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# WCOOP 2010 Schedule

TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	GUARANTEE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	GUARANTEE
<b>05 September</b>				<b>16 September</b>			
13:00	NL Hold'em [6-Max]	\$200	\$1,250,000	12:00	NL Hold'em [6-Max]	\$300	\$300,000
15:00	NL Hold'em [High Roller]	\$10,000	\$2,000,000	14:00	PL Omaha [6-Max, 1 Rebuy, 1 Add-On]	\$300	\$500,000
17:00	NL Hold'em	\$200	\$2,000,000	17:00	FL Triple Draw 2-7	\$300	\$100,000
<b>06 September</b>				<b>17 September</b>			
14:00	PL Omaha	\$300	\$200,000	14:00	NL Hold'em [Rebuys]	\$200	\$1,000,000
17:00	NL Hold'em Shootout [6-Max]	\$300	\$300,000	17:00	FL Omaha Hi/Lo	\$500	\$400,000
20:00	NL Hold'em [Turbo, Rebuys]	\$200	\$600,000	20:00	NL Hold'em [10-Min Levels]	\$300	\$750,000
<b>07 September</b>				<b>18 September</b>			
14:00	PL Draw	\$200	\$100,000	13:00	NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, 2-Day]	\$500	\$600,000
17:00	TBD (Triple Stud)	\$200	\$100,000	15:00	NL Hold'em [High Roller Heads-Up, 2-Day]	\$25,000	\$750,000
20:00	NL Hold'em [2-Day]	\$1,000	\$1,000,000	17:00	HORSE	\$300	\$300,000
<b>08 September</b>				<b>19 September</b>			
12:00	PL Omaha [Knockout]	\$250	\$200,000	13:00	NL Hold'em	\$200	\$1,500,000
14:00	NL Hold'em [Ante Up]	\$300	\$300,000	17:00	NL Hold'em [2-Day]	\$1,000	\$3,000,000
17:00	NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, 2-Day]	\$200	\$200,000	<b>20 September</b>			
<b>09 September</b>				14:00	PL Omaha [6-Max, Rebuys]	\$300	\$600,000
12:00	PL Omaha Hi/Lo [6-Max, 1 Rebuy, 1 Add-On]	\$200	\$200,000	17:00	NL Hold'em [2X Chance]	\$300	\$750,000
14:00	NL Hold'em [6-Max, Knockout]	\$250	\$400,000	20:00	NL Hold'em [Turbo, Knockout]	\$250	\$300,000
17:00	Razz	\$200	\$250,000	<b>21 September</b>			
<b>10 September</b>				14:00	Mixed [PLHE / PLO]	\$300	\$400,000
14:00	PL Omaha [6-Max]	\$200	\$500,000	17:00	Stud Hi/Lo	\$500	\$200,000
17:00	NL Single Draw	\$200	\$50,000	20:00	NL Hold'em [2-Day]	\$1,000	\$1,000,000
20:00	8-Game [10-Min Levels]	\$100	\$100,000	<b>22 September</b>			
<b>11 September</b>				12:00	NL Hold'em [1 Rebuy, 1 Add-On]	\$200	\$250,000
13:00	NL Hold'em [10-Min Levels]	\$100	\$1,250,000	14:00	NL Hold'em [Big Antes]	\$200	\$600,000
17:00	FL Hold'em	\$200	\$250,000	17:00	PL Omaha Hi/Lo	\$300	\$400,000
<b>12 September</b>				<b>23 September</b>			
13:00	NL Hold'em	\$200	\$1,500,000	12:00	NL Hold'em [Turbo]	\$300	\$400,000
17:00	NL Hold'em [2-Day]	\$500	\$3,000,000	14:00	NL Hold'em [Rebuys]	\$500	\$1,000,000
<b>13 September</b>				17:00	PL Omaha [6-Max, 2-Day]	\$2,000	\$800,000
14:00	NL Hold'em [4-Max]	\$200	\$700,000	<b>24 September</b>			
17:00	Stud	\$300	\$150,000	14:00	NL Hold'em [1 Rebuy, 1 Add-On]	\$500	\$1,000,000
20:00	PL Omaha [Turbo, 1 Rebuy, 1 Add-On]	\$200	\$400,000	17:00	FL Hold'em [6-Max]	\$1,000	\$400,000
<b>14 September</b>				20:00	NL Omaha H/L [10-Min Levels]	\$200	\$200,000
14:00	Mixed Hold'em [6-Max]	\$300	\$400,000	<b>25 September</b>			
17:00	FL Badugi	\$300	\$100,000	13:00	PL Omaha [Heads-Up, 2-Day]	\$500	\$200,000
20:00	NL Hold'em [2-Day]	\$1,000	\$1,000,000	17:00	HORSE [2-Day]	\$2,000	\$400,000
<b>15 September</b>				<b>26 September</b>			
12:00	NL Omaha Hi/Lo [Knockout]	\$250	\$150,000	13:00	NL Hold'em	\$200	\$1,500,000
14:00	NL Hold'em Triple Shootout [10-Max, 2-Day]	\$500	\$500,000	15:00	8-Game [High-Roller, 2-Day]	\$10,000	\$1,000,000
17:00	8-Game	\$300	\$250,000	17:00	NL Hold'em Main Event [2-Day]	\$5,000	\$10,000,000

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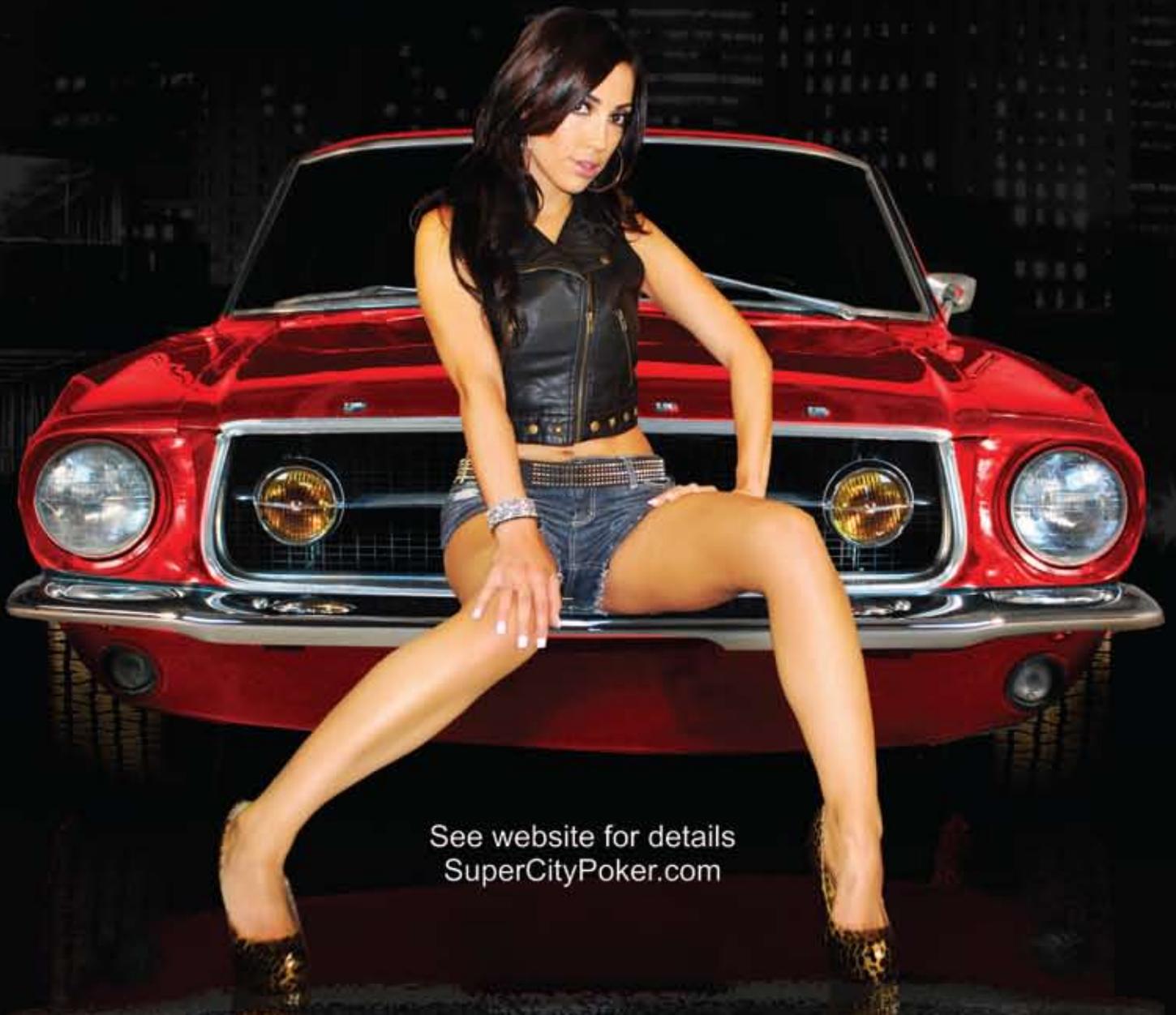
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3	Oct 6, Wed	7pm	NL Holdem	\$300+\$30
4	Oct 7, Thurs	7pm	NL Holdem Bounty Shoot Out	\$200+\$50+\$25
5	Oct 8, Fri	7pm	NL Holdem	\$360+\$40
6	Oct 9, Sat	2pm	Last Chance Main Event Satellite	\$65+\$5
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FROM THE PUBLISHERS



Christopher Cosenza

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# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Most publications use their January issue to reflect on the year gone by, and to look ahead to the upcoming year. Not *Ante Up*.

September always will be special to us because two years ago this month we published our first issue. Frank Gary, a Ft. Myers, Fla. poker player, donned that cover, holding up his World Series of Poker bracelet. To this day we aren't exactly certain if he knows he was on our cover, or if he even knows about our magazine. But he was from Florida, the photo was free and he was going to be on our cover, dammit!

Yes, back then we focused entirely on Florida poker, and it was a modest 48-page effort. A lot has changed — in poker and at *Ante Up* — since that maiden issue. We still offer the same amount of Florida news, but as poker toddlers our parents taught us to share.

“Why not let others experience *Ante Up*?” the voices in our heads kept asking. So, over the past seven months we expanded to include the southern states (and a handful of eastern ones) in our coverage, changing our name to *Ante Up, YOUR Poker Magazine*.

Readers have since seen our cover host the Bayou Challenge in New Orleans, Wheeling Island's Darwin Moon, Paul Wasicka (Harrah's Tunica WSOP circuit champ), Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year Walt Strakowski, our WSOP POY Michael “The Grinder” Mizrachi and now Tyler Smith, who won the World Poker Open main event at the Gold Strike in August.

It's hard to believe it's been two years since we first landed in those Florida poker rooms, and a look at this month's issue will show you just how far we've come. In September 2008 we covered one state (Florida), had two regular columnists (Lee Childs and Joe Navarro)

and just two of the 48 pages explained the promotions and tournaments of our local poker rooms.

Two years later we cover 15 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia), Childs and Navarro still grace our pages, but we've added WSOP bracelet-winner Don Baruch, two esteemed doctors (Frank Toscano, poker health and Stephen Bloomfield, poker mind), Lauren Failla (women in poker), Marc Dunbar (poker politics) and Jay Houston (strategy), while four of our 64 pages are dedicated to local poker rooms' tournaments and promotions.

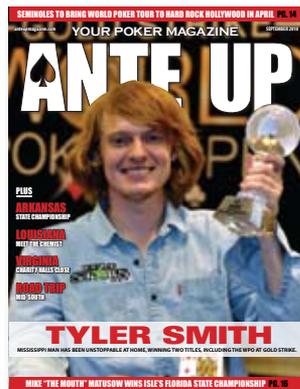
And that's not all. Our third poker cruise is approaching. We never could've envisioned hosting a poker cruise when we launched our magazine, but our readers wanted an experience on the high seas so we delivered.

If you'd like to join us on our Oct. 19-25 voyage to the Bahamas go to [anteupmagazine.com/cruise](http://anteupmagazine.com/cruise) for all of the details. ... and you might be able to win your way on board.

We'd like to credit our spouses, readers, writers, poker managers, their staffs and our advertisers for making these past two years just incredible. Your encouraging words, emails and contributions have helped tremendously. The smiles (and occasional autograph-seeker) we get when stroll into one of our poker rooms make it all worthwhile. We truly appreciate the support, and please know we're doing this for you, and we always will. After all, it is YOUR Poker Magazine. Here's to another incredible year for the Ante Up Nation.

We'll see you at the tables.

**Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long**



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# WPT COMING TO HARD ROCK

World Poker Tour & Seminole Gaming unite to bring a WPT event to Hollywood, Fla., in 2011.

The World Poker Tour and Seminole Gaming announced on Aug. 10 a five-year partnership adding a \$10K televised stop in Florida to the WPT Season IX tour schedule, several additional WPT branded events and the development of official WPT poker rooms inside select Seminole Casinos.



For the first time, players in Florida will be able to participate in a televised WPT tournament, which will take place at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood on

April 27-May 3, 2011. The event will be called the WPT Seminole Hard Rock Showdown.

“A WPT tournament at a Seminole Casino in Florida is a perfect addition to our television season,” WPT president Adam Pliska said. “With the recent changes in its poker laws, this is a momentous time for the evolution of poker in Florida and we are proud to join forces with the Seminole Tribe to finally bring high stakes poker to Florida.”

Recent changes in state law have removed caps from poker games, including tournaments, and have relaxed rules on hours of play. As a result, Florida, the fourth most populous state in the country, appears destined to become one of the hottest poker markets.

Contributing to the success will be the high-stakes players who will be playing more often in the Sunshine State, including Miramar resident Michael “Grinder” Mizrachi.

“There’s no place like home!” said Mizrachi, *Ante Up’s* 2010 World Series of Poker Player of the Year, when asked what he thought of the WPT coming to Florida. “If you think they’re loud in Vegas wait till you hear them roar for Grinder here!”

“World Poker Tour will bring a new level of sophistication and excitement to poker rooms at Seminole Casinos,” said Jeffrey Hook, senior VP of marketing for Seminole Gaming. “We look forward to combining the WPT partnership with no-limit poker and 24-hour play to maximize the action for our players.”

**MEGA BAD BEATS:** The Mega Bad Beat Jackpot continues to be hit on the Seminole properties, surpassing \$1 million in payouts since January. The Seminole Casino Hollywood awarded its fifth bad beat on July 22 for \$215,304.

Yudhisthira M. won \$107,650 when his four 10s were beaten by the queen-high straight flush held by Martavius H., who took home \$64,590. The eight players at the table each won \$5,383.

• On Aug. 4 an 88-year-old woman from Delray Beach hit for \$183,628 at Coconut Creek. Pauline Medoff won \$91,814 when her four queens were beaten by Robert P.’s straight flush. Robert took home \$55,089. The four players each took home \$9,181.

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The league's 22nd finals wrapped up on June 13 as **Robert Chornlesky** bested more than 150 players to win a \$5,110 tournament package.

He defeated Pam McDole heads-up. She won \$830 in buy-ins to the Isle Casino at Pompano Park. Tracie Mazza finished third (\$440), followed by Lisa Woodburn (\$260) in fourth.

Jeff Draughon, Rusty Woodburn, Mark Miller, Walter Chance, season points leader John Lynch and Barbara Silverman finished in the top 10, each earning a \$110 entry into an Isle tournament.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

*Ante Up's* Chris Cosenza and Scott Long and WSOP bracelet-winner Don Baruch will be among the celebrity bounties in a tournament to benefit the families of two Tampa police officers killed in the line of duty. The Curtis/Kocob Memorial Fund charity event will feature four preliminary rounds with the top 15 percent in each advancing to the main event. Prelims are set for 1 and 7 p.m. Sept. 6-7. The buy-in is \$30 for 1,000 units with 1,000 available for a \$10 dealer add-on. At the end of the third round, an optional \$20 add-on will get players 5K more units. Four Ante Up Poker Cruises will be given away. The main event will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 8.

EBRO GREYHOUND PARK



The \$100 Big Stack event on July 17 had onlookers on their toes as Keith Clarke, left, beat a 48-player field to win \$1,728. Spence Bonjean finished second (\$1,080) and Chee Chong was third (\$648).

• On July 18, Jon Matille, right, won \$589 for first, followed by Dan Rose (\$410) and Robert Carter (\$249).

ALL IN POKER SERIES



Robert Colde won the monthly tournament July 10 in Orlando, beating more than 80 players for the trophy and a \$500 gift card.

MATUSOW WINS ISLE'S FSPC

By Christopher Cosenza

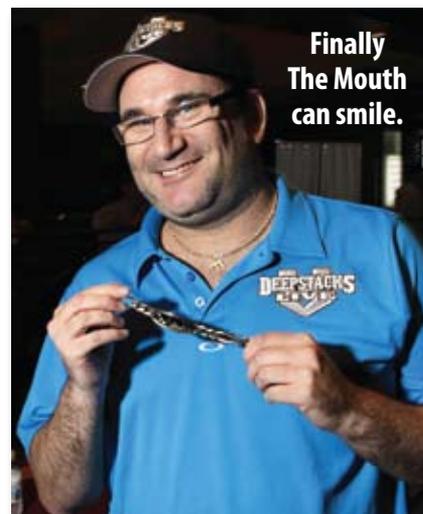
Mike "The Mouth" Matusow, who was on hand at the Isle Casino at Pompano Park for a DeepStacks University poker seminar, stuck around for the \$1,100 main event and ended up taking the title.

"Earlier I said, 'Florida poker players were horrible,' but I was obviously joking about that statement," Matusow told *Ante Up* after his victory. "I think overall there are a lot of very good players and then there are a lot that are really, really bad. But the same goes for any place you play. Variance obviously exists when you are talking about players and their level of skill/experience, in general. That's why I brought my DeepStacks Live poker camps to Florida, to help educate and train players to get better."

Two hands came to mind when *Ante Up* asked Matusow what the key to victory was.

"The key hand that really propelled me was the hand where I won a flip pre-flop when I had queens to my opponent's A♦-K♦. We were seven-handed at the time, I think, and he got it all-in and I won that flip for about a 1.6 million chip pot.

"The key hand I lost but felt really, really good about was when I flopped top-two (pair) against an opponent's bottom set and I laid it down. I just knew she had me beat and at the time, I was playing really well. (Day 2) I only lost about 12K where most players would have either went broke or lost



Finally The Mouth can smile.

a large percentage of their stack. That hand I think really gave me the confidence that I was playing well and I had a real shot to win. I was locked in the whole time."

Matusow, 42, won a little more than \$103K, besting a field of more than 400 players. During his play Matusow was seen texting and updating his fans on Twitter.

The three-time World Series of Poker champion now has nearly \$8 million in tournament winnings, ending a drought of more than two years without a multitable tournament victory.

Other big names included stud specialist Cory Zeidman, who finished fourth, Michael Mizrachi and Chino Rheem.

Final results

Event #1 • \$330 NLHE

- Players: 122 • Prize pool: \$36,600**
1. Steven Nevins, Port St. Lucie, \$6,500
  2. Maurice Hawkins, Tamarac, \$5,900
  3. Julio Fernandez, Miami, \$4,700
  4. Marc Levy, Boca Raton, \$4,700
  5. Irv Rice, Delray Beach, \$3,500
  6. Paul Balzano, Sunrise, \$3,000
  7. Mike Rosegrave, Long Beach, NY, \$2,800
  8. Paula Holder, Pompano Beach, \$1,033
  9. Robert Park, Atlanta, \$849
  10. Sam Minutello, Redington Shores, \$812
  11. Marc Bronstein, Delray Beach, \$775
  12. N/A, \$738
  13. Dave Henry, Pompano Beach, \$701

Event #2 • Ladies \$220 NLHE

- Players: 54 • Prize pool: \$10K**
1. Victoria Nunez, Ft. Lauderdale, \$3,065
  2. Kelly Krolkowski, Richmond Va., \$3,065
  3. Ebony Kenney, Estero, \$1,510
  4. Marianne Chubirka, Davie, \$1,040
  5. Jennifer Alcantara, Hollywood, \$750
  6. Ruthann Ho, Canada, \$570

Event #3 • \$230 NLHE

- Players: 212 • Prize pool: \$42,400**
1. James Orleans, Boca Raton, \$12,064
  2. Gerard Donaghy, Jupiter, \$7,072
  3. Jordan Chizick, Sunrise, \$4,576
  4. Daniel Park, Atlanta, \$2,912
  5. John Yarborough, Ft. Lauderdale, \$2,080
  6. N/A, \$1,789
  7. Robert Zarzycki, Hewitt, NJ, \$1,373
  8. Nigel Murray, Miami Gardens, \$998

9. Matt Lansdon, Montgomery, Ala., \$957
10. Jason Bartholomew, Sarasota, \$915
11. Tony Lessel, Town & Country, Mo., \$874
12. Tom Schillo, Royal Palm, \$832
13. Jorge Huguete, Miami, \$790
14. Ferrell Lupi, Coconut Creek, \$749
15. Rick Semander, Pembroke Pines, \$707
16. Howard Darnold, Ft. Pierce, \$666
17. Rich Kellher, Coral Springs, \$624
18. Devon Shalmi, Boca Raton, \$582
19. Daniel Koff, Pompano, \$541
20. Rick Ledger, Lighthouse Pt., \$499
21. William Van Stine, Pompano, \$400
22. Arthur Gallinaro, Pembroke Pines, \$400

Event #4 • \$230 PLO

- 100 Players • Prize pool: \$20K**
1. Jason Dillinger, Ft. Lauderdale, \$3,745
  2. Jean Laurent, Naples, \$3,745
  3. Chaim Halpern, Lake Worth, \$3,745
  4. Justin Levy, Boynton Bch., \$3,745
  5. Arieh Barkat, Lauderdale, \$1,420
  6. Adam Steinberg, Ft. Lauderdale, \$1,080
  7. Jack Ward, Gulfport, Miss., \$840
  8. Arturo Morgan, Davie, \$680
  9. Sandy Cheng, Miami, \$540
  10. N/A, \$460

\$1,100 Main Event

- 410 Players • Prize pool: \$410K**
1. Mike Matusow, Henderson, NV, \$103,820
  2. Brian Gray, Coral Springs, \$60,860
  3. Nigel Murray, Miami Gardens, \$39,380
  4. Cory Zeidman, Coral Springs, \$25,060
  5. Matt Lansdon, Montgomery, AL, \$17,900
  6. Joshua Hillock, Palm City, \$15,394
  7. Joseph Farrar, West Palm Beach, \$11,814
  8. James Bomar, Wellington, \$8,592
  9. Elyys Gutierrez, Tampa, \$8,234
  10. Hosney Boutros, Ft. Lauderdale, \$7,876
  11. Dave Recke, Boynton Beach, \$7,518
  12. David Shorty, Bonita Springs, \$7,160
  13. Stewart Newman, Weston, \$6,802
  14. Evan Dollinger, Coral Springs, \$6,444
  15. RJ Sullivan, Bradenton, \$6,086
  16. Marianne Chubirka, Vero Beach, \$5,728
  17. Justin Leichter, Estero, \$5,370
  18. Victor Figueroa, Orlando, \$5,012
  19. Jack Sladek, Clearwater, \$4,654
  20. Thomas Henderson, Austin, TX, \$4,296
  21. Frank Argano, Miami Beach, \$2,800
  22. Bob Fava, Homestead, \$2,800
  23. Tony Cappadona, Pompano, \$2,800
  24. Carlos Loving, Sarasota, \$2,800
  25. Andrew Burriesei, Pompano, \$2,800
  26. Gerald Cavicchi, Tequesta, \$2,600
  27. Vincent Spadavecchia, Boca Raton, \$2,600
  28. Marsha Wolak, Sarasota, \$2,600
  29. Frankie Havard, Moss Point, MS, \$2,600
  30. Matt Ezrol, Coconut Creek, \$2,600
  31. Robin Dean, Coral Springs, \$2,400
  32. Michael Michnik, Hollywood, \$2,400
  33. Paul Brettler, Ft. Lauderdale, \$2,400
  34. Richard Harrington, Cameron, LA, \$2,400
  35. Darin Kaplan, Boca Raton, \$2,400
  36. Tony Kunkel, Tampa, \$2,200
  37. Anthony Hockaday, Lighthouse Pt., \$2,200
  38. Kristopher Weichert, Coconut Creek, \$2,200
  39. David Felger, Lantana, \$2,200
  40. Anthony Aiello, Satellite Beach, \$2,200
  41. Nagui Yassa, Deerfield Beach, \$2,000

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## HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD

The Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood wrapped up its Summer Open series on Aug. 2, but not before some pretty impressive players showed up for the \$2,200 no-limit hold'em main event. The Mizrachi brothers (Grinder and Robert), Kevin Schaffel, Jason Mercier, John Dolan and Chino Rheem played in the event, which poker pro Noah Schwartz won, taking home \$100K. Here are the series' results, which had 908 entries and an overall prize pool of nearly \$600K.

