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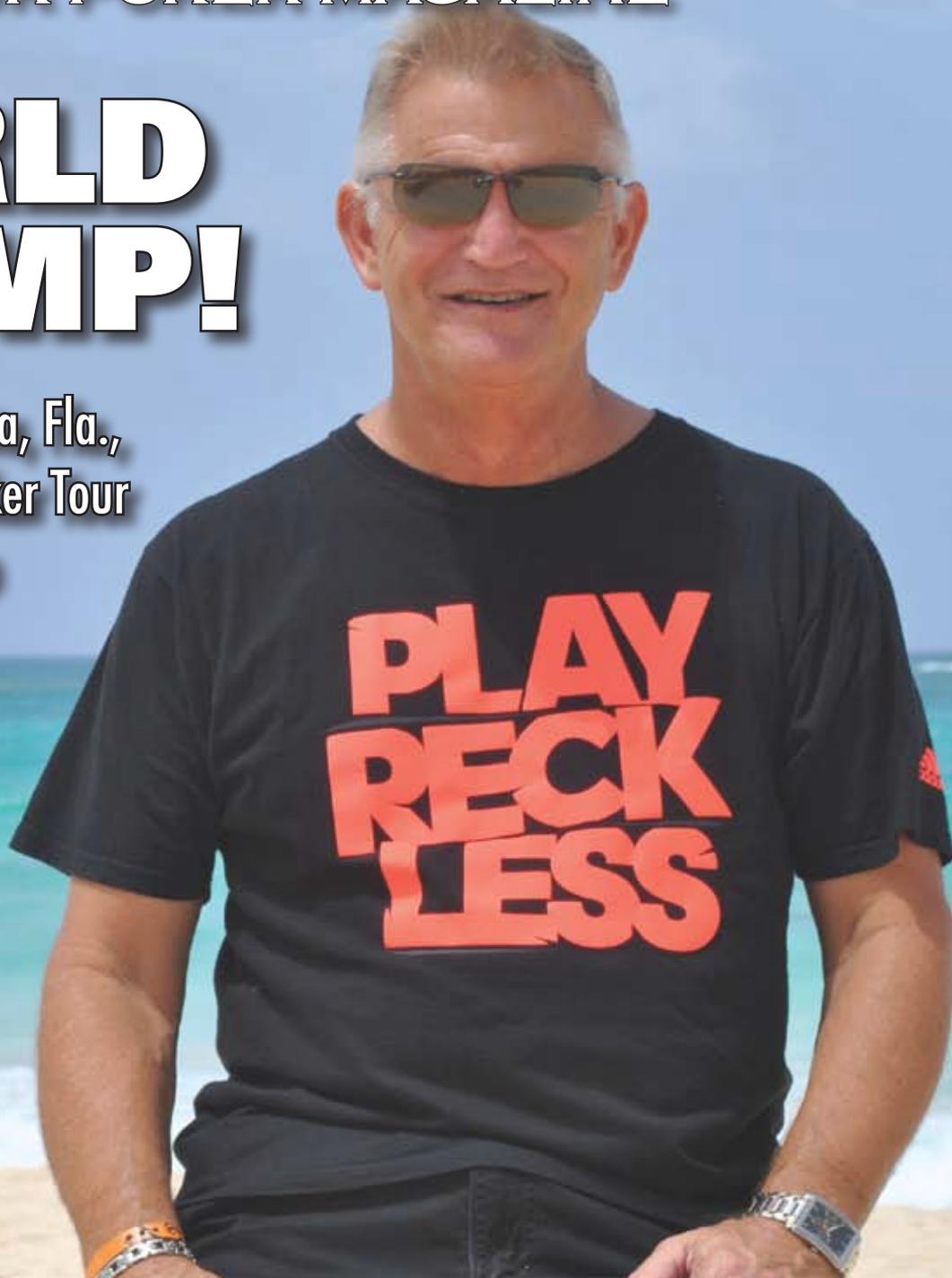
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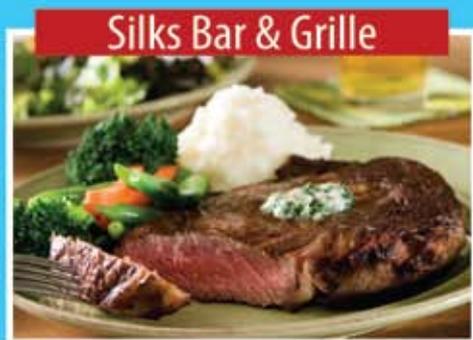


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And quite a lot has happened over the 60 months since that first issue in September 2008, including the highs of record-shattering tournament numbers and incredible performances, to the lows of Internet cheating scandals and Black Friday. But, like a short-stack player in a field of chipleaders, we survived it all and made the final table.

This month's cover story couldn't be a more fitting personification of the success of our company after our long, arduous journey. Our Ante Up Poker Tour, which has been around in some form for a few years, experienced its first AUPT World Championship at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. As one of the smaller stacks at the main-event final table, **Don Bates** of Sarasota, Fla., hung around all afternoon and into the evening before some timely bluffs, fortunate folds and quality play allowed him to emerge as our inaugural world champion. Congratulations, Don! (You can read his story and our full coverage on Page 38).

As we sat in the corner of the poker room on the penultimate day of this truly international series, a feeling of joy and accomplishment overtook us. We gazed at a packed room full of excited players from all over the world (Aruba, America, Dominican Republic, England, Sweden, Spain and Germany to name a few) and just couldn't believe how far we've come. We'll let the actions, testimonies and comments of our players speak for us, but suffice it to say we heard nothing but positive things from them.

Was it the largest tournament poker series in history? Of course not. Was it the most successful? No. But that's just fine, because it has motivated us to bring you an even better AUPT event when our 2013 season concludes at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., in November. And next year our AUPT will be even bigger. If you want to be a part of it, especially if you'd like your poker room to be on the schedule, be sure to drop us a line so we can tell you all about our big plans for 2014! We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long

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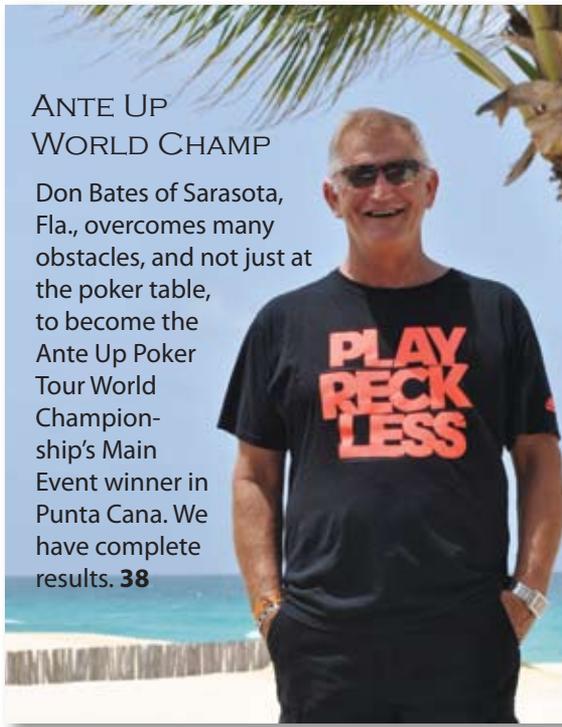
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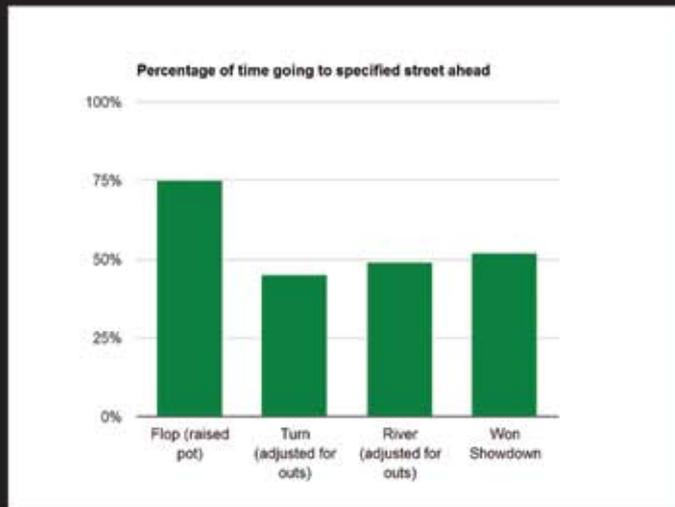


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# AN UNPRECEDENTED FEAT FOR MR. GEE

When it comes to some of the most amazing accomplishments at the World Series of Poker Main Event, pro **Steve Gee** of Sacramento has cemented his name among the greats by having one of the most amazing back-to-back runs in main-event history.



**GARRETT ROTH**  
NORCAL

In 2010, Gee won his first WSOP bracelet and \$472K by outlasting more than 3,000 players in a \$1K no-limit hold'em event.

In 2012, Gee made his first deep main-event run by making the October Nine, beating more than 6,500 players and finishing ninth for \$754K.

Gee followed that up this past summer in a 6,300-plus field with a 24th-place finish in the main for \$285K. He has a home in Northern California and plays at Bay 101 (San Jose, Calif.), Capitol Casino (Sacramento) and Thunder Valley Casino Resort (Lincoln, Calif.).

**When did you start getting serious about playing poker full time?** I started playing in local cardrooms at age 20 and would play for around 60 hours per week. I loved the game so much and moved up in stakes during the next two years. I crushed all the local games so I went on the road to play the biggest games in

California. For the next five years, I was playing the lowball tournament at Oaks Card Club (Emeryville, Calif.) and in So-Cal we were playing \$100-\$200 draw lowball. Unlike today, I was the only young gun in the high-stakes games in the '70s.

**Tell us a little bit about your playing style.** Mental toughness is one of my strengths and I believe that is a big reason I am able to do well in tournaments. I am always fighting to stay alive as long as I have a chip and a chair. I prefer small-ball poker and force opponents to play turns and rivers against me, which allows me to chip up slowly.

**What about your WSOP experiences in the main event and your bracelet victory in 2010?** As far as this year's main-event run, busting out 24th was just so painful, but looking back at it now, I can see that it was a great run. My bracelet win was the greatest feeling I have ever experienced as a poker player. It's hard to describe as it was that surreal. It was a dream for me when I realized I was now part of the exclusive club of WSOP gold-bracelet winners.

**Any advice for players looking to play their first big tournament?** Don't be intimidated. Don't be awestruck. Play your style that you have been successful with in the past and don't try to make fancy plays to impress anyone.

— **Email Garrett Roth at roth@anteupmagazine.com.**



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### A fall tournament preview

By Philip Dobrikin

After a quiet post-World Series of Poker in August, the Pacific Northwest poker world is beginning to stir. Kicking off the fall season is the Muckleshoot Summer Poker Classic in mid September at the Muckleshoot Indian Casino in Auburn, Wash. The casino will add \$50K across the prize pools of the three tournaments, which are a \$300 buy-in on Sept. 14, a \$500 event on Sept. 15 and a \$750 buy-in Sept. 16.

Players then have to make a choice where they want to play later in the fall. The Deepstacks Poker Tour/Oregon State Championships at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort and the World Series of Poker Circuit at the River Rock Casino in Richmond, B.C., are happening in late October, early November.

The Oregon State Championships run Oct. 27-Nov. 4, with 18 tournaments. To add variety, it has some mixed-game tournaments as well as no-limit hold'em, ranging from a \$55 event with \$30 rebuys to the \$1,100 main event with two Day 1s and a \$150K guarantee.

If you would rather travel north, the WSOPC at the River Rock runs Oct. 28-Nov. 8. No schedule had been released by the time of writing, but it should follow the standard 12-tournaments-in-12-days format. The main event is \$1,675 and drew 1,032 players last year.

— **Email Philip Dobrikin at anteupphil@gmail.com.**



## NEVADA

### WPT returns to Atlantis Casino

The WPT Western Poker Challenge returns to Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno (Sept. 13-23) and with a new manager at the helm. **Mike Gainey**, who left the Peppermill Casino in the winter and was brought on board as a poker host, has taken over the poker room in place of **Daniel Chiu**.



**LESLIE PAULS**  
RENO

Gainey, a legend in these parts, was the first to bring a large tour to Reno (the WPT in 2001) so he has plenty of experience to make this tournament series a success. It features 28 events, including no-limit hold'em and pot-limit Omaha with buy-ins ranging from \$120 to \$1,650.

Players can compete for their share of \$350K in guaranteed prize money, including Event 1, a \$340 NLHE tournament with a \$50K guarantee on Sept. 13. The series ends with the \$1,650 main event on Sept. 23, featuring a \$200K guarantee.

Each tournament will be in Atlantis' distinctive tournament setting, where players can take in dramatic views of the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountain range and Reno cityscape. A schedule of events and structures are available at atlantiscasino.com/wpt.

Atlantis will offer a complimentary hotel room to players who pre-register for the main event online or in person by Sept. 13. In addition, players can book a special hotel rate by calling 800-723-6500 with the offer code SPOKR09.

— **Leslie Pauls is an Ante Up Ambassador for Reno and a representative for Blue Shark Optics. Email her at anteupcali@gmail.com.**

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	Tue, 9/24	11am	Main Event Qualifier	\$180
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6	Wed, 9/24	5pm	Six Handed NLHE Deep Stack \$10,000 GUARANTEED	\$150
	Tue, 9/24	7pm	Main Event Qualifier	\$180
	Wed, 9/25	11am	Main Event Qualifier	\$180
7	Wed, 9/25	1pm	Up the Ante NLHE (Ante Only Blind Structure)	\$120
8	Wed, 9/25	5pm	NLHE Deep Stack \$20,000 GUARANTEED	\$175

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# HUGE FIELDS FOR GRAND SLAM OF POKER

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**DAVE PALM**  
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of this series was three events, all with multiple starting flights and buy-ins (\$220-\$270). In addition to these three events, there were nightly deepstacks for those who busted early and hadn't had their fill of poker for the day. The three primary events totaled more than 3,500 players and nearly \$600,000 in prize money. Event 1 had **Marc Wolpert** taking it down for \$27K with **Dong Xu** second (\$17K). **Bruce Buffer** and local pro **Barbara Enright** also made their way

to the money in this one. **Caesar Natividad** claimed the top prize of \$67K in Event 2 with **Sam Lee** taking second (\$35,500). Finally, Event 3 champ **Nipun Java** picked up \$37K and **Brian Freeman** was second for a little more than \$20K.

With the Legends of Poker at the Bicycle Casino for most of the month of August, next up is the 27-event Commerce Poker Series kicking off Sept 4.

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## Grand Slam of Poker, Hustler Casino, July 14-29

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### Event 2 • \$250

Entries: 1,528 • Pool: \$311K

1. Caesar Natividad, \$67,000
2. Sam Lee, \$35,500
3. Dathan Kuppim, \$24,150
4. Sami Kanawati, \$17,300
5. Phillip Zangwill, \$13,450
6. Anthony Petreccia, \$10,325
7. Florentino Montero, \$7,725
8. George Kozel, \$5,700
9. Arpad Fabian, \$4,175

### Event 3 • \$270

Entries: 1,295 • Pool: \$289K

1. Nipun Java, \$39,000
2. Brian Freeman, \$20,050
3. Nir Uri, \$13,550
4. Vadim Baranovsky, \$11,050
5. Nicholas Roneycz, \$9,500
6. Armando Mesina, \$8,100
7. Senon Pastores, \$6,375
8. Farsheed Farhang, \$5,000
9. Behzad Javadzadeh, \$3,900

## Chumash Casino: beautiful inside and out

Tucked away in the heart of the Santa Ynez wine country is Chumash Casino. A beautiful drive up the 101 on the coast takes you to a great weekend getaway about 45 minutes north of Santa Barbara. Spend your day wine-tasting and visiting Solvang, a quaint Danish village. There are a lot of wonderful wineries within minutes of Chumash.



**KITTIE ALEMAN**  
SOCAL

The poker room is spacious and the beautiful earth tones make for a pleasing, relaxed atmosphere. It has a pager system so you can get a bite to eat or play slots and not miss your seat.

It also will be installing the Bravo system for a player-comp program. Everything in the room is geared to the poker player. All 14 tables are larger than the average table, which means you have elbow room. Cash games seat nine while tournaments use 10 seats. The high-backed chairs on rollers are the most comfortable seats ever.

There are 10 large flatscreen TVs easily viewable from any seat. It's a non-smoking room, but there is an enclosed smokers lounge with a TV and comfortable chairs. Every aspect of the room is thought-out for player comfort.

**Ian Adams**, the poker room manager, has an extensive history

in the hospitality field. He spent 13 years in the cruise industry and has been with Chumash for five years. He's a firm believer in service and making sure players feel comfortable and valued. There is a zero-tolerance policy on any type of abuse toward players and staff. There's definitely a buzz in the room from chips clicking and conversation, but no yelling or loud voices.

Adams has put together a nice range of cash games. Limit hold'em \$2-\$4 and \$3-\$6; no-limit hold'em \$1-\$2 (\$40-\$100), \$2-\$5 (\$100-\$700) and \$5-\$10 (\$300-\$1,500), Big O (five-card Omaha) \$3-\$6 and Omaha \$3-\$6.

There's also a nice variety of tournaments. With \$10-\$150 buy-ins, there's a tournament to fit any budget. They also add funds to some of the prize pools, which is a nice touch. Wednesday nights is the Battle of the Sexes. I played in this tournament as the ladies play against each other, as do the men, when each group gets down to five, they come together at the final table and battle it out. It was well-run and fun to play. The ladies won this round.

Other promotions include splash pots throughout the week and a Friday high-hand contest. Adams and his staff really work well together and make sure players have a good time.

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

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DATE	EVENT	DETAILS	START TIME
Monday - Friday	<b>WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT</b>	\$30 Buy-in \$30 Add-on/Re-Buy	Starts 10AM
2nd Saturday of Every Month	<b>\$220 DEEP STACK TOURNAMENT</b>	\$220 Buy in Re-Entries til first break	Starts 11AM
Every Sunday	<b>\$5,000 GUARANTEED TOURNAMENT</b>	\$120 Buy in One \$60 add on	Starts 11AM
3rd Saturday of Month	<b>KNOCKOUT BOUNTY TOURNAMENT</b>	\$150 Buy in \$50 Bounties Re-Entries til first break	Starts 11AM
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# LOCALS MOSTLY STRUGGLE AT WORLD SERIES

Every summer, thousands of players from all over the world make the trip to Las Vegas for the World Series of Poker. Of course, many Miami-Ft. Lauderdale residents are included in that group, and as the South Florida Ambassador, I try to keep a close eye on their continuous chip counts and the eventual results. **Matt Waxman** of Parkland was the only bracelet-winner this year from South Florida, though **Amir Lehavot**, who lives in Weston, is alive to bring home the bracelet with the most diamonds as a member of the November Nine (he sits in second place).



