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There's nothing quite like having someone in your corner. Just ask our newest world champion, **Justo Avalos**. The native of Mexico who lives in Elk Grove, Calif., was quick to thank family members who literally stood (and sat) behind him for hours and hours watching him capture our Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif.

"I had a lot of people here tonight giving me a lot of support," he said, shortly after eliminating **Jun "Yama" Zheng** on the final hand to earn \$91K and become our second world champ.

And we feel a lot like Avalos these days. Just like him, we have a ton of support. It was six years ago this issue (September 2008) that we launched *Ante Up*, and there's no way we could have done it without the help of so many people. Back in those days, when we were merely Florida's Poker Magazine, it was just the two of us with our family and friends encouraging us during the worst economic times since the Great Depression.

Now, six years later, like Avalos, we have a support system that's second to none. Take a look at the names on the right-hand side of this page. Without those fine people, *Ante Up* wouldn't exist.

Month in and month out, our ambassadors do their very best to give you the latest news and information about YOUR poker scene. That's why we changed our magazine's motto. We're not just *Ante Up*; we're *Ante Up, YOUR Poker Magazine*. And we mean it. What other poker news source can give you that?

Every ambassador has an email address listed for a reason, so you can contact them if something important is going on in your local poker room or region.

We want your news, because without it, there's nothing for us to publish. In fact, we'd like to amend our opening sentence to say, "There's nothing quite like having a lot of people in your corner;" and that includes you, the reader. Thanks for picking us up these past six years; your support means everything.

We'll see you at the tables.

— Christopher Cosenza and Scott Long



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PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP KICKS OFF AT TV

Thunder Valley Casino Resort continues to show how well it can execute hosting multiple tournament series throughout the year. It hosted the Ante Up World Championship (see our cover story on Page 18) and World Poker Tour series with amazing turnouts at each one. The Up the Ante poker room has grown into the powerhouse of cardrooms in Northern California and it will continue its reign by hosting the annual Players Championship with the Heartland Poker Tour (Sept. 18-29).



GARRETT ROTH
NORCAL

The first event is \$425 with a \$200K guarantee. Event 2 is a \$150 knockout with players receiving \$50 for each bounty. Event 3 is a \$175 Survivor with the top 10 percent of the field receiving \$1,500. The fourth event is \$235 with a \$25K guarantee.

Event 5 is the \$180 HORSE while Event 6 is a \$300 black-chip bounty with a \$20K guarantee. Event 7 is \$180 Omaha/8 with a \$10K guarantee and Event 8 is a \$340 six-max with a \$25K guarantee. Event 10, which runs after the main, is \$150 knockout with \$50 bounties.

The \$1,650 Players Championship has three Day 1s (Sept. 25-27) as players start with 30K chips. There are many satellites leading up to the event. The 2013 winner was **Mario Sequeira**, who took home \$75K.

STONES GAMBLING HALL: The Saloon poker room at Stones Gambling Hall in Citrus Heights, Calif., dealt its first hand to the public on July 11, giving yet another option for Northern

California players to satisfy their poker cravings.

Rodney and **Ryan Stone** are a father-and-son team who merged the recently closed Phoenix Casino & Lounge and Lucky Derby Casino, absorbing talented workers from both locations.

The new 25,000-square-foot hall includes a 15-table poker room, a table-games cardroom, a restaurant and a bar. The classic mix of old school saloon and high-end luxury are a great addition to the Northern California poker scene.

With other great poker rooms scattered throughout NorCal, players have grown used to prestigious tournament series and action-filled cash games. Stones Gambling Hall is making a strong first impression by offering a variety of tournaments and a long list of live action.

Events run Monday through Friday at 10 a.m., plus there's a 6:30 p.m. event on Tuesdays and an 11 a.m. event on Saturdays. Buy-ins start at \$55 and the last Sunday of the month is a \$225 tournament.

The Saloon a range of cash games with some great promotions. It has six jackpots, high-hand bonuses for quads through royals and wheel spins. There also are restaurant and drink discounts to seated players.

The decor of the poker room is elegant and comfortable, featuring flatscreen TVs, individual USB ports to charge your phone and a friendly floor staff. The relaxed vibe and comfortable atmosphere make Stones Gambling Hall a great place to visit and play.

— Email Garrett at roth@anteupmagazine.com.

Madsen among the early winners at Legends

The Legends of Poker series at the Bike is in full swing and hadn't completed at press time. Event 1 had 568 players and was a special \$75 Friends of the Bike tournament, where players had an optional \$50 add-on. The prize pool was almost \$50K and **Virej Vartaneian** ended



KITTIE ALEMAN
SOCAL

up on the top of a six-way deal, where he earned first place and \$7,970.

Barkev Grigorian and **Paul Chauderson** chopped in Event 2, the \$200K guarantee deepstack. Chauderson took home \$40,857, while Grigorian scored \$55K and a seat in Day

2 of the \$10K WPT Legends of Poker event.

The \$25K guarantee deepstack (Event 3, \$150) drew 376 players to nearly double the guarantee (\$43,766) as 37 players made the money and **Raul Pintos** finished on top of a nine-way deal, taking home \$5,111.

The \$75K guarantee deepstack (Event 4) saw 333 entries for \$96,903, and after a long Day 2, **Ashton Holmes** emerged victorious for \$21,328. There was no chop, so Holmes earned the

victory by beating **Edison Shields**, who took home \$13,565.

Local pro **Massoud Eskandari** continued his winning streak this year by taking down Event 5. The prize pool of \$39,690 was spread out among the final 17 players and Eskandari took home the most in a three-way chop (\$5,020).

The Ladies International Poker Series and the Bicycle Casino partnered for Event 7 (\$15K guaranteed ladies tournament). There were 82 players for the \$200 event, which **Lea Nehme** won (\$4,540).

Pavel Lerner took down Event 8 (\$20K guarantee), which attracted 267 players for a \$44,082 prize pool. Lerner earned \$10K in a heads-up chop.

Popular pro **Jeff Madsen** was declared the winner of the HORSE event after a heads-up chop with **Danny Cho**. Madsen took home \$5,445 from the \$26,190 prize pool.

Event 10 (\$25K guarantee deepstack) drew 113 players (\$32,883 pool) but it was a chop at the end that saw **Steven Mira** and **Marissa Daileg** walk away with about \$6,200 each.

I will have more results from the series next month.

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		8PM	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 players advance to Main Event Day 1A or 1B flights only	\$180
	Thu, 9/18	11AM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 10 earn entry into Event #1	\$55
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		8PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in every 5 earn entry into Event #1	\$100
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1	Thu, 9/18	4PM	Day 1A	\$200,000 GUARANTEED NLHE Card Player Cruises Deep Stack Final Table Streamed Live on 9/21 at 11am
	Fri, 9/19	11AM	Day 1B	
	Fri, 9/19	4PM	Day 1C	
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	Sun, 9/21	1PM	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 10 players advance to the HPT Main Event	\$180
2		7PM	NLHE \$10,000 Guaranteed Knockout 2x Bounty with \$50 Bounties	\$150
3	Mon, 9/22	11AM	NLHE Survivor 10% of the field wins \$1,500	\$175
		1PM	Multi-Table Satellite - 1 in 5 players advance to \$360 Qualifier	\$85
4		5PM	NLHE \$25,000 Guaranteed	\$235
		8PM	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to the HPT Main Event	\$360
5	Tue, 9/23	11AM	H.O.R.S.E	\$180
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	Fri, 9/26	8PM	Multi-Table Qualifier - 1 in 5 players advance to the HPT Main Event	\$360
9	Thu, 9/25	3PM	Day 1A	HPT MAIN EVENT Final Table Streamed Live in Pano Hall on 9/29 at 1pm
	Fri, 9/26	11AM	Day 1B	
	Sat, 9/27	11AM	Day 1C	
	Sun, 9/28	11AM	Day 2	
10		7PM	NLHE \$10,000 Guaranteed Knockout 2x Bounty with \$50 Bounties	\$150



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MOEDS: POKER, PARENTHOOD & CUPCAKES

Though still relatively rare, the number of married couples who play poker professionally seems to be on the rise. Not surprising, because as numbers for women who play the game continue to grow, it would make sense that couples in love would share a passion for the game.



DAVE LEMMON
SOUTH FLORIDA

Serious couple **Doc Sands** and **Erika Moutinho-Sands**, though not married at the time, made headlines by finishing 29th and 30th in the 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event, even making an appearance on one of the featured TV tables sitting across from each other.

The newest married couple that grabbed the spotlight this summer at the World Series was **Michael Moed** and **Angela Prada-Moed** of Miami Beach. Michael is an Omaha/8 expert ranked in the top 10 on a couple of Omaha lists.

But the truly impressive story is Angela, a Colombian immigrant who moved to the United States in 2000 as a teen. She had no knowledge of poker until meeting Michael, who taught her and encouraged her to read poker books and work hard to improve. An eighth-place finish at a \$500 Bellagio tournament by Angela less than six months after initially learning the game was an indication to Michael that his wife was more than just a pretty face when it came to the poker tables. He finds her rapid improvement remarkable.

"She didn't even know what the four different suits were in the deck before we met," he said of Angela, who now has a little more than five years' experience of serious play. "I've literally never beaten her in a heads-up situation; she can read my soul."

Angela's first big splash at the WSOP came in 2012 when she reached the final table of the Ladies Championship and finished fourth. However, the next year pushed poker to the backburner when Angela gave birth to their first child in March, and six weeks later, they opened Sweet Times, a cupcake shop in the western Miami suburb of Kendall.

"That was suicidal," Michael said, "but just the way it worked out." Luckily, Angela's special recipe learned while studying to become a pastry chef made the business an immediate success, and with the help of Angela's mother with taking caring the growing child, the Moeds were able to survive the growing pains of the business as well.

"Angela perfected the art of making Italian buttercream, which we use in all our cupcakes," he said. "It's a little more time-consuming, it's a little more expensive, but the taste and texture shows in the quality of the cupcakes. We hope to have 15-20 stores from Homestead to Palm Beach in the next few years."

Despite juggling the chores connected with operating a fledgling business and balancing the joys and hard work of raising their son Lucas, Angela and Michael knew they were eager to return to the WSOP this summer.

"We decided over the winter that we were definitely going to play this year in Vegas if we could work it out, we just weren't sure for how long," Michael said.

They ended up renting a timeshare for a month and flew back and forth three times during the series. The payoff came in Event 45, a \$1K event when Angela was chipleader at the end of Day 2 with 11 players left. Angela played patiently and was relatively conservative on the final day, but really wasn't that nervous.

"She was really calm," he said. "I'm actually the one about to have a heart attack watching her play. Angela has something in this game that can't be taught and that is her poker instincts. When she follows those instincts, she is right 99 percent of the time."

Angela used those instincts at the final table to pick off a couple of bluffs, then rode two big hands to reach the final three players. It took another 72

hands before **Paul Sokoloff** was eliminated, and after 32 more hands of intense head-to-head play, **Will Givens** of Centennial, Colo., prevailed, leaving a disappointed and drained Angela with a \$189K check for her runner-up finish to ease the pain.

They barely have time to reflect on the best couple of weeks in their poker lives. Angela has received accolades from the poker world and Michael has received taunts on Twitter with the hashtag #shesbetterthanu. He remains philosophical about that, saying, "I'm not the best poker player in my family and I'm okay with that. I'm not the best-looking one in my family and I'm okay with that, too. I'm just happy and I'm grateful that we have a great life and we both love poker."

However, there's no time for poker right this second, it's time to make the cupcakes.

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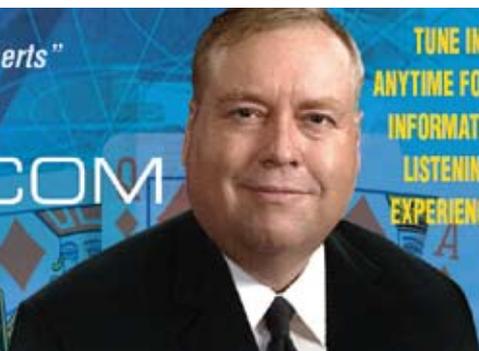
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ANDREW MALOWITZ
CENTRAL FLA.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS: The PPC North American Championship recently came to a close at the Silks Poker Room by making its \$200K guarantee in the main event. **Nicholas Mann** won the championship and many more players booked their ticket to Aruba, including Silks regulars **Danny Lobato, Marc Lowe** and **Jerry Panagrossi**.

If you didn't find a way to Aruba yet, you have one more opportunity this month with the PPC Fall Classic. This five-day event includes a \$125 green-chip bounty, a \$5K guarantee, a \$10K guarantee and a \$50K guarantee. For more information, see the ad on Page 16 or call the poker room.

HARD ROCK: The \$125 Little Slick event in Tampa more than doubles its \$100K prize-pool guarantee (\$223K). More than 200 players returned for Day 2, all eying a \$40K first prize. The final 16 made a deal. Top three took a little more than \$10K

Otwell cruises to AUPT victory

Mike Otwell, a regular at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware, won the Ante Up Poker Tour Main Event on the July 28-Aug. 1 Ante Up Poker Cruise out of Port Canaveral, Fla. Otwell of Betterton, Md., chopped \$1,804 with **Michael Patton** of Montevallo, Ala., and they agreed to play out one hand for the championship in the \$100 event.

Ed Hunter of Gainesville, Fla., won Event 1 (\$390). For full results from these events, go to anteupmagazine.com.



each, the bottom three took almost \$7,500 each and the rest \$9,500. The next Little Slick is Sept. 24-28.

AUPT DERBY: Rooms in the area are aware players are looking for large guarantees for small buy-ins, which makes the Ante Up Poker Tour Derby Lane Fall Pokerfest (Nov. 1-16) so inviting. The main event will be called the Accumulator, as it sports a \$150 buy-in and a \$250K guarantee. For updates to this series, be sure to go to derbylanepokerblog.wordpress.com.

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I started dealing poker in North Florida when I was 19, a little more than a decade ago. A lot of our readers remember those days as limit poker was king (\$2 bets) and state laws prohibited buy-ins larger than \$45 for tournaments. It packed the fledgling tournament sections of North Florida's biggest rooms (bestbet and Daytona Beach, respectively), each one running an endless stream of single-table events as well as 30-player dailies.



CHARLES ALLISON
NORTH FLORIDA

Well, the two largest rooms in North Florida are still the leaders in tournament innovation, never afraid to take risks when it comes to evolving the face of poker in Florida.

The Heartland Poker Tour has made Daytona Beach one of its marquee stops, and the room hosts \$50,000 guarantee tournaments monthly. The HPT returns Oct. 2-12, with \$65 satellites leading up to the \$1,650 main event. Please see the ad on Page 41 for more schedule details, including buy-ins for undercard events.

Farther north near the banks of the St. John's River, bestbet Jacksonville has become home to some of the biggest tournaments in the state thanks to its partnership with the World Poker Tour. The WPT returns there with the \$1 million guarantee Bounty Scramble on Nov. 7-8, featuring pro players at each table worth bounties as well as big payouts for the chiplead-

ers of each starting day. There are regular satellites as well as 10-seat guarantees at the end of each month.

Check out both rooms' websites for details on high hands and satellites, so you can be a part of Florida's rich poker history.

AUPT: The Ante Up Poker Tour will be making a stop at Pensacola Greyhound Track, where the winner of the event will appear on the cover of our January issue. This AUPT stop will feature one tournament, but four Day 1s, and it runs the weekend after Thanksgiving. More details will be made available as we get closer to the event and be sure to visit anteuppokertour.com. In the meantime, Pensacola has some great promotions and tournaments this month. You can earn \$3 an hour if you play cash games Sunday-Tuesday. There's a Full House Drawing on Sept. 20 and you can begin earning tickets Sept. 6.

Also, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27 will be \$10K guarantees at 1 p.m. Buy-in is \$250. There are satellites to these events on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1.

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11/7	Fri	12pm	Main Event	NLH ME Day 1A w/ \$2,500 Bounties	\$5,000	60 min	30,000	\$1,000,000
11/8	Sat	12pm	Main Event	NLH ME Day 1B w/ \$2,500 Bounties	\$5,000	60 min	30,000	
11/9	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		90 min		
11/10	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
11/11	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BUY-IN	ROUNDS	CHIPS	GUARANTEE
10/24	Fri	12pm	#1	NLH Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	\$50,000
10/24	Fri	7pm	#1	NLH Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/25	Sat	12pm	#1	NLH Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/25	Sat	7pm	#1	NLH Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/26	Sun	12pm	#1	Event #1 Final Day				
10/26	Sun	1pm	#2	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$240	30 min	10,000	\$50,000
10/26	Sun	4pm	#3	NLH W/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	
10/27	Mon	12pm	#4	NLH Flight #1	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/27	Mon	7pm	#4	NLH Flight #2	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/28	Tue	12pm	#4	NLH Flight #3	\$200	30 min	12,000	
10/28	Tue	7pm	#4	NLH Flight #4	\$200	30 min	12,000	\$100,000
10/29	Wed	12pm	#4	Event #4 Final Day				
10/29	Wed	3pm	#5	NLH	\$240	30 min	10,000	
10/30	Thu	12pm	#6	NLH Day 1A	\$350	40 min	15,000	
10/31	Fri	12pm	#6	NLH Day 1B	\$350	40 min	15,000	
10/31	Fri	3pm	#7	NLH Turbo	\$240	15 min	10,000	\$1,000,000
11/1	Sat	12pm	#6	NLH Day 1C	\$350	40 min	15,000	
11/1	Sat	3pm	#8	All-In or Fold W/ \$50 Bounties	\$200	20 min	10,000	
11/2	Sun	12pm	#6	Event #6 Final Day				
11/2	Sun	1pm	#9	Pot Limit Omaha 8 or Better	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/2	Sun	4pm	#10	NLH W/ \$100 Bounties	\$350	30 min	10,000	\$1,000,000
11/3	Mon	12pm	#11	NLH	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/4	Tue	12pm	#12	NLH	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/4	Tue	3pm	#13	NLH W/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	30 min	10,000	
11/5	Wed	12pm	#14	NLH	\$570	30 min	15,000	
11/5	Wed	3pm	#15	NLH	\$240	30 min	10,000	\$1,000,000
11/6	Thu	12pm	#16	NLH W/ \$500 Bounties	\$1,570	30 min	15,000	
11/7	Fri	12pm	Main Event	NLH ME Day 1A w/ \$2,500 Bounties	\$5,000	60 min	30,000	
11/8	Sat	12pm	Main Event	NLH ME Day 1B w/ \$2,500 Bounties	\$5,000	60 min	30,000	
11/8	Sat	3pm	#17	NLH	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/8	Sat	7pm	#18	NLH Turbo W/ \$50 Bounties	\$240	15 min	10,000	\$1,000,000
11/9	Sun	12pm	Main Event	Day 2		90 min		
11/9	Sun	3pm	#19	NLH	\$350	30 min	10,000	
11/10	Mon	12pm	Main Event	Day 3		90 min		
11/11	Tue	2pm	Main Event	Final Day		60 min		

All events will allow unlimited re-entries within the registration period. All events are one day events except for events #1, #4, #6 and the Main Event. Events #1 and #4 are three day events. There will be four starting flights allowing re-entry on subsequent flights, as well as on the same flight. Event #6 is a four day event. There will be three starting days allowing re-entry on subsequent days, as well as on the same day. Main Event is a five day event with two starting days allowing re-entry on the next day, as well as on the same day. Main Event final table will be TELEVISED. Main Event bounties will be worth \$2,500 (approximately 25). Special cash bonus of \$5,000 for Day 1A and Day 1B chip leader. Registration for the Main Event is open through the dinner break, which will be at the start of Level #7. Registration for all other events is open through the first break. Player of the series points will be accumulated through event #15. Nightly super satellites at 7PM. Single table satellites running daily. Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion/tournament at any time.

