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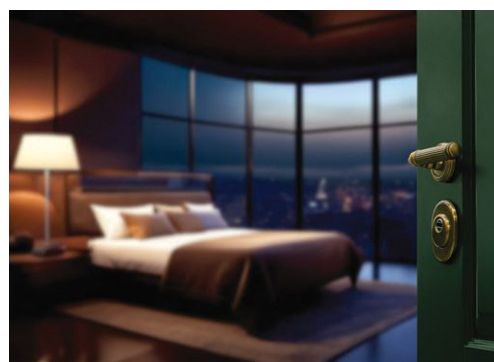
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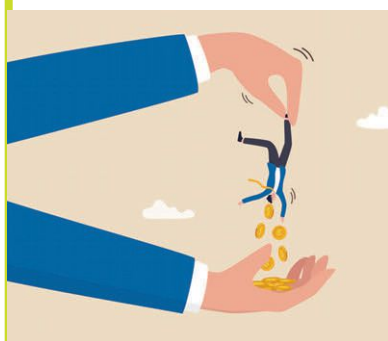
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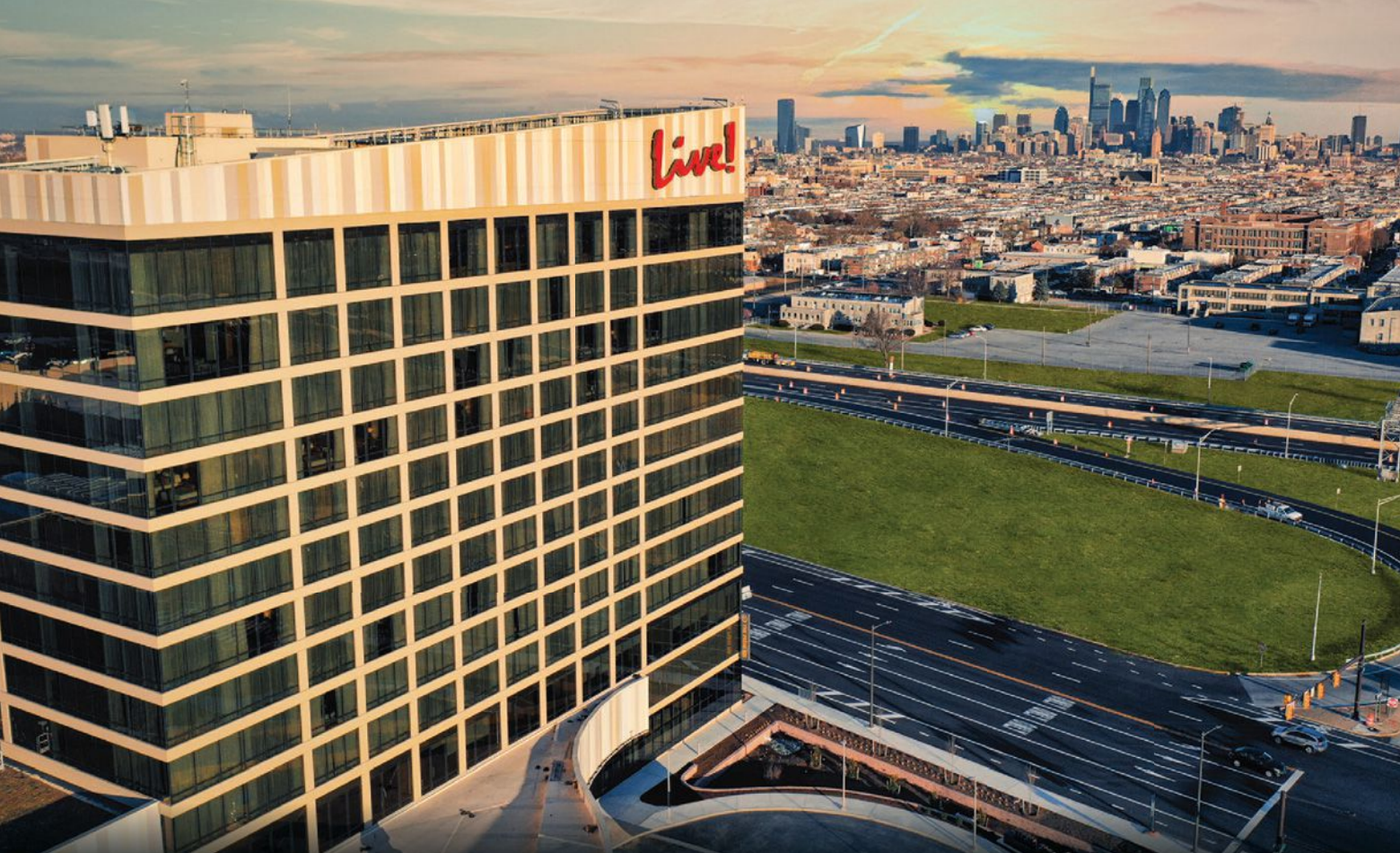
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# Jackpots, Legends and Unbelievable Wins

Tales from the casino floor

**W**e all have our stories about beating the casino. And if you're like me, you share these tales of victory over and over again with anyone who'll listen. More than once, my friends and family have been conscripted to patiently sit and endure the story of the time I won a hand pay on a slot machine on my very last pull.

"Yes sir. I was done for. I was down to my last three dollars on the credit meter, when suddenly BAM! Here comes a \$2,000 jackpot to save the day."

And now thanks to the magic of social media, we have plenty of pictures and video to share to go along with the tale. While most players have fairly typical jackpot stories, every so often there are extraordinary wins—those rare, unforgettable moments that truly deserve to be retold.

Megabucks has long been the gold standard when it comes to life-changing slot jackpots, and last month's Player of the Month proved just how real the dream can be. A Utah resident turned a casual \$5 spin into an astonishing \$12.3 million payday at Virgin River Casino in Mesquite, NV. The lucky pull came from the Megabucks Spitfire Multipliers Red Hot 7s slot machine on Feb. 16, instantly transforming a weekend getaway into a moment of unforgettable fortune.

And spectacular is exactly what Megabucks delivers. The largest win in the history of the game still belongs to a 25-year-old software engineer from Los Angeles, who struck it rich at Excalibur Las Vegas in 2003—hitting for a mind-blowing \$39.7 million after wagering just \$100. Since its launch in 1986, Megabucks in Nevada alone has crowned 97 winners and paid out an incredible \$940,479,393.46 in jackpots, according to IGT representatives. For players chasing that once-in-a-lifetime score, Megabucks remains the ultimate dream machine.

Wheel of Fortune slots are no stranger to life-changing payouts either, regularly spinning out multimillion-dollar jackpots that turn everyday players into instant millionaires.

Consider the babysitter, Jessica Agbunag, who in 2008 visited Las Vegas with her family in remembrance of her grandmother's birthday. Being her first trip to Vegas, of course she had to play a little bit. Who

wouldn't? It was a decision that would change her life forever. After putting a mere \$16 into a Wheel Of Fortune progressive slot at California Hotel And Casino she hit a massive \$2.4 million jackpot. Not bad for your first visit to Sin City.

Largest Wheel of Fortune jackpot in history was awarded when Tommy McMillan of Woolmarket, MS, won \$14.4 million on a dollar game at the Hard Rock Casino Biloxi in 2009.

Table games are no stranger to big wins—and even bigger losses. There's the well-publicized story of Ashley Revell who, in 2004, sold all of his possessions—including his clothes—and gambled the resulting \$135,300 on a single spin of the roulette wheel at the Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Revell placed his bet on red; the ball ended up on 7 red, and Revell had doubled his money to \$270,600. After which he gave \$600 to a dealer as a tip, said, "thank you!" and left the casino.

In my opinion, the biggest odds beater of the century has to be Patricia Demauro. Her claim to fame? In 2009 this New Jersey grandmother rolled her way to fortune and glory at the craps table at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City. Against all odds she managed to throw those dice 154 consecutive times without throwing a seven.

Demauro's 154-roll lucky streak lasted a staggering four hours and 18 minutes, breaking the world record for the longest craps roll and the most successive dice rolls without "sevening out." Comparatively, according to a Stanford University statistics professor, the chances of that happening are smaller than getting struck by lightning (one in a million), being hit by an errant ball at a baseball game (one in 1.5 million) or winning the lottery (one in 100 million, depending on the game). In fact, the odds of achieving such a feat have been calculated to be roughly 1 in 1.56 trillion.

While she declined to ever reveal exactly how much she won, if she made good bets, it was likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars range; if she made expert-level bets, we'd be talking in the millions.

One of the most legendary figures in gambling history is Australian media tycoon Kerry Packer. Known for his high-stakes style, Packer's most iconic gambling triumph unfolded at the MGM Grand



in Las Vegas in May 1995. It's said he won a staggering \$20 million in just 40 minutes, all while playing blackjack. Betting \$250,000 at a time on as many as eight tables simultaneously, Packer's remarkable streak remains one of the most celebrated moments in Las Vegas history.

While the win at the MGM Grand is the stuff of legend, not every bet went his way. In the late 1990s, Packer visited a prestigious London casino and wagered \$15 million across four roulette tables—only to lose it all. Ouch!

Win or lose, Packer was just as famous for his generosity as he was for his gambling. He once gave a brand-new car to a casino valet and wrote a \$130,000 check to help a cocktail waitress pay off her mortgage. After another multimillion-dollar win at the Las Vegas Hilton, he reportedly left a \$1.3 million tip to be split among the dealers and an additional \$100,000 for the lounge singer.

In the world of casino games, sometimes you hit it big... and sometimes you walk away with nothing but a great story.

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Diane Stevens-Gillan, longtime production director of *Casino Player* and *Strictly Slots*. Diane was more than a dedicated team member—she was the heartbeat of our production team, known for her precision, passion and unwavering commitment. Her kindness, loyalty and attention to detail touched everyone she worked with, and her absence leaves a deep void in our *Casino Player* family.

We will miss her dearly.



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## Slots at Sea

I read the letter titled “Winning Big at Sea” in your February issue. As a conservative budget player, I too have acquired some very generous rewards on cruise ships. I have gone on 10 cruises this past year that have been “free” or greatly reduced and I have only reached their second tier level. On my last few cruises, I’ve heard many complaints from players at the machines that the casino payouts are best on the first and last days of the cruise.

On the in-between days, the machines are “tightened up.” They think since the machines are not regulated as they are on land, that the casino changes the payouts. Can the casino change the payout of a machine from day to day? I was under the impression that when the machine is purchased the payout is the payout and can’t be altered. What is the truth?

—Steve  
Long Island, NY

*The truth is that any slot machine can be changed from day to day, by switching between game programs within a machine. In traditional casinos, that takes a lot of labor, as each machine needs to be opened to swap out game chips, so in most situations, you are correct: The purchased game program remains in place for the life of the machine.*

*That’s not to say programs are not swapped out on the high seas. It’s certainly possible, even though it’s not accepted practice among casino slot personnel.*

## The Influencers

I’ve been getting your magazine for many years now and love it as much as ever.

You can’t go on Facebook or YouTube without seeing the slot influencers. There are so many of them now, although I think Brian Christopher was one of the first. He has really made an industry out of it. Tell us, your patrons, your opinion: Has it heightened the casino industry? I’m sure many of your subscribers would love to hear your thoughts. Maybe do a whole article on them.

—Evelyn A.  
Via email

*We actually have done articles on the influencers, but as far as their value to the casino industry, it has been positive. It’s provided a way for players to see new games live, as they’re being played, before deciding whether or not to spend their own money on them. Casinos now look at the influencers, and the well-attended events they host while live-streaming games are a great way to market the slot floor.*

## VLTs vs. Slots

Can you explain how payouts are controlled on video lottery terminals (VLTs) compared to traditional slot machines that use a random number generator? I’ve noticed that the VLTs at my casino seem to be much tighter, and I’m curious if the casino has direct control over the payouts or if they operate differently from regular slots.

—M.M.  
Cleveland, OH

*In the vast majority of cases, the term “video lottery terminal” is a political distinction that simply identifies the state lottery as the owner or operator of the games. The machines themselves are identical to the slot machines in Las Vegas, Atlantic City or other commercial locations, random number generator and all. This is true in Ohio, as well as West Virginia and other states. In the states of Washington and New York, slots operate*

*on a central determinant system that determines results from a preset electronic “stack” of lottery tickets. The percentages are similar, but the reels and video screens are displaying the win on the electronic ticket.*

## Where are the Quarters?

Please tell me where all the dollar bill-fed quarter machines have gone. I understand that mechanically some have gone to the junkyard or graveyard. What few are left are in extreme demand when found.

Please let management know that there are still quarter denomination players alive and in need of machines. I see hundreds of dollar machines sit vacant. They can make them denominational and make money and we can still get action.

Thanks for letting me vent.  
—Michele S.  
Via email

*Unfortunately, the penny games are the ones most sought out these days by players. Consequently, traditional quarter slots have been squeezed out of the slot floor in many instances. You can still find good quarter reel-spinners if you look, and a few of the slot suppliers are still churning out new games in traditional formats.*

*Check the Las Vegas locals casinos for your best shot at finding some decent quarter slots.*

## Changing Payouts

I have been reading your magazine for many years. I have often read you say that to change the payout on a machine, you must get the gaming commissioner involved and literally change the chip. I play in Alabama where the Poarch Indians own all of the casinos. There is no gaming commissioner in Alabama. In their system, can they change their payout with a flip of the switch? They have the bingo-type slot machines.

—Billy  
Pine Level, AL

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*Traditionally, a physical chip change was required to change a game program (with the payback percentage). However, games connected to a central computer server can be altered remotely to switch out game programs. In most jurisdictions, that would need regulatory notification, but the Poarch Creek tribe is considered a sovereign nation, and the state does not require public reporting of payback percentages.*

## Where's Whitney?

I recently wrote in and shared my thoughts regarding wide-area progressive (WAP) slot machines and why I don't play them (*Strictly Slots*, September 2024). I mentioned several WAP titles, including the new Whitney Houston WAP slot. In your reply, you stated that, "Most of the games you mentioned are still in casinos—Whitney Houston was only released a few months ago." I was just at my local casino (March 2025), and guess what? The bank of Whitney Houston slot machines had been removed. I also verified this on the casino website "Slot Search" feature. I can only assume that this game underperformed as compared to other slot machines in the casino?

—Mike D

Texas

*That's always the reason a slot is removed from a floor. Premium games like this are leased by the casino. If they don't make the profit that justifies the lease cost, they're gone, and with leased games, that's an easy proposition—the manufacturer provides new software, and those units become completely different games.*

*Of course, IGT has just released a sequel to the Whitney Houston game. It could be that the casino is preparing to offer the new Whitney game instead.*

## Must-Hit-By

When a slot machine has a must-hit-by amount, does it increase the same amount from reset to the max? If it takes \$3 of play to move it 1 cent, does that change the closer it gets to the must-

hit-by amount? Someone told me that they found a machine where the amount it took to raise the must-hit-by amount by 1 cent increased the closer it got to the hit-by number. That is something I have never heard of.

—Gary S.

Michigan

*The rate that a progressive jackpot increments does not change. On must-hit-by jackpots, once the level passes a certain threshold, the computer chooses a random machine to award the jackpot before the hit-by number.*

## Five or 10 Hands?

I was in an Atlantic City casino and saw a player dealt a royal flush playing 25-cent Ten Play Dreamcard for a hand pay of \$10,000. It got me wondering if, all things being equal, would she have been dealt a royal if playing three hands or five hands instead? In other words, is the RNG the same regardless of the number of hands played?

—JS

Burke, VA

*Yes, the random number generator operates in the same manner regardless of the number of hands being played or the wager made. A dealt royal has a probability of one in 600,000. The only difference with a different number of hands would be the payout. Lucky for that player, it was a Ten Play machine. She would have only gotten \$3,000 on Triple Play Poker.*

## Correction

In the Publisher's Letter of the March issue, we mistakenly stated that Foxwoods Resort Casino is located in Ledyard, CT. The correct location is Mashantucket, CT. We regret the error.





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## Live! Casino & Hotel Virginia Breaks Ground



**B**ruce Smith Enterprise and The Cordish Companies marked a major milestone on March 19 with the groundbreaking of Live! Casino & Hotel Virginia in Petersburg. The project, part of a \$1.4 billion master plan, is expected to bring billions in economic benefits, thousands of jobs, and a premier entertainment destination to the region. Set to open in 2027, the resort will feature 450,000 square feet of gaming, hotel and dining space, a 200-room upscale hotel, a 4,000-seat entertainment venue and a state-of-the-art casino with 1,600 slot machines, 65 table games, a sportsbook and high-limit gaming areas.

To jumpstart economic impact, a temporary gaming facility will open by the end of 2025, featuring 900 slot machines, 33 table games, and dining options. Over its first decade, the project is expected to generate \$2.8 billion in economic stimulus, \$504 million in tax revenue and 7,500 jobs—6,100 during construction and 1,400 permanent positions.

