up to the event, 750 players with significant cash-game play each got a Sandia Ante Up Poker Tour T-shirt.



Poker director Clarence Hilton and tournament director Lex Espinoza

“Our marketing department is making the effort to make us a top-notch, first-class resort, and making this event first class is part of that,” Hilton said. “The small things make a difference toward that goal. I wanted to show our players some appreciation, so they could take something away from the event.”

The Four Corners Championship played out at the AAA Four Diamond resort, which features luxurious hotel rooms overlooking the majestic Sandia Mountains, a full casino, fine dining, a pool, a world-class spa, a **Scott Miller**-designed championship golf course and an indoor event center and outdoor amphitheatre that book big-name acts.

Next up at Sandia is a Thanksgiving Black Friday Bounty tournament with \$50 bounties on all players. Sandia is adding two \$500 mystery bounties and eight \$100 bounties. The winner of the \$135 buy-in event also gets a 50-inch TV. And then the Saturday before Christmas will be the \$265 buy-in Santa’s Deep Stack event.

The next Ante Up Poker Tour event will be Oct. 28-Nov. 7 at Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss. ♠



\$600 Main Event

Entries: 122 • Pool: \$63,620

1. Doug Brabson, Alamogordo, N.M., \$17,815
2. Gary Dinh, Santa Fe, \$11,452
3. Aaron Shark, Albuquerque, \$8,271
4. Bill Carrell, Moriarty, N.M. \$6,362
5. Dennis Hill, Hart, TX, \$4,453
6. Larry McGowan, Albuquerque, \$3,817
7. Martin Noland, Albuquerque, \$2,545
8. Brian Robbins, Corrales, N.M., \$1,909
9. Jake Brenden, Albuquerque, \$1,272
10. Mario Signeros, Albuquerque, \$1,272
11. Anthony Martinez, Santa Fe, \$1,272
12. Peter Walsh, Albuquerque, \$1,272
13. Michael Arbitell, Placitas, N.M., \$636
14. Daniel Huynh, Albuquerque, \$636
15. Ian Rolko, Albuquerque, \$636

Event 1 • \$165 NLHE

Entries: 36 • Pool: \$5,400

1. Jacob Brenden, Albuquerque, \$1,554
2. Wayne Gibson, Albuquerque, \$924
3. Gary Dinh, Santa Fe, \$462
4. Bradley Groves, Albuquerque, \$378
5. William Davis, Albuquerque, \$336
6. Jorge Ramirez, Santa Fe, \$294
7. Stephen Freeman, Albuquerque, \$252

Event 2 • \$165 NLHE

Entries: 31 • Pool: \$4,650

1. Christopher Schlarb, Albuquerque, N.M, \$1,310*
2. Craig LeCompte, Albuquerque, \$794*
3. Ronald Ardiosa, \$414
4. Daniel Armstrong, Albuquerque, \$345
5. Ricardo Abeyta, Albuquerque, \$311
6. Sang Giang, Albuquerque, \$276

* Plus a \$600 main-event seat

Event 3 • \$165 NLHE

Entries: 37 • Pool: \$5,622

1. Charles Burgoon, Rio Rancho, N.M., \$1,680*
2. Cornelius Hardwick, Albuquerque, \$957*
3. Bartz A. Johnson, Magnolia, TX, \$479
4. Kevin McBride, Santa Fe, \$392
5. Richard Brull, Albuquerque, \$348
6. Steve Ray, Albuquerque, \$305
7. Michael Madden, Colorado Springs, CO, \$261

* Plus a \$600 main-event seat

Event 4 • \$165 NLHE

Entries: 42 • Pool: \$6,300

1. Collin Grubaugh, Santa Fe, \$1,887*
2. James Barber, Albuquerque, \$1,122*
3. Steve Ray, Colvis, NM, \$561
4. Gail Wirt, Santa Fe, \$408
5. Craig Vancil, Albuquerque, \$357
6. Andrea Scott, Albuquerque, \$306
7. Craig LeCompte, Albuquerque, \$255
8. Arley Dial, Corona, NM, \$204

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6. George Cabrey, Elk Grove, CA, 829.11
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8. Clive Berkman, Irvine, CA, 761.99
9. Marty Gorenc, Reno, 750.08
10. Rafael Gonzalez, Los Angeles, 710.6

LYONS WINS ARIZONA STATE TITLE

With a prize pool that topped the \$1.5 million mark, the 12th annual Arizona State Poker Championship was an enormous success, especially for **Pat Lyons**. The Northern Californian navigated his way through more than 1,500 entrants at Talking Stick Resort's Arena Poker Room to capture \$241,700, a \$25K watch and the beautiful trophy.



This event, which ran Aug. 12-16, has grown into one of the premier, must-attend tournaments in the Southwest, packed with some of the best local, regional and national players.

"The Arena is active with poker tournaments for all styles of play year-round, but the annual Arizona State Poker Championship is one-of-a-kind," director of poker **Tom Young** said.

Tom Schneider, four-time World Series of Poker champion, hosted the final table on Aug. 16 with his entertaining style. After a 4.5-hour final table, Lyons eliminated high-stakes cash-game player **John Seaman**, who pocketed a cool \$181,200 for second. The final table rounded out as follows: **John Jensen** (\$128,350), **Ed Pickens** (\$94,375), **Adam Leyba** (\$86,825), **Terrence Eischens** (\$71,725), **Linglin Zeng** (\$56,625), **Balram Bhandari** (\$41,525), **Kevin Steele** (\$26,425) and **John Dibella** (\$18,875).

Up next, the Fall Classic runs Oct. 14-16 with three tournaments scheduled. Players who buy in to all three days are eligible for a free two-night stay Oct. 14-15 (50-room limit).

Also, Nov. 19 is the 14th annual Thanksgiving Charity Tournament, which has a \$12,500 guarantee for a \$50 buy-in. The 11th annual Arizona State Ladies Championship was still running at press time so look for results in an upcoming issue.

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN: The poker room will splash all tables with \$50 for a touchdown and \$25 for a field goal from the Thursday night NFL game, three games on Sundays and the Monday night game for a designated team.

An additional \$25 per score will be splashed for the Cardinals. NCAA football splash pots will be Saturday mornings with \$20 for each touchdown and field goal for a designated team, or both teams if there are two or more tables going. Pac 12 teams pay \$25.

CASINO DEL SOL RESORT: The WPT DeepStacks event was still

MEET CHARLES LYNCH



It had been about 50 years since **Charles Lynch** played poker on penny-ante nights in flight school in his 20s. There didn't seem to be any games in southwest New Mexico after his stint in the service. Well, until he vacationed in Ruidoso, that is. He played for the first time in the poker room at Inn of the Mountain Gods and played terribly. Then he tried a cash game and didn't do well there, either. But it lit a fire and he was determined to master the game. He retired as an environmentalist and moved to the Ruidoso area to become a good poker player.

He worked to develop an unpredictable style of play and now considers himself the least-predictable player in the room, and he thinks his reputation works for him.

His biggest tournament win was in a \$1,100 Championship at the Inn. He chopped \$22K and he said he prefers tournaments to cash games, but remarked that some players have difficulty modifying their method of play to fit the format.

Lynch gets his kicks from playing cards, but at age 72, he knows he needs more exercise and has taken up golf. He spends mornings on the driving range, middays in the poker room and his evenings are used for practicing chipping, putting and pitching. He sees himself steadily improving as a golfer, but just like poker, he knows he'll never master the game. — **Mary Bradley**

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GILA RIVER WILD HORSE PASS: The poker room is paying out more money than ever before via NFL and NCAA Splash Pots; \$50 for field goals, \$100 for touchdowns and \$200 for safeties. The number of tables splashed is based on how many live games are running at the time. More games going means more tables splashed. Also, Aces Cracked wins a rack Sundays at 10 a.m. until Fridays at 6 p.m., except in games that are being splashed.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: The new poker room is enjoying some fine tournaments, including the \$130 Sunday Showdown in the early afternoon, the \$35 Super Tuesday in the evening and Thursday evening's \$50 event.

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NEW MEXICO EVENTS OFFER GREAT VARIETY

This month, the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino and Resort in Mescalero, N.M., continues to offer weekly tournaments that include Sunday afternoon (\$75, \$5 dealer bonus), Friday morning Food 'n' Fun on Fifth Street, and One-Twenty every Friday (last Friday of the month is PLO), \$120, with the Losers Lounge event on Saturday mornings for those who didn't cash the night before (no additional buy-in).

Poker Squares are running again, giving away \$21K until Jan. 27. Every week, the poker room will draw for \$1K on Thursdays. This is the same as last year's promotion, plus the added Kings Cracked and Aces Cracked.

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT AND CASINO: On Nov. 12, there will be a \$225 buy-in, \$10K guarantee deepstack. Advanced paid registration begins Oct. 1 and the event will be limited to 60 players, who will be eligible for special room rates. Some alternates and late entries may be allowed, so be sure to call the poker room for all of the details. Special tournaments include the \$30 Columbus Day event Oct. 10, with unlimited \$20 rebuys for the first hour and a \$25 add-on. Don't miss the 94 Rock bounty tournament Oct. 22 with \$94 bounties on **Phil Mahoney** and five others. And finally, it's the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack Oct. 29 for \$150.

ISLETA CASINO: Friday evenings see events such as crazy pineapple and tag-team, all with rebuys, add-ons and a \$200 cherry added on top. Call for details.

COLORADO

BLACK HAWK: Ameristar's Big Bad Beat Jackpot was at \$200K with both resets at nearly \$175K. High hands are back and pay \$500 every other hour 24-7. For high-roller limit players, a \$50-\$100 game is spread every weekend. ... The Lodge poker room closed. ... The Golden Gates completed the 16th CPC series in late August. **Griffin Malatino** was tournament points leader. The \$100K kickoff event had 491 entrants and went to **Anson Roberts** for \$24,893. **Martin Maltas** took down the employees tournament. **Phil Elser** won the seniors for \$6K and **Christopher Barrett** won the Omaha/8 event for \$3K. **Erik Macias** took the six-max (\$6,095) and **Mary Hendricks** was first in the ladies event (\$1,320). The main event saw 248 players and **Jason Su** and **Colin York** chopped for \$43,197 each. Finally, the \$2,500 Super High Roller also chopped as **Danny Gonzales** and **Krzysztof Stybaniewicz** each pocketed \$23,580.

CRIPPLE CREEK: The Midnight Rose hosts the Beat the Boss series Oct. 9-23 with 22 events with an affordable price point of \$110. Also included are ante-only and crazy-pineapple events and for \$110. The main event will be \$500 with satellites available. The final day hosts the signature event with \$75 bounties on casino managers (one per table). Entry into this freeroll will be the top 10 tournament series points players and the 20 top live-hours players counting hours from Sept. 23-Oct. 20. Get your hotel reservations early as this series always is well-attended.



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No Limit Hold-em Tournament
\$40 Buy in - No Re Buys or Add-ons
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

THURSDAY @ 6:00PM
No Limit Omaha Hi Lo Tournament
\$40 Buy In - No Re Buys or Add-ons
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FRIDAY @ 6:00PM
No Limit Hold-em Bounty Tournament
\$45 Buy In - \$10 ReBuys - \$10 Add-on
\$25 Bounties on each players
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

SATURDAY @ 4:00PM
No Limit Hold em Tournament
\$30 Buy In - \$10 Re Buys - \$10 Add-on
Early Bird Chips available (live play)

SUNDAY @ 4:00PM
Crazy Pineapple Tournament
\$30 (27+3) Buy In, \$10 Re-Buys, \$10 Add-On
Early Bird Chips Available (live play)

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OKLA. AREA HOSTS WPT AT DOWNSTREAM

The WPT DeepStacks Series makes its first visit Oct. 27-Nov. 7, featuring a \$1,010 buy-in \$200K guarantee main event at Downstream Casino. Other events sport buy-ins of \$150-\$340 and include pot-limit Omaha, turbo, deepstacks quickie, and six-max. See the event schedule on WPT DeepStacks' website for hotel discount information.

HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY: Chris Luhnig is no longer poker room manager, choosing to work outside of the casino world.

HARD ROCK CASINO: A field of 241 competed in a recent \$180 buy-in, \$25K guarantee that saw 11 people chop as Wagoner, Okla.'s Frank Stephens earned the title.

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO: The River Series wrapped up Sept. 6 as November Niner Gordon Vayo won the \$2,500 title and \$587K, defeating more than 1K entries at the Thackerville property. The main event had a \$2.5M prize pool as the final table was full of popular pros, including Layne Flack (fourth, \$225K), Grant Hinkel (fifth, \$207K) and David Rheem (seventh, \$54K).

CHOCTAW CASINO: The Durant property will see *Poker Night in America* return Oct. 20-Nov. 7. The marquee event is the \$1,080 buy-in \$1M guarantee. A variety of NLHE and PLO events are on the schedule as is a \$350 Congress (a.k.a. Big O) event.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The annual Blast to the Past series concluded in August as Matthew Ellis of Bentonville, Ark., won the \$350 buy-in, \$50K guarantee main event to earn \$12,158. Ellis also won the \$135 bounty event. Other series winners were Chuck Chadwick, Gregory Moore, Donna Stewart and Mark Allard. Next up for the room is its Fall Deepstack Series on Oct. 21-23. It features a \$125 buy-in \$25K guarantee. Promotions include football splash pots on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays (\$50 for FGs, \$100 for TDs and \$150 for safeties).

KANSAS STAR CASINO: The top 40 July-September point-earners in the room's quarterly promotion will play Oct. 15 in its \$10K freeroll. This quarter, players can qualify for the January freeroll by earning points for tournament entries and for their finishes.

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO: The room is featuring nine-handed \$10-\$20 Big O game with a kill Thursdays and Saturdays at 5 p.m. Call-ins are accepted starting at noon. Promotions include \$25 splash pots for any limit hold'em game and royal flushes earn a percentage of the main bad-beat jackpot.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO KANSAS SPEEDWAY: The 13-table room continues to run a \$15K monthly freeroll. First place is guaranteed \$5K and a minimum of 10 places will be paid. To qualify, players need to put in 50 hours of play in qualifying hold'em cash games or place in the top 10 in the monthly tournament leaderboard. Cash-game players can earn 1.5 hours for each hour played 2.a.m.-10 a.m. each day. Tournament players earn points for entries and bonus points for cashing.

AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY: The Heartland Poker Tour runs on Nov. 10-21. Use code HPTAKC for discounted hotel rates, \$89 Sunday-Thursday, \$169 Friday and Saturday. The room ran a \$10K quarterly freeroll that ended Oct. 1. Contact the poker room for next quarter's information. ♠

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NEW ROOM FOR CHUMASH IN CA.

Chumash Casino Resort poker room manager **Sean Smith** has a lot of goals and expectations for the new poker room. But there's one thing he underestimated, the beautifully designed room's ability to draw in new players.

"We had guests coming in, seeing the room and wanting to learn how to play poker," Smith said. "Pretty soon, we had a couple of games going and everyone was enjoying the new room."

The 12-table room is on the main floor of the casino and is a stark contrast to its former incarnations. In past years, it was a dim room on the third floor.

Now, with its rotunda entryway, new furnishings, walls covered with flatscreen TVs, new well-lit tables and near the food court, the poker room is showcased and presented in a way that reflects the passion and respect for poker that's shared by those who play and work in the space.

"This is a room that poker players are going to appreciate on a number of levels, from the aesthetics to the service and down to the USB ports at each seat that allow players to charge their devices," Smith said. "Our goal is to be the best place to play poker between Bay 101 (San Jose) and Commerce (L.A.). And I think we can achieve that goal."

BIKE: Pat Lyons of Northern California won the World Poker Tour's Legends of Poker \$4K Main Event at the Bicycle Hotel & Casino, defeating a field of 687 entries to win his first WPT title and the first-place prize of \$615,346. The self-proclaimed "world famous" Lyons has \$1,169,279 in career earnings.