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HE STANDS ALONE

Justo Avalos of Elk Grove, Calif., methodically dismantled an impressive field to become world champ.

By Scott Long

In a tournament field that featured November Niners J.C. Tran and Steven Gee, World Series of Poker bracelet-winners Kenny Tran and Tyler Patterson, outspoken pro Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler and just about every solid player from the Bay Area to Reno, it might have been easy to overlook Justo Avalos.

But few will overlook Avalos again.

The native of Mexico who calls Elk Grove, Calif., home, played a patient, methodical game and used a massive stack to win the Ante Up World Championship Main Event at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, Calif. He quietly finished off his final five opponents during a final table that was live-streamed poolside with several relatives and friends ringing the table.

“I had a lot of people here tonight giving me a lot of support,” Avalos said just after taking down the title and \$91,572 in the \$1,650 buy-in championship. “I watch all the poker on TV and I’ve been telling my family, ‘Someday that’s going to be me on there!’ ”

“Someday” turned out to be Aug. 11 when his K-10 held up against the J-9 of runner-up Jun “Yama” Zheng of Redding, Calif. Zeng, whose nickname comes from the name of a popular

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restaurant — “Everyone in Redding knows Yama!” he said — won \$64,254 for second place. He came to the final table with the smallest stack and aggressively chipped up throughout the final table.

“Heads-up, I decided to let him come to me and play my game,” Avalos said. “It worked out almost perfectly.”

But to get to heads-up, Avalos had to wade through a difficult final table, made only slightly easier by starting with almost 600K units more than any opponent. Avalos said he was mindful of his stack and built a strategy around it.

“I didn’t want to chip them up. For me, it was ‘slow, slow, grind, grind,’ ” he said. “But I kept getting good hands and good hands.”

Being anointed Ante Up’s second world champion is by far Avalos’ greatest accomplishment on the felt. He plays most often at Capitol Casino in Sacramento, but also all of the best events at Thunder Valley, including the most recent Heartland Poker Tour. He tried to satellite into the world championship but finished 10th, just shy of a seat.

“I went home and said, ‘It’s Saturday and it’s my birthday,’ and decided I was going to buy in,” Avalos said. The 282-player field exceeded the \$250K guarantee 14 minutes after it began.

“The structure on this tournament



Avalos and his family

was great,” Avalos said. “I started Day 2 with 53,500. I was almost dead. Luckily, I had plenty of time to come back and never went down.”

The final table was at Coconut Pool and Bar, Thunder Valley’s pool oasis, and was video-live-streamed with a full crew from Hold’em Radio providing commentary and player interviews. After the sun set an hour into the broadcast, the rest of the final table played out with a cool, comfortable breeze and players’ families and friends around the table.

It was almost a star-studded live-

stream, as **J.C. Tran**, Patterson and **Kenny Tran** finished in the top 10, but just short of the live-stream table of six. J.C. Tran got Twitter abuzz not long before busting by pledging a portion of his winnings, as well as his winning side bets with players, to the local Shriners Hospital. Famed tournament director **Matt Savage** oversaw the main event.

But the live-stream table was not without its feel-good stories. **Cedric Darrett**, who bowed out in fifth, earned his way into the main by first winning an \$85 satellite into a \$360 satellite and parlaying the \$360 into a seat in the big dance.

For **Ben Erwin**, director of poker operations at Thunder Valley, the success of the tournament and positive comments from players were validation of months-long meticulous planning to make the event stand out among similar events.

“It played like it was designed to, a true championship event,” Erwin said of the single-flight main event, which started players with 30K units and 40-minute levels that expanded to 60 minutes before the end of Day 1. It also allowed players just one re-entry. “A number of players told me they appreciated that every hand counted, and that was the goal.”

The one re-entry was arguably the most unique facet of the tournament, providing an equalizer between players



Ben Erwin, background, calls the action at the final table.

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with beefy bankrolls accustomed to firing multiple bullets in big events and recreational players, many of whom won their seat via satellite.

While the main event was the signature event, the series was comprised of 13 events plus the debut of the Western Seniors Poker Series. All guarantees were shattered, producing a total series prize pool that exceeded \$1 million.

Event 2, a \$425 buy-in no-limit deepstack event, set a Thunder Valley record for participation with 836 players cycling through its three starting flights. **Shawn Roberts** of Rocklin, Calif., pulled off a technical daily-double, agreeing to a two-way chop in the Ante Only event and immediately entering the six-max event and winning that on chip count after yet another deal. And the series saw the debut of the first Open Face Chinese tournament at Thunder Valley.

The Ante Up Poker Tour returns to Thunder Valley in November for the third annual Ante Up NorCal Classic, the final regional event on the AUPT schedule. In August, the Ante Up World Championship will return to Thunder Valley and the fourth Ante Up NorCal Classic in November 2015 will be another championship event, with the main-event winner appearing on the cover of *Ante Up*. ♠



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2. Dennis Carlson, \$3,500
3. Rebecca Mendoza, \$2,553
4. Travis Grant, \$2,553
5. Michael Engell, \$2,553
6. Paul Tran, \$2,553
7. Vu Lee, \$2,553
8. Jay Kasler, \$2,553
9. Robert Jones, \$2,55
10. Russell Tweed, \$2,525



Event 2 • \$450 NLHE
Entries: 836 • Pool: \$312,204
1. Sean Drake, \$57,000
2. Kao Vang, \$40,000
3. Allen Fernando, \$25,500
4. Zac Dowhower, \$19,000
5. Ted Salman, \$14,200
6. Sang Yu, \$11,000
7. Evan Maurer, \$9,000
8. Travis Keppel, \$7,164
9. Khoa Tran, \$5,700
10. Michael Hass, \$4,180



Event 3 • \$150 KO
Entries: 256 • Pool: \$33,280
1. Derek Raymond, \$4,581
2. Noah Nistler, \$3,301
3. Joseph McMahon, \$2,123
4. Amber Chatwin, \$1,611
5. Helen Seah, \$1,202
6. Nickolous Raymond, \$1,024
7. David Valdez, \$819
8. Paul Brown, \$614
9. Jacob Campbell, \$461
10. George Barrett II, \$358



Event 4 • Escalator
Entries: 77 • Pool: \$11,500
1. Steve Parino, \$2,408
2. Doyle Johnson, \$2,408
3. Nick Gorman, \$2,408
4. David Williams, \$1,155
5. Paul Tran, \$866
6. David Cunningham, \$693
7. Shannon Kahahane, \$578
8. Jack Friedlander, \$462
9. Donna Ortman, \$347
10. Bruce Angeski, \$225



Event 6 • \$180 HORSE
Entries: 57 • Pool: \$8,550
1. Franklin Curren, \$1,694
2. Graham Vanleuven, \$1,573
3. Monte Gilley, \$1,200
4. Scott Crabtree, \$1,200
5. Sheila Triggs, \$1,200
6. Richard Cooper, \$513
7. Wesley Chang, \$428
8. Jason Moe, \$342
9. Katherine Brun-Kami, \$200
10. Djack Klingner, \$200



Event 7 • \$235 NLHE
Entries: 165 • Pool: \$33,280
1. Doyle Johnson, \$4,402
2. Trevor Foley, \$4,400
3. Albert Sanchez, \$4,400
4. Travis Keppel, \$4,400
5. Dean Tokunaga, \$3,000
6. Nick Gorman, \$2,316
7. Yee Vang, \$1,986
8. Matt Boddorf, \$1,656
9. Spencer Widmeyer, \$825
10. Charlito Aseberos, \$360



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Event 8 • \$180 0/8

Entries: 83 • Pool: \$12,450

1. Thomas Samuel, \$3,112
2. Brian Ingram, \$3,111
3. Brendon Thomas, \$1,681
4. Kyle Bunn, \$1,183
5. Russell Tweed, \$872
6. Ryan Caskey, \$747
7. Richard Phelps, \$623
8. Matt Simpson, \$498
9. Philip Hawkins, \$374
10. Mohammad Dirsiye, \$249



Ev. 9 • \$300 Bounty

Entries: 254 • Pool: \$67,310

1. Andrew Berfein, \$4,900
2. Barry Raymos, \$4,900
3. Cameron Anicete, \$4,702
4. Lance Donnell, \$4,702
5. Khoa Tran, \$4,702
6. Michael Riddle, \$4,702
7. Larry Thomas, \$1,676
8. Bao Liu, \$1,257
9. Jessica Berryhill, \$943



Ev. 10 • \$150 Ante

Entries: 59 • Pool: \$7,375

1. Daniel Klein, \$1,880
2. Shawn Roberts, \$1,880
3. Sylvia Day, \$996
4. David Cunningham, \$738
6. Richard Chavez, \$443
7. Cedric Darrett, \$369
8. Lee Shin, \$295
9. Jonathan Balanco, \$221



Ev. 11 • \$235 6-Max

Entries: 154 • Pool: \$33,800

1. Shawn Roberts, \$5,500
2. David Mintz, \$3,550
3. Eliseo Campos, \$3,190
4. Adam Burba, \$3,100
5. Jonathan Balanco, \$3,100
6. Afshini Gousheh, \$3,100
7. Ken Jorgensen, \$3,100
8. Philip Montoya, \$1,001
9. Said Rahmani, \$770
10. Patrick Rhea, \$616



Event 12 • \$360 OFCP

Entries: 17 • Pool: \$5,355

1. Andrew Barber, \$2,142
2. John Maley, \$1,499
3. Tom Tseng, \$964
4. Tony Nguyen, \$750



Ev. 14 • \$150 Bounty

Entries: 162 • Pool: \$12,960

1. Zarifa Stephen, \$1,102
2. Alfredo Garcia, \$1,102
3. Sap Su, \$1,102
4. Michael Gillian, \$1,102
5. Jerry Rayborn, \$1,102
6. Gary Martins, \$1,102
7. Nader Haddad, \$1,102
8. Albert Sanchez, \$1,102
9. Timothy Klemin, \$1,102
10. Theodore Vance, \$1,102

Ev. 5 • \$225 Survivor

Entries: 138 • Pool: \$27,600

*15 players chopped.

\$1,650 Main Event • Entries: 282 • Pool: \$414,540

1. Justo Avalos, \$91,572	13. Dan Husean, \$4,684	25. Kevin O'Donnell, \$3,232
2. Jun "Yama" Zheng, 64,254	14. Allen Kessler, \$4,684	26. Bob Mather, \$3,232
3. Thomas Tran, \$41,401	15. Anthony Lazar, \$4,684	27. Yegor Tsurikov, \$3,232
4. Zak Gilbert, \$30,593	16. Jason Nguyen, \$4,604	28. Phu Ngo, \$2,189
5. Cedric Darrett, \$22,966	17. Antonio Gutierrez, \$4,604	29. Steve Shaffer, \$2,189
6. Mike Riddle, \$18,364	18. William Chao, \$4,604	30. Roy Armstrong, \$2,189
7. Ying Vang, \$15,255	19. Jed Hoffman, \$4,204	31. Tona Katkuoy, \$2,189
8. Tyler Patterson, \$12,229	20. Allen Fernando, \$4,204	32. James Glenn, \$2,189
9. Kenny Tran, \$9,161	21. Candace Collins, \$4,204	33. Cy Williams, \$2,189
10. J.C. Tran, \$6,674	22. Michael Haas, \$3,648	34. Abraham Tannous, \$2,189
11. Dan Foster, \$6,674	23. Casey McCarrel, \$3,648	35. Shawn Daniels, \$2,189
12. Kao Saevang, \$6,674	24. Thiaga Arumugam, \$3,648	36. Cornel Cimpan, \$2,189



Here is our Top 10 in the race for Ante Up Poker Tour Player of the Year. The results are updated through the Worlds.

1. Tony Lazar	100.08
2. Justo Avalos	84.67
3. Jun Zheng	74.27
4. Cedric Darrett	68.54
5. Thomas Tran	68.18
6. Zak Gilbert	66.08
7. Michael Riddle	60.92
8. Ying Vang	55.47
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YOUNG NEW STICK PRM; TANITA WINS STATE

Talking Stick Resort has named **Thomas Young** as director of poker. With more than 20 years of experience in gaming, Young took the reigns as the Arena Poker Room celebrated the 10-year anniversary of its Arizona State Poker Championship (Aug. 11-19).



CHRIS CRONIN
N. ARIZONA

He joined Talking Stick in February, bringing his vast experience in large gaming facilities (Foxwoods and Venetian) to the largest poker room in Arizona. Young has spent time getting to know the staff and regulars.

“I’ve enjoyed meeting with the players, and finding out what they want and what they are looking for in games,” he said. “It’s a very busy room with great clientele.”

Robert Tanita won the main event for \$257,690, a trophy and a bracelet. This year’s event also featured 13-time WSOP bracelet-winner **Phil Hellmuth** emceeing the final table. Other celebrities were pros **Tiffany Michelle, Ryan Reiss, Joe Cada, David Williams, Dennis Phillips, Kenna James, Matt Affleck** and **Chip** and **Karina Jett**.

FT. MCDOWELL: There are 15 tournaments each week here. Cash players can win \$100-\$300 for getting aces cracked. The amount you win depends on the time of day you begin playing so check with the poker room for details. There’s also a \$60



ladies-only tournament Sept. 21.

CLIFF CASTLE: Robert “Red” Wooten has joined the Cliff Castle team as gaming director. The Club 52 cardroom also now has the Bravo System and players can earn \$1 comps per hour for using their players card. Possible tournament changes are in the works as well, so please check with the poker room this month.

BUCKY’S: NFL Splash Pots will be Sundays starting Sept. 7. Every live table will be splashed for every score during morning, afternoon and night games. It will be 50 cents per yard for each field goal, \$1 per yard for each touchdown and \$50 for a safety. There is no limit to the amounts splashed during a game or day.

HON-DAH: John DeLong captured the Tournament of Champions title and the Tournament of Queens winner was **Pat Paul Ryan**. Pat won \$1,055, and additional money-winners included **Kaye McDonald, Macie Laughlin, Glenda Hicks, Sharon Wachter** and **Marta German**.

This month at Hon-Dah, the Heads-Up Championship is Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. Also, the winner will play heads-up with the “Boss” for a \$200 bonus. The Big Bounty Bash on Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. offers progressive bounties, \$2K added and includes a buffet lunch. There are limited seats so get there early.

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FOOTBALL, POKER REUNITED AGAIN

There aren't many things poker and football have in common, but they do work together when it comes to one thing: giving poker players a chance to win lots of free money while watching games each weekend.



BRIAN PEDERSEN
S. ARIZONA

Many poker rooms in Southern Arizona have promotions planned throughout the NFL and college football seasons. Whether its drawings, splash pots or whatever, these promos will reward cash players who choose to play rather than stay home to catch the game.

Here's a look at some of the promotions:

CASINO DEL SOL (TUCSON): This 13-table poker room will again be a place where watching the big game each weekend will be as important as the cards that hit the board.

Players seated in live games will receive game tickets before the start of select college and pro games, with each ticket listing a series of numbers that are meant to correspond with the final digit of each football team's score. If your numbers match those of both teams at the end of a quarter, you win money based on how long you've been seated in a game.

Prizes range from \$100 to \$500 per winning ticket, depending on length of live play. And for players with tickets where the numbers correspond to the opposite team's score, that player gets a "reverse winner" prize of between \$50 and \$250 per win.

All non-winning tickets from each game will be eligible for special drawings throughout the season, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$200 depending on live play.

DESERT DIAMOND (TUCSON): The eight-table room will have a Pigskin Poker Party that features splash pots and cash giveaways.

Similar to Casino del Sol's promotion, tickets will be given to seated cash players before select college and NFL games. Tickets with matching numbers to team scores at the end of a given quarter will win a cash prize, with a bonus given to any winner who logged 25 or more hours of live play in the past six days.

If no seated player holds a winning ticket, splash pots of \$50 to \$75 will be awarded to up to three tables as a consolation.

VEE QUIVA AND WILD HORSE PASS (PHOENIX): Gila River Casino's two poker rooms are running their Football Splash Bash promo throughout the fall and winter. During selected college and NFL games, \$100 splash pots will be given out at various times during the game, with several tables getting a chance to score free money.

The September schedule features chances to win on Thursdays, Sundays and Mondays, with Sundays' slate featuring three games each week. College games are likely to be added to the promotion in October, after baseball season has ended.

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THERE'S QUITE A VARIETY OF 7 P.M. TOURNAMENTS

Players won't find the variety of tournaments that were available during the World Series of Poker, and certainly events with big buy-ins are few and far between. But if you're looking for an evening tournament, there are plenty of options in Las Vegas. Let's look at some of the 7 p.m. tournament choices. Almost all of these are at least \$60; there are cheaper options, too. All are re-entry tournaments.