Event	Buy-in	Entries	Prize Pool	Winner	1st Prize
EVENT 1	\$560	289	\$144,500	G. Oron	\$39,150
EVENT 2	\$230	51	\$10,200	M. David	\$3,876
EVENT 3	\$350	109	\$32,700	Juan Naranjo	\$10,965
EVENT 4	\$350	49	\$14,700	M. Smith	\$5,265
EVENT 5	\$200	196	\$33,320	C. Nomikos	\$9,664
EVENT 6	\$2,200	165	\$330,000	Noah Schwartz	\$100,650
EVENT 7	\$230	49	\$15,000	E. Magonette	\$5,250



## THE NUTZ POKER LEAGUE

Sandra Everall won the July championship by besting a record crowd at Champps at International Mall in Tampa, earning a trip to Las Vegas.

• Nutz is co-hosting the Curtis/Kocab Memorial Fund poker tournament with the Silks Poker Room on Sept. 6-8 (see Page 16 for story).



## DERBY LANE & THE FIRST TEE

The First Tee of St. Petersburg will host its inaugural charity poker classic at Derby Lane on Sept. 16, featuring Tampa Bay Rays pitchers David Price and James Shields.



The meet-and-greet party begins at 5:30 p.m. and cards are in the air at 7. Tickets for just the party are \$50 and \$5 raffle tickets will be sold.

Seats are limited to the first 200 entrants. The registration fee is \$150 and a full field means \$5K for first place. Rebuys for the first four levels will be \$50 with \$50 add-ons. Go to [www.thefirstteestpetersburg.org](http://www.thefirstteestpetersburg.org) for more information, see their ad on Page 57 or call 727-551-3300.

## GRINDER JOINS DEEPSTACKS

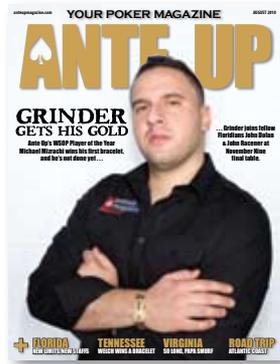
Michael "Grinder" Mizrachi, the hottest poker player on the planet and 2010 Ante Up World Series of Poker Player of the Year, has signed an exclusive deal to become an instructor with DeepStacks Live.

Mizrachi won this year's WSOP \$50,000 Players Championship, then completed arguably the most impressive feat in major tournament history when he made the final table of the WSOP Main Event.

From now through November (when he'll play for poker immortality), the Grinder will be focused on two things: winning the main event and teaching students at DeepStacks Live courses how to be champions.

Most of Mizrachi's courses will be taught in Florida, where new laws allow for uncapped play. DeepStacks Live has specifically angled its Florida courses to protect the Sunshine State's players and rapidly improve their all-around games.

"I had a lot of options after the WSOP, but DeepStacks Live was the right fit for how I play and how I want to teach others to play," Mizrachi said. "They are the most innovative and hands-on training company. The other Team DeepStacks pros I'll be teaching with include Hall of Famers and poker legends, guys who I've really respected for a long time, and joining their team was a no-brainer for me."



## DANIA JAI-ALAI

Angelo Colangelo of Davie won Dan Le Batard's monthly celebrity tournament at Dania Jai-Alai on Aug. 4.

The final two tables of 20 players decided to chop equally, giving each \$433 for their \$50 buy-in.



the time of the chop and was awarded the trophy. More than 200 players participated in the event.

Dania features the celebrity event once a month with the next one scheduled for Sept. 1. It will feature a WPT seat to the Borgata Open in Atlantic City. The package is worth \$10,000.

Colangelo was the chipleader at

## SHOWDOWN POKER TOUR



Waterman

Day

Schmidt

The second-quarter event at Regal Grand Lakeside Inn in Lakeland drew 165 entrants. Don Schmidt won the title and was followed by Josh Day, Cliff Waterman, Clay Rollins, Greg Knitt, Mo Awad, Bill Gregus, Brian Hemp and Bob Walwer.

## MIAMI POKER SOCIETY

MPS celebrated its two-year anniversary on July 23 with a tournament at China Grill on South Beach.

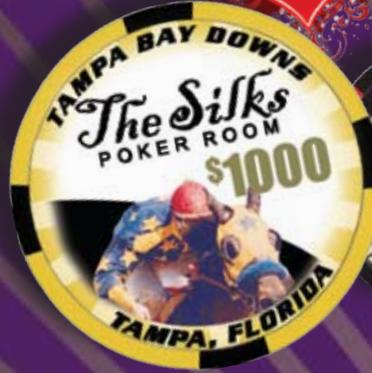
Elliot Machado won the grand prize, a trip for two on the upcoming Ante Up Poker Cruise to the Bahamas out of Port Canaveral on Oct. 25-29.



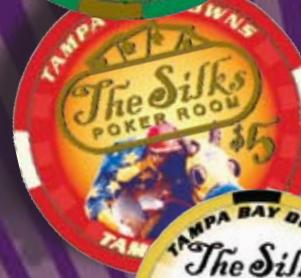
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# ANTE UP POKER CRUISE NEARS SELLOUT

The Ante Up Poker Cruise presented by Super City Poker has sold out of its initial staterooms and is now booking guests based on availability from Royal Caribbean at prevailing rates.

Super City Poker, an online poker site that will launch Sept. 1, has signed on as the presenting sponsor of the cruise. Super City will give every passenger a Super Girls calendar, three entries in the October drawing for a 1969 custom motorcycle (with site registration) and other prizes throughout the cruise.

SuperCityPoker.Com offers a 110 percent bonus up to \$600 if you sign up using code ANTEUP67, and the first 1,000 people to register will receive a drawing ticket to win a custom 1967 Ford Mustang (for more information see the ad on Pages 6-7).

The Ante Up Poker Cruise sails Oct. 25-29 from Port Canaveral, Fla., with two stops in the Bahamas and a 12-table, professionally staffed and equipped poker room on board. Go to [www.anteupmagazine.com/cruise](http://www.anteupmagazine.com/cruise) or call Scott Long at (727) 331-4335.



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A cruise package is for two people; up-to-date details available at [anteupmagazine.com/cruise](http://anteupmagazine.com/cruise)

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS:** Satellite tournament at 4 p.m. Aug. 28 pays one cruise package for every \$676 in the prize pool, plus the high hand in the first hour and the high hand in the second hour win cruise packages. Also, a cruise package will be given to the highest hand in the first hour of all four flights (1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 6-7) in the Curtis/Kocab Memorial Fund Charity Poker Tournament.

**SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE:** The highest hand in the room every three hours from noon to midnight Sept. 4-5 and from noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 6 wins an oceanview cruise package.

**CYPRESS BAYOU:** Freeroll event at noon on Sept. 4 awards two oceanview cruise packages plus roundtrip Florida airport transfers for two. To qualify, be in the top 90 players with 30 hours or more of play in August.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA:** \$60 satellite with one optional \$40 add-on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. First and second place each win a cruise package and \$300. Cash prizes for third-10th.

**MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK:** Every Saturday in September the winner of the 2 p.m. \$120 buy-in Super Stack tournament wins a cruise package, plus the normal tournament cash payout.

**POKER FOR LIFE:** Three cruise packages will be given away at charity events during September.

**DERBY LANE:** Two cruise packages will be given away in September.

**ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB AND ST. JOHNS GREYHOUND PARK:** Orange Park will host a satellite at 1 p.m. on Oct. 1 with the winner guaranteed an cruise package plus \$824 in spending money. St. Johns will host the same event at 1 p.m. on Oct. 8. Buy-in for both is \$130+\$20, with 10,000 units and 30-minute levels. If there's enough money in the prize pool at the Orange Park event, a second \$1,500 cruise package will be awarded. If not, it will be available during the St. Johns event if the prize pool allows, or it will be given away during a promotion in one of the rooms in October.

## TREASURE CHEST POKER



Spence



Moore



Simpson

- Jim Spence struck again last month, winning his second Ocala monthly and a buy-in to an Ocala poker room event.

- Rick Moore took the Stokers monthly, winning a Jager Machine and earning a quarterly seat for a chance to play in the World Series of Poker.

- Niki Simpson captured the Murphy's monthly, winning an iPod Touch and a WSOP quarterly seat.

- Nicole Carroll won the TCP Show-down tournament at Brew Garden, taking home a \$100 gift card, a trophy and a quarterly seat.

- Johnny Petredis led Azara's to the Battle of the Bars championship, winning a \$50 gift card and a quarterly seat.



Carroll



Petredis

## DIRTY JACKS POKER



In June, Dirty Jacks held its first semi-annual tournament in league history, choosing the Clarion Waterpark in Kissimmee for its event. First place went to Micky McNaughton. Here are the results:

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mickey McNaughton | 6. Chris Grieb    |
| 2. Joe Dzialo        | 7. Ken Komara     |
| 3. Al Scarfo         | 8. Melissa Oldham |
| 4. Bobby Padron      | 9. Karl Theobald  |
| 5. Kurt Wagers       | 10. Tony Mottas   |

## PLEASURE ISLAND POKER



Sammie Jo Palpallatoc won her second charity event on July 17, this time in Ft. Walton Beach to benefit Disabled Veterans, defeating league owner M.C. Walters heads-up.

Sammie Jo's prize package included a sponsored seat to Pensacola Greyhound Track and

a championship bracelet.

• On July 22 at Fokkers Pub and Café in FWB, 75 qualifiers fought hard, but in the end it was David Adkins, a long time supporter of Pleasure Island Poker, who claimed his first major tournament victory in almost three years.



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An occasional interview with a local player • By Garrett Roth

# A BACKER AND A PLAYER

Most poker players have a hard time handling bankroll swings. Try taking on the volume and variance of 30 players simultaneously. This is what Jeremy "thechemist83" Gaubert deals with every day.

Gaubert, who lives in Thibodaux, La., is a professional player who stakes about 30 players at a time. He's one of the most respected and well-liked members of the online poker industry.

He's not just a smart businessman; he's also a top player across all online sites. This top-ranked online player has wins in the PokerStars \$1K flagship Sunday Million (\$233K), PokerStars Sunday Warmup (\$80K) and the FTOPS XVI Event 15 H.O.R.S.E. (\$46K). Gaubert also has some amazing live success, including a victory in last year's Gold Strike World Poker Open main event (\$192K).

Gaubert met with *Ante Up's* Garrett Roth to talk about his poker career.

## When and how did you first get into poker?

I've been playing five-card draw and similar forms of poker for as long as I can remember. I started playing no-limit hold'em in 2004 while doing a chemistry internship at LSU. My friends in Baton Rouge were playing a small home game and that eventually got me to deposit money online.

## What are some of the motivating factors in poker that drive you?

The main motivating factor is always money and providing for myself and my wife. Aside from that, it's the perfect job for my health problems. I can be my own boss, make my own hours, and work from home whenever I want to.

## What's the biggest difference between a good player and a great player?

Great players know how to adapt to each situation they encounter. They know when it's better to sit back and play tight and when to run over the table with aggression. They know the perfect times to three-bet, four-bet, bluff, etc. They are just very good at stack theory and changing gears when they need to.

## How did you get into staking players and what are some of the advantages of being backed and/or owning pieces of another player?

I got into staking people because I was originally backed by "JohnnyBax" (Cliff Josephy) and "sheets" (Eric Haber). I realized how prof-



Gaubert won the WPO in 2009.

itable it could be if you had a bunch of winning players playing for you. After I was playing on my own again, I approached my partner "8balldeluxe" about the idea. We created a website with an application process and ran with the idea.

The main advantage of being backed is that your own money isn't at risk. You're allowed to play buy-ins you might not have been able to comfortably afford on your own. For most people, it's less pressure not having to worry about losing money you already have. In staking agreements, you're usually allowed to cash out your profits each month, so you won't have to worry about losing that money once it's cashed out. When you play for yourself, it's important to keep a large amount of money online to deal with your own variance. When being backed, you no longer have to worry about this.

## What are some of your goals and future plans in poker?

I don't really have any long-term goals with poker. I put myself in the best spots to make the most money possible for myself. If I start making goals, I may get distracted by them and miss out on other great opportunities that come up along the way.

## ISLE CASINO LAKE CHARLES

This year's Louisiana Fall Classic, which will be Sept. 17-26 at the Isle Casino in Lake Charles, features 10 events, including a \$335 PLO championship, a High Heels Poker Tour event and the \$540 no-limit hold'em main event on Sept. 25 at noon.

All events will . . .

- open registration 90 minutes before start time.
- include an optional \$10 dealer add-on.
- be capped at 150 players, unless extra tables are available.

- allow alternates until the end of the third round.

Satellites for varying events will be Sept. 13-16. Call 337-430-2407 for details or turn to Page 35 for the full satellite schedule and more.

## Louisiana Fall Classic schedule

Date	Time	Buy-in	Entry Fee	Event
Sept. 17	3 p.m.	\$75	\$15	\$3K guarantee NLHE
Sept. 18	noon	\$120	\$20	High Heels Poker Tour (ladies only)
Sept. 19	2 p.m.	\$100	\$20	\$5K guarantee NLHE
Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.	\$100	\$20	NLHE Shootout
Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	\$200	\$25	NLHE/PLO Mix
Sept. 22	6:30 p.m.	\$200	\$25	\$10K guarantee NLHE
Sept. 23	6:30 p.m.	\$300	\$35	PLO Championship
Sept. 24	3 p.m.	\$300	\$35	\$15K guarantee NLHE
Sept. 25	noon	\$500	\$40	Fall Classic Main Event
Sept. 26	2 p.m.	\$100	\$20	\$5K guarantee NLHE

# SEPTEMBER POKER 2010

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## ARKANSAS: OAKLAWN RACING



Alan White

After 10 weeks of qualifying, Oaklawn's Arkansas Poker Championship wrapped up in the early morning on Aug. 5 as Alan White stood alone to capture nearly \$8K.

White of Arkadelphia defeated 40 hopefuls who won their spot at qualifying tournaments leading up to the final night.

"This was the most exciting tournament I've been in," White said, "and winning it really felt great."

The final event lasted five hours before White faced off against Sadiq al Sadiq in heads-up play. White's set of jacks eliminated al Sadiq, who had two pair, making White the champ.

"The competition I faced was really tough," he said.

White's road to the championship began in late May, where he outplayed a field of 49 during the third qualifying tournament. It would be a while before he would get the chance to prove his skills in the final.

"It was a good feeling to know I made it in," White said. "I was anxious for the finals to get here, but I wasn't too nervous. I was just happy to know I made it in."

The next major tournament at Oaklawn will be this month as players will vie for a seat into the Southern Poker Championship in Biloxi, Miss.

## VIRGINIA

## Charity poker halls closed

By Christopher Cosenza



When it seems like it's too good to be true, that usually means it is. It looks as though the run is finally over in Portsmouth, Va., as the charity poker halls that had been flourishing since 2006 have been shut down by the local Commonwealth's Attorney, Earle C. Mobley, whose comments regarding poker as a game of skill ironically led to the opening of these halls.

Mobley initially said the wording in the state's prohibition law was "flawed" and that it could be interpreted that games of skill could be spread. That was all Charlie Daniels needed to hear as he was the first to open a charity poker hall in 2006.

But Mobley never said playing poker for money, regardless of charity, was legal and exempt from prosecution. Finally, in late July, Mobley saw too many poker halls opening and decided enough was enough. He sent letters to the handful of establishments in Portsmouth, letting them know of his intentions to prosecute anyone running poker games in their halls, advising them to shut down at once.

At first many of the rooms remained open, but in the end every charity hall closed up shop, some even going so far as to take down their websites and hanging signs on the front door that read, "Closed until further notice." Off-duty police officers who were hired by the halls for security were ordered to stay away from the halls.

Some of the halls' owners are vowing to fight the decision. Look to the pages of *Ante Up* for future developments.

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Fisher from the 97X Morning Show hosts tournaments regularly. These events always feature a fun crowd as well as some bonus giveaways and cash. Check out the tournament calendar for dates and times.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

We regularly run special events, such as multi-tournament Poker Runs, our monthly Mega Stack tournament and unique events as well.

September has some great events to check out.

**The First Tee  
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# VENETIAN DEEP STACK

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As it has done in years past, the Venetian poker room held one of its Deep Stack Extravaganzas to coincide with the running of the World Series of Poker. Of the 51 events there were five players from the Ante Up area who captured titles. Congratulations to all of our winners and cashers.

## Event #1 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$188,464 • Players: 651**

- Andrew Gilmore, \$26,197, Raleigh, NC
- Daniel Steen, \$17,169, Pittsburgh
- Michael Tait, \$4,712, Hallandale, FL
- Daniel Vitek, \$2,902, Atlanta
- Neil Crilly, \$2,167, Miami
- Moutray McLaren, \$1,658, Greenville, SC
- Thaddeus Layton, \$1,244, Marietta, GA
- Melissa Brown, \$1,244, Atlanta
- Jen Sherwood, \$1,037, N. News, VA
- John Bakovic, \$735, Springfield, VA
- Brent Philbin, \$735, Cape Coral, FL
- Jose Rodriguez, \$735, Miami
- Gabriel Costner, \$735, Long Beach, MS
- Thang Nguyen, \$678, Norcross, GA
- Jon Sexton, \$678, Memphis

## Event #2 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$123,327 • Players: 426**

- Geoffrey Bailey, \$4,686, Baton Rouge, LA
- Douglas Lovelace, \$913, Richmond, VA
- Michael Smith, \$913, Gainesville, FL
- James Wethington, \$752, Raleigh, NC
- Paris Heard, \$666, Prairie, MS

## Event #3 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$194,930 • Players: 404**

- Ken Mattox, \$7,407, West Memphis, AR
- Ismael Cabrera, \$5,263, Marietta, GA
- Jerry Osinski, \$3,411, Naples, FL
- David Smith, \$2,515, Roswell, GA
- Venkatesh Gupta, \$1,871, Norcross, GA
- Jason Steinhorn, \$1,442, Mableton, GA
- Thaddens Clayton, \$1,442, Marietta, GA
- John Bonar, \$1,442, Lakeside Park, KY
- Phong Huynh, \$1,189, Lilburn, GA
- Darryll Fish, \$1,189, Cape Coral, FL
- William Kootz, \$1,189, Gotha, FL
- Creighton Kodak, \$1,189, Hoboken, FL
- Steven Miller, \$1,189, Key Largo, FL

## Event #4 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$222,336 • Players: 768**

- Justin Friedman, \$19,899, Yardley, PA
- Sam Bensing, \$13,896, Lyndhurst, FL
- Janine Muller, \$10,161, Charlotte, NC
- Arthur Hatcher, \$7,782, Baton Rouge, LA
- Ronald Sewell, \$2,423, Shelby, NC
- John Casteel, \$1,823, Virginia Beach, VA
- Sean Sananikone, \$1,401, Ft. Smith, AR
- Ziya Rahim, \$1,401, Leesburg, VA
- Jonathan Cronin, \$1,156, Savannah, GA
- Joshua Walker, \$845, Raleigh, NC
- Shane Port, \$667, Raleigh, NC

## Event #5 • \$1,070 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$490,220 • Players: 508**

- Mike Schneider, \$7,942, Covington, GA
- Bruce MacGregor, \$7,942, P. Orange, NC
- Joshua Mancuso, \$3,481, Mandeville, LA
- Lee Childs, \$3,481, Alexandria, VA
- Joseph McGuire, \$3,481, Columbia, SC
- Michael Tait, \$3,481, Hallandale, FL
- Matthew Brady, \$2,843, Havertown, PA
- Charles Tidmarsh, \$2,843, Greenville, SC
- Kenneth Perry, \$2,843, Nashville
- Brandon Lee, \$2,108, Atlanta

## Event #6 • \$340 Omaha/8

**Prize Pool: \$89,745 • Players: 310**

- David Whitis, \$8,750, Nashville, TN
- Scott Miller, \$4,577, Minneola, FL
- Paul Siem, \$763, Clearwater, FL
- Sokhheka Pho, \$763, Bartlett, TN
- Amit Sander, \$628, Miami

## Event #7 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$194,930 • Players: 404**

- Matthew Laney, \$5,263, Wellington, FL
- Jason Dollinger, \$3,411, Coral Springs, FL
- Steven Powers, \$2,515, Chesapeake, VA
- James Ladeira, \$1,871, Dania, FL
- David Kopacz, \$1,442, Hopkinsville, KY
- William Gordon, \$1,442, Largo, FL
- Ray Martin, \$1,189, Independence, LA
- Dale Poynter, \$1,189, Waynesboro, VA
- Joshua McMillion, \$1,189, Seminole, FL

## Event #8 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$244,049 • Players: 843**

- David Bell, \$14,716, Parkland, FL
- Chris Homan, \$3,441, Augusta, GA
- Dan Clemente, \$3,441, Hernando, MS
- Jennifer Bunch, \$3,441, Pottsville, AR
- Michael Sanders, \$2,660, Pottsville, AR
- Gasper Brown, \$1,538, Mobile, AL
- Charlie Dawson, \$1,269, Owensboro, KY
- Sean Zametz, \$1,269, Sarasota, FL
- Brandon Gerstein, \$1,049, Tallahassee, FL
- Jonathan Grasso, \$927, Coral Springs, FL
- Christopher Morris, \$708, Richmond, VA