**DAVE LEMMON**  
SOUTH FLORIDA

Several area players came extremely close: **Noah Schwartz** of Miami Beach (PLO) and **Steve Wolansky** of Cooper City (eight-game mix) lost big leads (and the bracelet) in heads-up play. Former Ante Up Player of the Year **Darryll Fish**, **Rob Mizrachi** and **Ronnie Bardah** each got a third-place finish, while **Michael Mizrachi**, **Alexander Barlow** of Pembroke Pines, and **Brian Hastings** of Miami Beach took home fourth-place scores. Other final-table appearances came from **Ashton Griffin** of Lake Worth, **Ivan Schertzer** of Miami Shores, **Chris Bolek** of Boca Raton, **Mike DeGilio** of Miami and **Fernando Halac** in the seniors event.

But for all the success, there were many South Florida players who came up empty-handed or had just a few small cashes that left them sorely disappointed. **Jason Mercier** of Davie, ranked No. 1 in the Global Poker Index for much of the year, had six cashes, but none more than \$8K until a 16th-place finish in Event 44. **Tristan Wade** of Boynton Beach had only one cash, an 88th-place finish. That should give you an idea of just how difficult it is to make a final table at the WSOP, much less bring home a sizable profit.

**FSPC:** And of all that pales in comparison to the seven-week nightmare suffered by **Hans Winzeler** of Miami. The South Florida native, who cut his teeth in poker by playing in small SNGs at Seminole Hard Rock, went 0-for-38 in Vegas. That's right, zero cashes. This performance came on the heels of three final tables

(all in PLO) over the past two summers in WSOP play for more than \$580K. In 2012, Winzeler came home after the series to finish third in the Florida State Poker Championship at the Isle Casino, good for \$151K. This year, he felt even more pressure to redeem himself for the goose-egg at the Rio.

Let's just say the Miami native was up to the task. In a dominating performance in which he carried a huge lead over the final day-and-a-half, Winzeler took home the trophy of the FSPC main, along with \$161K. I think he was more relieved than overjoyed, as he told me, "In the World Series I ran so bad, and now today I just ran really good. I guess it helps being home and being with familiar faces."

Watching him finish it off, it was apparent there was no way he was going to blow the big lead and also no way he was going to chop, so most of the drama on the final day was seeing who would take second. Wolansky and Deerfield Beach's **Eric Riley** trailed Winzeler by about a half-million chips, so it was clear the battle for \$32K difference between second and third was going to last awhile. Riley, an Isle regular who satellited into the event at the last second, finally crippled his more experienced opponent when he raised on the button, saw Wolansky raise him back, then jammed with A-Q offsuit, dominating Wolansky who called with A-10. The board ran out and Riley had clinched a nearly six-figure payday (\$95K), by far the largest of his life. Wolansky, who earned \$139K for his runner-up finish in June at the Rio, took home \$63K.

**LEWIS WINS AT CALDER:** The Studz Poker Club at Calder Casino & Race Course hosted a Poker Players Championship series over the first weekend in August, and with six opening sessions the \$150 buy-in drew an impressive 837 entries.

The final five chopped, but **Chris Lewis** took home the trophy and the largest share of the prize pool, earning \$14,500 in addition to his prize package. He was followed by **Frankie Zayas** (\$9,500), **Damien Simon** (\$7,800), **Jennifer Patrice** (\$6K) and **Oneal Dowaid** (\$4,276). They each received poker-travel packages as well.

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## Florida State Championship Isle Casino, July 11-30

- Event 1 • \$350 NLHE**  
Entries: 817 • Pool: \$285,950  
Denian Costa, \$47,394
- Event 2 • \$260 Bounty**  
Entries: 121 • Pool: \$37,900  
Scott Zakheim, \$7,120
- Event 3 • \$170 NLHE**  
Entries: 254 • Pool: \$31,180  
Evan Teitelbaum, \$9,006\*
- Event 4 • \$200 O/8**  
Entries: 84 • Pool: \$7,590  
Patty Vorbeck, \$5K\*
- Event 5 • \$200 Bounty**  
Entries: 197 • Pool: \$19,700  
Matthew Burnitz, \$4,826\*
- Event 6 • \$200 HORSE**  
Entries: 57 • Pool: \$11,400  
Bradley Young, \$2,800\*
- Event 7 • \$300 Seniors**  
Entries: 105 • Pool: \$31,500  
Michael Tufaro, \$6,773\*
- Event 8 • \$230 PLO**  
Entries: 59 • Pool: \$20K  
Michael Ortiz, \$5,229\*
- Event 9 • \$150 NLHE**  
Entries: 239 • Pool: \$29,875  
Jonathan Hopson, \$5,129\*
- Event 10 • \$200 NLHE**  
Entries: 242 • Pool: \$40K  
Mike Bennett, \$5,009\*
- Event 11 • \$500 Bounty**  
Entries: 143 • Pool: \$64,350  
Lee Miller, \$7,718\*
- Event 12 • \$560 NLHE**  
Entries: 123 • Pool: \$61,500  
Andre Crooks, \$13,575\*
- Event 13 • \$400 NLHE**  
Entries: 76 • Pool: \$30K  
Daniel Blum, \$10,200
- Event 14 • \$1K Bounty**  
Entries: 123 • Pool: \$100K  
Micah Smith, \$25K\*
- \$2,500 Main Event**  
Entries: 251 • Pool: \$577K  
Hans Winzeler, \$161K
- Event 16 • \$170 Bounty**  
Entries: 113 • Pool: \$19,210  
Theo Lawson, \$1,568\*
- Event 17 • \$180 NLHE**  
Entries: 65 • Pool: \$10K  
Brent Philbin, \$3,700
- Event 18 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 88 • Pool: \$17,600  
Kim Scoratow, \$3,020\*

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# EMERALD COAST CHAMPIONSHIP IS THIS MONTH

Ebro Greyhound Park's signature tournament series, the Emerald Coast Poker Championship, runs Sept. 5-29, with Event 1 kicking off Sept. 19.

The tournament series features some satellites leading up to the first event (plus more during the series), so be sure to see the ad on the back cover for the full schedule, starting chips, blind levels and satellite details. Speaking of the schedule, there are some interesting events in store for you.



**CHARLES ALLISON**  
**NORTH FLORIDA**

Yes, there's plenty of no-limit hold'em, but there's Omaha/8 on Sept. 21 (\$110, 6:30 p.m.) and there's a no-limit crazy pineapple tournament on Sept. 24 (\$110, 6:30 p.m.). Crazy pineapple is when you're dealt three hole cards, have a round of betting, see the flop, have a round of betting and then discard one card before the turn. From there, regular NLHE rules apply. It should be a lot of fun.

The main event is a two-day affair, starting Sept. 28 (\$550, 2 p.m., 15K chips), that has 45-minute blinds.

On the cash side, a new game, \$2-\$100 spread-limit hold'em, has caught on like wildfire with the local players. The \$500 buy-in is a happy medium for a lot of the Ebro regulars at the Panhandle's premier poker room.

**BESTBET:** In June and July at best bet Jacksonville, players were treated to more than \$150K in giveaways through promotions and drawings. **George Vetter Jr.** won a personal watercraft and **Randy Smith** won a motorcycle worth \$12K, calling his shot before he even walked into the room.

"I told my wife I was going to win that bike," he said.

On the tournament side, July's \$50k guarantee was more than doubled as it reached \$103K. The final table saw appearances from tournament regulars **Moses Clepper**, **Timothy Johnson** and **Mark Smith**. The event ended in a five-way chop where second through fifth took home \$10K each while winner **Lawrence Miller** pocketed \$16K.

**DAYTONA BEACH:** Greg "Fossilman" Raymer hosted a special weekend where he taught a tournament hold'em seminar to local players. Raymer also took part in three tournaments over the weekend. Players who eliminated Fossilman didn't just get a great story to tell their friends, they also earned a \$200 bounty for the Friday night event and \$500 bounties in each of the Saturday tournaments.

Daytona's big promotion for the month featured \$1K high hands every half-hour with an hourly \$100 table share.

— Charles Allison is Ante Up's North Florida Ambassador. Email him at [anteupcharles@gmail.com](mailto:anteupcharles@gmail.com).

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

## BESTBET JACKSONVILLE FALL SERIES 2013

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

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

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# NEW TOURNAMENT SERIES AT SILKS WAS A HIT

Can you have too much poker? It's a question that permeates any poker scene, especially since tournament series aren't limited to the World Series in the middle of the summer anymore. While the larger tournament series aren't necessarily geared toward the everyday player, the smaller regional events are much more welcoming. That was the thought of Silks' poker room manager **Patrick Murphy**, who decided to take the chance with the Poker Players Championship series and brought a week-long series of tournaments to Tampa Bay Downs.



**ANDREW MALOWITZ**  
CENTRAL FLA.

Leading up to the week-long event, the satellites were nicely attended. With tournaments getting between 80-150 players for the preliminaries and 307 for the main event, this series scored well with players. And the smaller buy-in with a large guarantee made it accessible for all.

The uniqueness of this series is that cash wasn't the only prize available. Packages to the PPC World

Championship in Aruba also was at stake. More than 20-plus packages were awarded, including six \$5K packages for main event's top five.

When we spoke with PPC's **Sandy Swartzbaugh** about the packages he said, "Most players love this package since they get an opportunity to get away to paradise and play poker. It's a dream come true. However, for whatever reason someone isn't able to play, they can transfer or sell to another player interested in going."



**Eddie Kofler** edged out **R.J. Sullivan** to win the main-event title, \$28,687 and an Aruba package. The PPC and Silks have teamed for a last chance to Aruba. There will be five events Sept. 19-22 with the main event being a one-day \$350 buy-in. With the success of the first series this is sure to draw a crowd.

**NFL PROMOTIONS:** Derby Lane in St. Petersburg has confirmed some NFL promotions and tournaments, but details aren't finalized. The Silks will have high hands, touchdown prizes and a lounge for those looking to watch games. We'll be updating you on these promotions and others as we get more details.

— Email Andrew Malowitz at [anteupandrew@gmail.com](mailto:anteupandrew@gmail.com).

## Summer Series

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#### Event 1 • \$120 NLHE

122 players • Pool: \$11,834  
William Haynes, \$2,650

#### Event 2 • \$130 Ladies

40 players • Pool: \$3,880  
Diane Magoulis, \$443\*

#### Event 3 • \$330 PLO

124 players • Pool: \$36,828  
Rob Melo, \$8,214

#### Event 4 • \$120 Seniors

99 players • Pool: \$9,462  
Mike Baize, \$1,538

#### Event 5 • \$125 Bounty

78 players • Pool: \$6,005  
Edie Norman, \$1,634

#### Event 6 • \$120 U40

29 players • Pool: \$2,812  
Ian Bose, \$1,000

#### Event 7 • \$225 NLHE

196 players • Pool: \$38,612  
Michael Mattingly, \$8,031

#### Event 8 • \$540 NLHE

307 players • Pool: \$152,579  
Eddie Kofler, \$28,687

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# HYPERACTIVE SOUTHWEST SEPTEMBER

The Isleta Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, which used to be called a Hard Rock, hosts the Big Poker Championship on Sept. 6-8. The \$400 buy-in will get you 50K chips, 45-minute blinds and there will be \$20K added to the prize pool. Winner of the event also receives a championship bracelet.



**MARY BRADLEY**  
SOUTHWEST

**BUFFALO THUNDER:** The poker room near Santa Fe anticipates a competitive frenzy this month, starting with the Labor Day (Sept. 2) no-limit hold'em tournament at 2 p.m., with \$100 added per table, \$40 entry (one re-entry), 3,500 chips and 15-minute levels.

The Summer of Fun Freeroll, for which players earned entry with 40 hours live play from July 14-Aug. 31, will be on Sept. 7 at 2. There will be an Omaha/8 tournament Sept. 15 at 2, with \$100 added per table, \$100 entry (one re-entry), 5K chips and 20-minute levels. And finally, on Sept. 28, join the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack for \$150 (15K chips, 20-minute blinds, 1 p.m.).

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS:** Southern New Mexico's Inn of the Mountain Gods hosts ongoing satellites until Sept. 25 for the third annual Poker Championship. Monday and Wednesday satellites are at noon (\$65, 20-minute blinds). Super qualifiers are Sept. 26 and 27 (\$550). The \$1,100 Poker Championship

is Sept. 28-29 (15K chips, \$10 add-on gets you 5K more). First place pays \$30K and a gold bracelet (valued at \$5K).

**SANDIA:** Sandia Casino hit the poker room's largest bad-beat jackpot in its history on Aug. 4. Eight players shared \$148,180.

**NEW POKER ROOM:** In Flagstaff, Ariz., Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort recently opened with a 12-table poker room.

**TALKING STICK:** There are a ton of tournaments at the Arena Poker Room in Casino Arizona's Talking Stick Resort in September. If you're in the Scottsdale area be sure to play in at least one of these.

- Every day through Sept. 15, there will be Ladies State Championship shootouts (\$50, \$5 add-on for 500 more).
- Sept. 7, 11:15 a.m.: Big Stack (\$330, 10K chips, \$15 add-on for 3K more).
- Sept. 14 and 15, 10 a.m.: Ladies State Championship (\$400, 12K chips, \$15 add-on for 3K more). Day 2 of the event is Sept. 16.
- Sept. 21, 11:15 a.m.: Super Bounty Big Stack (\$225, 8,500 chips, \$10 add-on for 2,500 more).
- Sept. 28, 11:15 a.m.: End of the Month event (\$150, 3,500 chips, \$10 add-on for 2,500 more).

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## Tournament series at Golden Gates continue

The Colorado Poker Championship series at Golden Gates in Black Hawk remains one of the most popular events in the area, and expectations are high for CPC7, which runs until Sept. 2. Greeley resident **Trey Fan**, who expects to register for three or four of this year's games, said affordable buy-ins create a big draw for regular amateur players. "You get a lot of good, solid grinders, not a bunch of shady stuff, not a bunch of hardcore (pros)," Fan said. "All the usual faces but a nice supply of fish, too."



**RICK GERSHMAN**  
COLORADO

It hasn't been too long since CPC6 (May), but the series hasn't shown any signs of burn-out yet. The \$1K no-limit hold'em main event attracted 183 players, and the Gates is anticipating a \$300K prize pool for CPC7 events.

Players can choose from 29 tournaments and can earn a berth in the Tournament of Champions by finishing in the top 20 in points. Players who finish in the top three in points earn a berth (worth \$1,650) into the next Heartland Poker Tour event, running Sept. 6-16 at the Gates.

**ISLE PUSHING PROMOTIONS:** While every poker room offers promotions of some sort, the Isle does so as aggressively and prolifically as any room you'll find.

The Isle is particularly pressing the "Get paid to play" angle with Black Hawk players, most recently offering \$5 per hour for playing in a \$1-\$3-\$100 hold'em game. If you're an early bird, you can earn \$10 for every hour of poker played (up to three hours) from 6-10 a.m. It's also offering new players \$10 per hour up to \$50.

**EL PASO COUNTY FAIR EVENT:** *Ante Up* was pleased to help sponsor this event July 22 at the fair in Calhan, Colo., about 30 minutes east of Colorado Springs. Organizer **Christine Burns** said the tournament attracted 50 percent more players than the inaugural event in 2012. The top three finishers earned one-year subscriptions to *Ante Up*.

**R.W Fortune** of Falcon won the tournament, cashing for \$125. **Craig Wilson** of Calhan and **Roger Conner** of Penrose placed second and third, respectively, earning \$50 and \$25.

Poker seems to be popping up as a draw at many local events. The Geek Pavilion at the Denver County Fair also held a free tournament in early August (run by Golden Gates), and we'll provide results when they become available.

**LADY LUCK:** According to **Deb Johnson** at the Lady Luck Casino in Black Hawk, aces full of jacks still qualifies for the bad-beat jackpot, but there is no longer a room share.

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## TWO POKER ROOMS OPEN, ANOTHER CLOSES

Two more poker rooms have opened in Las Vegas. The LVH, next to the Las Vegas Convention Center, just off the strip, opened a five-table “Poker Pit” on the main casino floor. The room will offer low buy-in tournaments in addition to \$1-\$3 no-limit hold’em and \$4-\$8 limit. **Mark Selby**, late of the Riviera’s recently closed poker room, will be lead supervisor.



**ROB SOLOMON**  
LAS VEGAS

Downtown, the Plaza opened a three-table room featuring PokerPro electronic tables. The lack of live dealers allows the room to offer a \$3 maximum rake on its cash games and a 25-cent/50-cent pot-limit Omaha game, in addition to \$2-\$4 limit and \$1-\$2 NLHE. **Ed Peterson**, who is the director of slots, will be manager. Peterson was a supervisor in the Excalibur poker room.

On the flip side, the M Resort, the popular locals casino, announced it has closed its 14-table poker room. It was hugely popular when it opened four years ago at the new casino, but it has been struggling to keep games going for the past year.

**CHANGES:** **Susan Sandberg**, longtime manager of the Monte Carlo poker room, has been named manager at the Mirage, replacing **Chris Coffin**, who left in July.

**MEGABEAT:** On July 1, Caesars Entertainment’s Mega Beat Progressive Jackpot hit for the third time, and just like the previous two, it happened at Planet Hollywood.

Another Caesars Entertainment promo is its “20 for 20 freeroll.” Players who accumulate 20 hours of live play in a two-week period at any of its Vegas properties are eligible. The top-40 finishers in each biweekly \$20K freeroll get \$500 each. The poker rooms participating are Caesars Palace, Bally’s, Rio, Harrah’s, the Quad, Flamingo and Planet Hollywood, and players can combine hours at the individual properties to qualify.

**ARIA/AVP:** Last issue I wrote about the All Vegas Poker tourney Sept. 15 at Aria. It’s a \$125 (\$115+\$10) buy-in event, not \$100 as initially reported. All entrants will get a \$10 food comp and all players are welcome.

Speaking of AVP, the site is celebrating the excellent World Series of Poker Main Event run by one of its own, **Paul Gordon**. Gordon blogs under the name “Vookenmeister” on AVP and is one of its most popular contributors. He plays poker online to great success, mostly one-table and double-or-nothing tourneys.

At the beginning of the year, he put together a 33-step pro-

gram to get ready for his WSOP debut and started playing a lot of multitable tournaments online to prepare. He had no trouble finding backers to help him with the entry fee and took a week off from his IT job in Virginia to follow his dream.

Despite his limited experience in big, live tournaments, all of Gordon’s preparation paid off and he made it to Day 4, busting out at 538 for a \$21K payday. It was an incredible accomplishment for a main-event debut and he celebrated with his wife, Patsy.

**SUNSET STATION:** The locals room in Henderson announced it will start spreading tournaments for the first time in years, beginning with a \$35 tournament (5K chips) Sundays through Thursdays at 7 p.m. There also will be twice-monthly \$2,500 freerolls, with 20 hours of live play needed to qualify.