ROB SOLOMON
LAS VEGAS

Aria's tournament is one of the most popular choices, consistently drawing crowds of 100-plus players. It's \$125 with a 10K stack and 30-minute levels.

The Venetian's tournament varies nightly. Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays it's \$125 with a 10K stack and 30-minute levels. Tuesdays and Saturdays offer the \$200 bounty tournament that has a \$10K guarantee. Bounties are \$50, levels are 30 minutes and you get 12K chips. The \$200 tournament on Thursdays is identical, including the guarantee, but there are no bounties. The Survivor tournament is Friday night, with the same details as the other \$200 events, but it ends when 10 percent of the starting field is left, with all remaining players earning \$1,600 each.

The most popular regular 7 p.m. tournament in town is the Orleans on Friday. More than 250 runners regularly show up for the \$125 event, which has a 12,500 starting stack and 30-minute levels throughout (recently changed; the first three levels used to be 20 minutes). Be prepared for a long night if you plan on winning; it usually ends Saturday morning.

Evening tournaments for the rest of the week here offer smaller buy-ins. Thursday is your chance to play Omaha/8 for \$80 (10K stack, 20-minute levels, \$10 bounty). Saturday is HORSE (\$100, 10K stack, 20 minutes). Wednesday and Saturday are \$100 bounty tournaments (same details as HORSE; bounties are \$25). Tuesday is \$80 NLHE with a 10K stack and 20-minute levels. Monday is \$50 for 5K chips but has a \$20 add-on for 5K more (20-minute levels).

Mirage has a \$60 tournament every evening but Fridays. It starts with 4K chips and an optional \$5 staff bonus for 4K more. Levels are 20 minutes. On Fridays, it's \$100 with \$25 bounties. The starting stack is 5K, levels are 20 minutes and there's a \$5 staff bonus for 4K more chips.

Caesars Palace offers an \$85 tournament with 20-minute levels and a 5K stack.

Planet Hollywood's \$75 tournament offers two guarantees; a prize pool of \$1,500 and a first-place prize of \$1K. Players

start with 6K chips and play 20-minute levels.

Treasure Island just changed its 7 p.m. tournament. It costs \$65 for an 8K starting stack and has 15-minute levels. One in eight players will get paid, and at least 50 percent of the prize pool goes to first place.

MGM's tournament has an \$80 buy-in for 10K chips and 20-minute levels.

If you're at the far south end of town, South Point has a \$60 event that has a 4,500 stack, 20-minute levels and a \$5 bounty.

Perhaps you're downtown for the evening. In that case, you can try your luck at the Golden Nugget for \$60. The starting stack is 3,500 but a \$5 staff bonus will add 500 more and there is a \$40 rebuy through the first three 20-minute levels for an additional 4K chips.

WYNN: The Fall Classic kicks off with a \$550 seniors event Oct. 16 with a \$40K guarantee. The \$1,600 championship event has starting flights Oct. 25-26 and features a \$250K guarantee. All events are NLHE.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD: The Phamous Poker Series runs Oct. 9-12, highlighted by a \$565 "Feature Presentation" with two starting flights Oct. 10-11. That event has a \$500K guarantee. The series also features a \$125 heads-up event with a \$4K guarantee. The room will be holding its first WSOP Circuit on Nov. 13-24. Details are being finalized.

PLAZA: The downtown casino's poker room has three electronic tables and features a host of small buy-in tournaments, all with guarantees. The tournaments are \$3 (with \$5 rebuys) at 10 a.m., \$12 at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. and \$33 at 7 p.m. The 7 p.m. offers a \$250 guarantee. All the others offer \$100 guarantees. The 10 p.m. Monday tournament is stud, the 10 p.m. Tuesday is PLO. All the others are NLHE. If you've been trying to convince your newbie friends to try live poker, this would be a good place to get them to give it a try. The room also offers affordable cash games, including NLHE and PLO games with 25-cent/50-cent blinds.

BALLY'S: **Jake Revelle** is the new manager of the popular Vegas strip room. For the past few years, Revelle was managing the Flamingo and Quad poker rooms.

SANTA FE STATION: The locals casino in the northwest part of town has a new manager. **Wally Womer**, with 35 years in the poker industry, moves over from Palace Station.

CLOSURES: The Palms, after a long struggle to survive, and Texas Station poker rooms closed.

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2B	7PM	25K GUARANTEE* NL HOLD'EM	\$220/\$40
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COLORADO

Tournaments flourishing here

With another successful run of the World Series of Poker in the books, poker tournaments in Colorado were forced to resume where Las Vegas left off. The Colorado State Poker Championship returned to Black Hawk, Colo., at the Golden Gates Casino just as Ante Up went to press (Aug. 15-Sept. 2). The series is sure to bring national publicity with its share of pros entering the 28 events.



**HANS HOLLENBECK
COLORADO**

Regularly scheduled weekly tournaments were held throughout Black Hawk as usual, ranging from the daily \$60 events (noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.) at the Lodge Casino, to the Wednesday \$75 bounty tournaments (6:30 p.m.) as well as the Thursday pot-limit Omaha tournaments (11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.), at the Isle of Capri Casino, to the various weekend tournaments at the Lady Luck Casino. Also Ameristar Casino offers the most cash tables for those interested in playing spread-limit.

Meanwhile, on the western slope, the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio, Colo., has been consistently recording large numbers for its Monday night tournaments, often reaching \$10K prize pools. The casino also boasts high-hand jackpot giveaways for players on Wednesdays, \$2-\$100 Omaha on Thursdays, as well as a solid turnout for the Saturday tournaments. All in all, poker in Colorado is alive and well.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Wildhorse Roundup wraps

Three times each year (April, July and November) the Wildhorse Resort and Casino near Pendleton, Ore., closes its four-table poker room and fills its bingo hall (and sometimes one of its big meeting rooms) with a sea of poker tables.

Here are the winners of the most recent Poker Roundup (July 16-20): **Robert Geier** of Nampa, Idaho (Event 1, \$7K), **Pat Iribarren** from Kennewick, Wash., (Event 2, \$7K), **James Stringer** of Kennewick (Event 3, \$13K), **Taylor Hart** of Newberg, Ore., (Event 4, \$19K) and **Liz Tedder** of Newberg, Ore., (Event 5, \$4K).

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO: Its summer classic (Sept. 25-28) has four tournaments and \$55K added. The events feature three no-limit hold'em tourneys (\$300, \$500 and \$750) and a \$300 Omaha/8 tournament.

TULALIP RESORT CASINO: The second largest poker room in the region (20 tables and 36 miles north of Seattle) is starting its series of 11 tournaments with \$19K added (Sept. 27-Oct. 5). This one has something for everyone, starting and ending with NLHE, including re-entry (Sept. 28), six-max (Sept. 29), stud (Sept. 29), Seniors (Sept. 30), Ladies (Sept. 30), pot-limit Omaha (Oct. 1), PLO/8 (Oct. 1), HORSE (Oct. 2) and crazy pineapple/8 (Oct. 2). The \$550 main event has two Day 1s (Oct. 3-5).

— Jay Zeman is the PNW Ambassador. Email him at anteupjay@gmail.com.



Inn of the Mountain Gods' signature poker tournament will run Sept. 27-28.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS HOSTS 4TH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Inn of the Mountain Gods' fourth annual Poker Championship is here, running Sept. 27-28. Early registration will earn you some free play and discounted room rates. Players earned seats for this signature event through August satellites and qualifiers, but if you didn't qualify, have no fear. You can buy in directly for \$1,100. Payouts are dependent on the number of participants, and this could be big.



MARY BRADLEY
NEW MEXICO

And when you're not in the tournament, be sure to jump into a juicy cash game. The Inn of the Mountain Gods has a unique Dealer's Choice game that you will enjoy. The game is offered at three blind levels (\$1-\$2, \$2-\$5 and \$5-\$10) and features no-limit hold'em and pot-limit Omaha. The \$1-\$2 game has a \$100-\$500 min-max while the \$2-\$5 is \$-200-\$1K and the \$5-\$10 is \$500-no cap. Whoever has the button decides what the next game is in the provided structures. Omaha games are ineligible for bad-beat jackpots or bad-beat promotions. No rake for the bad beat will be held.

NORTHERN EDGE CASINO: The poker room at the top of the state has new hours: Tuesdays (noon-4 a.m.), Fridays (6 p.m.- 4 a.m.), Saturdays (noon-4 a.m.) and Sundays (noon-8 p.m.).

BUFFALO THUNDER RESORT & CASINO: Tournaments run almost every day, but September offers something a little special. An Omaha/8 event runs Sept. 14 (\$100 entry) and the Last Saturday of the Month deepstack is Sept. 27 (\$150).

SANTA ANA STAR CASINO: The poker room has an intriguing football promotion in the works for Monday nights, giving away an authentic jersey and helmet on the last Monday night game of the season. And if all goes well, it will do the same for the last Thursday night game, too.

ROUTE 66 CASINO: There's a new Omaha/8 tournament (\$65) on Sunday afternoons, which is great news for Albuquerque's Omaha fans, whose numbers are growing fast.

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE: Once a week in September, players who buy in to a Sunday Showdown Tournament at this Texas poker room can register the next day for the 70-player Super Tuesday event for \$25.

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SUGARHOUSE ROOM WILL BE A MAJOR PLAYER

This fall, Philadelphia opens its first center city poker room at the SugarHouse Casino. There's plenty of buzz in the poker community and remote casinos, Parx and Harrah's, regarding the new addition to the area. The poker room will most likely attract more players from within the city, since the other nearby casinos are a hefty cab fare away, hitting three digits for a round trip.



JO KIM
NORTHEAST

Bravo Poker Live will launch there this month and players using the app will be able to reserve seats upon availability as soon as the room opens. The temporary room is scheduled to remain accessible for 13 months until the completion of the \$164 million expansion.

The poker room has expanded the number of tables from 24 to 30 in accordance with high demands. The \$2.9M temp room features state-of-the-art poker tables with charging stations for smart phones, a snack bar, bar services, 80 newly-trained poker dealers, and a stunning view of the Ben Franklin Bridge. According to SugarHouse, "The room was designed with input from local poker players, down to details as minor as the types of chairs being ordered, to ensure guests have a superior experience."

BORGATA: Trevor Deeter of Langhorne, Pa., took home the tro-

phy and \$32,306 after outlasting 987 entrants in the two-day \$100K guarantee mini series in late July. Among the returnees for Day 2 was **Stephanie Hubbard**, a notable tournament player in the region. Starting Day 2 as the shortest stack, Hubbard increased her 48K chips (eight big blinds) into a remarkable 620K.

"Always try to bag," she said. "Tomorrow is another day. Don't throw away valuable equity just because you don't want to come back short." Hubbard finished 20th.

The Borgata Poker Open returns Sept. 2-19, featuring 24 tournaments. For the first time in Borgata's history, there will be a multiday Ladies Championship with a \$560 buy-in and a \$25K guarantee. The BPO will kick off with the usual \$560 buy-in \$2M guarantee three-day event and end with the \$3,500 buy-in \$3M guarantee WPT Borgata Championship.

PARX: The seventh Big Stax series ran July 30-Aug. 18. Dozens of big-name pros and locals returning from Las Vegas made an appearance for the increasingly popular event, with a record-breaking number of registrants. Highlights and results will be recapped in the next issue.

MOHEGAN SUN: Ken Frey of Bethel, Conn., won the \$100K guarantee Summer Showdown, earning \$27K from the \$1,100 main event. **Jon Reinhardt** of Danbury, Conn., was second (\$22K).

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HARDER WINS LIVE'S SUMMER SERIES, \$84K

Maryland Live's Summer Series of Poker wrapped up with its \$250K guarantee main event on July 25 as pro **Christian Harder** took the crown and \$84K after chopping with fellow popular pro **Brian Hastings** (\$84K).



MICHAEL YOUNG
MID-ATLANTIC

The nearly 20-event series ran from July 10-28 as each event sported a prize-pool guarantee and featured such tournaments as a \$240 Omaha/8-stud/8 mix (won by **David Christ**) and a \$250 PLO/event (won by **Mike Childers**), but the poker room is just getting started.

Throughout September, Maryland Live will have a series of ladder tournaments with guaranteed prizes of a million dollars. Sept. 2-6 there will be \$100 buy-in multifeights for the \$100K guarantee. Sept. 8-13 will feature \$200 buy-in multifeights for the \$200K guarantee. Sept. 15-20 there will be \$300 buy-in multifeights for the \$300K guarantee. Sept. 22-27 there will be \$400 buy-in multifeights for the \$400K guarantee.

In addition, there are high-hand jackpots every day. See our Where to Play pages for more info.

DOVER DOWNS: The Crown Royal Poker Room at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino hit its bad-beat jackpot recently for more than \$171K, which was divided incrementally among the 10 players at the table.

Justin Dodds of Philadelphia received 50 percent of the enormous jackpot (\$85,854) for his quad 10s. **Linda Dudeck** of Dover earned \$42,927 for quad queens. The eight other players at the table received \$5,365.

In promotions, high hands and splash pots will be every hour when the NFL is playing. Also, every day (7-11 a.m.) there will be a \$3K bonus for a royal flush with the other players at the table receiving \$300. And don't forget Sept. 13 will be a \$25K guarantee event for \$199 (15K chips, 30-minute levels).

DELAWARE PARK: On July 26, the bad beat was hit when quad jacks lost to a jack-high straight flush and earned \$163K. The "winning" hand got \$90,758 and the other six players at the table took home \$21,782.

"The beauty of a bad beat is that everyone playing the table shares in the jackpot," poker room manager **Kevin Castora** said. "Since a bad beat can be hit any time, it makes playing in our fabulous poker room that much more exciting."

HORSESHOE BALTIMORE: The poker room at the recently opened casino has announced the initial buy-ins and game spreads: \$1-\$3 NLHE (\$100-\$300 min-max) \$2-\$5 (\$200-\$800), \$5-\$10 (\$500-\$2,500) and \$10-\$25 (\$1K-no cap).

Limit hold'em will start at \$3-\$6 with a full kill available, and limit Omaha will start at \$5-\$10 with a full kill available, too. Also, look for \$2-\$2 PLO (\$200-\$500), \$5-\$5 PLO (\$500-\$2K) and \$10-\$10 PLO (\$1K-no cap).

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BILOXI COAST ENJOYING SOME COOL PROMOTIONS

Fall is creeping up on us in the Magnolia State. There's no better time to be on the Biloxi coast. The poker action is busier than ever as people visit for end-of-season vacations. This month, I'm going to go over promotions for two of the most active rooms on the coast.



JENNIFER GAY
MISSISSIPPI

In Biloxi, the Golden Nugget offers \$2 comps per hour. It's easy to play an afternoon session and earn your dinner, too. The room offers a Splash the Pot bonus Sunday-Friday where a pot is randomly splashed every hour at every table with \$25 and after the buzzer has sounded one table is drawn and will receive an additional splash for \$25 the next hand.

For stud players, their high-hand promo runs 24-7 and the highest hand will receive \$50 every hour for mixed games or \$100 every hour for stud. For the Omaha players, there's a 24-7 promo, too: Anyone who loses high and low ends of the pot with four wheel cards in their hand (hole cards must play) wins cash.

Omaha players can enjoy a mini-bad-beat jackpot from 6 p.m. until 4 a.m. Anyone with quads or better beaten will receive \$400. The winning hand will receive \$200 and remaining active players will receive \$50. Maximum payout will be \$1K.

Tournaments run Monday, Wednesday and Sunday at

7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and there's a PLO tourney on Wednesday at 1. For more information, call 228-435-5400 and ask for the poker room.

Down the road, the Beau Rivage has the most comprehensive daily tournament schedule available on the coast. Every day of the week is a different high-value event. Some boast huge guarantees, including \$15K on the third Saturday of the month at noon and \$20K on the first Saturday of the month at noon. For more info, visit beaupoker.com.

The Beau also offers a host of cash-game promotions, including the Omaha/8 Low Rollers. In Omaha/8 games (up to \$10-\$20), when a player is dealt four unpaired cards ranked five or lower, or two aces and two unpaired cards ranked five or lower, and wins no part of the pot, they will receive \$100. Each time the player hits the promotion for that calendar day, the amount increases by \$100. This promotion runs 24-7. On Friday and Saturday mornings (9-11), the promotion pays \$200.

The Beau features too many promotions to print, but the staff is excellent about keeping a current list on the website.

Next month I will cover Horseshoe Tunica, Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, the IP in Biloxi (which is hosting the WSOPC this month until the 15th) and Hard Rock Biloxi. If you find a promotion you enjoy, send it my way.

— Email Jennifer at jennifergay80@hotmail.com.

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Registration is cash only at the Poker Room Cashier and is open now through 9:30am on tournament day.

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10am Start Time • September 25

Event 3 Main Event \$1,000 Buy-In Tournament
10am Start Time • September 26 - 28



IT'S A BUSY MONTH IN NORTHERN OK

The action over the next couple of months in the region starts at the drop of the flag in September.

KANSAS STAR CASINO: The poker room leads things off with a \$10K first-place guarantee on Sept. 1. It sports a \$350 buy-in with a 100-player capacity plus alternates. Make sure you get there early.



ROBERT KELLY
N. OKLAHOMA

HARD ROCK CASINO: Starting a couple of days later, Hard Rock hosts the next RunGoodGear.com \$100K guarantee main event tournament series. Running Sept. 3-7, it once again features workshops, satellites into the main event and a variety of events, including RunGoodGear.com pro bounty and pot-limit Omaha. The \$675 buy-in main event again features an entry into the 2015 WSOP \$10K main event to the winner.

INDIGO SKY CASINO: Since **David Howard** came on board as poker room manager, he has worked hard to freshen action and promotions. Among the things accomplished have been improved structures for daily tournaments, developing a football-season promotion (\$50 hot season drawings every 30 minutes during Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games) and reviving a tournament series known as the September Fall Classic.