## Event #9 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$181,227 • Players: 626**

- Edward Kozelski, \$11,472, N. Ft. Myers, FL
- Kevin Mofield, \$2,084, Carthage, TN
- Donald Sikes, \$1,595, Claxton, GA
- Sam Crimaldi, \$1,595, Ft. Myers, FL
- Charles Robinson, \$834, Raleigh, NC
- Thaddeus Layton, \$834, Marietta, GA
- Anthony Rizzo, \$707, Fairmont, WV
- Brandon Allen, \$707, Miami
- Leif Force, \$652, Tallahassee, FL

## Event #10 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$191,070 • Players: 660**

- Nicholas Vita, \$5,732, South Haven, MS
- Scott Zakheim, \$1,261, Davie, FL
- Jack Sumner, \$879, St Augustine, FL
- Tyrone Wilson, \$745, Orlando, FL
- Sean Gibson, \$688, Ludlow, KY
- Collin Wilson, \$688, Atlanta
- Phue Nguyen, \$688, Atlanta

## Event #11 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$157,488 • Players: 544**

- Dave Robinson, \$14,678, Black Mtain, NC
- Gabriel Costner, \$3,937, Long Beach, MS
- Jose Gatmain, \$3,150, Philadelphia, PA
- Gary Hieronymus, \$913, Robinson, MS
- Jerome Stroud, \$913, McDonough, GA
- David Raque, \$913, Louisville, KY
- Carl Larson, \$740, Evanston, IL
- Scott Anderson, \$740, Spring Hill, FL
- Dale Poynter, \$677, Waynesboro, VA
- Danny Nelson, \$677, Batesville, AR
- Jalea Henson, \$677, Glen Allen, MS

## Event #12 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$214,712 • Players: 445**

- Daniel Clemente, \$7,064, Hernando, MS

- Jon Sexton, \$3,757, Southaven, MS
- Phu Nguyen, \$1,589, Atlanta
- Marsha Wolak, \$1,589, Sarasota, FL
- Rodney Shows, \$1,310, Hattiesburg, MS
- Ari Dinov, \$1,310, Boynton Beach, FL
- Reginald Simmons, \$1,159, Tampa, FL

## Event #13 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$223,397 • Players: 463**

- Kenny Nguyen, \$6,032, Orlando, FL
- Evins Cherfils, \$4,915, Miami
- Matthew Emmel, \$1,653, Charlotte, NC
- Brian Goldstein, \$1,363, Pomp. Bch., FL
- Dale Pinchot, \$1,363, Yardley, PA

## Event #14 • \$550 PLO

**Prize Pool: \$128,827 • Players: 267**

- Steven Wolansky, \$4,058, Cooper City, FL
- Jay Houston, \$3,350, Orlando, FL
- Michael Moed, \$2,061, Orlando, FL
- Jordan Stone, \$1,610, Fayetteville, GA
- Leif Force, \$1,417, Tallahassee, FL

## Event #15 • \$1,590 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$691,905 • Players: 478**

- David Margolis, \$33,903, Louisville, TN
- Rajesh Vohra, \$12,108, Lake Worth, FL
- Travis Klein, \$12,108, Tallahassee, FL
- Joseph Patrick, \$5,120, New Castle, PA
- Marc Davis, \$4,221, Orlando, FL
- Jared Waliyani, \$3,736, Franklin, NC

## Event #16 • \$550 H.O.R.S.E.

**Prize Pool: \$82,990 • Players: 172**

- Eric Conti, \$9,129, Palm Bay, FL
- Tom Noyes Sr., \$7,179, Clark Summit, PA

## Event #17 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$214,230 • Players: 740**

- Justin Friedman, \$47,128, Yardley, PA
- Mike Shannon, \$29,200, Satellite Bch., FL
- John Sladek, \$2,335, Clearwater, FL
- Brian Phillips, \$2,335, Tampa, FL
- Thomas Mohler, \$1,350, Wellington, FL
- Brian Goldstein, \$1,350, Pomp. Bch., FL
- Mark Rose, \$1,114, Orlando, FL
- Steven Bugay, \$1,114, Pem. Pines, FL
- Deborah Farmer, \$1,114, Tampa, FL
- Ty Austin Mullins, \$921, St. Pete, FL
- David Payne, \$814, Culpepper, VA
- Giovana Henao, \$814, Miami
- Srinivasa Yarlagaadda, \$814, Sarasota, FL
- Justin Kramer, \$643, Ft Lauderdale, FL

## Event #18 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$282,745 • Players: 586**

- Bruce MacGregor, \$7,069, Port Orange, FL
- Rob Amarante, \$2,007, Morrisville, NC
- Michael Raimon, \$2,007, Bradenton, FL
- Vien Le, \$1,640, Baton Rouge, LA
- Carder England, \$1,640, Tucker, GA
- Jacobo Fernandez, \$1,329, Hollywood, FL
- Ari Dinov, \$1,329, Boynton Beach, FL

## Event #19 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$157,488 • Players: 544**

- Jeffrey Cohen, \$3,937, Parkland, FL
- Ebony Kenney, \$1,465, Estero, FL
- Derek Alley, \$1,118, Kannapolis, NC
- Allen Devoll, \$1,118, Fortson, GA
- Ben Thomas, \$913, Baton Rouge, LA
- Jerry Keith Riggs, \$913, Louisville, KY
- Adam Sanchez, \$913, Palm Bay, FL
- Ricardo Teixeira, \$740, Miami

## Event #20 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$166,945 • Players: 346**

- Michael Hawkins, \$23,307, Penn Laird, VA
- Philip Reizenstein, \$16,277, Miami, FL
- Evins Cherfils, \$11,352, Miramar, FL
- James Welsh, \$6,678, Kissimmee, FL
- Tim Worley, \$3,172, N. Little Rock, AR
- William Kakon, \$1,419, Aventura, FL
- Todd Arnold, \$1,419, Pompano Bch., FL

## Event #21 • \$550 PLO

**Prize Pool: \$91,193 • Players: 189**

- Austin Marks, \$3,237, Murrells Inlet, SC

## Event #22 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$221,467 • Players: 765**

- Joseph Farrar, \$13,842, Wellington, FL
- Terry Lade, \$5,426, Palm Coast, FL
- Brian Goldstein, \$4,429, Pomp. Bch., FL
- Jack Sloan, \$1,816, Alexandria, VA
- Nick Palavis, \$1,152, New Port Richey, FL
- Michael Foglia, \$952, Cranberry, PA
- Jena Delk, \$952, Merritt Island, FL
- Derek Alley, \$842, Kannapolis, NC
- David Dao, \$842, Elizabethtown, KY
- Gregory Hodge, \$753, Biloxi, MS
- Srinivasa Yarlagaadda, \$753, Sarasota, FL
- Phillip Sparta Jr, \$644, Fairfax, VA
- Archie Page, \$644, Huntington, WV

## Event #23 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$203,229 • Players: 702**

- Brandon Gerstein, \$44,712, Tallahassee, FL
- Shawn Quillin, \$12,702, Charlotte, NC
- Dan Clemente, \$3,109, Hernando, MS
- Ken Piel, \$1,666, Robersonville, MS
- Shawn Bessey, \$1,057, Hughson, CA
- Rich Lenoble, \$1,057, Coral Springs, FL
- G. Hieronymus, \$1,057, Robersonville, MS
- Michael Gilbert, \$1,057, Fortson, GA
- Mohammad Moeini, \$874, Gulfport, MS
- John Sladek, \$874, Clearwater, FL
- Steve Cardarelli, \$772, Boynton Bch., FL
- Jesse Herron, \$691, Alpharetta, GA
- Brent Catalano, \$610, Atlanta

## Event #24 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$183,833 • Players: 635**

- B Levine, \$25,553, Delray Beach, FL
- Ryan Terrana, \$11,637, Alpharetta, GA
- Ronald Puleo, \$1,213, Sarasota, FL
- Amelio Amato, \$1,011, Sarasota, FL
- Linda Lipkins, \$846, Boca Raton, FL
- Robert Mascarelli, \$846, Spring Hill, FL
- Brian Ray, \$717, Sharps Chapel, TN
- Thomas Woodall, \$717, Bismarck, AR
- Andrew Sexton, \$662, Knoxville, TN

## Event #25 • \$2,100 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$675,500 • Players: 350**

- Timothy Ulmer, \$22,832, Willow Grove, PA
- Alex Moore, \$18,914, Athens, GA
- Jesse Cohen, \$16,212, Ardmore, PA
- Brian Hawkins, \$12,835, Ft. Myers, FL
- Amir Lehavot, \$7,363, Pem. Pines, FL
- Nick Avena, \$7,363, Ormond Bch., FL
- Steve Nussrallah, \$5,742, Alpharetta, GA

## Event #26 • \$340 LHE

**Prize Pool: \$50,663 • Players: 175**

No Ante Up area players cashed.

## Event #27 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$307,353 • Players: 637**

- Phong Huynh, \$28,000, Duluth, GA
- Mike Beasley, \$9,221, Hollywood, FL
- Venkatesh Gupta, \$4,733, Norcross, GA
- Christopher Tipper, \$3,535, Vienna, WV
- Mike Foglia, \$3,535, Cranberry Twp., PA
- Michael Noda, \$2,705, Philadelphia, PA
- Glyn Banks, \$2,029, Smithville, TN
- Amelio Amato, \$1,199, Sarasota, FL
- Cody Cheek, \$1,199, Miami
- Rich Richeson, \$1,106, Hernando Bch., FL
- Eric Mizrach, \$1,106, Sunny Isles Bch., FL

## Event #28 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$217,125 • Players: 750**

- Brian Niekerk, \$6,362, Kingston, TN
- William Ellis, \$4,343, Manning, SC
- James Nortker, \$1,780, Ft. Wright, KY
- Bruce MacGregor, \$1,780, P. Orange, FL
- Chris Brauch, \$1,368, P. Vedra Bch., FL
- Benjamin Stark, \$1,368, Tamarac, FL
- Chris Palubinski, \$1,368, Coatesville, PA
- Bryan Elliott, \$934, Atlanta, GA
- Will McBride, \$825, Thantotosassa, FL
- Richard Austin, \$825, Lansdale, PA
- John Bonar, \$825, Lakeside Park, KY
- Linda Keenan, \$738, Mandeville, LA

## Event #29 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$154,014 • Players: 352**

- Manuel Martinez, \$7,470, Coral Gables, FL
- Benjamin Grant, \$3,080, Myrtle, MS
- Kim Scoratow, \$2,495, Coconut Creek, FL
- Giorgio Medici, \$1,864, Duluth, GA
- Steve Nussrallah, \$893, Alpharetta, GA
- Herman Tallman, \$893, Knoxville, TN
- Yi Cheng, \$893, Playa Vista, CA
- Mike Austin, \$724, Satellite Beach, FL
- Hang Nhan, \$662, Jonesboro, GA

## Event #30 • \$550 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$263,928 • Players: 547**

- Sumit Kumar, \$4,276, Glen Allen, VA
- Nick Maimone, \$4,276, Rutherfordton, NC
- Brian Anderson, \$2,455, Gainesville, FL
- Robert Fitzgerald, \$1,874, Yorktown, VA
- Andrew Sexton, \$1,531, Knoxville, TN

## Event #31 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$198,308 • Players: 685**

- Sara Stohler, \$44,618, Raleigh, NC
- Ari Ben-Mayor, \$2,281, Parkland, FL
- Christopher Ducsay, \$1,309, Ruskin, FL
- Louis Cheffy, \$1,091, Naples, FL
- Paul Finco, \$921, Athens, GA
- Thaddeus Layton, \$921, Marietta, GA
- Corrie Wunstel, \$921, Baton Rouge, LA

## Event #32 • \$340 NLHE

**Prize Pool: \$155,172 • Players: 536**

- Brian Manning, \$14,462, Raleigh, NC
- Charles Milici, \$2,514, Miami Beach, FL
- Nicholas Vita, \$1,878, Southaven, MS
- James Brown, \$1,102, Lighthouse Pt., FL
- John McNulty, \$1,102, Jacksonville, FL
- Herman Tallman, \$729, Knoxville, TN
- Austin Morlan, \$729, Collierville, TN
- Ralph Wong, \$729, West Chester, PA
- Manuel Martinez, \$667, Coral Gables, FL



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**Event #33 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$335,820 • Players: 696**  
 2. Jeremy Burleson, \$46,679, Stanley, NC  
 22. Vincent Dungan, \$2,216, Asheville, NC  
 26. Marisol Minaya, \$2,216, Tampa, FL  
 32. Leif Force, \$1,847, Tallahassee, FL  
 46. Joseph Patrick, \$1,310, New Castle, PA  
 50. Michael Donovan, \$1,310, Mt. Juliet, TN  
 63. Christopher Coles, \$1,209, Newnan, GA

**Event #34 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$187,885 • Players: 649**  
 8. John Graham, \$4,697, Raleigh, NC  
 11. Brent Catalano, \$2,893, Atlanta  
 15. Andrew Mathis, \$2,161, Fairfax, VA  
 20. Matt Walker, \$1,240, Tallahassee, FL  
 27. Moh. Siddiqui, \$1,240, Pem. Pines, FL  
 29. Patrick Curzio, \$1,033, Fairfax, VA  
 30. Howard Setzer, \$1,033, Charlotte, NC  
 36. Frederick Smith, \$1,033, Loganville, GA  
 42. Thomas Copeland, \$864, Columbia, SC  
 44. Justin Filipowski, \$864, Ruleville, NC  
 53. Al Zeittler, \$733, N. Palm Beach, FL  
 60. Srinivasa Yarlagadda, \$676, Sarasota, FL  
 62. Joshua Limehouse, \$676, Lexington, SC

**Event #35 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$193,965 • Players: 670**  
 10. Jimmy Daniel, \$2,987, Pensacola, FL  
 15. Sieusigh Persaud, \$2,231, Wellington, FL  
 20. Brandon Reid, \$1,280, Belmont, NC  
 21. Al Bella, \$1,280, Boynton Beach, FL  
 24. Mark Petrillo, \$1,280, Indialantic, FL  
 29. Joe Dollries, \$1,067, Cincinnati, OH  
 30. Owen Glantz, \$1,067, Ft. Myers, FL  
 33. David Smith, \$1,067, Alpharetta, GA  
 48. Zachary Walker, \$756, Litzitz, PA  
 53. David Hoch, \$756, Alpharetta, GA

**Event #36 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$217,607 • Players: 451**  
 1. Joseph Graybill, \$51,146, Bossier City, LA

6. Dan Spivey, \$8,269, Winton, NC  
 9. Chris Brauch, \$4,787, P. Vedra Bch., FL  
 24. Sean Anderson, \$1,610, Lynn Haven, FL  
 27. Tony Consumano, \$1,610, Manassas, VA  
 35. Jarrett Juran, \$1,327, Harrisburg, PA

**Event #37 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$202,360 • Players: 699**  
 3. Josh Limehouse, \$18,435, Lexington, SC  
 8. Joseph Squiers, \$5,059, Asheville, NC  
 12. Austin Marks, \$3,116, Murrells Inlet, SC  
 13. Kevin Eyring, \$2,327, Windham, NC  
 15. Clint Schafer, \$2,327, Baton Rouge, LA  
 22. John Peck, \$1,336, Asheville, NC  
 30. Edward Leahy, \$1,113, Sugar Hill, GA  
 35. Amy Graybeal, \$1,113, Atlanta  
 36. Adam Sanchez, \$1,113, Palm Bay, FL  
 37. John Hubiak, \$931, Taylor, PA  
 56. Travis Padgett, \$728, Savannah, GA  
 59. Gene Ovsyannikov, \$728, Des Plaines, FL

**Event #38 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$324,722 • Players: 673**  
 9. Reginald Simmons, \$6,494, Tampa, FL  
 12. Ronnie George, \$5,001, Douglasville, GA  
 14. Dean Burkhammer, \$3,734, Weston, WV  
 27. Keith Gowder, \$2,143, Alto, GA  
 30. Don Rousseau, \$1,786, Kissimmee, FL  
 34. Nancy Birnbaum, \$1,786, Atlanta  
 39. Steve Krupnick, \$1,494, Miami Beach, FL  
 51. Chris Bolek, \$1,266, Boca Raton, FL  
 52. Andrew Gilmore, \$1,266, Raleigh, NC  
 55. Nick Avena, \$1,169, Ormond Beach, FL  
 62. Lily Mizrachi, \$1,169, Miramar, FL  
 63. Bobby Binsky, \$1,169, Hollywood, FL

**Event #39 • \$2,100 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$968,860 • Players: 502**  
 9. Jesse Cohen, \$19,377, Ardmore, PA  
 13. Jeff Coutroulis, \$11,723, Tampa, FL  
 14. Benjamin Stark, \$11,723, Tamarac, FL  
 27. Antonio Salorio, \$6,879, Coral Springs, FL  
 28. Darryll Fish, \$5,619, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

37. Thomas Mohler, \$4,554, Wellington, FL  
 43. Aaron Klausman, \$4,554, Birmingham  
 48. Timothy Ulmer, \$4,166, Willow Grove, PA  
 54. Amir Lehavot, \$4,166, Pem. Pines, FL

**Event #40 • \$340 Ladies NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$45,978 • Players: 158**  
 No Ante Up area players cashed.

**Event #41 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$189,623 • Players: 655**  
 8. Philip Consolo, \$4,741, Aventura, FL  
 16. Nathan Rosinger, \$1,669, Lewisville, NC  
 31. Ziya Rahim, \$1,043, Leesburg, VA  
 37. Bas. Mariathasan, \$872, Ft. Myers, FL  
 40. Srinivasa Yarlagadda, \$872, Sarasota, FL  
 43. Michelle Wolkomir, \$872, Shreveport, LA  
 57. Eric Revak, \$683, Ephrata, PA  
 60. Matthew Blair, \$683, Florence, AL  
 61. Christopher Gray, \$683, Atlanta

**Event #42 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$226,775 • Players: 470**  
 13. Clint Schafer, \$2,925, Baton Rouge, LA  
 22. John Hubiak, \$1,678, Taylor, PA  
 26. Ronnie George, \$1,678, Douglasville, GA  
 29. Alan Wasserberger, \$1,225, Charlotte, NC  
 43. Ronald Chomko, \$1,225, Ft. Myers, FL

**Event #43 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$228,995 • Players: 791**  
 1. David Hall, \$50,367, Birmingham, AL  
 13. Dustin Givens, \$2,496, Bear Creek, NC  
 16. Neil Grilly, \$1,878, Miami Shores, FL  
 18. Andy Dykeman, \$1,878, Jacksonville, FL  
 30. Justin Friedman, \$1,191, Yardley, PA  
 33. Scott Worley, \$1,191, Knoxville, TN  
 34. Brandon Gerstein, \$1,191, Tallahassee, FL  
 39. Sean McNeal, \$985, Woodstock, GA  
 41. Tho Nguyen, \$985, Hampton, VA  
 52. Wayne Lutzen, \$870, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
 61. Robert Nicolaides, \$779, N. Wales, PA  
 62. Constant Louis, \$779, Lake Mary, FL

63. James Cordell, \$779, Little Rock, AR  
 70. Samir Agamiyev, \$687, Tampa, FL

**Event #44 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$174,279 • Players: 602**  
 26. Derek Daniels, \$1,150, Orlando, FL  
 50. David Newman, \$680, Knoxville, TN  
 63. Joseph Bell, \$627, Charlotte, NC

**Event #45 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$182,096 • Players: 629**  
 3. John French, \$16,589, Bonita Springs, FL  
 18. Daniel Retallick, \$1,602, Morrisville, PA  
 31. Jimmie Daniel, \$1,002, Pensacola, FL  
 33. Steven Serie, \$1,002, Highland Bch., FL  
 48. Shaun Hendrickson, \$710, Tallahassee, FL  
 49. Michael Sanders, \$710, Pottsville, AR  
 53. Alexander Hardy, \$710, Bala Cynwyd, PA  
 63. David Leclair, \$656, Charlotte, NC

**Event #46 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$215,678 • Players: 447**  
 8. B Levine, \$5,823, Del Ray Beach, FL  
 15. Tom Nguyen, \$2,782, Tampa, FL  
 18. Ronnie George, \$2,071, Douglasville, GA  
 25. Sheldon Gross, \$1,596, Hillsboro Bch., FL  
 26. Jerry Robinson, \$1,596, Charlotte, NC  
 28. Jimmy Pierce, \$1,316, Bunnlevel, NC  
 32. Travis Padgett, \$1,316, Savannah, GA  
 39. Bradley Hood, \$1,165, Oakdale, PA

**Event #47 • \$550 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$151,505 • Players: 314**  
 3. Brian Mayes, \$14,772, Harrisburg, VA  
 9. Michael Ruby, \$3,636, Greer, SC  
 12. Douglas Taylor, \$2,879, Manchester, TN  
 18. Brandon Setzer, \$1,651, Concord, NC  
 23. Kurt Hagen, \$1,288, Sunrise, FL  
 26. Julio Fernandez, \$1,288, Miami  
 27. Justin Friedman, \$1,288, Yardley, PA

**Event #48 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$183,543 • Players: 634**  
 12. Michelle McLeod, \$2,827, Weston, FL

15. Icer Addis, \$2,111, Orlando, FL  
 42. Thomas Smith, \$844, Little Rock, AR  
 59. Jules Bui, \$661, Fairfax, VA  
 62. Jon Boggess, \$661, Charleston, WV

**Event #49 • \$1,080 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$460,305 • Players: 477**  
 3. Lee Childs, \$43,729, Alexandria, VA  
 8. Tim Pughley, \$12,428, Birmingham, AL  
 16. Billy Paradiso, \$4,419, Holiday, FL  
 18. Chip Ervin, \$4,419, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 19. Gregory Veltri, \$3,406, Palm Beach, FL  
 23. Seth Fischer, \$3,406, Palm Harbor, FL  
 33. Terry Garner, \$2,808, Hattiesburg, MS  
 40. Moh. Moeni, \$2,486, Gulfport, MS  
 43. Christopher Dandrea, \$2,486, Nashville

**Event #50 • \$340 NLHE**

- Prize Pool: \$220,599 • Players: 762**  
 2. Chris Prosser, \$30,068, Lawrenceville, GA  
 24. Steve Krupnick, \$1,390, Miami Beach, FL  
 27. Michelle McLeod, \$1,390, Weston, FL  
 33. Daniel Retallick, \$1,147, Morrisville, PA  
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 61. Jonathan Graf, \$750, Orlando, FL  
 64. Donovan Panone, \$662, Marietta, GA  
 67. Brain Hardy, \$662, Loxahatchee, FL

**Event #51 • \$5K Main Event**

- Prize Pool: \$1,319,831 • Players: 282**  
 2. Darren Elias, \$195,335, Erie, PA  
 3. Joel Patchell, \$131,983, Decatur, GA  
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2	November 1	Monday	4:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
3	November 2	Tuesday	2:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
4	November 3	Wednesday	2:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
5	November 3	Wednesday	4:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
6	November 4	Thursday	2:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
7	November 5	Friday	2:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$70+10
8	November 6	Saturday	4:00 pm	Deep Stacks, NL Hold'em	\$225	\$200+25
9	November 7	Sunday	2:00 pm	Casino/Hospitality Indstry. NL Hold'em	\$175	\$150+25
10	November 8	Monday	7:00 pm	Deep Stacks, NL Hold'em	\$115	\$100+15
11	November 9	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Young Guns 18-40 yrs.old NL Hold'em	\$120	\$100+20
12	November 10	Wednesday	2:00 pm	Finals Qualifier Super Sat., NL Hold'em	\$80	\$65+15
13	November 10	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Razz	\$125	\$100+25
14	November 10	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Pot Limit Omaha Hi/Lo	\$125	\$100+25
15	November 11	Thursday	2:00 pm	Championship Event (day 1A)	\$550	\$500+50
15	November 12	Friday	2:00 pm	Championship Event (day 1B)	\$550	\$500+50
16	November 13	Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies, NL Hold'em	\$150	\$125+25
17	November 13	Saturday	4:00 pm	Deep Stacks, NL Hold'em	\$225	\$200+25
15	November 14	Sunday	12:00 pm	Championship Event (day 2) FINAL		

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Tyler Smith, born and raised in Smithdale, Miss., has put on perhaps the greatest run in southern tournament poker history. Since January he's won Beau Rivage's Spring Break Poker Classic, Gold Strike's World Poker Open and he made the final table of the World Poker Tour's Southern Poker Championship, all while in his own back yard. The 23-year-old poker pro says staying close to home is the recipe for his success.