“Today marks a monumental day for The Cordish Companies as we expand our Live! brand into the Central Virginia region with the development of Live! Casino & Hotel Virginia,” said Zed Smith, chief operating officer for The Cordish Companies. “Our company is a national leader in successfully developing and managing large-scale urban revitalization projects across the country. Live! Casino & Hotel will be a transformative development that will bring a world-class gaming and entertainment experience to millions of visitors, create significant new jobs, and generate millions of dollars in economic benefits for the community that will provide a beneficial impact for generations. We look forward to making an immediate impact on the region with the construction of a temporary gaming facility that will be operational before the end of 2025, so that we can begin creating jobs, vendor opportunities and economic benefits for the City.”





## Jamul Casino Resort Sets New Standard for Luxury with High-Tech Hotel Opening

Jamul Casino Resort is preparing for the grand opening of its highly anticipated boutique hotel tower this May, signaling a new chapter in luxury, innovation and technology for the Southern California destination. With a commitment to offering a world-class guest experience, the resort is setting a new standard for technology-driven stays, incorporating advanced in-room automation and intuitive services designed to enhance every guest's visit.

In collaboration with top-tier technology providers, Jamul Casino Resort is transforming the way guests interact with their environment. Each room will feature the DigiValet control system, a tablet-based and Alexa-powered interface with multilingual support. This system empowers visitors to effortlessly manage their room's lighting, temperature, entertainment options and request hotel services, all through simple voice commands or touch.

Additionally, the resort has partnered with LUCI Systems to deliver a centralized multimedia platform that allows guests to manage in-room entertainment, change TV channels and explore property-wide content with a single, intuitive touch. These innovations provide a seamless and personalized experience, elevating the standard of luxury at Jamul Casino Resort.

"We've integrated technologies that not only enhance the guest experience but also set the stage for future advancements," said Charles Daniel, Jr., VP of Information Technology. "Our goal is to empower guests to control their stay effortlessly from the palm of their hand, whether it's adjusting room settings or interacting with hotel staff in real-time."

Communication has also been elevated with the introduction of AI-powered messaging solutions from Canary Technologies. This system allows for real-time interaction between guests and hotel staff via text messaging, eliminating the need for app downloads and offering immediate service requests—further enhancing convenience and responsiveness.

In addition to the cutting-edge in-room technology, the resort has also implemented a cloud-based property management system from InforHMS, which streamlines reservations, check-ins, room assignments and transactions. This system creates a frictionless and efficient experience from the moment guests arrive.

"Technology is at the heart of our commitment to continuous innovation," Daniel continued. "With these advancements, we're creating an environment where guests can enjoy comfort, luxury, and personalized service at the highest level."

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



## PECHANGA RESORT CASINO TO GIVE AWAY A BRAND-NEW HOME IN TEMECULA

In an unprecedented promotion, Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, CA, is set to hand over the keys to a brand-new home in Temecula to one lucky winner. From March through May, Pechanga Club members have the chance to win a four-bedroom, three-bath home in the gated Prado community, built by Meritage Homes.

The grand prize home sits on a spacious corner lot and features an open-concept floor plan, a chef-inspired kitchen, energy-efficient features and a fully equipped interior with appliances and window coverings. The Prado community also offers premium amenities, including a pool, clubhouse, picnic areas and parks.

Adding star power to the event, veteran TV home show host Ty Pennington will be featured in Pechanga's promotions for the giveaway. Pennington will also be on hand for the live finale on Friday, May 30, when he presents the home's keys to the grand prize winner.



## Tulalip Resort Casino Unveils New High-Limit Slots Room Amid Major Expansion

**T**ulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA, opened its newly renovated high-limit slots room, marking a key milestone in the property's extensive expansion and renovation project. The upgraded space spans 4,000 square feet and features 73 high-limit slot machines across 22 themes, including new game titles. Enhancing the premium gaming experience, the room also introduces a new bar with five bartop slot machines.

This unveiling is part of a larger redevelopment plan that includes a 70,250-square-foot expansion set for completion in late 2025, with all major renovations across the resort expected to conclude by late 2026. In addition to gaming enhancements, several dining venues are receiving upgrades, including Blackfish Wild Salmon Grill, Blackfish Bar and Journeys East To-Go counter and bar.



Currently spanning 200,000 square feet, Tulalip Resort Casino's transformation is designed to enhance the guest experience while incorporating cultural and environmental elements reflecting the Tulalip Tribe's heritage. Inspired by the Salish Sea, shorelines and forests, the property's new architectural features will integrate natural materials and a vibrant color palette.

"The upgraded high-limit slots room is representative of our team-wide focus to provide guests with gaming variety and player-friendly comforts," said Tulalip Gaming President Marci Fryberg. "The major renovation and expansion project is reflective of our ongoing commitment to remain the region's favorite destination as a premier gaming, dining, meeting, entertainment and shopping experience in Washington State."



## M Resort Unveils Patio: A New Outdoor Dining Destination

**J**ust in time for spring, M Resort Spa Casino in Las Vegas, NV, turned up the heat with the debut of Patio, an all-new outdoor dining experience that opened on April 4. Located next to the M Pool, Patio combines vibrant ambiance, bold flavors and immersive entertainment, creating Henderson's next go-to gathering spot.

Guests can unwind under the desert sky on plush lounge seating, surrounded by string lights and a lively soundtrack of live entertainment and sports on a massive LED screen. Whether you're sipping a handcrafted cocktail, enjoying a flavorful meal or watching the big game, Patio delivers a relaxed yet elevated vibe.

Curated by M Resort's culinary team, the menu offers a modern spin on Mexican classics. Start with bold bites like charred salsa verde, pineapple & toasted chili, Rock Shrimp Ceviche or Hamachi Crudo. Entrées range from street-style tacos and sizzling fajitas to the standout Carne Asada, a guajillo chili-rubbed grilled ribeye with spring onion and salsa de molcajete.

Don't miss the sides—Esquites and frioles charros add rich,



authentic flavors—and save room for dessert with classic churros or honey-drizzled sopaipillas.

Patio's cocktail menu brings creative flair with drinks like the spicy Jalapeño Margarita, fruity Dragon Fruit Margarita, refreshing Peartini and tropical Hurricane.

Guests can enjoy Dive-In Movie Nights, UFC Watch Parties and live sports broadcasts on the expansive LED screen and surrounding TVs, making Patio the perfect spot for any season.



## Las Vegas Icon “O” by Cirque du Soleil Celebrates 12,000th Performance at Bellagio

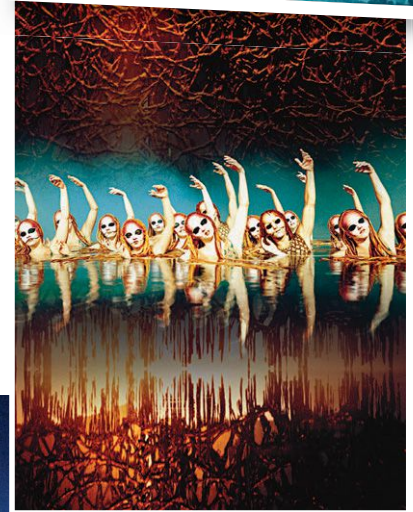
One of the crown jewels of Las Vegas entertainment, “O” by Cirque du Soleil, recently reached a monumental milestone in its legendary run. On Feb. 7, the aquatic spectacular dazzled audiences for the 12,000th time at its iconic theater inside Bellagio. For over 26 years, this visually stunning and emotionally stirring production has redefined what live entertainment can be.

Since its premiere in 1998, “O” has captivated more than 20 million guests from around the world, becoming the most successful single production in global entertainment history.

The production’s beating heart is its massive 1.5-million-gallon pool, around which a cast of

world-class acrobats and eight former Olympic athletes perform breathtaking feats of strength, grace and skill. Seamlessly blending aerial acts, synchronized swimming and innovative stagecraft, “O” is a marvel of artistic expression and human athleticism.

Inspired by the concept of infinity and the fluid elegance of water, “O” pays homage to the timeless beauty of the theatre—ranging from street performance to grand opera. With its instantly recognizable characters and ever-evolving artistry, “O” continues to be a must-see spectacle, celebrating the drama, wonder and possibility of live performance.



## MGM Rewards Launches \$5 Million Slot Challenge

MGM Rewards has launched the MGM Rewards \$5 Million Slot Challenge, an eight-month-long competition open to all MGM Rewards members. The challenge will conclude with an exclusive \$5,000,000 No-Entry-Fee Slot Tournament weekend at Bellagio Resort & Casino from Sept. 18-20. The first 200 players to earn 1.5 million qualifying slot tier credits will secure a spot in the event.

The earning period runs now through Aug. 31. Players can visit the MGM Rewards \$5 Million Slot Challenge website for details on how to qualify.

The event weekend will feature multiple tournaments and prize opportunities, including:

- The Elite \$3,000,000 Slot Tournament, featuring the 200 qualified players.
- The Ultimate \$1,500,000 Slot Tournament, including the top 50 slot tier credit earners.
- \$250,000 Drawings, where 10 participants will each win \$25,000 in Freeplay.
- \$250,000 Top 5 Leaderboard Bonus, awarded to the top five slot tier credit earners.

For official rules, prize structures and additional details, visit [www.mgmgrand.mgmresorts.com](http://www.mgmgrand.mgmresorts.com).







## Report Predicts Major Growth for Slot Industry

The popularity of slot machines shows no signs of letting up. That's the message from a new report from the firm Research and Markets. The study details that the global market for gaming machines was valued at \$77.2 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach \$107 billion by 2030, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 5.6% from 2024 to 2030. Technology is the biggest driver of that growth as well as additional legalization. Younger players who have grown up with digital entertainment and video games are also attracted to the interactivity seen in many modern games.

"The gambling machine industry is undergoing rapid transformation due to technological advancements aimed at enhancing player experience, increasing engagement, and improving operational efficiency for casinos," the report notes. "One of the most significant innovations is the adoption of digital and online gaming platforms, allowing traditional slot machines to evolve into interactive, multi-functional gaming devices.

"Modern machines are now equipped with large touchscreens, 3D graphics, and dynamic animations that deliver a more immersive experience. The use of video game mechanics, such as skill-based elements, is becoming increasingly popular, particularly among younger players who seek more interactive and engaging gaming experiences."

Advanced data analytics and player tracking systems are also transforming the way casinos reach customers and optimize the gaming experience.

"This data-driven approach not only enhances player satisfaction but also helps operators manage floor space more efficiently by identifying which machines are performing well and which are under-utilized," the report notes.

Research and Markets predicted augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) should begin to play more of a role in slot development in the coming years, with players "transported into fully virtual casino environments, playing slot games in a completely new setting."



## KÀ Celebrates 20 Years of Epic Storytelling at MGM Grand

Las Vegas' theater scene reached a thrilling milestone as KÀ by Cirque du Soleil marked its 20th anniversary on Feb. 18 at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino. Since its explosive debut in 2005, KÀ has stood as a towering achievement in live entertainment, captivating audiences with its cinematic tale of love, conflict and triumph.

A staple on the Strip, KÀ immerses guests in a fully realized world through a dynamic stage that transforms into towering cliffs, fiery battlegrounds and more. The production is famous for its gravity-defying acrobatics and intense battle scenes—brought to life by a cast of world-class performers and cutting-edge technology. Remarkably, 24 original cast members are still part of the production two decades later.

A true fusion of theatrical innovation and artistic brilliance, KÀ continues to redefine what's possible on stage. And fans have even more to look forward to, as the show's run has been extended through November 2026—offering plenty of chances to witness this unforgettable Las Vegas experience.

## Kansas Star Casino Debuts Star Market Food Hall

Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane, KS, unveiled its brand-new Star Market Food Hall, a vibrant communal dining space bringing together four fast-casual concepts under one roof in early March.

Guests can enjoy diverse dining options from 35 Brew Street, Stella Bistro, Asian Noodle and Taqueria Buena. From early-morning coffee and pastries to late-night bites, the food hall offers something for every craving.

Highlights include gourmet sandwiches and coffee at 35 Brew Street, customizable pizzas and strombolis at Stella Bistro, bold



Asian flavors at Asian Noodle, and street-style favorites like tacos and burrito bowls at Taqueria Buena.

Open daily from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m., Star Market is the latest addition to Kansas Star's offerings. For details, visit [KansasStar.BoydGaming.com](https://www.KansasStar.BoydGaming.com).





## Lights, Legends and Loud Guitars: *Amplified Rocks Into Illuminarium*

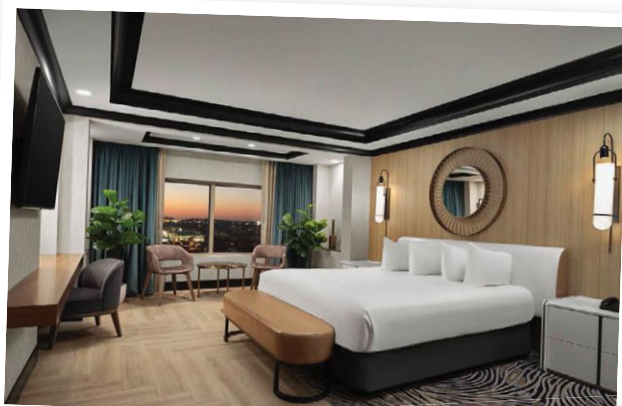
**G**et ready to rock like never before—Rolling Stone Presents: *Amplified, The Immersive Rock Experience* debuted March 12 at Illuminarium Las Vegas at AREA15. This groundbreaking 360-degree immersive experience is a high-voltage celebration of rock 'n' roll's music, culture and legacy. Featuring more than 1,000 photographs, 200 videos, 1,300 *Rolling Stone* magazine covers and music from over 300 legendary artists, *Amplified* promises to take fans on a visually and sonically stunning journey through the history of the genre that changed the world.

## Ameristar St. Charles Unveils Fully Renovated All-Suite Hotel

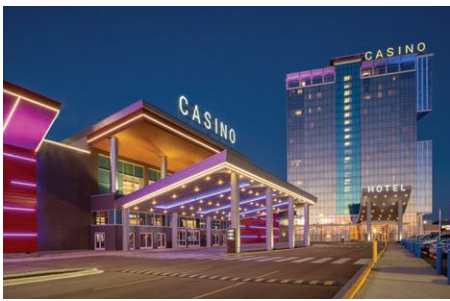
**A**meristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles has unveiled a complete remodel of its 397 all-suite hotel rooms, marking a major milestone in the property's continued transformation. The renovation enhances the AAA Four Diamond experience guests have come to expect, blending modern elegance with elevated comfort.

The redesigned suites feature a bold, high-contrast aesthetic, with bleached oak furnishings, jewel-toned upholstery and sleek, upscale touches reminiscent of high-rise city apartments. Ranging from 650 to 1,800 square feet, each suite includes custom headboards with built-in power outlets, USB-C ports and adjustable reading lights. Bathrooms are upgraded with granite vanities and backlit mirrors, adding a refined, contemporary flair.

This renovation is just the beginning. Ameristar is set to debut a dramatically expanded convention center later this fall—tripling its current event space—and will soon introduce exciting new dining concepts, including a modern gastropub, energetic sports bar and a steakhouse.







# Level Up Your Play

Lucky North Rewards unlocks more perks, more places, more fun

**D**elaware North has launched an expanded and enhanced player rewards program for its U.S. casinos and gaming properties. The new Lucky North Rewards, formerly known as Lucky North Club, offers longer tier-earning and benefit-use periods, expanded property and destination benefits and new national and local partnerships for discounted and complimentary experiences. Players can enjoy rewards such as gaming offers, hotel stays, gifts, dining, casino amenities and travel packages.

Nathan Holobowski, vice president of marketing for Delaware North's gaming division, says: "As Delaware North continues to grow our gaming business, we made it a priority to make our player loyalty program much more robust and competitive to reward our players and entice new ones. Our players will earn rewards more easily and enjoy a greater experience at our casinos—as well as more and better additional experiences as a result of their participation."

The program has nearly 2.5 million members across Delaware North's gaming portfolio, which includes Southland Casino Hotel in Arkansas, Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack in West Virginia, Mardi Gras Casino & Resort in West Virginia, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack in New York, Hamburg Gaming in New York, Gate City Casino in New Hampshire, Daytona Beach Racing & Card Club in Florida, and Orange City Racing & Card Club in Florida. Earlier this year, all previous Lucky North Club accounts were automatically transitioned to Lucky North Rewards accounts without any changes to point balances or other aspects.

One of the most significant enhancements is the introduction of 12-month tier-earning and benefits-use periods, doubling the previous six-month periods. Some point-earning ratios and tier thresholds have been adjusted, making it up to 40% easier to achieve higher status at select locations. The tier levels remain the same: Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire, Diamond and Black Diamond. Members can now upgrade their

status as soon as they earn it and enjoy those benefits for the remainder of the current year and the entire following year.

Lucky North Rewards has also partnered with national brands to provide exclusive benefits beyond the casino. Carnival Cruise Line offers complimentary or discounted cruises based on player tiers.

Fontainebleau Las Vegas provides complimentary or preferred room rates at its luxury resort. Additionally, members receive a 20% discount on the 1-800-Flowers family of brands, including Shari's Berries, Harry & David and The Popcorn Factory. More national and regional partnerships will be introduced throughout 2025.