**CAESARS PALACE:** The Summer Mega Stack Series wrapped July 14 with the \$1,080 main event. **Neville Darrell** of Bermuda won the tournament and \$340K, outlasting runner-up **Greg Himmelbrand** of New York, who settled for \$241K. More than 2,160 entrants resulted in a prize pool of more than \$2 million.

**VENETIAN:** The main event for Deep Stack Extravaganza III finished July 14. Las Vegas’ **Allyn Shulman** claimed the \$293K first place prize for the \$5,000 event. **Alexander Condon** of Iowa finished second for \$181K. More than 260 entered and the prize pool was \$1.2 million.

Venetian’s next event is Deep Stack Extravaganza 3.5 on Sept. 16-29. The \$1,600 main event starts Sept. 27.

**WYNN:** Sixty players competed for the \$5,180 Wynn Summer Classic on June 22 as one-time *Ante Up* columnist **Kenna James** won the \$83K first prize. **Kyle Carlston** was second (\$63.5K). Both players are from Las Vegas.

Wynn’s Fall Classic will be Oct. 11-29. Many of the events have \$100K or \$250K guarantees. The \$1,600 championship event starts Oct. 26.

**ARIA:** The \$1,080 championship event at the Aria Classic went to **Jarad Jaffee** of New York over **Diego Serrano** of Spain. The winner took home \$57K and the runner-up received \$37K. More than 210 players generated a \$205K pool.

**BELLAGIO:** **David Peters** of Ohio won \$355K and the Bellagio Cup title, July 15. **Jason Koon** of Las Vegas took home \$216K for second. The \$10,300 event had nearly 140 players and generated a \$1.3 million prize pool.

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# POKER TDA RELEASES SOME RULES CHANGES

By Scott Long

The Poker Tournament Directors Association has released tournament rule changes agreed on at the most recent Poker TDA Summit, including a new Rule No. 2 that reinforces the responsibilities players have when entering a tournament.

“It was probably the most productive and all-encompassing TDA gathering since our first one 12 years ago,” board member **Dave Lamb** said of this year’s summit, held in June at Venetian Las Vegas. Summits are every two years. “The membership came better prepared to argue points and to make a case for their views.”

Three new board members were announced: World Series of Poker tournament director **Jack Effel**, head of live poker operations for PokerStars Europe **Neil Johnson** and Borgata tournament director **Tab Duchateau**. They give the organization more global experience and greatly enhanced the discussion of attendees.

## New rules

The new Rule No. 2 lists 14 responsibilities players assume in a tournament, concluding with an umbrella statement to “generally contribute to an orderly tournament.” While few of the responsibilities are new, the list, which includes following the action and following proper etiquette, is intended to remind players of what they can do to minimize floor rulings and keep tournaments flowing. Language in other TDA rules was strengthened to remind players of responsibilities, including a player’s need to defend his or her right to act when skipped by out-of-turn action.

The growing popularity of re-entry events and late registration was addressed in a new Rule No. 7, which ensures all players will start with a full stack regardless of when they register. Board member **Matt Savage** encouraged membership to no longer deal to dead stacks.

The number of players at a final table was clarified with new Rule No. 11, which says final tables are to include the normal number of players at a full table plus one (e.g. seven players in a six-max



Poker TDA members pose for a photo at the summit in June.

event), with an obvious exception to heads-up events.

The controversial ruling in the 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event when **Andras Koroknai** moved all-in and mucked his hand not realizing **Gaëlle Baumann** still had cards spurred a passionate debate and a new rule. While preliminary approving an addition to Rule No. 13 that would have clarified a player who mucks his hand thinking he has won the pot does so at his own risk and may forfeit the pot, but may have any uncalled bet returned, the addition was later removed to avoid players angle-shooting with it. However, new Rule No. 14 clarifies that pushing non-tabled, face-down cards forward at showdown doesn’t automatically kill the hand unless the room has a forward-motion or mucking line.

New Rule No. 18 states players no longer in possession of their cards or who mucked face down lose the right to ask to see any other hand.

Believing that keeping players seated at the table improves tournament efficiency, the membership expanded some “player present” rules, the most controversial of which is likely to be a change to Rule No. 29, which now says players must be within reach of their chair before the first card, not the last card, is dealt or the hand is mucked. Rule No. 30 mandates players to remain at their

seat for the duration of the hand or face a possible penalty.

Undercalls, which are becoming more popular in some foreign countries, were addressed in Rules No. 37-38, which state that an undercall is a mandatory full call if facing an opening bet multi-way on any betting round or facing any bet heads-up. Tournament directors are to use their discretion in other situations, but players are asked to wait for clear bet amounts to be announced before acting. Tournament directors also were urged to use “All In” buttons to help reduce player confusion.

## Clarifications of existing rules

Language elsewhere in the TDA rules was clarified to address the growing acceptance and use of electronic devices at the tables, giving tournament directors more discretion when balancing tables, how odd chips are awarded, chip-race procedures, misdeals, methods of calling and raising, multiple-chip betting, penalties, one-player-to-a-hand and proper folding.

“There were several new rules put in place, but there was even more fine-tuning and defining this year than in the past,” board member **Linda Johnson** said.

All TDA rules are posted at the Poker TDA website ([pokertda.com](http://pokertda.com)), as well as videos of discussions at the summit. ♠

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## BIG PERFORMANCES, BIG TOURNEY SCHEDULE

Congratulations to Wichita's **Maxx Coleman** for his deep run in the WSOP main event. He began Day 4 as chipleader and finished 21st, earning \$285,408. I also want to congratulate Beloit's **Brett Shaffer** for winning Event 53 (\$1,500 no-limit hold'em). He topped a field of 2,816 to win \$665,397 and the gold bracelet.



**ROBERT KELLY**  
OK-KANSAS

**TOURNAMENT ACTION:** WinStar World Casino has been running satellites since late July as it built up to its \$4 million guarantee River Poker Series, which concluded Sept. 2. Downstream Casino Resort hosts the Mid-States Poker Tour (Aug. 31-Sept. 8). Cherokee Casino West Siloam Springs hosted its Blast from the Past series (Aug. 16-25). Hard Rock Casino Tulsa hosted its Poker Showdown (Aug. 8-18) and Choctaw Casino hosted its series Aug. 5. Results from each series were too late for publication and will be highlighted in October.

**CHOCTAW:** The Durant casino will host its \$1 million guarantee Choctaw Fall Classic on Sept. 26-Oct. 7. Opening day will have a noon \$70 100-seat guarantee super-satellite to the 7 p.m. \$560 kickoff event, which has a \$100K guarantee.

Every subsequent event has guaranteed prize pools with buy-ins ranging from \$100 to the \$1K main event Oct. 4-5. Three non-hold'em events are sprinkled into the series: \$200 pot-limit Omaha, PLO/8, and H.O.R.S.E. Each sport a \$10K

guarantee.

**INDIGO SKY CASINO:** This poker room is on the fall schedule for the Heartland Poker Tour. Dates for the stop are Oct. 10-21. The main event is \$1,650.

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO:** The poker room at Kansas Speedway continues to run Monday \$65 and \$160 deepstack tournaments on the second and fourth Sundays. The room continues to offer diverse games at a variety of stakes, including \$2-4 limit hold'em, \$1-\$3 NLO and \$20-\$40 Omaha/8. Recent additions include Thursday night HO featuring \$2-\$5 PLO and \$5-\$10 NLO. The bad-beat jackpot was more than \$191K at press time.

**KANSAS STAR CASINO:** The Tuesday night \$85 tournament pays seven places. Also, \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 NLO is spread while \$2-\$5 to \$2-\$5-\$10 PLO/8 has been growing in popularity and can be found along with similar stakes PLO.

**BOOT HILL CASINO:** **Robert Bridle** is the new table games manager and **Corey Thomas** is the poker room manager. New to the room is \$2-\$5 PLO. Bad-beat ineligible, it sports a \$200 minimum buy-in with 80 percent of top stack being the max. Poker room hours are 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Mon.-Thurs. and 2 p.m.-2 a.m. on weekends unless a strong game is running. The bad beat was nearly \$154K at press time and has a quads qualifier.

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## Farone making some big changes at Meadows Casino

As promised in the last issue of *Ante Up*, I wanted to share my recent interview with Meadows Casino's new poker room manager **Jim Farone**.



**MIKE OWENS**  
W. PA./W. VA.

**What can new players coming to the area expect?**

Players can expect to meet some of the friendliness dealers in the industry. Our crew is very professional and runs a good game at a comfortable pace. They are also very patient with beginners who may just be learning the rules of the game. This is a great room for experienced players, as well as first-timers. Guests can expect

to find a game they will enjoy.

**How did you get started in poker?** I've been working in this industry for almost a decade now, culminating (with this) recent opportunity to serve the Meadows Casino. But to truly answer how I got my start in poker, it goes back 30 years. Cards were a big part of my family growing up.

**What changes have you made in the poker room?** I restructured our tournament schedule to better meet our customers' preferences. I also have had several conversations with our valued guests to ask them what promotions they would like to see. After all,

it is their poker room. But the biggest change is coming very soon. We are building a new poker room and relocating it on the main floor of the casino.

**Do you play the game?** Absolutely. I love the game. I'm just glad you didn't ask if I play the game well.

**WIN A CRUISE AT PRESQUE:** Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Erie, Pa., will award an Ante Up Poker Cruise package to the grand-prize winner of a drawing on Oct. 12.

Players can win tickets through Sept. 30 by getting a full house or better that wins or loses in any eligible Texas Hold'em game.

Drawings for 45 prizes will begin at 11 a.m. on Oct. 12, with a new ticket drawn every 15 minutes. Players have 15 minutes to claim their prize. The grand prize will be drawn at 10 p.m. and winners must be present.

The grand prize is an Ante Up Cruise package on the Dec. 2 sailing aboard Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas out of Tampa, Fla., which includes cruise fare, port charges and taxes for up to two people, plus a \$500 American Express gift card. To read about Ante Up's 2014 schedule see Pages 44-45.

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# COUSHATTA'S CLANS CUP RETURNS SEPT. 17

Coushatta Casino Resort will host its 7 Clans Poker Cup Series on Sept. 17-22. This event always fills up quickly. The \$1,100 main event in April generated a \$232,218 prize pool as first place paid more than \$44K. The cash-game action also is lively, so be sure to make your trip for the great games.



**MATT STROUD**  
LOUISIANA

**CYPRESS BAYOU:** Multiple qualifiers from Cypress Bayou Casino's satellites for the Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship at the Hard Rock Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic enjoyed much success on the island. Here are some of the highlights, and you can see a full recap of the AAPT Worlds on Page 38.

**Timothy Trahan** of Youngsville, La., was the big local winner, capturing Event 2 (\$175 NLHE/PLO) for \$1,275, chopping Event 15 (\$125 NLHE) for \$566, and finishing third in the \$1,150 main



**Timothy Trahan**

event (\$7,360).

**Todd Skinner**, also of Youngsville, chopped the 64-player Event 3 (\$125 NLHE) for \$1,203 and earned \$500 in Event 13 (\$290 Bounty) for \$500.

**Fred Harvey** of Broussard was part of a four-way deal in Event 5 (\$125 NLHE) for \$1,253, plus he chopped Event 15 for \$566.

**Gerald Landry** was third in Event 7 (\$125 NLHE) for \$1K.

**WPO WINNER:** **Jeremy "Chemist83" Gaubert** of Thibodaux, La., reclaimed a title re-



**Jeremy Gaubert**

cently at the World Poker Open in Tunica, Miss., for \$122,438. Gaubert won the event in 2009 for his second career six-figure score. He always seems to have success when he visits the Tunica poker rooms.

Congratulations to all of Louisiana's winners and good luck on the rest of the year.

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# ANDERSEN STEALS THE SHOW IN NEW DOC

**D**anielle “dmoongirl” Andersen from New Ulm, Minn., is featured in *Bet Raise Fold*, a documentary about online poker produced by **Jay Rozenkrantz**. Anderson, a top-notch online cash-game player, is one of the three online pros the film follows and her story may have stolen the show.



**JOHN SOMSKY**  
MINNESOTA

In October 2010, director **Ryan Firpo** asked Anderson to be one of three rising stars of the booming poker industry depicted in the movie. But after Black Friday, the film was redefined to a story of how people recovered from that devastating day.

“If I would have known before the film started that Black Friday was going to happen during filming,” she said, “it would have been really difficult for me to agree to participate because it was really hard to be at one of the lowest points in my life and to have a camera in my face asking questions. When your life sucks, the last thing you want is to answer questions about how much your life sucks.”

But in the end she’s glad she stuck with it and hopes it will help show the difficulties Black Friday caused.

Andersen occasionally commutes to Los Angeles to play cash games and is working on getting a part-time residence in Canada to return to online poker. Also Full Tilt Poker sponsored her in the World Series of Poker Main Event and is sponsoring her in the Full Tilt Poker Festival in Galway, Ireland, fulfilling one of her goals from the movie.

Canterbury Park is screening the film on Oct. 4 to kick off its Fall Poker Classic (See ad on facing page).

**ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT:** **Brian Soja** won \$33,656 at Running Aces’ anniversary event, which drew 598 entries.



**Danielle Andersen**

**RUNNING ACES PROS:** **David Gonia** and **Chris “Fox” Wallace** join **Erick Wright** as part of the Running Aces Club Pro Team. More players are expected to be added soon.

**HALL OF FAME:** Canterbury Park is establishing a Minnesota Poker Hall of Fame. Inductees will be unveiled Oct. 4.

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# WSOPC and promotions are headed this way

**O**hio players are getting ready for the World Series of Poker Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati in September, but there’s still plenty of action around the state.

**HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO:** The poker room offers the largest selection of tournaments for less than \$100 in the state. It also has many new promotions rolling out, so be sure to call the room for more details.

**HORSESHOE CLEVELAND:** With new management comes new things as manager **Karen Kaegin** will be introducing a broad range of tournament action and changes to the cash-game promotions and buy-ins.



**DAN HARKENRIDER**  
OHIO

Also, there likely will be ways for you to qualify for the WSOPC in Cincy.

**HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS:** The tournament schedule has been revamped to have something for everyone, including \$10K and \$20K guarantees. The VIP program, which is on top of \$1 comps, has seen some changes. The state has requested that food comps not be used in that program and thus we now have the state’s only rake-back program starting at 50 cents an hour for qualifying players.

**HORSESHOE CINCINNATI:** Poker room manager **Jason Newman** is gearing up for his 61-table WSOPC event this month. If you’re interested in playing in that series, Newman is making it easy for players to qualify for the \$1,600 main event with special offers. Call the poker room for more info.

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Wed, Oct. 9	\$200 \$30	Omaha 8
Thu, Oct. 10	\$500 \$50	H.O.R.S.E. (Day 2 on Oct 11 at 2PM)
Fri, Oct. 11	\$300 \$40	No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 12	\$500 \$50	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 13	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 14	\$200 \$30	No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 15	\$200 \$30	Pot-Limit Omaha
Wed, Oct. 16	\$500 \$50	6-Handed No-Limit Hold'em
	\$200 \$30	7-Card Stud (special 4PM Start)
Thu, Oct. 17	\$500 \$50	No-Limit Hold'em
Fri, Oct. 18	\$300 \$40	No-Limit Hold'em

### 6:30 PM Tournaments:

Date	Buy-In+Entry	Game
Sat, Oct. 5	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 6	\$100 \$20	Seniors (50+) No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 7	\$100 \$20	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 8	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Wed, Oct. 9	\$100 \$20	Limit Hold'em
Thu, Oct. 10	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Fri, Oct. 11	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 12	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 13	\$100 \$20	Omaha 8
Mon, Oct. 14	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 15	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Wed, Oct. 16	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Thu, Oct. 17	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Fri, Oct. 18	\$200 \$30	Super Satellite
Sat, Oct. 19	\$200 \$30	Super Satellite
Sun, Oct. 20	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em

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# VAN BLAIR WINS MARATHON FINALE, \$88.9K

The Mid-States Poker Tour made its second stop of the year in Iowa at the end of July, this time at Meskwaki Bingo Resort Casino. The main event resulted in a grind that became the longest running main event in MSPT history. When the long battle royal ended, **Andy Van Blair** of West Des Moines, Iowa, was king of the hill, earning \$88,958 and a diamond bracelet.



**KEN WARREN**  
IOWA

The MSPT nearly broke a Meskwaki attendance record with 348 players. This was only one shy of the record set last year and easily passed the \$300K guarantee.

The final table was regionally diverse with three players from Iowa, one from Nebraska, one from Kansas, one from Michigan and four from Minnesota. The lead swapped between several players and once it got four-handed, it was several hours before another player was eliminated. At about 2:30 a.m., the tournament was heads-up between Van Blair and **Shane Fuller** of Olathe, Kan. Just 10 hands later, Van Blair eliminated Fuller in an A-9 vs. A-4 showdown when Van Blair's four paired. This sent Fuller to the pay window to collect \$48,672.

The MSPT visited Grand Falls Casino in Northwest Iowa in August and then will return to Meskwaki at the end of October.

**RIVERSIDE CASINO:** To celebrate July 4, Riverside Casino and Gold Resort held the Stars and Stripes poker event on July 7. This had a \$32,810 prize pool as 193 players competed for the top prize of \$9,190. When the dealing was done, **Dustin DenHartog** found himself at the top of the standings, followed by runner-up **Lance McCafferty**, who won \$5,905.

Riverside is a popular casino south of Iowa City with about a dozen tables. You can find regular Omaha as well as Texas Hold'em games and an active \$2-\$5 NLHE group.

On Oct. 6-13, it will have Iowa's Fallout Poker Championship with a \$100K guarantee. The main event will have a \$1K buy-in. This is sure to bring out lot of good tournament as well as cash-game action so mark it on your calendar and book your room. Maybe you can get a piece of the bad-beat jackpot, which was up to \$126K at press time. To see what's going on daily, look for RiversideCasinoPokerRoom on Facebook.

**MYSTIQUE CASINO:** On Sept. 14, Mystique Casino will have the Team of Dreams tournament. This event will have one Major League Baseball player at each table and they will autograph their shirt for the player who knocks them out of the tournament. This event was nearly sold out, so check with the Mystique poker room if you are interested.

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## WISCONSIN

### Kroon makes WSOP ME history

The World Series of Poker November Nine is set, and while Wisconsin's **Mark "Poker HO" Kroon** failed to make the final table, he did make some waves in the main event by finishing as the decisive chipleader on Days 1 and 2, an unequalled feat in the modern age of poker.



**CHAD HOLLOWAY**  
WISCONSIN

Kroon, owner of the legendary Player's Bar in Madison, played Day 1C of the main event and finished with 246,300 chips, good enough to make him leader from all three starting flights. Kroon did so thanks to a massive pot against former November Niner **Ylon Schwartz** in the last hand of the night.

Two days later, Kroon returned for Day 2C and his run continued as he bagged 507,300 chips, which was nearly 47K ahead of the next competitor.