• STORY BY CHRISTOPHER COSENZA •

of West Lincoln School in Brookhaven, Miss., had a tougher curriculum the poker world might never have seen Tyler Smith.

“It was close to the end of my senior year and there was a class where we really didn’t do anything,” said Smith, 23. “We played hearts and spades in the back of this classroom. One day we got kinda tired of playing those games and somebody said ‘Let’s play hold’em,’ and they taught me how to play. ... We were playing for like pennies. We would bring whatever change we had in our vehicles. We’d put it in our pockets before we came into school that day and just played for two or three dollars.”

It’s easy to say those days, though just five years ago, are long behind him. Smith has displayed some of the finest no-limit hold’em tournament play The South has seen, culminating with a victory in Gold Strike’s World Poker Open \$5K main event in Tunica, Miss. His \$152,529 payday was the biggest of his short career, coming on the heels of his Spring Break Poker Classic main event title (\$111K) at the Beau Rivage, where he also made the final table of the WPT Southern Poker Championship in January.

If Southern Poker Player of the Year were a real award he’d have it all sewn up. The Biloxi, Miss., resident (and Smithdale native) said his incredible run over the past nine months is the result of the hard work he’s put in since he was 18.

“It’s not like you can just wake up and you’re born a great poker player. You have to put time into it and work at it just like anything else. You can only get out of it what you put into it, and I’ve put a LOT into it. When I was in college I literally didn’t have a life. I never went out; I never partied; I never did anything. On Friday nights I was in my room playing online poker. I played every day; every minute I had to spare I pretty much played. ... I work hard at it.”

Smith went to Mississippi College on a basketball scholarship, having been named all-county and all-state as a senior who averaged 24 points a game. He said poker and basketball served a very similar purpose for him.

“I’ve got an obsessive personality,” said Smith, who won a \$1K World Series of Poker circuit ring in New Orleans just months after turning 21. “I get involved with something and I just can’t let go. I really, really loved basketball. I enjoyed it. So I practiced all the time. It was like my poker, but when I was 15, you know? I just played all the time. I guess the love for it just wore off when I found something new. Poker was what it was, and I just ran with it; I didn’t stop. I got my competitive drive through poker.”

So much so that basketball, and college, really didn’t stand a chance.

“I stayed there one semester. That was the first semester out of high school and I wound up transferring back to a community college because, honestly, I was spending too much time playing poker and I didn’t want to play basketball anymore. ... I went back to a community college that was close to home and wound up finishing two years there.”

Now he barely can remember the last time he stepped on the hardwood.

“Actually last night someone was asking me about that. I probably haven’t played 10 times since I quit. I can think of one occasion in the past year where I’ve played basketball. That’s something I could work on because I’m not in the best shape of my life, that’s for sure.”

Well, he might not be in the best shape of his life, but his poker game certainly is. If you can’t find him at the Beau (where plays about once a week), you can find him playing online at FeltStars.com, a new site that signed him a year ago.

“Whenever I’m (home) I’m pretty much playing online,” he said. “I play tournaments on Sundays and the rest of the week I’m playing cash. I really only play in main events in live tournaments.”

Indeed, and the WPO was no exception. Smith says smaller buy-ins don’t do it for him, so he just plays in the side cash games until the main event rolls around.

“I would say I’m probably more of a cash-game player actually. I pretty much play anything live. Around here the cash games aren’t that big, but when I go off and I’m playing tournaments I’m usually playing the highest cash games they have.”

But once he sits at the tournament table he’s all business, and business is good. The path to his WPO victory was made a lot easier by a hand with Tennessee’s Frank Kassela, this year’s lone double-bracelet winner at the WSOP.

“It was early on,” Smith said. “I’m pretty aggressive; I guess the word is probably out. I would say me and (WPT Player of the Year) Faraz Jaka are probably the wildest players on the tour. I was opening 80 or 90 percent of the pots and three-betting a lot. Kassela opened and I was down to like 12K, and I think the blinds were 100-200 pre-ante. He made it 500 and I’m in the cutoff with king-jack and made it 1,300. It folds back to him and he

called. The flop came king-high (with two diamonds) and he checked. I bet 1,350 and he made it 3K. I made it like 4,900, just 1,900 on top of his 3,000, and he just snapped shoved. I called it off and he had A-Q with no diamonds. ... So I doubled up to like 25K and I didn’t look back from there. It was one of those tournaments where my style just worked for me. I opened a ton of pots and people just didn’t have hands; that’s what it boiled down to.”

Sounds simple, doesn’t it? Once he got to the final table the players there gave him little resistance as well. And in the end, when he went heads-up with Tennessee’s Jeremy Drewery, he got a little lucky, which

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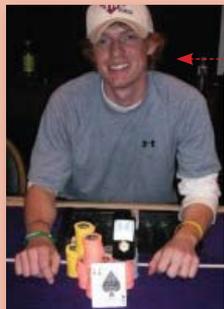
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## Smith's greatest poker moment not what you think



Tyler Smith won a World Series of Poker circuit ring in New Orleans (good for \$87K) when he was 21; he's taken down the Spring Break Poker Classic Main Event at the Beau Rivage and he just captured the World Poker Open main at the Gold Strike. Yet none of these accomplishments qualifies as his best poker moment.

"When I was 19 I remember being at home and I was playing a ton online. ... It was a \$100K guarantee tournament and I won (the seat) through reward points. You get into a tournament and you satellite your way into a satellite for the tournament and I won a seat. I was just like so excited at the time. I wound up getting second in this (\$100K) tournament and I was the only one at home. I was at my parents' house and I was in my sister's room because she had the computer set up in there. ... I wound up getting \$15K.

"The guy that beat me was (2010 WSOP \$25K six-max bracelet-winner) Daniel Kelly (known as DJK123 online), and you know how much older I am than he is. So he was in high school! He got \$25K and I got \$15K. I remember asking him heads-up if he wanted to chop it up and he was like, 'No, I'll just take the \$25K.' He was like leagues ahead of me. I didn't know what I was doing. I was awful, but I luck-boxed my way to it.

"It would pop up on your screen and say, 'Congratulations, \$15K has been credited to your account!' and I just fell back on my little sister's bed with my arms like spread open and I was looking up at the ceiling smiling. I was like, 'There's no way this is real. No way.'



Daniel Kelly after his greatest moment: winning a WSOP bracelet

I was like, 'I'm rich. I'm rich. I'm rich!' And I remember calling my grandpa and was like, 'Look, I just won \$15K, what am I going to do? I'm never gonna have to work again.' I mean I never had more than \$1,000, so I really thought I had struck it big.

"And this is why I don't have a regard for money. ... It didn't take me long to dump pretty much every penny of it playing \$75-\$150 limit and \$150-\$300 limit. So I was near busted pretty shortly after that. ... I've definitely run up money and lost it all several times over the course of the last few years. There were times where I'd have \$60-\$70K in my accounts online and at the end of the day I'd have \$10K, and that was pretty much all I had." — Christopher Cosenza

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is a lethal combination when you add in Smith's aggression.

"I actually sucked out on him," Smith said of the final hand with Drewery. "The flop was Q-J-9. I bet, he raised and I shoved on him. He was pretty short and wound up having Q-8. We got it all-in and I had Q-6. Obviously a lot of cards are going to chop it up for us, but I wound up hitting a six on the turn. Pretty fortunate."

Drewery took home \$80K for second and Smith had another hold'em title on his resumé.

One thing that may surprise you is Smith never has played in a tournament that wasn't no-limit hold'em. But, then again, given his tremendous success in NLHE events, that odd fact makes perfect sense.

"But I have played PLO," he said, almost defiantly. "I'm certainly not saying I know what I'm doing because I don't think I'm very good, but I've actually played pretty high online and I've done all right. I play cash PLO but that's about it."

What about stud or draw games? Surely he sat on someone's knee as a kid and learned these games, right?

"I wouldn't even know how to start in a stud game. I wouldn't even know how the cards are dealt. I did an interview where they were asking me my goals as far as poker goes and I did say I'd like to be a good poker player. Right now I'm just a good hold'em player. I don't even think I'm a great hold'em player; I'm just good. But I'd like to be a great all-around player and play all the games well. But I have a long

way to go. It's taken me so long to get to where I'm at in hold'em that I don't know if I want to go through it again really."

Can the hard work he alluded to really be the only reason for his incredible run? Maybe it's all that home cooking.

"I do think (being home) makes a difference because I'm so happy here," he said. "I'm always in a good mood. I go to Vegas every summer and I actually never had a good summer in Vegas. I never had a winning trip, lost a good bit of money over the course of the last three summers. It's not a good fit for me. I enjoy a change. It's fun ... for a while, but it's grueling. I don't enjoy that. It's just not for me. That's probably a big reason why I haven't done well. I'd rather be at home when I'm out there playing poker. You gotta enjoy what you're doing,

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you gotta have fun with it, or at least I do. ... Out there, I haven't played well. It's all my fault that I lost money. It's not that I ran bad in Las Vegas or other places that I've been, I just seem to not play as good as I can whenever I'm away from home."

If you look up his tournament statistics you'll see just about every cash he's had has come in the Gulf states.

"I don't really enjoying traveling that much. ... I'm happy in Mississippi and I love it in Biloxi. It's a great place. I just like to stick around here so that's kinda what I do. I just play online, play some cash around here and try to hit some main events. That's what I enjoy doing." ♠

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# \$60 ENTRY TURNS INTO PRICELESS STORY

By Jennifer Gay

Around the tables in the Southland Gaming and Racing poker room, there is a buzz about a local player's recent success at the World Poker Open Main Event in Tunica, Miss. No, he didn't bring home hundreds of thousands of dollars. He didn't even make the final table. But what he did do was take \$60 on a weeklong run that landed him alongside the pros in the big event as he brought back a wealth of knowledge and experience. What Scott Williams of Memphis accomplished is one of those rare success stories most hobby poker players aspire to: virtually freerolling to the big leagues.

Williams doesn't aspire to be a professional poker player, despite the good-natured ribbing he endures now after his stint in Tunica. As the owner of Cinderella's Horse & Carriage in downtown Memphis, the vast majority of his time is dedicated to maintaining his seasonally fluctuating business. When he does have a night off, you can usually find him around the poker table, but generally more for the social entertainment than the aspirations of riches and fame. During a short chat over dinner, he explained what he learned at the WPO, what he enjoyed and what he'll never do again.

A group of regulars from his usual poker room decided to make the 45-minute drive to the WPO to catch a few one-table SNGs. Taking no more than a few hundred bucks each, the idea was to check out the big event and maybe play a few hands of \$1-\$3 no-limit between watching events.

"I've always been more of a cash player than a tournament player, but someone joked that I couldn't make a final table, and I wanted to prove them wrong," Williams said. It wasn't exactly an unsafe bet that he'd flounder in a large tournament; he'd never played in an event with a buy-in of more than \$60.

The key to rolling small amounts of money into a championship event seat is choosing your playing field and investing wisely. Williams did just that by playing a \$60 one-table SNG, which paid two positions \$250 each. After his victory he moved to the \$125 one-table SNGs, which each pay two positions \$550 each. After cashing there he continued to play the one-table SNGs until he made about \$1,000. He didn't win every one-table he played, but he cashed enough to keep his bankroll growing.

Now it was time to move to the bigger events. Rather than play a multitude of smaller tournaments, he decided the best investment was Gold Strike's final mega-satellite into its main event, a \$540 tournament that attracted 160 players and would award 14 seats.

"In this event, I was playing to survive. Not playing to win. The idea was just to hang on, outwit and outlast the other players," he said.

And after almost nine hours he did exactly that.

In the championship event he found himself at a nightmare table right from the beginning. Seated with a handful of lesser-known pros

and across from the magnetic Vanessa Rousso, he knew he was in for a long day.

"Probably in the back of my mind I knew they were all better than me," he said. "But it really didn't affect me. I was really comfortable at the table. The first day was actually a lot of fun. Day 2 was serious business. You really have to pay attention at that level of play. Get enough sleep. I didn't do that. I won't make that mistake again."

Day 2 was a grind.

"At this point, toward the end of the day, I had about 80,000 in chips. The blinds were 800-1,600. There were 23 people left and I found myself in a position to make a move. I knew if I was successful, I'd be good for at least coasting through the bubble."

He found himself with 7♠-8♣. After an early position minimum raise, he called and the board came 6-8-9 with two spades. Looking at a straight flush draw, flush draw, open-ended straight draw and a pair he decided this was the time. The min-raiser checked, Williams bet, the raiser called. The turn was insignificant. The min-raiser checked, and Williams made a pot-sized bet, hoping to take down the chips. The min-raiser came over the top all-in. Williams counted his outs and knew if he managed to hit, he'd be in solid position for the rest of the event. After several days of round-the-clock play, he wearily made the call. His opponent turned over A-9, showing top pair. The river came a blank and Williams was out.

"All it takes is one mistake," he said. "One mistake and you're done. That's what did me in, was one mistake. I could have just checked it down and still had a healthy chip stack."

He said he'd been over the hand hundreds of times since he made the call.

"I did learn a lot. I feel like I'm a much better player after this experience. I know if I were in the same situation again, I'd do a lot better now that

I've had time to absorb it all."

His advice to anyone thinking about taking their game out of the local cardroom and into the big events: "It will be a great learning experience, and it will improve your game. If you're not pot-committed, don't put all your chips in on a draw. I really believe in that whole chip-and-a-chair thing. If I'd considered whether or not I was really pot-committed, and whether or not I thought I had the best hand, I could have folded and had enough chips left to double up later on. It's a whole different level of play in the bigger events."

At Southland, he's not another nameless player to bust out of a big event. He's a regular favorite who set a good example that any solid poker player, regardless of bankroll and previous experience, has a good shot to go up against the pros; and the worst case scenario is you'll walk away with a stronger game and some great stories to share around the table.

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Scott Williams during the WPO main event.

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9/15	Wednesday	6:30pm	S3	Satellite to Main Event, Event 6, & Event 8	\$110	\$20
9/16	Thursday	6:30pm	S4	Satellite to Main Event	\$54	\$11
9/17	Friday	3:00pm	1	\$3,000 Guaranteed No Limit Hold'em	\$75	\$15
9/18	Saturday	noon	2	Ladies No Limit Hold'em	\$75	\$15
9/19	Sunday	2:00pm	3	\$5,000 Guaranteed No Limit Hold'em	\$100	\$20
9/20	Monday	6:30pm	4	No Limit Hold'em Shoot Out (100 player max)	\$100	\$20
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9/23	Thursday	6:30pm	7	Pot Limit Omaha	\$300	\$35
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**EVENT 1 CHAMPION  
RICH FLORESTAN**

You can't blame anyone who wants to give Tyler Smith all of the headlines these days, but the World Poker Open did crown some other champions during its two-week series, including well-known Florida pro Vanessa Rousso, who won the eight-game mix title (interestingly enough there were just eight players entered). Here are your WPO winners, and on the following page are the complete results. There were nearly 3,200 entries that generated an overall prize pool of more than \$1.3 million.



**EVENT 2 CHAMPION  
STEPHEN ROSE**



**EVENT 3 CHAMPION  
JOHN GEORGE**



**EVENT 4 CHAMPION  
NELDA HOPPER**



**EVENT 5 CHAMPION  
TERRY GARNER**



**EVENT 6 CHAMPION  
TONY AL ZAQARI**



**EVENT 7 CHAMPION  
ADAM NASH**



**EVENT 8 CHAMPION  
MERTON TOLER**



**EVENT 9 CHAMPION  
JIM BYARD**



**EVENT 10 CHAMPION  
JOSHUA COOPER**



**EVENT 11 CHAMPION  
JOHN PAYNE**



**EVENT 12 CHAMPION  
JOHN TURNER**



**EVENT 13 CHAMPION  
WES SELF**



**EVENT 14 CHAMPION  
VANESSA ROUSSO**



**MAIN EVENT CHAMP  
TYLER SMITH**



**EVENT 16 CHAMPION  
MICHAEL GOFF**



**EVENT 17 CHAMPION  
DALE HINSON**

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## Event #1 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 314 • Prize pool: \$59,962

1. Rich Florestan, Woodstock, Ga., \$17,260
2. Tommy Tran, Memphis, \$8,870
3. Kevin Hercules, Nashville, \$5,325
4. Joseph Waggoner, \$4,264
5. Jonathan Frey, \$3,655
6. Eugene Esker, \$3,046
7. Paul Tomlinson, \$2,437
8. Joshua Reeves, \$1,827
9. Michael McCannless, \$1,218
10. John Powell, \$914
11. Larry Williamson, \$914
12. Larry Tomaszewski, \$914
13. Terry Johnson, \$792
14. Adam Johnson, \$792
15. George Thompson, \$792
16. Mark Greenwell, \$670
17. Dernie Cavins, \$670
18. Timothy Burt, \$670
19. Jefferey Longo, \$548
20. Arthur Cover, \$548
21. Nicholas Horton, \$548
22. James Rosser, \$548
23. George Washington, \$548
24. Wayne Jones, \$548
25. Dean Hoffman, \$548
26. Larry Conners, \$548
27. David Roberts, \$548

## Event #2 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 330 • Prize pool: \$94,168

1. Stephen Rose, Searcy, Ark., \$27,211
2. Merton Toler, Princeton, W.Va., \$13,983
3. Chad Tucker, Winfield, Ala., \$8,394
4. Larry Kirkland, Woodstock, Ga., \$6,529
5. Jerry Thielemier, Cordova, Tenn., \$5,598
6. Jeremy Drewery, Arlington, Tenn., \$4,802
7. Ricky Bennett, Aragon, Ga., \$3,841
8. Richard McCary, Huntsville, Ala., \$2,881
9. James Jabaley, Lagrange, Ga., \$1,921
10. John Poole, \$1,440
11. Glyn Banks, \$1,440
12. Jeffrey Graves, \$1,440
13. Joseph Waggoner, \$1,248
14. John Denk, \$1,248
15. Michael Bowling, \$1,248
16. Richard Tolleson, \$1,056
17. Kenneth Piel, \$1,056
18. Paul Singleton, \$1,056
19. Stephen Phillips, \$864
20. Angela Mijalis, \$864
21. Jack Christian, \$864
22. Bob Jones, \$864
23. Bruce Ey, \$864
24. John Ferguson, \$864
25. Denny Lawson, \$864
26. Bruce Hixon, \$864
27. Becket Moore, \$864

## Event #3 • \$230 Stud 8

Players: 67 • Prize pool: \$12,998

1. John George, Kalamazoo, Mich., \$4,678
2. Timothy Burt, Grenada, Miss., \$2,600
3. Jeffrey Poole, New Albany, Miss., \$1,690
4. Ken Brosch, Dearborn Hts., Mich., \$1,170
5. Bert Marcum, Searbiton, Ala., \$910
6. Christopher Smith, Griffin, Ga., \$780
7. Henry Hassey, Coosada, Ala., \$650
8. Gary Foster, Flippin, Ark., \$520

## Event #4 • \$230 Ladies NLHE

Players: 113 • Prize pool: \$21,922

1. Nelda E. Hopper, Anna, Texas, \$7,891
2. Fran Ey, St. Louis, Mo., \$4,165
3. Jennifer Golin, Nashville, \$2,631
4. Denise Johnson, Lake Village, Ark., \$1,754
5. Shana Marr, Muldrow, Okla., \$1,535
6. Christy Parham, Little Rock, \$1,315
7. Jennifer Embry, Horn Lake, Miss., \$1,096
8. Christina Read, Atlanta, Ga., \$877
9. Tracy Zurcher, Cordova, Tenn., \$658

## Event #5 • \$550 NLHE

Players: 305 • Prize pool: \$147,925

1. Terry Garner, Hattiesburg, Miss., \$43,196
2. Dave R. Holland, Smyrna, Tenn., \$22,189
3. Bruce Hixon, Donaldson, Ga., \$13,313
4. Danny Nelson, Batesville, Ark., \$10,355
5. Todd Singleton, Lexington, Tenn., \$8,876
6. Larry Ramsey, McKinney, Texas, \$7,396
7. Tom Davis, Memphis, \$5,917
8. Jon Sexton, Memphis, \$4,438
9. Corey Rhodes, Sheffield, Ala., \$2,959
10. Tony Allison, Blytheville, Ark., \$2,219
11. Garth Gimmetad, C'ville, Tenn., \$2,219
12. Richard Long, Jonesboro, Ark., \$2,219
13. Brian Bowers, Florence, Ala., \$1,923
14. Steve Powell, Ash Flat, Ark., \$1,923
15. Gary Gibbs, Hot Springs, Ark., \$1,923
16. David Mann, Henderson, Tenn., \$1,627
17. Justin Hunt, Tuscaloosa, Ala., \$1,627
18. Kirk Smith, North Little Rock, \$1,627
19. Bill Wynn, Dresden, Tenn., \$1,331
20. B.J. McBrayer, Tuscaloosa, Ala., \$1,331
21. Neil Fisher, Hot Springs, Ark., \$1,331
22. Brian Reinert, Atlanta, \$1,331
23. Scott Hiett, Pegram, Tenn., \$1,331
24. Scott Carroll, Pekin, Ill., \$1,331
25. Chris Legg, Huntsville, Ala., \$1,331
26. Brandon Owens, Decatur, Ala., \$1,331
27. John Smith, \$1,331