Lyons defeated **Benjamin Zamani** heads-up for the title. This was Zamani's second WPT final table of the season; he took second place at the WPT Choctaw main event in August.

Lyons came into the final table second in chips with six players remaining, but by the time it got to heads-up with Zamani, he held 14.6M of the roughly 20.6M chips in play. They played only 18 hands as Zamani finished second place to take home \$341,412 for his latest deep run on the tour.

Big Poker October runs until Oct. 20 with nine events ranging in buy-ins from \$180 to the \$4K main. Qualifying for the SoCal Championships (socalpokerchampionships.com) will be part of the schedule, too. For more, go to thebike.com.

PALA CASINO: Seymour Ogeare of Moreno Valley won \$3,129 and the championship of the Labor Day Quantum Reload tournament after a seven-way chop on Sept. 4.

Ogeare held the most chips when he and six other finalists agreed to chop. There were 121 players who vied for the



MEET COREY SILVER

For nearly four years, **Corey Silver** has been tournament director at Hollywood Park Casino in Los Angeles.

He's no stranger to casinos. As a child, he visited his grandparents in Las Vegas and they would go to Circus Circus or Excalibur to eat or play the games. Later, they would play penny poker and blackjack at the kitchen table.

"Those are some wonderful memories," said Silver, who is known as HPC_TD on Instagram. "The poker boom of 2003 helped retrigger my passion for the game."

He began his gaming career as a poker dealer/floor at Garden City Casino in San Jose. Because of his experience as a player and his passion for tournament poker, he was offered the TD position. Not long after that, he was offered the opportunity to be TD at Hollywood Park and it was a natural move since he was born and raised in the L.A. area.

"Being a tournament director is my biggest achievement in poker," he said. "There's nothing better than being able to do a job I love and be around like-minded people that share the same passion as I do. Hollywood Park Casino feels like a family."

He's really looking forward to moving into a new state-of-the-art facility this year and continuing to provide the best experience possible for his players.

"I love being able to take my experiences as a player and use that to ensure my tournaments are as enjoyable as possible. Every day is a new day and you never know what to expect." — **Kittie Aleman**

\$22,680 prize pool and 13 cashed in the four-day event that started play on Sept 1. Ogeare was followed by **Rodney Clarida** of Temecula (\$2,674), **Ranjit Randhawa** of San Diego (\$2,424), **Joseph Broyles** of L.A. (\$2,076), **Brian Nguyen** of San Marcus (\$2,008), **Jay Dagnenica** of Murrieta (\$1,812) and **Daniel Redmond** of San Diego (\$1,701).

HUSTLER CASINO: The **Liz Flynt** Fall Classic runs Oct. 21-Nov. 3. Part of the schedule includes qualifying for the SoCal Championships (socalpokerchampionships.com), too. The Liz Flint main event begins Oct. 30 with a \$200K guarantee for its \$240 buy-in. More details can be found at hustlercasino.com.

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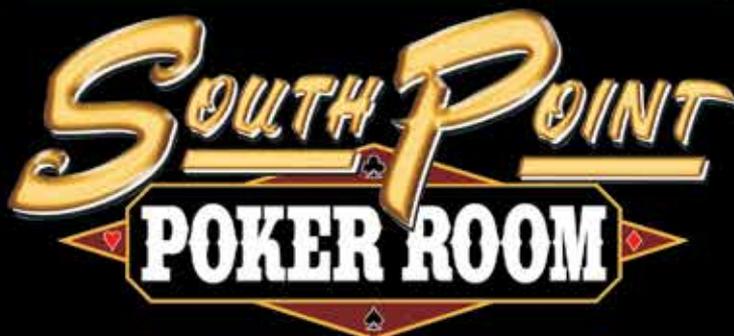


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1PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
6 5PM	\$20,000 GUARANTEED NLH		\$235
8PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
7 Wed, 10/19 • 11AM	\$7,500 GUARANTEED H.O.R.S.E.		\$235
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8 5PM	\$20,000 GUARANTEED SIX HANDED HOLD'EM		\$340
Wed, 10/19 • 8PM	MULTI-TABLE MONSTER STACK QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	10 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
Thu, 10/20 • 11AM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
1PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
5PM	MULTI-TABLE MONSTER STACK QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	10 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
8PM	MULTI-TABLE TURBO QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	5 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
Fri, 10/21 • 11AM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
12Noon	MULTI-TABLE TURBO QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY		\$350
5PM	MULTI-TABLE QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	10 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
8PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	5 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
Sat, 10/22 • 10AM	MULTI-TABLE TURBO QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	5 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
2PM	STEP SATELLITE - 1 IN 5 WIN A \$350 ENTRY	10 \$350 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ENTRIES GTD	\$85
5PM	MULTI-TABLE QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	10 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350
Sun, 10/23 • 10AM	MULTI-TABLE TURBO QUALIFIER - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY	5 \$2,500 HPT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES GUARANTEED	\$350

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9 Sun, 10/23 • 12Noon	Day 1C		
Mon, 10/24 • 12Noon	Day 2		
Tue, 10/25 • 1PM			

Sun, 10/23 • 11AM	MULTI-TABLE SATELLITE - 1 IN 8 WIN A \$550 ENTRY	8 \$550 ACTION 8 ENTRIES GTD	\$80
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10 Mon, 10/24 • 1PM	\$25,000 GUARANTEED ACTION 8		\$550
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NORCAL CLASSIC IS NOV. 22-27

The Ante Up Poker Tour returns to Thunder Valley Casino Resort to co-host this event for a fifth time.

By **Scott Long**

The 2012 Ante Up NorCal Classic wasn't just the first Ante Up Poker Tour series, it was the first major tournament series Thunder Valley Casino Resort hosted. Fast-forward to 2016, as final preparations are being made for the Ante Up NorCal Classic, and you have to appreciate how far this Northern California resort has come.

"It has been quite a journey," said **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations for the resort in Lincoln, Calif., just north of Sacramento. "The success of the 2012 Ante Up NorCal Classic really paved the way for the tours that have followed. Looking back, we never saw a tournament series schedule like we offer today; however we have never settled and continue to aggressively build events and increase guarantees that draw huge fields."

Since that first NorCal Classic, Thunder Valley has hosted several AUP T stops, including the Ante Up World Championship for the past three years, as well as World Poker Tour, WPT DeepStacks, Heartland Poker Tour and Poker Night in America. And that increasingly crowded schedule makes for a smaller, yet no less exciting, Ante Up NorCal Classic on Nov. 22-27.



"This year, we are hosting the Heartland Poker Tour Championship in October and then we have the WPT California Swing Kickoff and *Poker Night in America* in January," Erwin said. "This created a smaller window for the Ante Up NorCal Classic.

The advantage of this year's series is it's really focused on the main event. The five-day, five-event series is a perfect fit over the Thanksgiving weekend. These events offer \$255K in guaranteed prize pools with buy-ins starting at \$125."

The series kicks off Nov. 22 with the \$155 @TVPoker-Room no-limit hold'em event that celebrates the poker room's mastery of Twitter, and then follows the next day with a \$125 holiday tourney before taking an official day off for everyone to enjoy some turkey. But don't be caught at the mall on Friday and Saturday, as those are the two starting flights for the \$555 buy-in, \$200K guarantee main event, the winner of which will be on the cover of *Ante Up*, a buy-in to the 2017 Ante Up World Championship Main Event and a personalized tour champion's jacket.

The series concludes Nov. 27 with Day 2 of the main event and two last-chance events: the unique \$250 Action8 eight-handed event and the room's popular Sunday night bounty tournament with a \$155 buy-in and \$50 bounties.

"We have always been dedicated to offering a variety of price points for the main events," Erwin said. "The \$555 buy-in gives us something different than what has been offered so



Ante Up NorCal Classic

For more on this series, including a satellite schedule, please visit anteupmagazine.com/thundervalley.

Nov. 22, 5 p.m.: Event 1, \$155 (\$20K guar.)

Nov. 23, 5 p.m.: Event 2, \$125 (no antes, \$15K guar.)

Nov. 25, noon: Main Event Day 1A, \$555 (\$200K guar.)

Nov. 26, noon: Main Event Day 1B

Nov. 27, noon: Main Event Day 2

Nov. 27, 2 p.m.: Event 4, \$250 Action8 (\$10K guar.)

Nov. 27, 7 p.m.: Event 5, \$155 Knockout (\$50 bounties)

far this year. And with satellites starting at \$70, this event really gives the entire poker public a chance play for a tour title and be on the cover of *Ante Up Magazine*."

Main-event satellites alternating between \$70 and \$125 start Nov. 19 and run through the morning of Day 1B. In addition, with this being the last scheduled AUP T series of the year and so many of the top spots on the leaderboard filled by players who had success at the Ante Up World Championship, the 2016 AUP T Player of the Year could be someone who wins an event at the Ante Up NorCal Classic.

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The football season has arrived and that means great promos in the Las Vegas poker rooms. Let's take a look at what's available:

RED ROCK: Drawings take place every time a team scores. The winner gets \$100 for a touchdown and \$50 for field goal. Also, four random tables will be \$25 splash pots for the TD and two tables will get a \$25 splash pot for the FG. The high hand during each half of the game wins a football jersey. This promo is offered for the Sunday morning and evening games, as well as the Monday and Thursday night games.

There is also a promo for the college games on Saturday at noon and at 5 p.m. All tables receive two pots splashed with a drawing ticket for a touchdown, one pot splashed with a drawing ticket for a field goal and three pots splashed with a drawing ticket for a safety. After the game, one \$500 winner and five \$100 winners are drawn.

ORLEANS: The Random Cash with a Splash promo runs during the Sunday morning game, as well as the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games. A random player is selected for a cash prize after each score and that player's table is awarded a \$50 splash pot. The selected player wins \$50 for field goal or a two-point conversion, \$150 for a touchdown and \$250 for a safety or a touchdown scored by the defense or special teams. Note: The cash prize is halved for the \$2-\$4 limit game. Additionally, for the Monday and Thursday night games, a random table will be selected for \$25 splash pots every 15 minutes for two hours before and two hours after the game.

GREEN VALLEY: Players earn football squares for getting aces full or better during the week. The squares are for the Sunday afternoon and evening games, as well as the Monday and Thursday night games. The winning square for each quarter is worth \$50 and if unclaimed the prize rolls over to that quarter for the next available game. Jerseys are given away at the Sunday night and Monday night games.

FLAMINGO: On Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., the three highest hands every 90 minutes will win cash prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

SUNCOAST: Ace-high flush or better earns football squares worth \$50 for each quarter during the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games as well as the morning and afternoon games on Sunday. Unclaimed prizes roll over to the same game, same quarter the next week.

MGM: For the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games, players receive a Poker Parlay card starting two hours before kickoff. Players get a stamp for making specific hands. If they complete a card with all five hands (two-pair, three-of-a-kind, straight, flush, full house) before the game is over, they get \$500. If they complete the card before midnight, they win \$100.

MIRAGE: Highest hand of each quarter wins a cash prize: \$50 for the first two quarters and halftime, \$100 for the third quarter and \$150 for fourth quarter. Three Sunday games (morning, afternoon and evening) as well as Monday and Thursday night games feature this promo. Those winners also receive a football square for the next Monday night game and the winning final score square for that game gets \$500, plus a square

for the season-ending game on Feb. 5.

TREASURE ISLAND: Drawings are at the end of quarters for up to \$100 for Thursday night, Sunday afternoon and evening games.

SANTE FE STATION: One player will be selected for a cash prize during selected football games. For Thursday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening games, the selected player gets \$100 for a touchdown and \$25 for a field goal. For the Monday night game, the selected player gets \$150 for a touchdown and \$50 for a field goal.

MANDALAY BAY: The room's Rolling High Hands of the Shift promo runs three times every day and will coincide with football games Sunday mornings and evenings, as well as Monday and Thursday nights. The highest hands of a three-hour period each shift wins a cash prize starting at \$100; \$100 is added every hour the prize is unclaimed. Minimum hand is jacks full. The promo runs 6-9 p.m. seven days a week, 1-4 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 2-5 a.m., 10-1 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

LUXOR: Sunday and Thursday night games, players will get drawing tickets at the start of each quarter. Players will get tickets for each hour played before the game, from 1-5 p.m. A winning ticket will be drawn for each field goal (\$50), touchdown (\$100) and safety (\$200).

Monday nights has a \$65 tournament and players get an extra 500 chips to the 10K starting stack for every winner they pick in the Sunday football games from the previous day.

SOUTH POINT: There's still time to qualify for the \$160K holiday freeroll in December. Players need 100 hours of live play by Nov. 30 to be eligible. The top 30 finishers in the tournament get at least \$1K and the first-place finisher gets \$35K. It's \$15K for second and \$10K for third. Everyone who plays gets a minimum of \$100.

VENETIAN: DeepStack Extravaganza runs Oct. 24-Nov. 24. The main event has three starting flights beginning Nov. 16. It has a \$1,600 buy-in and offers a \$400K guarantee. A \$1,100 bounty tournament with a \$175K guarantee starts Nov. 4. There are two \$250 three-starting flight tournaments with \$150K guarantees. They start Oct. 24 and Nov. 7. A \$600 bounty event with a \$150K guarantee starts the first of its two starting flights Nov. 11. The total prize pool guarantees for the event exceed \$2M.

The Venetian is hosting a special poker weekend Oct. 6-9, highlighted by a \$250 event with a \$80K guarantee that has three starting flights starting Oct. 9.

— Check out Rob Solomon's blog at robvegaspoker.blogspot.com.

RENO

HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE: The World Series of Poker Circuit returns Oct. 27-Nov. 7. The \$1,675 main event runs four days and begins with Day 1A on Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. Day 1B is Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. For more info, go to wso.com.

PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO: Heartland Poker Tour runs until Oct. 10. The \$1,100 main event begins Oct. 7 at noon with Day 1A. Day 1B is Oct. 8 at noon and Day 2 will be Oct. 9. There will be 19 events in this series, including a host of satellites. For more info, go to hptpoker.com.

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HPT RETURNS OCT. 13 TO THUNDER VALLEY

The Heartland Poker Tour returns to Thunder Valley Casino and Resort in Lincoln, Calif., on Oct. 13-25 and will feature 10 events. The series kicks off with a \$250K guarantee for \$425 and will last four days. On Oct. 16, there will be a \$155 bounty event with a \$10K guarantee. There will be two events Oct. 17 (\$155 Escalator and \$235 pot-limit Omaha). Oct. 18-19 will host two events on each day, too, with a \$155 Omaha/8 and \$235 NLHE on Oct. 18 and a \$235 HORSE and \$340 six-max on Oct. 19. The main event will be a \$2,500 buy-in with a \$500K guarantee starting Oct. 21 and will last five days. The final event will be a \$550 event with a \$25K guarantee. Also, see Page 20 for a preview to the Ante Up Poker Tour's NorCal Classic in November.

LYONS, VAYO RUNNING HOT: Pat Lyons of Redwood City won two majors within two weeks of each other. He grabbed the Arizona State Poker Championship for \$241K (see the Southwest report on Page 10 for in this) and he then won the WPT Legends of Poker at the Bike (read the Southern California report for more on this). Another NorCal resident won a major tournament in September as 2016 World Series of Poker November Niner **Gordon Vayo** of San Francisco shipped the \$2,500 River Poker Series (see the Southwest report on Page 14).

GRATON RESORT & CASINO: The Rohnert Park property hosts a monthly \$340 event on the third Saturday of the month (Oct. 15) at noon. This tournament starts with a 10K starting stack with an optional add-on and re-entries through the third level. Blinds are 30 minutes and Graton also runs satellites for the event on Saturday mornings at 10.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The High Mountain Poker Palace in Eugene, Ore., hosts its quarterly \$245 tournament Oct. 15. High Mountain is one of Oregon's membership rooms (\$5 for a one-week pass, \$15 for one month, \$40 for six months, \$60 for a year and \$80 for a year for a couple) with nine tables featuring \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em and \$1-\$2 pot-limit Omaha. There is no rake in the cash games and dealers are tipped volunteers rather than paid employees.