What's more, Kroon's stack was more than the Day 2A and 2B leaders. Kroon received plenty of TV time over the next couple of days.

Surprisingly, most Day 1 leaders failed to cash, but that wasn't the case with Kroon, who finished 458th for \$24,480. Look for "Poker HO" as one of the breakout characters from this year's WSOP on ESPN's broadcast.

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## MICHIGAN

### Big charity changes are on the way

The Michigan Gaming Control Board announced several changes in the rules governing charity rooms that will take effect Sept.

1. Among the changes, charities will be limited to selling chips from 8 a.m. to midnight on any given day. Charities had been allowed to sell chips until 2 a.m. This reduces the hours the charity rooms are open during their most profitable hours.

In addition, only three charities will be allowed per room (some rooms had been running as many as six). Because charities are limited to sell \$15K in chips per day, this new rule reduces the possible amount of money in play from \$90K to \$45K. There are other rule changes going into effect, but these are the ones that have been the most discussed by the Michigan poker community.

These changes come after downtown Detroit casinos announced some changes to their offerings. For example, Greektown Casino changed the buy-in in its \$1-\$2 no-limit games from \$50-\$200 to \$100-\$300 or to the largest stack at the table. It also introduced a short-stack game with a \$50-\$100 max buy-in.

- Motor City Casino opened a new smoking room with five tables that allow players to smoke at the table.

- MGM didn't announce any recent changes, but its bad-beat jackpot has soared to more than \$257K at press time.

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# DELAWARE CHAMPIONSHIP AT DOVER DOWNS IS SEPT. 7

The Royal Crown Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino hosts the Delaware Poker Championship III on Sept. 7. This is a \$100K guarantee (twice the amount of last year). The buy-in is \$595 for 20K chips.

There will be \$35 super satellites Sept. 1-2 where one in five win seats into the Sept. 5 multi-table satellite, where again one in five will win entry into the main event.

In other news at Dover Downs, **Nick Rodriguez** won an Ante Up Poker Cruise package in a satellite that attracted 74 players.



**MICHAEL YOUNG**  
MID-ATLANTIC



**HARRINGTON RACEWAY:** The poker room at Harrington Raceway and Casino in Delaware is expanding its tournament schedule. Omaha/8 tournaments will be Wednesday mornings with a \$1K guarantee. During football games on Monday, Thursday and Sunday, splash pots of \$400 each will be spread.

**DELAWARE PARK:** Delaware Park poker room is adding a high-hand promotion for September. Quads win \$100, straight flushes win \$100 and royal flushes win \$500. From 2 a.m.-10 a.m. all prizes are doubled. All day on Sunday the prizes are doubled, too.

**MARYLAND LIVE:** The new casino has partnered with the Players Poker Championship to host a series of satellites for the PPC Aruba World Championship.

Starting Sept. 2, the Maryland Live poker room, will feature a \$520 buy-in/\$5K PPC Aruba prize package tournament every Sunday. Each week, Monday through Saturday, there will be \$60 satellite to win seats into the Sunday tournament.

The PPC Aruba World Championship runs Oct. 2-9 at the Radisson Aruba Resort.

**HORSESHOE BALTIMORE:** The ground has been broken and things will soon get vertical as Horseshoe Casino enters its next phase of construction. Primary foundation work and utility installations are under way on the \$442-million casino site and preparations are being made to lay the garage's elevated parking decks.

Horseshoe Baltimore is along Russell Street on Baltimore's south side. When complete, the full-service casino will house 2,500 video lottery terminals, 100 table games and a 30-table World Series of Poker-branded poker room amid 122,000 square feet of gaming space. The casino is expected to open in late 2014.

**CHARITY POKER:** All In Enterprise is hosting charity poker events in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 8 and 22. Each event will have a \$195 buy-in. For more information, go to [allinenterprises.org/Upcoming\\_Events.html](http://allinenterprises.org/Upcoming_Events.html)

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## REVEL CLOSES POKER ROOM IN JERSEY

After months of financial struggle, the Revel poker room closed its doors Aug. 15. Upon releasing the decision, Revel announced, "After careful consideration and in an effort to further improve the overall operating performance of Revel Casino Hotel, management has made the decision to close our poker room operations."



**JO KIM**  
A.C./PHILLY

The poker promotion fund and the bad-beat jackpot, which was collectively at \$234K at the time of the announcement, were dispersed to players with lesser qualifications at an hourly rate. The qualifying bad beat was decreased to aces full of jacks, and hourly high-hand \$500 bonuses were assigned along with promotional drawings for all players, playing or waiting for a seat.

Since the new management team re-assembled in May, Revel has focused its marketing campaign toward local patrons.

During its final days, the Revel was the new buzz in every poker room of the region for players chasing luck. For the first time since Revel opened the poker room in April 2012, players were filling the seats of 37 tables with unconventional action.

Poker is likely returning to Revel, however, in the form of online gaming. Though Revel has not disclosed its partnership to the public, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement has confirmed all 12 casinos met the deadline in submitting applications of each participating online gaming partners. Online poker is speculated to make its first appearance in Atlantic City on Nov. 26, marked as the tentative launch date of Inter-

net gambling in New Jersey.

**PHILLY POKER OPEN:** Harrah's held its annual event in July. The PPO featured 15 events and more than 1,700 entries, accumulating \$340K in prize money. **Jeff Wicker** claimed the championship title, shipping \$17,828.

The biggest payout of the week, however, came from the cash tables for a 97-year-old player who had the losing hand of quad 10s against a king-high straight flush. The winner took home \$135,680 and was dubbed the oldest winner of a bad-beat jackpot in history.

**PARX:** Since its inaugural launch in February, the Big Stax Poker Series has gained a reputation as it has consistently drawn exceptional numbers of entries. Big Stax IV is projected to make its return in early October.

"We do have something unique that we are trying to put together for the final event of Big Stax IV," ambassador **Matt Glantz** said, "but it hasn't been done before and I can't let the lid off of it just yet."

**CHARITY EVENT:** Trump Taj Mahal will host a charity tournament series by Rolled Up Poker on Sept 27-28 featuring **Jerry Yang**, the 2007 WSOP champion. The event includes eight tournaments with charity bonus-buy option of \$20 donation to the Lupus Foundation of America for additional 10K chips. The prize pool will include Blue Shark Optics and strategy books autographed by Yang and *Ante Up* columnist **Jonathan Little**.

**BPO:** The 11th Borgata Poker Open will be Sept 3-20.

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## Affordable buy-ins pop up across New England

In late July, Foxwoods Casino's poker room guaranteed \$175K over three days, and delivered a combined \$184K prize pool for two low buy-in deepstack events, proving even in the summer time Foxwoods is the place to find choice tournament opportunities.



**PATRICK GALLAGHER**  
NORTHEAST

In the \$400 no-limit hold'em event, **Hassan Babjane** of Boston bested nearly 470 players to take home \$22K in a chop. **Silvio Mantuano** of New York won the \$300 NLHE event and \$7,157, following up his \$10K-plus victory in the Spring into Summer Madness event held in late June.

There are a few more fall events planned at Foxwoods:

- Weekend Mini Series, Sept. 20-22.
- Columbus Day Weekend Special, Oct. 11-14.
- World Poker Finals, Oct. 20-Nov. 4.

Complete tournament details, including results from the World Series of Poker Circuit in early August, can be found at [foxwoods.com](http://foxwoods.com).

**SENECA NIAGARA:** The Summer Slam Series turned up the heat



at the Seneca poker room, producing a \$163K combined prize pool in late July. All told, 575 players took part in a range of events, including a \$600 NLHE deepstack main event, which saw **Andrew Spears** take down the \$23,700 first prize. All tournaments were re-entry with full deepstacks, including two \$200 NLHE events (**Jason Nablo**, \$6,978 and **Aaron Obstein** \$4,893), and a \$300 NLHE event (**Dawn Nguyen**, \$8,687).

**EASTERN POKER TOUR:** Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, the Eastern Poker Tour ([easternpokertour.com](http://easternpokertour.com)) hosts regular charity events that feature 50-plus fields, \$20 satellites, guarantees, nightly \$1-\$2 cash games and solid play. Here's a look at the weekly schedule:

- Monday night, \$120 NLHE deepstack bounty event (20K chips).
- Wednesday night, \$110 NLHE deepstack event (20K chips).
- Friday Night, \$100 NLHE deepstack mini-mega event.
- Saturday, \$150 megastack event.

For more info, be sure to check out the tour's website.

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## ALMADA EARNS LOYALTY AND RESPECT

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**JENNIFER GAY**  
MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi tournaments are unlike other tours. The players and staff interact like old friends, and in some cases, even family. One of our more prolific "poker family" members is staff dealer coordinator **Armando Almada** from Las Vegas. If you've played a tournament at the Beau Rivage or Gold Strike, you've seen Armando. Not only is he a fixture in the tournament room, he's responsible for keeping everything successfully moving. I had a chance to catch up with him at this year's World Poker Open.

Almada has been working in the industry for more than 30 years, and still loves it. He went from playing to working in the field; getting his start as a dealer. His job with the MGM tour is to hand out all dealer assignments, train and fine-tune dealer skill and make sure the right dealers end up at the right games.

"Sometimes I have new dealers who cannot deal

all the games," he said. "So I work with other staff members to teach them what they need to know."

This is pretty unusual in an industry where most tournaments prefer to hire dealers with years of experience. Almada almost always takes one or two "break-ins" or new dealers, with minimal experience, and helps train them. It's why so many of his staff members are so loyal. He taught his wife, **Jenilyn**, how to deal. She's from the Philippines and had no knowledge of poker. She's now a regular at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas and the Mississippi tournament circuit.



"I love watching her smile while she works," he said. "She really enjoys being a dealer. Having come from another country, it was difficult for her to learn, but she's really good at it now."

He added, "The players in Mississippi are so nice; it's the hospitality that keeps me coming back," though he loves working with Beau Rivage poker room manager **Johnny Grooms** and tournament director **Eric Comer**. He said long hours can be exhausting sometimes, but he still has a "few years left in him."

In his off time he enjoys playing pool, watching sports and playing a bit of five-card lowball or stud.

His service as dealer coordinator is always available, but working for the players and crews in Mississippi is his first priority. We're lucky to have him.

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### World Poker Open

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**Event 4 • \$125 Rebuy**  
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John Therrell, \$13,970

**Event 5 • \$230 0/8**  
Entries: 90 • Pool: \$17,460  
Doug Young, \$6,286

**Event 6 • \$230 Seniors**  
Entries: 250 • Pool: \$48,500  
Ken "Bad Hat" Piel, \$14,550

**Event 7 • \$230 Stud/8**  
Entries: 52 • Pool: \$10,088  
Caroline Lundstrom, \$3,634

**Event 8 • \$230 NLHE**  
Entries: 290 • Pool: \$36,260  
Ron Bowers, \$16,877

**Event 9 • \$400 6-Max**  
Entries: 81 • Pool: \$23,425  
Vik Smith, \$7,496

**Event 10 • \$230 PLO/8**  
Entries: 62 • Pool: \$12,028  
David Whitis, \$4,331

**Event 11 • \$340 NLHE**  
Entries: 111 • Pool: \$32,301  
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Jeremy Gaubert, \$122,438

**Event 13 • \$125 NLHE**  
Entries: 84 • Pool: \$8,148  
Trevor Argue, \$2,933



## Garcia tops record field in Horseshoe monthly

**Lance Garcia** was visiting his girlfriend when he heard about the Horseshoe's monthly \$500 tournament. The 23-year-old poker pro, who has one World Series of Poker Circuit ring, topped a record 416 entries. This was the first time two Day 1s were used resulting in a Midwest record \$187K prize pool. **Garcia** took \$39K back to Houston after a heads-up battle with former motorcycle racer, **Marshall Skloss**.



**JOE GIERTUGA**  
CHICAGOLAND

Horseshoe's WSOPC is October 17-28 with promotions starting Sept. 1.

**CHANGES COMING:** Two popular poker rooms just outside the Chicago area are Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City and Par-A-Dice in East Peoria. Both Boyd Gaming-owned casinos have recently made some changes.

Blue Chip's eight-table room spreads \$1-\$3 no-limit hold'em every day and usually gets a \$2-\$5 game going on Fridays. The

room started running a \$150 tournament on the third Monday of the month. Cash-game and tournament players can earn points toward the Dec. 15 \$20K freeroll.

Par-A-Dice's five-table room spreads \$1-\$2 daily with \$2-\$5 games running on Wednesdays and Fridays, and a \$1-\$3 game recently started on Tuesdays. The bad beat has been popular with the players, hitting twice since starting in February.

**HOLLYWOOD:** Pending approval, Hollywood Casino in Aurora is planning to run a weekly \$120 Sunday tournament starting Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. Also the Hollywood Aurora Fall Classic is in the works for Dec. 1, cash and tournament players can win seats, more details to come next issue.

**LOCAL FLAVOR:** **Darryl Ronconi** of Naperville finished 54th at this year's WSOP main event, winning \$151K. He also was runner-up in the 2011 WSOP \$5K NLHE-Triple Chance, and has a pair of WSOPC runner-up finishes.

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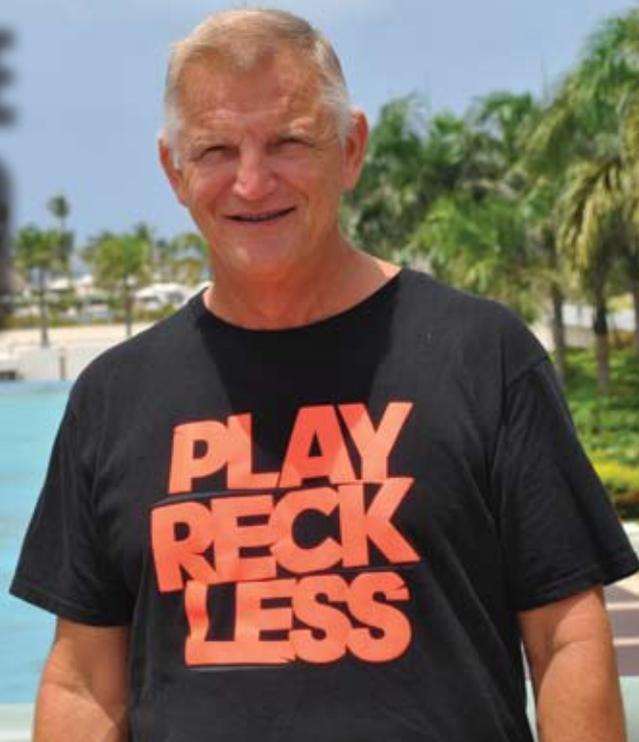
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# ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Don Bates of Sarasota, Fla., was anything but reckless en route to capturing the Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship in the D.R.

By Christopher Cosenza



**D**estiny, kismet, meant to be ... call it whatever you like, but sometimes a player is just going to win an event and there's nothing anyone can do to change that.

Take **Don Bates** of Sarasota, Fla., for instance. When word got out that his local poker room at Sarasota Kennel Club was hosting a super-satellite to the Ante Up Poker Tour World Championship, he was so looking forward to playing in it. But then his daughter reminded him her college graduation conflicted with the date of the satellite, so Bates figured maybe next time.

A few days later, he ran into SKC poker room manager **Sam Minutello** and learned the satellite's date had been changed. An elated Bates went on, of course, to earn an AUPT package by beating 50 players, but his remarkable path of fate doesn't end there. He entered the \$1,150 AUPT World Championship Main Event at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on Aug. 1 and methodically worked his way through a similarly sized field. At the final table, destiny showed itself to Bates one more time.

"Without question, there was a hand I had that was the turning point," said Bates, who has been playing poker for about five years. "I had ace-king and I raised. I was reraised by the player to my left and everyone else folded. I had to stop to think it out. I could call or shove, because I couldn't fold ace-king. After at least two or three minutes of thinking about it, I decided to call. The flop came king-jack-six. I immediately shoved because I was first to act. So then he thought about it for a while, and then folded, and when he did he turned over aces. That was the biggest hand (of the tournament) for me."

That fold not only likely saved Bates' tournament life, but it propelled the 61-year-old near the top three stacks at the final table, a place he would hover around all day until play got heads-up with **Arun Chugani** of Aruba. At that point the players

were pretty evenly stacked and decided to chop, giving Bates the title and a little more than \$13K.

While this was the biggest cash of his career, it wasn't the only success Bates has had. He recently played in a Windy City Poker Championship televised charity event in the Chicago area and made it heads-up against former World Series champ **Chris Moneymaker**.

"I couldn't win it," said Bates, who credits the WPT Boot Camp with much of his recent success, "but Chris was a great guy to play with. On the interview on TV, because I was an amateur he said he thought he would run over me, but I came out firing and took the chip lead for a while. ... One of the things they taught me (at camp) was you have to adapt to the ones you're playing with. You can't have a set style of play."

Bates had nothing but good things to say about the AUPT Worlds, especially the generous structures designed and run by Minutello, the series' tournament director.

"I liked the 60-minute blind levels," he said. "It gives you time to be patient and to wait, because if you're going to play you have to have position and you have to have some cards. But I bluffed some hands, here and there. ... What better thing to not only come here to the Dominican Republic for the tournament, but then to have Sam Minutello here running the tournament for us?"

And Bates said the win could lead to bigger things for him.

"This was fantastic," Bates said of the experience. "We didn't know what to expect. I never played in a tournament this big before. It really was incredible; I hope it's a steppingstone for me to go forward and play in a lot more tournaments."

But Bates wasn't the only player who performed well at the AUPT Worlds.