Scheduled for Sept. 19-21 and sporting a \$40K guarantee, the classic is a multiflight, deepstacked, \$450 buy-in event. It offers the ability to re-enter through the first six levels (three hours) and the ability to enter multiple flights and keep playing the biggest stack on Sunday's Day 2. The Heartland Poker Tour will be making another stop, this time Dec. 4-14. In addition to the \$1,650 main event, players can expect a variety of preliminary events, including PLO. An Ante Up Poker League begins Oct. 1. More details at anteupmagazine.com.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO AND RESORT: The RunGoodGear.com series has a \$100K main-event guarantee and runs Oct. 1-5. Special room rates are available during the series. Use code "POKER" or tell them you are there for the RunGoodGear.com series when reserving your room. Rates start at \$99 for one night and can be \$69 per night for four nights. Rooms will go fast as the inaugural series held here in the spring sold out. The \$675 main event features an entry into the 2015 WSOP \$10K main event to the winner. Downstream recently hosted the Four States Poker Championships in July, culminating in a \$340 main event that drew 151 entries. With football season starting up, the poker room will again be offering \$100 hot-seat drawings for every touchdown and field goal on Sunday, Monday and Thursday night games.

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS: The annual Blast to the Past tournament series ran Aug. 15-24. Results will be shared in October's column. — **Email Robert at anteuprob@gmail.com.**

Lewis wins latest Choctaw series main event

Choctaw Casino Resort's latest poker series (July 17-Aug. 13) sported a whopping 81 events, culminating in a \$500K main event that saw **Austin Lewis** of Grand Prairie, Texas, take home \$183K and the title.



JOHN D SHORT
S. OKLAHOMA

Event 7, which had a \$100K guarantee, drew 2,269 entries over two starting flights and was chopped six ways with **Cristobal Romano** and **Colton Thomas** taking the top share of \$22K each.

The \$150K guaranteed (Event 35, NLHE) went to the talented and aggressive **La Sengphet** for \$32,532. She owns the most World Series of Poker Circuit rings for a female player with three. The \$200K NLHE event saw 537 entries as **Jonathan Bloyen** captured the title and \$55,414. **Sam Ansley** was runner-up (\$34,262) and Sengphet made the back-to-back final tables with a sixth-place finish (\$10,645).

But let's get back to the \$1,620 main event, which had two starting days and drew 599 entries. After the preliminary dust settled, the chipleader was none other than **Lynn Samples** (see our July 2014 issue), but she would finish 18th for \$9,195.

Six players advanced to Day 4 (Lewis, **Gary Luther**, **Tyler Morris**, **Omar Zazay**, **Jason Fitzpatrick** and **Zia Khosravi**). Bowing out first was Fitzpatrick (\$35,254). Next to fall was Morris in fifth (\$46,218). He was the WSOPC main event champ Choctaw in Janu-

LOUISIANA

There's no better place to play poker in Louisiana this month than at Coushatta Casino in Kinder.

First, the poker room is hosting its Coushatta Fall Poker Classic on Sept. 24-28 and it's sporting a \$250K prize pool. The field is limited to 150 seats plus alternates so you may want to get there early. You can register for the event at any time leading up to 9:30 a.m. on tournament day.

Event 1 is a \$300 Survivor tournament on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Event 2 also stars at 10 a.m. and is a regular no-limit hold'em event with a \$500 buy-in.

The \$1K main event is Sept. 26-28 and starts at 10 a.m. See the ad on the left for more details or call the room.

Also, don't forget you can win an October Ante Up Poker Cruise out of Galveston, Texas, on Sept. 20. Check coushattacasinoresort.com for more details.

ary. Khosravi, who incredibly short-stacked, managed to grab fourth and \$61,426. Zazay was third (\$82,779).

Heads-up play began with the chipleaders coming into Day 4, Luther and Lewis. Luther of Georgetown, Texas, couldn't overcome Lewis and settled for runner-up and \$113,205.

— **Email John at anteupjohndshort@gmail.com.**



PPA PUSHES FOR ONLINE POKER

Mike Qualley of Richfield, Minn., has set some ambitious goals since becoming the Minnesota director for the Poker Players Alliance in late February.

“I want to see us have legislation put forth in the 2015 (Minnesota state legislative) session,” he said.



JOHN SOMSKY
MINNESOTA

The focus of the bill would be to bring regulated online poker to Minnesota. Qualley, who spent 20 years in the music and nightclub industry, found small stakes online poker as an excellent way to unwind after a day at work. When Black Friday made it impossible for him to play on his favorite poker sites, he became active with the PPA.

Qualley has created the “Minnesotans for Online Poker” Facebook page where a poker daily action plan and other interesting news are posted. He also is working with Running Aces to feature the PPA during the \$30 tournament on the third Sunday of every month, allowing PPA members to meet and play a great tournament. The first event on July 20 had 177 players and awarded more than \$1,100 to first place.

ACES ANNIVERSARY: **Christopher Korent** of Hudson, Wis., won the Anniversary Tournament at Running Aces in July for \$37,370. The \$275 event drew 667 entries and had six starting flights.

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



Drikakis wins HPT at the Eagle

The Heartland Poker Tour had the first of two events this year at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on Aug 1-3. The \$1,650 entry, two-day event drew 407 entries as the top 45 cashed with \$137,014 going to winner **John Drikakis** of Battle Creek.



SCOTT MILLER
MICHIGAN

Alex Barill of Ann Arbor, who finished 13th in the Mid-States Poker Tour at Firekeepers this year and eighth out of 379 entries in a two-day tournament the week before, was went out seventh. He took home \$19,183.

Drikakis made the final table at the last HPT event at Soaring Eagle in November, finishing sixth for \$26,796. This time he eliminated runner-up **Anthony Mastraieni** of Temperance when Mastraieni bluffed all-in on the turn trying to represent the flush. Little did he know Drikakis had a 10-high flush and quickly called leaving Mastraieni drawing dead. Mastraieni pocketed \$84,547.

They were followed by fellow Michigan players **Theodore Tober** (Bay City, \$55,393), **Gus Vergos** (Shelby Township, \$38,483), **Bruce Rowland** (Pierson, \$28,571), **Clarence Alchambo**, (Cheboygan, \$22,157), Barill (\$19,183), **Nicholas Pupillo** (Addison, \$15,743) and **Millard Hale** (Kalamazoo, \$12,828).

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Mon, Oct. 6	\$200 \$30	Event #3 No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 7	\$200 \$30	Event #4 No-Limit Hold'em
Wed, Oct. 8	\$200 \$30	Event #5 No Limit Hold'em
	\$200 \$30	Event #6 Pot Limit Omaha (Special 4PM Start)
Thu, Oct. 9	\$300 \$40	*Event #7 H.O.R.S.E.
Fri, Oct. 10	\$300 \$40	*Event #8 No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 11	\$500 \$50	*Event #9 No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 12	\$150 \$25	Event #10 No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 13	\$200 \$30	Event #11 No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 14	\$200 \$30	Event #12 Omaha-8 (Limit)
Wed, Oct. 15	\$500 \$50	Event #13 6-Handed NLH
	\$200 \$30	Event #14 7-Card Stud (Special 4PM Start)
Thu, Oct. 16	\$500 \$50	Event #15 No-Limit Hold'em
Fri, Oct. 17	\$300 \$40	Event #16 No-Limit Hold'em

6:30 PM Bonus Events:

Date	Buy-In+Entry	Game
Sat, Oct. 4	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 5	\$100 \$20	Seniors (50+) No-Limit Hold'em
Mon, Oct. 6	\$100 \$20	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em
Tue, Oct. 7	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Wed, Oct. 8	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Thu, Oct. 9	\$200 \$40	Tag-Team No-Limit Hold'em
Fri, Oct. 10	\$150 \$25	No-Limit Hold'em
Sat, Oct. 11	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em
Sun, Oct. 12	\$100 \$20	Omaha 8 (Limit)
Mon, Oct. 13	\$125 \$20	Green Chip Bounty NLH
Tue, Oct. 14	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Wed, Oct. 15	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Thu, Oct. 16	\$100 \$20	Super Satellite
Fri, Oct. 17	\$200 \$30	Super Satellite
Sat, Oct. 18	\$200 \$30	Super Satellite
Sun, Oct. 19	\$100 \$20	No-Limit Hold'em

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AMERISTAR EAST REOPENS ITS POKER ROOM

Ameristar East Chicago reopened its poker room on July 24 and **Jeremy Smith**, who has been involved with every north-west Indiana poker room opening, again managed a smooth, problem-free opening, with an experienced staff.



JOE GIERTUGA
ILLINOIS/IND.

After opening, Smith was back on the road as the Heartland Poker Tour's tournament director.

Ameristar's poker room became Chicagoland's first poker room to introduce the Mississippi straddle.

"I have always supported having locally the same uniform rules as Las Vegas poker rooms," Smith said of the straddle. Player reaction to the 12-table room was positive with player-friendly features such as USB-charging ports at the poker tables being the most popular. Weekly tournaments start this month, too.

The first Saturday after the opening was Ameristar's Player Appreciation Day as Ante Up Ambassador **Dan Harkenrider** interviewed some of Chicagoland's top players, Brandon Shack-Harris, **Craig Casino** and **Bob Chow**, for the Division of Poker Radio Show.

MAJESTIC STAR: **Brian Zimosky** topped nearly 230 players to win the Mid-States Poker Tour title for \$62K.

Zimosky, who also made the final table at the MSPT's in-

augural event here, played poker professionally for five years before becoming an options trader. He describes himself as the "best amateur at the table," and was a dominant force as Chow and fellow pro **Mike Mustafa** also made the final table.

Amateur **Paul Fisher**, who has played with the country's top players on a nationally televised events, also made the final table and was runner-up to **Faraz Jaka** at a Windy City Poker Championship event in 2011.

Majestic Star hosts its Autumn Breeze deepstack series Sept. 17-21. The opener is a \$120 bounty event at 7 p.m. and the \$330 main event will be Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. For more information, call the poker room at 219-977-7444.

NICE SHOWING: **Brandon Shack-Harris'** incredible run at this year's World Series of Poker, winning the \$1K PLO event along with two runner-up finishes, has drawn a lot of attention in Chicagoland. She leads the WSOP Player of the Year standings and the Horseshoe honored her by having her picture join the Horseshoe Chicago Poker Legends wall on July 30.

HORSESHOE: **Art Harb** came out on top of 480-plus entries to win the Horseshoe's \$250K guarantee. Harb, a sergeant with Chicago police, started the final day sixth in chips and won \$57K from the \$282K prize pool.

"**Aaron Massey** is the one who taught me how to play poker correctly. The best investment I ever made," he said.

— Email "Chicago" Joe at chicago.joe@comcast.net.



Ohio, Pennsylvania rooms have big events planned

The World Series of Poker Circuit has announced its schedule and Horseshoe Cincinnati will host a March event. Also, Horseshoe Indiana locations, which certainly are drivable from most of Ohio, will host two events in October in southern and northern parts of the state. Once again, no circuit event for long suffering Cleveland players.



DAN HARKENRIDER
OHIO AREA

In Cincinnati, **Jason Newman** dialed things up a notch with a \$500K Labor Day event.

"Excitement is already starting to build for our WSOPC event next March, so we decided to keep the momentum going with this tournament," he said. "We also thought a \$500K tournament would help spark some friendly and fun competition among the area's best players."

HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO: New manager **Ken Lambert** gave Toledo its first tournament series, hosting the Hollywood Poker Challenge in late August (after press time), which featured a \$330 opening event with a \$50K guarantee and a \$1K main event. The series was player-friendly, offering many great satellite opportunities and had an appearance by poker icon **Chris Moneymaker**, who is the Pro Poker Ambassador for the Hollywood Poker Open. Look for a recap in our next issue.

The Hollywood Poker Open will host 2014-15 events at both

Ohio locations (Columbus and Toledo). The HPO series continues to grow in strength and numbers throughout the region. Bill Bruce, tournament director for HPO, offers great structures and fee structures that are undoubtedly among the best in the business. Season 3 of the HPO is sure to deliver players exciting opportunities to play in first-class events in a range of buy-in levels. As always, expect to see Moneymaker on hand. Cash action at these events is good so even if you're not a tournament player, there's something for you in these events.

RIVERS: The PPO at the Rivers Casino will continue with increased vigor with an expected five events during the course of the year and a great list of monthly events in Pittsburgh. Manager **Jim Tinney** is continuing to build on this brand and the action is always good.

ESPN: Why did the sports giant ESPN come to Girard, Ohio? **Thomas Sarra Jr.**, who finished 15th in this year's WSOP main event, is going to be featured in the upcoming airing of the event. The former poker dealer had an amazing run and won nearly \$450K, half of which went back to his 40-member league. Unlike many in that spot, he is all too happy to be giving each of those members more than \$5K each.

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



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Day Event Time

Thursday October 2nd

Friday, October 3rd

\$235 Event # 1 and Multi-table Main Event Qualifiers

Saturday, October 4th

Sunday October 5th

\$235 Event # 1 and \$105 Event # 2

Monday October 6th

Tuesday October 7th

Wednesday October 8th

Thursday October 9th

Friday October 10th

SNG's Multi-table Main Event Qualifiers and \$1,650 Main Event Flights

Saturday October 11th

\$1,650 Main Event Flights

Sunday October 12th

HPT Main Event Day 2 and \$155 Event # 5

Monday October 13th

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Wednesday October 8
\$80 Main Event Satellite | 10am
\$250 NLH-6 Max | 7pm

Thursday October 9
\$80 Main Event Satellite 10am
\$200 NLH w/ \$50 Bounties 7pm

Friday October 10
\$135 Main Event Satellite | 10am
\$200 PLO Triple Chance | 7pm

Saturday October 11
\$135 Main Event Satellite | 9am
\$660 NLH Main Event-FLT A | 11am
\$660 NLH Main Event-FLT B | 6pm

Sunday October 12
\$50 NLH 10AM
\$660 NLH Main Event Day 2 | 1pm



IOWA

OLSON WINS MSPT

Iowan **Jonathan Olson** was happy the Mid-States Poker Tour returned to Meskwaki in late July, and he was even happier to take the title and \$95,741. It was the second of three 2014 scheduled MSPT stops at the Iowa casino, which attracted 368 players to beat the \$300K guarantee. This was Olson's first MSPT event but probably will not be his last.



KEN WARREN
IOWA

The runner-up spot fell to **Michael Holm** (\$53,188). Holm and Olson tangled for two hours in heads-up action. The final hand was Olson's K-4 vs. Holm's J-10. The money all went in and Olson made two pair on the turn as Holm's flush didn't get there and Olson riveder a full house for the title.

They were followed by **Chance Lautner** (\$33,083), **David Gonia** (\$26,594), **Frank Huschle** (\$20,921), **Chance Langeness** (\$17,197), **Adam Dahlin** (\$13,829), **Lance Harris** (\$10,460) and **Matt McGory** (\$7,092). The MSPT returns the first week of November with another \$300K guarantee. This event is open to players 18 and older because it's on the Meskwaki Indian reservation.

The MSPT schedule for 2015 is out and it shows visits to Meskwaki in April, July and November. Unfortunately, however, there's no Grand Falls event listed for 2015.

HORSESHOE: The poker room at Council Bluffs continues with its seasonal series as it announced the Horseshoe Fall Classic for Oct. 6-12. See the ad at the left for the full schedule.

— Email Ken at anteupken@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN

Potawatomi opens its hotel

Potawatomi Bingo Casino in downtown Milwaukee has opened a 19-story 381-room hotel connected to its property. As such, the property has changed its name to Potawatomi Hotel & Casino. An official grand opening with a private ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 1.



CHAD HOLLOWAY
WISCONSIN

"We will truly become a destination casino," Potawatomi table games director **Kevin Freddes** said. "We already have poker players visiting us from other cities, so the option to stay in our hotel will definitely be appealing to them. I'm sure we'll also be attracting new poker enthusiasts to the room who may not have thought of visiting our property without hotel accommodations."

Said Freddes: "I think it will also bring our tournament play to a new level. The opening of the hotel occurs at about the same time as our first MSPT tournament, so the hotel should help in attracting larger poker tours that will, again, bring new players to our casino."

— **Chad Holloway** is a senior news editor for **PokerNews**. Email him at anteupchad@yahoo.com or follow him on Twitter @ChadAHolloway.



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In a daily tournament at a major cardroom, Seat 1 limped and it folded to the big blind. The big blind, believing everyone folded, flipped over A-A and moved his cards forward about three inches from the muck.



SAM MINUTELLO
CALL THE FLOOR

After he realized Seat 1 limped, he shoved. Seat 1 didn't notice the exposed hand and the dealer didn't say anything. Seat 1 called and he lost the hand.

Should we as players done anything to prevent the call? Should the dealer have announced the exposed hand?

— Matt Boddorf, Lincoln, Calif.

SAM SAYS: What should have happened here is the dealer should have immediately called for the floor when the big blind exposed his hand and then grabbed it back.

As I've written in previous Call the Floor answers, when something unusual happens at a poker table, the action needs to stop and the floor should be notified.

As a player, I wouldn't get involved with pointing out someone's exposed hand, but I would tell the dealer a floor is needed.

I would also like to add that it's a player's responsibility to pay attention to action on the table. Poker is a visual game and both of these players seemed to not be paying attention to what

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was happening in this hand. Maybe the outcome of the hand would have been different if they were paying better attention and if the floor was called to the table as needed.

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In our local home game, two players were all-in. Player A lost the hand and was left with just an ante. He stormed out before the next hand, so we put his ante in the next pot and dealt him his cards. Is his hand live and would it have a chance to win the main pot or should we have automatically mucked his hand since he wasn't there? — Vinnie from Texas

SAM SAYS: The hand is dead when the first card is dealt off the deck for those who follow the TDA poker rules. It's dead when the final card is dealt to the button in World Series of Poker tournaments. Either way, the player's hand is dead and will never be turned up for the others to see.

— Sam Minutello is the Ante Up Poker Tour tournament director.

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A look at the online poker scene



AMAYA DEAL FINALIZED AUG. 1

As you may recall, we reported last issue of the acquisition of Full Tilt and PokerStars by Amaya Corp. On Aug. 1, the deal was completed. Now, the company has new ownership and can be in great shape to work in the United States again.



JOEL GATLIN
ONLINE POKER

The previous issue of having the “bad actor” moniker attached to the company has been removed and with new blood at the helm, the road ahead is much straighter for the new company to begin a relationship with the U.S. market.