NORTHERN QUEST: The property in Airway Heights, Wash., will offer its annual two-day \$1,100 buy-in OcktoberQuest tournament Oct. 15-16. Northern Quest is a tribal casino with a nine-table poker room. It's the largest room in the Eastern part of the state (near Spokane) and tied for ninth-largest in the Pacific Northwest region, spreading \$3-\$6 limit and \$1-\$3 NLHE.

CLEARWATER CASINO: The Suquamish, Wash., property is a tribal casino with a nine-table poker room 18 miles northwest of Seattle catering mostly to locals. Monthly tournaments include the \$100 Clearwater International with a \$3K guarantee, the Clearwater888 with its \$88 buy-in and a house-added \$888 as long as there are four or more tables, and the \$175 Bounty Bonanza with \$50 bounties. The standard cash game is \$2-\$10 spread-limit, but it also hosts \$4-\$8 and \$10-\$20 Omaha/8 and \$5-\$10 HORSE on specific evenings. ♠



For the first time, Ante Up Poker Cruises took its passengers to the majesty of Alaska in August.

In Juneau, players got to tour Mendenhall Glacier and watch whales, and Ante Up fan **Rich Deakins** and his wife, **Linda**, took *Ante Up* publishers **Scott Long** and **Christopher Cosenza** and their guests on a guided tour of their hometown. In Skagway, players took a train to the top of the mountain in the old mining town, panned for gold, mushed sled dogs and walked around the quaint town. And in Victoria, Canada, players toured the beautiful gardens and majestic architecture that makes the island a retirement destination for many Canadians.

And aboard Royal Caribbean's *Explorer of the Seas*, players participated in cash games and tournaments in a professionally staffed and equipped poker room, had the opportunity to learn new games in free classes and got the whole vacation started with an open-bar cocktail party that also honored long-time Ante Up cruiser **Joe Borden Jr.**'s birthday with a cake.

All guests got commemorative coins from ThePokerDepot.Com that will be customized for future cruises, and a handy poker odds card from TheGamblingSchool.Com.

The next Ante Up Poker Cruise is Nov. 14 out of Tampa, Fla., with seven more planned through spring 2018. Get the full schedule and all of the details at AnteUpCruises.Com, or contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at (727) 742-3843 or cruises@anteupcruises.com, and encourage the manager of your favorite poker room to contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335 or scott@anteupmagazine.com to set up Ante Up Poker Cruise satellites or giveaways in your area. ♠



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SNYDER WINS WSOPC MAIN IN N.C.



The first main event of the 2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit season is in the books, and the winner was **Steven Snyder** at Harrah's Cherokee. He earned \$241,198, a gold ring and the first seat into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. That invitation-only tournament has a minimum prize pool of \$1M.

Snyder said he's a family man and planned to celebrate by taking his family on vacation. This was the largest victory of his career and he was extraordinarily excited.

"I'm not gonna stop smiling for three months," he said.

One of the other highlights of the main event was the continued success of **Josh Turner**, who was fresh off a third-place finish in the GCC and made a final table for the second time in less than a week. He's been enjoying enormous success on the WSOPC lately. He won his third career ring at the Horseshoe Tunica in January, his fourth ring at Horseshoe Council Bluffs in April when he was Casino Champion.

Three others from the GCC made the main-event final table: **Scott Stewart** (seventh, \$36,578), **Jim Juvancic** (fourth, \$81,707) and **David Aker** (third, \$109,625).

The tournament drew 804 entries for a \$1.2M prize pool. Other notables making the money included **T.J. Thondup** (16th, \$12,265), **Jason Gooch** (17th, \$12,265), **John Holley** (20th, \$10,215) and **Maurice Hawkins**.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES: The Heartland Poker Tour returns Oct. 26-Nov. 7 and marks the first time hosting since unveiling the new poker room July 6. You can even run up the funds to enter a few of those HPT events by cashing in on the Build Your Bankroll promotion. Receive \$50 for every 50 hours of

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MEET JOSHUA TURNER

A 36-year-old pro, **Joshua Turner** was born and raised in St. Louis, recently won the Hollywood Poker Open St. Louis regional for the third year in a row, his third World Series of Poker Circuit ring at the Horseshoe Tunica in January and made another WSOPC final table in Choctaw, Okla.

His biggest live score is the ring he won in last year's WSOPC main event at Lumiere Place, where he took home \$136,945. His other six-figure score came in 2005 when he chopped PokerStars' Sunday Million, but he'd been earning a living from poker for few years by then.

How long have you been a pro? I've been playing professionally for 14 years now. In that time, I've gone through periods of playing solely cash, to online multitableting tourneys, to traveling the circuit playing both tourneys and cash.

What were your friends-families' reactions to your chosen career path? My family, surprisingly, wasn't that shocked and, for the most part, has always been supportive. My friends thought I was crazy, but also envious that I was "going for it." This was before poker was mainstream. The Internet boom hadn't happened yet. There were no commercials or poker shows on TV.

What do you love about poker? What I love the most is the competition. That's why I'm 95 percent a tournament player these days. I just want to win titles. I want bracelets and rings and trophies. That's the thing I really love about tournaments, being city champ trumps the money. I could win \$10 million, it doesn't matter, come next year, I'll be back again to defend my title. — **Todd Lamansky**

live play between now and Oct. 23. Contact the poker room for more details.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO ST. LOUIS: The poker room recently began hosting a 50-plus seniors event on the second to last Sunday of every month. The \$125 buy-in starts at noon and usually gets around 100 entries. Players receive 20K chips and levels are 30 minutes. But if you're still a young pup, Hollywood still has you covered with its megastack the last Saturday of the month. The \$300 buy-in also starts at noon and typically draws around 120 entries. Starting stacks are 30K, blinds are 40 minutes and it features an awesome structure that some say rivals any WSOP or HPT event.



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AMERISTAR VICKSBURG HOSTS \$100K BATTLE

The Ameristar Casino poker room in Vicksburg, Miss., hosts the Battle on the River, a \$100K guarantee event Oct. 27-30 for \$150. For more info, see the ad on Page 43 or call 601-630-4999.

PEARL RIVER RESORT: Don't forget the Ante Up Poker Tour's Pearl River Open runs Oct. 28-Nov. 6, including a \$100K guarantee main event. Go to anteuppokertour.com/pearlriver for more details.

HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA: The two largest fall tournament series may have wrapped up before press time in Mississippi, but the action is better than ever. As the schedule eases into fall, look for good promotions and soft fields. Starting up north in Tunica, Horseshoe is the place to be with huge guarantees. On Oct. 7-9, there's a \$150 buy-in with a \$50K guarantee. You start with 8K chips, but for a \$10 dealer add-on you'll get another 2K. Coupled with a slow-moving blind structure, 30-minute levels and the safe bet that the event will exceed the guarantee, this is one of the best regular tournaments in the South.

If you can't make it for the \$50K, have no fear, the 'Shoe still runs its weekly \$10K guarantee every Saturday with the same great structure and same \$150 buy-in. It almost always exceeds the guarantee, making this one of the better weekly tournaments.

BEAU RIVAGE: If you'd rather head down to the coast for a great live-game promotion, the Beau Rivage in Biloxi is run-

ning a fantastic football promotion through the end of the season. Every Thursday, Sunday and Monday night, all players in a live game are eligible to participate. Starting 90 minutes before kickoff, any player who is in an eligible game may pick a square. If you have more than 50 hours of live play in the previous week, you may pick two squares. In the event of two winners, the winners split the prize money. Any money not awarded will roll over into the next quarter. The maximum value for any square is \$2K. The squares will each start with a value of \$200 per quarter and \$400 for the final score.

LOUISIANA

ELDORADO SHREVEPORT: Qualifying for the \$80K freeroll continues through Oct. 17. The event runs Nov. 4-6 as only the top 100 qualifiers will be allowed to enter. All tournament play will be rated only if the player is still in the tournament; after the player is eliminated, their time and points will stop accruing. For more info, go to eldoradoshreveport.com.

COUSHATTA CASINO RESORT: The hold'em bad-beat jackpot, which is quad fives beaten, was at \$145K at press time. Running Oct. 28-Nov. 25 is the November Poker Gifts promotion. Some of the gifts include an outdoors gear bag, a 40-quart wheeled cooler, a cast-iron griddle and a 10-piece storage set. For more info on this promo, go to coushattacasinoresort.com. Also, the Fall Classic ran Sept. 20-25 so look for a recap in a future issue.



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HARD ROCK ROLLS IN S. FLA.

On a busy mid-August Tuesday at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla., four interesting stories emerged with the completion of the televised Big 4 at the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open. A good-natured match between close friends and former roommates highlighted the \$5M guarantee main event, while a novice surprised the field in the \$2,650 event by controlling the final table from start to finish. Meanwhile, a blistering pace in the \$1,100 tourney allowed that final table to be played out in one 90-minute level, while in the \$25K high roller, two of the game's biggest names went heads-up for nearly three hours before a winner emerged.

Veteran **Jason Koon**, probably best known for his intense fitness and healthy eating regimen, has more than a dozen six-figure cashes in his career, but his \$1M victory in the SHRPO main event is his largest, after a \$514K win this summer at the Bellagio High Roller. Koon had to get past friend **Seth Davies** to do it and while he owned the lead the entire time, it certainly wasn't easy. It was fun, however, as Koon and Davies have been good friends for years and lived together in Las Vegas about five years ago.

"We were laughing about the opportunity and the next thing you know we're sitting across the table with the trophy in between us, so it's really a surreal moment," Koon said. While both players wanted the title, Davies said there was little downside to losing to his buddy.

"Jason is very much a mentor to me in poker, and in life," he said. "I've learned so much from him about how to grow as a person and as a poker player."

Davies, who won a preliminary event in the series as well, took home \$575K for his runner-up finish, while **Tim Burt** of Grenada, Miss., was third (\$310K).

For the third consecutive year, the main event failed to reach its guarantee, making the facility go into pocket to cover the shortfall. With no re-entry allowed in this event and only one opening session, the tourney attracted 847 players, slightly off from 907 in 2015.

Everything else was smooth as silk for the Seminole Hard Rock, as all the other big tournaments easily crushed their guarantees and the players continued to rave about the property and its handling of the schedule.

With the four final tables being played simultaneously in the Hard Rock Live arena in front of *the Poker Night in America* cameras, it was the \$1,100 event that ended quickly. **Ruslan Dykshteyn** didn't need a dinner break before defeating **Phillip Hui** to win the trophy and \$151K. Former WSOP ladies champ **Marsha Wolak** finished third.

The high roller drew many of the game's most recognizable players, and in the end, it was popular German star **Marvin Rettenmaier** outlasting the 2014 SHRPO main-event champion **Dan Colman** in a marathon. "Mad Marvin" held the advantage

for much of the heads-up dogfight, but Colman fought his way back several times and even took a slight lead for a short period. Texan **Ray Quartomy** earlier relinquished a huge lead after the field was narrowed to three players, thanks to a couple of big double-ups by Colman, and then Rettenmaier dispatched Quartomy with aces vs. kings. **Nick Petrangelo** finished fourth and **Rainer Kempe**, this summer's Super High Roller champ at the Aria, was seventh.

The \$2,650 event went to 21-year-old college student **Bradley Snider**, who picked up his first major cash in front-running fashion. The Princeton math major, who considers poker a serious hobby, took home \$246K and the title after knocking out Irishman **Dermot Blain**.

"I really enjoy playing casually and thinking about the game and this will allow me to play a lot more poker in the future," the Ft. Lauderdale native said. The 2014 WSOP seniors champion, **Dan Heimiller**, also

made the final table and finished seventh, while **Jerry Wong**, who is set to play later this month at the November Nine in Las Vegas, was the first player eliminated from this final table.

The Big 4 will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Network as part of Season 5 of *Poker Night in America*.

NORTH FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE: The property is hosting the annual televised World Poker Tour stop until Oct. 18, including a \$1M main-event guarantee. There will be 23 events with buy-ins starting at \$200. One of the events will be a \$25K buy-in high roller.

Satellites are included on the schedule and there will be a championship satellite where winners of events 1-16 will play Oct. 13 with the winner getting a seat into the \$5K main event. Six people will win a chance to play against two Royal Flush Girls along with actor **Vince van Patten**, poker legend **Mike Sexton** and local celebrity **Allie McDeal**. The winner of the satellite wins a \$550 entry into a mega-satellite for the main event.

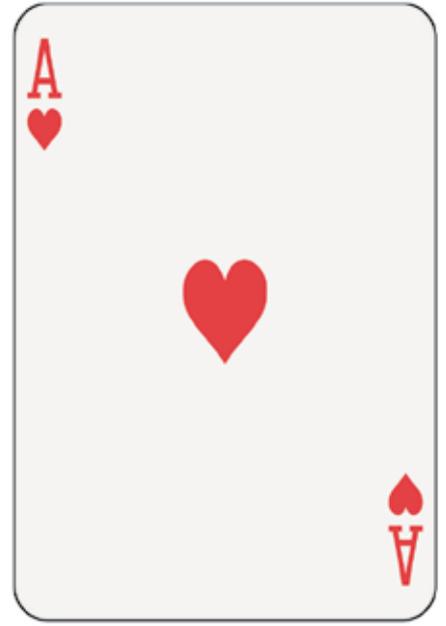
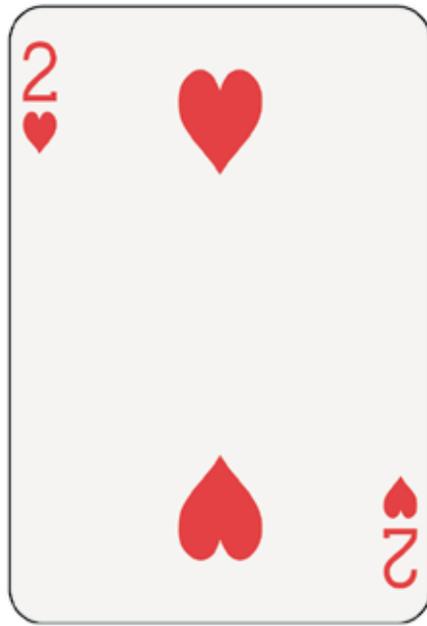
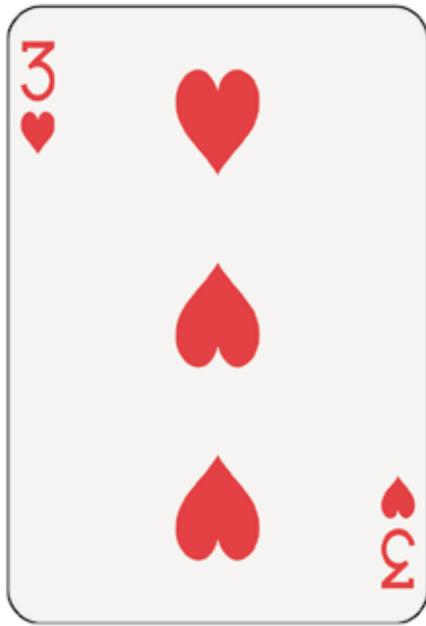
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK: The Emerald Coast Poker Championship will run Oct. 14-23. Eight events include Omaha, seniors, ladies, bounty and megastack. For more information, 850-535-4048 ext. 180.

DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB: The \$360 main event of the PPC Beachside Open ran Aug. 12-14 as **Adam Rouse** grabbed the top spot for \$11K. The tourney drew 253 players for an \$82,225 prize pool. Rouse was followed by **Ann Clarke** (\$10,939), Michael Dunn (\$9,984), **Steve Abel** (\$9,839) and **Rob Manjura** (\$9K). The Heartland Poker Tour was still running at press time, so look for a recap in a future issue.

CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA: There's plenty to do this month, including \$100 high hands every 20 minutes on Oct. 8., a \$10K guarantee event (\$270) on Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. and a \$5K guarantee event (\$120) on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Check the ad on Page 49 for more details and offers.



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PAPP GRABS C. FLA. TITLE

For the second straight year, the WPT DeepStacks Tour headed to the Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Fla., for a 10-day series. This year's installment ran Sept. 2-11 as **Nathan Papp** captured the main event. For besting the impressive field, Papp earned \$68,959 and a \$5,250 seat in next year's Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open.

The \$1,100 finale featured a \$200K guarantee. With two starting flights, the six-figure target was bested during the early stages of Flight B. The event drew 257 entries for of \$249,290 prize pool. The tournament drew a strong field, including SHRP Player of the Year **David Prociak**, former November Niners **John Dolan** and **Will Tonking** as well as SHRP team members **Stewart Newman**, **Sheddy Siddiqui** and **Mike Laake**.

Papp owned the late stages of play. He took the lead to the final table and never relinquished it, shoving his way to a heads-up berth, where he held nearly a 6-to-1 advantage over runner-up **Trenton Baker** (\$40,638).

Other notables to finish in the money included Siddiqui (26th, \$2,217), **David Diaz** (21st, \$2,217), Prociak (15th, \$2,955), **Ory Hen** (11th, \$3,448) and Tonking (\$6,157). Baker was followed by **Jeff Pringle** (\$27,092), Tampa's **Manny Minaya** (\$18,841) and **Steve Trizis** (\$14,039).

In addition to their payouts, each of the tournament's cashers earned points toward the new POY race. This year's matrix was revamped to create a more transparent model players can easily follow. With the win, Papp took the early lead in the 10-championship contest.

Papp's poker resume is quite modest boasting just one past cash. The victory in Immokalee marks the first major score for the 38-year-old Illinois native.

Up next is the Seminole Immokalee Poker Challenge, which begins Feb. 21 and is again headlined by a \$1,650 buy-in \$200K guarantee.

HARD ROCK TAMPA: The Seminole property recently ran another deepstack series as droves of players showed up looking for their share of the more than \$400K in guarantees. The two big events, the \$350 buy-in, \$150K guarantee and the \$570-\$200K. smashed the prize pools and ended in chops.

The \$350 ended when the 10-player final table agreed to



Nathan Papp won the WPT DeepStacks title at Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Fla.

chop for \$17k each, but **Phil Wasserman** walked away with the guitar and title. Tampa Bay Downs Poker Ambassador **Danny Lobato** was awarded second for \$17K.

The \$570 chopped with eight players left, but was done by chip count. **Tyrone Wilson** of Orlando walked out with \$47K, the guitar and the title. Others of note in the chop: **Manny Minaya** (\$33K), **Gerald Silva** (\$23K) and **Steve Trizis** (\$21K).

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The \$370 Halloween tournament runs Oct. 13-16 with a \$50K guarantee. See the ad on the facing page for details.

DERBY LANE: The St. Petersburg poker room has started a monthly tradition of a Saturday \$250 buy-in with a \$25K guarantee, which usually translates to a \$50K prize pool. More than 200 players vied for the \$50K-plus prize pool in the most recent tourney and three stood tall at the end. **Brian Montgomery** and **Archie McLoughlin**, both of the Tampa Bay Elite Poker League family and **Navy John** chopped for \$9,700 each.

Montgomery eliminated **Chrissy Houbeck**, his girlfriend, in 23rd place.

Derby is spreading a new \$2-\$5 NLHE game with a minimum \$400 buy-in and no cap with a restraddle. Not many places offer both no cap and a restraddle, but this game has run most days and seems to be quite popular. ♠



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BIG STAX STILL A PHILLY-AREA FORCE

The 17th Big Stax series at Parx Casino near Philadelphia ran Aug. 1-23, featuring the usual three trophy events for buy-ins of \$330, \$550, and \$1,600. The schedule kicked off by breaking the record for the East Coast with 2,557 entrants over the course of four Day 1s. Big Stax 300 has become a force and now contends with the popularity of Borgata's series openers. **Chris Horter** took home the trophy and \$90,556 after a chop with five players.

There were 1,192 players who fired \$550 into the second trophy event, with the defending champion **Daniel Bak** at the final table.

"I was excited to get back to the final table," he said. "Bummed I couldn't close it out the second time around."

Michael Dobbs was on top of the leaderboard throughout most of the tournament, but took third in a chop for \$50K. **Bill Miller**, who began the chop discussion with six players left, took second (\$64,787). **Jose Pereira**, who is a regular cash player at Parx, took home the trophy and \$65K, his biggest tournament win.

Big Stax \$1,600 final table was packed with notables such as **Mike Dentale**, **Jon Borenstein** and **Kevin Grabel**, who consistently has been making final tables and took home two trophies in the last series. The last two standing, however, were **Joseph Liberta** and **Mike Lavenburg**, also strong players. Lavenburg, who was second in a past Big Stax trophy event, took runner-up again for \$78,912. Lavenburg said he never participates in chop conversations.

"I really enjoy playing heads-up," he said. "And I don't like giving up spots where I have an edge."

In the end, it was Liberta who outlasted 379 players to take home the championship and \$124,463.

BORGATA: The property's online room hosts the fifth installment of the Garden State Super Series on Oct. 9-23 and features more than \$1.1M in guarantees.

"Featuring larger guarantees, varied price points and great satellite offerings, the (GSSS) will be one of the most highly anticipated online tournaments of the year," VP of marketing **Steve Nathan** said. "We have continued to grow and evolve the event series, with this year's \$175K main event boasting the largest GSSS prize pool to date."

The series has 75 events across a range of formats such as NLHE, limit, stud, PLO, six-max and bounty tournaments. The series opens Oct. 9 with seven events, including a \$75K guarantee, and culminates Oct. 23 with the \$175K main event.



MEET CATE HALL

How did you start in poker and when did you commit full time? I started learning to play poker in late 2013, when Maryland Live opened near where I live in D.C. At the time, I was working as a lawyer and while my career was going well, I was quite unhappy and was anxious to make a transition out of law. As I got better at poker, it occurred to me it might be something I could do for an income for a few years while I moved out of law and decided what I wanted to do next. Finally, in early 2015, I made the decision to leave my job and become a full-time player. I think most people I was working with at that time thought I was a bit crazy or was having some sort of mid-life crisis, but I went through with the decision anyway. I officially transitioned to poker a few months later, after my last case had wrapped up, during the 2015 World Series.

When you're not chasing tournaments, where do you usually play? Most often I play at Maryland Live, which is about a 45-minute drive from where I live in D.C. A new MGM property is opening near D.C., about 15 minutes from me, toward the end of the year, though, and I imagine once that happens, I'll be spending the vast majority of my time there. — **Jo Kim**

"If you've never experienced a GSSS series, I highly recommend you give it a shot," pro **Michael "Gags30" Gagliano** said. "While there are a wide array of formats and buy-ins, I am particularly excited about playing in the high-stakes tournaments, especially the \$535 six-max, and the \$1K, which always make for some really exciting final tables."

For more info, go to BorgataPoker.com

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA: The second Diamond Delight series ran Sept. 8-18. The buy-in was \$130 with the prize pool guarantee set at \$100K. With 17 starting flights, 10 percent of the players from each day made it in the money while coming back for Day 2. The tournament will be recapped in a future issue.

SUGARHOUSE: The \$100K guarantee Sugar Rush Challenge III ran Sept. 21-25 and will be recapped in a future issue. In other news, the property has started the SugarHouse Online Casino, which is at PlaySugarHouse.com. Traditional poker is not available on the site at this time, but video poker and other card games such as Three Card Poker are on the site.

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LARABEE WINS DELAWARE ST. CROWN

Lawrence Larabee Jr. of North Carolina captured the Delaware Poker Championship over Labor Day weekend at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino in Delaware. He has cashed in the event the past three years and a main-event chop was agreed to between the final three players with each player getting \$18,022. Larabee had the most chips so he was awarded the title and trophy.

All of the five events in the series exceeded the guarantees.

In other Dover Downs news, another Get-away Weekend runs this month. On Oct. 24 at 7:15 p.m., there's a \$30 satellite for the \$30K guarantee on Oct. 29 (\$225 buy-in, 11:15 a.m., 20K chips, 30-minute blinds). One in 10 will win a seat. The series runs Oct. 28-30, including a \$10K guarantee for \$135 on Oct. 28 at 11:15 a.m. The starting stack is 15K with 25-minute blinds. To wrap up the weekend, there's a \$3,500 guarantee for \$50 with 20-minute blinds and 10K starting stack on Oct. 30 at 11:15.

Four players won Ante Up Poker Cruise packages in a recent Ante Up Set Sail Series. **Timothy Stump**, **Kay Wilson** and **Glenn Bagrowski**, pictured together, and **Michael Atkins** were winners of cruise packages for two for the Nov. 14 sailing out of Tampa, Fla.



DELAWARE PARK: The poker room hosts the Mid-Atlantic Poker Championship on Oct. 6-17. There will be 11 events with two championships. The pot-limit Omaha championship is Oct. 12 and the \$150K guarantee Mid-Atlantic Poker Championship is Oct. 15. There are many satellites into the various events; see the poker room for details.

MARYLAND LIVE: The World Poker Tour runs until Oct. 5 with more than \$2M in guarantees. The main event is Oct. 1 with a \$1.5M guarantee. In results news, **Stephen Deutsch** won the PPC Capitol Poker Classic's main event in late August. The \$400 event drew 475 players for a \$171K prize pool as Deutsch earned \$29K.

He was followed by **Todd Michaelson** (\$23,289), **Mark Edwards** (\$21,478), **Arnold Dinio** (\$19,510) and **Andrew Parker** (\$18,993).

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO: **Julian Sacks** won his first major title after earning the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event on Aug. 29. Sacks had several final tables to his credit, including a runner-up, but finally earned his WSOPC ring and \$148K, his biggest cash of his career.

"Here at Foxwoods, I've had the chip lead before and blown it," he said after the win. "And I was putting a lot of pressure on myself not to blow it this time."

He said he felt more comfortable as the final day progressed. "Once it got down to four-handed, at times it felt like I was

winning every hand. Then I really felt like it was my tournament to lose."

Johanssy Joseph and **Jeremy Meacham** made the final table in this event last year and repeated the feat again. Joseph was runner-up in 2015 but finished fourth this time around (\$49,680). Meacham, sixth a year ago, was third (\$66,930). Defending champ **Samuel Taylor** finished 19th as the event attracted 460 players.

Muhammad Rahim started the final table as chipleader but finished fifth (\$37,260). **Travis Stams**, who began as the short stack, was runner-up (\$91,770). **Sean Carlson** was sixth (\$28,428) and it was his second final table at this circuit stop.

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO AND HOTEL: **Russell Campanella** edged **Christopher Harker** in chip count after a chop to win the \$600 Summer Slam's main event. Both players took home \$26,500 from a \$252K prize pool.

Raymond Larouech, who was third, and fourth-place finisher **Shawn Edinger** earned \$26K apiece.

From Rochester, N.Y., Campanella has made more than \$152K playing live. The payday at Seneca Niagara is the largest of his career. Of his 38 cashes, seven have come in 2016.

Harker, also a New Yorker, has eight cashes, the last four coming in Niagara Falls. His previous cashes were at Turning Stone.

Matt Fergenbaum was fifth (\$20K), his first cash. Overall, 475 players entered the main event.

Kurtis Boutelle won Event 1, a \$1K deepstack that paid him \$23,807. **Blake Napierala** pocketed \$14,731 as runner-up.

Boutelle, who was seventh in the main event, has nine cashes, including four this year. He's made more than \$121K since 2010.

Napierala, out of Amherst, N.Y., left Seneca with 38 career cashes. He was ninth in Event 2, a showing worth \$1,940. In August, he was 28th in Event 20 of the 2016 Empire State Hold'em Championships at Turning Stone. \$2,619.

Up next is the Fall Classic Warmup on Oct. 7-9. Call the poker room for details.

TURNING STONE: **Robert Bianchi** topped the field after a chop to take the Empire State Hold'em Championship for the first win of his career and \$42,295. **Thomas Matacale** and **Brian Ballentine** each earned \$42,294 in the chop.

Matacale, from Hornell, N.Y., has nine cashes, including two at Turning Stone. Ballentine has cashed 21 times and has more than \$127K in earnings. **Gregory Miller** was fourth (\$30K).

Up next is the October Weekend on Oct. 6-9, including a \$100K guarantee main event with a \$570 buy-in. Call the poker room for details. ♠

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BARNARD WINS MIDWEST CLASSIC IN MN

Joseph Barnard of St. Paul, Minn., won the Midwest Poker Classic Main Event at Running Aces Casino and Racetrack, taking home \$33,241. The \$1,100 event drew 98 entrants and generated a \$97,060 prize pool at the Columbus property. Barnard also won the \$300 bounty event earlier in the series for \$3,473. The series had 21 events.

Lucas Mernin of Robinsdale, Minn., earned \$12,200 for winning the \$350 CheapStack event. **Joel Doering** won the \$150 Double Stack for \$2,506. Men were encouraged to enter the \$150 Ladies Edge event and **Ramadhan Jabbar** took the top spot for \$1,500 and **Jay Phillips** was the last woman standing, taking second for \$900. **Alexander Smith** won the \$120 PLO event for \$1,300 and **Rawson Peters** finished first in the \$200 six-max event for \$4,149.

CANTERBURY PARK: **Vladyslav Tkachuk** of Anoka, Minn., took home \$36,127 after winning the recent iNinja Poker Tour event. The \$260 tourney attracted 891 entries, which built a \$186K prize pool. The iNinja events seem to be consistently drawing large crowds and garnering player loyalty.

Also, don't forget the Fall Classic runs until Oct. 16; call the poker room for details.

GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS: **Kraig Komrosky** of Moorhead, Minn., won the Mid-States Poker Tour regional for \$31,747. Komrosky had finished 11th in the same MSPT event in January. This \$350 tournament had 458 entrants for a \$132K prize pool.

IOWA

The Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs hosted the RunGood Poker Series during the third week of August. **Michael Sortino** won the \$1,100 main event for \$40,320. The final table included pro **Brandon Fish** and "Farmer" **Phil Mader**, who finished fourth and fifth, respectively. There was a great turnout at the Horseshoe, resulting in a \$144K prize pool. The RunGood Series also included a six-max \$190 event, which ended in a four-way chop between **Jesse McVicker**, **Patricia Bott**, **Tim Sciscoe** and **Henry Gingerich** for \$3,201 each.

The Horseshoe will hold a special Columbus Day \$150 Fat Stack tournament Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.

MESKWAKI CASINO: The Mid-States Poker Tour returns at the end of October and the first week of November with a \$300K guarantee main event.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS: The \$200 deepstack event will be Oct. 23 and is limited to the first 121 entrants. Also, the bad-beat jackpot fell on Aug. 5 for \$137,196.

DIAMOND JO: The Worth property's bad-beat jackpot was around \$211K at press time.

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MEET ROBERT SWEENEY

As a floor supervisor, **Robert Sweeney**, a married man and father of three daughters, has worked in Potawatomi Hotel & Casino for five years in Milwaukee. Before that, he went to school for two years studying police science.

How did you come to work in poker? In playing poker at Potawatomi, I came to know some of the dealers. They knew my interest in the game and told me about going to poker school to get certified. I became certified in Sacramento, Calif., and stayed there for two years to deal. When I found out Potawatomi had a position open, I came back to Wisconsin and became a floor supervisor.

What do you like most about working in poker? I just love the game of poker and providing great service to our guests.