**Markus Wolter** of Bogota, Colombia, won back-to-back events and was the Player of the Series, earning 493.39 Ante Up Player of the Year points with three cashes. **Timothy Trahan** of

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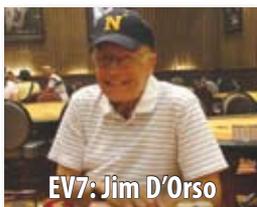
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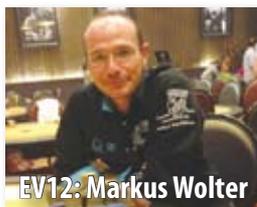
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EV7: Jim D'Orso



EV12: Markus Wolter



EV15: Mike Matrone



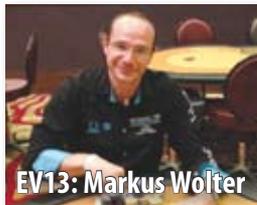
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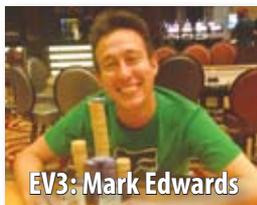
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EV13: Markus Wolter



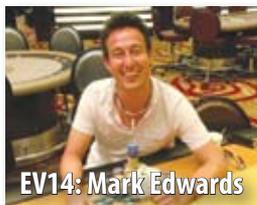
EV3: Mark Edwards



EV6: 3-way chop



EV11: Luis Matias



EV14: Mark Edwards

### Event 1 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 33

1. Jerry Cantrell, Ft. Myers, Fla., \$1,920
2. Riley Stahley, Woodbury, Minn., \$1,440
3. Nilson Rodriguez, D.R., \$960
4. Borja Morales, D.R., \$480

### Event 2 • \$175 NLHE/PLO

Entries: 13

1. Timothy Trahan, Youngsville, La., \$1,274
2. Jose Antonio Tortosa, Spain, \$546

### Event 3 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 64

1. Mark S. Edwards, Longwood, Fla., \$1,203
2. David Phillips, Newark, Del., \$1,203
2. Todd Skinner, Youngsville, La., \$1,203
2. Alfredo Hernandez, \$1,203
2. Davide Cusino, \$1,023

6. Carlos Baez, D.R., \$384

### Event 4 • \$240 NLHE

Entries: 20

1. Ray Del Cueto, AM Island, Fla., \$1,450
2. Francis Cruz, D.R., \$1,350

### Event 5 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 59

1. Isaac Giona, Barcelona, Spain, \$1,254
1. Markus Wolter, Colombia, \$1,253
1. Fred Harvey, Broussard, La., \$1,253
1. Nancy Lippert, Sarasota, Fla., \$1,253
5. Rick Solis, Austin, Texas, \$531
6. Joaquin Matos, D.R., \$354

### Event 6 • \$350 NLHE

Entries: 24

1. Ray Del Cueto, AM Island, Fla., \$2,070
1. Jason Jimenez, D.R., \$2,070

1. Francis Cruz, D.R., \$2,070
4. Leeuando Benitt, D.R., \$630
5. Mark S. Edwards, Longwood, Fla., \$360

### Event 7 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 48

1. Jim D'Orso, Roseville, Calif., \$1,460
2. Vic Sabo, Lakeport, Fla., \$1,100
3. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette, La., \$1,000
3. Noel Henriquez, D.R., \$1,000
5. Gerard Donaghy, Jupiter, Fla., \$240

### \$1,150 Main Event

Entries: 46

1. Don Bates, Sarasota, Fla., \$13,110
2. Aran Chugani, Aruba, \$13,110
3. Timothy Trahan, Youngsville, La., \$7,360
4. Vic Sabo, Lakeport, Fla., \$5,520
5. Larry Lippert, Sarasota, Fla., \$4,140
6. Alberto Meram, D.R., \$2,760

### Event 10 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 32

1. Dylan Shelley, Tracy, Calif., \$1,240
2. Michelle Trott, Northeast, Md., \$1,000
3. Bernard Grzinic, Canada, \$640
4. Maurizio Bellia, Italy, \$320

### Event 11 • \$175 NLHE/PLO

Entries: 5

1. Luis Matias, Lisbon, Portugal, \$400
2. Scott Long, Safety Harbor, Fla., \$300

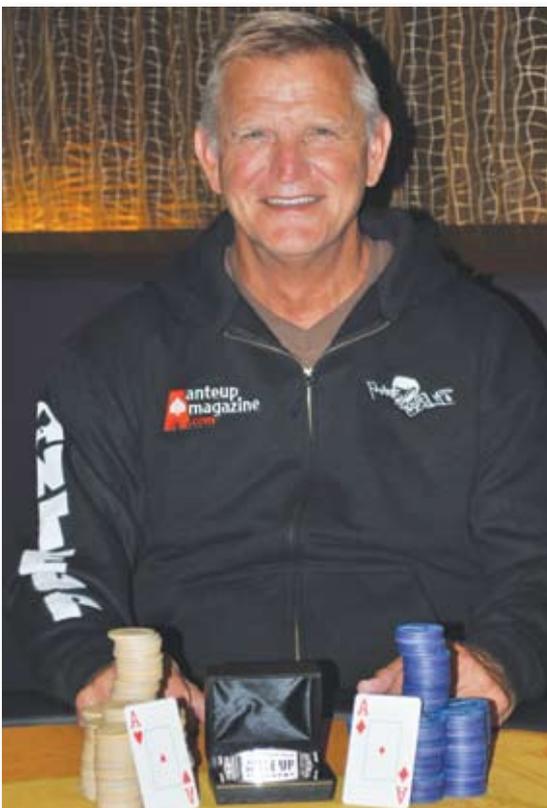
### Event 12 • \$125 NLHE

Entries: 45

1. Markus Wolter, Colombia, \$1,800
2. Joaquin Matos, D.R., \$1,125
3. Gerard Donaghy, Jupiter, Fla., \$900
4. Franklin Espinal, D.R., \$450
5. Carlos Baez, D.R., \$225

### Up next

The Ante Up Poker Tour wraps up its inaugural season at the beautiful Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif., in November. Go to [anteuppokertour.com](http://anteuppokertour.com) for details.



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Louisiana (385.54) and **Mark Stephen Edwards** of Florida (345.14) finished second and third in the Player of the Series race, each with three cashes.

Players with two cashes included **Vic Sabo, "Tampa Bay" Ray Del Cueto, Fred Harvey, Joaquin Matos, Todd Skinner, Lawrence Lippert, Gerard Donaghy, Carlos Baez, Jose Antonio Tortosa** and **Francis Cruz**.

The 14-event series attracted players from at least eight states (Florida, Minnesota, Louisiana, Delaware, Texas, California, Maryland and New Jersey) and nine countries (United States, Dominican Republic, Aruba, Spain, Colombia, Canada, Italy, Portugal and France).

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**Cypress Bayou Hotel & Casino** in Louisiana (Joseph Larriviere, Fred Harvey, Gerald Landry, Renee Skinner and Timothy Trahan) **Sarasota Kennel Club** in Florida (Lawrence Lippert, Stephen Murphy, Don Bates and Javid Falasiri) **Dover Downs Hotel & Casino** in Delaware (Justin Mutchler, David Phillips and Alexander Evans) **Thunder Valley Casino Resort** in California (James D'Orso and Cody Borst); **Running Aces Card Club** in Minnesota (Riley Stahley)

which you can see Bates with both in the picture on the left.

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## FTP PLAYERS CLOSER TO GETTING PAID

Earlier this year, the government announced it had appointed the Garden City Group to serve as administrator in charge of releasing the forfeited funds from the PokerStars buyout of Full Tilt Poker. On Aug. 1, GCG released a statement via its website (FullTiltPokerClaims.com) regarding the calculation formula it will use to start the claims process. Here is the statement:



**JOEL GATLIN**  
**ONLINE POKER**

“GCG, working with the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York and the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the United States Department of Justice, has completed the review of data provided by Full Tilt Poker. It has been determined the calculation formula to be used for the Petition for Remission process will be based on players’ final balances with FTP as of April 15, 2011 (the “FTP Account Balances”). The claims process will begin shortly. Once the process begins, GCG will email instructions on how to complete an online claim to all potentially eligible claimants identified by GCG utilizing data supplied by FTP. Account balances from online poker sites other than FTP are not included in this remission process. Petitioners must also meet all other requirements outlined in 28 C.F.R. § 9.8 to be considered eligible for remission. If you do not receive an email notice and you believe you are eligible to participate in the remission process, you may file a claim online using the directions that will be provided on this website. If the forfeited funds available for distribution equal or exceed the aggregate FTP account balances for all eligible petitioners, each eligible

petitioner with an approved claim will receive the entirety of his or her FTP account balance. If the aggregate account balances for all eligible petitioners exceed the funds available for distribution, payments shall be made to eligible petitioners on a pro rata basis.”

**ATTACK POKER:** AttackPoker.com, which has been a free-play poker site for some time, has added a new value-added service to its site in the form of a monthly subscription-based service. This new offering comes with a 14-day free trial, which comes with an Attack Poker T-shirt, for \$12.95 per month. Players can enjoy these added services not available with the free-play portion of the site:

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**NEVADA:** Ultimate Poker has completed the field trial, cleared all of the Nevada Gaming Commission’s requirements and has emerged as the first online poker processor to receive final approval from the state. Since dealing its first hand in April, the site has dealt almost 10 million hands of real-money poker online.

**NEW JERSEY:** Since the state passed its online-poker bill in February, almost 40 companies have applied to be recognized and approved as an official online gaming provider. The target date for the first company to go live is Nov. 26.

— Email Joel Gatlin at [editor@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:editor@anteupmagazine.com).

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# A poker cruise for all

Ante Up Poker Cruises will embark on its most expansive schedule in 2014 with five cruises featuring two new departure ports, eight new ports of call and a 13-night Transatlantic cruise to England.

For the first time, Ante Up will depart from Los Angeles and Galveston, Texas, giving guests who live on the West Coast or in the Midwest closer ports from which to sail. Ante Up also will sail in the summer, giving families who don't want their children to miss school an opportunity to enjoy a poker cruise and take in a few days at Orlando theme parks as well. And a 13-night Transatlantic cruise from Florida to England will get guests to Europe for less than a plane ticket, while enjoying a tournament-heavy poker schedule that features several free poker classes.

"We take great pride in talking in-depth with our guests while on-board and surveying them after each cruise, and we're excited that this schedule answers quite a few of the requests we've received from them and other interested players," said **Scott Long**, who with **Christopher Cosenza** owns Ante Up Poker Media LLC, which operates Ante Up Poker Cruises. "There is a cruise on this

schedule for every poker player."

Ante Up transforms the conference centers aboard regularly scheduled major cruise line sailings into a professionally staffed and equipped poker room. Cash games and single-table tournaments are offered whenever the poker room is open, and each cruise features Ante Up Poker Tour multitable tournaments, free poker classes and an open-bar cocktail party for guests.

Cruise-line policies require all guests wishing to play in the Ante Up Poker Room to book through Ante Up. To book, contact **Jeanne Cosenza** at (727) 342-3843 or [cruises@anteupcruises.com](mailto:cruises@anteupcruises.com). For sponsorship opportunities or poker rooms interested in running satellites or giveaways, contact **Scott Long** at (727) 331-4335 or [scott@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:scott@anteupmagazine.com).

Here are details on all seven upcoming Ante Up Poker Cruises, including the final two on the 2013 schedule. All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, and include cruise fare, port charges and taxes and are guaranteed through the rate deadline or while supplies last.

For more information, visit [anteupcruises.com](http://anteupcruises.com):

## BERMUDA (NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA)

**Dates:** Oct. 20-27, 2013

**Departure port:** Bayonne, N.J.

**Port of call:** King's Wharf, Bermuda

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas

**Rates:** Call for current rates.

**Highlights:** The highlight of Ante Up's first cruise from the New York City metro area and to Bermuda is the inaugural Ante Up Team Championship tournament. That event's winning four-player team and their guests will appear on the cover of the December issue of *Ante Up*. Four other tournaments, including a \$350 main event, are on the schedule for the seven-night cruise. Pro Lee Childs will offer a free, intermediate strategy class, plus 15 additional advanced poker classes on board. The Explorer of the Seas docks overnight for two nights in Bermuda, giving guests a rare chance to enjoy a port in the evening.



## WESTERN CARIBBEAN (TAMPA)

**Dates:** Dec. 2-7, 2013

**Departure port:** Tampa, Fla.

**Ports of call:** George Town, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas

**Rates:** Start at \$459 per person through Sept. 16

**Highlights:** The Brilliance of the Seas will be completely revitalized with Oasis-class features just before this sailing, giving guests plenty of additional dining and entertainment options when they're not playing poker. In the poker room, three multitable tournaments are on the schedule, as well as additional single-table events, and Royal Caribbean's Casino Royale will host private blackjack and slots tournaments for Ante Up's guests.



## MEXICAN RIVIERA (LOS ANGELES)

**Dates:** March 30-April 6, 2014

**Departure port:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**Ports of call:** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Mazatlan, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

**Ship:** NCL's Star

**Rates:** Start at \$799 per person through Jan. 7

**Highlights:** Ante Up welcomes NCL and its Freestyle approach to cruising, which includes additional dining and entertainment options, to its fleet for Ante Up's first cruise on the West Coast. When not enjoying Mexico's most exciting resort areas, Ante Up guests will enjoy a variety of cash games over 72 hours and four multitable tournaments, including at least one Open Face Chinese Poker shootout. Each Ante Up stateroom also gets a complimentary bottle of wine.

## TRANSATLANTIC (FLORIDA TO ENGLAND)

**Dates:** May 4-17, 2014

**Departure port:** Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**Arrival port:** Southampton, England

**Ports of call:** Nassau, Bahamas; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Philipsburg, St. Maarten

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas

**Rates:** Start at \$840 per person through March 28

**Highlights:** Why fly to Europe when you can sail there? With a staggering 155 hours of poker featuring 18 tournaments leading up to a \$200 main event, there will be plenty of poker to keep guests busy as one of Royal Caribbean's most modern ships leisurely crosses the Atlantic Ocean for 13 nights. Each afternoon, Ante Up will teach its guests a new poker variety, from Omaha to stud and draw games, keeping players' minds sharp when they're not at the tables.



## BAHAMAS (ORLANDO METRO AREA)

**Dates:** July 28-Aug. 1, 2014

**Departure port:** Port Canaveral, Fla.

**Ports of call:** CocoCay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas

**Rates:** Start at \$549 per person through May 22

**Highlights:** While players without children will have plenty of poker action, too, this cruise is tailor-made for families who want to enjoy a poker cruise without their children missing school. Tack on a few days on either end of the cruise to enjoy Orlando's theme parks, and this will be a vacation everyone will enjoy. On board, Ante Up will feature two multitable tournaments and cash games over 40 hours on the recently updated Enchantment of the Seas.

## WESTERN CARIBBEAN (HOUSTON AREA)

**Dates:** Oct. 19-26, 2014

**Departure port:** Galveston, Texas

**Ports of call:** Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; Cozumel, Mexico

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas

**Rates:** Start at \$684 per person through Aug. 4, 2014

**Highlights:** Making poker cruising more convenient for players in the South and Midwest, Ante Up's first cruise out of Texas is also its first visiting the popular dive spots in Honduras and Belize City. When not in port, guests aboard the multi-featured Navigator will enjoy 76 hours of poker in the Ante Up Poker Room with four multitable tournaments, including survivor, bounty and Open Face Chinese events, in addition to a \$350 main event.



## WESTERN CARIBBEAN (TAMPA)

**Dates:** Dec. 6-11, 2014

**Departure port:** Tampa, Fla.

**Ports of call:** George Town, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico

**Ship:** Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas

**Rates:** Start at \$479 per person through Sept. 24, 2014

**Highlights:** Ante Up always enjoys sailing out of its homeport of Tampa because the price and location attract a large contingent of Ante Up Poker Cruise regulars who ensure plenty of poker action in the Ante Up Poker Room. The room is open more than 50 hours and features three multitable tournaments and two free poker classes aboard the recently revitalized Brilliance of the Seas with expanded dining options.



# TWEETS CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT

Social media has become a primary form of communication in the poker community. I actually think I was one of the first to use Twitter for this. A friend told me about this “new technology” and how I could use it to keep my friends, family and investors updated on what I was playing and how I was doing. I no longer had to manage group texts and deal with the one-off person who would text “How’s it going?”



LEE CHILDS

The Twitter poker boom didn’t have anything to do with me by any means, but it boomed worldwide and I remember the Twitter servers crashing during the World Series of Poker the next summer because the poker world had caught on.

However, there are a few negatives, and I’m going to be more cognizant of these issues.

The most important is the inevitable “bustout tweet.” We’re going to bust at some point of almost every tournament we play. This tweet is always negative at some level and many times extreme. It’s a bad beat, cooler, bad play or whatever it is, it has to be negative.

We are out of the tournament. No matter how far we made it, if it’s a bust hand, it just sucks. This is bad for our mind-set and often comes across as whining. Whether we are upset or

not, it’s a reinforcement of something negative for us and typically for a family member, friend, investor or fan. Many times, this results in the player (you) or even someone else on Twitter or Facebook berating the villain in the hand. Something even worse for your mind-set is someone may berate you about it.

When you come across someone else’s bustout tweet, it’s almost always just a way to send a mass bad-beat story and none of us needs to spend our time destroying our mind-set reading about everyone else’s misfortunes.

Your bustout hand is almost always completely irrelevant. You may have been one of the luckiest players in the tournament that day right up until you had your aces cracked or got coolered set under set to bust. Every decision you make throughout the tournament is what matters. We all have those coolers and beats.

When you tweet something negative, it’s only going to reinforce negativity in your mind-set and everyone else’s. Let’s all just let our peeps know we’re out and try to cut down the communication about how unlucky we are. I’m willing to try if you are. I’ll also write more about social-media pitfalls next month. Until then... Decide To Win!

— Lee Childs is the founder and lead instructor at Inside the Minds. For information about his group training sessions and personal coaching, visit [inside-the-minds.com](http://inside-the-minds.com).

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## THE SEMIBLUFF GIVES YOU ANOTHER WAY TO WIN

The following is from a new book Jonathan Little is working on called *Jonathan Little on Live No-Limit Hold'em Cash Games*.

A semibluff is a bluff made with a hand that's usually beat at the moment but has the potential to become the best hand in the future. The most obvious example of this is when you raise the flop or the turn with a flush or straight draw. If your opponent raises and you call with 4♠-3♣ and the flop comes K♠-6♣-5♠, and your opponent bets, raising is a strong option because any spade, seven or deuce will frequently give you the best hand. Notice if you call, you have to hit your hand to win, but if you



JONATHAN LITTLE

raise, you can win by making your opponent fold a better hand or by completing your draw. Having two ways to win is usually better than one.

It's important to think about your implied odds and overall range when making a semibluff because you do not want your opponent to know you have mostly draws in your range. This is why you often see good players raising the K♠-6♣-5♠ board with sets, two pairs, strong top pairs and draws.

This puts opponents in difficult situations because they have no way of knowing if they're against a premium made hand or a draw. Either way, they're in rough shape with a hand like K-Q. If you can frequently put your opponent in awful situations with hands as strong as top pair, you will find most of the small pots being pushed your direction.

Semibluffs vary in strength and potential. In general, the fewer outs you have, the more your implied odds tend to be because your draw is less visible. Suppose someone raises and you call with Q♣-J♥ on the button.

The flop comes 9♦-8♦-3♣. If your opponent bets, raising is an excellent play. If your opponent calls and the turn is a diamond, queen or seven, your opponent will often assume you hit your "obvious" straight or flush, allowing you to win the pot with a turn bet. If a 10 comes, your opponent will assume you missed your draw, allowing you to get paid off when you make the nuts.

Also, if a queen or jack comes, you will have a decent top pair that will tend to have some value. Notice you will get your opponent to fold with a turn bet when the draws you don't have arrive and you have a decent shot at getting paid off when you hit, making this an ideal semibluff situation even though you only have a gutshot with overcards on a scary board.

On boards that tend to be less draw heavy, hands like bottom pair become decent semibluff candidates. Suppose someone raises, someone calls and you call with 5♣-4♣ on the button. The flop comes J♠-6♣-4♥. If the first player bets and the other player calls or folds, you have a reasonable semibluff situation.