FULL TILT REFUNDS: Since Black Friday, pro online players deemed as non Team Full Tilt Pros, Red Letter Pros and all Team Full Tilt Pros were banned from getting any of their money refunded from the online giant.

Then when the payments were released to “regular” players, still none of the pros were allowed to apply for their funds.

But now, the Garden City Group, who is responsible for overseeing the payouts of the funds from the government, has announced that all non-Team Full Tilt pros, including Red Letter pros, can apply for refunds.

They had until Sept. 3 to file their petition. The GCG encourages all players who will be filing petitions to include any

supporting documentation regarding their expected refund amount.

CALIFORNIA: The online poker bill that was backed by many Indian tribes and introduced to the California Legislature recently will not make it to the floor for a vote before the session ends this summer.

However, the sponsors and writers of the legislation are committed to getting it done when the next session opens in December. It looks as though it's just a matter of time before California joins the online poker ranks of Nevada, Delaware and New Jersey.

Maybe the end of the year will be the beginning of the new online poker era for the state.

BALLY'S TECH SOLD FOR \$5.1B: This is the second \$1-billion-plus transaction that Scientific Games Corp. has made. This time, it bought all of the assets and debt of Bally's Technologies.

This deal is expected to be finalized in early 2015 and will allow Scientific Games Corp. to have a much stronger presence on a worldwide basis.

There seems to be a trend forming of large mega companies merging in the gaming industry. Exciting times look to be ahead. — Email Joel Gatlin at editor@anteupmagazine.com.

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HOW TO EXECUTE THE DOUBLE FLOAT

I had been playing snug for six hours in a \$10-\$20 PLO game when the villain in the hand was a young, aggressive Internet player, who was in the small blind.

I was under the gun with a \$5K stack when I was dealt 6♠-7♣-8♦-9♦. I opened to \$60 and the action folded to the small blind, who three-bet to \$180 with a \$6K stack. The big blind called, as did I. The flop fell 3♥-4♣-7♠, both blinds checked and I bet \$200 into \$540. The small blind check-raised to \$500, the big blind folded and I called. The turn paired the board with the 4♥ and the small blind led for \$750. I called. The river was the 10♥. He led for \$1,500. I moved all-in for \$3,500 and he snap mucked.

What the hell was I thinking?

PREFLOP: Standard action, though I limp with these hands, too. I didn't necessarily put the small blind on aces just because he three-bet. He was a capable player.

FLOP: With a flop of 3-4-7 rainbow, I have a pair of sevens and a straight-blocker. Not that great, but I had position. I bet less than half-pot because my range is wide. I can take the hand down right there or my hand plays well on later streets because we are so deep.



JAY
HOUSTON

When I get check-raised, it feels like a bluff. First, his range is super polarized. Since we're so deep and he's out of position, he has the nuts or nothing. Check-raising with any made hand other than a straight would be suicide. He also could have been reading too much into my bet-sizing and took a stab in case I had air. Plus, why would he essentially turn his hand face up for a \$300 raise on the flop when I have \$5K behind? I floated because it's more believable and less risky than raising. I have position, so if he checks a brick on the turn, the pot is mine most of the time.

TURN: When the 4♥ pairs the board, I love my spot. I could still have anything and his range is super polarized. With our stack sizes, it seems unlikely he would lead \$750 into \$1,540 with a straight on the turn for value or to protect his equity, so I decide to float once again because it's more believable than raising, and my range still is wide.

RIVER: I don't love the 10♥ since it makes a flush. But when he leads \$1,500 into \$3,040 it means he's value-betting a backdoor flush on a paired board (unlikely), value-betting a full house (unlikely) or he has air and doesn't know what to do. Since I could only win by raising, I jammed.

I don't make plays like this too often, but when I get a chance to pull them off it can be a lot of fun. ♠

NLHE TOURNAMENTS

PICKING THE CORRECT FLOATING HAND

Floating is a fantastic weapon to have to be a successful player. To refresh the beginner's memory, floating consists of calling a bet extremely lightly on the flop or turn with the intention of making a move at the pot by the end of the hand. Also as a reminder, floating works better in position and in heads-up pots. Instead of floating a lot with hands that have little or no equity, why not float with hands that have a better chance at winning? Let me explain.



NATASHA
BARBOUR

Situation 1

You call a middle-position open from the cutoff with 4-4. The flop comes K♥-7♠-3♣. Your opponent c-bets and you choose to float.

Equity vs. a top-pair hand is 10 percent.

Situation 2

You call a middle-position open from the cutoff with 8♥-9♥. The flop comes K♥-7♠-3♣. Your opponent c-bets and you choose to float.

Equity vs. a top-pair hand is 10 percent.

Which situation is better?

In Situation 1, you have three options when floating the flop: Turn your set, float the turn again or make a move on fourth street (turn your hand into a bluff).

No matter which line you choose to use in this case, 4-4 will only improve about 5 percent of the time by the river (if you don't turn a set).

In Situation 2, your options are different as about 47 percent of the time you are going to turn a pair, a straight draw or a flush draw. Now calling or raising the turn makes a lot more sense as your odds have dramatically improved.

When turning a six or 10 for an open-ended straight draw, you are 18 percent to make the best hand by the river.

When turning a heart, you are 20 percent to make a flush.

When turning the 6♥ or 10♥, you are 34 percent to make a straight or flush by the river.

When turning the 5♥ or J♥, you are 27.27 percent to hit your gutter ball or flush by the river.

That makes floating with 9♥-8♥ a lot better than floating with a small pair.

Think about all of that when you choose to float!

— **Natasha is a pro who lives in Tampa, Fla.. You can follow her on Twitter @natashabarbour.**

DON'T GET ANGRY, GET MAD

At the height of the Cold War, the Soviet Union and the United States embraced the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction, or MAD for short. The underlying principle was neither party would launch a nuclear weapon against the other as it pretty much assured its own demise since either country could counter before the first weapon hit its mark. Go all-in with a nuclear launch and you guarantee your destruction.



DAVID
APOSTOLICO

When playing a tournament, the ability to garner a big stack is a huge strategic advantage. Nobody wants to face what could be their demise. It's much less threatening to go all-in against a stack smaller than yours.

The stakes in a tournament can't be compared to nuclear war. So, how does that affect how you play? First, you want to take strategic steps to build up your stack.

You should constantly be balancing your need to survive against your ability to build your stack. Next, you want to avoid major confrontations with larger stacks unless you have a strong hand.

Finally, the trickiest part is figuring out who is buying into the concept of MAD. That is, who is afraid of their demise to the extent that they would not be willing to risk their stack if

it meant potential elimination? Any player will risk their stack with a strong hand. But who will risk it on a semibluff or a bluff? Who thinks you're adhering to the MAD concept and, thus, likely to fold to an aggressive bet? What image are you projecting?

Be honest with yourself. Are you a player who strictly follows the MAD concept or are you looser than that? What works best for your game? Can you take advantage of others' adherence or non-adherence to the MAD concept? Whether players recognize the MAD concept, they're consciously deciding to follow the principle or not.

Your job is to build your stack as the best defense. The largest stack doesn't face destruction from anyone. The beauty of chips is that the more, the better. Where a few nuclear weapons can blow up the world and the extra weapons become superfluous, every chip has value. Use them wisely. Recognize their value and don't commit them unless you have a clear purpose.

The irony of the MAD doctrine is that no one would be mad enough to blow up the world. There are mad men in poker since there's always another poker tournament to enter. Know your opponents and know yourself.

— David Apostolico is the author of *Tournament Poker and The Art of War*. His latest, *You are the Variable – Play Your Best Poker*, is available from Amazon for \$5.99. You can contact him at thepokerwriter@aol.com.

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THOU SHALT PAY ATTENTION

Editor's note: This is one in a series.

What are some things you should be doing at the poker table? Look for opponents' tendencies and betting patterns, pay attention to stack sizes and blinds and constantly look for positive-value situations and opportunities.



MARK BREMENT

The best thing you can do as a player, when not involved in a hand, is keep your mind active and continually guess what players are holding. This discipline will enable you to get to the point where you can narrow opponents' range when you have a critical decision to make. If you know what opponents hold and what their betting patterns are, this will open up opportunities to win pots, increase your earnings and take your game to a higher level.

Let's take a look at intangibles and understand what makes poker such an easy game to learn but so difficult to master.

TABLE: Ever sat at a table where the pots are scanty and opponents are in the "serious" mode? Meanwhile, all around you chips are flying. You are at the wrong table. Change tables.

GAME: This is a good reason to learn to play all forms of poker. Sometimes a game change is in order. Better put: Follow the laughter and the money will follow you.

DIARY: Keep a diary and review it before you play. Records are more than recording wins and losses. Start that diary and write notes on opponents. This habit will pay off in spades.

ANALYSIS: Hire a coach, join a weekly poker group and get a poker buddy to discuss matters at hand. This is key to improving your game. My weekly poker strategy session, which I lead as a think tank, helped my game considerably. I was able to learn from my students.

GOALS: Approach poker like a business. Give yourself purpose.

DOWNTIME: What you do with "dead time" at the table is every bit as important to your win rate as to how you play your cards. Try to think of it as doing your job. The more you practice putting an opponent on a hand, the stronger you will become at this art.

KEEP RECORDS: If you show me a player who does not keep accurate records, I'll show you a losing player. I could write much more on this topic. That said, when I coach a player, I instill in you a need to treat your poker as a business.

PAY ATTENTION: Those might be the best two words that can help you to improve your game.

— Mark Brement has spent 15 years teaching and coaching all facets of poker, including at Pima Community College. Email him at pokermoses@phxpoker.com.

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EASIEST HOLE TO PLUG IN CASH GAMES

By Sean Hansen

Here's a problem that affects us all: preflop impatience. We've all been there, card dead for two hours and then we look down at Q-10 offsuit under the gun and think, "Christmas!" It's not Christmas. It's not even Arbor Day. Q-10 is the first Monday back to work after a vacation. It sucks.

But you play it because, "I've been here for two hours; I need to make some money!" The next thing you know, you flop a 10, lose your stack to someone who flatted with J-J and you wonder where it all went wrong.

Here's the thing about poker that makes it superior to every game in a casino: You don't have to put any money in the pot until after you see your cards. You get to choose to play only when you have an advantage, whether it's a card advantage, a positional advantage or a skill advantage. You think Q-10 is the best hand at the table? Surely not. So you don't have a card advantage. You are UTG, so nope, no positional advantage. And as far as a skill advantage is concerned, if you're playing Q-10 UTG in your typical full ring, you probably are not playing skillfully.

So, if you have a disadvantage in all three of those areas, you are voluntarily putting your hard-earned money in the middle when someone else has an advantage in those three areas. Why would you do that? It's like going to a sword fight with a spork.

It just doesn't make any sense.

The adjustment you need to make is simple. If you aren't sure whether a hand is playable in the current circumstances, don't play it. If you find yourself playing the hand regardless, well, your discipline is shot and you're on tilt.

Maybe not card-throwing-poo-flinging-monkey-tilt, but your mental game is not in A-plus shape, and impatience has replaced critical thinking.

Choose to play hands in situations where you have an advantage. It's that easy. If you do that consistently over time, you'll be putting opponents at a disadvantage. And folks, that's how we win at poker.

Yeah, you need to play the hand correctly postflop, that matters, too. Yeah, it means that sometimes you'll be dealt rags for four hours and barely get to play. Well, not playing is way better than voluntarily throwing money away, thinking your postflop skills are so good that you don't need preflop discipline.

No one is good enough to win when consistently digging holes preflop. The skill advantage in this game comes from learning what correct play is and then playing that way. Make a commitment in your next session to only play hands when you have a preflop advantage, and let me know how it went by emailing me at sean@bigslickpokeracademy.com.

— Sean Hansen is founder of Big Slick Poker Academy.

POKER PSYCHOLOGY: HEAD GAMES

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD, AND THAT'S GOOD

Many players are superstitious. For example, some have disdain for \$50 bills while others may believe a certain dealer is a jinx. A few players actually leave the table when one of those dealers arrives at the table. I'm more concerned with dealers who aren't paying attention, comment on play or make mistakes.



STEPHEN
BLOOMFIELD

I spoke with one player who believes in the "jinx." I tried to explain there are many factors why that dealer seems like a bad luck charm. At the top of my list was self-fulfilling prophecy: We think something is going to happen and then we make it happen, usually subconsciously. We think this dealer is a jinx and always lose when he deals so we start playing tighter or looser, but make more mistakes because we're on edge. We don't bet our premium hands because we "know" the dealer will deal the river suckout. So the person who sucks out never got any pressure to fold. We get a less-than-premium hand and overbet it preflop because we "know" what's coming. So our opponents fold to our all-in, \$500 preflop bet and we stack the blinds for \$7. We "know" the dealer is a jinx and we start giving off more tells.

On the other hand, here comes my lucky dealer. I get a bit

of a rush, so I get more aggressive and I get the weaker hand to fold and lessen the chance of turn or river suckout. I look more confident in my game, other people pick that up and don't challenge me as much, then without that pressure I can limp or check-raise with weaker hands that sometimes flop well.

There are many more examples of the jinx-lucky dealer. It turns out to make some sense, not because of superstition but because of what we do to make it happen.

Though there's no empirical evidence that \$50 bills are bad luck, but there's really no down side to taking different denominations.

And if you have a lucky dealer, be lucky and it may help you win. If you have jinx dealers, maybe try to analyze your behavior when they deal to you.

Remember, some people think poker is a card game played by people and some think poker is a people game played with cards. I am in the latter category. Analysis of your behavior and how others react to you is a much better mode of operation at the table than superstition.

And as always, keep your head in the game

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CAPITOL CASINO (916) 446-0700 • capitol-casino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30 w/rebuy & add-on, 10a); 1st and last Sat. (\$60 w/\$50 add-on); 2nd Sat. (\$220 w/re-entry); 3rd Sat. (\$150 w/\$50 bounties); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$120 w/\$60 add-on).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
CASINO M8TRIX (408) 645-0083 • casinom8trix.com	SNGs offered Sun.-Thurs. after 11p.	No jackpots.
CASINO ROYALE (916) 929-7529 • playcasinoroyale.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. & Tue. (\$25 w/\$10 rebuys, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat.-Sun. (\$60, 11a) & (\$25, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$100 high hands; progressive royal flush; Quantum Quads (call for details).
CHUKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO (866) 794-6946 • chukchansigold.com	Wed.-Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$40, 2p & 7p).	Mini bad-beat jackpot; high hand (\$50); get paid for quads (\$100), straight flushes (\$150), and royals (\$200); Aces or Kings Cracked.
CHUMASH CASINO RESORT (805) 686-1968 • chumashcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Tue. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$35, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 10:15a); Sun. (\$80, 10:15a).	High-hands pay \$500 and \$200 for Omaha on Fri. (Mon., Fri. & Sat.); Splash the Pot (daily); Monte Carlo high hand board pays up to \$599.
CLUB ONE CASINO (559) 497-3000 • clubonecasino.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$20-\$40, 10:15a); Mon. GPT summer league (\$30, 7:15p); Tue.-Fri. (\$40-\$70, 7:15p); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$75, 1:15p); Heartland Poker Tour, Sept. 24-Oct. 6.	\$20K bad-beat jackpot (daily); royal flush jackpot in hold'em; hourly high hands.
COLUSA CASINO (530) 458-8844 • colusacasino.com	Mon. \$200 freeroll (7p) (call for details); Tue. (\$40, 7p); first 9 eliminated receive \$60 for \$40 buy-in for live poker; Thurs. Bail Out (cash out) event; call for details.	Call for information.
COMMERCE CASINO (323) 721-2100 • commercecasino.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
CORDOVA CASINO (916) 293-7477 • cordovacasino.com	Buy-in for \$40, get \$60, 11am-2 pm daily, buy-in for \$80, get \$100, 4-7 p.m. daily. See ad Pages 2-3.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; super bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Bargain Buy-In (\$80 gets \$100 to first nine players).
FOLSOM LAKE BOWL SPORTS BAR & CASINO (916) 983-4411 • folsomlakebowl.com	Sat. (\$30 w/\$20 rebuys, 8p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
GOLDEN WEST CASINO (661) 324-6936 • goldenwestcasino.net	Sat. \$1K guar. (\$30, 8p).	Cash giveaways (call for details).
GRATON RESORT & CASINO (707) 588-7100 • gratonresortcasino.com	Call for information	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em; royal-flush bonus pays \$500.
HARRAH'S RESORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (760) 751-3100 • harrahsrincon.com	Fri. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$51, 8p); Sat. & Sun. \$1K guar. (\$36, noon); Sat. \$1.5K guar. (\$60, 8p).	Aces Cracked & high hands (24/7); Double High Hand (Tue. & Fri. & other days from mid.-close); Pay for Play (\$5/hour)- call for details.
HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO (562) 860-5887 • thegardenscasino.com	Daily (\$30-\$150); Mon.-Fri. (1p & 6:45p); Sat. (10a & 1p); Sun. (2:15a & 1p).	Aces Cracked (24/7); high hand (Mon.-Fri.); Pay for Play (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PARK (310) 330-2800 • playhpc.com	Daily (\$50-\$90); Mon.-Fri. (11:30a & 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (11:30a & 5p).	Progressive tournament jackpot; earn points for tournaments.
HUSTLER CASINO (310) 719-9800 • hustlercasinola.com	Mon. & Tue. (\$135 w/\$60 add-on, 7p); Wed. (\$135 w/\$100 add-on, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$200, 7p); Fri. (\$80 w/\$30 add-ons, 7p); Sun. (\$150 w/\$100 add-on, 3p).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Double Dip Jackpot; Stud Progressive Jackpot; \$25K guar. event, Sept. 13 (\$220).