What's your favorite memory thus far when it comes to your work and why? Because of my love for the game, my favorite memory is the day I was hired here. It isn't easy to get a job in the poker room. I feel very thankful. — **Chad Holloway**

CHICAGOLAND

AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO: The Heartland Poker Tour Main Event final table ended up being one of the toughest in Chicagoland history with former world champ **Greg Raymer** and WPT Bellagio Cup winner **Kevin Saul** headlining a list of pros who collectively had 460 cashes.

It ended with **Nick Davidson**, a dentist from Troy, Mich., walking away with the title and \$166K after defeating Saul heads-up.

"I'm just in awe right now, I can't believe it," Davidson said after outlasting more than 500 entries.

Lavonne Schaafsma, a psychologist from Grand Rapids, Mich., is only the second woman to finish in the top three of a Chicagoland HPT main event.

The \$300 buy-in Monster Stack was again the largest in HPT history with 1,322 entries, creating a record prize pool of \$337K. **Brian Kelley** from Bloomington, Ill., brought home \$54K for being the last player standing.

Michael Esquivel won the \$200 six-max for \$8K. **Brad Sailor**, who has the most cashes at the East Chicago Casino, won the PLO event for \$6K. **Steven Inman** won the \$200 seniors tournament for \$11K and **John Vanderah** won the \$150 event (\$5K).

Curtis Mayfield III won the final HPT event for \$4,565. HPT returns to Ameristar on Jan. 12-23.

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BELTERRA: The HPT will be in town Nov. 25-Dec. 5 as the main event will be \$1,100.

HORSESHOE HAMMOND: **Ronald Devito** won the Summer Series Main Event for \$53K and a World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event seat. Devito's last major win was in 2013 at the HPT deepstack at Majestic Star.

MAJESTIC STAR: America's Poker Tour will be Nov. 3-13.

TROPICANA: **Earl Porter**, who started playing poker with his grandmother at the age of 10, outlasted a MSPT-record 340 entries, winning the Indiana State Poker Championship for \$82K. The 49-year-old automobile worker faced a tough final table that included last year's main-event winner **Michael O'Neill** and January's MSPT Evansville winner **Adam Thomas**.

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HOLLYWOOD CASINO TOLEDO: The room pays high hands every 30 minutes on Thursdays (4 p.m.-midnight), Fridays (4 p.m.-2 a.m.), Saturdays (noon-2 a.m.) and Sundays (noon-10 p.m.). The minimum qualifying hand is aces full of deuces and both hole cards must play. Other cash-game promotions include Hollywood Awards, where players win by making any of the 29 qualifying hands, and "3 for \$30" where if you play three consecutive hours between 3 a.m. and noon you'll receive \$30 in chips added to your stack (qualify twice and receive \$60).

RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH: Various high-hand promotions run Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and "Hot Seats" on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All throughout 2016, the room offers a "Million Dollar Bad Beat" that requires a hold'em player holding 10-9 suited to flop the low end of a straight flush, losing to a player who holds A-K suited for a royal. The bad-beat jackpot was \$82K at press time.

THE MEADOWS CASINO: There are \$200 high hands every half-hour on the second and third Saturday of the month.

WISCONSIN

In mid-August at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina, **Brett Reichard** of Janesville, Wis., topped a field of nearly 270 entries to win Event 9 (\$580 NLHE) for \$32,956 and his first gold ring. His son, poker pro **Josh Reichard**, finished third in the Monster Stack event the day before (\$19,957).

HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN DELLS: The property is getting a new poker room as part of a renovation.

HO-CHUNK GAMING NEKOOSA: The sixth annual Pulse Pounding Poker Tournament took place Sept. 24-25. The \$330 buy-in tournament featured a guaranteed first-place prize of \$5K and will be recapped in a future issue.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO: The \$300K guarantee Michigan State Poker Championship, in conjunction with the Mid-States Poker Tour, returns to Battle Creek on Oct. 13-16. The \$1,100 main event's flights will be Oct. 13 (1A, 4 p.m.), Oct. 14 (1B, noon) and Oct. 15 (1C, noon). Day 2 will be Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m. There will be \$60 super satellites at noon on Oct. 10-12. There also will be \$250 qualifiers leading up to the main event. See the ad on this page for more details. ♠

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Hall-of-Fame baseball player **Mickey Mantle** once said, "It's unbelievable how much you don't know about the game you've been playing all your life."

Let's not kid ourselves: Poker is a complex game and takes skill. At my poker class at Pima, I used to ask students what they thought the luck-vs.-skill ratio is. Typical answers were 60-40 or 75-25 skill-to-luck. My answer is it's 100 percent a skill game. When players approach poker in this light, they perform better or at least make more money than opponents. Making money is how we keep score. Let's look at a few tips to help us play better poker.

Recently I jumped on a poker simulator to go over some push-fold theory. I picked four to six players remaining in a nine-handed SNG that paid three spots.

HAND 1: I hold Q-7 suited on button with 1,800 chips. Four players remain, which is the bubble. I pushed. Wrong! Q-8 suited is the cutoff for a push, or push range is 23.4 percent.

HAND 2: Six players remain and I'm in small blind as it's folded to me with 10-3 offsuit. I push. Wrong again! Push range is 83 percent, which represents a ton of hands but does not make the grade.

HAND 3: Five players are left and I'm in the BB with 200 post-

ed and only 650 left. The cutoff pushed and I instacalled. No-brainer, right? I only had 650 left. I thought I had a wide range. Wrong! The correct answer is the call range is 23 percent. Am I really this much out of practice?

HAND 4: Four players are left and I hold A-7 off with 910 chips (short stack). I pushed. Wrong! A-8 is the cutoff with a 26 percent push range.

Please, no emails making fun of me. Here's the thing: As a serious player who believes he's an "A" player, it is our business to know the correct play. Obviously when we know how opponents are playing we can make a few adjustments. But we must understand the boundaries. In most tournaments, players who win will tell you how at one point in the tournament they were under 10 big blinds. Knowing what to do is critical.

Let's think about our \$1-\$2 game for a moment. Do you have an hourly-rate target? If you do, stop thinking in terms of your session. Think of your earn or loss in 100 hours of play. This will save you a lot of time and energy in giving your play a fair assessment. I think it's safe to assume if you're taking the time to read this column, you're keeping accurate records. This is a must if we're going to lop off your leaks and start hitting your goals.

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MARK BREMENT

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE LENDING CASH

Have you been in a situation where your decision would mean losing money, a friendship or both? If you can't lend someone money, they'll be offended and you may be relegated from friend to associate. But if you lend them the money, there's a good chance you won't see the money again.

What can be unpleasant is asking whoever borrowed the money, "Do you have the money?" If they're running bad, and those who borrow always seem to be running bad or unable to manage a bankroll, your inquiry will be received as impolite, inappropriate, bad timing or impatient.

You can't seem to get eye contact with them and they never come to your table, slap your shoulder and say "How's it going?" On rare occasions they make the money, they are quick to pound their chests and proclaim how great they are, but they never seem to have enough to pay you all or part of your loan.

What is it about lending money that changes relationships and usually ends up with giving the money away not realistically believing you'll recover any or all of it? You need to think about the reasons why an individual borrows.

Have you observed them do this with others and can they afford to pay back the money, survive their day-to-day living

expenses and maintain their bankroll? Do they live lavishly for a week or month and then return to a pattern of hitting up new associate for a small loan?

How did it make you feel when you lent money to someone else who stiffed you, never seemed to remember the loan, the amount, how long ago it was or how generous you were to provide them a leg up at a time of need?

When we talk about lending money in the poker room, it should bring you to one conclusion: If you're dumb enough, gullible enough and even eager enough to lend anyone money, expect to lose the friendship and the money.

BOOK REVIEW: If you can count cards in blackjack to improve your chances of winning, why not try counting cards in Texas Hold'em to see if an advantage is possible?

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— **Al Spath is the former Dean at Poker School Online and continues to teach poker online and live. His free YouTube Poker Channel (Al Spath) has hundreds of instructional videos to view. Al's live broadcasts are on TwitchTV: follow (PositivePokerInsiders). Contact Al directly at alspath@alspath.com with questions coaching inquires.**



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STOP BERATING INFERIOR PLAYERS

People do stupid things all of the time. When you're working at a sushi restaurant and someone asks if you have pizza, you'd like to tell them how stupid they are for coming to a sushi restaurant and asking for pizza. What an idiot, right? But you don't tell them that. You bite your tongue, politely empathize with them and explain the other options available. It's customer service. As a professional poker player, whether you like it or not, you are in the business of customer service.



**BRENT
PHILBIN**

Stop berating people for their play. Stop asking them how they can call with that awful hand. Stop throwing your cards at the dealer. These antics have been beneficial to exactly one person in the history of poker and you're not **Phil Hellmuth**.

You're a professional poker player now and your job is to make sure people want to play at your table and don't want to bluff you at every opportunity.

Let's assume for a moment that being a decent human being isn't enough to get you to stop these antics at a poker table; there's still plenty of incentive to act cordially.

The most obvious example is when people play poorly; it helps you. Pointing out bad play only upsets the player, makes them not want to play at your table in the future and maybe even makes them play a little better. All of these things are bad in the long run and only marginally helpful, if at all, in the short term.

The best reason to not upset recreational players at lower limits, however, is it tends to keep their ranges narrower. The same reason they always want to "check it down" with their friends; they aren't making a living doing this.

They are here to have fun, socialize and, wow, do they hate jacks. They don't need to take every ounce of EV and attack every pot.

A recreational player that likes you is significantly less likely to try to run a big bluff, which narrows the ranges you're playing against when you need to make big decisions on large bets.

Just like the sushi waiter that doesn't have a pizza, smile, grit your teeth and vent about it when you're off work. You are working, remember that.

— **Brent Philbin is a poker pro who lives in South Florida. You can reach him at Brent.Philbin@gmail.com.**

POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

KNOWING WHAT KIND OF PLAYER YOU ARE IS KEY

Psychology, at its core, is about self-awareness. Knowing who you are and why you do something will allow you to adapt and change, to see yourself and the activity in the proper perspective.



**STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD**

It has been said poker is just a card game people play, while others have said poker is a game of people who are using cards.

Poker psychology is determining who you are, what you want out of the game and why you play.

We have been trying to categorize people who play poker so we can have an edge over them. I want you to look into yourself and see who you are in poker so you can have an edge on the game.

One of the first ways of categorizing players was by playing style: loose aggressive, tight aggressive, tight passive, loose passive.

Phil Hellmuth analogized poker players to animals: mouse, jackal, elephant, lion and eagle.

Here's another grouping: nit, the best player at my home game, college-dorm champ, super serious \$2-\$4 limit player, bad-beat storyteller.

We have seen the weekend golfer who sees poker as another way to bet; he drinks too much and throws around chips and you can bet he knows the ATM.

So I have devised a simple way of looking at yourself. Once you can determine who you are, you can get that edge on the

game, not on the villains.

OCCASIONAL PLAYER: He plays some home games, maybe some tournaments, knows the general rules but doesn't want to and doesn't have the time to learn about the game. He can be lucky but doesn't care too much about losing the money in his pocket.

RECREATIONAL PLAYER: He plays consistently one to five times a week, reads a little, watches poker on television and wants to be a regular, but still has a full-time job.

REGULAR: This person is often retired, likes the camaraderie and plays well. Goes up and down, plays the right stakes, stays in his comfort zone and gets home for dinner.

SEMI-GRINDER: This player wants to supplement his real-life job; he plays well, studies, talks about it and has visions of going on the circuit.

GRINDER: Plays regularly, knows the numbers, tries to know the psychology but often overestimates his skills; wants to go on the circuit and be a pro, building a stake.

LOW-LEVEL PRO: This person hit a tournament or two, has moved to \$2-\$5, \$5-\$5 or \$5-\$10; a solid player like the club pro at a golf course.

CIRCUIT PRO: He follows a tournament circuit and plays cash games.

ELITE PLAYER: This is their living, avocation and vocation.

As Shakespeare said, "To thine own self but true." I would add, "Know yourself and keep your head in the game."

— **Dr. Stephen Bloomfield is a licensed psychologist and avid poker player. Email him at editor@anteupmagazine.com.**

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BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO (928) 669-7000 • bluewaterfun.com	Tuesday KO (\$35 w/\$20 early-bird rebuy, 7p); Thursday KO (\$40 w/\$20 early-bird rebuy, 7p).	High hand pays \$50 for straight flush and \$50 for quads (Wed., 8p); Aces Cracked pays \$40 (daily); royals pay \$200 (daily).
BUCKY'S CASINO (928) 708-6801 • buckyscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. (6p); Sat. (noon & 6p); call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot (daily); Omaha high hands (Mon. & Wed.).
CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK (480) 850-7777 • casinoaz.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$125, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$145, 7:15p); Fri. (\$200, 7:15p). See ad on Page 13.	Football events with splash pots, see website for details.
CASINO DEL SOL (800) 344-9435 • casinodelsol.com	Thurs. \$5K guar. (\$100, 7p); Sat. \$200 added Omaha/8 (\$15 w/\$5 rbs and add-on, 9a); Sun. (\$45, 11a).	Summer Thunder League (Sun. & Tue., 7p); Summer Omaha/8 League (Wed., 7p & Sat., 9a); Summer Lightning League (Mon., 7p & Sat., noon).
CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL (928) 567-7999 • cliffcastlecasinohotel.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$50, noon).	Get paid for royal flushes.
DESERT DIAMOND (520) 342-1810 • ddcas.com	Mon. & Thurs. Poker Cup of Coffee Tournament w/\$500 added (\$35, 9:30a); Tue. & Wed. Poker Sundown Showdown w/\$500 added (\$35, 7p).	Players receive 50 percent food discount tableside.
FT. McDOWELL CASINO (480) 837-1424 • fortmcowellcasino.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon., Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$5, 7p); Tue. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$10, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$40, 4p); (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$10, noon).	High Hand (Sun.-Fri., 9a-10a & 10a-11a); Aces and Faces Cracked every hour (5p-1a); Football Pools (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN (480) 802-5000 • harrahsakchin.com	Tue. HA (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. crazy pineapple KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. \$500 guar. (\$50, 12:30p); Sun. (\$25, 12:30p).	High-hand contest w/bonus for first three hours of the day; Splash Pots; royals pay \$50, steel wheels pay \$50; Aces Cracked.
HON-DAH (928) 369-0299 • hon-dah.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy and add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$15, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 6p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$40, 6p); Fri. KO (\$45, 6p); Sat. (\$30, 4p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$30 w/rb & add-on, 4p).	\$100 high hand (Fri. & Sat.); Odd & Even Hot Pairs (Sun.-Thurs.); Hot Seat Drawings pay \$50-\$100. See ad Page 14.
VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO (520) 796-7777 • wingilariver.com/vee-quiva	Wed. (\$40 w/add-on, 7:15p); Sat. (\$40 w/add-on, 11:15a); Sun. (\$30 w/add-on, 11:15a); 1st Sat. \$5K guar. (\$110, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand pays \$100 every hour (4a-9a); get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals.
WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL AND CASINO (800) 946-4452 • wingilariver.com/wild-horse-pass	Mon.-Thurs. (\$30, noon); Tue.-Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Sun. (\$30, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, stud and Omaha; Faces Cracked; Rolling Cash Fever; Royals Splash.