The Lucky North Destinations program has expanded, adding more Delaware North-operated travel destinations for players to visit with complimentary and discounted access. Players can now access 16 destinations, including The Squire at Grand Canyon, Tenaya at Yosemite, Gray Wolf Inn & Suites, multiple Yellowstone Park properties, Southland Casino Hotel, and the Courtyard Titusville Kennedy Space Center. Additionally, members receive discounted admission to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, which Delaware North operates for NASA.

Expanded benefits include gaming offers, hotel stays, gifts, dining, casino amenities and travel packages, with more benefits planned through new partnerships in the coming months. Depending on the property, players can receive complimentary and discounted hotel stays, VIP check-in and late check-out, priority restaurant reservations and discounts, complimentary valet parking, and tier-match status with other Delaware North gaming properties.

Later this year, Delaware North will introduce the Hero Program, which provides active-duty military, veterans and first responders with a specially designated Lucky North Rewards card. Those eligible will receive an automatic upgrade to the Emerald tier if not already qualified, along with additional property-specific benefits.





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# Jackpots, Dining and More

Your Winning Adventure Starts at Nisqually Red Wind Casino

**T**he award-winning Nisqually Red Wind Casino in Olympia, WA, is the premier gaming and dining destination in the South Sound. With a sprawling 46,000-square-foot gaming floor, the casino delivers nonstop excitement with over 1,700 slot machines, keno, sports betting, and a thrilling mix of table games, including blackjack, roulette, craps with 10x odds, Head's Up Hold'em, Let It Ride, Player's Edge 21, High Card Flush and Emperor's Challenge.

It's time to hit the slots at Red Wind Casino! With more than 1,650 titles to choose from, there's a game for every style of play. Be among the first to try the newest slot releases, including Cash Advance Fire Magic, Chick-A-Boom, Zoltar Master of Mysteries, Wild Wish, Cosmic Wheel Link, Golden Money and many more.

Red Wind Casino offers an exciting selection of table games, providing players with a variety of ways to test their luck and skill. Red Wind's award-winning table games section has moved to the smoke-free side of the casino for a more comfortable experience. Try your hand at roulette, where you can track hot and cold numbers before placing your bets. Experience the fast-paced excitement of craps, featuring 10x odds for even bigger wins. For a unique twist on a classic favorite, Lucky Ladies Blackjack rewards players for matching cards with impressive payouts. Emperor's Challenge Pai Gow Poker offers a no-commission play style with exciting bonus bets to keep the action going. Player's Edge 21 combines elements of traditional blackjack with a chance to score big in the Super Bonus jackpot. Let It Ride lets players compete against the payable in a thrilling five-card poker game, while Heads-Up Hold 'Em presents a unique variation of Ultimate Hold 'Em for those who enjoy strategic play. Blackjack lovers can also take on 21 + 3 Xtreme, which adds an optional bonus wager for even more ways to win. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer, Red Wind Casino's table games promise an unforgettable gaming experience.

Try your luck with live keno jackpots topping \$50,000, or experience the fast-paced action of Wild Wind Keno. For just \$1.25 a ticket, you can join the Progressive Keno game for a chance to hit it big!

Guests can enjoy a variety of dining options, from casual to upscale, including Medicine Creek Deli, Pealo's Bar, Coho Sports Lounge, River Water Bar & Grille, and the newly opened food hall, The Delta.

At The Delta, Nisqually Red Wind brings together great taste and convenience, offering an array of delectable dining options for every palate. Whether you're taking a break from the gaming excitement or simply craving a satisfying meal, The Delta has something to delight your senses. From quick bites to hearty meals, our food hall is stocked with choices that will keep you energized and ready for the next round of fun. Whether



you're here for a fast lunch or a memorable dinner with friends or family, you're guaranteed an unforgettable culinary experience.

Designed with comfort in mind, The Delta is the perfect place to relax and recharge. With a variety of seating op-

tions, you can enjoy your meal and socialize with loved ones or fellow casino-goers. Every bite is made to fuel you for the action ahead. Dining options at The Delta include AL Vento Rosso Italian Kitchen, Jade Asian Cuisine, La Casa Roja Tex Mex and Nisqually Grounds.

Escape the ordinary and indulge in fine dining at the River Water Bar & Grille at Nisqually Red Wind Casino. Open Thursday through Monday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., this elegant setting offers craft cocktails, signature seafood dishes, prime rib and much more. Whether you're craving a casual bite or an elevated dining experience, they've got you covered.

Need a quick bite? Visit the Medicine Creek Deli for wraps, sandwiches, snacks and salads in a relaxed, cafeteria-style setting. Perfect for breakfast, lunch or dinner with weekly Chef's Specials.

Bet like a boss at the Coho Sports Lounge. Watch your favorite games on the expansive HD video wall while enjoying delicious sports bar food. Relax with a drink at the bar or from plush lounge seating and immerse yourself in this exclusive sports betting experience.

Kick off your night at Pealo's Bar, where knowledgeable bartenders will craft the perfect drink just for you. Located just steps away from the gaming floor, Pealo's Bar is the perfect place to start your evening.

While you're at Nisqually Red Wind, take the time to explore Olympia's best attractions, including Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Nisqually Reach Nature Center, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington State Capitol Building and local museums.

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# Terry Fator Brings a Brand-New Show to The STRAT

A hilarious, star-studded spectacle

By Steve Kieva

**G**et ready for an unforgettable night of comedy, music and mind-blowing ventriloquism with *Terry Fator: One Man, a Hundred Voices, a Thousand Laughs!* at The STRAT Casino Hotel & Tower in Las Vegas. *The America's Got Talent* champion delivers a high-energy performance filled with spot-on celebrity impressions, hilarious puppetry and a mix of music and comedy that will leave you in stitches.

This immersive production showcases Fator's world-class talent as a ventriloquist, singer and comedian. His cast of beloved puppet co-stars—Winston the Impersonating Turtle, Maynard Thompkins the Elvis impersonator and many more—bring to life the greatest songs of rock, country, soul, pop and Broadway. From Garth Brooks and Lionel Richie to Elvis Presley and Taylor Swift, the show's music, humor and dazzling multimedia elements create an experience like no other.

"Terry is undoubtedly one of the most talented performers to headline in Las Vegas, and we are thrilled to be partnering with him at The STRAT," says Adam Steck, founder & CEO of SPI Entertainment. "This all-new show will not only showcase his incredible talent but will feature state-of-the-art production and multimedia elements."

Fator, who skyrocketed to fame after winning *America's Got Talent* in 2007, has spent over 15 years headlining on the Las Vegas Strip. His seamless blend of singing, comedy and impressions has captivated millions, and his latest show promises even more surprises, new celebrity cameos and never-before-seen performances.

"It has been a privilege to call Las Vegas home for more than 15 years and to bring so many voices to life every night on stage for my incredible audiences," said Fator. "With the support of our co-producer SPI Entertainment, I couldn't be more excited to start this new chapter at The STRAT—where literally, the sky's the limit."

Don't miss this fresh take on Fator's legendary act—*Terry Fator: One Man, a Hundred Voices, a Thousand Laughs!* is a must-see Vegas experience filled with music, laughter and mind-blowing talent.

I recently had the opportunity to interview Terry and ask him several questions.



PHOTO BY TOM DONOGHUE

**CP:** When did you make the decision to be a ventriloquist? Was there one particular person that influenced you?

**TF:** When I was 10 years old, I had to write an essay for school so I went to the library to look for a topic to write about. There was a book by the legendary ventriloquist Paul Winchell. I took it home, read it and was hooked. I then went and got my first puppet and taught myself how to talk without moving my lips. My only regret is I think I forgot to return the library book, and it's now 50 years overdue.

**It's a much different world since you won AGT and performed at The Mirage. Have you tailored your show to always focus on current situations?**

I'm lucky because the puppets in my show are timeless. It doesn't matter the year; we all know a stoner/slacker like Duggie or a cougar like Vikki. And I'm always writing new jokes and doing new comedic parodies of the latest hit songs.

**Has your new residence at The STRAT made you change the format of the show in any way?**

It's changed in two ways. Because it is a much more intimate venue, I am able to go into the audience and interact with people. The tech-



nology and screens there are great, so I've been able to add in a lot more production value.

#### **What characters does your audience want to see the most?**

If there was a popularity contest, I think it might be a three-way tie between Winston the Impersonating Turtle, Maynard the Elvis Impersonator and Vikki the Cougar. Although, if it's a country music audience, legendary country singer Walter T. Airdale might win.

#### **Politics today are very confrontational. Do you do any political segments in your show?**

I've always used my shows and characters as a way to bring people together. When they see me onstage it's a chance for people to escape and be entertained, so I stay away from all political controversies. Once in a while if someone famous has a scandal that we're all talking about and all can agree on, I'll work it into a quick joke or a parody song, but my north star is comedy, not confrontation.

#### **You're celebrating performing in Las Vegas for 18 years. How has the show evolved over the years?**

I'm always writing to keep the show current, a mix of timeless comedy and songs and just enough topical in the mix. The technology is so much better than before that I've been able to add some great visual elements. And because the show content is updated all the time and completely rewritten every few years, if you saw it in 2025 you can see it again in 2026 and feel you witnessed something totally fresh and new.

#### **With the number of characters you have at your disposal, is your show tailored to randomly use different characters for different shows?**

My road show is different from my show at The STRAT with different characters, songs and comedy, but within each show I tend to keep the same cast.

#### **When you're not performing, what do you like to do?**

When I'm not on stage performing, I still need to spend a few hours every day learning new songs and writing new material. At night, Angie and I love going to a great dinner and then watching a movie or television at home. Add in a few video games here and there and that sums it up.

*Terry Fator performs inside The STRAT Theater at 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$59-\$119 (plus tax and applicable fees). A special post-show VIP meet and greet including photo op and commemorative lanyard is available for \$50 per person. Tickets and VIP meet-and-greet packages can be purchased at the STRAT Box Office or [www.TheSTRAT.com](http://www.TheSTRAT.com). For more information and the most up-to-date performance schedule visit [TerryFator.com](http://TerryFator.com).*

## **Big Flavors, Bigger Portions—Hash House A Go Go celebrates 20 years in Las Vegas**

**F**or 20 years, Hash House A Go Go has been serving up its signature "twisted farm food" to hungry guests in Las Vegas. Known for its generous portions, bold flavors and playful takes on classic comfort dishes, Hash House A Go Go has become a must-visit dining destination. This year marks a milestone anniversary, and the restaurant is celebrating in style with a lineup of giveaways, contests and special discounts on fan-favorite dishes.



I recently caught up with Brannon Rees, marketing manager at Hash House A Go Go, who shared the exciting news of their continued success. The past year has been especially rewarding, with all locations buzzing with guests and the restaurant earning six Best of Las Vegas medals—the most of any contestant. Highlights include Gold Medals for Best Chicken & Waffles, Best Non-Casino Breakfast and Best Non-Casino Restaurant.

Brannon invites *Casino Player* readers to experience the award-winning flavors at any of their four Las Vegas locations—West Sahara, The LINQ, Henderson and Plaza Downtown. Whether you're stopping in for their famous Chicken & Waffles, oversized flapjacks or hearty farm-style hashes, Hash House A Go Go promises a meal that's as memorable as it is delicious.

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# Numbers, Numbers Everywhere!

Gambling, math and the infinite

By Frank Scoblete

I've been writing gambling columns for *Casino Player* for more than 30 years. I remember when it was a newspaper given out on the boardwalk in Atlantic City. I've always tried to make my columns clear and understandable. I think I succeeded (I *hope* I succeeded).

But this month's column is different. It might be confusing. You might think it is brilliant or idiotic. It came out of a dream I had last night. I awoke and rushed into my office to jot it all down so here it goes:

The number eight is considered to be a perfect number. Look at it—8—it has no beginning and no end. It is infinite.

All the other numbers come to crashing halts: 1 ends on the top and the bottom; 2 ends on the top and the bottom; 3 ends on the top and the bottom; 4 ends on the side and the bottom; 5 ends on the top and the bottom; 6 ends on the top; 7 ends on the side of the top and on the bottom; 9 ends on the bottom. But 8 goes on forever.

Now what about zero—as in 0? Is that a number? If it is then it is something, meaning *nothing* is *something*. If it is something then it too is infinite, no beginning and no end. But doesn't zero mean it isn't something?

What about 10; a 1 and a 0? Is that zero attached to that one actually a zero or is it the same symbol as a zero but with a different meaning? I have ten fingers, written as 10, but when you look at my fingers there is no zero involved; that just comes when I write it as a number. Look, I write five or 5 and I can count five fingers. Can I count zero fingers? Say I am nowhere near a hand; say I never saw a hand; say there are no hands in the universe. Then does "no fingers" have a meaning? Is "no fingers" something real? Bottom line—in a universe with no fingers does no fingers have a meaning? There are no *flagoleftons* in the universe too. What does that mean? Are they real because they don't exist?

Now, I have read on the internet quips by people who think they have discovered great meaning by writing something such as this: "I've lived another day and I have not had to use algebra or geometry!" Nonsense. These people are wrong. They use just about all mathematics in walking, using their vocal cords when talking, running, jumping, doing their checkbooks, putting those checkbooks in their purse or pockets, lifting their beers to their lips, and multiple other things. They



just are not aware of such usage.

Look at an infant learning the mathematics of getting around, of handling a fork, a spoon, of eating without getting the food all over his or her face. Think of the math, the geometry, of trying to walk without tumbling. Think how long it takes to get the measure of striding. The infant is not figuring out these things with words but his body is figuring out these things through its muscles. Again, math. You might call it "muscle math," the equivalent of muscle memory.

Now what has all this to do with casino gambling? Plenty.

There are casino players who decry using the math of the games to make their betting decisions, often making fun of other casino players who do so. The *math-negativos* call these mathematically *astute* players "math boys" (sometimes using "boyz" as a pejorative to degrade such players), or "mathletes," or "those jerks who think math is a big deal." They think gambling has nothing to do with math.

How wrong such anti-math folks can be! They are probably the same people who claim they never use math in most of their daily functions when they are using it consistently day by day.

Take a look at all the games and you will see that the underlying basis of each and every one of them is mathematical. Even games where picture cards are used, these are often valued as 10 or 0. (If valued as zero do picture cards exist?) Same with various values for the aces—could be 11 or could be a one.

Craps is a game that is strictly by the numbers—not just the numbers upon which you bet but the angles of your throws. You may have no ability to control the dice but every throw can be measured by angles and speeds and degrees of bounce.

Slot machines, even those with fancy graphics, are controlled by RNGs, those ubiquitous random number generators. You put your money or credit voucher into the machine (those vouchers are numbers) and the machine's numbers (RNGs) tell how you did.

As the non-math folks tell us, we are all *math boyz* and *math girlz*. Oh, and by the way, we are 100 percent right! ♠

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# A Players' Code of Conduct

Some guidelines on behavior at the tables

By Al O'Grady

Just because you can do something doesn't mean you *should*. Yes, we live in a free society, and you're entitled to spend your money however you like—but ask yourself: Do you really want to come across as naive, unprofessional, or lacking class in the eyes of the dealer or fellow players?

There's plenty of information out there—books, websites, videos—on how to play basic strategy. What's harder to find is guidance on how to conduct yourself at the table with professionalism and respect.

That's why I've put together a Players' Code of Conduct. Think of it as a dealer's guide to earning respect at the tables, no matter your skill level. These points aren't listed in order of importance—each one contributes equally to the bigger picture of how you're perceived.

## Stop Table Hopping

This is a major annoyance to everyone. Stop bouncing around from table to table. For some reason, some players feel a table is cold after losing three hands in a row, and they leave for the next table. They continue this pattern until they find the so-called “hot table” and go on a run. Losing three hands in a row is common and does not justify leaving the table.

## Ask For Permission to Join In

When sitting down, ask the players if you can join in or if they want you to wait for a few hands. This is a common courtesy to others at the table and you will get immediate respect. The original players may be on a winning streak, and they do not want someone to upset that rhythm. Respect that. Think of the Golden Rule: If you were on a winning streak, do you want someone to join in without asking? If the players were on a winning streak and you jumped in without asking and the table started losing, rightly or wrongly, you will get the blame. It is common courtesy, but for some reason, it is not that common.



## Do Not Tell Others How to Play

If you do not play perfect strategy, do not tell others how to play. You will be seen as a hypocrite and a bully by the dealer and other advanced players. In my experience, less than 2% of all players I encounter play perfect strategy. Even the big-money players make strategy errors all the time. If you are the type that sticks on 16 all the time and does not double down against a dealer's 10, you are violating perfect strategy. If you are knowingly or unknowingly violating basic strategy, do not tell others how to play. There is a way to encourage basic play for novice players. Respectfully tell them that it is their money, and they can do whatever they want, but they are not playing the percentages and explain the rationale. By being respectful and not condescending to weaker players generates harmony at the table. You will find they will be asking for your opinion on future hands as well.

## NEVER Berate the Dealer for a Mistake

Of course, this one is near and dear to my heart, but never give the dealer a tough time for making an honest mistake. The job is hard enough at times. Dealers are human too. Nobody is perfect. I could deal 1,000 hands in a day. If I am 99.9% accurate, that means I will make 10



mistakes over eight hours. The laws of probability will show my imperfections. It is not a matter of if, but when, a dealer makes a mistake. When that does happen, it is not the end of the world. Respectfully point out the error. A supervisor will be called in and the error is corrected. No harm, no foul. Do not compound the problem with hostility. It solves nothing. This brings me to my next point.