If the continuation bettor has a jack, he will have to worry about the caller or you having him beat. The caller will usually have a marginal made hand and will likely fold to your aggression. Notice if one of your opponents calls with one pair, you have a decent chance of improving and you can also win the pot with an additional bet on some turn cards. Realize that any club, eight, seven, three or deuce gives you an additional semibluff opportunity on the turn.

— Jonathan Little, a representative for Blue Shark Optics, is the author of *Professional Tournament Poker Vols. 1-3*, owns the poker training site [FloatTheTurn.com](http://FloatTheTurn.com) and *3bet Clothing*, plus check out his iPhone app, *Instapoker*.

### BETTING ERRORS

## JUDGING THE STRENGTH OF YOUR HAND PREFLOP

When you assess your hand's strength preflop, there's a correlation between the betting action and the number of players in the hand. Average players never seem to understand this principal so they play pocket sixes preflop with four players entering the pot before their action. After all, they have a pocket pair.



ANTONIO PINZARI

Let's examine the numbers. With pocket aces against all other pairs, the player holding the aces is an 81.3 to 18.7 percent favorite. You're against only one player.

You hold aces against two players preflop: One player has pocket sixes while the other player has K-Q suited. With aces, you're a 62 percent favorite, while the sixes are about 17 percent and the connectors are about 22 percent.

You hold the same aces and are against three players preflop: One player holds pocket threes, one player holds pocket sevens and one player holds K-Q suited. With aces, you're about a 52 percent favorite, the pocket threes are about a 15 percent favorite, the pocket sevens are about 16 percent and the K-Q suited is about 17 percent.

You should immediately notice you're a coin flip to win the hand. Have you ever heard the expression, "aces suck?" When you enter a pot with pocket aces and have slow-played them allowing several players to see the flop, you place yourself in a vulnerable position.

You should also understand the vulnerability of playing small to medium pocket pairs. Holding any pocket pair, you only have an 11 percent chance of hitting a set. When you have a pocket pair and there's been a raise preflop, there's always a correlation to the number of players in the hand.

I would like to see as many flops as possible with pocket pairs; however, I seldom will play small to medium pocket pairs when out of position. I also love suited connectors and will be less reluctant to play them preflop for one important reason. Suited connectors are easy to fold. If you play pocket threes and hit one on the flop, you'll probably see the river. Good luck to you when you don't assess your hand preflop.

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

# YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM BEGINNERS

I recently took a trip to Connecticut's Mohegan Sun, which remains one of the nicest casinos on the East Coast. I highly recommend it as a destination and a place to play poker. The poker room is spacious and well-organized. While it may not get the total traffic as some other rooms, I was impressed with the variety of games running at any given time. I tried a number of different levels and found various skill levels.



**DAVID APOSTOLICO**

Mohegan Sun offered a game that you won't find at many poker rooms: \$1-\$1 no-limit hold'em. It played differently from \$1-\$2 in that it was a true beginner's game. A couple of people at my table were extremely green along with what appeared to be some real regular nits. It's a great casual game for someone just starting out and wants to get some experience in a no-pressure environment.

While I wouldn't recommend the games for a more experienced player, I enjoy trying different games and levels to see if I can learn anything. So, let me tell you what I learned in this game. One of the challenges in playing against a novice player is it often proves difficult trying to determine what they have. That's because they don't know the relative strength of their hand. This causes them to play in an erratic and unpredictable manner.

You'll often hear experienced players say they would rather face another experienced player than an amateur. This is what they mean. Of course, there's nothing purposeful to the newbie's arbitrary play and, of course, over time they will lose money and ultimately be easy to manipulate. The goal of experienced players is not to appear amateurish but to mix up play enough to be confusing to opponents.

For example, one of the hallmark traits of a newbie is to be a calling station with everything from speculative and mediocre to even strong hands. They're just hoping to get to the river and show a winner. That's not a winning strategy, especially when you hold the best but a vulnerable hand at any time. However, there are no absolutes in poker. Calling can often be a deceptive practice to get more value out of your winning hands, especially when it leads opponents to misread your hand.

If your goal is to become a better player, get out of your comfort zone every now and then and explore new ways to improve your game. Certainly, one way is to play at higher levels and against better competition. That can be an expensive exercise. Try stepping down from time to time and I'm sure you'll make discoveries. Remember, you are the variable!

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# YOU MUST HAVE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

In 1990, Yale psychologists **John D. Mayer** and **Peter Salovey** coined the term emotional intelligence, which refers to the ability to perceive, control and evaluate emotions. Some researchers suggest it can be learned and strengthened, while others claim it is an inborn characteristic.



**STEPHEN BLOOMFIELD**

I believe some people develop EI easier than others because of inborn characteristics, life experiences and personality. I also believe everyone has EI and it can be worked on and improved.

This is important for the poker player because we have to deal with our emotions all the time, in a much-encapsulated environment. The intensity of emotions and our reactions is unique to only a few endeavors; poker, with constant decision-making and lack of complete information is one of these.

To some people, the poker table is a pressure cooker. To some, it is a task to be solved. Some of us are detached and analytical; some emotionally involve, but there are just times when the emotions get the best of you. Here's an example: A player has K♣-Q♣ and the flop comes J♣-10♣-7♥. All the money gets in. The turn is the 3♣, and the river is the 6♣. His opponent has the A♣. Our hero smiles, says good hand and doesn't show emotion. He goes home, fights with children, wife or kicks the dog. The emotion is there. The key is to deal with it. Why? Well, we need more information.

Emotions in this scenario are complicated. The feeling level could be because of feeling stupid, embarrassed or, as the case here, the player had too much emotion invested in the hand and was taking a step up from \$2-\$2 to \$2-\$5 and this was going to be "his" hand. Playing over your money limit takes a toll. Trying to get even takes a toll. What attributes you place on your game may take a toll. Combine all of this with too much emotion and the result can be disastrous.

One has to have self-awareness; you have to recognize your emotions and how they affect your thoughts and behavior. You also have to know from where the emotion is coming. You have to develop the ability to control impulsive feelings and behaviors but not lose the ability to act aggressively in the right circumstance. You also have to have what has sometimes been called social awareness and what we calling reading ability.

Stress is known as tilt in poker. As part of your arsenal, you should be able to quickly reduce stress and the first step is recognizing and managing tilt at the table. Some quick tips:

- Separate life emotions from poker
- Realize and acknowledge when you're stressed
- Learn stress-reducing techniques that work for you
- Keep your head in the game.

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



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# NO-LIMIT PROVED MUCH HARDER TO PLAY

By **Matthew Gregoire**

The biggest obstacle I had when I transitioned between poker variations was to go from limit to no-limit. If your timing is inaccurate or the sizing of your bet is misjudged in no-limit, it can cost a ton of money. In limit, one mistake costs you one bet.

When I started playing NLHE, it didn't take long for me to find out why the other games I played at Foxwoods were so soft. Any player that had a concept of how poker worked soon found that NLHE was the way to go and any other variety was just wasting time.

Few of the players were aggressive back then, yet the opponents who resisted seemed overly difficult to me. With tight or nitty players, it didn't take long in the games to figure out their hands and how to proceed, so the question became how could I combat the loose-aggressive players? They were frequently in hands and always mixing it up, leaving me dumbfounded. I constantly would put in more bets than I was comfortable with and most likely wearing my hand on my sleeves.

Any player who was competent and had some experience really took advantage. I still remember from all those years back one player raised me so many times in the blinds or three-bet me that he actually said, "Kid you need to play back at me once in a while." Imagine your opponent feeling so bad about

how he's abusing you that he chooses to give a tip on how to step up your game. At the time, this was quite embarrassing, but after that one incident something clicked.

This flaw in my game is a huge issue with numerous players. There's nothing that says we have to play a hand a certain way. If you find spots where you can represent a bigger hand than you're dealt, you can turn the tide on tight players. On the other hand, if you can play tight and be a bit more selective in attacking the aggressive players, they'll eventually be straightforward with you in hands more often.

It took about six months and it was stressful at times because of the financial strain that came with building experience in a no-limit game. It was a lot more difficult back then as poker had not really taken off yet and NL games were not filled with recreational players like they are now. It was truly survival of the fittest and I'm glad to say things didn't turn out for the worst.

With years of experience under my belt, one thing I've come to realize is poker is about financial responsibility. It's important to be mindful of these decisions not only at the table but away from it as well. In future articles I will be discussing bankroll management in a different light.

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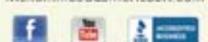
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# Where to play

A look at some featured events around the country. The following pages also highlight daily events and promotions.

## East

**WPT BORGATA OPEN:** The Borgata in Atlantic City hosts this series (Sept. 3-20), which features 25 events with buy-ins from \$230-\$3,500.

## West

\* **ULTIMATE POKER CHALLENGE:** The Red Rock Casino in Las Vegas partnered with Ultimate Poker to host this event through Sept. 8. The series will have 18 events with buy-ins from \$120-\$1,100.

**FESTA AL LAGO:** The Bellagio in Las Vegas hosts this series (until Sept. 12) of 23 events (buy-ins \$540-\$5,180).

**KICKOFF CLASSIC:** Caesars Palace in Las Vegas celebrates the start of the football season with this series, running until Sept. 15. There are 30 events (\$130-\$560).

**HPT COMMERCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** This series near Los Angeles runs Sept. 3-22.

**WESTERN CHALLENGE:** This WPT Regional series returns to Atlantis Casino in Reno (Sept. 13-22, 18 events, \$120-\$1,650).

\* **VENETIAN DEEP STACK EXTRAVAGANZA:** The Venetian hosts its popular series Sept. 16-29. This time there will be 34 events (\$200-\$1,600), including a few varieties.

\* **HPT THUNDER VALLEY:** Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Sacramento, Calif., hosts an HPT event Sept. 20-30. There will be 10 events (\$120-\$425) in addition to the \$1,650 televised main event.

## 2013 Ante Up POY Standings

1. Jeffrey Fielder, Des Moines, IA	1,426
2. Mohammad "Mo" Arani	1,141
3. Baptiste Chavaillaz, Portland, OR	1,134
4. Kevin Eyster, Lafayette, LA	1,093
5. Jonathan Tamayo, Humble, TX	1,093
6. Kevin Saul, Warrenville, IL	1,047
7. Matthew Kirby, Bemidji, MN	1,008
8. Matthew Giannetti, Las Vegas	872
9. David Bell, Parkland, FL	854
10. Michael Linster, Island Park, N.Y.	851

tion to the \$1,650 televised main event.

**HPT CLUB ONE:** The HPT makes its first stop at Club One Casino in Fresno, Calif., from Sept. 27-Oct. 6. In addition to the \$1,650 televised main event, there will be six \$100 events and one \$200 event available.

## Central

\* **MSPT DOWNSTREAM:** The Mid-States Poker Tour stops at Downstream Casino in Quapaw, Okla., (Aug. 30-Sept. 8) for a "Keep it or cash it" event. The buy-in is \$460 instead of the normal \$1,100, but you can play each of eight Day 1 flights. You can combine any surviving Day 1 stack or combine them all to go into Day 2.

**MIDWEST CLASSIC:** Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus, Minn., hosts this series Sept. 11-22. There will be 25 events (\$100-\$2,500). This year a H.O.R.S.E event has been added as well as a \$2,500 high-roller event. Running Aces has great

structures and you'll get a great tournament for your money.

**WSOPC CINCINNATI:** The World Series of Poker Circuit stops at the Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati. There are 12 ring events (\$365-\$1,675) as well as a few non-ring events starting at \$130.

**MICHIGAN CLASSIC:** The Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant hosts this \$1,500 NLHE event Sept. 20-22.

**FALL POKER SERIES:** Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., hosts this series (Sept. 26-Oct. 7) with 29 events (\$125-\$1,120).

## South

\* **EMERALD COAST:** Ebro Greyhound Park in the Florida Panhandle hosts its signature series this month. See the ad on the back cover.

\* **CPPT BESTBET:** The 14-event series in Jacksonville runs until Sept. 8. There will be eight \$240 events, four \$350 events, a \$570 event and a \$1,500 main event.

**WSOPC BILOXI:** The WSOPC stops at the IP Casino on Sept. 5-16. There are 12 ring events (\$365-\$1,675) and a few non-ring events starting at \$120.

**FALL TAMPA BAY OPEN:** The Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa, Fla., hosts this WPT Regional on Sept. 6-15. It features 17 events (\$190-\$1,500).

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

## ARIZONA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CASINO ARIZONA AT TALKING STICK</b> (480) 850-7777 • <a href="http://casinoaz.com">casinoaz.com</a>	Mon.-Fri. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Wed. (\$130, 7:15p); \$20K guar., last Sat. of month, (\$150, 11:15a). See ad on Page 19.	Aces Cracked (daily, 2a-10a); get paid for royal flush.
<b>CASINO DEL SOL</b> (800) 344-9435 • <a href="http://casinodelsol.com">casinodelsol.com</a>	Call for schedule.	Splash pots (Mon.-Fri. & Sun.); high-hand giveaways (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>DESERT DIAMOND</b> (520) 342-1810 • <a href="http://ddcaz.com">ddcaz.com</a>	Mon. (\$35, 9:30a) & \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Wed. \$500 added (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$500 added (\$35, 9:30a).	Jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Random Splash Pots (call for details).
<b>FT. McDOWELL CASINO</b> (480) 837-1424 • <a href="http://fortmcdowellcasino.com">fortmcdowellcasino.com</a>	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, noon); Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue.-Thurs. (\$5 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Fri. KO (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$5, noon), (\$5, 4p) and (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$50, noon) & (\$30, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quad fours; Aces Cracked pays \$200.
<b>HARRAH'S PHOENIX AK-CHIN</b> (480) 802-5000 • <a href="http://harrahssakchin.com">harrahssakchin.com</a>	Tue. 0/8 (\$15 w/rb and add-on, 7:30p); Thurs. (\$10 w/rb & add-on, 7:30p); Fri. (\$40, 7:30); Sun. (\$50, 3p); Summer series (\$55), Mon. & Wed. (7:30p) & Sat. (12:30p).	Morning Start-Up; Aces and Faces Cracked; Baseball Splash Pots; Professional Football Splash Pots (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); College Football Splash Pots (Sat.).
<b>VEE QUIVA CASINO</b> (520) 796-7777 • <a href="http://wingilariver.com/vee-quivva">wingilariver.com/vee-quivva</a>	Wed. (\$15 w/rebuys & add-on, 7p); Sat. (\$20 w/rebuys & add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$30, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s beaten by quads; royals pay \$200; Aces Cracked (daily); Super 77 bad-beat jackpot (quad 7s or better beaten).
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# CALIFORNIA

<b>101 CASINO</b> (707) 795-6121 • the101casino.com/casino	Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$115, 1p); 1st Saturday of the month (\$295, 1p). Mini bad-beat jackpot (doubled on every even hour); super bad-beat jackpot;	Omaha bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked.
<b>AGUA CALIENTE CASINO</b> (888) 999-1995 • hotwatercasino.com	Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$50, 10a); Sun. (\$60, 10a).	High hands; Rack Attack; Quad Pay; call for details.
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<b>AVIATOR CASINO</b> (661) 721-7770 • theaviatorcasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 6p); Wed. (\$75, 6p); Fri. & Sun. Mexican Poker (\$30, 6p); Sat. (\$125, noon); all tournaments have guaranteed prize pools.	Mega bad-beat jackpot; mini bad-beat jackpot; Cracked Aces; Splash Pots; high hands; call for all promotions.
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<b>CASINO MBTRIX</b> (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
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<b>GOLDEN WEST CASINO</b> (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S RINCON</b> (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. (\$36 w/\$20 add-on, noon) & (\$51, 7p); Sat. (\$31 w/\$20 add-on, noon) & KO (\$65, 7p).	Aces Cracked (24-7); Midnight Splash Pot; free buffet w/3 hours of play (daily).
<b>HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO</b> (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PARK</b> (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
<b>HUSTLER CASINO</b> (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; Stud Progressive Jackpot.
<b>JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT</b> (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$40, 11a) & \$2K guar. (\$50, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. & Sat. 2.5K guar. (\$60, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; Aces Cracked; Flush 'N Win (call for details).
<b>LAKE ELSINORE CASINO</b> (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon. (\$57, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$57, 11a); satellite tournaments are \$22 and run on Mon. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (10a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; 45-year anniversary tournament series, Sept. 16-21 w/\$45K, Sept. 21 (\$330, 1p).
<b>LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM</b> (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>LIVERMORE CASINO</b> (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Thurs. (\$40, 6p).	Bad-beat progressive jackpot in hold'em.
<b>LODI CASINO</b> (209) 334-4777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a) & (\$30, 7:20p); 1st, 2nd & 4th Sat. (\$45, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (2:20p).	Super bad-beat jackpot; Aces Cracked; high hand.
<b>LOTUS CASINO</b> (916) 399-4929 • mylotuscasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a & 7p); Sun. KO (\$80, 11a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
<b>LUCKY CHANCES CASINO</b> (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
<b>LUCKY DERBY CASINO</b> (916) 726-8946 • luckyderbycasino.com	Tue. KO (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 10a).	Player points accumulated through live play (call for promotions).
<b>LUCKY LADY CASINO</b> (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>MORONGO CASINO</b> (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Daily (\$30-\$97); Mon.-Fri. (10a & 7p); Sat (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p) including Fri. KO (\$97, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; Aces Cracked; get paid for royals; high hands.
<b>NORMANDIE CASINO</b> (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasino.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
<b>OAKS CARD CLUB</b> (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$140, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$150, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$330, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8, and stud.
<b>OCEAN'S 11 CASINO</b> (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
<b>PALA CASINO</b> (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Tue. & Wed. \$750 guar. (\$30, 7p); Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. \$2K guar. (\$40, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$65, noon).	High hand pays \$100 (Wed., 10a-7p); Flush Marathon (Mon., noon-mid. & Fri., 10:30p-10:30a).
<b>PECHANGA RESORT</b> (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$30, 10a); Tue. KO (\$35, 10a & 7p); Wed. KO (\$25, 10a); Thurs. Survivor (\$35, 10a); Fri. (\$30, noon); Sat. (\$30, 10a); Sun. (\$35, 10a).	High hands; holiday gift grab; holiday cash giveaway; late night/early bird specials; call for details.
<b>PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA</b> (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a)	Call for promotions.
<b>RANCHO'S CLUB</b> (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
<b>RED HAWK CASINO</b> (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Daily (\$40, 10a).	No promotions.
<b>SAN MANUEL CASINO</b> (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K Cash is King freeroll held regularly; qualify by collecting high-hand stamps in live action (see website for details).	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
<b>SOBOBA CASINO</b> (951) 665-1000 • soboba.net	Daily (\$7, 10a); Tue. KO \$1K guar. (\$20, 7p); Wed. \$1K guar. (\$20, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$25, 7p); Sat. \$1K guar. (\$15, noon); Sun. \$1.5K guar. (\$15, 10a).	Wheel Spins (Mon. & Wed.); high hand (Tue. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Sat. & Sun.); Lucky Football Squares (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.).
<b>SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO</b> (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	Mon. (\$35, 11a); Tue.-Thurs. KO (\$50, 11a); Fri. (\$35, 11) & (\$80, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$35, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full); Aces Cracked (Sun.-Fri.); high hand (Wed.-Fri.); Sat. cash drawing (2p-mid.).
<b>SYCUAN CASINO</b> (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$21 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p); Sun. (\$44, 10a).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Car Giveaway; Poker Yahtzee; X Marks the Spot (call for details).
<b>TACHI PALACE CASINO</b> (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a); last Sun. of month (\$120, 11:15a).	\$4K bad-beat jackpot (daily); Big Hand Bonuses (daily); \$2K Player Loyalty Bonus Drawing (Sun.).
<b>THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT</b> (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 1p); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$75, 7p); Fri. - Sun. (\$60, 11a); Fri. deepstack (\$125, 5p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p). See ad Page 9.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details); Heartland Poker Tour, Sept. 20-30 w/main event, Sept. 26-30 (\$1,650); call for schedule.
<b>VIEJAS CASINO</b> (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); call for details.