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JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT (209) 223-1677 • jacksoncasino.com	Mon. (\$50, 7p); Tue. Omaha/8 (\$40, 11a); Wed. (\$40, 11a) & KO (\$60, 7p); Thurs. Crazy Pineapple (\$30, 11a); Fri. (\$60, 11a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11a). See ad Page 9.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; 25 hours of live play in a month gets entry into monthly \$5K freeroll.
LAKE ELSINORE CASINO (951) 674-3101 • lercasino.com	Mon. (\$57, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$57, 11a); satellite tournaments are \$22 and run on Mon. (10a); Tue.-Thurs. & Sun. (10a & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM (916) 446-2208 • limelightcardroom.com	Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. (\$20 w/\$5 rebuy, 10a); Mon. KO (\$50, 7p); Tue. 0/8 (\$20, 10a); Thur. (\$60, 7p); Fri. \$3K guar. (\$37 w/\$10 rebuys, 10a); Sun. \$5K guar. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em, Omaha and stud.
LIVERMORE CASINO (925) 447-1702 • livermorecasino.net	Mon.-Sat. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 11a); Sun. (\$100, 11a); Mon.-Thurs. (\$45 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 7p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha; royal-flush bonus; first-time players receive bonus chips (see website for details).
LODI CASINO (209) 334-9777 • thelodicasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$25, 10:20a); Mon. (\$40, 7:20p); Tue. (\$30, 7:20p); Wed. (\$40, 7:20p); Thurs. (\$45, 7:20p); Fri. (\$30, 10:20a); Sat. (varies, 10:20a); Sun. freeroll (2-20p).	Hot Spot Texas Hold'em; Mini & Super Bad Beat Jackpots; Aces Cracked; Full House Cracked; high hands; royal-flush bonus. See ad Pages 2-3.
LUCKY CHANCES CASINO (650) 758-2237 • luckychances.com	Call for schedule.	Call for information.
LUCKY LADY CASINO (619) 287-6690 • luckyladycardroom.com	Daily (\$25, 10a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MORONGO CASINO (888) 667-6646 • morongocasinoresort.com	Tue.-Sun. (\$10-\$60); Tue.-Fri. (10a); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 6p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; more than \$130K for cash-game promotions.
NORMANDIE CASINO (310) 352-3400 • normandiecasi.com	Wed. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Thurs. \$2K (\$50, 7p); Fri. \$3K (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$60, 6p); Sun. \$2K (freeroll w/\$10 rebuys, 1p).	\$8-\$16 seeded at \$40K; Aces Cracked (Sun.-Thurs.); \$28K Winter Cash Giveaway (call for details); \$24K Poker Cash Giveaway (call for details).
OAKS CARD CLUB (510) 653-4456 • oakscardclub.com	Mon. KO (\$160, 6:15p); Wed. (\$100 w/\$80 rebuy, 6:15p); Thurs. (\$70 w/\$50 rebuys, 6:15p); Sat. (\$120, 11a); Sun. (\$125 w/\$100 rebuy, 1p); 1st Sat. of month (\$330, 11a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha/8, and stud.
OCEAN'S 11 CASINO (760) 439-6988 • oceans11.com	Call for information.	Call for information.
PALA CASINO (760) 510-5100 • palacasino.com	Thurs. \$1.2K guar. (\$55, 7p); Fri. \$2K guar. (\$40, 7p); Sat. & Sun. \$10K est. (\$135, noon); New Player Appreciation Tournament w/\$5K guar., Sept. 14 (\$40, 10a).	High hand pays \$100 & \$75 in Omaha (Mon. & Wed., 10a-3p); Flush Marathon (Mon., 3p-3a).
PECHANGA RESORT (951) 693-1819 • pechanga.com	Mon. (\$45, 11a & 7p); Wed. freeroll (7p); Thurs. \$4K guar. (\$45, 10a); Fri. & Sun. \$5K guar. (\$405, 11a).	High hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun., 1p-11p); Early Bird High Hand (Tue., 9a-11a); Free Money Fridays (2p-9p); Cruzin' with Cash & Car giveaway (earn entries Mon.-Fri.).
PLAYERS CASINO VENTURA (805) 643-1392 • pventura.com	Mon. & Sun. (\$35 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Tue. & Fri. (\$15 w/rebuys, 11:30a) Tue. & Thurs. (\$35 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$65, 11:30a); Sat. (\$65, 10a).	Call for promotions.
RANCHO'S CLUB (916) 361-9186 • ranchosclub.com	Friday \$1K guar. (\$40 w/\$20 rebuys, 5:30p).	Call for promotions.
RED HAWK CASINO (530) 677-2580 • redhawkcasino.com	Sun.-Fri. (\$40, 10a); Tue. KO (\$70, 6:15p); Sun.-Mon. & Wed.-Thurs. (\$40, 6:15p); Sat. (\$100, 10a).	Progressive royal-flush jackpot; progressive bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings or better; high-hand bonus (Fri. & Sat.); quads, straight-flush bonus (Sun.-Thurs.).
SAN MANUEL CASINO (800) 359-2464 • sanmanuel.com	\$33K and \$100K events held regularly, qualify by collecting stamps for 10s full or better (queens full or better in Omaha); call for details.	Double jackpots (Mon. & Wed.); high hand of the hour (Tue. & Thurs.); Money Wheel (Fri.).
SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO (760) 775-5566 • spotlight29.com	No tournaments.	No promotions.
STONES GAMBLING HALL (916) 735-8440 • stonesgamblinghall.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$55, 10a); Tue. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. \$10K guar. (\$125, 11a); Sun. (\$55, 11a); last Sun. of month \$20K guar. (\$225, 11a)	High-hand bonus (quads, straight flushes and royals); six jackpots.
SYCUAN CASINO (619) 445-6002 • sycuan.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon.-Wed. qualifiers (\$45, 6:30p); Thurs. 0/8 (\$44, 6:30p); Fri. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6:30p); Sat. & Sun. (\$46 w/\$10 bounties, 6p).	Progressive jackpots in hold'em (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) and Omaha jackpot (quad eights); Poker Crazy; Cash Splash; Yahtzee (call for details).
TACHI PALACE CASINO (559) 924-7751 • tachipalace.com	Tue. (\$50, 7:15p); Wed. KO (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. (\$50, 11:15a); Sat. KO (\$60, 11:15a).	Aces Cracked; Kings Cracked; \$500 Football Frenzy; Triple High Hands; Progressive Hourly High Hands.
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO RESORT (916) 408-7777 • thundervalleyresort.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$40, 11a); Mon. (\$20 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Wed. 0/8 (\$40, 7p); Fri. & Sun. \$3K guar. (\$60, 11a); Fri. & Sat. (\$125, 5p); Sat. \$5K guar. (\$75, 11a); Sun. KO (\$100, 7p).	Bad beat in hold'em and Omaha; high hands (call for details); Players Championship, Sept. 18-29 w/main event starting on Sept. 25 (\$1,650). See ad Pages 10-11.
VIEJAS CASINO (619) 445-5400 • viejas.com	Mon.-Wed. (\$10 w/rebuy and add-on, 10a) & (\$30, 6:15p); Thurs. Omaha (\$15, 10a); Fri. (\$40, 10a) & (\$120, 6:15p).	\$5K freeroll; Cash Grab; Prize Wheel (daily); call for details.

COLORADO

AMERISTAR BLACK HAWK (720) 946-4108 • ameristar.com/Black_Hawk.aspx	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads).
GOLDEN GATES CASINO (303) 582-5600 • goldencasinogroup.com	Daily (\$40-\$300) at 10a, noon, 3p and 7p; deepstick Fri.-Sun. (\$160-\$210, noon); HPT series, Sept. 5-15 (call for details).	Early bird specials; players can earn \$5 per hour in cash back (call for details).
ISLE CASINO BLACK HAWK (303) 998-7777 • black-hawk.isleofcapricasinos.com	Wed. \$15 house-funded KO (\$60, 6:30p); Thurs. PLO (\$60, 11a); see website for schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of 10s; new poker players earn \$10/hour; early birds earn \$30 (daily).
LADY LUCK CASINO (303) 582-2141 • isleofcapricasinos.com	Fri. (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 4p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot is a decreasing qualifier; Monte Carlo High Hand Jackpot (call for details).
LODGE CASINO AT BLACK HAWK (303) 582-1771 • thelodgecasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$80, noon); Daily (\$100, 7p); Sat.-Sun. (\$100, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads.
RESERVE CASINO HOTEL (303) 582-0800 • reservecasinohotel.com	No tournaments scheduled, but will run them upon request.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Jackpot Vault consists of 14 jackpots with quads or better and is progressive.
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT (970) 563-7777 • skyutecasino.com	Mon. (\$30 w/\$15 rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 7p); Fri. (\$85, 7p); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$120, noon); Sun. NL Omaha (\$55 w/re-entry, 2p); 1st Sat of month \$5K guar. (\$200, noon).	Bonus chips for live play (call for details).
UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (970) 565-8800 • utemountaincasino.com	Sun. (\$10, 3p).	Call for information.
WILDWOOD CASINO - CRIPPLE CREEK (719) 286-7810 • playwildwood.com	Fri. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys and add-on, 4p); Sat. HPT500 (\$75 weekly, 4p/\$200 monthly, 4p/\$500 quarterly, 2p) & Sun. Survivor (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot; bad-beat jackpot run-off (last Sun. of month); High Hand Extravaganza Jackpot w/\$500 high hands once jackpot reaches \$6K.

CONNECTICUT

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO (800) 369-9663 • foxwoods.com	Daily (\$60-\$300, 9a-8p) w/ \$20K guar., Fri. (\$230, 6p); \$25K guar., Sat. (\$300, 11a) & Sun. (\$120, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad eights and quad deuces in stud.
MOHEGAN SUN CASINO (860) 862-8000 • mohegansun.com	Daily (\$50-\$150); Mon.-Thurs. (10a, 2p & 7p); Fri. (11a & 2p); Sat. (11a); Sun. (11a & 5p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and stud is quad 5s; \$500 high hand every 4 hours (Mon.-Fri.).

DELAWARE

DELAWARE PARK (302) 355-1050 • delawarepark.com	Daily at noon, plus Sat. & Sun. (\$65, 3p); Sun.-Wed. & Fri. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. (\$85, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$100, 7p); Fri. & Sat. (\$65, 10p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em w/descending qualifier; \$10K mini bad beat; high hand pays up to \$1K; \$20K monthly freeroll (call for details).
DOVER DOWNS HOTEL & CASINO (302) 674-4600 • doverdowns.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$65, 1:15p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$75, 7:15p); Fri. (\$95, 7:15p); Sat. (\$80, 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 1:15p). See ad Page 34.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; high hand; royal-flush bonus; cash-back rewards.
HARRINGTON RACEWAY (888) 887-5687 • harringtonraceway.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$60, 11a); Wed. Omaha Round by Round \$1K guar. (\$60, 11a); Sat. (\$60 w/rebuy & add-on, 11a); KO on 2nd Sun. of month (\$90, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings beaten by quads; high hand pays \$200 (Mon., Wed., Fri.); quad jacks or better gets \$100 (Tue. & Thurs.).

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LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
BESTBET JACKSONVILLE (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Mega satellite to WPT \$1M main event (10 seats guar.), Sept. 26 (\$550, 7p); \$50 satellites into \$550 mega, Sept. 2-30; \$50K guar. w/4 flights, Sept. 25-28 (\$200).	Bad beat in hold'em (uncapped); \$1K high hand & \$500 table share, Sept. 20; \$500 high hand & \$100 table share, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 w/2X pay after home football game (2p-mid.).
BESTBET ORANGE PARK (904) 646-0002 • bestbetjax.com	Sunday (\$50, noon); Tuesday (\$50, 7p); deepstack turbo w/\$50 bounties, Sept. 30 (\$200, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em (uncapped); \$500 high hands every half-hour, Sept. 13 (2p-mid.); half-hour high hands (daily).
CASINO MIAMI JAI-ALAI (305) 633-6400 • crystalcardroom.com	Daily (\$20-\$165); Tue. (\$65 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. \$3K guar.; Sun. \$10K guar. (call for details).	Progressive royals and rolling quads of the day are progressive; hourly high hands (daily); call for details. Bad beat starts at \$20K.
CREEK ENTERTAINMENT GRETNA (850) 875-6930 • creekentertainment.com	Thurs. \$10K satellite (\$50, 7p) & Sat.-Sun. (\$50, 1p); Fri. & Sun. (\$50, 7p); \$10K guar., 3rd Sat. of month (\$250, 1p). See ad on Page 55.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); mini bad-beat jackpot (Fri. & Sun.); Free Play (up to \$3/hour, daily); double points on Mon. & Wed.; high hand (Sat., hourly).
DANIA CASINO & JAI-ALAI (954) 927-2841 • dania-jai-alai.com	Call for more information.	Call for more information.
DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB (386) 252-6484 • daytonagreyhound.com/pokerroom	Daily (2p & 7p); Mon. (\$65, 7p); Wed. (\$105, 7p); Thurs. (\$65, 7p); Fri. (\$120, 7p); Sat. (\$140, 7p); Sun. (\$175, 1p). See ad Page 41 for HPT (Oct. 2-12) details.	Bad-beat jackpots in limit, no-limit, Omaha and stud; Super Sat. (noon-mid.).
DERBY LANE (727) 812-3339 x7 • derbylanepoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$330) on Sun.-Thurs. (1p & 6p) & Fri.-Sat. (1p, 6p, 8p & midnight). Ante Up Derby Lane Pokerfest, Nov. 1-16. See ad Page 15.	Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways, call for details.
EBRO GREYHOUND PARK (850) 234-3943 • ebrogreyhoundpark.com	Daily (\$20-\$220) on Sun.-Fri. (8p). Sat. (2p, 8p, mid.).	High hands pay \$100 (Mon. & Fri., 9a-mid.) and \$500 (Sun.-Thurs., 2a-3a & Fri.-Sat, mid.-9a); \$4,999 royal flush of spades (Tue.-Thurs., 9a-noon).
FT. PIERCE JAI-ALAI & POKER (772) 464-7500 • jaialai.net/poker.php	Mon. (\$75, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 1:30p); Sun. (\$55, 4p); PPC Poker Open, Sept. 2-7 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud (see website for rules and payouts); quads pays \$100-\$220 (daily).
GULFSTREAM PARK (954) 457-6336 • gulfstreampark.com	Daily (6:30p); Mon. KO (\$60 w/\$10 bounty); Tue. \$1.5K guar. (\$80); Wed. \$1.5K guar. PLO (\$20 w/\$10 rb); Thurs. \$3K guar. (\$100); Fri. & Sun. (\$60); Sat. \$2.5K guar. (\$40 w/\$10 rb).	High hands pay \$500/half-hour (Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 1p-11p); \$250 half hourly high hands (Sun.-Wed., 1p-11p); \$100 instant win with high hand board loss.
HIALEAH PARK CASINO (305) 885-8000 • hialeahparkcasino.com	Tournaments every day at noon and 7p (\$40-\$100). See ad Page 7.	High hands (hourly); \$20K royal and \$10K bad beat.
ISLE CASINO AT POMPANO PARK (954) 972-2000 x5123 • thisislepompnopark.com	Daily (\$40-\$230) in morning and evening. See ad Page 43.	Bad-beat and high-hand jackpots in hold'em and Omaha; \$10K cash drawings every Sunday.
MAGIC CITY CASINO (305) 649-3000 • flaglerdogs.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. (\$75, 8p); SNGs on demand (\$65-\$800, daily).	Big Slick Red Royal \$20K+\$500 to each player at the table; Hot Table Progressive; Happy Hour High Hands pays \$500 every 30 min. (4-8p).
MARDI GRAS CASINO (877) 557-5687 x3167 • playmardigras.com	Mon. \$1.5K guar. FR (7p); Tue. 0/8 (7p); Wed. PLO \$1.5K guar. FR (7p); Thurs. \$1.5K guar. FR (7p); Fri. & Sat. \$2.5K guar. FR (7p); Sun. \$1.5K guar. shootout FR (7p).	Daily, noon-10p; high hands pay up to \$300 every 15 minutes.
MELBOURNE GREYHOUND PARK (321) 259-9800 • mgpark.com	Mon. (\$50, 1p & 7p); Tue. (\$40, 1p & 7p); Wed. turbo (\$60, 7p); Thurs. (\$40, 1p & \$95 KO, 7p); Fri. (\$50, 7p); Sat. varies; Sun. (\$70, 1p); all tournaments have re-entry. \$2K guar. Sat. (\$50, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; royals pay \$500; Spin to Win (Mon.); Aces Cracked (Wed.); high hand hours (Thurs.-Tue.); Table High Hand Hours (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-7p). Early Bird High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Twilight High Hand (Sun.-Thurs.); Weekend High Hand (Fri.-Sat.).
MICCOSUKEE RESORT & GAMING (877) 242-6464 • miccosukee.com		Big Slick Royal pays minimum of \$10K; all other royals pay \$500; \$500 high hand every half-hour (Sat., 6p-1:30a).
NAPLES-FT. MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK (239) 992-2411 • naplesfortmyersdogs.com	Mon. (\$55, 1p & \$70, 7p); Tue. (\$55, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$55, 1p) & 0/8 (\$70, 7p); Thurs. (\$70, 1p & \$55, 7p); Fri. (\$125, 6p); Sat. (\$125, 1p); Sun. (\$125, 1p) & 0/8 (\$70, 6p).	Big High Hand varies day to day (call for details). See ad Page 45.
OCALA POKER AND JAI-ALAI (352) 591-2345 • ocalapoker.com	Mon. KO (\$45, 7p); Tue. (\$35, 7p); Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. varies; Fri. varies; Sun. (\$35, 4p).	
PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB (561) 683-2222 • pbkennelclub.com	Daily (\$30-\$200) at noon & 6:30p. See ad on Page 13.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em, Omaha, and stud; high hands every 15 minutes (call for details).