### NEVER Blame the Dealer for a Losing Hand

For some reason, people think dealers have some sort of magical power and we can control the cards that come out of the shoe. News flash: we cannot. If we did have that magical power, we would be sitting on the other side of the table and become independently wealthy taking down the casino. You are not going to win every hand. Over the course of time, you will win slightly less than 50% of all hands dealt. If you cannot accept that, then you should not be playing. Dealers can understand if you lose a tough hand. We can understand that you are upset with the situation. Just do not make it personal.

### Do Not Buy In With Low Denominations or Crumpled Up Bills

You never get a second chance for a first impression. If you are sitting

down at a \$25 blackjack table, most players buy in with \$100s, \$50s or \$20s. What do you think the dealer and the rest of the table think of you if you bring in \$10s or \$5s? The word "unprofessional" come to mind. Buying in with low denominations is a clear signal that you do not belong at this table. Secondly, do not buy in with crumpled-up bills regardless of the denomination. While the bills do not have to be fresh off the presses, they should not have been in your dirty jeans pocket for the last three months either.

### Tip the Dealer

Last and certainly not least, if you have a nice win, tip the dealer. If you got kicked in the teeth and nothing went your way, no tip is necessary and none is expected, but if you come away with \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or more, some gratitude for the dealer is appreciated.

These points make up my Players' Code of Conduct. It is not always what you do, but how you do it. At the end of the day, the how truly shows your character, professionalism and class. Good luck at the tables and do not forget to tip the dealer. ♠

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# Bringing Hope & Joy Through Music

Dennis Castiglione's Power of Harmony inspires hope at MGM Northfield Park

By Lisa Robertson-Dziedzic

For those who enjoy casino gaming, MGM Northfield Park in Ohio is a familiar destination, offering over 1,600 gaming machines, live harness racing and a variety of entertainment experiences. Known for its award-winning dining and exciting atmosphere, it's the people that truly make this dynamic property stand out, keeping guests coming back for more.

Dennis Castiglione, a familiar face to concertgoers at Center Stage, has been more than just an usher for over three years. While he's known for welcoming 1,700 attendees with a smile, his greatest accomplishment lies outside the venue. Dennis is the founder of Power of Harmony, a youth prison music program dedicated to reducing recidivism.

Through music, Dennis helps young men in juvenile correctional facilities across Ohio, Indiana and Texas find their voice and a chance for a better future. By providing music education, mentorship and performances by international musicians, Dennis is working to break the cycle of incarceration. "Music is used as a tool to restore hope and joy," he says.

Next time you're at a show, remember Dennis and the life-changing work he's doing for young men in need. *Casino Player* had the opportunity to sit down with Dennis and ask him a few questions about the program that is so close to his heart.

## CP: What do you enjoy most about working at Center Stage at MGM Northfield Park?

DC: It's an amazing company and we have an awesome team in the entertainment department. But most of all, I love being around people. I'm a big-time schmoozer! I truly love meeting our guests, getting to know them and making sure their experience at Center Stage is extraordinary from the time they walk in the door until they leave. I'm a big believer that we are ALL part of the show and the entertainment (even we ushers!).



Dennis Castiglione, a longtime usher at Center Stage at MGM Northfield Park, is also the founder of Power of Harmony, a youth prison music program helping young men in juvenile correctional facilities find hope through music.



### **What's the most memorable performance you've seen while working at MGM Northfield Park?**

There have been so many incredible performances at Center Stage in my time with MGM. But I have to say the Santana concert on June 25, 2023, was my absolute favorite. He did a solid two-hour show that was nonstop high energy. It was the sixth time I've seen him and he killed it! The audience responded from the first beat to the final chord. It was exceptional!

### **How did you first get involved in mentoring young men in juvenile correctional facilities?**

I have been a volunteer at Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility [Cleveland, OH] since 2011 with my church, Church of the Resurrection in Solon, OH. We visited on Sunday nights to do a religious service followed by a social time with the young men. I realized how much they appreciated outside visitors and volunteers who spent time with them. When I recognized their interest in music I also saw a great opportunity to use music as a healing, positive element in their lives. We launched Power of Harmony on Dec. 19, 2019, with a performance by my men's chorus, the Men of Independence, that I used to introduce the program to the whole population of CHJCF.

### **Can you share a success story from the Power of Harmony program that has stuck with you?**

Success for Power of Harmony can be measured in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most profound is the noticeable body language and emotional transformation of our youth from the time they walk in the door to the time they leave our weekly sessions. They often arrive with slumped shoulders, heads hanging and shuffling their feet, and they leave with a smile, often singing whatever song we just worked together—and high fives and hugs for our team. It's literally transformational that day, in that hour.

Longer term success can be seen in the emergence of confident, positive young men who finish their time behind bars and emerge as determined, returned citizens with a sense of accomplishment and belief in themselves. Two particular formerly incarcerated youth come to mind. One is in Indianapolis. Trenton was released in December and called me the week he was released asking if he would be welcomed by the local chorus in his area as a member. One phone call later, he was readily invited and has been to their weekly rehearsals since. He is now a part of a supportive, welcoming community with a common interest—making multi-part a cappella harmony together. I drove to Indianapolis this past week and saw him, sang with him and watched his pure joy in recognizing that he is accepted and encouraged. I haven't stopped smiling since I left him.

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Another is a young man who was always first through the door to join our Power of Harmony classes each week and a true leader among the youth that attended. Xavier not only sang quite well, he was an advocate for his fellow residents and classmates—often making encouraging comments and congratulating them when they locked a chord or simply improved their individual performance. When he was released, I called him and traveled to Marietta, OH, to visit him. We talked about everything from how and where he might find a job [to support his baby and the mother of his child]

AND, how he might realize his dream of recording his own music. The following Monday I put him in touch with a dear friend in Cleveland who has a recording studio, and we networked an opportunity for him to cut a demo in the studio. Today [6 months later] he is working a full-time job, has a budding relationship with his two-year-old son and has a demo tape that is quite good. He told me that if it wasn't for music, he would be 'back in the life.'

### **How do you see music playing a role in rehabilitation and personal transformation for these young men?**

Two things—knowing that our faculty is there just for them is huge. It's a demonstration that someone cares about them and is willing to devote time to spend with them and teach them something valuable. Secondly, music has physical, emotional and mental values. Beyond the 'good feelings' we ALL get from hearing and even singing music, our youth have an opportunity to experience and learn the values of cooperation and community by singing in an ensemble together. The exposure to and participation in ensemble singing definitely enriches the lives of those who participate and serves as a positive behavior that can help their successful transition into life 'on the 'outside.'

### **Are there any upcoming shows or artists at Center Stage that you're particularly excited about?**

We have such a great calendar of events coming up. There are a few that I'm particularly jazzed about—Gene Simmons Band on May 14; The Allman Betts Band on June 14; George Thorogood and the Destroyers, June 27; Robin Trower on July 4. They'll all be outstanding! I can't wait!

### **How does the team at Center Stage ensure guests have the best possible concert experience?**

It starts with positive attitude and contagious enthusiasm. We dare the guests to have as much fun as we do! Greeting them with a smile is easy and natural. Delivering beyond their expectations is a goal every single time. Returning guests know what to expect and we love surpassing those expectations. New guests are about to leave with far more than a night of music to remember! ♠

# Don't Price Me Out

Video poker denominations and max bets on slots are squeezing out mid-market players

► by Frank Legato

**A** lot of middle-market players have been griping lately about high room rates and parking rates on the Las Vegas Strip, as well as lounge and entertainment pricing, fine dining and other factors catering to the high-end player. The middle market has been chased from the Strip, and even some Downtown casinos.

The same has been taking place on the casino floor, on several levels. In the pit, 6/5 blackjack, triple-zero roulette and high minimum bets are squeezing out the mid-level players.

On the slot floor, the way this happens is through what is called "cost to cover" in the trade. Not too long ago, mechanical reel-spinners were everywhere, and if players migrated from the quarter denomination to traditional dollar slots, they were looking at a typical payback

percentage exceeding 95 percent, for a wager of \$2 or \$3. Go to a \$2 game, and the return for a \$4 or \$6 wager was often closer to 99 percent.

These days, it's a lot harder to find those traditional reel-spinners, as casinos have cleared out more and more space for multi-line penny video slots. Since this became the most popular game on the slot floor, two things have happened: Cost to cover went up, and the return-to-player percentage (RTP) went down.

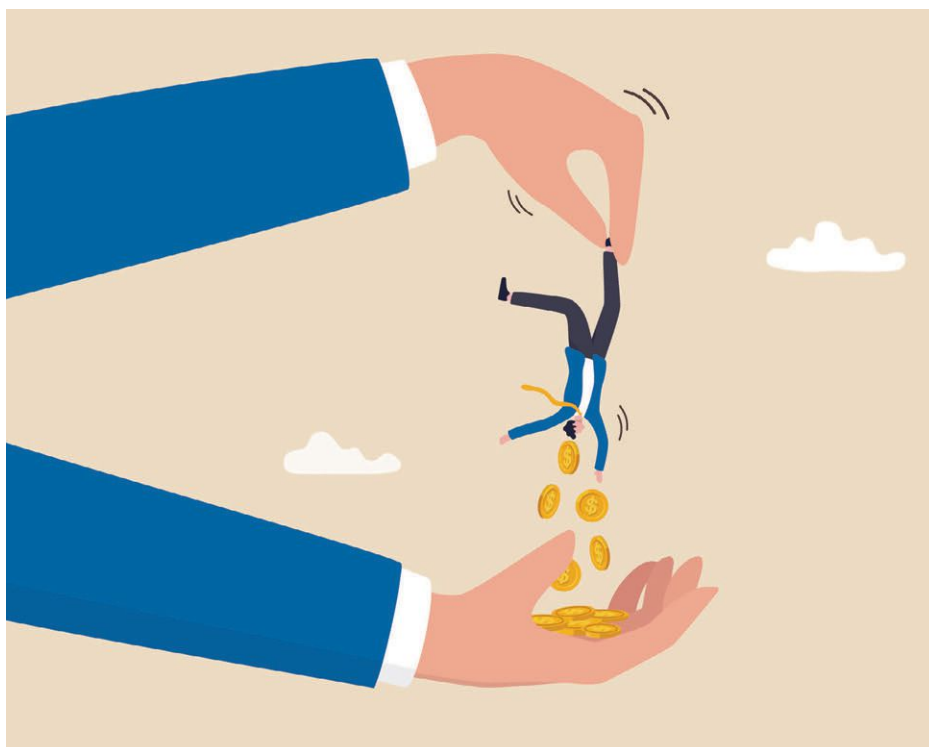
As in sub-90 percent down. But the cost to play that 89 percent slot at its optimal value went way up. When penny multi-line video slots first became popular, there were plenty of betting options that topped out at a maximum of 300 credits or 400 credits. A \$3 or \$4 wager per spin could keep you in the game long enough for you to last out the odds and land some serious jackpot awards.

Now, good luck finding a 300-credit max bet on a penny game. More often, they are 600, 700, even 1,000 credits. That's \$10 per spin, for an 89 percent RTP.

It's no wonder many players have complained that their bankroll isn't enough for the newer penny games. Savvy players, including readers of this magazine, know that many of these games increase the frequency of features, unlock special bonuses or unlock additional jackpots with the maximum wager—not to mention the actual jackpots being the highest they can be.

Those knowledgeable players will start out betting the maximum, no matter how hefty. They want to get the best experience from the best games on the market. But many use the same bankroll that used to feed a \$3 max bet with \$6, \$7 or \$10 wagers. It's a recipe for a disappearing bankroll.

The slot suppliers respond to what the casinos ask for. And right now, they're choosing programs with high maximum bets and incentives to meet those maximums.





The same thing has happened with video poker, but in a different way. The denominations and maximum bets have remained the same, but the game you're buying for those bets has taken a nosedive, return-wise.

First of all, searching for the highest-returning pay tables in video poker has become an expensive safari. Even 10 years ago, mid-level players could find high-returning video poker pay tables, even the highest, in the quarter denomination. Many, many video poker enthusiasts—myself included—became accustomed to wagering \$1.25 per hand to play a game which, when played with a little skill, had little or no house edge.

My own game, Bonus Poker, returns 99.17 percent in the 8/5 pay table (8-for-1 for the full house, 5-for-1 for the flush). I also will play the basic Jacks or Better, returning 99.54 percent for the 9/6 pay table. I'd never had problems finding these pay tables in the past. Lately, though, particularly in my home-base Atlantic City market, those pay tables have disappeared from the quarter denomination. And the 50-cent denomination, for that matter.

At my few favorite Atlantic City casinos, in the quarter denomination, all I can find is a 6/5 Bonus Poker game and a Jacks or Better game with a 6/5, 7/5 or 8/5 pay table. Those games return 96.87 percent, 95.12 percent, 96.17 percent and 97.25 percent respectively. The 50-cent denomination is about the same.

Sure, they're still a lot higher than most slots (especially the penny slots), but that's why knowledgeable players choose video poker—the higher return.

I've since bumped up to the dollar denomination in video poker when I play in Atlantic City. There's still one group of full-pay dollar games in my favorite Atlantic City casino. (I'd tell you which one, but I'm afraid they'll go and change their dollar games if I do.) But I'm hoping I don't have to go much higher to bankroll my video poker. Like I said before, it's getting tough to play table games anymore.

The last haven for avid mid-level players is the Las Vegas locals casino market. Play at South Point or one of the Station or Boyd casinos, and you can still find decent quarter video poker. At South Point, where I normally stay, there are plenty of the top video poker pay tables in all denominations. Plus, they still have \$10 craps (on Sundays, even \$5), which is something that can't be found in Atlantic City, or a number of other casino markets.

Those operators should ease up on the mid-level players. Someone who comes in two or three times a week and plays high-returning video poker for a few hours every visit? That's a good customer.

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# Seven Figures

Live! Philly Pai Gow Progressive jackpot tops \$1 million

► by Sean Chaffin

**O**ne lucky Pai Gow Poker player is in store for quite a reward at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia in the coming weeks or months. The game's progressive jackpot has surged past \$1 million and is still growing.

In Pai Gow, players and the dealer each receive seven cards. Players then form a five-card hand and a two-card hand. The goal is to beat the dealer's hands with these two hands. Live! Philly has two tables of Face Up Pai Gow Poker for guests to get in the action. There is also a progressive jackpot and any player with a \$5 bet that is dealt a seven-card straight flush wins the entire jackpot.

Live! Philly Senior Vice President of Marketing Jake Joyce told Casino Player that there is a real excitement and energy at the tables here. Pai Gow players have been flocking to the action to experience this life-changing jackpot—and hopefully grabbing the cash themselves.

"We've seen our 12 seats filled across both tables as players play for the progressive with just a \$5 side wager," he said. "The lucky winner will receive 100 percent of the still-growing jackpot! Our guests are thrilled about the potential of becoming an instant millionaire."

This is the highest progressive jackpot ever seen at the property and set to be the first million-dollar payout. Live! has had several \$800,000 and \$900,000 jackpot winners in the past, including a player named Satish K. cashing in for \$889,711 in January with a royal flush in Mississippi Stud. The Pai Gow jackpot has now even surpassed that and has attracted more players to the game in the process.

"We've heard from the manufacturer that this is the largest progressive on the East Coast," Joyce said. "Pai Gow has certainly become more popular with guests thanks to the jackpot. Guests love the game for its unique blend of strategy and entertainment. Compared to games like blackjack or baccarat, Pai Gow tends to have a relaxed pace, frequent opportunities for pushes, and a chance for side bets—all



In January, Satish K. hit a massive win of \$889,711 after landing a Royal Flush Pai Gow Progressive—one of the largest jackpots ever at Live! Casino Philadelphia. As of press time, the progressive jackpot has surged to over \$934,883 and continues to climb—who will be the next lucky player to hit part 2?

contributing to a more immersive and enhanced gaming experience."

"We can't wait to celebrate our first-ever Live! millionaire. We're looking to share this incredible moment with them and celebrate it in a way that matches the excitement of a million-dollar jackpot. Stay tuned for more once the jackpot hits!" ♠





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# Big Bucks Bet on March Madness

A look at the surge in sports betting and state legalization efforts

By Sean Chaffin

**H**ardwood betting took center stage in March and this month's "Betting the Favorite" takes a look at betting numbers for the annual basketball extravaganza along with updates on sports betting legalization efforts in a few states, and more.

## Big Bucks Bet on March Madness

The tip-off of March Madness meant some big betting for gamblers across the country. The American Gaming Association (AGA) predicted Americans would be ponying up \$3.1 billion in legal wagers on the men's and women's college basketball tournaments this year, up from \$2.7 billion in 2024. That total is expected to almost double the \$1.39 billion wagered on the Super Bowl and doesn't include bracket wagering and bets among friends or betting using offshore and unregulated sportsbooks.

The University of Connecticut defeated San Diego State in 2023 to take the men's championship. On the women's side, Louisiana State defeated Iowa last year for the title. This year, Duke is the favorite to

win the men's championship at +320, followed by Florida at +380. South Carolina is favored on the women's side at +240, with UConn just behind at +350.