ARKANSAS

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

AGUA CALIENTE CASINO (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a); Sat. (\$100 w/\$50 rebuys, 11a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75 w/\$25 rebuys, 6:30p); monthly freeroll on first Wed. of month.	Full House Rocks; Splash the Pot.
ARTICHOKE JOE'S (650) 589-3145 • artichokejoes.com	Mon. (\$28, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 11a); Wed. HA (\$50, 6:45p); Thurs. (\$48, 11a); Sun. (\$49, 6:45p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays up to \$100K; Aces Cracked; high hand; royals pay \$300.
AVIATOR CASINO (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Wed. Mexican Poker (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys and add-on, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
BANKERS CASINO (831) 422-6666 • bankerscasino.net	Mon. (\$65 w/\$60 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Tue. (\$45 w/\$40 rebuy & add-on, 6p); Sat. (\$55, 11a).	Aces Cracked.
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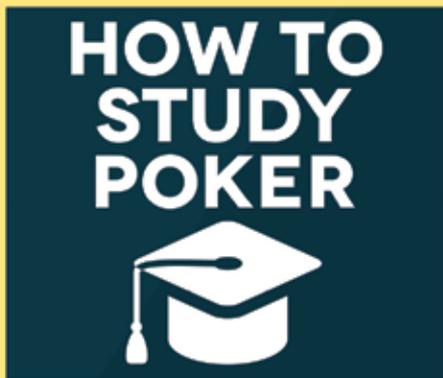
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BICYCLE CASINO (562) 806-4646 • thebike.com	Nooners (M-F, noon); Quantum Reload (W, 5p & 6:30p), (F, 4p, 5:30p & 7p), (Sa, noon, 2p & 4p) & (Su, noon, 1:30p & 3p); Nooners Nites (M, 5p), (T, 5p & 6:30p) & (Th, 5p).	Omaha/8 (Mon., 2p); Mexican Poker event (Thurs., 8p); Sunday Cash Drawings pay \$10K; CPPT IV, Oct. 1-20.
CACHE CREEK CASINO (530) 796-3118 • cachecreek.com	Wed. (\$55 w/\$50 rebuys, 6p); Fri. KO (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$500 added (\$55 w/\$50 rebuy, noon); Sun. KO (\$135, noon).	\$5K bad-beat jackpot; high hand (Mon.-Sun.); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot (Mon.-Fri.)
CALIFORNIA GRAND CASINO (925) 685-8397 • calgrandcasino.com	Sunday (\$50, 10:30a) w/\$500 added to the prize pool.	Progressive bad-beat double jackpot starts at \$140K; regular jackpots start at \$70K; Sun. \$1K high-hand payouts.
CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10a); 1st Sat. (\$100, 11a); 2nd Sat. (\$220, 11a); 3rd & 4th Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$160, 7p) w/\$2.5K to first place (minimum 60 players).	No jackpots.
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$20).	Aces Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	M-F (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 7p); T (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Th. (\$40, 7p); Fri. (\$150, 7:15p); Sat. \$6.5K guar. (\$120, 1:15p); Sun. \$3K guar. KO (\$100, 1:15p).	Perfect 10s Bad Beat Jackpot in hold'em; Big O Bad Beat Jackpot; splash pots (daily).
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon.-Fri. (\$60-\$70, 7:15p); Sat. O/8 (\$20, 10:15a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p).	Royal Flush Progressive Jackpot.
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	No tournaments.	Bounty High Hand Bonus; Aces Cracked.
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ELK VALLEY CASINO (707) 464-1020 • elkvalleycasino.com	Mon. (\$10 w/rbs, 6p); Tue. O/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. HE/CP (\$30, 6p); Thurs. & Fri. (\$30, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 2p); Sun. (freeroll, 6p); 1st Sat. (\$115, 4p); 1st Sun. (freeroll, 4p).	Player rewards.
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Wed. (\$35 w/\$15 rebuy, 2K chips, 6:30p); Sat. \$1K guar. (7p).	Friday Night Special pays players \$120 for a \$100 buy-in from 6:30-7:30p.
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GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$60, 10a); Mon. KO (\$150, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$35, 10a); Sun. KO (\$140, 10a); 3rd Sat. of month (\$550).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); Early Bird Special (Mon.-Fri.); Omaha Special (daily).
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Sat. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$30, 8p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 8p).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Pay for Play (\$5/hour, daily); monthly cash drawings.
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$60); Mon.-Fri. (noon & 7p); Sat. (noon & 7p); Sat. Big O (\$60, 3p); 1st Sunday (\$230, noon); Sunday Special \$25K guar., Oct. 2 (\$230).	\$100K Cash Drawings; Aces Cracked.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon.-Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. (\$185, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$185, 7p); Fri. (\$100 w/\$70 add-on, 7p); Sun. (\$250, 3p); Liz Flynt Fall Classic, Oct. 21-Nov. 3.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.



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LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$60, 6:40p); Fri. KO (\$30 w/\$10 bounties, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60 w/\$25 rebuys, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CASINO (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Splash Pots.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Fri. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Tue. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals bonus; Aces Cracked.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Mon., Wed. & Fri. (\$65 w/\$50 rebuy, 9:30a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 9:30a); Sat. (\$200, 9:30a); Sun. (\$250, 9:30a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em is \$100K, Omaha and stud; Aces Cracked; Rack Attack.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy and add-on, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 10a); Sat. \$3K guar. (\$60 w/\$10 add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$20 \$20 add-on, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Progressive Cash Squares.
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OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$150, 6:15p); Wed. (\$185, 6:15p); Sat. (\$130, 11a); Sun. (\$235, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$340, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud.
OCEANA CASINO (805) 270-3397 • oceanacardroom.com	Wednesday PLO (\$20, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
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PARK WEST CASINO LODI (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. KO (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10:20a); Sun. \$1K guar. FR (1p).	Super Bad Beat Jackpot in hold'em.
PARK WEST CASINO SONOMA (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full) and Omaha (quad eights); Splash Pots (daily); double jackpot (Sat.); Spin to Win pays up to \$200; PLO (Wed., 2p).
PASO ROBLES CENTRAL COAST CASINO (805) 226-0500 • pasoroblescasino.com	Tue. (\$20, 11a); Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p); Sat. (\$25, 11a); Sun. freeroll (noon); first Sat. of month (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; progressive royal-flush jackpot.
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Tue. (\$45, 10a); Wed. (\$45, 10a); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$50, 10a); Sat. \$15K guar. (\$100, 1p); Sun. \$4.5K guar. (\$50, 10a).	No-limit, limit and Omaha jackpots; high hands.
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RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Mon. & Th. \$1K guar. (\$60, 6:15p); Tue. KO (\$80, 6:15p); 1st & 3rd Wed. (\$100, 6:15p); Tue., Th.-Sun. (\$60, 10a); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$100, 10a); \$1K min. guar. pool.	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; progressive royal flush; \$100 high-hand bonus; \$50 quads, \$75 straight-flush bonuses; Aces Cracked.
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	Monthly \$24K tournament (qualify by playing live events); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed., noon-mid.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs., noon-mid.); Money Wheel (Fri., noon-10p).
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$130, 11a); last Sun. \$40K guar. (\$350, 11a).	Rack Attacks (3p, 4p, 9p & mid.); Aces Cracked (noon-1p, 6p-7p, 1a-2a).
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	M-Su. (\$25 w/rbs, 10a); M-W (\$50, 6:30p); Th. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6:30p); F (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sa. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Su. (\$70 w/\$50 rbs, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em and Omaha jackpot.
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a). See ad on Page 45.	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; Double High Hands.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	M-Th (\$40, 11a); M (\$20 w/\$10 rbs, 7p); W O/8 (\$60, 7p); F-Su \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rbs & add-on, 11a); F (\$125, 5p); Sa Survivor (\$100, 7p); Su KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; HPT, Oct. 13-25, see website for schedule. See ad Pages 18-19.
TURLOCK POKER ROOM (209) 668-1010 • turlockpoker.com	Daily (\$15, 9a); Mon. (\$25, 6p); Tue. KO (\$25, 6p) Wed. (\$25, 6p); Thurs. KO (\$25, 6p); Fri. satellite (\$70, 6p); Sat. (\$25, 6p); Sun. Omaha (\$45, 11:00a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Mexican Poker \$100 High Hand (Thurs.-Sun., mid.); royal flush progressive; Omaha high hand (Wed. & Sat.).
WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO (530) 243-3377 • winrivercasino.com	Mon. \$1K Madness (\$20, 5p); Tue. \$2K deepstack (\$75, 5p); Wed. \$1K Stack Attack (\$20, 5p); Sun. \$1K guar. Deep Stack (\$55, 4p).	Aces Cracked; Progressive Straight Flushes.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini descending bad-beat jackpot.
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, noon); Fri. & Sun. (\$160, noon); Sat. (\$210, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$130, 7p).	High hands pay up to \$300/hour with 7 cash games playing (Mon.-Sun., 10a-10p); Wheel of Winnings.
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Sunday \$1K freeroll (3p) w/40 seats awarded per week.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL & CASINO (719) 689-2446 • triplecrowncasinos.com	Fri. (\$100, 4p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$40, 12:30p); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$110, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; Ultimate High Hand Weekends (third weekend of the month).
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand (Sun., Tue. & Fri.); Bounce Back (Mon., Wed. & Thurs.).
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$120, noon); 1st Sat. of month (\$210, noon).	Player comps pay \$1/hour.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80-\$160, 10a); Fri. 10K guar. (\$160, 6p); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$300, 11a); World Poker Finals, Oct. 1-17.	Bad beat in hold'em is quad eights in hold'em and quad deuces in stud; High Hand Frenzy (Sun. & Tue., 9a-9p & Fri. & Sat., 2p-2a) with \$500 paid every 30 minutes.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p). See the ad on Page 35.	High hands pay up to \$600.

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DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily (\$45-\$100); Mon.-Wed (noon & 7p); Thurs. (noon & 7p); Fri. (noon, 7p & 10p); Sat. (9a, noon, 7p & 10p); Sun. (9a, noon, 3p & 7p).	Hourly high hands.
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 11-15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$35, 7-15p); Fri. (\$45, 7-15p); Sat. (\$45, 11-15a) & (\$35, 3-15p & 7-15p); Sun. (\$35, 3-15p & 7-15p).	Royal flush bonus; bad beat hands pays \$300-\$600.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha NL (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy and add-on, 11a); Sun. KO (\$60, 1p).	High hands (M & F, 11a-4p), (T & W, 8p-mid.) & (Su, 11a-1p & 9p-11p); Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Su-F, 4:30p-7:30p); quad jacks or better pays \$100 (T & Th, 11:30a-4:30p)

FLORIDA

BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily \$40-\$150 (noon & 7p); WPT runs until Oct. 18 w/\$1M guar. main event; College event, Oct. 15 (\$40). See ad on Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hand every 15 min. (select days/hours).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); Mystery High Hand Mon. (\$200-\$1K); Thurs. \$400 high hands (every 30 min., noon-mid.).
CASINO AT DANIA BEACH (954) 920-1511 • casinodaniaibeach.com	Sunday (\$50, 1p); Wednesday (\$85, 7p). See ad on Page 27.	High hand (daily); bad-beat jackpot starts at \$20K; get paid for royals.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETN (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Wed. \$2.5K guar. (7p); Fri. & Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p).	Full House Promo (Tue. & Thurs., 7p-mid. & daily at 9a); earn cash toward free play up to \$3/hour (Mon.-Thurs.). See ad on Page 49.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	M (\$50, 3p); T (\$50, 3p); W (\$31, 1p, \$60, 3p, \$120, 7p); Th (varies); Fri. (\$135, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 10a, & \$125, 7p); 1st Sun. \$10K guar. (\$80); last Sun. \$15K guar. (\$200).	Super Saturday (noon-mid.); Power Hour (daily, 11a-10p & Fri., noon-mid.); high hands.
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$20-\$340) at 9a, 1p & 6p. See ad on Page 29.	Player Rewards Program; Morning Madness (daily).
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • goebro.com	Tue.-Sat. (\$30-\$110, 6:30p); Sun. (\$200 or \$330, 2p); Emerald Coast Poker Championship, Oct. 14-23- over \$70K guaranteed.	High hands pay \$100 (Fri. at 9a to Sat. at noon) & (Sun., mid.-noon); bad-beat jackpot is quad 7s; royals pay \$250 (daily).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$65, 6p); Wed. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 7p); Sat. (\$110-\$130, 3p); Sun. (\$50, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em pays minimum of \$85K.
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (7p); M \$1.5K guar. (\$70); T \$1.5K guar. (\$90); W \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$30 w/\$10 rbs); Th \$3K guar. (\$110); F \$2.5K guar. (\$70); Sat. (\$50 w/\$10 rbs); Sun. (\$70).	High hands pay \$500/half hour; royals pay \$1K. See ad on Page 55.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$75, 7p); Wed. \$10K guar. (\$100, 6p); Sat. \$5K guar. Green-chip bounty (\$100, 7p).	High hands.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompapark.com	Mon. (\$80, 11a & \$20, 7p); Wed. (freeroll, 10a & \$100, 7p); Thurs. (\$20, 11a & \$160, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$70, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; player rewards. See ad on Page 41.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$80, 8p); Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50, 2p).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; high hands (daily); weekly draw down (Mon.-Fri.).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Daily (7p); Mon., Wed. & Thurs. \$1.5K guar.; Tue. shootout \$1.5K guar.; Fri. & Sun. shootout 2.5K guar.; Sat. \$2.5K guar.; Sun. freeroll (1p).	High-hand jackpot (daily).
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. PLO (\$70, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royals pay \$500; high hands. See ad below.
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	Tue. & Thurs. freeroll (7p); Sat. Crazy Pineapple freeroll (2p); Sun. freeroll (2p).	High hand (Fri.-Sat.); Splash the Pot (Mon. & Wed.).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$70, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & 0/8 (\$70, 6p); 1st & 3rd Sat. (\$285, noon).	Big Slick Royal pays min of \$10K; other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); 1st & 3rd Wed. high hand pays up to \$2k per hour (9:45a-1a).
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 7p); Sat. (\$55, 5p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	High hand (Wed. & Fri.); quads and straight flush (Mon.).
OXFORD DOWNS (352) 347-2273 • betoxford.com	Variety of live play including hold'em, stud, Omaha and Crazy Pineapple.	High-hand jackpot, call for details.

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PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	M (\$70, 12:15 & 6:30p); T & Th (\$100, 12:15 & 6:30p); W (\$100, 12:15 & 6:15p); F (\$120, 12:15) & (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30); Sa (\$120, 12:15) & (\$5 w/rbs, 6:30); Su (\$100, 12:15).	Progressive Bad-Beat Jackpot; high hands. See ad on Page 5 for November's WSOPC event.
PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Sun.-Mon. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$120, 7p); T & Th \$10K sat. (\$60, 7p) & Sun. (\$60, 1p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. \$10K guar. (\$270, 1p). Daily at 1p & 6:30p (\$40-\$120). Sun. (\$120, 1p & \$60, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full-house promotions (Tue., Thurs., Sat. & Sun.). See ad on facing page. Quads, straight flushes and royals all pay bonuses.
SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skpoker.com	Mon., Fri. & Sat. (\$80); Wed. (\$30); last Sat. of month \$4K guar. (\$130).	Hourly high hands can pay \$100/hour; get paid for royals.
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	M (\$130, 6p); T (\$60, noon & \$80, 6p); W 0/8 (\$110, noon) & (\$130, 6p); Th (\$60, noon & \$100, 6p); F (\$80, noon) & HA (\$100, 6p); Sa (\$100, 6p); Su (\$80, noon & 6p).	High hands (daily).
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100-\$300, 11a & 6p); Sat. (\$100-\$200, 11a & 4p); Sun. (buy-ins vary, 11a & 6p).	High hands.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	M (\$70, 11a & \$150, 7p); T (\$70, 11a & \$125, 7p); W (\$150, 11a & \$230, 6p); Th (\$110, 11a & \$230, 6p); F (\$125, 11a & \$230, 6p); Sa (\$150, 11a); Su (\$110, noon).	High hands (Mon.-Thurs.); Hot Seats (Fri.-Sun.); Fall Deepstack Series, Oct. 20-30.
SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 7p); Sun. Green Chip Bounty (\$140, 4p).	\$50 Splash Pots every day, every hour, every table from open-8p; high hands pay \$100 every hour from 8p-close.
TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$25-\$210) at 1p and 7p with guarantees. See ad on Page 33 for Halloween Tournament details.	High hands.
TGT POKER & RACEBOOK (813) 932-4313 • tgt poker.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$55, 7:30p); Sat. (\$55, 7:30p); Sun. (\$35, 7p).	High hands; late night promos (daily).