## Event #6 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 344 • Prize pool: \$65,690

1. Tony Al Zaqari, Huntsville, Ala., \$18,905
2. Brett Beranek, Huntsville, Ala., \$9,716
3. Mitch Franks, Tupelo, Miss., \$5,832
4. Ryan Tucker, Winfield, Ala., \$4,672
5. Jett Schencker, Birmingham, Ala., \$4,004
6. Donna Reid, Meridian, Miss., \$3,337
7. Jamie Kizer, Collierville, Tenn., \$2,669
8. Brian Maples, Homewood, Ala., \$2,002
9. Jennifer Golin, Nashville, Tenn., \$1,335
10. Robert Allen, \$1,001
11. William Fitzgerald, \$1,001
12. John Anderson, \$1,001
13. Danny Britt, \$868
14. Scott Tilsen, \$868
15. Kyle Milam, \$868
16. William Anderson, \$734
17. Danny Harper, \$734
18. Richard Maranville, \$734
19. Troy Franklin, \$601
20. Ti Nguyen, \$601
21. Kenneth Norman, \$601
22. Shane Bridgewater, \$601
23. Jeff Morrill, \$601
24. James Mutchler, \$601
25. James Mackey, \$601
26. Stacy White, \$601
27. Clark Benson, \$601

## Event #7 • \$230 Omaha 8

Players: 165 • Prize pool: \$31,539

1. Adam Nash, Dayton, Ohio, \$9,974
2. Brad Magdovitz, Memphis, \$5,657
3. Stephan Engan, Yorkshire, N.Y., \$3,201
4. Hye Murphy, Robinsonville, Miss., \$2,561
5. William Speir, Mt. Pleasant, Miss., \$1,921
6. Jim Milliken, Timber Ridge, Tenn., \$1,601
7. Brian Rutland, Tupelo, Miss., \$1,280
8. Bill Willett, Mountain Home, Ark., \$960
9. Doug Rowley, Birch Run, Miss., \$640
10. Herbert Tapscott, \$480
11. James Naifeeh, \$480
12. Douglas Saab, \$480
13. Christopher Klein, \$416
14. Sue Laforge-Stillin, \$416
15. Larry Evans, \$416
16. William McMullen, \$352
17. Wes Self, \$352
18. Lindell Price, \$352

## Event #8 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 269 • Prize pool: \$52,186

1. Merton Toler, Princeton, W.Va., \$15,238
2. Gerald Rosenberg, \$7,826
3. Lane Mangum, St. Pete, Fla., \$4,697
4. Gary Cavazos, Nashville, \$3,653
5. Robert Gardner, Moticello, Ill., \$3,131
6. James Quick, Decatur, Tenn., \$2,609
7. Richard Gibson, Sidon, Miss., \$2,087
8. James Lockmiller, Knoxville, \$1,566
9. Brian Maples, Birmingham, Ala., \$1,044
10. Charles Relliford, H. Sprgs., Miss., \$783
11. James Compton, \$783
12. John Humphries, \$783
13. Gary Rouse, \$678
14. Jonathon Dahlberg, \$678
15. William Cox, \$678
16. Jason Cooper, \$574
17. James Powell, \$574
18. Joshua Jones, \$574
19. Bobby Bean, \$470
20. Jerry Thielemier, \$470
21. Danny Haddon, \$470
22. Nathan Ford, \$470
23. Steven Weigel, \$470
24. Ronald Cole, \$470
25. Gary Castens, \$470
26. Shawn Ritchie, \$470
27. Harold Mabe, \$470

## Event #9 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 262 • Prize pool: \$50,828

1. James Byard, \$14,846
2. Michael Fink, \$7,624
3. Hoyt Lance, \$4,575
4. Stephen Garrett, \$3,558
5. Jack Veckler, \$3,050
6. James Davis, \$2,541
7. Song Hong, \$2,033
8. Patrick Moore, \$1,525
9. Mitch Jones, \$1,017
10. Paul Sales, \$762
11. Chris Pham-Dean, \$762
12. Robert Albright, \$762
13. Matthew Vargis, \$661
14. Sam "Slade" Whitt, \$661
15. Gregory Hurst, \$661
16. Edward Corrado, \$559
17. Wes Self, \$559
18. James Ruzkiewicz, \$559

19. Simon Fulton, \$457
20. Charles Adams, \$457
21. Paul Lambis, \$457
22. Keith Schneider, \$457
23. Kenneth Sebren, \$457
24. Gary Darby, \$457
25. David Cox, \$457
26. Donald Johnson, \$457
27. Kenneth Piel, \$457

## Event #10 • \$2,400 PLO

Players: 12 • Prize pool: \$27,936

1. Josh Cooper, Beech Bluff, Tenn., \$13,967
2. Frank Kassel, Rossville, Tenn., \$8,282
3. Chad Brown, Margate, Fla., \$5,687

## Event #11 • \$230 NLHE

Players: 222 • Prize pool: \$43,068

1. John Payne, Guntown, Miss., \$13,825
2. Ross Rehrig, Franklin, Tenn., \$7,838
3. Jon Baker, Thompson Sta., Tenn., \$4,307
4. Doug Bruce, Lawrenceville, Ga., \$3,445
5. Luther Lewis, W. House, Tenn., \$2,584
6. Thaddeus Layton, Marietta, Ga., \$2,153
7. Mark Kehres, Alexander, Ark., \$1,723
8. Larry Tomaszewski, Selmer, Tenn., \$1,292
9. Andrew Moon, Vidalia, La., \$861
10. Linda Kennedy, Memphis, \$646
11. Harold Lockwood, \$646
12. Tony Pham, \$646
13. James Quick, \$560
14. Linwood Ford, \$560
15. Jeremy Sesti, \$560
16. Damon Rucker, \$474
17. George Mazelis, \$474
18. Leonard Skinner, \$474

## Event #12 • \$1,070 NLHE

Players: 110 • Prize pool: \$106,700

1. John Turner, Ft. Smith, Ark., \$38,412
2. Chun Law, Memphis, \$20,273
3. Doug Saab, Trussville, Ala., \$12,804
4. Timothy Earls, Nolensville, Tenn., \$8,536
5. Tim Morgan, Pompano Bch., Fla., \$7,436
6. Michael Anderson, Virginia Bch., \$6,402
7. Radwan Khuri, Memphis, \$5,335
8. Jerry Milanos, Hillsboro, Ill., \$4,268
9. Marlin Drake, Huntsville, Ala., \$3,201

## Event #13 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 257 • Prize pool: \$74,787

1. Wes Self, Killen, Ala., \$21,838
2. James Walker, Dublin, Ga., \$11,218
3. Jonathan Guess, Stevenson, Ala., \$6,731
4. Gabe Costner, Biloxi, Miss., \$5,235
5. Justin Grider, Stevenson, Ala., \$4,487
6. Doug Bruce, Lawrenceville, Ga., \$3,739
7. Jim Busenbark, Montezuma, Ind., \$2,991
8. Kevin Cox, Greenville, S.C., \$2,244
9. Jesus Cabrera, Marietta, Ga., \$1,496
10. Sean Sullivan, \$1,122
11. Pierce Webster, \$1,122
12. Robert Taylor, \$1,122
13. Ronald Wethington, \$972
14. Jeff Morrill, \$972
15. Jason Jordan, \$972
16. Collins Guillebeaux, \$823
17. Joseph Horton, \$823
18. Norman Contreras, \$823
19. Eddy Tierce, \$673

20. Justin Allen, \$673
21. Mitch Jones, \$673
22. Michael Useton, \$673
23. David Penguignot, \$673
24. Linwood Ford, \$673
25. Stephen Beining, \$673
26. James Knox, \$673
27. Claude Robinson, \$673

## Event #14 • \$2,500 8-Game

Players: 8 • Prize pool: \$18,624

1. Vanessa Rousso, Hobe Sound, Fla., \$9,312
2. Tom Franklin, Gulfport, Miss., \$5,587
3. Chad Brown, Margate, Fla., \$3,725

## Event #15 • \$5K Main Event

Players: 91 • Prize pool: \$423,696

1. Tyler Smith, Smithdale, Miss., \$152,529
2. Jeremy Drewery, Arlington, Tenn., \$80,502
3. Gene Fletcher, Munford, Tenn., \$50,844
4. Earl Barron, Clarksdale, Miss., \$33,896
5. Noel Marsh, Rockwood, Tenn., \$29,659
6. Tom Franklin, Gulfport, Miss., \$25,422
7. Kathy Lehne, Houston, \$21,185
8. Kenny Milam, LaPlace, La., \$16,948
9. Pat Mahoney, Winona, Minn., \$12,711

## Event #16 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 174 • Prize pool: \$50,634

1. Michael Goff, Benton, Ark., \$16,253
2. Ryan Enis, Corinth, Miss., \$9,215
3. Randy King, Madison, Ala., \$5,063
4. Frank Mayo, Little Rock, \$4,051
5. Craig Humphreys, Moody, Ala., \$3,038
6. Josh Rand, Alpharetta, Ga., \$2,532
7. Joe Gowder, Homer, Ga., \$2,025
8. Yuval Rotem, Nashville, \$1,519
9. Steven McPherson, Bryant, Ark., \$1,013
10. John Cardwell, \$760
11. Jennifer Golin, \$760
12. Timothy Laws, \$760
13. Allen Devoll, \$658
14. James Vowell, \$658
15. Lindell Price, \$658
16. John Holmes, \$557
17. Donnie Smotherman, \$557
18. Keith Bradley, \$557

## Event #17 • \$340 NLHE

Players: 129 • Prize pool: \$25,026

1. Dale Hinson, Byhalia, Miss., \$8,035
2. Jason Bain, Memphis, \$4,555
3. Edward Corrado, Naples, Fla., \$2,503
4. Tommy Tran, Memphis, \$2,002
5. Thomas Taylor, Melbourne, Ark., \$1,502
6. Joel Feuerman, Germantown, Tenn., \$1,251
7. Joshua Jones, Munford, Tenn., \$1,001
8. Kurt Scheer, Birmingham, Ala., \$751
9. Randy Smith, Silver Creek, Ga., \$501
10. Joe Robison, \$375
11. Glynn Butts, \$375
12. Phillip Herring, \$375
13. Jodi Westendorf, \$325
14. James Williams, \$325
15. Todd Leary, \$325
16. James Knox, \$275
17. Matthew Massey, \$275
18. Todd Stewart, \$275

NOTHIN' BUT 'NET

JOHN LANIER • A look at online poker



# POKER TRACKERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

There are two poker camps: players who win by “feel” and those who “work it out.” I’m a firm believer math is the key to good poker. For most people math is a challenge.

When it comes to online poker we have an ally. The computer is the best math buddy you’re going to find. What am I talking about? Online poker trackers, a.k.a. player databases, which are legal on major poker sites.

Two of the most popular programs are Hold’em Manager, and Poker Tracker 3. These programs accumulate information about each hand you play, cash game or tournament, as well as information on opponents. The software displays historical information collected on the players in the database. While you play, a popup on your screen shows information you desire. This is called a HUD, or heads-up display. The HUDs are configurable and can be very powerful.

Two of the most common measurements are **VPIP%** (voluntarily puts in pot) and **PFR%** (preflop raise) percentages. These, obviously, indicate how aggressive the player is preflop. The key measurement is aggression in postflop play. Is your opponent aggressive, passive or neutral? A passive player will tend to check or call postflop. An aggressive player can be expected to make a continuation bet or raise after the flop. Another aggression factor is how often your opponent takes a hand to showdown. Let’s examine the aggression factor first.

$$AF = (\text{raise percentage} + \text{bet percentage}) / \text{call percentage}$$

The aggression factor is a measure of action after the flop, not before it. It’s calculated by dividing the percentage of times they bet or raise by the percentage of times they call. The aggressive player will be more than 1.5, and passive less than 1 on this scale. Opponents with a large AF typically bet or raise after the flop. Players with a passive AF typically check or call hands.

## Went To Showdown Percentage (WSD%)

Just like it sounds, this is a measurement of the percentage of time your opponent stayed in the hand until the end. Most people know you only hit the flop one out of every three times. If your opponent’s WSD% is better than 33 percent then he’s overplaying his hands. If the percentage is smaller then they’re playing a very solid game employing a FIT-or-FOLD type of postflop strategy.

## Went To Showdown and Won (WSDW%)

This is the number of times they won the pot after all of the cards are out. A high percentage is playing well postflop. A low percentage indicates a flush or draw chaser. They’re staying with a bad hand too long and showing down weak hands. An example of these weak hands would be top pair with a weak kicker or second pair.

### Interpreting postflop information

Player	Hands	VPIP%	PFR%	AF	WSD%	WSDW%
Duke	50	44	22	2.1	12	83
Rusty	50	10	10	0.6	4	100
Chuck	50	35	30	2.5	24	6

Let’s see what we can learn from Duke. He has an AF of 2.1, in-

dicating he bets or raises twice as much as he checks or calls after the flop. You can expect a continuation bet from this guy. He went to showdown only 12 percent of the time. He’s aggressive, but knows how to fold a hand on the turn. Expect Duke to challenge you on the flop and back off when you reraise him. Duke wins those hands that go to showdown 83 percent of the time. If Duke calls your reraise you should believe he probably has the better hand.

Here are Duke’s stats broken down:

- He was dealt 50 hands
- He voluntarily played 22 hands (50 \* 44%)
- He raised 11 of those 22 hands. (50 \* 22%)
- He bet or raised twice as many times as he called after the flop. (AF = 2.1)
- He went to showdown six times. (50 \* 12%)
- He won at showdown five of six times. (50 \* 83%)

So, how do you beat Duke? Wait till he raises postflop and reraise him with any two cards. About half the time (mathematically) he will not have a hand and will fold. If he plays back at you, believe he’s holding a monster hand and get away from yours.

From these stats and what you’ve learned, if Rusty is in a hand how should you react? If Chuck value bets you on a weak river card; what should you do? The math will keep you straight and hopefully build your bankroll.

**WCOOP:** PokerStars’ World Championship of Online Poker begins Sept. 5. Last year more than \$50 million was awarded across 45 tournaments. This year there are 62 WCOOP events, with three running that first day: \$215 no-limit hold’em six-max, a \$215 two-day NLHE event and the \$10,300 NLHE High Roller tournament at 3 p.m. ET. If you don’t have a PokerStars account and want to get started go to [anteupmagazine.com](http://anteupmagazine.com) and click on the PokerStars link on the right-hand side of the home page.

— John Lanier plays as “WildHare” on most poker sites and lives in Lutz, Fla.

## AIPS V

Buy-ins are \$5.50

<b>SEPT. 8, 9 p.m.:</b> NLHE	<b>DEC. 18, Noon:</b> NL Heads-Up
<b>SEPT. 25, Noon:</b> PLO/8	<b>JAN. 12, 9 p.m.:</b> NLHE
<b>OCT. 13, 9 p.m.:</b> PL 5-Card Draw	<b>JAN. 29, Noon:</b> 8-Game Mixed
<b>OCT. 30, Noon:</b> NLHE	<b>TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS</b>
<b>NOV. 10, 9 p.m.:</b> NLHE	<b>FEB. 5, Noon:</b> 8-Game Mixed
<b>NOV. 27, Noon:</b> H.O.R.S.E.	Only banana-winners can
<b>DEC. 8, 9 p.m.:</b> H.O.S.E.	play in this event.

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# MID-SOUTH

Much of the poker buzz in Louisiana comes from New Orleans, but you can't forget Shreveport, which has two gems in the Eldorado and Horseshoe. And while we were there we hopped the state line north and looked at the two Arkansas rooms.

BY CHRISTOPHER COSENZA

## HORSESHOE BOSSIER CITY

Oftentimes when you talk to a poker room manager who works within the Harrah's corporation the first thing they mention is the World Series of Poker. How could they not? It's an ace in the hole. The brand recognition alone draws the players, and when you combine that with the history of the Horseshoe it's a win-win situation.

Dennis Jones, who has run the Horseshoe Bossier City poker room since its inception in 1997, is no different.

"Probably the biggest thing (we're known for) are the WSOP satellites that we run," Jones said. "We run them every week in April, May and June, but in the fall we run them on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Usually we give away between four and five seats a tournament to the World Series (\$10K main event). It's been real successful. Players really have enjoyed it and it's worked out well for the room."

But the Horseshoe is more than just satellites.

"We offer a variety of games," he said. "We offer daily promotions (aces cracked, splash the pot, bad beats) except Saturday, and we offer tournaments Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We do a \$400 buy-in tournament the last Sunday of every month, which is 10,000 chips and brings in the bigger players from the Dallas-Houston area."

The poker room, which actually closed for about 18 months before re-opening in 2005, spreads 14 tables and offers tableside dining off the room-service menu. The Casino Club Sandwich is the most popular item at \$10.95, but dollar-an-hour comps on your Total Rewards card will cover that fairly quickly.

Like most Horseshoe cardrooms the action is always there with a good mix of players.

"We have an excellent staff," he said. "The dealers are well-trained and run a good, clean game. As far as the players it depends. I hear people talk all the time that Shreveport has some real loose players and then (I hear) we have tough players. Overall we have a mixture of both that come into



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**POPULAR GAMES/LIMITS:** \$4-8 limit (\$20-\$40 on weekends); \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLHE. Also \$2-\$5 PLO gets going a few nights a week.

**MANAGER:** Dennis Jones

**STAFF:** 60; **TABLES:** 14

our room on a daily basis. And then I think we have some people who enjoy playing poker, and love to come down and have a good time every day, too."

Jones works the WSOP in Vegas and in Europe so he's away for about two months of the year. But don't worry, he's in constant

contact with the room to make sure it continues to run as smoothly as always.

"It works out well for me because I get the experience of running the World Series and doing some of the global events." And, yes, he will be in London this year for WSOP Europe.

But since this after all is a Road Trip, what else can you expect from the Shoe?

"We have great concerts here and the food is excellent," he said. "Harrah's has like 40 properties and our (Jack Binion's Steakhouse) is always rated No. 1 of any steakhouse Harrah's owns. A lot of people come just for the food."

But be sure to stop by the poker room for a taste of history, too.

## ELDORADO CASINO

In an industry whose turnover rate makes H.R. departments use pencil instead of ink, it's always refreshing when someone who opened the building 10 years ago is still there and running your poker room.

Tia Gurvitz helped launch the Hollywood Casino in December 2000, way before it became the Eldorado.

"I've been here since Day 1," said Gurvitz, who worked in the main casino before becoming one of the first poker dealers on the property. She worked her way up to tournament director before finally

taking over as manager in January.

For those who haven't been to the poker room lately, it's now on the first floor with nine tables, moving from the third level when it had 15 tables. But the reduction in tables doesn't make the room any less accommodating.

"We'll spread anything," said Gurvitz, who sort of chuckled when asked about limit poker. "When we do get a \$4-\$8 limit game going it's rare. It seems that \$1-\$2 no-limit has taken over for us. A lot of times we'll do a

\$5-\$10 no-limit/PLO mix, but we just don't get a lot of demand for limit games."

As for tournaments (\$75-\$150), they run four days a week, including a new \$2K guarantee on Mondays (11 a.m., \$130), and Gurvitz said the room is running a deepstack event every other month.

Promotions include a bad beat (\$114K at press time), which requires quads be beaten, and aces cracked. (See the Where to Play pages at the back of the magazine for more information). Players also are rewarded when they use their Club Eldorado card, being comped on hourly play, and those comps can go toward tableside dining.

"Our players can order food from the diner and the brush goes and picks it up for them," Gurvitz said. "The Asian menu is very popular at night and on the weekends. We have a lot of people who order the sandwiches, too."

Room rates are \$69 Sunday-Thursday, based on availability. "They just finished redoing all of the rooms," she said. "If you know you're going to be here, make your reservation at the regular rate and inform the poker supervisor when you get here and they'll give you the player rate."

Gurvitz said her room is different from competitors because "it's an open poker room. Anyone who's played in riverboat rooms knows the ceilings are lower and you feel very enclosed. This room has a very spacious feeling. We are friendly, professional and we want to make you feel at home."

And if that's not enough to get you to visit, perhaps you love the nightlife.

"We have THE hottest club in Shreveport," she said. "Our Celebrity Lounge and the Allure have live music, and on the weekends the line is all the way into the lobby and around it. It's the hottest club in town!"

**WEBSITE:** [www.eldoradoshreveport.com](http://www.eldoradoshreveport.com)

**PHONE:** (318) 220-5274

**POPULAR GAMES/LIMITS:** \$1-\$2 NLHE (\$5-\$10 night or weekends)

**STAFF:** 37; **TABLES:** 9



## ARKANSAS

There are no poker dealers in Arkansas, yet legal poker is being spread at two facilities. How can this be? Welcome to the age of electronic poker tables.

Oaklawn Racing in Hot Springs and Southland Park in West Memphis each use the latest in poker gadgetry, installing electronic tables to give their patrons the poker experience. There are many pros and cons to using these tables, as you can imagine, but it depends on which side you stand since one person's con could be another's pro. Whatever your viewpoint, if you want to play live poker in Arkansas it will be in front of a computer screen.

How do you get started? Present your ID to the cashier who will issue you a plastic card on which you deposit cash. That's it. Now let's get to know the Arkansas rooms a little better.

### Southland Park Gaming & Racing

**WEBSITE:** [www.southlandgreyhound.com](http://www.southlandgreyhound.com)

**PHONE:** (870) 735-3670

**POPULAR GAMES/LIMITS:** \$1-\$2 NLHE, occasionally limit and PLO.

**MANAGER:** Chris Moseley oversees the poker room.

**STAFF:** 6 (no dealers); **TABLES:** 8

**TOURNAMENTS:** "Our tournaments are very popular with the best return on investment of any tournament in the Mid-South," floor person Jennifer Gay said. On Mondays and Tuesdays (2 p.m., \$20 with \$20 rebuys) the house adds \$200 to the prize pool. On Wednesdays (7 p.m.) and Saturday (5 p.m.) there is a \$1K guarantee \$35 freezeout where \$200 is added to the prize pool. "There is nowhere else you can play through such a small field of players to win a prize pool that large," she said.

**PROMOTIONS:** The bad beat (aces full of jacks beaten by at least quads) was more than \$170K at press time. This month (Thursday-Saturday) there's a mini bad beat (sevens full of deuces) to win \$1,000 (\$400 to loser, \$200 to winner, \$400 table share).

**TABLESIDE DINING:** "We have the absolute best steakhouse in the Mid-South, Bourbon Street," said Gay. "It's the best-kept secret in West Memphis. You can place your order from the poker room and the steakhouse will deliver it tableside. We also have the World Market Buffet and Quin and Ella's Cafe where players can go to take a break from the poker room."

**PLAYER COMPS:** Players earn 100 points per hour while playing in the poker room. Points translate into freeplay and food comps, as well as hotel stays with local hotels.

**ROOM RATES:** Southland doesn't have a hotel, but it does have a partnership with Comfort Suites, which offers players a static nightly rate of \$89.

### Oaklawn Racing & Gaming

**WEBSITE:** [www.oaklawn.com](http://www.oaklawn.com)

**PHONE:** (501) 623-4411

**POPULAR GAMES/LIMITS:** \$1-\$2 NLHE, but occasionally Omaha/8.

**MANAGER:** Matt Clement oversees the poker room.

**STAFF:** 6 (no dealers); **TABLES:** 7

**TOURNAMENTS:** "Our signature event is the recently completed Arkansas Poker Championship," Clement said. "Our next big event, which starts in September, will award a seat to the WPT Southern Poker Championship at the Beau Rivage."