Legal sports betting continues to grow in popularity and is now available in 38 states along with Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. More states are also considering legalization (more on that below). AGA officials believe that giving bettors legal wagering options has helped grow the industry in the U.S.

"March Madness is one of the most exciting times in American sports, with fans fired up for both the men's and women's NCAA tournaments," AGA Senior Vice President of Strategic Communications Joe Maloney said. "As legal wagering expands across the U.S., more fans than ever have the opportunity to bet legally and responsibly."

The AGA's 2024 American Attitudes Survey found that 75% of Americans support legal wagering in their home state, and 90% view sports betting as an acceptable form of entertainment.

The March Madness action actually begins on Tuesday and Wednesday with a four "First Four" play-in games set. The first round then officially begins on Thursday.



## Legalization Update: Oklahoma, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia

Several other states have considered legalizing sports betting in recent months, including Oklahoma, Texas, South Carolina and Georgia. Of those, Oklahoma and South Carolina may be the favorites to see legislation cross the finish line. Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) has expressed his support and several bills have now been introduced in the legislature.

Several neighboring states now have legalized betting including Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. Missouri was the most recent neighbor to legalize betting after voters approved a measure in November. Legislators have been working with tribal groups to find a solution and open the betting windows, but some opposition remains. Tribal groups in the state appear to support finding agreement.

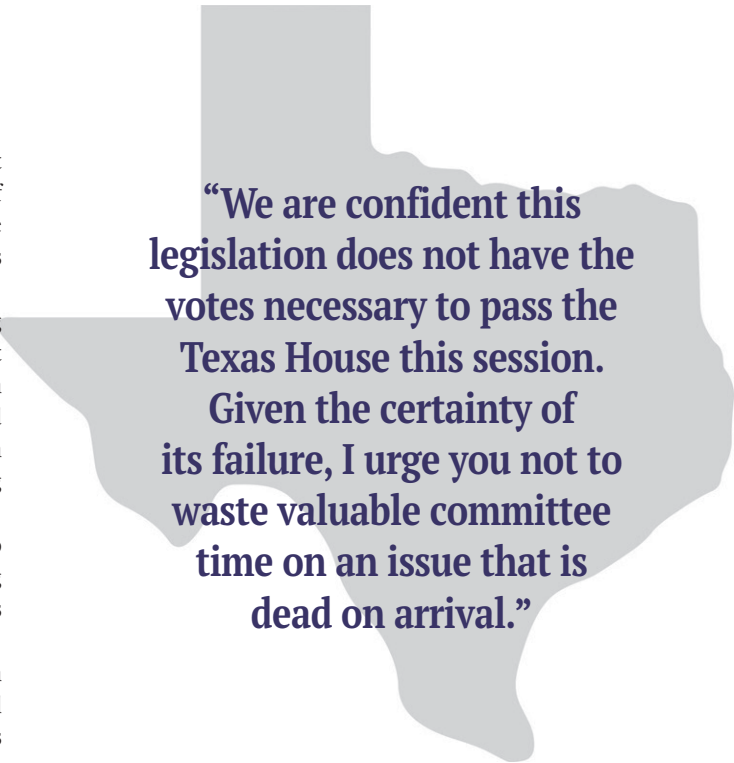
“We’re way behind the curve on sports betting as compared to some of our fellow regional states,” Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Chairman Matthew Morgan said, “and that’s always concerning to us in a competitive market.”

South Carolina lawmakers were still considering the issue in March. Efforts in the house looked promising after a bipartisan bill looked to have a chance at passage, at least in that chamber. The bill’s sponsor, Rep. Todd Rutherford (D), believes betting can bring in much-needed revenue for the state.

“We can continue to stick our heads in the sand and act like people are not going to bet, but they are,” he told WYFF. “They’re doing it right now. South Carolina ought to be able to take advantage of that.”

“We’ve got a myriad of problems in South Carolina that have to do with education, that have to do with health care, that have to do with economic development. And when you’re bringing in tens of millions of dollars by taxing something that people are already doing, I can’t think of a better way to bring money into our general fund.”

In Texas, the odds of seeing a sports betting bill passed remain long. While there appears to be support in the Texas house, Lieutenant Gov. Dan Patrick (R) has been a vocal opponent and he sits on the agenda in the Senate. That has prevented a vote on the issue in the upper chamber in recent years. To make matters tougher for sports betting, a dozen new Republican legislators replaced pro-gaming



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lawmakers in March and have come out against any gambling expansion in the state. Three more returning lawmakers who previously supported a sports betting bill now have joined the group to oppose gaming expansion.

“We are confident this legislation does not have the votes necessary to pass the Texas House this session,” the group noted in a letter. “Given the certainty of its failure, I urge you not to waste valuable committee time on an issue that is dead on arrival.”

Georgia lawmakers may have reached an impasse on legislation in that state as well. Efforts fizzled out in March without a bill allowing voters to decide the issue not reaching a vote in the house. This became the latest attempt at legalization to fail.

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## NCAA: Don't Be a Loser

As sports betting has grown in popularity, the NCAA and some lawmakers have pushed for banning prop bets on college athletes. As part of those efforts, the NCAA launched a new ad titled “Don’t Be a Loser” to correspond with March Madness. The ad is part of the association’s “Draw the Line” campaign and calls attention to the “alarming prevalence of abuse and harassment student-athletes face from angry fans who lost a bet.”

The new addition to the campaign is one of several efforts by the NCAA to respond to the rise of sports betting. Some of those include:

- Over 100,000 student-athletes have received sports betting and gambling harm prevention education through in-person training and online learning.
- More than 22,000 contests are monitored through the world’s largest global integrity monitoring campaign.
- Eighteen states and Washington, D.C., have banned player prop bets in response to NCAA advocacy efforts.
- Thousands of student-athletes, coaches and committee members are covered by Signify Group’s harassment monitoring service.
- Multiple surveys have been conducted to understand and analyze betting activity in those aged 18 to 22, betting challenges campus compliance directors face, and betting behaviors and attitudes among student-athletes.

The NCAA is continuing its work with Signify to monitor harassment directed at student-athletes, coaches and officials participating in NCAA championships, including the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments. Last year’s study found one in three student-athletes received abusive messages from those with a betting interest; and 80% of the abuse was directed at March Madness men’s and women’s student-athletes, with female players receiving about three times more threats than male players.

“The horrific messages we are seeing across online platforms is absolutely unacceptable,” NCAA President Charlie Baker said. “Angry fans are sending numerous abusive messages and threats to student-athletes, publicly and privately, because of lost bets placed on the athlete’s performance in a game. These actions severely threaten student-athlete mental health and well-being, while harming the college athletics environment. We need fans to do better. We need states to do better and ban player props that target student-athletes and enable detrimental abuse.”



## ESPN Bet Continues to Lag Behind Competitors

FanDuel and DraftKings continue to dominate the online sportsbook market and some recent statistics show just how much Americans have embraced these two operators. FanDuel and DraftKings combined for about 77% of gross revenue across six states in February, according to “The Closing Line” online newsletter.

The study combined data from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Indiana, Iowa and Kansas. BetMGM came in third with 6.9% followed by Fanatics (5.14%), Caesars (4.17%) and ESPN Bet (2.3%). Penn Entertainment announced a \$2 billion licensing deal with the sports network in 2022, but the platform has struggled to gain market share.

“ESPN Bet estimates it has 2.35% market share across the 20 jurisdictions where it operates [excluding New York, where it launched in September 2024],” Cover.com reporter Ryan Butler recently noted. “The company projects to reach 4.7% by the end of 2025. In 2023, Penn had sought to reach 20% market share by 2027.”

Butler further looked at downloads from January 2020 to December 2024 and the numbers don’t look great. Here’s how the operators stack up in that category:

1. FanDuel Sportsbook – 23 million
2. DraftKings Sportsbook – 21 million
3. PrizePicks – 13 million
4. BetMGM – 9 million
5. DraftKings Fantasy – 8.9 million
6. Underdog Fantasy – 6.2 million
7. FanDuel Fantasy – 5.8 million
8. Caesars – 5 million
9. ESPN Bet – 4.9 million
10. Hard Rock Bet – 4.2 million

The original Penn-ESPN deal was for 10 years, but finishing out that agreement now looks unlikely, according to recent reports, and Penn may be looking to exit the agreement earlier than planned. The platform hasn’t gained traction despite being featured prominently in ESPN broadcasts, commercials and online.

“When we announced our partnership, both sides made it very clear that we expected to compete for a seat at the podium,” Penn CEO Jay Snowden said recently in a company earnings report. “And we’re not on pace right now to do that.”

“But if, for whatever reason, we’re not hitting the levels that we need to, then obviously, as you’re approaching the third anniversary, you have a three-year clause in that contract that both sides will have to do what’s in their best interests. And so, that’s always out there.”



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## Big Jackpots, Bigger Players

Casino poker's rising stars and upcoming events

► by Sean Chaffin

**T**he World Series of Poker kicks off in late May and this month's "Poker Notes" offers players some advice on what to expect when hitting the tables in Las Vegas as well as another major acquisition within poker, an interesting poker tale and more.

### WSOP Advice from Two-Time Bracelet Winner Nathan Gamble

Heading to the World Series of Poker this summer for the first time? Texas's Nathan Gamble (yes, that's his real last name) has two bracelets and recently offered readers some tips on what to expect and how to best maximize your chances at scoring some winnings. Here's some quick tips from Gamble:

- "Most WSOP tournaments 'officially' start at noon and go until 2 a.m. every day. That's a lie. They really start the minute you land in Vegas and go until the last hand you play. Every decision you make off the felt will impact your tournament and your actual chance of going deep in it."
- "Live in a different time zone? Show up a few days before the tournament to acclimate to the time difference."
- "Like to drink? Wait until you're celebrating your victory, don't go out partying the night before."
- "If you have the choice between eating salmon and a greasy hamburger and fries on dinner break, go with the lighter fare."
- "All of these tips, and general mental approach, will add 5%-10% EV [expected value] to your tournament. You'll think clearer, be more confident, and play better than the majority of your competition. Vegas is an amazing place to let loose, but if you're here for the gold? Pace yourself."



Nathan Gamble

### U.S. ONLINE POKER EXPANDING

Pennsylvania gaming regulators reported recently that the state should officially be joining the country's online poker shared liquidity market in April. Adding the Keystone State to the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement (MSIGA) could give a major boost to the country's online gaming market.

WSOP Poker, PokerStars and BetMGM all operate in Pennsylvania and could begin linking with players in New Jersey, Nevada and Michigan. Connecticut, which has legalized online poker but hasn't seen an operator launch, has also seen legislation introduced to see that state join the MSIGA as well.



## Poker Cash Game Show Acquired by GGPoker Parent Company

**T**he NSUS Group continues to add to the company's poker portfolio. The GGPoker parent company announced in March that it had acquired a share of the popular Hustler Casino Live (HCL) poker show, which has 375,000 subscribers on YouTube and more than 58,000 followers on Twitter. NSUS acquired the World Series of Poker in 2024 and GG also has a popular YouTube channel with almost 400,000 subscribers.

HCL regularly features poker pros, business professionals and social media influencers battling it out at the tables for high stakes. As part of the deal, NSUS purchased the equity held by former co-owner Nick Vertucci, who was removed from the daily operations of the show in October after sexual harassment allegations. Ryan Feldman, co-owner of High Stakes Poker Productions, will continue overseeing production and operations.

"This partnership with NSUS marks an exciting new chapter for High Stakes Poker Productions," Feldman said. "With the support of a strong, forward-thinking partner, we are positioned to grow Hustler Casino Live even further and continue to offer fans the best live-stream poker content in the world. I am proud to lead this company

into the future. The sky is the limit."

NSUS said the company plans to "refocus on growth and innovation within the live-stream poker space. The investment reflects the level of confidence NSUS has in High Stakes Poker Productions and its ongoing commitment to producing the world's most exciting and widely-watched poker content." GGPoker ambassador and seven-time World Series of Poker bracelet winner Daniel Negreanu may now be heading to play on the stream.

"You rarely see me playing high-stakes poker on streams anymore, but this is going to get me out of retirement and returning to the felt, playing on the most epic cash game stream poker has ever seen," he said. "I'm ready to battle!"

After Vertucci stepped down, Feldman told *PokerNews* that several firms contacted him about purchasing an interest in the company, but NSUS was the only one that made a deal happen.

"It adds some legitimacy to our company," he said. "It kind of strengthens our company. We now have a major force in the industry behind us. It strengthens our global reach."

## Poker Player Charged After Bizarre Kidnapping Story

**F**our-time World Series of Poker Circuit winner George Paul Janssen was arrested in early March and faces fraud charges after a bizarre kidnapping scenario in which he was found in December 2023 along a rural road in Meade Township, MI, with his hands zip-tied and a bloody face. Janssen, of Bad Axe, MI, told authorities that members of a Mexican cartel had kidnapped him after attempting to extort him for two years.

The part-time poker player has almost \$550,000 in live tournament winnings, including several cashes in 2024. His poker record includes winning four World Series of Poker championship rings as well. He may now have more to worry about than tournament buy-ins. Some in the Wolverine State now believe the entire kidnapping may have been faked after Janssen was alleged to have scammed 20 banks out of \$3.2 million. The FBI alleges that he used fake documents to apply for various loans.

Janssen disappeared in November 2023 before being found on the road a month later. During the alleged kidnapping, a family friend found his car with some cash, according to reports. A family member told WJRT that two or three people abducted Janssen and took him to the Toledo area, where he was kept for 35 days in a basement.



Prosecutors say Janssen withdrew large amounts of cash from his bank accounts before the incident.

Federal authorities haven't announced whether they believe the kidnapping was actually real. The incident came after he lost his license to sell cars in Michigan after allegedly falsifying business documents.

"This was not the first time they found Janssen falsifying business documents and, on October 30, 2023, Janssen lost his license to sell cars in Michigan for a five-year period," a federal complaint notes.

The Michigan Department of State Office of Investigative Services also found "discrepancies in his sales and inventory" and alleged that he had listed "the same fictitious vehicles in multiple loan applications." His auto dealership has since been closed. Longtime friend Earl McKee said Janssen used their friendship to get him to secure multiple vehicle loans. McKee later told authorities of the suspicious transactions.

"There's been a lot of collateral damage due to what George has done," he told *The Independent*. "I have a family, I have a career. I don't need his problems, too. This was a shock to everyone."

McKee said he wasn't sure if the kidnapping was real or not. Janssen now faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.



Chad Eveslage, winner of the \$100,000 buy-in Super High Roller Bowl Mixed Games

## Chad Eveslage Scores Super High Roller Bowl Title; Chino Rheem Wins Mixed Game Series

PokerGO's Super High Roller Bowl has become one of the biggest high roller events in poker since debuting in 2015. The events usually feature six-figure buy-ins with some of the biggest names in poker winning through the years, including Brian Rast, Justin Bonomo, Isaac Haxton, Michael Addamo, Daniel Negreanu and Seth Davies.

The latest incarnation of the event played out in March with Chad Eveslage coming out on top in the first-ever \$100,000 buy-in Super High Roller Bowl Mixed Games. The resident of Fort Lauderdale, FL, took home \$1.2 million for the victory and now has more than \$9 million in live tournament winnings. This victory was the second-largest score for Eveslage's career. He also has three WSOP bracelets along with two World Poker Tour titles.

Eveslage topped Michael "Texas Mike" Moncek in heads-up play, with Moncek taking home \$725,000 as runner-up. Brazil's Yuri Dzivielevski finished third for \$450,000, Daniel Negreanu placed fourth for \$300,000, and the United Kingdom's Benny Glaser took fifth for \$225,000.

In other PokerGO Tour action, Chino Rheem captured his second Mixed Games Series title in March. Rheem cashed three times

for \$348,500 and won the \$10,200 Eight-Game Mix for \$195,500. The Los Angeles resident previously won the PGT Mixed Games II in the second half of 2023. Through four editions of the series, Rheem has two titles and Maxx Hoffman and Dan Zack each have one.

Daniel Negreanu also scored a title in the series, taking down the \$15,300 Dealer's Choice event for \$292,500. Other winners included Nicolas Milgrom, Adam Friedman, Ryan Miller, Maxx Coleman and James Obst.



Chino Rheem, Mixed Games Series title winner



Caesars Palace poker room was replaced by a high-limit slot lounge, but a new room is set to be back before the WSOP.

## Caesars Palace Poker Room Returning

At a time when several poker rooms have closed over the last few years, many players may have been concerned when Caesars Palace closed its poker venue in June. The previous room was replaced by a high-limit slot lounge, but a new room is set to be back before the WSOP.

"The temporary World Series of Poker Room will be located in Appian Way at Caesars Palace," a Caesars Entertainment representative said. "A permanent home for our new elevated poker room will be announced at a later date."



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# Longtime World Series of Poker Broadcaster **Lon McEachern** on Two Decades of Calling the Action

► by Sean Chaffin

**S**eemingly continuous ESPN broadcasts of the World Series of Poker fueled the popularity of the game during the boom of the 2000s. Viewers were fascinated with the colossal cash on the line and the characters the tournaments attracted. Lon McEachern was a huge part of that, calling the action and offering insight on the game for viewers at home who could see players' hole cards for the first time and became fascinated with the action.