ILLINOIS

GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	No tournaments.	Power Points and cash back for live play; call for details.
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahjoliyet.com	Tue. (varies, 7p); Thurs. \$2.5K guar. (\$125, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100-\$150, 2p).	Spin the Wheel (Mon., Wed. & Fri.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/rebuys, 8K chips, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em. Qualify all month for Ante Up Poker Cruise freerolls (Oct. 2).
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, 7p); Tue. turbo (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE HOTEL CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Sunday (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	Tournaments offered at 2p, 4:30p, 6:30p & 8p.	\$2-\$5 NLHE cash-game action with \$200-\$600 or table captain max.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p & 7:15p) & (\$40, mid.); Sat. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 11:15a) & (\$65, 5:15p).	Splash the Pot (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.).
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Mon. (\$125, 6:15p); Tue. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Wed. (\$60, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$40 w/rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. KO (7:15p); last Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, 4:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p); WSOPC until Oct. 10.	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit and limit hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7777 x7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Tue. (\$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p); Sun. (\$60, 7p); 2nd Sat. of month \$10K guar. (\$225, 5p); last Sun. seniors \$4K guar. (\$125, noon).	\$100 hourly drawing.
TROPICANA EVANSVILLE (812) 433-4000 • tropevansville.com	Wednesday (\$50, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

IOWA

DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. turbo (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p); 2nd & last Sat. of the month (\$150, 2p); Nov. 26 (\$350, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight-flush jackpot.
GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Wed. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High hands.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sat. (\$150/\$250, 10a); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for royal flushes (\$500) and straight flushes (\$200); win \$500 for a steel wheel in Omaha/8; Aces Cracked.
MESKWKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwki.com	Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p); MSPT, Oct. 29-Nov. 6.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiquebq.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Friday (\$40, 3p); Sunday (\$80, 1p).	Straight and royal flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; 10 jackpots; call for details.
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; straight flush pays \$200.
RHYTHM CITY CASINO (563) 328-8000 • rhythmcitycasino.com	Mon. (\$30, 6p, 8K chips); Wed. (\$40, 6p, 8K chips); Last Sunday (\$100, 1p, 12 chips).	Call for information.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big O (\$30, 11a); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tue. & Wed. \$500 guar.; Fri. (\$25, 7p).	Tournament bad-beat jackpot.

KANSAS

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

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BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS (800) 366-7711 • boomtownneworleans.com	Tue. (\$10, 11a); Wed.-Thurs. (\$35, 7p).	Aces Cracked; Splash the Pot; high hands.
COUSHATTA CASINO (800) 584-7263 • couchattacasinoresort.com	Daily, including Saturday (\$200, 2p). See ad on Page 28.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT (318) 220-5274 • eldoradoshreveport.com	Wed. (\$145, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$165, 6:30p); Fri. (\$130, 6:30p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$145, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES 337-508-7777 • goldennugget.com/lakecharles	Monthly freerolls (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hand of the hour.
HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS (504) 533-6000 • harrahshneworleans.com	Wed. (\$130, 11a); Sat. (\$130, 11a).	High hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY (800) 895-0711 • horseshoebossiercity.com	Mon. (varies); Wed. (\$105, noon); Thurs. turbo (6:30p).	Aces Cracked; high hands.
ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES (337) 430-2407 • lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Monday (\$60, 6:30p); Wed. KO (\$70, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JENA CHOCTAW PINES CASINO (318) 648-7773 • jenachoctawpinescasino.com	Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE CASINO (225) 215-7777 • lbatonrouge.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$60, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a).	Earn player rewards for live play.
L'AUBERGE DU LAC CASINO (337) 395-7777 • ldlcasino.com	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; high hands.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked; high hand.
PARAGON CASINO RESORT (800) 946-1946 • paragoncasinoresort.com	Thurs. (\$18, 1:30p); Fri. (\$60, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hand.

MARYLAND

HOLLYWOOD CASINO PERRYVILLE (410) 378-8500 • hollywooldcasinoperryville.com	(Sun.-Fri., 9:30a); Mon. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, noon & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p); Sat. (\$40, 4p & \$75, 9p); Sun. (\$40, 1p & \$40, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high-hand jackpot.
HORSESHOE BALTIMORE (443) 931-4200 • caesars.com/baltimore	Mon.-Thurs. (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Sun.-Fri. (\$150, 11a).	Splash Pots.
MARYLAND LIVE CASINO (443) 445-2500 • marylandlivecasino.com	Daily (\$65-\$500, times vary, call poker room for schedule). See ad on Page 37.	Late night high hands (daily, 2a-8a) pay \$500 every hour paying up to \$1.5K; WPT runs until Oct. 5.

MICHIGAN

FIREKEEPERS CASINO (269) 962-0000 • firekeeperscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. (\$40, noon); Sat. (\$80, noon); 1st and 3rd Sun. (\$120, noon); 2nd & 4th Sun. (\$240, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Michigan State Poker Championship, Oct. 13-16. See ad on Page 39.
GREEKTOWN HOTEL & CASINO (313) 223-2999 • greektowncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, noon); Wed. (\$50, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:30p); Sat. (\$30, 11:30a); Sun. (\$40, 11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
MGM GRAND DETROIT (313) 465-1777 • mgmgranddetroit.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOARING EAGLE CASINO (989) 775-7777 • soaringeaglecasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6:30p); Tue. (\$13, 6:30p); Wed. (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Sun. (\$60, 12:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; Soaring Hand jackpots increases daily.
TURTLE CREEK CASINO & HOTEL (231) 534-8937 • turtlecreekcasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. KO (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$40, 7p); Sun. (\$100, 2p); first Sat. of month (\$175, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

MINNESOTA

CANTERBURY PARK (952) 445-7223 • canterburypark.com	M (\$50, 10:30a & \$120, 6:30p); T (\$50/\$65, 6:30p); W (\$50, 10:30a & \$235, 6:30p); Th (\$35, 10:30a & \$50, 5p); F (\$50, 10:30a); Sa (10:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand; Aces Cracked; Fall Classic runs until Oct. 16.
RUNNING ACES CASINO AND RACETRACK (651) 925-4600 • runningacesharness.com	Daily (times and buy-ins vary, call the poker room for schedule).	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hand; Aces Cracked; Bounty Bonus Boards; Splash Pots; Quads Beat and Flop-A-Royal tournament jackpots.
TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO (651) 388-6300 • treasureislandcasino.com	Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Fri. (\$50, 6:30p); Sat. (\$60, 12:30p); Sun. (\$40, 2:30p).	Aces Cracked Doubled wins up to \$300 (Thurs., noon-10p); quads pay \$44; straight flushes pay \$50; royal flushes pay \$100.

MISSISSIPPI

AMERISTAR CASINO VICKSBURG (601) 630-4999 • ameristar.com/vicksburg	Sunday \$2K guarantee (\$65, 4p).	Player comps and rewards.
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO (228) 386-7092 • beaurivage.com	Daily (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI (228) 436-7967 • goldennugget.com/biloxi	Mon. \$1K guar. KO (\$60 w/rebuy, 7p); Tue. \$1K guar. (\$60, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. \$1K guar. (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$60, 2p); Sun. \$2K guar. (\$50 w/rebuy, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha, stud, and tournaments; \$50 Splash the Pot; high hands pay \$100 w/\$100 rollover.
HARD ROCK BILOXI (228) 374-7625 • hardrockbiloxi.com	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA (800) 871-0711 x5005 • hollywoodtunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Sat. \$12K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; high hands.
HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA (662) 357-5608 • horseshoetunica.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$50, noon & 7p); Fri. (\$50, noon & \$25 w/rbs, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$150, noon); Sun. (\$90, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
IP CASINO RESORT & SPA (888) 946-2847 x8554 • ipbiloxi.com	Daily (\$60, noon).	Aces Cracked; Poker Squares; High Hand of the Hour.
PEARL RIVER RESORT (601) 663-1040 • pearlriverresort.com	Mon. (\$35, 7p); Wed. freeroll (6p); Thurs. (\$25, 6p); Fri. (\$50, 2p); Sat. (\$70, noon) & (\$125, 5p). See the ad on Pages 2-3. Ante Up Poker Tour begins Oct. 28.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; Hot Seat (Wed. & Thurs., 3p, 5p, 7p & 9p).
SCARLET PEARL RESORT & CASINO (228) 392-1889 • scarletpearlcasino.com	Daily (Mon.-Sat., noon & 6p and Sun. at noon); Scarlet Pearl Open \$30K guar., Oct. 7-9; Beat the Boss & Shoot Out tournaments (call for details).	High hands; Splash the Pot; Ante Up Poker Cruise Giveaway, Oct. 7-9.

MISSOURI

AMERISTAR ST. CHARLES (636) 949-7777 • ameristar.com	Fri. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$45, 2p); Sun. (\$60, noon); HPT, Oct. 27-Nov. 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands; \$1/hour player comps for live play.
AMERISTAR KANSAS CITY (816) 414-7000 • ameristar.com	Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$85, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$65, noon); Sun. (\$85, noon); last Sat. of month (\$160, noon); first Sun. of month (\$175, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY (816) 472-7777 • harrahsnkc.com	Sun. (\$50, 11a); Sun. & Wed. (\$50, 7p); Mon. (\$60, 7p); Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$65, 11a); Tue. (\$75, 11a & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); RunGood Series, Sept. 13-18.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD ST. LOUIS (314) 770-8100 • hollywoodcasinostlouis.com	Mon.-Fri. varies (1p & 7p); Fri. Thousandaire Maker (\$110, 7p) & (\$40, 11p); Sat. (\$150, noon); Sun. (varies, noon & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot and high hands in hold'em; bad-beat jackpot in Omaha.
ISLE CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU (573) 290-3017 • cape-girardeau.isleofcapricasinos.com	Thursday (\$65, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUMIERE PLACE (314) 881-7777 • lumiereplace.com	Friday-Sunday (\$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is nines full of jacks or better; high hands (daily); Aces Cracked; \$2 per hour player comps.

NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 1p); Mon.-Sun. (\$125, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$240, 11a); Sun. (\$125, 11a); Aria High Rollers, Oct. 6, 7 & 27 (\$25K); Super High Rollers, Oct. 8 & 28 (\$50K).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$20 rbs, 11a).	EZ Way Bad Beat; Prize Wheel Spin Bonus; earn \$4/hour in comps (daily).
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily; \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 9a); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, noon); \$500 guar. (\$55, 5K chips, 3p); \$1K guar. (\$75, 8K chips, 8p).	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$75, 1p); nightly (\$55, 7p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$160, 1p).	Earn \$400 per week playing poker.
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Poker room open Friday-Monday (10a) and Thursday (4p).	Hourly High Full House Giveaway; quads pays \$25, straight flush pays \$100 and royals pay \$250.
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	\$500 Omaha high hand (Sun.-Mon.); Omaha Double Jackpot (Wed.).
CACTUS PETES RESORT CASINO (775) 755-6471 • cactuspetes.com	Wed. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$75, 7p).	Spin the Wheel (daily); Aces Cracked; high hand.
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$100, 10a), (\$125, 2p), (\$125, 6p), (\$150, 9p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500).
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily except Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 10a); Tue. & Wed. (\$30, 6p); freeroll on the first Fri. of every month (\$2.5K added) w/Beat the Boss Bounty (6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$40, 9a) & (\$45, 1p, 5p & 8p).	Spin the Wheel for Aces Cracked; Regal Royals pay \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Daily w/guarantees (\$60, 10a, 1p, 6p, 9p, mid.) & (\$50, 4p); \$8K freeroll (Fri.).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$300); hourly high hands, \$50 (8a-8p).
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65, 11a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 7p); (\$50, 10p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$125, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & KO (\$100, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked; Progressive High Hand Bonus.
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvallyranchresort.com	Daily \$800 guarantee (\$40, 10a).	Poker Windfall for quads (\$200-\$500); football jersey giveaways in hold'em cash games (Sun., Mon. & Thurs.).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily \$600 guarantee (\$70, noon & 8p).	Progressive royal flush; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri.); high hand (daily); Splash Pots; \$2K tournament bad beat.
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahsvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. \$500 guar. (\$65, 9a, noon, 3p & 7p); Fri.-Sat. KO \$1K guar. (\$100, 7p). Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royals (\$300); 2x2 freeroll every Tue. (\$2K)	and Sat. (\$2K) at 5p.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); WSOPC, Oct. 27-Nov. 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$45, 10:30a, 12:30p, 8:30p & 10:30p).	Graveyard Giveaway (daily); get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$65, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands; Big Slick Royal Progressive Bonus starts at \$500; 3x3 Daily Rolling High Hands.
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily \$2K guar. (\$70, 15K chips, 11a & 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10K chips, 2p & 10p).	\$25K biweekly invitational (30 hours of live play to qualify); Cash Card Jackpot; Four Flush Friday pays \$500; hourly high hands weekday mornings (5-10a).
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$65, 11a, 2p, 7p & 10p); Fri.-Sun. (\$120, 11a); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; Football High Hands.
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p), (\$65, 6p) & (\$40, 11p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$75, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$75, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (Omaha \$75, 12:05p & 7:05p); Sun. (\$75, 12:05p) & HORSE (\$100, 7:05p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	High Hand of the Hour (Mon.-Fri.).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$45-\$55) at noon & 6:30p; Fri. (\$45, noon); Sat. (\$45, noon); Sun. (\$40, 2p & \$55, 6:30p); 2nd Sat. of month (\$235, noon); HPT runs until Oct. 10.	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; get paid for quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$400).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 9p w/\$1,200 guar.; daily KO (\$65, 6p).	Progressive High Hand Jackpot.
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	M & Th (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$100, 6:35p); Tue. & Wed. (\$60, 12:05p) & KO (\$60, 6:35p); F (\$60, 12:05p); Sat. KO (\$100, 12:05p); Sun. (\$125, 12:05p) & (\$60, 6:35p).	High hands; monthly freeroll.
RIO HOTEL & CASINO (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily \$500 guarantee (\$60, 10a, 1p, 4p, 9p); Sat. & Sun. \$2K freerolls (9a).	Royal flushes pay \$500, straight flushes pay \$100.
SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstowntnlv.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$35, 7p); Fri. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$25, 7p); Sat. (\$23, 10a, \$30 w/\$10 rb, 1p & \$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Amazing Aces; Best Full Houses.
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$45, noon); Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Progressive Aces Cracked; get paid \$500 for flopped quads; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon., Tue., Thurs.-Sat. KO (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p); Wed. & Sun. (\$100, 6p). See the ad on Page 17.	Earn \$1 an hour in comps; high hands.
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 7p).	High hand jackpots; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (24/7).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$45, 10a & 7p); last Tue. (\$100, 6p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$45, 10a & \$100, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$45, 10a & 7p).	Cash bonuses.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$75) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo; earn up to \$12/hr, including food and beverage comps.
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	M & W (\$150, noon) & (\$125, 7p); T & Th (\$150, noon); T KO (\$200, 7p); Th KO (\$125, 7p); F KO (\$200, noon) & (\$200, 7p); Sa (\$340, noon) & KO (\$200, 7p); Su (\$200, noon) & (\$125, 7p).	October Extravaganza, Oct. 6-9; Deepstack Extravaganza IV, Oct. 24-Nov. 24; daily events suspended during DSE.
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$10, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. \$1K guar. (\$50, 8:30p); Sun. (\$50, 1p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Fri. & Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); First Wed. seniors event (50-plus) \$12.5K guar. (\$300, noon).	Fall Classic runs until Oct. 10 w/\$400K guar., Oct. 7 (\$1,600); Senior monthly event, Oct. 5 (\$300).