**PROMOTIONS:** Aces cracked, high hands and a bad-beat jackpot. Call for details.

**TABLESIDE DINING:** No tableside dining. "Though we offer full drink service," Clement said, "and our full-service buffet is just feet away."

**PLAYER COMPS?** No.

**ROOM RATES?** No hotel.

# MATH OR FEEL? YOU NEED THEM BOTH TO WIN

Do you play by feel, by math or some combination of the two? Many players segregate themselves into these categories. However, I think you can't play exclusively in one of those categories and

be a successful player. If you're a "feel" player, don't worry, I'm not going to say you have to learn a ton of complex math to be successful. Likewise, if you're a "math" player, you won't have to abandon any of your math skills to incorporate the feel balance needed for success. Over the next few months, I'm going to focus on some of the math-vs.-feel concepts and how you can apply them to make better decisions



LEE CHILDS

If you think you don't need to know the math of poker to be successful, you're partially right. You don't have to understand all of the calculations or be able to figure out complex odds, but you do need to accept the fundamentals and the reality that the game is mathematical. If you ignore math you'll be using a lot of negative numbers as you track your bankroll. Whether you know or care how to calculate these numbers it doesn't matter as long as you accept them and apply them.

Let's look at playing pocket pairs when facing a raise heads-up. We need to look at the effective stack size (EFS). This is the total amount that can be won or lost; it's the smallest stack involved in the hand. We then apply the Rule of 5 and 10, which tells us we don't want to call more than 5-10 percent of the EFS preflop to try to flop a set.

Why does this matter? The odds against flopping a set are about 7.5-to-1. This means you'll flop a set about 12 percent of the time. If you invested 12 percent of the EFS preflop, you'd have to win the entire effective stack every time you flop a set, and that just won't happen. Sometimes you flop a set and lose the hand, and many times your stack. Sometimes you flop a set and win some additional money but not the entire EFS. Sometimes you flop a set and don't win any more than what is already in the pot. This doesn't mean you always have to fold if someone raises more than the rule allows. You certainly have

the option of reraising them, but at least when the amount is above the profitable range to call to flop a set, you can rule out calling and decide to raise or fold based on the player and situation.

Something else we have uncovered here is the concept of implied odds. In the aforementioned example we want to potentially win 10-20 times our initial investment in the pot (this is the amount we are implying we can win, thus giving us our implied odds). Otherwise, calling is not profitable because the math will not be in our favor. I even recommend trying to stick more to a 5-7.5 percent preflop investment so you have an opportunity to win 15-20 times your initial call.

If I know calling isn't profitable I can rule that out; I now can decide whether to raise or fold. If I'm facing a raise from an early position player, a very tight player, someone who I don't think will fold preflop or isn't likely to pay me off if I flop a set, I tend to fold. If I'm facing a raise from later position, a looser player or one I think might fold preflop, I'm more inclined to raise.

Raising gives me the chance to win the pot preflop and gives me the lead as the preflop aggressor. I'm more likely to win postflop with a continuation bet regardless if I hit my set. I'll also most often be raising in position, which forces opponents to call and play a bigger pot out of position, fold or reraise me. Most opponents aren't going to four-bet you without a very strong hand, so when they do you can easily fold your small-medium pairs knowing you're likely racing at best and will not flop your set 88 percent of the time.

Using the Rule of 5 and 10 (or 5 and 7.5) we can make better mathematical decisions preflop. If we ignore this rule, we're simply gambling with the odds against us and aren't playing profitable long-term poker. Sure, we may get lucky occasionally, but if we invest too much with our small pairs to try to flop a set, we'll be handing money to our opponents over the long haul. If we abide by the rules based on the math we'll make decisions easier on ourselves and will be more profitable at the tables.

Decide to Win!

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# SNGS TEST EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR POKER GAME

Webster's dictionary describes a sit-n-go tournament as ... well, actually there's no definition in Webster's. So I went to Wikipedia, where I got the following brilliant explanation: A poker tournament with no scheduled starting time that starts whenever the necessary players have put up their money. SNGs, with nine or 10 players, are the norm, but multitable games are common as well.



DON BARUCH

Wow, that's quite helpful, too. One of the most enjoyable, popular and easily profitable forms of poker today and that's the best they can do? Let me enlighten those who haven't tried SNGs as to their allure. And for those with experience I'll get a little more strategic and talk a bit about how my SNG experience was responsible for my World Series of Poker bracelet win in 2007 in the

\$1,500 NLHE shootout event.

If you're interested in more in-depth SNG knowledge, hands-on nonstop SNG tournaments and a generally great time, be sure to join me for my free strategy course on the Ante Up Poker Cruise on Oct. 25.

So what really is a SNG and how does it differ from a shootout? Usually 10 players put up a predetermined amount of money, let's say \$100 each. There's an additional amount the house collects, about \$20, and sometimes there's an add-on for \$5 that goes to the dealer and gives you a substantial number of extra starting chips. After dealing for the button, the mini tournament begins. And that's exactly how you must assess a SNG.

If you're lucky enough to last, in a matter of about 90 minutes you'll be tested in every aspect of tournament poker. You have one goal in this format: MAKE THE MONEY! Most SNGs pay the top

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three spots, with third place getting twice its buy-in, second getting about 50 percent more and the winner getting the rest. In our example we have \$1,000 in prize money and usually third gets \$200, second \$300 and first \$500. This payout structure is significantly different than more traditional low tournaments where making the money after six hours means you're lucky to get your investment back.

**Daniel Negreanu** told me at our WSOP final table that the shootout-SNG format is the most challenging there is. The reason is every aspect of your game is tested. You start at a 10-handed table with a relatively short stack. The blinds go up very quickly (every 10 hands or every 10 minutes) so you must play position and play aggressively. If you sit around waiting for aces you're dead. When you get to four or five players left, there's usually one big stack and a couple of short stacks and everyone wants to make the money. It's a great time to strike. It's also a great time to sit back and let them take each other out. What to do?

Once you're in the money, it's essentially a heads-up match, even three-handed. Unlike a traditional tournament, the spread between first- and third-place money isn't life-changing. So it's a great opportunity to work on your short-handed play. Play aggressively here, but play smart. It's also a chance to work on your math and negotiating skills, as players often "chop" the money once they've eliminated the bubble. Though a chop often makes mathematical sense, it takes away a great opportunity to work on your short-handed and heads-up play. That practice may prove invaluable when you

find yourself in a big tournament that doesn't allow chopping, such as during my WSOP victory.

The \$1,500 shootout was essentially a really big SNG. With 900 players we started with 90 10-handed tables. The biggest difference was that only the winner moved on to the next table; second place was no better than 10th. This, of course, changes your strategy. But I really kept my plan about the same; I stayed focused on being in the final three, and then hoped my shorthanded experience would overcome any significant chip disparities. I guess it worked.

Every table I played had at least three professionals. Negreanu and Erick Lindgren being the big names at the final table. Their biggest mistake (especially Negreanu) was underestimating my experience at SNGs. At the time, the Hard Rock in Tampa was running \$250 and \$500 tables 24/7 (I miss those days). I was playing several days a week, for many hours. I probably had more live SNG experience than anyone at the WSOP final table. But I kept my head down, my mouth shut and I stuck to my plan. I played position perfectly, and I didn't try to win the tournament in the first 30 minutes. Instead I slowly gathered chips; I folded when I was behind or out of position; I bluffed when

I knew no one could call, and I got myself to the final three with enough chips for a fair fight. Not much different than a \$250 SNG at the Hard Rock, except for the six-figure check and the pretty gold bracelet.

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# YOU CAN ALWAYS LEARN A NEW POKER TELL

In preparation for the World Series of Poker Main Event this year, the WSOP Academy hosted its first mind-and-body seminar on July 4 at the Rio in Las Vegas. I taught the body and famed life-coach Sam Chauhan broke down the mind. For two days, in preparation for this and while attending the Ante Up for Africa event, I got to walk around and observe hundreds of players. I use these opportunities to pick up new tells and validate some old ones.



JOE NAVARRO

To those who saw me walking around the main poker room, moleskin journal in hand, yes I was writing all the tells I could see, and noting mistakes that even the pros were making. Over the years I've learned there's *always* a tell out there that hasn't been written about or commented on. At the time of this writing, I have noted 212 tells that are verifiable and noteworthy. That's 128 more than were in my book *Read 'em and Reap*. The list keeps growing as I observe players deep in play.

I mention this because I'm often asked, "How is it that you pick up these tells?" or "How do you observe them?" To be accurate and fair, I work hard at it, visiting poker events and observing players for hours. Live games or tournaments are like living laboratories.

I'll never forget while walking around the Borgata in Atlantic City observing two pregnant women playing at different tables at different

times of the day, yet displaying the same tell when they were concerned about their ill-advised raise. Both women, after raising, immediately raised their hand to cover their supra-sternal notch (neck dimple just below the Adam's apple), but in doing so, their hand never reached their lower throats. They both began to cover their necks then suddenly lowered their hand to cover their bellies (fetus).

Had I not been walking around I never would've noticed that, something I was able to verify with both of them that day, and later on at various other tournaments. I knew from my research that when we're weak, scared, lacking confidence or worried, we tend to cover our necks and in particular women cover their neck dimple (men tend to grab their necks or ventilate). What I had never observed before was the significant alteration of this behavior; by both women, to protect their fetus, something I had actually observed while studying primates at the zoo. I'm convinced none of the players at those tables observed this behavior and if they did, I'm confident the real meaning of the behavior escaped them. Both women were transmitting "I am weak!"

Like this tell, I'm sure there are many more, they just need to be discovered. Many of the readers of this column over the years have contacted me to verify tells that I've written about or to suggest that I look for other tells that they have noticed. This is also useful in the quest to identify verifiable tells. And while it's very useful for me and my writing, I have to wonder what tells you are discovering. And by that I mean, if after two years of playing poker, you are still only seeing the same tells you learned about or observed when you started, you are severely hampering yourself. If tells have any significance in poker, and the pros assure me they do, then you as a player need to go beyond your nine favorite tells, whatever or how many they may be. Trust me there are far more than that, and they will affect your bankroll.

So what can you do? Get some books on the subject. Mike Caro's book is a great place to start. You may want to look at my books, including my last two, *What Every Body is Saying* and *Louder Than Words*, which is a business book and yet poker players tell me it has useful tells for the poker player. Read as many authors on the subject of tells as you can because you will find no one has the final word on tells. It's an evolving subject.

Once you've mastered the literature, go watch players. No, I didn't say go play; that limits you to watching eight players for too long. Go watch multiple tables with multiple players and seek to identify the prominent tells for each player. Do this for about an hour a week, and what you'll find is that over time you'll become faster at picking up tells and you'll notice tells in other parts of the body you may never have noticed before.

For example, as I walked around the tables, I noticed a player who was very intently focused on the middle of the table, when it was his turn, he raised on the river after some deliberation, as the players turned to look at the next player, this player wiped both of his hands on his lap multiple times very quickly. They all missed this tell; he was pacifying the stress of having a weak or marginal hand (he later told me he had nothing). Over the years by training myself to observe everything a person does during an FBI interview, these observations come quickly and reliably. But only because of hard work and dedication to improving the skill of observation; something you can all do.

So as you leave for the next cash game at your favorite poker room, think about just walking around for a while and watching the players before you sit at a table. Treat yourself to an education, one that may reward you in ways you never expected.

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# MAKING PLAYS BASED SOLEY ON YOUR READS

There are very few spots in poker where it's correct to bluff-call the turn only to value bluff the river, but I got to do it this year on Day 4 of the World Series of Poker's Main Event.

**PREFLOP:** The money bubble had just burst and the blinds were 3K-6K/1K and I had around 400K chips. I opened under the gun to 15K with two black fives and got called by an old man in middle position who was a very standard player and I had little history with him. Let's call him

Grey, and his call left him with about 450K chips.

**THE FLOP:** It was A-Q-Q and I opted to check, which typically is what I'd do if I had A-K, A-Q, missed set or air against this particular opponent. Grey checked as well.

**THE TURN:** Another ace came, for a board of A-Q-Q-A. I checked for the same reasons I checked the flop, but I definitely did not have the intention of giving up on the hand because I can still represent the nuts with my UTG raise. If I take a stab on the turn it gives him a chance to outplay me because I'm out of position on the river and my hand may as well be face up. The last thing I wanted to do was double-

barrel on a board like this.

After I checked, Grey fired 35K into a 48K pot. This is where the rounders get separated from the flounders.

**BREAKING DOWN GREY'S RANGE:** He only has the nuts or air. His prefflop call in mid position screamed a small pair. I would normally expect Grey to three-bet prefflop with a hand such as A-K and fold a hand such as A-J. But just in case he decided to flat-call with either one, we can pretty much eliminate that range after he made such a large bet into someone who passively checked two streets.

His large bet on the turn is rarely an ace value bet and even more rarely a queen value bet. What is he expecting us to call with if he has the goods? Also, he has no need to protect his hand from the river.

My situational read said to represent the nuts because HE was trying to rep the nuts. He most likely had a trumped small pair or a suited connector.

**THE CORRECT PLAY:** Bluff-call the turn, and value-bluff the river. We can't check-raise because it's not believable that we would check-raise an ace on that board. The only hand that can call us is a chop or quads. So we just call,

and when the 2♣ fell on the river we led for 20K into a 118K pot.

**CONCLUSION:** It's just too believable that we have an ace at this point after we check-call the turn, and it looks like we're begging for a king-high call with our value-bet. Plus, if we were completely wrong in the hand it didn't cost us that much.

The amount of times this play works and wins the pot far outweighs the times he was betting the top of his range on the turn. Our opponent ended up folding. Add this play to your arsenal.

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# WHAT CONSTITUTES GAMBLING?

Over the past month or so, I've traveled all over the Southeastern United States. No matter where I've been, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia or Florida, the same questions seem to persist in the media and from the general citizenry: Is a particular activity gambling?



MARC DUNBAR

In Alabama, it's bingo; Florida, it's amateur poker leagues; the Carolinas and Georgia it's sweepstakes gaming; and in Virginia it's charity poker halls. So, is it gambling and is it legal?

Without getting into the legal subtleties of each activity, I'm hoping to lay out a basic primer to help you answer the questions. After all, if it's illegal you could find yourself on the wrong end of the law or worse you could be banned from all the poker rooms in The South.

Gambling is defined by the courts as "the act of risking something of value for a chance to win a prize." That seems pretty simple, yet I often hear of someone engaging in any of the above activities and justifying them by saying indignantly, "Well, it's not really gambling." Let's be clear, in nearly every instance it is gambling under state and federal laws.

The concept of risk is something with which most of us are familiar. In the context of gambling, it's simply the act of relinquishing control of an outcome to another person, object or circumstance. It could be the spin of a wheel, the outcome of a sporting event, turn of a card or even the skill of our mind vs. the mind of another. Without risk none of the aforementioned activities would be interesting or marketable. When it comes to determining a gambling transaction, risk or chance is rarely at issue. The bigger question usually revolves around if there's value to the object at risk.

Nearly every southern state has adopted a very expansive definition of what "something of value" is within the context of a gambling transaction. Money and property are not the boundaries despite what conventional wisdom dictates. Alabama and Florida have gone so far as to look at even an investment of time at someone's place of business as "something of value" for the purpose of evaluating whether an activity is gambling.

Each state's Supreme Court was posed with a question of whether a free entry into a sweepstakes conducted by a business was gambling. In each case, the undisputed facts were the business let any member of

the general public enter without the need to purchase anything. The courts found that the investment of time and increased patronage of the business indicated "something of value" flowing to the business, and as a result, the activity was deemed gambling. Keep that in mind the next time you sit at a freeroll tournament regardless of location.

The last issue whether there is some form of prize to be won. I usually answer this question with another question: If there is not prize, why would people play? Again, the activities all involve some sort of prize. Freeroll tournaments usually result in the awarding of points that can be parlayed to seats in cash tournaments or some other reward.

Electronic sweepstakes usually do the same thing, allowing points to be redeemed for cash or merchandise. Even a hole-in-one contest typically has a nice prize. Oftentimes operators remove the direct prize by placing an intermediate step such as the awarding of points or some other "valueless" object that can be redeemed for the ultimate prize. This does not save the activity from being gambling.

Moving quickly through the steps you can see that most all activities involving some chance and a prize will be considered gambling. So why do the activities persist if they're gambling you might ask? Simple. The legislature in most states have carved out safe harbors that legalize the particular kind of gambling. Commercial game promotions or "sweepstakes" have been legalized in most states. Penny-ante card-game statutes have been passed to protect recreational home games. And finally, some games of skill have been removed from prohibited gambling activities. To understand the subtleties of these activities and the laws that arguably make them legal requires reams of paper and days of legal analysis in some instances.

To ace Gaming 101, though, simply look for the risking of something of value for a prize. When you see it, don't make the mistake of saying, "Well, it isn't gambling." It is gambling, but has the state in some form or fashion created a safe harbor for it? If you want to go into greater detail than that, you may want to find a good lawyer to help you, otherwise you might be engaging in another type of gambling involving the sheriff, a judge and a jail cell.

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## DON'T CRACK UNDER PRESSURE!

Stephen Bloomfield, a.k.a. the Doc, is one of Florida's leading psychologists. He wrote **Head Games** in the late '80s to help competitors of every type use the skills he had learned about the effects of the mind on performance.



After five years of playing poker in Florida, Mississippi, Las Vegas, Connecticut and occasionally online, Doc is sharing his skills with Ante Up readers through periodic columns, titled Head Games. Doc offers support to some of the region's best professionals and amateur players with one-on-one advising sessions and group workshops.

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# YOU ONLY CAN CONTROL YOURSELF

When it comes to psychology and poker, one of the first things to settle for yourself is why you play poker. Are you striving to play perfect poker or striving to achieve peak performance? These are different ways to approach poker. One is realistic and achievable and one is a fantasy.



DR. BLOOMFIELD

If you think you can play perfect poker you're thinking you can control the cards and your opponents. You can't.

You can control your play, your preparation and you can account for the cards and your opponents, but you can never control them.

River suckouts are inevitable; your flopped straight will get flushed; the flush you turned will get sunk by a river boat; you will flop a set to lose to a higher set and sometimes your opponent will play just the way you hoped and spike a one-outer on the river.

You must accept these as part of the game and once you do you can focus on playing to YOUR peak performance.

So, how do you achieve peak performance? First, you understand your limits, or leaks, and then the limits of the game and once you have a feel for this you have to decide why you play.

Achieving peak performance in poker involves: purpose; patience; practice; preparation; persistence; perception; patterns; passion; and pleasure.

The first step is to memorize this paragraph:

I will develop my poker purpose by defining why I play and accept the pluses and minuses of this decision. Once I accept who I am and why I play the rest will fall into place. I will learn to be patient and play my game. I will practice and prepare to the extent necessary to reach my goals. I will be persistent. I will sharpen my perceptions and learn to identify patterns. I have a passion for the game equal to the reason I play poker and poker is pleasurable.

**PURPOSE:** Knowing why you are playing is akin to knowing who you are. Once you get a handle on why you are playing and feel OK about it the rest really falls into place. How much time you spend preparing, studying talking, reading are all related to why you play.

Is it the competition or the money, and can the two be separated?

Is it a sequential process? Do you say, "Today I'm an avid recreational player and I want to become a professional player," or do you say one thing, but really mean another?

Remember, poker is the most egalitarian and democratic competition in the world. You can play at the same table as the elites if you have the buy-in. Try that in most other competitions and you won't have a chance. Poker is a pure meritocracy. No bosses, no promotions,

no coaches or managers.

Once you get comfortable with whom you are, you will play better, you will feel better and you will get more pleasure from the game.

I have read so many articles and books that denigrate recreational players and it's all bull. When was the last time Tiger put down recreational golfers or even club pros? Don't listen to them. This is just intimidation and is meant to scare you.

If you're comfortable being a weekend warrior and can plan a good game of poker, no problem. Don't let the grinding pro or the daily regular intimate you.

**DEFINE YOUR POKER IDENTITY:** Some folks are (or want to be) elite players; some grind it out every day; and some play for enjoyment. There's nothing wrong with any purpose you decide. However, purpose drives decision-making, game selection, stakes, practice and preparation. You don't train like an Olympic athlete if you play recreationally; you train to make your recreation better.

My interviews revealed some interesting reasons why people play poker:

- To make money from poker as a pro, semi-pro or to supplement their income
- Intellectual challenge: It's the last bastion of competition they can engage in freely

- Social aspects: There's no upper limit of achievement; they just want to have fun; it is the most egalitarian form of activity.

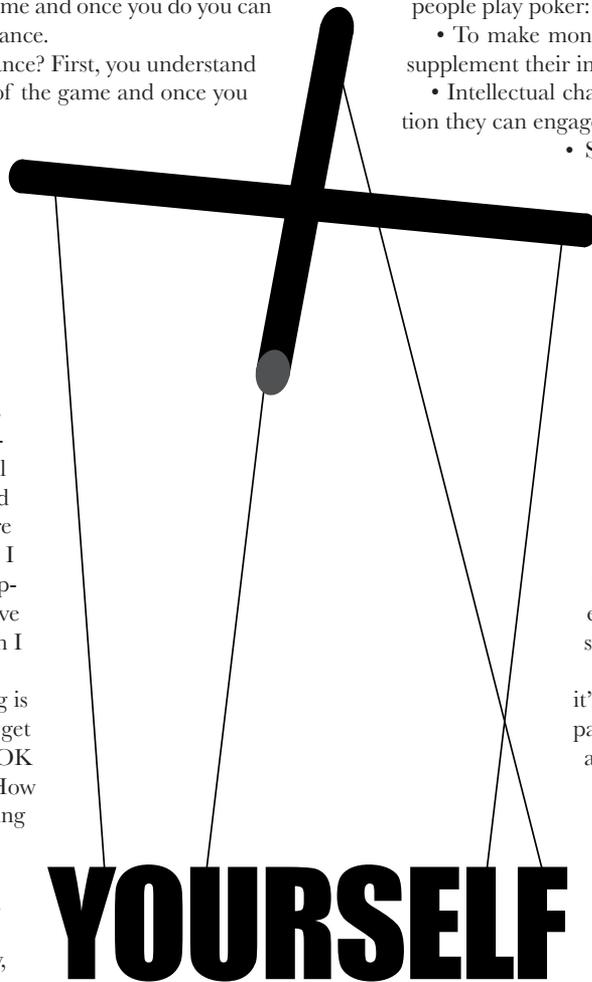
Thinking about these statements might help you figure out why you play:

- I play because of the competitive nature of the game. I love to compete and especially to win.
- I play because I like to gamble and can afford it. I see it as a form of entertainment.
- I play because it helps me forget about the more stressful aspects of my life (work, school, my marriage, the kids, etc.) and then I can get back to problem-solving.
- I play because my friends all play and it's what they talk about. I want to be a part of that and I enjoy the give-and-take at the tables.
- I play because I watch it on television and it doesn't look that hard. I can imagine being at a WPT or WSOP final table one day.
- I play to win money.

The reason to define purpose is developing a successful plan. You don't need a map if you don't know where you are going. For now keep

your head in the game and watch for upcoming articles on the P's of poker.