Born in Memphis, TN, but later raised in the San Francisco Bay area, McEachern launched a broadcasting career after graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After beginning in radio, he transitioned to television, including freelancing for ESPN.

By 2002, McEachern had left the industry, but the network soon came calling and asked him to get back behind the microphone to cover the WSOP. The timing was perfect as Chris MoneyMaker went on to win the event and helped launch the poker boom. McEachern has been calling the action ever since for ESPN, PokerGO and CBS Sports. With the WSOP running in Las Vegas at the Horseshoe and Paris casinos from May 27 to July 16, McEachern spoke with *Casino Player* recently about his career in poker.



**How much has poker changed since you began commentating on the game in the early 2000s?**

Poker is in itself the same game, but it's now so different in the way players approach and study for it. Doyle Brunson told me how, back in the day, he would just sit in a hotel room with the rounders he was traveling around Texas with, dealing out cards and figuring out percentages.

Now, we have things like online poker and coaching franchises, and it's really an accelerated process. Doyle might have played a million hands in his career, but these online players now can play a million hands in two or three years. The learning curve is now so steep and the game has gotten so tough because of that, so players have had to be creative with how they use those tools. They play the percentages, they know what the numbers are down to a tee, and they know it will play into their favor in the long run.

For some people, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, so some aren't as good as the top players and go off track. When you sit down at a poker table, it really is a crapshoot wondering who's been doing what. Online poker and the technological world have changed poker 100%.

**How would you say coverage of the game has changed?**

Before my time, the early coverage on ESPN was very sparse. You couldn't see hole cards, which is something the World Poker Tour actually brought in with their coverage. All the cards are read automatically now, but back in the day they had to type in the card values to show it on screen.

My first Main Event was in 2002 with ESPN, and then from 2003 I was partnered with Norman Chad. We were still trying to figure it out. The producers were not sports producers, as they worked on documentaries, so they approached it from that angle.

When we first started, we were on site, but there was no announcing going on and we didn't have the ability to see multiple tables. It was all recorded and we had an idea of what was going on, but we only got the full picture when it was edited down.

At that point, we could do all our research and talk to players after the fact. We did a lot of things right and wrong, but we had a cast that





Hollywood would be jealous of! We then had millions of dollars to play for, hole cards being shown, and an amateur called Chris Moneymaker winning the Main Event in 2003, which changed everything. We needed characters to make the game interesting, and we certainly had a lot of them. I don't think we have as many of those great characters in the game now, and I miss that, but it could just be that they are diluted by the big fields. I think they are there, but our job is to find them and figure out what their story is.

At one time, there was a saturation of poker on television, and the more that happens, the more vanilla the coverage can become. It takes a lot of money and expertise to do it right and dig up the right stories. I think that is still the gold standard.

What's different now is most poker you see on TV starts out as a live broadcast, so you're not just watching it to take notes and go into the studio later on. We still do that with the WSOP Main Event, but the live streams are what poker is all about right now. It's much more difficult to dig up those stories on the fly and figure out who those unknown people are.

### What's your own poker life like?

I was pretty much a newbie when I went into the job in poker, learning along with the fans, which was a fun thing to do. It was the same for the crew as well. Norman Chad was initially brought in as a consultant for ESPN to focus on new types of shows. Norman was offered the job as announcer, and he was taken aback! I had done a poker show with ESPN the previous year, and I guess nobody else wanted to do poker at that time!

I do play, but on a very casual level. I have pros who send me things to study and my eyes can't take it! I play for fun, like earlier this week when I played with some friends I hadn't seen in a long time, and I hope I get lucky once in a while.

### Are there a few events on this summer's schedule that particularly interest you?

After GGPoker bought the WSOP last year, I didn't expect them to make many immediate changes. They're going to bring their own flavor and I think we will see more mixed-game action, which is a good thing.

The only real new event is the Battle of the Ages, where the flights are split into age groups. It's going to be 100 bracelets this year, and it's a grind, but I think GGPoker will see what's working and that people want to be a part of it.

### What has been the craziest thing you have seen at the WSOP?

Through the years, you read about great hands at the WSOP, like when we had quad aces lose to a royal flush on the air. You'll see millions of hands and those things will happen.

On July 5, 2019, there was one player who was disqualified for exposing himself and throwing his shoe at the dealer! But you know

what? That wasn't even the craziest thing I saw that day!

Later on, Las Vegas was hit with a pretty serious earthquake. We were on the air when it hit and it was quite serious. When you have thousands of players in the Amazon Ballroom at the Rio, sometimes the fire alarms go off, but if you know poker players, they don't care at all. In this case, it took a chandelier falling on to one of the tables to get their attention! They stopped play and resumed the next day, and thankfully nobody was hurt.

We were live on the air when it hit, and we were then able to tell the viewers it was coming, because we're on a 30-minute time delay, for regulation purposes. That was all pretty epic, I'd say!

We've also had cases of rumored gunfire outside the Rio. One time there was a man who threw rocks at a glass door and people thought it was gunfire. People ran out all the way to Paris Casino. Tables were overturned and there was a lot of panic, but nothing came of it. The cameras were able to read the chip stacks so there was no harm done.

### What are some of your interests away from the game?

I'm a big golf player and fan. I took it up early in grade school. My mom was a teacher, and her boss found out I was interested and gave me a set of clubs. My very first TV job was for KCOY-TV in Santa Maria, CA. I wanted to play golf, but they didn't pay me anything for that, so my trick was to hook up with the best golf course in the area and talk a pro called Kelly Wolfe into giving us weekly golf tips.

Now, I'm hooked up with a few players. Matt Savage, who is known in poker for being a tournament director, has put together a group of about 60-100 of us who play golf for five days a year and play for money with each other. I also like to fish and do woodworking sometimes at home.

### What are your thoughts on more and more WSOP bracelets being awarded?

There has been a lot of discussion down the years about the value of bracelets being diluted, now that we're up to 100. Much of that argument comes from players who have won multiple bracelets, but I don't think the WSOP is doing a bad thing.

I've been lucky enough to win a WSOP Circuit ring, and anyone who has ever won an event or even come close knows it is not easy. Most winners are first-time winners, and when you talk to them, you will not see a diluted smile. That bracelet means everything to them. Maybe the guys like Phil Hellmuth and Phil Ivey see it differently, but anyone who can get through the huge field avoiding slings and arrows, plus the random throw of a river card, has done very well. More bracelets means more opportunities. ♠

*Lon McEachern was speaking to Casino Player on behalf of [www.OLBG.com](http://www.OLBG.com).*



# MAGIC MEETS THE FELT

## Penn & Teller Launch First-Ever Celebrity Table Game

By Lisa Robertson-Dziedzic

**M**arch 3 marked the magical debut of Penn & Teller Casino Monte at Rio Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, an exciting new table game and the first-ever celebrity-branded casino game of its kind. Developed by boutique game design studio Adventura Gaming in collaboration with legendary illusionists Penn & Teller, this groundbreaking game combines world-class entertainment with innovative gameplay, offering a fresh and engaging experience on the casino floor.

In Penn & Teller Casino Monte, the objective is simple: pick the highest card. Players place their wager on one of three positions—Penn, the ampersand (&), or Teller—betting on which spot will receive the highest card. The dealer rolls a die to determine which position is dealt first: a roll of 1 or 2 deals to Penn, 3 or 4 to the ampersand, and 5 or 6 to Teller. The remaining two cards are dealt from left to right. Once all three cards are revealed, the highest card wins. Aces are high, deuces are low, and optional side bets—such as the Full Monte—add extra excitement and

chances to win. With its fast pace and easy-to-learn rules, the game delivers a fun and thrilling new twist on traditional table games.

To celebrate the official launch, Penn & Teller joined Adventura Gaming executives and Rio Hotel & Casino Las Vegas leadership for an exclusive media event at the property. The event featured appearances by Penn, Teller, Adventura Gaming co-founders Cinnamon Booth and David Anthony, and Patrick Miller, president and CEO of Rio Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, along with live game demonstrations and magical trick performances by the iconic duo. The debut of Penn & Teller Casino Monte marks the beginning of a new era in branded gaming—where legendary personalities meet immersive casino play. *Casino Player* had the opportunity to speak with Adventura Gaming's co-founders, David Anthony and Cinnamon Booth, about the inspiration and innovation behind this exciting new game.



**CP: What inspired the collaboration between Adventura Gaming and Penn & Teller to create Penn & Teller Casino Monte, and what makes this table game unique?**

**AG:** We were reminiscing about that super iconic Run-D.M.C. “It’s Tricky” video, where Penn & Teller played these sneaky card tricksters. We thought, “their card tricks are legendary! They’d be perfect to partner with.” Plus, we wanted to bring something totally new and interesting to help attract more players, and with a celebrity-branded game—we thought that had the potential to bring fresh excitement to the casino floor!

**How has Penn & Teller’s Rio residency influenced Penn & Teller Casino Monte, and what does launching it there mean?**

Even though the “It’s Tricky” video was part of the spark, Penn & Teller performing at Rio made that property feel like the perfect fit and an ideal launching-off point. It’s like bringing the game home.

**What specific role did they play in the game’s development?**

Penn & Teller saw an early version of the game mechanics and helped a lot with the design, look and feel. Of course they’re a huge part of the branding and they have been great collaborating with us to promote it, which has been a really fun part of getting the word out.

**How does the game incorporate Penn & Teller’s signature style of magic and entertainment into the gameplay experience?**

It’s all about the energy! We’re tapping into their history with card tricks and their signature blend of mischief and entertainment. The game has that fun, fast-paced playful feel that they’re known for.

**Can you walk us through how Penn & Teller Casino Monte is played and what sets it apart from traditional table games?**

It’s actually pretty simple to learn, and maybe not so easy to master. The basic bet is on which of three face-down community cards will be highest. Then, a die roll randomly determines which of the three cards the dealer turns over. At that point, with that new added information, a player can raise their bet up to 3X, or just check and leave their original bet. If there’s a tie for the highest card, everyone who bet those cards wins. And if three of a kind is dealt, not only is everyone a winner, but the original bet pays 3 to 1. And there’s also a side bet where you can win big on poker hands. It’s got a few twists to keep things exciting!

**What was the biggest challenge in developing Penn & Teller Casino Monte, and how did you ensure the game remains engaging for both seasoned players and newcomers?**

Receiving all of the approvals and making sure everything was just right took time. We wanted to make it easy to learn but still fun for seasoned players. That’s why we added those extra elements, and knowing that Penn feels it’s easy to learn helps too!



Penn & Teller, Adventura Gaming co-founders Cinnamon Booth and David Anthony, and Rio Hotel & Casino Las Vegas President & CEO Patrick Miller celebrate the launch of Penn & Teller Casino Monte with live game demonstrations and magical performances by the legendary duo.



**The Rio Hotel & Casino Las Vegas has been undergoing a massive renovation with exciting new additions to the property.**

**What does it mean to have Penn & Teller Casino Monte debut on the casino floor during this transformation?**

The reimagination happening at Rio is quite spectacular, and our game is part of that revitalized atmosphere! There is this fun social aspect to table games unlike anything else in the casino that we just love, and we want to bring some of the “new game” energy to the new Rio. They’re introducing vibrant, engaging new offerings, and we’re thrilled that they’ve allowed our game to be a part of that.

**What has been the response from players so far, and are there any plans to expand Penn & Teller Casino Monte to other casinos in the future?**

Even though we’re just launching, we’ve been getting an enthusiastic response from the early players, which has been extremely satisfying. We’re already getting interest from other casinos and that’s a nice validation that the game has legs. We’re also in the early stages of figuring out a digital version, which we hope will add a whole different dimension to the concept.

**Looking ahead, what’s next for Adventura Gaming? Are there any other celebrity collaborations or innovative game concepts in the works?**

As a company, Adventura is focused on bringing the excitement of celebrity and brand collaborations to casino games, and we have a pipeline of games in various stages of development. Now that Penn & Teller Casino Monte is out in the wild, we’re anxious to hear from players about their experience with it to help craft our future releases. ♠



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## ***ilani*** Ridgefield, WA

ilani has everything you want from an entertainment destination and more. In just under eight years, ilani has continued to expand as the area's premier gaming, dining, entertainment and meeting destination, with a luxury hotel offering nearly 300 rooms and suites, affording guests the opportunity to stay and play.

The awe-inspiring, glass-encased hotel tower offers top-tier guest services and amenities with an indoor-outdoor pool experience, a poolside bar, a lobby café and bar and a signature penthouse restaurant with breathtaking views of Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood and the mighty Columbia River.

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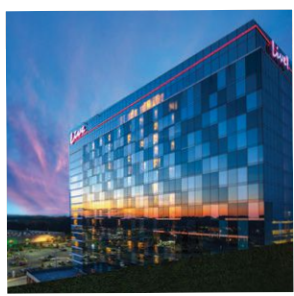
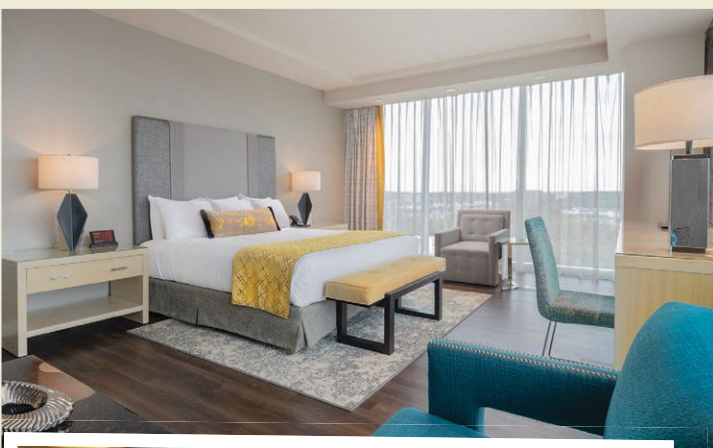
While ilani provides visitors with the ultimate gaming experience, there are so many reasons that guests keep coming back, including an incredible selection of inspired dining options. Guests can choose from fine dining at Michael Jordan's Steak House, fresh seafood at Line & Lure, award-winning sushi at Longhouse, authentic Asian cuisine at Bamboo 8, or delicious locally sourced dining and high-energy entertainment at Rock & Brews—not to mention casual favorites like Smashburger, Taco Cantina, i.talia Pizzeria and Chef Jet in The Market. Or guests get the best game-day fare at The Stadium Sports Bar & Grill while watching their favorite games on the region's largest video wall. And there's Bella Vista—located on the 15th floor of the hotel—where guests can enjoy regionally influenced Italian fine dining, served with sumptuous views of the Cascades.

ilani's award-winning Meeting & Entertainment Center is one of the most unique venues in the Portland metro area. The multi-use, flexible 40,000-square-foot facility comes fully equipped with state-of-the-art production, lighting and sound specialists. Not only is it able to host groups and conventions of various sizes, ilani's Cowlitz Ballroom also attracts epic shows from legendary, world-class entertainers like Miranda Lambert, Tom Segura, REO Speedwagon, Rascal Flatts, Smokey Robinson, Daniel Tosh and more.

Located in Ridgefield, WA—just a short drive north of Portland—ilani's world-class property is a remarkable tribute to the heritage of the Cowlitz Tribe and the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. For more information, visit [www.ilaniresort.com](http://www.ilaniresort.com) or call 1.877.GO.ilani.







## Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland Hanover, MD

**M**aryland Live! Casino Hotel stands out as one of the premier casinos in the nation, a paradise for slot enthusiasts. Located midway between Baltimore and Washington in Hanover, MD, this expansive casino offers an exceptional experience, featuring one of the country's largest gaming, retail and entertainment destinations.

As the only AAA Four Diamond-rated hotel in the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport area, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland offers a top-tier stay. Conveniently situated next to the BWI Business District, BWI Airport and Arundel Mills Mall, the 17-story hotel tower boasts 310 guest rooms, an event center, versatile meeting spaces, an on-site fitness center, a day spa and a variety of dining options.

Foodies will be delighted by the selection of 10 diverse dining experiences. The Prime Rib serves up succulent USDA Prime steaks, fresh seafood, an extensive wine list and an elegant yet comfortable atmosphere. David's features a modern aesthetic with genuine hospitality, offering a menu crafted from fresh seafood, steaks and seasonal, farm-to-table ingredients. For sports fans, Sports & Social Maryland elevates the viewing experience with a 100-foot media wall, a 47-foot big screen, 40 HDTVs and a wide variety of beers, along with a sports betting kiosk. Luk Fu brings a culinary journey through Korea, China and Vietnam, paired with live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays.

Open 24/7, Maryland Live! Casino features an impressive lineup of 4,000 popular slots and electronic table games, including timeless favorites like Wheel of Fortune, Double Diamond and Blazing 7s, as well as modern 3-D games such as Game of Thrones and Sphinx. The game selection constantly evolves, ensuring a thrilling experience in a smoke-free, friendly environment. Whether you prefer classic games or the latest releases, there's something for everyone.

For those looking to add some table action to the mix, the casino offers 200 live table games, including blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, Fortune Pai Gow Poker Progressive and poker. Additionally, dozens of

"dealer-assist" electronic tables allow players to enjoy the action in a private, personalized setting.