## COLORADO

<b>AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK</b> (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
<b>GOLD CREEK CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK</b> (719) 689-5449 • facebook.com/goldcreekpokerroom	Friday (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys and add-ons, 4p); Sat. Survivor w/top 10% splitting the prize pool (\$95).	Super and Major bad-beat jackpot; Red and Black Monte Carlo Jackpots.
<b>GOLDEN GATES CASINO</b> (303) 582-5600 • goldencasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p w/an event on Sunday (\$100 w/\$100 rebuys, noon); Heartland Poker Tour, Sept. 6-16 w/main event, Sept. 11-16 (\$1,650).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
<b>ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
<b>LADY LUCK CASINO</b> (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 3p & 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon & 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks.
<b>LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK</b> (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
<b>RESERVE CASINO HOTEL</b> (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.

## CONNECTICUT

<b>FOXWOODS CASINO</b> (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p), including \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN CASINO</b> (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$40-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. \$10K guar. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p); \$30K guar. Sunday Special, Sept. 15 (\$330, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad fives; Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked; Indian Summer Classic, Oct. 3-6; call for details.



# DELAWARE

<b>DELAWARE PARK</b> (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$65, noon, 4p, & 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$65-\$340, noon, 4p, 7p & 10p); Sat. (\$30-\$60, 9a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em with descending qualifier; mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$250.
<b>DOVER DOWNS HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p); \$25K guar., last Fri. of month (\$300, 7p). See ad Page 32.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal flush bonus; cash back rewards; Delaware Poker Championship, Sept. 7 (\$595, 11a).
<b>HARRINGTON RACEWAY</b> (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a).	Bad beat in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; \$3 food specials (Mon.); Football Splash Pots pay \$400 (Mon., Thurs. & Sun.); high hand (Mon., Wed., Fri.).

# FLORIDA

<b>BESTBET JACKSONVILLE</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Daily (\$40-\$150) at noon, 3p & 7p; CPPT runs until Sept. 8 w/\$300K main event, Sept. 6 (\$1,500); see website for schedule; ask about satellites. See ad Page 15.	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheel pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>BESTBET ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB</b> (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Tue. (\$150, 6p); Thurs. Turbo KO (\$200, 6p); Sun. (\$50, noon & \$100, 6p).	Bad-beat in hold'em, Omaha and stud; royals and steel wheels pay \$250 (spades pay \$500); hourly high hands (Sun.-Thurs.); Quads pay \$100 (Fri., noon-midnight). Call for information.
<b>CALDER CASINO</b> (305) 625-1311 • studzpkoker.com	Call for information.	
<b>CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI</b> (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$75, 7p); Sun. \$4K guar. (\$100, 2p); call for details. Player of the Month and daily SNGs.	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
<b>CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA</b> (866) 946-3360 • creekentertainmentgretna.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$75, 7p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies (\$100-\$150, 7p); Sun. (\$75, 1p); \$20K guar., 1st Sat. of month (\$250, 1p); last Sat. of month (\$150, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); get paid for quads, straight flush and royal flush; high hands pay \$100/hr (Fri.-Sun.).
<b>DANIA JAI-ALAI</b> (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$10, 12:30p); Sun., Mon., Tue., (\$15, 6:30p); Wed. (\$40, 6:30p); Thurs. (\$50 w/\$25 bounties, 6:30p); Fri. (\$125, 6:30p); Sat. (\$20, 12:30p & 6:30p).	High hand starts at \$500 (daily); Magic Hand wins free tournament ticket; Spin-the-Wheel pays up to \$500; royal flushes pay \$250.
<b>DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p); See ad on Page 21 for HPT details.	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.).
<b>DERBY LANE</b> (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p, 4p, & 7p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, & 8p). See ad on Page 17.	Daily cash and prize promotions; high hands; tournament high hands; see website for more promotions.
<b>EBRO GREYHOUND PARK</b> (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, midnight). See ad on back page for schedule details to this month's Emerald Coast Poker Championship (Sept. 5-29).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-midnight) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat., midnight-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
<b>FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI &amp; POKER</b> (772) 464-7500 • jaijai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
<b>GULFSTREAM PARK</b> (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon., Fri. (\$2.5K guar.), Sun. (\$60); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. (\$100); Thurs. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys); Mon.-Wed. (KO) & Sat. (rebuy). Ad on 37.	High hands (daily); \$500/half hour with power hours paying \$750 at noon, 4p, 7p & 10p (Fri.-Sat., noon-midnight); \$250/hour (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-3a); royals pay \$500.
<b>HIALEAH PARK CASINO</b> (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Tue. \$3K guar. (7p); Wed. KO (7p); Thurs. \$5K guar. (7p); tournaments vary so please call for details.	Progressive spades jackpot; call for other promotions.
<b>ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK</b> (954) 972-2000 x5123 • theislepompapark.com	Daily (\$100-\$230); Mon.-Wed. & Fri.-Sat. (noon, 7:30p); Thurs. (7:30p); Sat. & Sun. (noon). See ad on Page 41 for Isle Open details.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
<b>MAGIC CITY CASINO</b> (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	SNGs daily (\$65-\$800); call for details.	Big Slick Royal Progressive; high hands pay \$150; progressive Hot Table pays minimum of \$500 (daily); Hot Table 100 spins wheel (Sat., 2p, 6p, 10p & 2a).
<b>MARDI GRAS CASINO</b> (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. H.O.R.S.E. (\$115, 1p) & freeroll (7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$100, 7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. freeroll (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. shootout freeroll (7p).	Sun. & Thurs. Instant Win (daily) pays for full house (\$50), quads (\$100), straight flush (\$250) and royal flush (\$500); \$500 high-hand jackpot (every half-hour).
<b>MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$65, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$35 w/\$30 rebuys, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 9p KO, 7p); Fri. \$5K guar. (\$45, 7p); Sat. (\$120, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 1p). See ad below.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha; royals pay \$500; Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand (Sun.-Sat.).
<b>MICCOSUKEE RESORT &amp; GAMING</b> (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com	\$2K guar. (\$50); \$2K guar. PLO (\$50); call for schedule.	Splash the Pot pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs., 8:15a-11:15a); \$3K raffle pays \$250 every 30 minutes (Fri.); Twilight High Hand pays \$200 every 30 minutes (Sun.-Thurs., 8p-2a).



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SEPT 7 & 21  
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THUR. 10a - close

\$100 Per quad qualifier

One payout per Quads. Each additional receives  
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<b>NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$50, noon & 7p); Wed. (\$65, noon & 7p); Thurs. (\$65, noon & \$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 6p); Sat. (\$115, noon); Sun. (\$115, noon) & Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p).	Big Slick Royal pays min. \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a); Miller & Moulton celebrity event, Sept. 19 (\$70, 7p).
<b>OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI</b> (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$40 w/\$10 bounties, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Omaha (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$30, 4p). See ad on Page 42.	Big High Hand \$300 every 30 min. (Fri.) and \$500 every 30 min. (Sat.); high hand (daily).
<b>PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB</b> (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p; Player of the Month points for every tournament, \$8K for top 5 and \$25K freeroll for top 100 (call for details). See ad Page 13.	Bad beat in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; mini bad beat in hold'em; progressive jackpot and high hands (call for details).
<b>PENSACOLA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (850) 455-8595 • pensacolagreyhoundtrack.com	Mon., Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$50, 1p); Wed. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); \$10K guar., 2nd/last Sat. of month (\$250, 1p); \$10K satellites (Sun., 1p & Tue. and Thurs., 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; full house or better (daily); earn up to \$3/ hour in free play (Sun.-Tues.).
<b>SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB</b> (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	Daily (\$40-\$160) including Fri. (\$110, 1p, 25K chips); Sat. (\$160, 2p, 15K chips, 30-minute levels). Now open on Sundays.	Progressive jackpots in all games.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON</b> (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Wed. (\$20, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 7p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hands (Fri.-Sun.); Pick-A-Pocket pays up to \$1K (Mon., 4-9); Aces Cracked (Tue. & Thurs.); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.).
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK</b> (866) 222-7466 • seminolecoconutcreekcasino.com	Mon., Wed. & Sat. (\$120, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$65, 6p); Fri. (\$100, 9p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$40-\$560); guaranteed prize pools (call for details); Everglades Poker Open, Sept. 19-30 (call for details).	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily); Play, earn, and redeem (call for details). See ad Page 43.
<b>SEMINOLE HARD ROCK TAMPA</b> (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrocktampa.com	Daily (\$40-\$550), including Wed. (\$225, alternates between 12:30p/7p); Fall Tampa Bay Open (call for schedule).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
<b>SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE</b> (866) 222-7466 • theseminolecasino.com	Wed. (\$50, 1p & \$40, 7p); Fri. (\$70, 7p); Sat. rake-free (\$115, 7p). See ad Page 16.	High hands (\$50-\$100) every 2 hrs (Sun.-Thurs., 11a-11p & Fri.-Sat., 11p-2a & 2a-4a pays \$199-\$500); progressive royals and bad beat; qualify for monthly \$2K freeroll.
<b>TAMPA BAY DOWNS</b> (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p. See ad Pages 2-3.	Up to \$599 high hands (Tue. & Fri., 1p-mid.); \$300 every 15 minutes (Mon. & Wed., 1p-7p & 9p-1a); Splash the Pot; Rack Attacks; high hands; Aces Cracked (daily, 10a-1p).
<b>TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK</b> (813) 932-4313 • luckycards.com	Daily (\$30-\$80); Sun.-Thurs. (2p & 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. (2p, 7:30p). Sunday Challenge, last Sun. of every month (\$115, 1p, 15K chips).	Rise & Shine starts at \$500 (daily, 11:30a-4p); quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-11p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-11p).

# ILLINOIS

<b>GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN</b> (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
<b>HARRAH'S JOLIET</b> (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA</b> (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$160, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
<b>HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET</b> (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>JUMER'S CASINO &amp; HOTEL</b> (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>PAR-A-DICE CASINO</b> (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Call for information.
<b>ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES</b> (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	<b>SNGs:</b> \$25, \$50 and \$115. <b>MTTs:</b> (\$60, \$120). See ad Page 43.	Call about monthly freerolls.

# INDIANA

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

# IOWA

<b>DIAMOND JO CASINO NORTHWOOD</b> (641) 323-7777 • diamondjo.com	Tue. (\$40, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$25, 2p); Sat. (\$40, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 5s; mini bad-beat jackpot is aces full of jacks; progressive jackpots for straight flushes.
<b>GRAND FALLS CASINO</b> (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 1p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	Call for information on future promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS</b> (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed., Sat. (\$65, 10a); Mon. varies (\$100, 7p); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$75, 7p); Sun. (\$45, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$125) and last Sat. (\$235).	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand; get paid for royals (\$300), straight flush (\$200) and quads (\$50).
<b>MESKWAKI CASINO</b> (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Tue. (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha/8 (\$30, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royal flush jackpot.
<b>MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK</b> (563) 585-2964 • mystiqueclubq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday (\$60, 1p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
<b>PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO</b> (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on first Thursday of every month; call for details.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
<b>RIVERSIDE CASINO</b> (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinoandresort.com	Mon. & Fri., Omaha/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. PLH/O (\$40, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. (\$30, 4p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. of month (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details). See ad on Page 31.
<b>WINNAVEGAS</b> (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Tom Franklin Invitational, Aug. 22-Sept. 1.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

# KANSAS

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

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MISSOURI

Table listing Missouri casinos including Ameristar St. Charles, Ameristar Kansas City, Harrah's North Kansas City, Hollywood St. Louis, Lumiere Place, and River City Casino.



# NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>ARIA</b> (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
<b>ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO</b> (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat.-Sun. KO (\$75, 11a); WPT Regional series, Sept. 13-22 w/main event, Sept. 20-21 (\$1,650, noon).	Rakeback for weekly hours; daily bonus hands for Aces Cracked; quads or better; poker-room comp points (call for details).
<b>BALLY'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 11a, 2p & 8p) w/\$500 guarantee first prize.	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>BELLAGIO</b> (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$125, 2p); Fri. & Sat. (\$335, 2p); Sun. (\$335, 2p); Festa al Lago Classic runs until Sept. 13 w/main event, Sept. 9-13 (\$5,180, noon).	No jackpots.
<b>BINION'S GAMBLING HALL</b> (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250).
<b>BOOMTOWN RENO</b> (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
<b>BOULDER STATION HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; high hand (Wed.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Sun.). Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>CAESARS PALACE</b> (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a); (\$110, noon); (\$70, 4p); (\$110, 7p); (\$85, 10p); Sat. & Sun. (\$235, 2p); Kick Off Poker Classic runs until Sept. 15 w/main event, Sept. 14 (\$560, noon).	Megabeat Jackpot starts at \$200K (call for details).
<b>CIRCUS CIRCUS LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 734-0410 • circuscircus.com	Daily (\$60 w/rebuy, 3:30p).	High hand of hour pays \$50 (daily, noon-3p); Aces Cracked (daily, 3p-5p, 8p-10p & mid.-2a); Faces Cracked (daily, 5p-8p); cash back for hours played (25 hours min). Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
<b>ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO</b> (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	
<b>EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO</b> (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full beaten by quads); spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked.
<b>FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily; \$500 guarantee (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	High hand pays quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal (\$500); high hand of the hour pays \$100 (8a-noon & 6p-10p).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
<b>GRAND SIERRA RESORT</b> (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Daily (\$45, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$60, 6:30p); Fri.-Sat. KO (\$80, 6:30p).	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
<b>GREEN VALLEY RANCH</b> (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 7p); Wed. H.O.R.S.E. (\$40, 7p); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; Omaha freeroll (10 hours min.); call for details.	Multiroom progressive bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guar.; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
<b>HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 10a & 3p) & (\$80, 8p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K; 20 hours for \$20K freeroll (call for details).
<b>HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE</b> (775) 588-6611 • harvestahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
<b>LUXOR HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Daily (\$40) at 10:30a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 8:30p, 11:30p.	High hands (daily); Poker Payout Plus, \$1.5K automatic chop (Tue. & Thurs., 6p); \$2K automatic chop (Sun., 2p); call for details.
<b>MANDALAY BAY</b> (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$80, 6p), (\$50, 11p); single-table tournaments available (\$60, 1p & 9p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered high-hand bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Football Bonus (call for details).
<b>MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$80, 11a); Sun.-Thurs. (\$80, 7p); Tue. H.O.R.S.E. (\$120, 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 7p).	Nightly mixed games and H.O.R.S.E. (call for details).
<b>MIRAGE</b> (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
<b>MONTE CARLO RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details); highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day.
<b>THE ORLEANS</b> (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various (\$60, 12:05p & \$80, 7:05p); Fri. (\$60, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. KO (\$80, 12:05a & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. KO (\$80, 12:05a) & H.O.R.S.E. (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K Fortune Flop progressive jackpot; Rack or Stack Attack hourly drawings; call for details.
<b>PALACE STATION</b> (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	Call for information.	Multiroom prog. bad-beat in hold'em (quad 6s) and pays \$100K guar.; multiroom jumbo royals start at \$5K; progressive Omaha high hands; quads pays \$25 (24/7).
<b>PALMS CASINO</b> (702) 942-7777 • palms.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$65, 10a); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p).	Early bird promo pays \$25 every hour between 8a-1p; earn up to \$200 per day by playing live cash games.
<b>PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO</b> (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35-\$115) at 2p & 6:30p; Sat. (\$115, 1p); Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 1p & 6:30p).	High hands; get paid for straight flushes and royals.
<b>PLANET HOLLYWOOD</b> (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$70) at 10a, 2p and 7p.	High-hand jackpots; quads pay \$100; straight and royals are progressive starting at \$250.
<b>QUAD RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p).	Mega Beat Jackpot starts at \$200K.
<b>RED ROCK CASINO</b> (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Fri.-Sun. (\$110, 10a); Mon. & Thurs. (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. & Sun. (\$80, 6:30p); Ultimate Poker Challenge runs until Sept. 8 w/main event, Sept. 6 (\$1,100, noon).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
<b>RIO CASINO</b> (702) 777-7777 • riolasvegas.com	Daily (\$70) at noon, 3p, 6p, 9p and midnight.	Mega bad-beat jackpot starts at \$200K; progressive royals start at \$1K; cash drawings pay \$100 (5a, 7a, 9a and 11a).
<b>SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 456-7777 • samstowntlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a) & daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1:30p); Fri.-Sat. deepstack (\$45 w/rebuy, 7p & 11p); deepstack events on 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month (\$100).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (midnight-noon & 4p-9p).
<b>SANTA FE STATION CASINO</b> (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom Jumbo progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$100K guaranteed.
<b>STRATOSPHERE</b> (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$45 w/\$20 add-on); \$65 SNGs (24/7).	Royal and straight-flush jackpots; high-hand jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flushes and royals; Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 9a-5p).
<b>SUNCOAST HOTEL &amp; CASINO</b> (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
<b>SUNSET STATION</b> (702) 547-7982 • sunsetstation.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$35, 5K chips, 7p). Also, there are twice-monthly freerolls. Call room for details.	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot; Splash the Pot (Tue.); Make 4 Flushes pays \$400 (Mon. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked double the pot (Wed., Sat. & Sun.).
<b>TEXAS STATION</b> (702) 631-1000 • texasstation.com	Fri. (\$35, 7p).	Jumbo Jackpot is quad fours beaten.
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$55) at 11a, 2p, 7p and \$1K guar. at 10p.	High hands pay up to \$599; quads or higher spins wheel; \$5K weekly freeroll (10 hours minimum to qualify).
<b>VENETIAN RESORT</b> (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$150, noon); nightly (\$120, 7p); Tue. KO (\$150, 7p); Fri. KO (\$200, noon) & Survivor (\$200, 7p); Sat. KO (\$300, noon); Sun. (\$200, noon).	Tournament bad-beat (\$30K added by the house); runs during daily tourneys only; Deepstack Extravaganza 3.5, Sept. 16-Oct. 1 w/main event, Sept. 27 (\$1,600, noon).
<b>WENDOVER NUGGET</b> (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Tue., Wed. & Thurs. (\$20, 8p); Fri. (\$50, 8p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. (\$30, 1p); re-entry allowed during the first hour; ladies play free on Wednesdays.	Four high hands every four hours (24/7); highest flush, full house, aces full and quads or better. Ask about Ante Up Poker League Cruise giveaway!
<b>WYNN LAS VEGAS</b> (702) 770-7000 • wyynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	\$50 cash for every 10 hours of limit hold'em.