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



# YOURSELF

Travis Steffen gives us a peek into his new book, *Peak Performance Poker*

# THERE IS A NEW FORMULA IN POKER

Before you begin reading, ask yourself three questions:

- Do I want to be the best poker player I can be?
- Am I willing to do what it takes to get the biggest edge I can over my opponents?
- What can I do to improve?

Remember your answers.

A new age of poker is dawning. Poker, as most pros will tell you, is much more difficult to beat than it ever has been before. These days there are so many resources to teach players optimal strategies at the table that a good player's edge is typically much smaller overall. In short, players are simply getting a lot better.

As I illustrate in Chapter 2 of my new book, *Peak Performance Poker*, the formula for success in poker used to be:

Play + study + play + study = success

Games were easier, and this formula worked for a number of players for many years. However, now that more and more players are following this formula, you no longer gain a substantial edge from following it. Sure, you may still win with it, but you'll never have quite the edge you may have had in the past.

As a poker player in today's games, you can make one of two choices. You can keep following the old formula and play with a smaller edge (if any), or you can follow the formula for success that the modern day top pros follow:

Play + study + healthy diet + regular exercise + sufficient rest + social life + non-poker activities + play + study + low stress levels + passion to improve + psychological training techniques + time management = SUCCESS

Seems a little overwhelming? Keep reading.

No matter how good a player you are now, you will never be as good as you could be unless you take care of yourself away from the table.

This means that, in addition to the time you spend at the table playing and away from the table studying your game, you need to maintain a healthy diet, exercise regularly and get enough quality sleep every day. You also need to keep your stress levels low in other areas of your life and take care of yourself psychologically and emotionally, which will in turn reduce your tendency to tilt. This becomes easier to do as you begin to lead a more balanced life.

Take a minute to consciously examine your life. Is everything you're doing now conducive to optimizing your performance at the poker table? Are you:

- Getting enough sleep?
- Eating well and at regular intervals?
- Exercising regularly?
- Under control of your emotions?

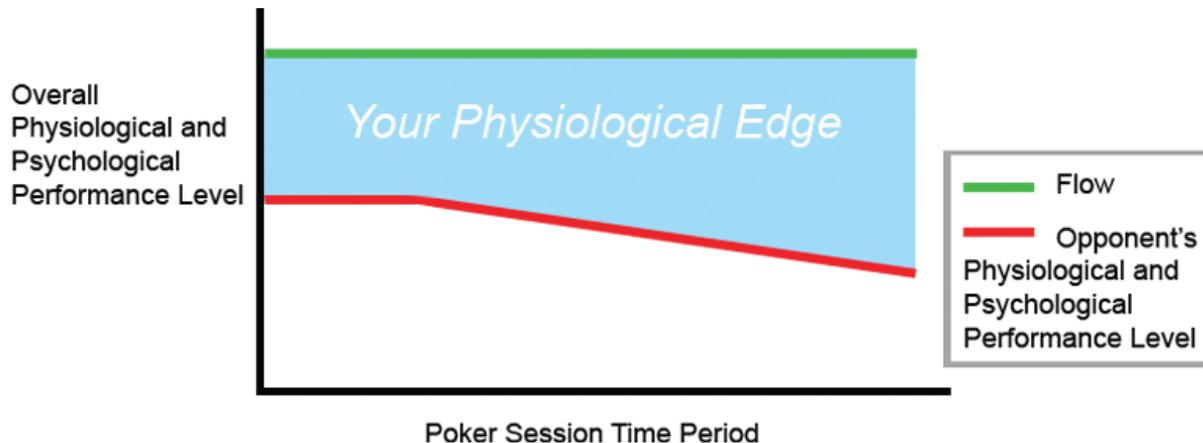
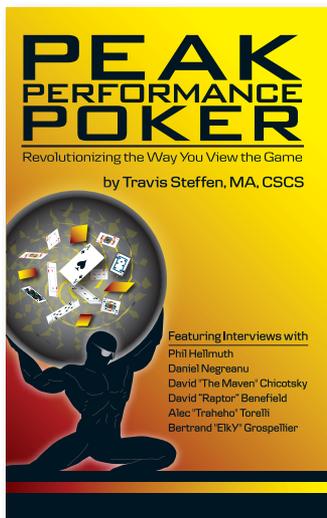
If not, it's time to start working on these areas in addition to the usual studying and playing routine many poker players have. You'll be doing your bankroll a big favor:

Viewing poker as an all-encompassing physical and mental competition instead of "just a game" is an extremely powerful viewpoint, and one that can help you gain a substantial edge over your opponent. Training for competition, mentally and physically (just as a professional athlete trains) will bring you one step closer to achieving what sports training professionals call flow. Flow is a state of absolute peak physical and mental performance

that, with time and effort, can be achieved by anybody.

Now ask yourself those same three questions from the beginning of the column. Your first two answers may be the same, but your third answer probably is a lot longer now.

— **Travis Steffen is a poker player, strength coach, entrepreneur and mind-set consultant. His new book, *Peak Performance Poker: Revolutionizing the Way You View the Game*, is on shelves now. Contact him at [workoutbox.com](http://workoutbox.com).**



*The more you pay attention to your physical and mental health away from the table, the longer your body and brain are able to perform at a high level at the table. Your goal is to get as close to a state of Flow (the green line) as possible. You may never truly reach it, but the further into the blue area you can get yourself, the bigger edge you'll have over your opponent, and the more dangerous you'll be.*

# MEET KIM SIMPSON, AND HER LIGHTED DUCK

When you meet Kim Simpson she's unassuming, soft-spoken and oftentimes reserved, but when you sit at a table with her all bets are off. With more than \$86,000 in tournament winnings she's a serious player on a mission. Poised with her lighted duck card protector, her moves are calculated and often leave you scratching your head wondering how you will get her off the hand.



LAUREN FAILLA

With husband watching and offering tips and moral support, there's not only a love for the game but also a great love for each other. As we move through the women's poker community you'll see these women have a story to tell and are truly the most interesting part — of the poker lifestyle.

**How long have you been playing poker?** Seriously since 2005, but played with friends and family since I was a teenager.

**What is your earliest memory of playing poker?** My very first tournament was an ESPN tournament. I was scared to death; my hands were shaking so much I could not count the chips. When I got heads-up the floor person had to assist me. I went on to win first out of 150.

**What is your favorite game?** Texas Hold'em.

**What is your favorite hand?** Q-10 suited. Works for me, most of the time.

**Do you play online, and how often?** Yes. PokerStars and Full Tilt. My online name is Kimi Lee. I prefer playing live action or tournaments.

**Tell me a little about your personal life and how it interacts with poker.** I am a mom of three boys. My days are full with school, sports, errands, dinner, homework and whatever else needs to be done ... and then poker. I have



Kim Simpson uses a duck card protector that lights up!

been married for 24 years to my high school sweetheart, Mark. He's very supportive of me, which makes all of this much easier to do. I could not reach for this dream if I did not have him by my side.

**How do you feel about the up-and-coming female players? Do you find them too aggressive? Are they a good representation of the game and a good representation for women?** A lot of the "up and coming" female players are young, with no children. Not all, but most. They play the game well, but I would love to see more moms representing.

**What is your poker dream?** My dream is to make the final table of the WSOP main event. To be the only woman to make it since Barbara Enright would be a dream come true. A bracelet or two along the way would be great!

**If you had some advice for female players what would it be?** In a sport so heavily dominated

by men it's hard. But, don't let yourself get beaten down. Each loss you take is a lesson. At least it should be. Did you play the hand wrong? Raise too much, too little, out of position, or should you have been in the hand at all? Use these lessons/losses to improve your game and you will be a winner.

You can read all the books and study the game all you want but don't forget about that "inner sense" that God gave you. I could not play the game without it.

**Do you have a poker mentor or someone who you have been influenced by?** I watched my father play when I was young. I always admired his play and also how often he won! I believe he passed some of that ability down to me.

**Do you still feel you are learning all the time?** Yes, always. Doctors, lawyers, etc. are all professionals and have to take continuation classes and studies. As a poker player if I want to be a professional I can never stop learning. I have to keep evolving and reinventing myself for each new opponent.

**What do you feel is a large part of the game that drives you?** Spirituality, timed aggression, luck, etc. I am a very competitive person and I want to win. When I'm playing it doesn't matter if you're male or female I want to beat you. I believe God has given me the ability or talent to do that. My inner strength comes from him. A little luck doesn't hurt either.

**What can we expect from you in the near future? Where can you see yourself in the next five years in relation to poker?** I am concentrating my efforts now on entering larger tournaments. I want to enter in as many WPT events and WSOP circuit events as possible this next season. In five years (hopefully sooner) I want my name to be among one of the highest ranking players, male or female.

— Lauren Failla tracks the progress of women in poker. Email her at [lauren@highheelspokertour.com](mailto:lauren@highheelspokertour.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence from the Ante Up Nation • [letters@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:letters@anteupmagazine.com)

### Poker and 'Ante Up' in Pennsylvania

I wanted to drop you guys a note from the opening day of poker in Eastern Pennsylvania! I went to the Sands poker room in Bethlehem. The room was packed when I got there at 10 p.m. (opened at 8 a.m.) with 50 people on the \$1-\$2 NL list. The only other games spread were \$3-\$6 limit hold'em (one table) and \$2-\$5 NL (two tables). From what I heard the waiting list was more than 150 people in the late afternoon. It only took about 45 minutes to get on a table and I played till 5 a.m. It looked like they had all 12 tables full till about 3 a.m. and there were still eight tables going when I left at 5.

I'm a little disappointed there aren't more tables and that there won't be any tournaments for a while (state gaming board's decision). I've been eagerly awaiting the opening of a local cardroom since they announced the slots-only casinos more than four years ago and the table game legislation more than six months ago.

I heard in a recent podcast that you've extended magazine distribution up this way. I will love seeing *Ante Up* at the cardroom every time I stop in.

— John Gable  
Allentown, Pa.

**CALL THE FLOOR**

Expert advice from poker room managers Jody Russell and Cassie Greene

**EXPOSING CARDS IN A CASH GAME IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE**

In a \$1-\$2 NLHE game in a Canadian casino, I check on the river and my opponent bet \$80. I looked at him and said, "If you have trips it's yours," and threw my pocket aces face up in front of me. He called for the floor because he said I didn't say "call" and no chips crossed the line. My cards were not close to the muck and I didn't say fold. Before he called for the floor, I did say "call" 20 seconds after I threw the cards down. Was my play acceptable? — Frank Leger, via e-mail



Cassie and Jody

**JODY:** If I had to make this ruling I would warn you not to show your cards without declaring your intentions first. I'd inform you that a future incident would probably result in you having a dead hand. Then I'd allow you to keep the hand and ask how you'd like to act. That being said, you're in dangerous territory, my friend.

What you did could be considered a shot. If the guy turns over a hand you can beat you can claim you called; if he has you beat you can argue you never said call. Also, now the guy's throwing a fit that your hand should be killed, which is almost absolute proof you have him beat without having said anything about your intentions to call or fold.

The floor person's responsibility is to do what's best for the game and for the players. This includes protecting players from shot-takers. This situation could bring out a number of different rulings depend-

**TDA Rules**

Each month Jody Russell will interpret one rule from the TDA.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** The English-only rule will be enforced in the United States during the play of hands. English will be used in international play along with the local or native language.

**JODY:** This rule is pretty self-explanatory. Notice it says "during the play of hands." This means you can only speak English even if you've folded as long as a hand is in progress. It also means it's OK to speak any language you desire when the cards aren't out. Go to [www.pokertda.com](http://www.pokertda.com) to see all 44 rules.

ing on the floor's level of experience and perception of whether you're taking a shot. Was your play acceptable? Yes, but I would understand another floorperson saying it wasn't.

**CASSIE:** It depends on the house rule about exposing cards with action pending. Some rooms (not many, though) allow players to turn up their cards to get a read on their opponent (and I would say you certainly got a read on him), so in one of those rooms, your play would be OK. However, it sounds like you released possession of your hand, so the dealer could have grabbed it and put it in the muck. If you release your hand before you call and it gets mucked, it's dead.

— Jody Russell and Cassie Greene are veteran poker room managers in Nevada who also run the Ante Up Poker Room. Email [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

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## READERS RESUSCITATE SWEATY DOCTOR'S COLUMN

As I write this, the stagnant humidity of late summer in Florida has sapped my energy and parboiled my brain. Column ideas are slow-coming in this heat so I beg your indulgence as I fall back upon that time-tested device used by lazy journalists everywhere, the "Reader Feedback" column.



I actually have some pretty interesting comments and questions from readers that may serve to enlighten and entertain until the weather breaks and inspiration strikes me again.

- During the last Ante Up cruise, a reader I'll call "Bill" thanked me for a suggestion in one of my columns that greatly improved his ability to enjoy playing poker and even helped the quality of his game.

Bill, it turns out, suffers from severe, debilitating back pain. Many with his condition resign themselves to a life of inactivity, but not Bill.

He's active, works hard, supports his family and relaxes by playing poker. I've sat across the table from him and can swear by my ruptured L3 disc that he knows what he's doing.

The problem for Bill was he frequently needed strong pain medication just to sit comfortably at a poker table for more than an hour. The meds control his pain but they also make him groggy so it's tough for him to concentrate on the complicated decisions that arise during play. He was almost ready, he told me, to give up poker.

Then he read a series of columns I wrote last year on performance-enhancing drugs commonly used by poker players. After a consultation with his physician, they decided to try Provigil, one of the drugs I described. He said the improvement he experienced in his alertness and ability to concentrate was remarkable and now he enjoys poker more than ever. Of course, I can't offer anyone specific medical advice through a magazine column, but if you want more information on Provigil, your physician is your best resource.

- An ER nurse who is a regular \$5-\$10 limit player at the local casino read my recent column on having defibrillators available in poker rooms. A few months ago, he was peering at pocket jacks when a player across the table from him keeled over and hit the floor. The nurse started CPR and called for help. Within just a few minutes, a casino "medical team" arrived with the Holy Grail of resuscitation equipment, an automatic external defibrillator. Just a few seconds (and 360 joules) later, the player was awake and protesting any attempts to trans-

port him from the table and to the nearest ER. Kudos to the nurse, the casino and the guy whose job it was to know the location of the AED. Positive results all the way around, except possibly for the nurse whose jacks were folded by the dealer. Actually, considering my luck with jacks, having them folded probably IS a positive result after all.

Does your poker room have an AED? If you're at risk for "The Big One," it's perfectly reasonable to ask your favorite room to devote a little of your rake toward buying one. At about \$1,700, it's cheaper than a lawsuit.

- Another reader, a diabetic, asked me if I had any explanation why his blood sugar spiked when he played live poker. Of course, without doing some testing, it's hard to do more than speculate, but I have a theory. Fear or excitement can trigger the classic "fight or flight" mechanism, which causes the body to release epinephrine. Epi has a whole list of side effects, including racing heart rate, shakiness, constricted pupils and release of glucose from where it's stored in the liver, and hence, the blood sugar spikes.

If playing live poker gets you happy, excited, anxious or fearful, it's quite natural for your body to want more sugar available for instant energy. Whether you need a little extra hit of insulin during those times is a decision best left to your doctor.

- Finally, a reader commented on my play of a tournament hand. Holding kings, my epinephrine surge made me a little shaky when another player shoved after an ace hit the board. I agonized for some time before reluctantly mucking my beautiful kings. The reader remarked there should be no hesitation on my part. Easy fold, he said. No hesitation. No shakiness. Throw them away.

My answer to his advice: There's a clear reason why the Ante Up publishers have not asked me to write a column on poker strategy. They know my poker game well enough and have kindly and gently steered me toward writing a medical column instead, a subject that I may actually know something about.

If you have questions or comments about health issues (please, no poker strategy questions), I'd love to hear from you. Feel free to write, e-mail, log into the Ante Up forum or grab me in the local cardrooms. And if like me you're sweltering in the late summer heat, hydrate, relax and play some cards.

— An avid poker player, Frank Toscano, M.D. is a board-certified emergency physician with more than 28 years of front-line experience. He's medical director for Red Bamboo Medi Spa in Clearwater, Fla. Email your poker-health questions to [ftoscano@redbamboomedispa.com](mailto:ftoscano@redbamboomedispa.com)

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BRYAN OULTON • Learning poker etiquette

# Keep poker in perspective

By Bryan Oulton

As some of you may know, my mother died on Easter at the hands of my father. In one fell swoop, I lost both parents. The outpouring of support and love from the poker community was tremendous, from the players in our league to pros I've gotten to know along the way, to the readers and editors of *Ante Up*. It was truly appreciated, and it helped.

In struggling times like that, you get through any way you can. Poker was the least of my thoughts the month or so afterward. I ventured into the Isle Casino at Pompano Park (Fla.) one day to say hello to some friends. Luck had it that it was the start of a busy day with more than 40 dealers and staff there.

But the reminders are always there and the wounds still fresh. My parents were well-known at the Isle, as they played there often. After almost three months since the event, I finally played poker at the Isle. The day went well, no thoughts of anything and it felt good. Then, as always, life can creep up and bite you. One dealer hadn't known of the events that had occurred and, in casual conversation, the dealer asked how my parents were doing as she hadn't seen them in a while. I merely said they were away and she wouldn't be seeing them any time soon. Then later, I had a friend who's a floor person there inform her at the right time.

After all of that, I finally found my point: Life's going to throw a ton of stuff at you. Remember this the next time someone sucks out on you at the table. Life could be a lot worse than just sitting back and playing cards. Enjoy it, because you never know what the next day will bring.

— Bryan co-owns All In Free Poker, a league based in Pompano Beach, Fla.



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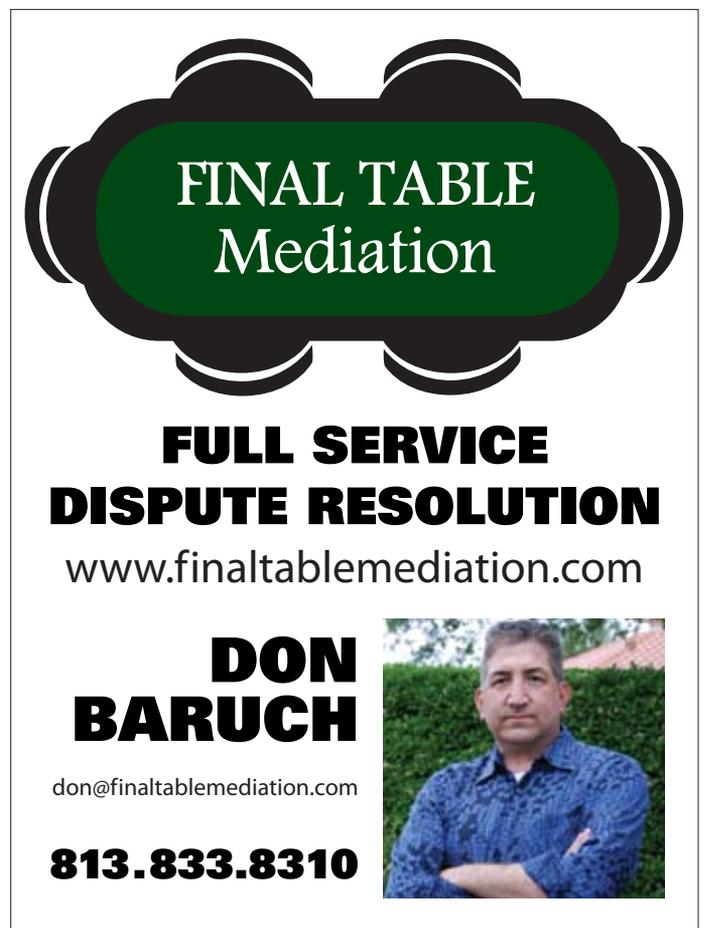
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<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB</b> Phone: (850) 997-2561 www.jckcpokerroom.com	Fridays, 7:30 p.m., \$50 (2K chips and 15-minute blinds)	Royal flushes win jackpot.	Call for promotions.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> Phone: (305) 649-3000 www.flaglerdogs.com	Sundays, low-rake bounty event (\$40, 1p). <b>SNGs:</b> \$65-\$800.	High hands (\$150); non-heart royals win \$1K, heart royals pay \$2,500; Big Slick Royal progressive.	\$500 progressive hot table paid at 2p & 2a. Aug. 29 is hourly \$1K high hands (3p-midnight)
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> Phone: (877) 557-5687 x3167 www.playbigeasy poker.com	\$15K guar. deepstack (\$250, Sundays, 2p); Super 7 Shootout (\$177, Mondays, 7p), 7 tables, 7-handed, win your table and advance to the final table.	Two high hands hourly 11a-4a (\$75 limit; \$150 no-limit); \$75 4a-10a. \$500 at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p, mid., 3a.	See ad on Pages 4-5.
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> Phone: (321) 259-9800 www.mgpark.com	Daily, (\$65-\$120), including Sat. Super Stack (\$120, 2p, 10K chips, winner gets Ante Up cruise for two); Sunday (\$65, 1p, 3K chips, free sandwich buffet).	Bad beat (\$50K) is in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads or better).	Quads win \$50, straight flush \$100, royals \$500. Spin to Win Saturdays. See ad Page 27.
<b>MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> Phone: (305) 633-6400 www.miamijaijai.net	Daily (\$20-\$165).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day progressive; see website for more information.	Hourly \$100 high hands plus tickets for Sunday raffle.
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT</b> Phone: (877) 242-6464 www.miccosukee.com	Fridays (\$60, 8p). Super Saturday no-limit hold'em tournament (\$60, 8p) gets you 3K chips. Free buffet for all tournament players.	Spade royal flush pays jackpot.	Call for information.
<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> Phone: (239) 992-2411 www.naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Sun. bounty (\$125, 2p); Mon. (\$40, noon); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed., (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p).	Big Slick Royal Progressive was \$110K at press time; all other royals pay \$1K.	High hands pay \$100 every two hours.
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> Phone: (352) 591-2345 www.ocalapoker.com	Daily (\$30-\$500). <b>SNGs:</b> (\$45-\$500).	See website for numerous jackpots and other cash giveaway promotions.	Super Saturday High Hands pay \$300 hourly from 4p-mid. See ad on Page 51.
<b>ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> Phone: (904) 646-0002 www.jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$30-\$150). Ante Up Cruise event, Oct. 1 (one guaranteed cruise package) See story on Page 20 for more details.	Royals and Steel Wheels \$250 (spades \$500); Super High Hand; Spin to Win High Hand.	PokerStars Caribbean Adventure \$150 satellite with guaranteed \$2K package (Sept. 5, 1p).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> Phone: (561) 683-2222 www.pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$120), noon & 6:30p, including weekends. See ad on Page 17.	Visit website or call for information on daily high hands and bad-beat payouts and qualifications.	Palm Beach Poker Classic (Aug. 23-28, noon starts, \$30-\$550), more than \$110K guaranteed prize pool.
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> Phone: (850) 455-8595 www.pensacolagreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$45-\$120), including Mon. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$65, 4p) and Sun. (\$120, 4p) will be a \$5K guar. Also, Aug. 28 is the \$340 main event.	Hold'em and stud bad beats (any quads) and in Omaha (quad jacks).	Cash giveaways for full houses or better starting at 11a every day.