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

 Indicates this property is hosting an Ante Up event. To host an event, contact Scott Long at (727) 331-4335.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
HAMPTON FALLS (603) 601-2486 • hamptonfallspoker.com	M (\$70, 5:30p); T (\$100, 1:30p & \$50, 5:30p); W (\$70, 5:30p); Th. (\$80, 5:30p); F (\$90, 1p, & \$80, 5:30p); Sa (\$90, 1p, \$70, 5p & \$60, 8p); Su (\$50, 1p & \$100, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
MANCHESTER POKER ROOM (603) 668-6591	Mon. (\$60, 8p); Fri. (\$40, 5:30p & \$60, 8p); Sat. (\$40, 12:05p).	Player rewards.
RIVER CASINO (603) 249-5548 • therivercasino.com	Mon. (\$10, 6p); Wed. (\$5, 6p); Thurs. \$2K guar. (\$50, 6p); Fri. (\$10, 4p & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p); Sun. (\$10, 1p).	Spin the Wheel; Match Play.

NEW JERSEY

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Mon., Wed. & Sun. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$40, 3p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7p).	High hand (daily) pays up to \$350.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO AND SPA (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	M (\$100, 11a & 7p); T (\$100, 11a & 7p); W (\$120, 11a & 6p); Th. (\$100, 11a & \$220, 7p); Fri. (\$230, noon & \$120, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 11a & \$220, 6p); Sun. (\$115, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad 10s in hold'em.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	M KO (\$105, 11:15a), T & Th (\$80, 11:15a); M (7:15p), T & Th (\$85, 7:15p); F (\$125, 7:15p); Sa (\$105, 12:15p); Su KO (\$50, 7:15p); Su (\$80, 12:15p); last Sat. (\$180, 12:15p).	High hand (daily, 2p-2a); Splash the Pot (daily, 11a-11p).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Wed. & Sun. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 1:15p).	High hands.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$30 w/rb, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40 w/rb, 6:30p); Wed. (\$50 w/rbs, 6:30p); Th. 0/8 (\$30 w/rbs, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Su. (\$30 w/rbs, 5p); last Sa. (\$150, 1p).	Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat (daily); Late Night High Hands (Sun.-Thurs., 11p-2a) up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innothemountaingods.com	Fri. (\$120, 6p); Sat. Second Chance (freeroll, must play Fri. event); Sun. (\$75, 2p); multilevel events every other Sun. See ad on Page 12.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinobq.com	Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, noon & \$45, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$28, noon & 3p); Sun. & Wed. (\$28, 7p); Mon., Tue. & Thurs. (\$14, 7p); Fri. (\$28, noon & 5p) & (\$33, 8p); Sat. (\$33, noon) & (\$28, 5p & 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. KO (\$75 w/\$25 bounties, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$45, 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	M (\$100, 10a & 7p); T (\$60, 10a & 7p); W (\$100, 10a & 7p); Th (\$60, 10a & 7p); F \$2.5K guar. (\$100, 10a); Sa (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Su (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 2's), Omaha (quad nines) & stud (quad 2's); high hands; Fall Classic Warm Up, Oct. 7-9.
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Room open Wed., Thurs. & Sun. (10a-3a); Fri. & Sat. (10a-5a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud; get paid for royal and straight flushes.
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	M-Th. (\$15-\$105) at noon, 7p & 8p & 8:30p; Fri. (\$100, noon & \$105, 7p); Sat. (\$95, 11a & \$155, 4p); Sun. (\$90, 11a & \$90, 4p); 1st Sun. (\$230, 11a); 3rd Sun. (\$330, 11a)	Cash giveaways; high hands (Mon.-Wed.); October Weekend, Oct. 6-9.

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon. (\$80, 7p); Tue. (\$80, 7p); Wed. (\$80, 7p); Fri. (\$135, 6p); Sun. (\$250, 2p).	Player rewards for tournament players (call for details).
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$5K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$6K guar. survivor (\$120, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$140, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 10:15a); Mon. (\$60, 7:15p); Tues. (\$60, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7:15p); Sat. (\$130, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p) & KO (\$75, 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights.
JACK CLEVELAND CASINO (216) 297-4777 • horseshoecleveland.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:15p (buy-ins vary), plus last Sun. \$50K guar. (\$500, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Omaha bad-beat jackpot; high hand.
JACK CINCINNATI CASINO (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	M-F (\$80, 12:15p); Mon. (\$160, 6:15p); Wed. (\$160, 6:15p); Sun. (\$160, 12:15p); 1st Sat. (\$400, 12:15p); 3rd Sat. turbo (\$300, 12:15p); last Sat. \$5K freeroll (12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$25K.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrewards.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. Ante Up (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points based off of the buy-in of the tournament.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, 3p); Poker Night in America, Oct. 20-Nov. 7.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Saturday (\$40, noon) - extra chips available with cash donation; room open Sun. - Thurs. (noon-2a) & Fri.-Sat. (noon-4a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 2p) & (\$120, 5p); Sun. crazy pineapple (\$45, 2p); WPT DeepStacks, Oct. 29-Nov. 7.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. KO (\$90, 2p); Sun. (\$115, 2p).	Aces Cracked; Splash Pots.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$35, 10a); Mon. (\$25, 4p) & (\$50, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. (\$125, noon) & (\$60, 5p); Sun. (\$80, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rbs, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Wild Wed (\$25, 7p); Thurs. w/\$10 bounty (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$40, 7p); 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$65, 7p); Sun. crazy pine. (\$35, 3p).	High hands.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Daily (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. & Wed. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. HA (\$50, 7p); Wed. 50+ event (4p); Thurs. & Sun. \$1.2K guar. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Sat. (\$90, 11a); Sun. (\$115, 11a); Mon.-Wed. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$90, 7p); Sun. (\$40, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Fri. (\$120, 11a); Sat. (\$175, 11a); Sun. KO (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 5:30p); Fri. (\$100, 5p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p); closed on Wed.-Thurs.	Splash Pot; royal flush bonus.
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. \$350 freeroll (10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Thurs. (\$40, 10:30a & 7p); Fri. \$500 added (\$70, noon); Sat. KO (\$90, noon).	High hand (Sun.); Wheel Spin (Sat.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$35, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$300 added (\$110, 1p); Sun. \$100 added (\$35, 1p).	Rolling High Hand (Wed.).

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahshchester.com	M (\$50, 11:30a & 7p); T (\$60, 11:30a & 7p); W (\$60, 11:30a & PLO \$60, 7p); Th. KO (\$60, 11:30a & 9p, 7p); F & Sa. (\$50, 11:30a & \$60, 7p); Su. (\$60, 11:30a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$60, 12:15p); Tue. (\$100, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sat. (\$100/\$200, 12:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p); last Sat. (\$330, 12:15p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands pay up to \$100.
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Daily at 11:15a and 7:15p but no Sunday evening event (buy-ins range from \$46-\$96). Ask about the \$5K freeroll.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive high-hand jackpot.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Weekday tourneys noon and 7p (\$30-\$125); Sat. (\$30, 11a & \$75, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 11a & \$50, 7p).	High-hand jackpot (daily, 10a-4p, 4p-10p & 10p-10a).
PARX CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$100, 12:15p); Big Stax, Oct. 1-24.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad sixes.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • eriecasino.com	Thurs. (\$75/\$100, 7:30p); 1st Sat. KO (\$75, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. turbo (\$100, 12:30p); 3rd Sat. (\$230, 2:30p); Sun. (\$50/\$65, 12:30p).	Super high hand (Fri.-Sun., 4p-mid.).
RIVERS CASINO (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Mon.-Fri. (12:15p & 7:15p); Sat. (9a, 12:15p & 7p); Sun. (mid., 2p & 7:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Daily (\$50-\$300); Mon. (11a); Tue. (7p); Wed. (11a); Fri. (11a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
SUGARHOUSE CASINO (877) 477-3715 • sugarhousecasino.com	Mon. (\$100, 7:15); Tue. PLO (\$85, 7:15); Wed. (\$70, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Thurs. (\$80, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Sat. (\$40, 12:30 & \$100, 7:15); Sun. (\$55, 12:30 & \$85, 7:15).	High hands (daily).

RHODE ISLAND

TWIN RIVER CASINO (401) 723-3200 • twinriver.com	Open Mon.-Thurs. (noon-4a) & Fri.-Mon. (noon-4a).	Player rewards.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

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

TEXAS

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

CLEARWATER CASINO (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$35, 11a); Wed. (\$55 w/\$20 add-on, 6p).	Daily Double Jackpot; royal flush jackpot.
LITTLE CREEK CASINO (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 7p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$110, 7p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	High hands (Sat.-Sun., noon-3p), (Mon.-Wed., 9p-mid.) & (Mon.-Fri., noon-4p).
MUCKLESHOOT CASINO (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$150, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$35, noon); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$500 high hands; High Hand Insanity.
NORTHERN QUEST CASINO (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Daily \$600 guar. (10:30a); Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Beginner lessons available.
SNOQUALMIE CASINO (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Monday-Saturday \$300 added (\$35, 10:30a).	Hot Seats; high hands; Monte Carlo Board.
TULALIP RESORT CASINO (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	M-F (\$20, 10:30a); M (\$40, 7p); T (\$80, 7p); Th. (\$150, 7p); F (\$80, 7p); Sa. \$3K guar. (\$40, 11a); Su. \$10K guar. (\$110, 11a); last Su. \$10K added (\$275, 11a).	\$10K progressive bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Monster Monte Carlo; \$100 Omaha high hand.

WEST VIRGINIA

HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Daily at noon and 7p, including Sat. (\$325, noon & \$150, 7p) and Sun. (\$150, noon & \$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands.
MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Mon. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. (\$55, 10:30a) & seniors (\$75, 5p); Sun. (\$50, 2p).	Happy Hour.

WISCONSIN

BAD RIVER LODGE CASINO (715) 682-7121 • badriver.com	Open Wednesday (5p-2a) & Saturday (6p-2a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	1st Saturday KO (\$200, 2p).	Xtreme bad-beat jackpot.
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. (\$38 w/re-entries, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); 1st Sun. of month (\$170, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Wednesday (\$71, 6p); Saturday (\$220, noon); Sunday (\$120, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quad 10s).

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2016 POKER HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

The 2016 nominees for the Poker Hall of Fame have been announced and a max of two of the 10 could be chosen for induction Oct. 26 at Binion's in downtown Las Vegas through a vote of members of the media. Scott and Chris don't get to vote, but if they did, this is how they'd cast their votes:

CHRIS: It all depends upon your slant on this. Are you going to say, "I believe someone who has done a lot for the game deserves to get into the Hall of Fame?" Because no one has done more for the game of poker than **Chris Moneymaker** in its current state. No one. Without Moneymaker's accomplishment, we don't even have a magazine or a show. We don't. We just don't. And then no one has done more for the quality of the game than **Matt Savage**. So right there you have your two if that's the way you think about a Hall of Fame and contributions. Now, if it's playing ability, no one on this list, as far as I can tell, would surpass **Eli (Elezra)** and **Todd (Brunson)**. They both have bracelets, they both have 50-60 (WSOP) cashes, but they also play in the biggest game in the world, all of the time, and make a living at it. It's going to be hard for me to go against those two guys because I think of the quality of your career playing, not popularity.

SCOTT: I like (Moneymaker). He's a super nice guy, he certainly does a lot for poker, even beyond just starting the boom. But when we're talking about him changing the face of poker, I don't know whether it's him. It was him winning the tournament that changed the face of poker. It's everything around that that took it and changed the face of poker. I don't think he personally did it. ... Poker is a worldwide game. So you're looking at some players on this list who are poker heroes in their native land and are the people who have done the most, arguably, to promote poker in their particular country. So if you think that is important, and I do, we do need to recognize the leaders in those countries. So how do you decide which one of those had the biggest effect? So I guess I'm going to go with (**Carlos**) **Mortensen** because he's a world champ and that should count for something. After that, I really don't know.



CHRIS BJORIN

Bjorin, a 68-year-old Swedish-born player who lives in London, has earned more than \$5.5M in his career. The two-time WSOP bracelet-winner sits sixth on the all-time WSOP cash list with 80 and ranks fifth all-time in WSOP main-event cashes with seven. A model of consistency, Bjorin holds Sweden's all-time money and cash records and is WSOP Europe's all-time cash leader, too. He cashed six times in the 2016 WSOP.



HUMBERTO BRENES

The man known as the Shark may be best known for his gregarious and outgoing personality, but Brenes, 65, has a lot of poker bite to back up all his barking. Fourth on the all-time WSOP cashes list with 86, Brenes has nine WSOP main-event cashes. That puts him second on the list. He has \$6M in tournament earnings and is the most successful Costa Rican player in history, helping to develop the game in Latin America.



TODD BRUNSON

As the son of Poker Hall of Famer **Doyle Brunson**, Todd has followed in his footsteps in making poker his profession. With nearly \$4.3M in tournament winnings, including 52 WSOP cashes and a bracelet, Todd, 47, is best known for his mixed-games acumen, choosing to spend most of his time playing cash in Las Vegas. He once won \$13.5M over a two-day span in a heads-up, \$50K-\$10K limit hold'em cash game.



ELI ELEZRA

Elezra, 55, is a poker pro in Las Vegas. The ex-lieutenant in the Israeli army picked up the game after suffering a leg injury in the Lebanon War in 1982. Elezra is mostly known in poker circles for high-stakes action, but with a career spanning 20 years, the affable Elezra has won three WSOP bracelets, a WPT title, amassed 52 WSOP cashes, including 10 in 2016, and more than \$3M in tournament winnings.



BRUNO FITOUSSI

Perhaps no one is more influential in French poker circles than Fitoussi, 57, who turned his passion for poker into a successful playing career and several other poker-related business interests. He introduced hold'em to France in 1995 at the Aviation Club de France, Paris' most famous gaming club. He has more than \$2.8M in career winnings, ranking eighth all-time on France's list.



CHRIS MONEYMAKER

In 2003, the then-Tennessee accountant turned a \$39 satellite into the WSOP main-event title and \$2.5M. It's often said poker is divided into two eras, pre-Moneymaker and post-Moneymaker. What followed his victory was wide media coverage and a boom poker had never seen before, aptly called the Moneymaker effect. It's inconceivable that his first live cash came with a victory and world championship, but that is the case with Chris.



CARLOS MORTENSEN

The 2001 WSOP main-event champion has won more money on the WPT Tour than anyone despite playing significantly fewer events. His almost \$6.8M in WPT earnings combined with more than \$3.1M in WSOP earnings and assorted other cashes put his career earnings at almost \$12M. The 44-year-old Spaniard is the only player to have won the WSOP main and the WPT Championship.



MAX PESCATORI

Italy's all-time money earner, the Italian Pirate has more than \$4.2M in earnings to go along with four WSOP bracelets. Pescatori, 44, began his tournament career in 2002 and has been a steady and consistent performer with a well-rounded game that includes success in multiple disciplines. Pescatori is a noted poker author, having written two books in Italian on poker, to help strengthen and grow the game in his home country.



MATT SAVAGE

When you think of non-players in poker, perhaps there is no more well-known figure than tournament director Savage. Known for his player-friendly, feet-on-the-floor style, Savage, 47, has directed tournaments all over the globe. One of the inaugural founders of the Tournament Directors Association, Savage has tirelessly advocated for standardizing poker tournament rules and has been one of the foremost innovators in tournament offerings.



DAVID "DEVILFISH" ULLIOTT

Ulliott died in 2015, but he was one of Britain's most famous poker faces. A colorful character, Ulliott had a WSOP bracelet, a WPT title and more than \$6.2M in lifetime earnings. He is second on the England all-time money list and had cashes dating to 1993. You couldn't help but notice Devilfish when you were seated at a poker table with him, and it was his personality and flashy jewelry that shone through on television.

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