For the best rewards, your ship has come in. Life has its rewards, especially when you're a member of Live! Rewards! Live! Maryland is proud to be one of the nation's top casino loyalty programs, as recognized by *USA Today's* 10 Best survey and *Casino Player* magazine. Live! Rewards offers players six different rewards tiers that can be enjoyed at four luxurious casino resorts and two exciting online platforms.

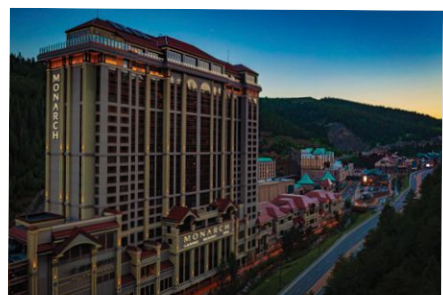
With Live! Rewards, you can play your favorite games to earn incredible rewards. And the more you play, the better your benefits get. At Live! Resorts, you can enjoy rewards like free check cashing, bonus entries into promotions, complimentary or discounted meals, hotel stays and show tickets, invitations to VIP events and exclusive gifts and offers.

But the benefits don't end on the gaming floor. Live! Maryland boasts a wide network of local business partners in the communities that are called home where your Live! Rewards card can be used for member-only discounts. Members can also enjoy complimentary or discounted travel benefits like trips to Baha Mar, stays at Resorts World Las Vegas and voyages aboard Norwegian Cruise Line. Get ready to win your way around the world!

Live! Rewards is the perfect complement to the Live! Casino experience, adding a new layer of excitement and delight to an already fantastic experience. If you aren't playing with Live! Maryland, you're missing out. Luckily, signing up is easy and free. Simply visit the guest services booth at any of the resorts and a member of the team will take you through the process. After that, it's game on!

Maryland Live! Casino has redefined—perhaps even perfected—the casino experience. By offering exceptional gaming, massive variety, creative cuisine and jaw-dropping high-tech entertainment, they have introduced something unprecedented in the region—a gaming, dining and entertainment destination like no other. It's simply a "can't miss" destination for any casino lover. For more information visit [www.marylandlivecasino.com](http://www.marylandlivecasino.com).





## Monarch Casino Resort Spa

Black Hawk, CO

**M**onarch Casino Resort Spa is a brilliant setting for a luxury retreat. Whether you're looking to connect with those who know you better than you know yourself, or getting to know someone in a whole new way, there's no better scene where it can all unfold. So much so, they're nominated for *Casino Player's* Best of Gaming Awards in multiple categories, including Best Overall Gaming Resort. So cast your vote today on how you Play Bold at Monarch Casino Resort Spa.

### Luxury Accommodations from Premier Guest Rooms to Balcony Suites

You walk into your room...immediately you're overcome with a sense of freedom, and a hint of being spoiled. Experience dramatic canyon views out the palatial windows, as the late-afternoon sunshine pours in to frame unending views of the forest-filled mountainside that paints the length of the canyon. Perhaps there is such a thing as perfection.

### Play Bold with Two Expansive Gaming Floors

Step out of the rigors of your every day and escape into the flow of nearly endless gaming across two levels and 60,000 square feet of casino floor. Here you'll find over 1,000 of your favorite slot and video poker machines and over 40 of your favorite table games including baccarat, Buffalo Black Jack, Pai Gow and so many more. Each game and every table, another opportunity to add a chapter about winning the story of your stay.

### Spa Monarch: Voted #2 Best Hotel Spa in the Country by USA Today

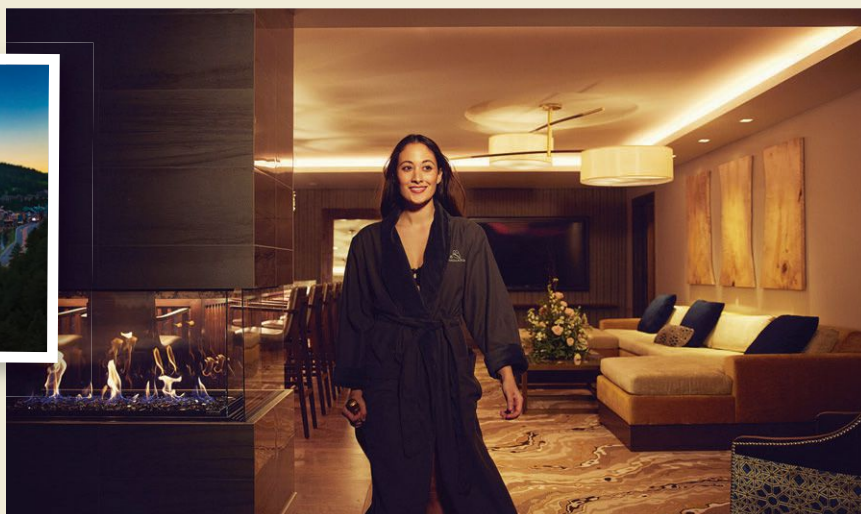
Imagine. The elevator doors open to the 23rd floor. The top of Monarch Casino Resort Spa. You glide out of the elevator and in through the double-glass doors, behind which, Spa Monarch awaits. From signature treatments to unique spaces, everything is designed to indulge. You start in the Aqua Lounge. The views of the canyon alone are worth an entire day.

### Dine Daring

Five exquisite restaurants await to tantalize your appetite, each boasting its own distinct ambiance and flavors, temptations and satisfactions. From mid-week social hours to endless dining options and round-the-clock service, craft your Monarch experience to your every desire.

### Bistro Mariposa's Wednesday Night Social Hour

Step into Bistro Mariposa to embrace the sensory journey of flame-kissed flank steak, sweetly charred street corn from the grill, and margaritas that feel cool in the hand and spicy going down. Social Hour beckons with



half-priced appetizers and select cocktails, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening. Indulge with top-shelf tequilas and mezcals. Witness the precision and panache of the open kitchen, a harmonious blend of orchestration and performance, inviting contemplation of endless possibilities. Whether you seek a casual sip, engaging conversation or a full dining experience, Bistro Mariposa promises the perfect beginning or conclusion to your night.

### Monarch Chophouse: A Taste Above

Through an array of every imaginable slot machine available, beckons a bluish glow. From behind the glass over 300 labels of wines from around the world invite you into the hallway that leads to unimaginable tastes. Welcome to Monarch Chophouse—a modern twist on the classic steakhouse. Home to crafted cocktails like the Smoky Old Fashioned and the Casino Royale. Along with classic steakhouse favorites like the ambitious Tomahawk and a tableside Caesar. Raise your tastes and your expectations here.

### The Buffet: A Story of Endless Exploration and Found Favorites

Your buffet experience begins with an endless array of culinary delights. With nearly unlimited options stretching on and on, cuisines from around the world converge in Black Hawk.

### Black Hawk Around the Clock: Twenty-Four 7

Just off the gaming floor lies Black Hawk's only 24-hour restaurant: Twenty-Four 7—the perfect place to refuel from endless game play and the best people watching on property. Let your inner child go wild with breakfast served all day; or get a cold one with the boys over burgers and savory bites.



## Ocean Casino Resort

### Atlantic City, NJ

Spanning 20 acres of pristine beachfront along the iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk, the Ocean Casino Resort stands as the tallest building in the city, offering 1,860 luxurious guest rooms and suites with breathtaking views. The resort's vibrant casino features live entertainment, stunning ocean vistas, nearly 2,000 cutting-edge slot machines and 125 dynamic table games, including exclusive high-limit tables. It also boasts the East Coast's premier sportsbook.

For those seeking a more elevated gaming experience, Ocean offers exclusive high-limit enclaves. The Cove, with over 7,450 square feet of space, offers high-limit slots and personalized cocktail service. For ultimate privacy, luxury and panoramic ocean views, guests can retreat to The Loft—an opulent 2,000-square-foot gaming suite located on the 44th floor. This exclusive space caters to invited guests, providing an unmatched experience in the region.

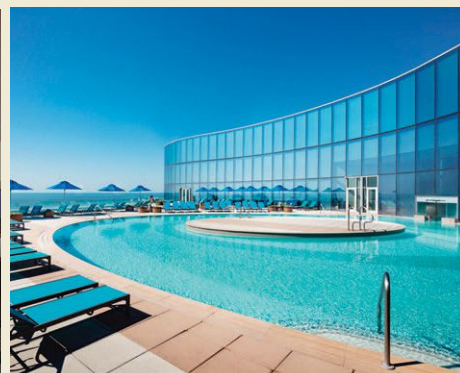
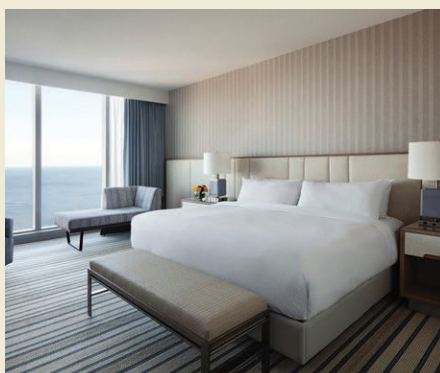
The Loft delivers more than just stunning views—it offers private butler service, a personal security detail and a custom-stocked bar featuring top-shelf spirits. With blackjack, roulette and baccarat at the tables, The Loft ensures an intimate, curated gaming experience for its most discerning visitors.

Beyond the gaming floor, Ocean Casino Resort offers an exceptional array of dining experiences. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply enjoying a fine meal, the resort has something for every taste. Indulge in Mediterranean cuisine with a Spanish flair at Amada, savor classic steakhouse dishes at Ocean Steak or immerse yourself in Italian dining culture at Linguini By The Sea.

No visit to Ocean Casino Resort would be complete without a stop at Villain & Saint, a modern gastropub and rock 'n' roll music hall. With draft beers from around the world and live performances every weekend, it's the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

When it comes to entertainment, Ovation Hall is the crown jewel of Ocean Casino Resort. Known for its exceptional sound quality, comfortable seating and exclusive skyboxes, Ovation Hall is the ultimate venue for live music, comedy and everything in between. Upcoming events include The 80's Rock Tour on May 16, Alice Cooper on May 24, Lynyrd Skynyrd on May 30, Trisha Paytas on June 7 & 8, Happy Together Tour on June 13, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler: Restless Leg Tour on June 21 and Blues Traveler and Gin Blossoms on July 19.

Whether you're looking for a thrilling weekend getaway or a serene retreat by the ocean, Ocean Casino Resort delivers an unforgettable experience. To learn more about everything Ocean has to offer, visit [www.TheOceanAC.com](http://www.TheOceanAC.com).







## Palace Casino Resort

Biloxi, MS

**P**alace Casino Resort is Biloxi's only smoke-free casino resort! This stylish resort hotel features 236 modern, beautifully appointed rooms and suites with stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico and Biloxi's Back Bay. The casino boasts the latest slot machines and a spacious table games pit, offering a premier gaming experience. Guests can enjoy six exceptional dining options, including the award-winning Mignon's Steaks & Seafood, Palace Buffet, STACKED Grill, Palace Café & Bakery, CONTACT Sports & Race Book and Wahoo's Poolside Bar & Grill. Additionally, the resort offers PURE The Palace Spa & Fitness Center, as well as The Preserve Golf Club, a championship course designed by Jerry Pate.

The saying "good things come in small packages" certainly applies to Palace Casino Resort. This boutique resort combines the amenities of larger casino resorts with a more intimate, relaxed atmosphere. And the accolades speak for themselves: In 2024, Palace Casino Resort won five first-place awards in the Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards from *Casino Player* magazine and 15 first-place awards in the Best of Gaming category. It also received 13 gold awards in the *Sun Herald's* Best of Coastal Mississippi Awards, including Best Casino, Best Local's Casino, Best Customer Service, Best Player's Club and Best Resort. Mignon's Steaks & Seafood was recognized as Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Steakhouse and Best Wine Selection, while PURE The Palace Spa was awarded Best Casino Spa. Other awards included Best Golf Course for The Preserve Golf Club, and Best Casual Restaurant for STACKED Grill.

Palace Casino Resort also earned 12 Best of Slots awards from *Strictly Slots* magazine, TripAdvisor's Traveler's Choice Award for 2024, and WXXV TV 25's 2024 Viewer's Choice Award for Best Casino. The resort has held the prestigious Four Diamond Award from the American Automobile Association (AAA) for over 20 years and has been repeatedly recognized for its cleanliness with AAA's Inspected Clean Award.

When you're in the Gulf Coast region, be sure to visit the resort's award-winning restaurants and sportsbook. Mignon's Steaks & Seafood

features USDA Prime steaks and fresh seafood, with exceptional cuisine, detail and service. Mignon's is open for dinner Thursday through Sunday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m., and hosts a monthly wine pairing dinner, offering a five-course gourmet meal with wines from selected vineyards. Mignon's was named Best Steakhouse in *Casino Player* magazine's Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards, Diner's Choice Award from OpenTable.com, and won Best Wine Selection, Best Fine Dining and Best Steakhouse in the *Sun Herald's* Best of Coastal Mississippi Awards.

Palace Buffet offers an interactive dining experience with live action cooking stations, serving freshly grilled meats, Southern comfort food, coastal seafood and Asian cuisine on a Mongolian BBQ grill. The buffet serves lunch and dinner daily and breakfast on weekends. It has been named the Best Buffet by *Sun Herald* readers and was recognized as Mississippi's Best All-You-Can-Eat Buffet by *Reader's Digest* and The Daily Meal.

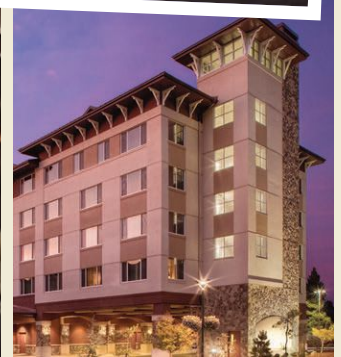
STACKED Grill, awarded Best Deli in the 2024 *Casino Player's* Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards, offers a range of specialty burgers, appetizers, salads and shakes. It serves breakfast all day and offers lunch and dinner with extended hours.

CONTACT Sports & Race Book is the perfect spot to watch sports and bet on horse races. With comfy seating, large flat-screen HDTVs and a big screen for major events, it's the ideal hangout for sports fans. Guests can enjoy burgers, pizza, wings and beer buckets, all served by friendly cocktail servers during games.

Other amenities include the 236-room hotel, PURE Spa, Palace Café & Bakery, a gift shop, fitness center, marina, pool and seasonal Wahoo's Poolside Bar & Grill. The resort also offers golf at The Preserve Golf Club, an 18-hole championship course located in Vancleave, MS, just a short drive from the resort. The Preserve Golf Club offers a superior golfing experience on 245 acres, surrounded by a 1,800-acre nature preserve.

For more information about the resort's amenities, visit [www.PalaceCasinoResort.com](http://www.PalaceCasinoResort.com) or call 800-PALACE-9.





## Seven Feathers Casino Resort

Canyonville, OR

Nestled in the heart of Southern Oregon, Seven Feathers Casino Resort offers more than just thrilling gaming—it's a vibrant getaway where excitement, luxury and relaxation blend effortlessly. Whether you're seeking high-stakes gaming, exploring diverse dining options or unwinding at a world-class spa, Seven Feathers promises an unforgettable experience for every guest.

The resort's dynamic gaming floor is the focal point of the action, featuring over 900 slot machines. From the latest slot titles to beloved classics, there's something for every taste. For fans of table games, Seven Feathers offers blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, poker and more, all led by professional and friendly dealers.

A standout feature of the casino is its dedicated non-smoking gaming area, ensuring a comfortable space for all guests. Additionally, the casino hosts thrilling slot tournaments, where players compete for big prizes and bragging rights, adding an extra layer of excitement to the Seven Feathers experience.

Live entertainment is another highlight, with the resort attracting top-tier performers across a variety of genres. Whether you're into rock, country, comedy or variety acts, Seven Feathers has a show for you. The Umpqua Grand Ballroom is the perfect setting for large concerts and events, while Elements Lounge offers an intimate venue for live music and dancing. During the summer, enjoy outdoor performances on the hotel patio, surrounded by Oregon's beautiful climate. Upcoming events include Clinch Fight Club XI MMA Fights on May 10, Little River Band on May 24 and Aaron Lewis on June 21, with more events announced throughout Spring.

For those who enjoy a vibrant nightlife scene, Seven Feathers offers a range of bar atmospheres. Sip on a crafted cocktail at Elements Lounge

or enjoy a casual beer at the Otter Bar. Savor hand-crafted sushi at Steelhead Lounge or unwind and try one of the bar-top slot machines at the new Edge Bar—there's always a great spot to relax and socialize.

Food enthusiasts will be in paradise with six distinct dining options, each offering something unique. K-Bar Steak House stands out with its perfectly cooked steaks, fresh seafood and extensive wine list in an elegant yet cozy atmosphere. For a more casual meal, try Cow Creek Restaurant or Stix Bar & Grill for hearty American classics and fusion-inspired dishes. For something quick, grab a coffee and pastry at Takelma or indulge in a smash-style burger at Cow Creek Marketplace.