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# FLORIDA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS	JACKPOTS	EVENTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> Phone: (941) 355-7744 ext. 1054 www.skcpoker.com	Daily, plus Fri. (\$100, 1p, 25K chips, 25-minute blinds); Sat. \$12K guarantee with minimum of 10 spots paid (\$230, 2:30p). <b>SNGs:</b> \$35-\$300.	Progressive jackpots in all games. Bad beat is quad threes (\$10K).	High hands pay \$599/\$299 on Fridays & Saturdays. See ad on Page 21 for more details.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> Phone: (866) 222-7466 ext. 121 www.seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. & Wed., (\$20, 6:30p) with optional add-on. <b>SNGs:</b> \$25, \$65, \$110.	Quad aces pay \$50; straight flushes pay \$100, royals \$1K; Mega-Bad Beat (quad 10s, \$135K at press time).	Fridays: double reward punches; Rolling Cash Fever, Wed., drawings for up to \$500 (8, 10 & mid.)
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> Phone: (866) 222-7466 www.seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$55, \$85, \$135.	Mega-Bad Beat (quad 10s, \$135K at press time).	See website for details or call poker room for current offers.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> Phone: (866) 502-7529 www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Mon. (\$300, 6:30p, \$20K guar.); Tue. (\$150, \$12K, 6:30p guar.); Fri. (\$150, 11a, \$12K guar.); Sat. (\$100, 11a, \$10K guar.); Tue. & Wed. (\$35, 11a., \$1,500 guar.).	Mega-Bad Beat (quad 10s, \$135K at press time). High hands (limit and no-limit) of the hour every day.	Hourly high hand (8a-7p, \$100 limit, \$150 no-limit); Bonus High Hand (10a, 1p, 4p & 7p) wins triple.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> Phone: (866) 502-7529 www.seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Night Owl every Wednesday (\$40, with \$40 add-on, 12:30a). <b>SNGs:</b> \$50-\$1,075.	Mega-Bad Beat (quad 10s, \$135K at press time).	Royals pay \$500. See ad on back page.
<b>SEMINOLE HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC</b> Phone: (866) 222-7466 www.seminolehollywoodcasino.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$50-\$100 and are now jackpot eligible.	Mega-Bad Beat (quad 10s, \$135K at press time).	In-house bad beat is aces full of jacks beaten by quads. Starts at \$2,500, capped at \$10K.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> Phone: (866) 222-7466 www.theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (NL O/8, \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO event (\$50, 1p) & DeepStack (\$115, 7p, 25K chips, 25-min. blinds); Sun., Winner Take All (\$30, 7p).	Mega-Bad Beat (quads 10s), plus players get \$100 if Mega hits at any Seminole room. \$10K mini bad beats.	Charity event, (Sept. 5, 4p, \$45, \$50 rebuys for charity). Cruise giveaways in Sept. (see ad on Page 24).
<b>ST. JOHNS GREYHOUND PARK</b> Phone: (904) 646-0002 www.jaxpokerroom.com	Daily (\$30-\$225), including two-day Mega Stack \$225 (Sept. 24-25). Also Ante Up Cruise satellite (Oct. 8) with one guaranteed cruise package.	Royals \$250 (spades \$500). Plus a Super High Hand and Spin to Win High Hand.	PokerStars Caribbean Adventure \$150 satellite with guaranteed \$2K package (Sept 18, 1p).
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> Phone: (813) 298-1798 www.tampabaydowns.com	Daily, starting at \$30 and up. <b>SNGs:</b> \$100 and up, starts with as few as 4 players, all day and at any buy-in.	Quads or better win cash all the time in jackpot eligible games.	Check for new events and promotions online, such as Rays Rack Attack and aces cracked.
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRUCK</b> Phone: (813) 932-4313 www.luckyscards.com	Daily 1p & 6:30p (\$30-\$60) but 7:30p Fri. & Sat.). Ask about \$115 Sunday Challenge (1p, 14K chips). <b>SNGs:</b> \$65-\$410.	Quads (\$75), straight flushes (\$200) and royals (\$599). Tournament spade royal progressive.	Aces cracked (11:30-2p & 8-10p, \$100). Pro Series charity, Sept. 24, \$440 w/ \$400 re-buys (6p).

# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S CHESTER</b> Phone: (800) 480-8020 www.harrahschester.com	Call for information.	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> Phone: (717) 469-2211 www.hcpn.com	None at this time, just lots of cash games.	None at this time.	None at this time.
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> Phone: (724) 503-1200 www.meadowsgaming.com	Daily, including a \$40 event every morning at 10:30 and a deepstack bounty event on Saturdays (\$225, 3p, bounties worth \$25).	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> Phone: (570) 831-2100 www.moheganunpocono.com	Call for information.	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>MOUNT AIRY CASINO</b> Phone: (570) 243-5184 www.mtaircasino.com	Pending state approval.	Bad beat (aces full of kings) was at \$80K at press time.	None at this time.
<b>PARX CASINO</b> Phone: (215) 639-9000 www.parxcasino.com	Poker room opens in the fall.	N/A	N/A
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b> Phone: (866) ERIE-FUN www.presqueisledowns.com	No poker room as of press time.	N/A	N/A
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> Phone: (412) 231-7777 www.theriverscasino.com	Call for information.	Bad beat available soon, call for details.	Call for information.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> Phone: (877) SANDS-77 www.sandsbethworks.com	Coming soon, but not in September.	Bad beat (quads) was \$25K at press time.	None at this time.

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## LOUISIANA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS	JACKPOTS	EVENTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>AMELIA BELLE CASINO</b> Phone: (985) 631-1745 www.ameliabellecasinocom	No tournaments until further notice.	Bad beat is quads over aces full of 10s (\$11K at press time).	Call for information.
<b>BELLE OF BATON ROUGE</b> Phone: (800) 266-2692 www.belleofbatonrouge.com	Wednesdays and Sundays, (10a, \$50).	Bad beat (any quads) was \$57K at press time.	Aces Cracked on Mondays (9a-3p). Call for details.
<b>BOOMTOWN NEW ORLEANS</b> Phone: (800) 366-7711 www.boomtownneworleans.com	Tue. (11a) freeroll for players with 20 hours of play in the room, otherwise it costs \$10; Wed. (\$35, 7:30) and Thurs. pot-limit Omaha (7:30p, \$50)	Bad beats in hold'em, stud and Omaha.	Check website or call for details on promotions.
<b>COUSHATTA CASINO</b> Phone: (800) 584-7263 x7336 www.coushattacasinosort.com	Daily (\$15-\$230), including Tue. (\$15, 6:30p) with rebuys & add-ons; Thurs. (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$20, 7:30p) with rebuys; Sat. (\$220, 2p, 7K chips).	Bad beat was \$25K at press time.	Seven Clans Poker Cup (Sept. 24-26, \$1K, 20K chips, 60-minute blinds, three-day event).
<b>CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO</b> Phone: (800) 284-4386 www.cypressbayou.com	Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Sept. 4, All About You Poker Cruise Freeroll Tour; Sept. 11, 21 and 27 \$22 single table satellite; Sept. 28, \$200 freezeout.	Bad beat: quads (\$76K at press time).	Aces cracked, 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2nd & 4th Monday. Call for details.
<b>ELDORADO CASINO SHREVEPORT</b> Phone: (318) 220-5274 www.eldoradoshreveport.com	Sat.-Tue. (\$75-\$150), including a new \$2K guarantee tournament (Mon., 11a, \$130) and a ladies rebuy event 2nd Friday of month (\$50, \$20 rb).	Bad beat: quads (\$116K); mini bad beat is aces full of 10s beaten by quads. Royals pay \$250.	Aces Cracked Fridays (4a-4p), pays \$100. High hands (Mon. 8a-8p) pay \$100. See story Pages 40-41.
<b>HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS</b> Phone: (504) 533-6000 www.harrahsneworleans.com	Wednesdays (\$120, 11a).	Bad beat: quads.	Aces cracked Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call for details.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER CITY</b> Phone: (800) 895-0711 www.horseshoebossiercity.com	Daily (\$100-\$400), including last Sunday of the month (\$400, 2p, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	Bad beat: quads; plus mini-bad beat pays 10% (aces full of 10s). Aces cracked (7a-noon).	Numerous promotions that change daily, including Splash the Cash. See story Pages 40-41.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI LAKE CHARLES</b> Phone: (337) 430-2407 www.lake-charles.isleofcapricasinos.com	Weekdays at 6:30p, including a noon event on Fridays (\$60) & Saturdays (\$115), plus a Sunday Bounty event (\$60, 2p).	Bad beat is \$101K; "Minor Jackpots" pays quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50) and royals (\$125), 24/7. Call for details.	Louisiana Fall Classic, Sept 13-26. Satellites, Sept. 13-16. See story (Pg. 22) and ad (Pg. 35) for details.
<b>PARAGON CASINO</b> Phone: (800) 946-1946 x1975 www.paragoncasinosort.com	Mondays (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$18, 10:30a); Thursday bounty event (\$20 with \$15 rebuys, 7p) and Fridays (\$60 with one \$50 rebuy, 7p).	Loosest bad beat in the state: Aces full of eights. In Omaha straight flush must be beaten.	High hand Wednesdays, \$50 every 30 minutes (noon-2:30p and 9-11:30p)

## ARKANSAS

<b>OAKLAWN RACING &amp; GAMING</b> Phone: (501) 623-4411 www.oaklawn.com	Daily, including SNGs (\$30), on PokerPro tables. See Road Trip story on Pages 40-41 for more details.	Bad beat paid in all hold'em cash games. Call for details. Daily \$100 high hands.	\$50 Splash the Pot Tue. and Fri. (7p-midnight). \$5 MTT (Sundays, 10a, \$500 guarantee).
<b>SOUTHLAND PARK GAMING &amp; RACING</b> Phone: (870) 735-3670 www.southlandgreyhound.com	Mon., Tue., Wed. & Sat. (\$20, 2p), 3K chips and 15-minute blinds.	Bad beat is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.	Player Rewards cards offer comps based on play. See Road Trip story on Pages 40-41 for more details.

## DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> Phone: (302) 355-1050 www.delawarepark.com	Monday-Friday (\$65, 10a, 5K chips), but look for tournament expansion in September with 25 new tournament tables. Call for more details.	Bad beat with descending qualifier (quad fives) was \$67K at press time. Mini is aces full of kings (\$1,900).	Royal flushes win players a jacket.
<b>DOVER DOWNS</b> Phone: (302) 674-4600 www.doverdowns.com	Tournaments will be starting in September as the Crown Royal poker room will expand. Call for schedule and buy-ins.	Bad beat (aces full of jacks) was \$22K at press time.	Royal flushes win players a Crown Royal shirt.
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> Phone: (888) 887-5687 www.harringtonraceway.com	Room will be offering \$60 NLHE tournaments soon, but call for details.	Bad beat (aces full of kings) was \$15K at press time.	High hands, aces cracked and football promotions on the horizon, call for details.

## GEORGIA, NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>DIAMOND CASINO SAVANNAH (GA.)</b> Phone: (912) 897-3005 www.diamondcasinosavannah.com	Call for information.	Call for information.	Call for any promotions.
<b>EMERALD PRINCESS II (GA.);</b> Phone: (912) 265-3558 www.emeraldprincesscasino.com	\$125 NLHE event every Saturday night. \$250 NLHE tournament, Sept. 3, \$10K guar. for first (Please see ad on Page 53).	Call for information.	Call for any promotions.
<b>HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.)</b> www.harrahscherokee.com Phone: (828) 497-7777	Tournaments and cash games on PokerPro tables. <b>SNGs:</b> Tuesday and Sunday (\$115).	Call for information.	Call for any promotions.
<b>SUNCRUZ AQUASINO (S.C.)</b> Phone: (843) 280-2933 www.suncruzaquasino.com	Mon. cruise (7p, \$110) and Fri. cruise (11a, \$110). <b>SNGs:</b> \$60	Quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) royals (\$200). Bad beat is aces full of jacks beaten by quads.	World Offshore \$50K No-Limit Hold'em Championship, Aug. 29, \$500 + \$50.



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# MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS	JACKPOTS	EVENTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>AMERISTAR VICKSBURG</b> Phone: (601) 630-4996 www.ameristar.com/vicksburg	Thursdays, (\$70, 7p) with one optional add-on.	Mini bad beat (quads over aces full) pays 10% of full bad beat (any quads).	Call for details.
<b>BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO</b> Phone: (228) 386-7092 www.beaurivage.com	Daily at noon & 6p (\$120-\$340), including \$20K guarantee first Saturday of the month (\$335, noon, 4K chips, but 2K more for \$10 add-on).	Aces cracked all day Mon.-Fri. (\$100). Also, weekly \$10K cash giveaways (Monday-Friday).	Gulf Coast Championships, Aug. 26-Sept. 7.
<b>BOOMTOWN CASINO BILOXI</b> Phone: (228) 436-8999 www.boomtownbiloxi.com	No tournaments scheduled unless there is enough interest.	Bad beat is aces full of kings (More than \$50K). Mini pays 10% (aces full of jacks).	Aces cracked enters you into a drawing where you can win \$100.
<b>GOLD STRIKE CASINO AND RESORT</b> Phone: (662) 357-1136 www.goldstrikemississippi.com	Daily (\$35-\$340). \$5K guarantee first Sun. of the month (\$230, 1p), 10K chips, 30-minute blinds. Third Sat. is \$5K guarantee (\$100, 6p, 8K chips)	Call for current bad beat and royal flush jackpots. Cash drawings (\$100 hourly) Tuesdays (1-10p).	Win \$50 hourly in \$4-\$8 Omaha/8 cash games. Also, ask about the \$500 freeroll on Sundays (6p).
<b>HARD ROCK BILOXI</b> Phone: (228) 374-7625 www.hardrockbiloxi.com	Daily at 3p (\$25-\$55). Chip stacks, bonus chip offers and blinds vary. Website has all details. <b>SNGs:</b> \$75, \$125, \$235, \$550.	Bad beat is aces full of queens beaten by quads (\$17K). Ask about Hard Rock Jackpot hands.	Ask about Aces Cracked, Four of a Kind Blows My Mind and Splash the Pot promotions.
<b>HARLOW'S CASINO</b> Phone: (662) 335-9797 x144 www.harlowscasino.com	Tuesday & Saturday (\$60, \$5 add-on, 7:30p); \$1K freeroll is Sept. 5 (call for details). <b>SNGs:</b> Thursday & Friday (\$40, 6p).	Bad beat (aces full of 10s beaten by quads or better) was \$10,800 at press time.	Hourly high hands on Wed.; Friday Flat Screen Frenzy (Tickets to raffle on 1st Friday of every month)
<b>HARRAH'S TUNICA</b> Phone: (800) 946-4946, x33760 www.harahstunica.com	Daily at 1p (\$50-\$110) and first-place guarantees ranging from \$500-\$1,200 set with a min. of 20 players. Plus events at 6p (Thurs.-Sun.).	Bad beats in hold'em, Omaha and stud. Progressive Royal Flush pays jackpot.	Call about the \$150K WSOP Fantasy Freeroll and the nightly Spin to Win promotions.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO BAY ST. LOUIS</b> Phone: (866) 758-2591 x4026 www.hollywoodcasinobsl.com	Monday and Wednesday (\$30, 6:30p).	High hands win \$50 Wed., plus Thurs. lucky table progressive \$50, \$100 or \$150. (10a-10p).	Ask about the \$20K Monday Night Football Frenzy. Aces cracked is \$100, \$200 and \$500 on Tuesdays.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO TUNICA</b> Phone: (800) 871-0711 x5005 www.hollywoodtunica.com	Daily (\$10-\$70), including Sunday \$1K guarantee (\$10 gets 500 chips, \$5 dealer toke gets 1,500 chips, \$10 rebuys and \$20 add-on for \$10K, 2p)	Hold'em bad beat (quads or better) must be in \$3-\$6 or higher and there's a new Omaha jackpot.	Ante Up Cruise satellite, Sept. 5 (\$60, 7p). Field capped at 54 players, top two win cruises for two.
<b>HORSESHOE CASINO TUNICA</b> Phone: (662) 357-5608 www.horseshoetunica.com	Daily (\$45-\$150), including Sat. \$10K guarantee (\$150, 4p) with 10K chips (2K more for \$10 add-on); Sun (\$100, 2p) Super Deep Stack (15K chips).	Bad beat (quads) in hold'em.	Flush Frenzy (\$100) if you make a flush in every suit during your session.
<b>IP CASINO RESORT &amp; SPA</b> Phone: (888) 946-2847 x8554 www.ipbiloxi.com	Noon (\$60, 4K chips). Play Your Way: Play at least 4 hours (9a-9p on Mon., Tue. or Sat. and the house pays \$50 of a \$60 buy-in for the next day's event.	High hands pay \$75 hourly Wednesday (8a-4p). Poker Squares Sun & Mon. (\$1K up for grabs daily)	Aces cracked pays \$100 (Tuesdays). WSOP circuit event (Oct. 28-Nov.10), call for details.
<b>ISLE OF CAPRI BILOXI</b> Phone: (228) 436-7967 www.biloxi.isleofcapricasinos.com	Daily (\$45-\$60), including bounty rebuy event on Saturdays (\$60, 3p), featuring 3K chips, 20-minute blinds, \$20 rebuys, \$25 add-on and \$20 bounties.	Bad beat available in numerous games, but hold'em is aces full of queens (\$90K at press time).	Ask about the Aces Full or Better and \$55 Special promotions.
<b>SAM'S TOWN CASINO TUNICA</b> Phone: (800) 456-0711 www.samstowntunica.com	Daily (\$20-\$80), including a \$3K guarantee on Saturdays (\$20, 7p) and a \$15K guarantee on Sept. 25 (11a, \$150). <b>SNGs:</b> \$60-\$120.	Bad beat is any quads. Ask about the Live Action Bonus (Mon. & Tue., 8a-2p)	Aces cracked on Tuesdays (\$100, midnight-8a) and Spin-N-Win Wed.-Fri (10a-10p).
<b>SILVER SLIPPER CASINO</b> Phone: (866) 775-4773 x3766 www.silverflipper-ms.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$45, \$65 (2K chips, 10 players).	Bad beat is \$75K in hold'em, \$2,300 for Omaha. Mini is aces full of deuces (\$550 to loser).	Aces cracked (Mon.-Fri., amounts vary). Sunday is Player Appreciation with \$100 hourly drawings.
<b>SILVER STAR CASINO (PEARL RIVER)</b> Phone: (601) 650-1234 www.pearlriverresort.com	Daily, (\$35-\$60), including a \$2,500 guarantee on Saturdays (\$60, 2p). Events M-T-W-Th start at 7p; F-S-Su start at 2p.	Bad beat in hold'em (quads), Omaha (quad 7s) and stud (quads). Diamond royals (\$500).	\$3,500 freeroll is last Sunday of every month (5p). Call for details. 4 aces pay \$50; high hands (\$100).

# WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> Phone: (800) 795-7001 www.ctowntables.com	Room hours: 1p-4a daily, and no tournaments yet.	None at this time.	None at this time.
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> Phone: (304) 387-8458 www.mountaineerpoker.com	Daily at 12:15p and 7:30p (\$50-\$225), plus Sundays (\$65, 2p).	Bad beat (aces full of kings) was \$50K at press time, and ask about new payouts.	Call for any promotions.
<b>TRI-STATE RACETRACK AND GAMING</b> Phone: (800) 224-9683 www.tristateracetrack.com	Generally events are Sun. (2p), Mon. (1p), Tue. (7p) & Wed. (7p) and buy-ins vary (\$40-\$125). Big Stack is last Sunday of month.	Bad beat totals vary by game, but hold'em (aces full of jacks) was \$75K at press time.	\$20K tournament, Aug. 29 (noon, \$150, capped at 160 players), \$10K is guaranteed for first place.
<b>WHEELING CASINO</b> Phone: (304) 232-5050 www.wheelingisland.com	Sun-Fri. (\$40, 10a); Sat. (\$150, 3p, 6K chips), plus tournaments every night (\$40-\$65, 7p). Heartland Poker League (Sat., \$65, 10:45a).	Bad beat was \$101K at press time. Making quads (using both hole cards) lets you spin the wheel.	Pick of the Litter, Monday-Friday at 12:30, one player chosen for chance at \$1K.
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### Four Aces Pawn

Gambling has been, and always will be, an important part of history.

Different forms of gambling have very distinct history, but eventually find their way into each other. I happened to come across this dice gambling machine at a flea market in Long Beach, Calif.

The machine came from a Korean gambling club in Los Angeles and was stored in an old saxophone case for safe keeping. This old gambling machine is in great condition for 70 years old and is a hard find.

When police raided gambling clubs they almost always destroyed the machines making it harder for the clubs to reopen. This machine is completely intact with all of its glass tubes. The machine has 10 upright tubes with one die inside each of the tubes.

A lever on the side of the gambling apparatus flips the dice inside the tubes. The idea of the game with 8-to-1 odds is to bet on the dice inside the tubes, predicting what number the dice will land on.

Each tube is numbered 1 through 10. This machine was invented by Roy W. Miller of Han-Son Industry in Barberton, Ohio and was patented in the United States on Jan. 9, 1940 (Patent No. 2,186,465).

I paid \$1,000 for the machine and had it sent in the saxophone case where it is displayed at 4 Aces Pawn in Tampa, Fla.

This is a great example of a gambling device invented during WWII and would love to know more information about it if there is any. If you can provide any information please email me at [fouracetampa@aol.com](mailto:fouracetampa@aol.com) or call at 813-549-1310.



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# Q&A

WITH JOHNNY CHAN



The World Series of Poker's Tournament of Champions featured 27 of the finest poker players in the world, and none better than Johnny Chan. The two-time WSOP Main Event champ ultimately finished third in the TOC to win \$100K. Moments before the final he sat down at an empty table in the Rio's Amazon Room with Chris Cosenza, who had time to ask just 10 quick-hit questions.

**What's your favorite poker game and why?**

My favorite poker game is no-limit (hold'em), and it seems to me that I've been very good with it.

**What's the biggest pot you've ever won?**

I don't know, \$700K probably.

**What's the best poker advice you've ever received?**

I don't remember, I'm self-taught.

**Who's the best poker player in the world?**

I would say **Phil Ivey**; the guy's amazing.

**What does poker need?**

I think the players need to get together to make sure the corporations don't take so much money out of the tournament fees.

**If you weren't a poker player you'd be a ...**

I'd probably run a restaurant or a nightclub.

**Who's your poker hero?**

**Chip Reese** was my hero. He passed away unfortunately. He just had everything together: money-management, great player, good discipline, good mentality, friendly and he knew how to get the sucker into the game.

**What's your poker dream?**

To win another **big one**.

**How much money do you have on you right now?**

Not enough (laughs)



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Fridays 9/3 & 9/17 12:30PM & 7:30PM • \$100 + \$20 • 9/10 & 9/24 12:30PM • \$85 + \$15

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Sundays 12:30PM • \$100 + \$20

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