\* SNG = single-table tournaments; all tournaments are no-limit hold'em unless noted. Poker room managers email [roth@anteupmagazine.com](mailto:roth@anteupmagazine.com)

## NEW JERSEY

<b>BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Daily (\$55); Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. (1p & 7p); Fri. (1p & 9p); Sun. (1p & 7p); winners of tournaments will be invited to the \$10K TOC Freeroll.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases Wed. if not hit; high hand (Mon. & Tue.); bonus comps (Wed. & Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
<b>BORGATA HOTEL CASINO</b> (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$40-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); Borgata Open, Sept. 15 (\$3,500).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
<b>CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 348-4411 • caesarsac.com	Daily (\$100, 1:15p & 6:15p).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit; double comp dollars (call for details).
<b>GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY</b> (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Daily (\$80, 4a, 10a, 4p & 10p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. \$2,012 guar. (\$50, noon).	Progressive high-hand jackpot.
<b>HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 441-5000 • harrahresort.com	Daily at 10:15a, 1:15p, 8:15p and midnight (\$70-\$125).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad beat starts at quad queens and decreases every Wed. if it doesn't get hit.
<b>SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 343-4000 • showboatcasino.com	Daily \$65 (11a, 2a & 7p); nightly \$60 (11p); \$20K starting stack for all tournaments; Fri. & Sat. 7p events pay \$5K guar. with unlimited re-entry for 6 levels.	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad queens and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
<b>TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY</b> (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Daily (\$62, 11:15a & 7:15p), including a Fri. (\$122, 7:15p) and Sat. (\$122, 11:15a & 7:15p); midnight tournaments run Sun.-Thurs. (\$42) & Fri.-Sat. (\$62).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; "3-8" special promotion jackpot (call for details); tournament bad-beat jackpot is quads over aces full of kings.
<b>TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT</b> (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & midnight, including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & midnight).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

## NEW MEXICO

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

## NEW YORK

<b>SENECA NIAGARA</b> (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. KO (\$90, 10a & 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$45, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$55, w/rebuys, 10a & 7p); Fri. (\$55, 10a & \$175, 1p); Sat. (\$230, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 10a & 7p).	Progressive high hands (24/7); get paid for quads (\$25), straight flushes (\$75) and royals (\$100).
<b>SENECA SALAMANCA</b> (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Mon (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 11a) & (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$90, 6p); Fri. (\$35, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$60, noon).	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
<b>TURNING STONE RESORT</b> (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p). Empire State Champ. (Aug. 5-18).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

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

## OHIO

<b>HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS</b> (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$240, 12:15p); Sun. \$6K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); 2nd Sat. \$20K guar. (\$440, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO</b> (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p).	Call for promotions.
<b>HORSESHOE CINCINNATI</b> (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	WSOP Circuit, Sept. 19-30 w/main event, Sept. 27 (\$1,675, noon); call for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
<b>HORSESHOE CLEVELAND</b> (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Wed. (\$200, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, 7p); last Sunday of the month (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

## OKLAHOMA

<b>CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS</b> (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarrowards.com	Daily (\$20 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. pineapple (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. seniors (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
<b>CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO</b> (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	\$1M Choctaw Fall Series, Sept. 26-Oct. 7 w/\$300K guar. main event, Oct. 4-7 (\$1,100, noon); 100-seat guarantee super-satellite (call for details). Ad Page 39.	\$25K bad-beat jackpot (daily); \$5K Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily); Early Bird Special (Mon.-Fri.).
<b>COMANCHE NATION</b> (580) 354-2000 • comanchenationcasino.com	Two tournaments a month (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT</b> (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. PLO (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 7p); Wed. \$250 added (\$40, 2p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$40, 7p); Sat. Fish 'N Chips qualifier (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot; MSPT runs until Sept. 8 (call for schedule). See ad on Page 27.
<b>FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO</b> (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue.-Wed. (\$15, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$70, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p). See ad Page 42.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>HARD ROCK TULSA</b> (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily; ask about future satellites to major events. See ad Page 43.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for updated amount.
<b>INDIGO SKY CASINO</b> 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tue. ante only (\$40, 7p); Wed. mature only (\$35, 2p) & (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$35, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pineapple (\$35, 3p).	Call for information.
<b>OSAGE CASINO TULSA</b> (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, noon); including Mon. PLO (7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>RIVER SPIRIT CASINO</b> (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 6p); Wed. KO (\$75, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$70, 7p); Fri. (\$50 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. KO (\$70, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
<b>RIVERWIND CASINO</b> (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
<b>WINSTAR WORLD CASINO</b> (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p); Fri. (\$220, 11a). See ad on Page 25.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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# OREGON

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
<b>CHINOOK WINDS CASINO</b> (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p); Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Guaranteed Boss Bounty pays \$50-\$200 (Thurs.).
<b>ENCORE CLUB</b> (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$25 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 10p), (\$30 w/rebuy, 6p), (\$50-\$100, 8p); Sat. freeroll (noon); (\$10K guar., \$90 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. freeroll (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools (see website for details).
<b>SEVEN FEATHERS CASINO</b> (541) 839-1111 • sevenfeathers.com	Events on 1st & 3rd Sat. of month (1:30p); Wed. (\$35, 6p); Fri. freeroll (6p).	Monte Carlo Board (aces full or better) paid daily; \$50 alternating high hands/Aces Cracked hourly (Wed., noon-mid.); \$50/\$100 high hands/half hour (Thurs./Sat.).
<b>SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO</b> (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. O/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
<b>WILDHORSE RESORT</b> (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

# PENNSYLVANIA

<b>HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA</b> (800) 480-8020 • harrahschester.com	Daily (\$50-\$225); Sun.-Tue. & Thurs. (11:30a, 6:30p); Wed. (noon); Fri. Double Green Chip Bounty (11:30a); Sat. (11:30a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WSOP satellite seats awarded (call for details).
<b>HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL</b> (717) 469-2211 • hcpcn.com	Mon. (\$60, 11:15a); Tue.-Thurs. (\$80, 11:15a); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11:15a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$60, 7:15p); Sun. KO (\$100, 7:15p); last Sat. of month (\$200, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush jackpots (call for details).
<b>MEADOWS CASINO</b> (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Fri. & Sat. (\$40, 10:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
<b>MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS</b> (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
<b>PARX CASINO</b> (215) 639-9000 • parxcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7p); Tue. (\$120, 7p); Wed. (\$120, noon); Thurs. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$230, noon); Sun. (\$80, noon).	Call for details.
<b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS &amp; CASINO</b> (866) 374-3386 • ericcasino.com	Mon. (\$75, 7:30p); Wed. Omaha (\$65, 12:30p); Sun. (\$75, 12:30p); 1st Sat. of month (\$125, 12:30p); 2nd/4th Fri. of month (\$125, 7:30p); last Sat. of month (\$250, 3:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Strength and Spirit Deep Stack, Sept. 2 (\$175, 3:30p); Cruise through Summer promo (call for details).
<b>RIVERS CASINO</b> (412) 231-7777 • theriverscasino.com	Daily (\$50-\$550); Mon.-Sat. (noon & 7p); Sun. (2p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks.
<b>SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM</b> (877) SANDS-77 • sandsbethworks.com	Mon. (\$100, 11a); Tue. KO (\$100, 7p); Wed. KO (\$100, 11a); Thurs. (\$125, 7p); Sat. (\$200, 11a); Sun. KO (\$200, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; Splash Pots; high hand; Aces Cracked; call for details.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

<b>CADILLAC JACK'S</b> (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon. KO (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$12 w/\$5 rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$46, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$22 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; full house or better earn stamps on Pink Card (full Pink Card is worth \$25 and can be used for a room, food or slots).
<b>LODGE AT DEADWOOD</b> (605) 578-4800 • deadwoodlodge.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$33-\$55, 6:30p) except Thurs. KO (\$77); Sat. (\$22 w/rebuys, 2p); Sun. (\$110, 2p); last Sun. of month (\$220, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; High Society Challenge (call for details).
<b>SALOON #10</b> (605) 578-3346 • saloon10.com	Thurs.-Sun. (\$6 w/\$10 rebuy & \$3 add-on, 10:30a) & (\$23 w/\$2 add-on, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; win \$1K for quad 10s; win 25% of bad-beat jackpot for aces and eights.
<b>SILVERADO FRANKLIN</b> (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

# WASHINGTON

<b>7 CEDARS CASINO</b> (360) 683-7777 • 7cedarsresort.com	Wed. (\$75, 6p); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$65, 6p); Sat. (\$80, 1p); Sun. (\$65, 6p); \$777 added event, 2nd Fri. of month (\$77, 6p).	Double Hours (Thurs. & Sun.); call for details.
<b>ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO</b> (360) 474-9740 • angelofthewinds.com	Daily (\$40, 10a) including Fri. (\$75, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6:30p); many tournaments vary between hold'em, Omaha/8 and crazy pineapple (call for schedule).	High hands and bonus high hands (call for details).
<b>CLEARWATER CASINO</b> (360) 598-8700 • clearwatercasino.com	Daily (\$25 w/\$5 rebuys, 11:00a); Mon. Beat the Boss (\$35, 6p); Tue. Poker Pizza & Pints (\$35, 6p); Wed. (\$50 w/\$20 add-on, 6p); Thurs. Mystery KO (\$35, 6p).	Daily Double jackpot; get paid for quads, straight flush and royals; Lighting Strikes & Thunder Rumbles jackpots; high hands & Pot Splash (Mon., Tue., Thurs.).
<b>LITTLE CREEK CASINO</b> (360) 427-7711 • little-creek.com	Mon. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Tue. KO (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$45, 6p); Thurs. (\$55, 7p); Fri. KO (\$35, 6p); Sat. KO (\$35, 5p); Sun. Omaha/8 (\$35, 5p).	Extra tournament chips (two hours of live play required); call for details.
<b>MUCKLESHOOT CASINO</b> (253) 804-4444 • muckleshootcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$35, 10:30a); Mon. (\$110, 7p); Tue. KO (\$105, 7p); Wed. & Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Sat. (\$40 w/rebuys, noon); 2nd Sun. of month (\$215, noon).	\$10K bad-beat jackpot; high hands pay \$100 every half-hour (24/7); royals pay \$500 plus a jacket. Call for promotions.
<b>NORTHERN QUEST CASINO</b> (509) 242-7000 • northernquest.com	Mon.-Fri. KO (\$40, 10:30a); Wed. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuy, 7p); Mon. & Thurs. ladies night (\$20, 7p); Sat. KO (\$75, 10:30a).	
<b>SNOQUALMIE CASINO</b> (425) 888-1234 • snocasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 10:30a); Sat. (\$68, 11a); Sun. KO (\$68, 11a).	\$500 for royals; \$200 for straight flushes; quad of the day pays \$400; high hands pay \$150 per hour.
<b>SWINOMISH CASINO &amp; LODGE</b> (360) 293-2691 • swinomishcasino.com	Daily at 12:15p & 7p; Mon.-Tue. & Sun. (\$22); Wed. (\$11 w/rebuys & \$33); Thurs. Omaha/8 (\$22) & \$33; Fri. (\$22 & \$55); Sat. (\$27 & \$33).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; mini bad-beat jackpot; royal flush bonus.
<b>TULALIP RESORT CASINO</b> (360) 716-6000 • tulalipresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, 10:30a); Mon. (\$40, 7p); Tue. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$65, noon) & PLO (\$75, 4p).	Aces Cracked; quads or better pays.

# WEST VIRGINIA

<b>HOLLYWOOD AT CHARLES TOWN</b> (800) 795-7001 • ctowntables.com	Mon. KO (\$125, 7p); Tue. (\$150, noon); Wed. (\$150, 7p); Thurs. (\$150, noon); Fri. KO (\$125, noon & \$225, 7p); Sat. (\$250, noon & \$150, 7p); Sun. (\$150, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; progressive suited royal flush (call for details).
<b>MOUNTAINEER RIVER POKER ROOM</b> (304) 387-8458 • mountaineerpoker.com	Daily (\$25-\$100); Mon., Fri. & Sat. (12:15p); Wed. (10:30a); Sun. (2p); last Sat. of month (7:30p).	Bad beat is aces full of kings; high hands pay \$100 (call for details).

# WISCONSIN

<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT MADISON</b> ho-chunkgaming.com • (608) 223-9576	Mon. (\$33, 1p); Wed. (\$55, 7:30p); Fri. (\$55, 7p); 1st & 3rd Sat. of month PLO (\$33, 2p); 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat. of month (\$33, 2p); Sun.-Tue. (midnight).	Rackback Bucks (call for details).
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA</b> (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p); first Sat. of month (\$215, 2:15p); \$500 added to all Saturday pots; third annual Pulse Pounding event, Sept. 28 & 29 (\$330, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
<b>HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS</b> (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$38, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170)..	Call for promotions.
<b>MENOMINEE CASINO</b> (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Fall Classic, Sept. 21 (\$275, noon), limited to 88 players; call for details. See ad Page 51.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
<b>POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO</b> (414) 645-6888 • paysbig.com	Monday (\$110, 8p); Friday (\$110, noon); Sunday (\$165, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Aces Cracked.

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**WITH JEFF GROSS**


Jeff Gross is a 26-year-old high-stakes cash-game player and Team Ultimate Poker pro from Ann Arbor, Mich. Before Black Friday, Gross was a successful online player known as Kidwhowon. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in marketing and management, and has career tournament earnings of \$1,152,059. Our Mike Owens caught up with Gross to talk poker, best friend Michael Phelps and his future.

**At what stage did you realize poker would become such a major part of your life?** In the summer of 2002, in between my sophomore and junior year of high school. We started playing poker at our team soccer camp at the University of Michigan when **Craig Pfister** brought a plastic chip set and we started playing for quarters and dollars. I didn't know about position or starting hands or anything, but I was winning and it was an exciting time.

**What did you struggle with in your game at the beginning?** I wouldn't say I really struggled at the beginning, to be honest, I just remember cleaning up in the small games. Online I would sit with \$11 at several tables of 25-cent/50-cent and vividly remember having each table over \$600 often times putting in extremely long sessions.

**What do your parents think of you being a poker player?** My parents are very happy I play poker professionally. This has made the transition from college very easy that they have supported me the entire time. Education is No. 1 to my parents. They both went to Ivy League schools and I think finishing college was huge. If I had not gotten my degree, it may have been a different case, but after I finished they really just wanted me to be happy and do what I love. My dad loves poker and plays often now.

**How did you meet Michael Phelps?** I met Michael Phelps at a poker game in Windsor, Canada, actually. The age to play in Canada was 19 and we met during the summer in 2005. He was going to University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and that's where I was born and raised. Windsor was only about half an hour drive and I would go up a lot to play there, he was training mostly but would go once in a while.

**What's Phelps like at the poker table?** At the poker table, Mike is very competitive, just as he is at everything, but I think it's a way he uses to relax and get away from his training and all the distractions. He is so busy and it's just a fun way for him to let loose and socialize with friends and be competitive at a skill

game that he enjoys. He is very good for not playing much.

**Away from poker, what interests you?** Outside of poker, I love to travel and meet new people. Soccer has always been a passion of mine and I played from the time I was 4 years old up until graduating from the University of South Carolina, where I played Division I for four years on a partial scholarship. I also like playing backgammon, racquetball, working out, Words with Friends, Ping Pong, pool, and am known to play a good game of beer pong.

**What was it like playing golf with legendary actor Bill Murray?** It was really special to get to go out on the legendary course of St. Andrews with Bill Murray and a great group of guys. I am an extremely poor golfer and I only hit a couple balls that day while the other guys played and I tagged along. I wasn't in the foursome, but I did get to hit a few. He was really funny and would be exactly how you think he is.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** I see myself with a wife and several children, living in one of several places. I really don't know what exactly I will be doing, but I believe I will always play poker for fun and certainly the (World Series) main event each year for a long time. I love the game and all it represents and am excited that online poker is making big steps to a comeback with Ultimate Gaming being legalized in Nevada and am proud to be one of their sponsored players.

**What advice would you give a player thinking about turning pro?** It can be a great way to make money, but it isn't something that happens overnight. It is just like anything, 10,000 hours is what it takes approximately to become an expert at something and poker is no different. The players you see at the top of the game have been doing it for a long time and have put the hours in both studying and playing and most are very intelligent people to begin with. Assuming you are willing to do these things, the biggest skills I think needed to become a pro is bankroll management and leading a balanced life. ♠

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	DATE	TIME	EVENT	STARTING CHIPS*	BLIND LEVELS
	Sept. 5	6:30pm	\$3,000 ECPC Voucher Giveaway	5,500	15 min
	Sept. 12	6:30pm	\$3,000 ECPC Voucher Giveaway	5,500	15 min
	Sept. 18	6:30pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
	Sept. 19	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 1</b>	Sept. 19	6:30pm	\$110 No Limit Hold 'em	7,500	25 min
	Sept. 20	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 2</b>	Sept. 20	6:30pm	\$150 Bounty NLHE	7,500	25 min
	Sept. 21	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 3</b>	Sept. 21	6:30pm	\$110 Limit Omaha 8/Better	7,500	25 min
	Sept. 22	10:00am	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 4</b>	Sept. 22	2:00pm	\$330 No Limit Hold 'em	12,500	30 min
	Sept. 23	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 5</b>	Sept. 23	6:30pm	\$110 Seniors (50+) No Limit Hold 'em	7,500	25 min
	Sept. 24	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 6</b>	Sept. 24	6:30pm	\$110 No Limit Crazy Pineapple	7,500	25 min
	Sept. 25	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 7</b>	Sept. 25	6:30pm	\$220 No Limit Hold 'em	10,000	25 min
	Sept. 26	1:00pm	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
	Sept. 26	6:30pm	\$6,000 Main Event Voucher Giveaway	5,500	15 min
	Sept. 27	1:00pm	\$55 Main Event Satellite	4,500	15 min
	Sept. 27	6:30pm	\$55 Main Event Satellite	4,500	15 min
	Sept. 28	10:00am	\$55 Satellite	4,500	15 min
<b>EVENT 8</b>	Sept. 28	2:00pm	\$550 Main Event	15,000	45 min
	Sept. 29	4:00pm	Main Event Final Table		

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