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SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB (941) 355-7744 x1054 • skcpoker.com	 Daily (\$40-\$120); Fri. (\$220, 1p) Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. \$3K guar. (\$120, 2p). Fall Classic Main Event (Oct. 3-12) See ad Page 16.	Jackpot high hands (daily). Ask about Ante Up Poker Cruise giveaways during the Fall Classic Main Event (Oct. 3-12) See ad Page 16.
SEMINOLE CASINO BRIGHTON (866) 222-7466 x121 • seminolecasinobrighton.com	Mon. (\$50); Tue. (\$35, 1p & 7p); Wed. (\$20); Thurs. (\$130).	Bonus hands (daily); Rolling Cash Fever (Wed.); \$100 high hands (Fri.); last day of month Splash Pots pay \$100/hour.
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SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOLLYWOOD (866) 502-7529 • seminolehardrockhollywood.com	Daily (\$80-\$350); guaranteed prize pools (call for details). See ad Page 5.	Hourly high hands in limit and no-limit (daily).
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TAMPA BAY DOWNS (813) 298-1798 • tampabaydowns.com	Daily (\$20-\$200) at 1p and 7p; freerolls (Sun.-Thurs., 10a); PPC Tampa Bay Downs Fall Classic, Sept. 17-21 (see ad Page 33).	High hand cash w/table share payouts (Tue., 1p-7p & 9p-1a); Splash the Pot; \$599 high hand (Fri., 1p-mid.).
TAMPA GREYHOUND TRACK (813) 932-4313 • luckyscards.com	Daily (\$20-\$45); 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, 11a-4p); Quads (\$50-\$75), straight flushes (\$150) and royals (\$300) from Sun.-Thurs. (4p-8p); high hands pay 2Xs (Fri.-Sat., 4p-8p).

ILLINOIS

AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO (219) 378-3000 • ameristar.com/e_chicago	See ad Page 57.	Call for details.
GRAND VICTORIA ELGIN (847) 531-7753 • grandvictoria-elgin.com	Call for information.	Comp dollars (call for details).
HARRAH'S JOLIET (815) 740-7480 • harrahsjoliyet.com	Thursday (\$125, 7p, 4K chips, 20-minute levels); Sunday (\$125, 4p, 4K chips); 1st Sat. KO; 2nd & 4th Sat. Deepstack; 3rd Sat. MiniDeep (call for details).	Mega bad-beat jackpot (quad eights); mini bad-beat jackpot (aces full of kings); get paid for straight and royal flushes.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AURORA (630) 801-7471 • hollywoodcasinoaurora.com	Wednesday (\$120 w/\$60 rebuys and add-on, 1p); Sun. (\$120 w/\$60 rebuys and add-on, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad fives.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO JOLIET (815) 927-2175 • hollywoodcasinojoliet.com	No tournaments.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL (309) 756-4600 • jumerscri.com	Mon. (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Sun. (\$80, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
PAR-A-DICE CASINO (309) 698-6693 • paradicecasino.com	Mon. (\$115, 7p); Sun. (\$115, 11a) & (\$55, 7p).	Call for information.
ROCKFORD CHARITABLE GAMES (800) 965-7852 • rcgpoker.com	MTIs and SNGs offered. See ad Page 45 and call for details.	Rakeback cash drawings three times daily; NL cash games \$4 rake.

INDIANA

BELTERRA CASINO RESORT (812) 427-7777 • beltterracasino.com	Mon. & Wed. (\$40, 7:15p); Tue. (\$65, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$40, 12:15p & \$65, 7:15p); Fri. (\$65, 12:15p) & (\$65, 7:15p); Sat. & Sun. (\$85, 11:15a); Sat. (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$40, 5:15p).	Call for information.
BLUE CHIP (219) 861-4820 • bluechipcasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$20 w/\$20 rebuys, 6p); Wed. (\$60, 6p); Sat. & Sun. (\$80, noon); 1st & 3rd Mon. (\$150, 6p).	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., 6p, 8p, 10p, mid.).
HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG (812) 539-8000 • www.hollywoodindiana.com	Daily (\$80-\$150) at 11:15a & 7:15p.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; WPT satellite freeroll for top tournament point earners (call for details).
HORSESHOE HAMMOND (219) 473-6065 • horseshoehammond.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$100, 12:15p); Mon. & Tues. KO (\$120, 7:15p); Thurs. (\$200, 7:15p); Sun. (\$200, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot in select games.
HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA (812) 969-6000 • horseshoe-indiana.com	Daily; Mon. (\$51, noon); Tue. (\$50, noon & \$80, 7p); Wed. (\$61, noon & \$80, 7p); Thurs. (\$50, noon); Fri. (\$60, mid.); Sat. (\$80, noon); Sun. (\$81, 3p).	Bad-beat jackpots in no-limit hold'em and limit hold'em.
MAJESTIC STAR II (219) 977-7444 • majesticstarcasino.com	Wed. (\$55, 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Fri. (\$130, 7p); Sat. (\$60, 1p & \$105, 7p); Sun. (\$55, 11a & \$60, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of kings; tournament bad-beat jackpot.

IOWA

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GRAND FALLS CASINO (712) 777-7777 • grandfallscasinosort.com	Mon. Omaha/8 (\$40, 6p); Tue. (\$40, 1p); Thurs. (\$40, 6p); Sat. (\$60, noon); Sun. (\$100, 1p).	High Hand Big Board.
HORSESHOE COUNCIL BLUFFS (877) 771-7463 • horseshoecouncilbluffs.com	Mon., Wed. (\$65, 10a); Tue. (\$65, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$50, 10a & 2p); Fat Stack, Sat. (\$130) and 4th Sat. (\$350). See ad Page 42 for fall series in October.	Bad-beat jackpot is quad deuces in hold'em and quad 10s in Omaha; high-hand jackpot.
ISLE CASINO BETTENDORF (563) 344-2693 • theislebettendorf.com	Tuesdays (6:45p, \$40).	Call for bad-beat jackpot.
MESKWAKI CASINO (641) 484-2108 • meskwaki.com	Mon. KO (\$60, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. Omaha (\$20, 7p); Thurs. (\$30 w/re-entry, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$30, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em & Omaha/8; straight-flush and royal-flush jackpots.
MYSTIQUE GREYHOUND PARK (563) 585-2964 • mystiqueqbq.com	Thursday (\$40, 6p); Friday pineapple (\$60, 3p); Sunday (\$65, 1p).	Straight flush progressive jackpot in hold'em, Omaha and stud pays 10 jackpots (call for details).
PRAIRIE MEADOWS CASINO (515) 967-8543 • prairiemeadows.com	Tue. (\$30, noon); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Sun. (\$60, noon); KO event on 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of jacks losing to quads; straight flush pays \$200.
RIVERSIDE CASINO (319) 648-1234 • riversidecasinolandresort.com	Mon. 0/8 (\$30, 11a); Tue. (\$25, 7p); Wed. KO (\$50, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Fri. Big "0" (\$30, 11a) & ante only (\$30, 5p); Sat. (\$30, 1p); Sun. (\$50, 2p); last Sat. (\$100, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (aces full of kings) and Omaha (quad 10s); player comps (call for details).
WINNAVEGAS (712) 428-9466 • winnavegas.biz	Call for information.	High-hand bonus jackpot.

KANSAS

BOOT HILL CASINO (877) 906-0777 • boothillcasino.com	Monday (\$75, 6p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD CASINO (913) 288-9300 • hollywoodcasinokansas.com	Mon. (\$65, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
KANSAS STAR CASINO (316) 719-5000 • kansasstarcasino.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; Red Aces Cracked wins a rack of red (\$500) every night after midnight.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.

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NEVADA

LOCATION	TOURNAMENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS	JACKPOTS/PROMOTIONS
ARIA (866) 359-7111 • arialasvegas.com	Twice daily at 1p & 7p (\$125 w/one optional re-entry, 10K chips, 30-minute levels).	No jackpots.
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA RENO (800) 723-6500 • atlantiscasino.com	Daily (\$40 w/\$10 add-on, 11a).	Prog. quads, straight flush, royals and bad-beat bonus; 2X comps/hr. of play; Live Play Bonus Drawings (\$100-\$400); Prize Wheel Spin for Aces Cracked and quads.
BALLY'S LAS VEGAS (702) 967-4111 • ballyslasvegas.com	Daily (\$65, 9a, 11a, 2p, 5p & 8p) w/\$1K guaranteed prize pools.	High hands (call for details).
BELLAGIO (702) 693-7111 • bellagio.com	Daily (\$125, 5p).	No jackpots.
BINION'S GAMBLING HALL (702) 382-1600 • binions.com	Daily (\$60-\$100) at 10a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	High hands; quads pays (\$50); straight flush pays (\$100); royals pay (\$250).
BOOMTOWN RENO (775) 345-6000 • boomtownreno.com	Call for schedule.	Cash drawings; get paid for quads (\$25), straight flush (\$50), and royals (\$100).
BOULDER STATION HOTEL & CASINO (702) 432-7777 • boulderstation.com	No tournaments.	Multiroom prog. bad beat in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; high hands (Thurs.); Aces Cracked (Thurs.); \$500 high hand (Mon. & Sun.).
CAESARS PALACE (702) 731-7110 • caesarspalace.com	Daily (\$70, 9a), (\$85, noon), (\$85, 7p), (\$85, 10p).	High hand; get paid for quads (\$100), straight flush (\$200) and royals (\$500); Aces and Faces Cracked on limit games; \$3 max rake on limit games only.
ELDORADO HOTEL CASINO (775) 786-5700 • eldoradoreno.com	Daily (\$30, 10a); Tue. (\$30, 6p); Wed.-Thurs. (\$30, 6p); Friday freeroll on the first Friday of every month (\$2.5K added).	Bad-beat jackpots in hold'em and stud; quads or better is paid daily.
EXCALIBUR HOTEL AND CASINO (702) 597-7777 • excalibur.com	Daily (\$35, 9a; \$40, 1p, 5p & 8p); all tournaments allow re-entry until the first break.	Bad-beat in hold'em is aces full beaten by quads; spin the wheel pays \$20-\$300 for quads or Aces Cracked; four 2s w/pocket pair pays \$222; royal w/both cards pays \$555.
FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS (702) 733-3111 • flamingolasvegas.com	Five tournaments daily (\$50, 10a, 2p, 6p, 9p, 12:30a).	Get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100), and royals (\$500); \$5K freeroll (Mon. & Fri.); monthly freeroll w/\$15K prize pool.
GOLDEN NUGGET LAS VEGAS (702) 385-7111 • goldennugget.com	Daily (\$65) at 1a, 4a, 11a, 3p, 7p, 10p; Sun. \$5K guar. (\$100, 9a).	High hand between 2a-2p wins 2Xs the jackpot.
GRAND SIERRA RESORT (775) 789-2000 • grandsierraresort.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$25 w/\$20 rebuys, 11a & 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. KO (\$65, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p). See ad Page 29 for World Poker Challenge (Oct. 9-12) details.	Aces Cracked pays \$50 (Sun.-Thurs.).
GREEN VALLEY RANCH (702) 617-7777 • greenvalleyranchresort.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); high hand cash prizes during tournament play; runner-runner quads with pair in hand pays \$500 (call for details).	Multiroom prog. bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; progressive high hands (daily); royals are worth \$5K-\$10K (all suits).
HARD ROCK LAS VEGAS (702) 693-5000 • hardrockhotel.com	Daily (\$60, noon & 8p) except Mon. (\$30 w/\$10 rebuys, 8p).	Progressive high hands (daily); Aces Cracked (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); \$100 hourly high hand (Mon.-Fri., 11a-4p); High 5 Promotion (Mon.-Thurs., 4p-10p).
HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS (702) 369-5000 • harrahslasvegas.com	Daily (\$60, 6K chips, 10a & 3p) & (\$100 w/\$25 bounties, 10K chips, 8p); \$5K weekly freeroll on Sun. (noon), 10 hours to qualify.	High hands; \$50 high hand of the hour (daily, 3a-10a); royals pay \$500 and straight flush pays \$100.
HARVEYS LAKE TAHOE (775) 588-6611 • harveystahoe.com	Daily (\$40, 10a); Mon. & Wed. (\$50, 6p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$75, 6p); Fri. (\$95, 6p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads; progressive rewards jackpot is paid on quad nines or better and straight and royal flushes.
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO (702) 262-4000 • luxor.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays \$100-\$2K; Football Madness.	Progressive bad-beat jackpot starts at \$2.5K (aces full of jacks beaten by quads) includes room shares; High Hand Hysteria pays anywhere from \$100-\$2K.
MANDALAY BAY (702) 632-7777 • mandalaybay.com	Mon.-Sun. (\$40, 10a), (\$50, 3p), (\$65, 10p).	Progressive high hands (daily); tiered bonus (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) pays to flop it (\$300), turn it (\$200) and river it (\$100); Triple Pay for Progressive hands (Tue., Thurs. & Sun.).
MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS (702) 891-1111 • mgmgrand.com	Daily (\$35 w/\$5 rebuys, 11a), (\$50, 2p), (\$80, 7p); Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 10p).	\$100K Grand Giveaway pays up to \$2K and up to 10 winners each 4-hr drawing (daily); \$10K weekly invitational tournament (Sun., 10a); call for details.
MIRAGE (702) 791-7111 • mirage.com	Daily (\$60, 11a & 7p) & (\$50, 2p & 10p); Sat. (\$110, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot; high hands; Aces Cracked; high hand of the hour; Déjà Vu Progressive Jackpot (call for details).
MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO (702) 730-7777 • montecarlo.com	Daily (\$50, 9a), (\$40, 2p) & (\$60, 6p & 11p); monthly \$16K freeroll (25 hours minimum); call for details.	Table Share (call for details; highest hand of the morning; highest hand of the day).
THE ORLEANS (702) 365-7111 • orleanscasino.com	Mon.-Thurs. various games (\$50, 12:05p & \$80/\$100, 7:05p); Fri. (\$50, 12:05p) & (\$125, 7:05p); Sat. (\$80, 12:05p & \$100, 7:05p); Sun. (\$80, 12:05p) & (\$100, 7:05p).	\$50K progressive hold'em bad-beat jackpot; call for details on additional monthly promotions.
PALACE STATION (702) 367-2453 • palacestation.com	No tournaments.	Jumbo Royals; royals pay out progressive amounts from \$2,500-\$25K w/table shares (call for details).
PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO (775) 826-2121 • peppermillreno.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$45-\$60) at 12:30p & 6:30p; Sat. \$300 added (\$45, 12:30p); Sun. \$300 added (\$40, 2p).	High hand; get paid for straight flushes and royals; player comps (120 hours of play earns \$2.50/hour; 30 hours of play earns entry into \$10K monthly freeroll).
PLANET HOLLYWOOD (702) 785-5555 • planethollywoodresort.com	Daily (\$75) at 10a, 1p, 4p and 7p w/\$1.5K guaranteed; \$1.5K guar. Micromania Tue.-Thurs. (\$10 w/rebuys and add-on, 9p); Mon. PLO \$1K guar. (\$65).	Call for information.
QUAD RESORT & CASINO (800) 634-6441 • thquadlv.com	Daily (\$30, 11:30a, 2:30p, 5:30p, 8:30p & 11:30p); qualify for \$2K freerolls on Mon. and Fri. w/ monthly \$12K payout (earn entries by playing at Quad and Flamingo).	Aces Cracked pays \$100 (daily, 8a-8p or until 5 jackpots paid); high hands- get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100); royal flush (\$500 w/\$50 table share).
RED ROCK CASINO (702) 797-7777 • redrock.sclv.com	Mon. & Thurs. KO (\$100, 11a) & (\$100, 6:30p); Tue.-Wed. (\$60, 11a) & (\$75, 6:30p); Fri.-Sun. (\$100, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 6:30p).	\$100K in weekly progressive royals; win up to \$25K for a royal flush and \$50K split among the players when it hits.
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SAM'S TOWN LAS VEGAS (702) 456-7777 • samstownlv.com	Daily (\$23, 10a); daily (\$30 w/rebuy, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. (\$35, 7p); Fri.-Sat. (\$55, 7p); 2nd and 4th Sat. (\$105, 7p).	Uncapped progressive high hands; Aces Cracked pays \$50 (mid.-noon & 4p-9p).
SANTA FE STATION CASINO (702) 658-4900 • santafestationlasvegas.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$45, 7p); Mon.-Sat. (\$45, noon); Fri.-Sat. (\$45, 6p).	Multiroom progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em starts at quad sixes and pays \$75K guaranteed; tournament bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
SOUTH POINT HOTEL CASINO (702) 796-7111 • southpointcasino.com	Mon.-Tue. & Thurs.-Sat. (\$60, 10a, 2p & 7p); Wed. & Sun. (\$60, 10a & 2p) & (\$100, 6p).	High hand (daily).
STRATOSPHERE CASINO, HOTEL & TOWER (702) 944-4915 • stratospherehotel.com	Daily at 11a, 7p and 11p (\$50 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).
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO (702) 636-7111 • suncoastcasino.com	Daily at 10a & 7p; Mon. & Tue. (\$45 w/\$20 add-on, 7p); Wed. & Sun. KO (\$65 w/\$20 bounties, 7p); all 10a tournaments are \$45 w/\$20 add-on.	High-hand bonus for quads or better; earn comp dollars for playing live games.
TREASURE ISLAND (702) 894-7111 • treasureisland.com	Daily (\$40-\$70) at 11a, 2p, 7p and 10p.	Get Paid to Play promo, earn up to \$12/hr., including food and beverage comps (call for details).
VENETIAN RESORT (702) 414-1000 • venetian.com	Daily (\$125-\$300, noon, 7p).	Deep Stack Extravaganza 3.5, Sept. 11-30 (see website for schedule); daily events are postponed during DSE.; daily events have guarantees (call for details).
WESTGATE HOTEL & CASINO (702) 732-5111 • thelvh.com	\$2.5K freeroll (call for details).	Food comps available based on play (call for details).
WENDOVER NUGGET (775) 664-2221 • wendovernugget.com	Wed. & Thurs. (\$40, 8:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$60, 8:30p); Sun. (\$40, 1p); re-entry allowed during first round of play.	Four high hands every 4 hours (24/7); Aces Cracked matches the pot up to \$200 free play (daily).
WYNN LAS VEGAS (702) 770-7000 • wynnlasvegas.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$140, noon); Thurs. KO (\$140, 7p); Fri. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon); Sat. \$25K guar. (\$225, noon); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$200, noon).	Call for promotions.

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BALLY'S (WILD WILD WEST CASINO) (609) 340-2000 • ballysac.com	Sun.-Thurs. 11a and 7p. (\$75) and turbos at 3p (\$40); Fri. & Sat. 11a and 7p (\$200)	Call for promotions.
BORGATA HOTEL CASINO (609) 317-1000 • theborgata.com	Daily (\$100-\$300); Mon. \$5K guar. (\$100, 11a); Wed. \$15K guar. (\$120, 11a & 7p); Fri. \$25K guar. (\$300, noon); WPT Borgata Open, Sept. 2-19 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 10s; mini bad beat in hold'em is quad deuces-nines; see website for more promotions.
GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY (800) 777-8477 • goldennugget.com/atlanticcity	Call for information.	Bad-beat jackpot; high-hand winner every hour (11a-1a).
HARRAH'S ATLANTIC CITY (609) 441-5000 • harrahsresort.com	Sun.-Sat. (\$60, 12:15p); Mon. & Wed. \$2.5K guar. (\$65, 8:15p); Tue., Thurs. & Sun. (\$60, 8:15p); Fri. & Sat. \$5K guar. (\$65, 7:15p); daily (\$60, mid.).	Harrah's AC multiroom bad-beat jackpot starts at quad kings and decreases every Wednesday if it doesn't get hit.
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY (609) 340-4000 • tropicana.net	Mon.-Sun. (\$50, 11:15a & 7:15p); SNGs available.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quad 8s; monthly cash giveaway; rated tournament play (call for details).
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT (609) 449-1000 • playtajpoker.com	Daily (\$50-\$230) at 12:15p, 4:15p, 7:15p, & mid., including two deepstacks on Saturdays (\$230, 7:15p) & (\$120, 4:15p & mid.).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands are entered into drawings to win \$1K; 50-50 club (call for details).

NEW MEXICO

BUFFALO THUNDER CASINO (505) 455-5555 • buffalothunderresort.com	Mon. (\$25 w/rebuy, 6:30p); Tue. (\$40, 6:30p); Fri. & Sat. (\$75, 6:30p); Sun. (\$25 w/rebuys, 5p); last Sat. of month, Sept. 27 (\$150, 1p).	Progressive bad beat in hold'em; Flush 4; Easy Aces Mini Bad Beat; quads or better high hands; late night high hands (Sun.-Thurs., 1p-2a) pays up to \$225 nightly.
INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS (575) 464-7777 • innoftthemountaingods.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$20, noon); Mon.-Fri. satellites (\$60); Sun. (\$55, 2p). See ad Page 31.	Bad-beat jackpot; royals pay \$500; straight flush pays \$250; quad aces pays (\$150); quads pays \$50; call for details.
ISLETA RESORT & CASINO (505) 724-3800 • hardrockcasinoabq.com	Daily (\$20-\$50) at 2p & 7p, including Fri. & Sat. (\$50, 7p); many tournaments have rebuys and add-ons.	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
ROUTE 66 CASINO (505) 352-7866 • rt66casino.com	Daily (\$25-\$55); Mon.-Fri. (1p); Mon. (7p); Tue. & Thurs. (7p); Wed. (7p); Fri. (5p, & 8p); Sat. (1p, 5p & 8p); Sun. (1p & 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot; Action Aces (Mon.-Fri.); Splash the Pot; Aces Cracked pays \$50 for same color and \$25 for mixed colored aces.
SANDIA RESORT (505) 796-7500 • sandiacasino.com	Tue. \$300 added (\$40, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7p); Sun. \$300 added (\$40, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em and Omaha.
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO 505-867-0000 • santanaanastar.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-mid.); get paid for quads (\$50), straight flush (\$100) and royal flush (\$250).

NEW YORK

SENECA NIAGARA (877) 873-6322 • senecaniagaracasino.com	Mon. (\$60, 10a) & (\$90, 7p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$50, 10a & 7p); Wed. (\$100, 10a) & crazy pineapple (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$80, 10a); Sat. (\$60, 10a) & (\$225, 11a); Sun. (\$60, 10a) & (\$100, 6p).	Progressive high hands (24/7); get paid for straight flushes (\$75) and royals (\$100); progressive bad beat in hold'em (quad 2s), Omaha (quad 9s) & stud (quad 2s).
SENECA SALAMANCA (877) 860-5130 • senecagames.com	Call for schedule; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.	Progressive bad beat jackpot in hold'em (quad deuces), Omaha (quad nines) and stud (quad sevens); Preferred Player Rewards (call for details).
TURNING STONE RESORT (800) 386-5366 • turningstone.com	Mon.-Thurs. (\$60-\$100) at noon & 7p; Fri. (\$70, 2p & \$90, 7p); Sat. (\$100, 11a & \$125, 7p); Sun. (\$125, 11a & \$70, 7p).	Bad-beat jackpot is in hold'em (quad deuces); royals pay \$100.

NORTH CAROLINA

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE (N.C.) (828) 497-7777 • harrahscherokee.com	Mon.-Tue.-Thurs. (\$60, 7p); Wed. (\$30, 7p); Fri. (\$60, 4p) Sat. (\$120, 10a) Sun. (\$30, 9a) & (\$60, 2p & 7p); 1st Sun. of month (\$240, 2p). Plus events at midnight.	Call for information.
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OHIO

HOLLYWOOD COLUMBUS (614) 308-3333 • hollywoodcolumbus.com	Mon. \$2K guar. (\$60, 7:15p); Fri. \$4K guar. (\$90, 12:15p); Sat. \$5K guar. KO (\$125, 12:15p); Sun. \$6K guar. (\$140, 12:15p); 2nd Sat. of month \$20K guar. (\$440, 12:15p).	Call for information.
HOLLYWOOD TOLEDO (419) 661-5200 • hollywoodcasinotoledo.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$40, 10:15a); Mon. (\$40, 7:15p); Wed. (\$50, 7:15p); Thurs. KO (\$65, 7:15p); Sun. (\$120, 12:15p); \$10K guar. Sat. (call for details).	Call for information.
HORSESHOE CINCINNATI (877) 975-3436 • horseshoecincinnati.com	Mon. (\$110, 12:15p); Tue. & Thurs. (\$110, 6:30p); Wed. & Fri. (\$80, 12:15p); Sun. \$10K guar. (\$210, 12:15p); 1st Sat. of month \$50K guar. (\$400, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot starts at \$10K (call for details).
HORSESHOE CLEVELAND (216) 297-4777 • caesars.com/horseshoecleveland	Mon. (\$200, noon); Wed. (\$200, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$100 w/re-entry, 7p); last Sunday of the month (\$500, noon).	Call for information.

OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE WEST SILOAM SPRINGS (800) 754-4111 • cherokeestarwards.com	Daily (\$25 w/rebuys, 10a); Mon. pineapple (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Thurs. Srs. (\$30, 7p); Fri. KO (\$60, 7p); Sat. KO (\$100, 7p); Sun. (\$60, 2p).	Earn participation points for tournament results.
CHOCTAW RESORT CASINO (580) 920-0160 • choctawcasinos.com	Mon. & Wed.-Fri. (\$100-\$115, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p & 7p); Thurs. (\$60, 1p & \$100, 7p); Sat. (\$180, noon); Sun. (\$115, noon).	\$25K bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily); mini bad-beat jackpot (daily); Omaha bad-beat jackpot (daily).
COMANCHE NATION (580) 250-3030 • comanchenationcasino.com	Fri. & Sat. (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$50 Splash Pots (Mon.-Wed., 1p-4p).
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DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (918) 919-6000 • downstreamcasino.com	Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$50, 7p); Fri. freeroll (2p) & (\$50, 7p); Sat. (\$50, 2p); Sun. \$250 added (\$50, 2p); RunGoodGear series, Oct. 1-5 (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; tournament bad-beat jackpot.
GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT (405) 964-7263 • firelakegrand.com	Mon. (\$30, 11a & \$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$30, 11a & 7p); Wed. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$50, 7p); Fri. (\$30, 11a & \$50, 6p); Sat. (\$120, 2p); Sun. (\$100, 2p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
HARD ROCK TULSA (918) 384-6648 • hardrockcasinotulsa.com	Daily (10a); Sun. & Mon. (5p); Tue.-Fri. (7p); RunGoodGear Series, Sept. 3-7 w/\$100K guar., Sept. 5 (\$675).	Progressive jackpot for hold'em and static jackpot for other games; call for updated amount.
INDIGO SKY CASINO 888-992-7591 • indigoskycasino.com	Tues. (\$50, 7p); Wed. seniors (\$35, 2p) & Wild Wednesday (\$25, 7p); Thurs. PLO (\$40, 7p); Fri. Progressive Mystery KO (\$40, 7p); Sat. (call, 7p); Sun. Crazy Pine. (\$35, 3p).	Cash Bad Beat is quads or better beaten; tournament bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings or better beaten (call for details). Ante Up Poker League starts Oct. 1.
OSAGE CASINO TULSA (877) 246-8777 • osagecasinos.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$30, 2p); Mon. PLO (\$40, 7:30p); Tue. & Thurs. \$800 guar. (\$40, 7:30p); Wed. KO (\$40, 7:30p); Sat. KO (\$60, noon).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads beaten.
RIVER SPIRIT CASINO (918) 299-8518 • creeknationcasino.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$50, 9:30a); Mon. (\$30 w/rebuys, 7p); Tue. (\$50, 7p); Wed. (\$20 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. & Sun. KO (\$75, 7p); Fri. (\$65 w/\$10 add-on, 7p); Sat. & Sun. (\$50, 9:30a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (quads); high hands; tournament freeroll (call for details).
RIVERWIND CASINO (405) 322-6000 • riverwindcasino.com	Daily (\$40-\$100) at 11a; Sun.-Thurs. (7p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
WINSTAR WORLD CASINO (580) 276-4229 • winstarcasinos.com	Mon. (\$60, 1p & \$115, 7p); Tue. (\$60, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Wed. (\$60, 1p & \$60 w/re-entries, 7p); Thurs. KO (\$115, 1p) & (\$100, 7p); Fri. (\$220, 11a); Sat. (\$170, 11a); Sun. (\$230, 1p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is quads or better and pays \$20K minimum.

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CHINOOK WINDS CASINO (541) 996-5825 • chinookwindscasino.com	Wed. (\$45, 1p); Thurs. KO (\$55, 1p); Sat. (\$95, 2p); Sun. (\$60, 6p).	Splash Pot (Mon., noon-3p & Wed.); Aces Cracked (Fri.).
ENCORE CLUB (503) 206-8856 • encoreclub.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$30 w/rebuy, noon, 2p & 4p, 6p, 10p), (\$40-\$80, 8p); Sat. \$4K guar. (noon); (\$8K guar., \$80 w/rebuy, 7p); Sun. \$4K guar. (noon).	All weekday tournaments have guaranteed prize pools of \$500 or greater (see website for details).
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO (503) 879-2350 • spiritmountain.com	Mon. (\$30, 10:30a); Tue. stud/8 (\$30, 10:30a); Wed. 0/8 (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$25 w/rebuys, 7p); Thurs. (\$30, 10:30a) & (\$90, 7p); Fri. (\$70, noon) & (\$60, 7p); Sat. (\$90, noon).	Spin the Wheel (Fri. & Sat.); Sunday Super High Hands; Monte Carlo Payouts (Mon.-Thurs.).
WILDHORSE RESORT (541) 278-2274 • wildhorseresort.com	Tue. (\$30 w/\$25 rebuy & add-on, 6:30p); Thurs. & Sat. (\$55, 6:30p); Sun. (\$35, 1p).	Call for promotions.

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA (800) 480-8020 • harrahscasino.com	Sun.-Thurs. (\$50, 11:30a); Fri.-Sat. (\$50, 11:30a); Mon. & Wed. PLO (\$50, 6:30p); Tue. & Thurs.-Sun. (\$75, 6:30p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; \$500 Player Reward Bonus; Big Hand Payout pays up to \$200 for royals (call for details).
HOLLYWOOD PENN NATIONAL (717) 469-2211 • hcpn.com	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; progressive straight flush and royal flush hand jackpots (call for details).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot; \$12.5K monthly freeroll (40 hours live play to qualify); Hot Seat Drawings; Splash Pots (call for details).
MEADOWS CASINO (724) 503-1200 • meadowsgaming.com	Mon.-Sat. (\$40-\$75, 11a & 7:15p); Sun. (\$95, 11:15a).	Progressive bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; call for details on additional promotions.
MOHEGAN SUN/POCONO DOWNS (570) 831-2100 • mohegansunpocono.com	Call for tournament schedule.	High-hand promotion (call for details).
PARK CASINO (215) 639-9000 • parkcasino.com	Mon. (\$120, 7:15p); Tue. (\$120, 7:15p); Wed. (\$80, 12:15p); Thurs. (\$120, 7:15p); Sat. (\$230, 12:15p); Sun. (\$80, 12:15p).	Bad-beat jackpot for all raked hold'em games.
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS & CASINO (814) 866-8379 • ericcasino.com	Thurs. Omaha (\$75, 7:30p); 2nd & 4th Fri. (\$100, 7:30p); last Sat. (\$230, 3:30p); Sun. (\$50, 12:30p); 1st Sat. (\$175, 12:30p); 2nd Sat. KO (\$125, 12:30p).	Happy Hour Hand (Mon. & Tue., 6p-11p).
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CADILLAC JACKS (605) 578-1500 • cadillacjacksresort.com	Mon.-Fri. (\$13 w/\$5 rebuys, 1p); Mon.-Thurs. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 7p); Sat. (\$23 w/\$10 rebuys, 11a); Sun. KO (\$80, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em; bad-beat tournament jackpot.
LODGE AT DEADWOOD (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).
SALOON #10 (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.
SILVERADO FRANKLIN (605) 578-3670 • silveradocasino.com	Tue. & Thurs. (\$88, 6:30p); Sat. (\$22, 3p); Sun. (\$44 w/\$20 add-on, 3p).	Call for promotions.

TEXAS

KICKAPOO LUCKY EAGLE CASINO HOTEL (830) 752-4545 • kickapooluckyeaglecasino.com	Super Tuesday has \$500 added to the prize pool (\$25, 7p); call for full schedule.	Bad-beat jackpot is aces full of kings; see website for high-hand and bad-beat information.
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WASHINGTON

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

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

WISCONSIN

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HO-CHUNK GAMING AT NEKOOSA (800) 782-4560 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Wed. (\$35, 6:45p); Sat. (\$60, 2:15p); \$500 added to all Saturday pots; Pulse Pounding Tournament, Sept. 13-14 (\$330, 11a).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em (daily).
HO-CHUNK GAMING AT WISCONSIN DELLS (608) 356-6210 • ho-chunkgaming.com	Tue. (\$55, 1p); Thurs. (\$55, 6:30p); Sat. KO (\$38, 3p); Sun. (\$85, 1p); Double Trouble event, 1st Sun. of month (\$170); MSPT, Sept. 20-28.	Call for promotions.
LAKE OF THE TORCHES RESORT CASINO (715) 588-7070 • lakeofthetorches.com	Thursday (\$55, 6p); Fri. (\$60, 5p); HPT500 league (call for details).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em.
MENOMINEE CASINO (715) 799-3600 • menomineecasinoresort.com	Fri. (\$40, 7p); Sat. (\$35 w/rebuy or add-on, 4p).	Bad-beat jackpot in hold'em is aces full of 10s and Omaha is quads; Aces Cracked pays up to \$150.
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There's a new poker movie on the horizon and it stars one of the legends of the big screen: **Steven Seagal**. In addition to the martial arts master, **George Eads** (*CSI*) and **Annalynne McCord** (*90210*) star in the story of Jack Daniel, a down-on-his-luck card player who needs to score big to get out of some big trouble. While it's been "in the can" for some time, it's looking like it will be released this month.

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE?

Heads-up specialist **Daniel "Jungleman" Cates** may be one of the all-time greatest online cash-game players, but he might want to spend a little time on his off-the-felt life skills. After the WSOP, Cates decided he would fly to San Jose del Cabo to grind a little online cash. Turns out he does know the way to San Jose, just not the one he wanted. He boarded a plane he thought would take him to Mexico, instead ending up in San Jose, Calif. Airports: 1, Jungleman: 0.

BRACELET-WINNER, BURGER-EATER

Phil Hellmuth is one of the most prolific poker players on the planet and when fast-food joint Carl's Jr. looked for a "Texas Hold'em Champion" to go heads-up with their new Texas BBQ Thickburger, the Brat got the nod. In the 15-second spot, the 13-time bracelet-winner doesn't say a word, he just sizes up his beefy opponent and snaps off a big bite. "Honey, I filmed another commercial!" We're just grateful they didn't ask him to wear and blond wig and **Paris Hilton's** bathing suit!



COLMAN SPEAKS

Daniel Colman, 24, took down the One Drop and took exception to how he was portrayed on the ESPN broadcast. Instead of being tight-lipped, as he was on TV, Colman took to social media and scolded his heads-up opponent **Daniel Negreanu** and commentator **Lon McEachern** for trying to make him sound like he "doesn't know who he is yet." According to Colman "I am actually 100 percent certain in who I am. ... I do not care about poker. I just see it as a distraction to people, just like any sport/TV show/movie. Taking away the focus from things that matter to people's lives."

HOOP DREAMS

World Series of Poker champ **Ryan Riess** may not be sponsored but he was tapped to be labeled a "celebrity" in the most recent Nike 3-on-3 Celebrity charity tournament. Riess went to Los Angeles and lived out his hoop dreams with the likes of NFL great **Terrell Owens**, music star **Lil Romeo** and star of *Kick Ass* and *Super-Bad* **Christopher "McLovin" Mintz-Plasse**.



LOOKING FOR WORK

It was a rough month for sponsored poker pros. Not only did online giant PokerStars slash three of its Latin American pros contracts, including **Humberto "Shark" Brenes**, but online poker site Ultimate Poker sent more than half of its patch-wearing team pros to the unemployment line.



GOT FULL TILT SWAG?

Remember all those kitschy items you used to spend points on from the Full Tilt store? Well, more than \$3.5 million worth of those promo products seized from the old Full Tilt regime were put on the auction block recently. Instead of fetching their value, though, the auction house made about \$130K as people were only willing to pay pennies on the dollar for worthless items like FTP stress toys and mousepads.

JRB WEIGHT-LOSS BET

Perpetually broke pro and former Survivor **Jean-Robert Bellande** is in the midst of a big weight-loss bet. So, either he's going to drop a lot of weight or a lot of cash. The big man has \$70K riding on if he can go from 287 pounds to 245 pounds by Nov. 1. If JRB makes his target weight and collects, he'll have earned \$1,660 for every pound lost.



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