After an exhilarating day, River Rock Spa provides the perfect respite. The full-service spa offers a range of rejuvenating treatments, including deep-tissue massages, facials and manis/pedis. Guests can unwind in the sauna, hot soaking pool or relax in a peaceful room with a soothing fountain.

Seven Feathers Hotel features 300 beautifully designed rooms, including luxurious suites for those seeking extra comfort. Each room is equipped with plush bedding, modern amenities and stylish décor. For guests who prefer an outdoor experience, Seven Feathers RV Resort offers a picturesque and well-maintained space for travelers on the go.

The resort also boasts a heated indoor pool and hot tubs, perfect for relaxing after a day of activities. Fitness enthusiasts can stay on track with their workout routine in the fully equipped gym.

What truly sets Seven Feathers apart is its exceptional hospitality. The resort's friendly, attentive staff goes out of their way to make every guest feel like family, ensuring a warm and welcoming environment that keeps visitors returning year after year.

Whether you're here for an action-packed weekend or a tranquil retreat, Seven Feathers Casino Resort offers an experience that seamlessly combines entertainment, luxury and relaxation. Plan your visit today at [www.sevenfeathers.com](http://www.sevenfeathers.com) and discover why Seven Feathers is one of the premier destinations in the Pacific Northwest. ♠





# CRACK the Code of Craps

**MASTERING PLACE BETS  
LIKE A PRO**

New to the craps table? Learn the lingo, understand the bets, and discover why place bets are among the smartest plays you can make **By Garrison Russell**

**W**hen new players walk up to a craps table for the first time it's a world they are not familiar with. Players are making all types of bets such as place bets, hard ways, horn bets, any craps, 2/12 High-low, odds on my come bet, give me sixty-six inside and lay the 10. It certainly can be confusing and a little intimidating to a new player. There are a few terms you should learn that will help you make your bets faster and help the dealers.

One of the most popular bets on the craps tables are place bets. These are bets made after the game starts and you can bet on any of the point numbers. They are the 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10. If any of these numbers are rolled you win but if the seven is rolled you lose all of your bets. After a point number is rolled you then can tell the dealer, Same bet, press it up one unit, press it all the way up, or take my bet down. Players have options when making place bets. That's why these are one of the best bets on the table for the players. Another advantage of place bets is they do not work on the first roll of the game,

known as the come-out roll, so if a seven is rolled you don't lose any of your place bets. This is a BIG advantage for the place bettors.

To make things flow faster and to help the dealers they want you to say certain statements when making your place bets. The best time to make your bets are when the dice are in the middle of the table, before they are passed to the shooter. Never make a bet after the dice have been passed to the shooter; they may say "no bet." And please never, never (Yes I said never) buy in during the middle of the game. Wait until the puck is in the Don't come box, in the off position. Then put your money in the middle of the come section to buy in. If you buy in during the middle of a busy game and stop the action the players at the table will put a contract out on you. Players believe if you stop the game the next roll or two will be a seven. Don't do it.

The dealers will place these bets into three categories: inside bets, outside bets and across bets. When you tell the dealer, I'd like to bet the inside numbers, you are betting on the point numbers 5, 6, 8

**“Hey kid, just remember, all right bettors die broke.”  
It never hurts to hedge your place bets.  
I do that now when I play.**

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	\$15.00	Numbers	4	5	6	8	9	10	
	Inside	5,6,8,9	X	15	18	18	15	X	\$66 Inside
		Pays		21	21	21	21		
	Outside	4,5,9,10	15	15	X	X	15	15	\$60 Outside
		Pays	27	21			21	27	
	Across	4-10	15	15	18	18	15	15	\$96 Across
		Pays	27	21	21	21	21	27	
	\$20.00	Numbers	4	5	6	8	9	10	
	*Buy 4 & 10								
	Inside	5,6,8,9	X	20	24	24	20	X	\$88 Inside
		Pays		28	28	28	28		
	Outside	4,5,9,10	*20	20	X	X	20	*20	\$80 Outside
		Pays	*39	28			28	*39	
	Across	4-10	*20	20	24	24	20	*20	\$128 Across
		Pays	*39	28	28	28	28	*39	
	\$25.00	Numbers	4	5	6	8	9	10	
	*Buy 4 & 10								
	Inside	5,6,8,9	X	25	30	30	25	X	\$110 Inside
		Pays		35	35	35	35		
	Outside	4,5,9,10	*25	25	X	X	25	*25	\$100 Outside
		Pays	*49	35			35	*49	
	Across	4-10	*25	25	30	30	25	*25	\$160 Across
		Pays	*49	35	35	35	35	*49	
	\$50.00	Numbers	4	5	6	8	9	10	
	*Buy 4 & 10								
	Inside	5,6,8,9	X	50	60	60	50	X	\$220 Inside
		Pays		70	70	70	70		
	Outside	4,5,9,10	*50	50	X	X	50	*50	\$200 Outside
		Pays	*98	70			70	*98	
	Across	4-10	*50	50	60	60	50	*50	\$320 Across
		Pays	*98	70	70	70	70	*98	



& 9. When you tell the dealer you want to bet the outside numbers you're betting the point numbers 4, 5, 9 & 10. And when you tell a dealer to bet the numbers across you're betting on all point numbers 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10. When you place the 4, 5, 9 & 10 you bet in the amount of \$5 bets. When you place the 6 & 8 you bet in the amount of \$6 bets. The point numbers 5, 6, 8 & 9 are paid off in multiples of seven dollars (7, 14, 21, 28, 35, etc.). The point numbers 4 and 10 are paid off in multiples of nine dollars (9, 18, 27). After you get to a bet of \$20 they let you buy the four and 10 and pay you the true odds of 2 to 1 minus a 5% commission on the amount you bet (\$1 per \$20). There are some casinos that let you buy the five and nine. Ask your dealer if that is allowed.

Enclosed is the chart for the place bets starting at a \$5 bettor going all the way up to a \$50 bettor. Drop your money in the come section and tell the dealer, I'd like \$\$ inside, outside or across. NOTE: If you play Crapless Craps, you can make place & buy bets on the 2, 3, 11 & 12. When you place the 2 and 12 they pay 11-2 with a house edge of 7.14%. The 3 and 11 pay 11-4 with a house edge of 6.25%.—no thanks.

Note: When you play for a higher amount just increase or double the bets.

After a point number is rolled and you win a place bet the dealer will pay you, then you can tell them what you'd like to do with your winnings. You can say "same bet" and they keep that same amount in action, "press it up one unit" and they will add one unit to the bet, "press it up all the way" and they will double the bet, or you can say "regress my bet to a lower amount" and take some profits.

There are three major types of players at the tables—Bulls, Bears and Pigs. Bulls press their bets right after the first win and keep pressing. Bears are a little more conservative. They will take the same bet or start at a higher level and regress after one or two hits. If the table gets hot then they will press their bets. And the Pigs, well, they just get slaughtered. They never take any of their profits, they never regress, and when the seven is rolled they lose all their bets on the table. There's an old saying in the casinos, Don't be a pig, pigs always get slaughtered. I recommend you start as a bear, take some profits, and if the table gets hot then you can start pressing.

The player has to realize that the average game only lasts six to eight rolls. When you bet \$44 inside, (5, 6, 8 & 9), each winning place bet pays \$14. You have to win 3.14 bets to get back your \$44. You only start winning a profit after the third hit. If you don't get four winning rolls or the shooter does not roll 5, 6, 8 & 9s during that game you're going to end up losing money on that shooter. Remember, it's not how much money you win, it's how little you lose. Protect your bankroll and look for a small percentage win on each shooter. You have to chart the table and play accordingly.

There are players who like to play on the Don't side of the table. When you place your bet in the Don't come box the dealer will take that bet and put it behind the number on the next roll. When I was very young, just learning the game, I was playing downtown on Fremont Street. I saw a player making a lot of Don't come bets. I asked this "Old-



**“If you buy in during the middle of a busy game and stop the whole game the players at the table will put a contract out on you.”**

timer” what he was doing. He looked at me, smoking a Camel cigarette, drinking his Schlitz beer, and said, “Hey kid, just remember, all right bettors die broke.” It never hurts to hedge your place bets. I do that now when I play.

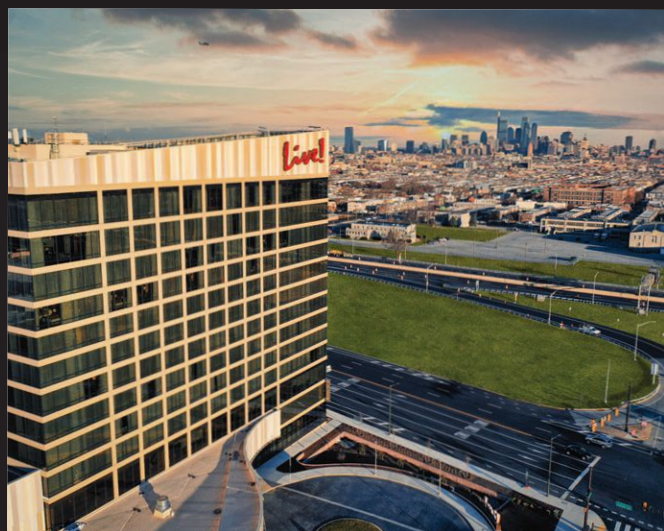
Living in Las Vegas, I took a dealer's class on how to deal craps from CEG (Casino Educational Gambling). It has given me a new perspective on the game. Remember, be kind, dealers work for tips, so tip your dealers. As Donna Summer said, They work hard for the money \$\$ . When the shooter has a long roll and makes you money you may tip them as well. I hope this information helps not only the new players but the more advanced players in charting the table and winning more money. I wish you the very best for the coming year. Good luck at the tables! ♠

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# Discover PENNSYLVANIA

**A Rich Blend of History, Culture and Thrilling Casino Escapes**

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Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia



**P**ennsylvania, often referred to as the “Keystone State,” is a land of rich history, diverse landscapes and vibrant cities. Nestled in the northeastern United States, Pennsylvania played a pivotal role in the birth of the nation, hosting the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia and serving as the site of the first constitutional convention. From the bustling streets of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to the serene beauty of the Pocono Mountains and rolling farmlands, Pennsylvania offers a unique blend of urban culture and natural splendor. Whether you’re exploring its historic landmarks, sampling its world-renowned cuisine or experiencing the warmth of its people, Pennsylvania invites visitors to discover the stories and sights that define this storied state.

Casino properties in Pennsylvania offer a wide range of experiences, reflecting the state’s diverse character. Here are some standout options that promise an unforgettable gaming experience.

## **Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia and Live! Casino Pittsburgh**

Play, dine and win big in Pennsylvania at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia and Live! Casino Pittsburgh. The Keystone State is the ultimate destination for thrilling entertainment, exceptional dining and unparalleled gaming at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia and Live! Casino Pittsburgh. Whether you’re looking for electrifying live entertainment, a thrilling time on the gaming floor or a world-class dining experience, Live! Casino is your ticket to unforgettable experiences.

### **COMEDY, CABARET, MUSIC AND MORE**

Situated in the heart of Philadelphia’s vibrant Stadium District just steps from big league action, Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia is a premier entertainment destination. The Live! Event Center hosts some of the nation’s best touring acts, comedians, championship boxing matches and more.





Live! Casino Pittsburgh



Upcoming acts include the cabaret star of *The Real Housewives of New York City* Countess Luann de Lesseps on Friday, May 2; world-renown improv comedy troupe The Second City on Saturday, July 26; and Bed of Roses, the foremost Bon Jovi tribute band on Saturday, Aug. 9. Additional performances are being announced regularly at [www.Philadelphia.Live-Casino.com](http://www.Philadelphia.Live-Casino.com).

Center Bar, located in the heart of the action on the gaming floor, features live music and DJs almost nightly so guests can sip and sing along.

At Live! Casino Pittsburgh, standup comedian and Grand Ol' Opry regular, Aaron Weber, will take The Venue Live! stage on Friday, May 16. Plus, Sports & Social Steel City features live music on Fridays.

### SAVOR & SIP FOR EVERY EVENT

Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia and Live! Casino Pittsburgh offer a variety of dining specials throughout the spring and summer, from Kentucky Derby celebrations, Cinco de Mayo cocktail specials and Mothers' Day brunches to watch parties for the highly anticipated FIFA Club World Cup—which is coming to South Philly this June. Whether you're indulging

in award-winning steak and seafood at The Prime Rib Philadelphia, enjoying one of Guy Fieri's signature recipes at Guy's American Kitchen + Bar in Pittsburgh, or cheering on your favorite team surrounded by fans at Sports & Social in both locations, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh offer exceptional dining experiences for every taste and occasion.

### UNPARALLELED GAMING EXPERIENCES

Live! is constantly refreshing and innovating its gaming floors to ensure an exciting experience for every guest. At Live! Casino Pittsburgh, you'll find an electrifying gaming atmosphere with 40 live-action table games, 750 slot machines, a FanDuel Sportsbook, poker room and more.

Live! Philadelphia features over 140 live-action table games, 2,000 slot machines, a FanDuel Sportsbook and a dedicated high-limit room and poker room. This May, guests who won in April are in the running to become twice as lucky at Live! with the opportunity to win \$1,000 in cash or free play.

Whatever side of the state you're visiting, you'll find unparalleled, only-in-Pennsylvania experiences.





*The Casino at Nemacolin offers an unparalleled blend of sophistication and excitement.*

## The Casino at Nemacolin

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of southwestern Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands, The Casino at Nemacolin in Farmington, PA, offers an unparalleled blend of sophistication and excitement. As part of the renowned Nemacolin resort, this boutique gaming destination presents a refined yet thrilling atmosphere, creating unforgettable experiences for every guest. Whether you're a passionate gamer, a lover of fine dining or simply in search of a luxurious getaway, this resort casino caters to those with a taste for elegance and adventure.

The Casino at Nemacolin combines the best of both classic and modern gaming in a vibrant and dynamic setting. With 26 table games and 500 cutting-edge slot machines, along with keno, video lottery and Direct Bet options, the gaming floor is full of energy. Guests can enjoy classic favorites like blackjack, roulette, craps and baccarat, as well as innovative slot games that promise nonstop excitement.

For those seeking a more exclusive experience, the high-limit gaming lounge offers elevated stakes on blackjack and slots, alongside special promotions for Rewards Club members that provide even more chances to win big. The casino recently underwent an opulent renovation, introducing sleek, contemporary design, upgraded gaming technology and a dedicated high-roller lounge and bar. This reimagined space blends style and energy, redefining the luxury gaming experience, while live weekend music adds to the lively ambiance.

A visit to The Casino at Nemacolin is more than just about gaming—it's about indulging in exquisite cuisine. The Royale, the resort's premier fine dining venue, features a refined menu combining culinary artistry with impeccable service. Guests can savor prime steaks, fresh seafood and a curated wine list designed for the most discerning tastes.

For a more casual dining experience, the casino's bar and grill offers pub-style classics and signature cocktails, all served in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere with large-screen TVs—making it the ideal spot to unwind between games or watch the big game.

The recent renovations at The Casino represent an exciting new chapter in Nemacolin's ongoing commitment to excellence. With updated spaces, enhanced dining options and a thoughtfully curated gaming floor, The Casino is raising the bar for boutique luxury gaming destinations.



Beyond the gaming floor, resort guests can immerse themselves in Nemacolin's expansive 2,200-acre playground, featuring two championship golf courses, a world-class spa, a state-of-the-art golf academy, outdoor adventure activities, whiskey and wine tastings and art galleries. Nemacolin is the ultimate destination for luxury and adventure.

Enjoy live music on weekends or retreat to the high-rollers lounge for premium beverages, cigars and an exclusive atmosphere. The casino also offers both smoking and non-smoking areas for your comfort, ensuring a welcoming space for all types of guests.

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

## Parx Casino

Parx Casino in Bensalem, Pennsylvania's largest and most thrilling gaming destination, offers a premier experience with state-of-the-art gaming, thoroughbred racing, live entertainment and exciting promotions. Just 20 minutes north of Center City Philadelphia, Parx Casino spans 260,000 square feet, with the adjacent 280,000-square-foot Parx East home to Parx Racing.







The Liberty Bell Beer Garden at Parx Casino offers a relaxed, open-air vibe with a rotating selection of craft beers and classic pub fare—just one of the many exceptional dining experiences at Parx casino.

With over 150,000 square feet dedicated to gaming, Parx boasts 3,330 of the hottest slots, including favorites like Wonka, Wheel of Fortune and Lightning Link, along with more than 60 electronic blackjack and roulette games. The casino also features 199 world-class table games such as blackjack, craps, roulette, Three Card Poker, Four Card Poker, baccarat and live stadium blackjack. Poker enthusiasts can enjoy nonstop action in the new 24-hour Parx Poker Room, featuring 48 tables, high-definition TVs and a VIP high-limit area.

Beyond gaming, Parx delivers exceptional dining experiences with a variety of restaurants, including Parxgrill, an upscale steakhouse; Liberty Bell Gastropub, offering farm-to-fork inspired cuisine; Bambu Noodle House for innovative Asian flavors; The Liberty Bell Beer Garden with craft beers and pub fare; and Philly favorite Chickie's & Pete's, known for its seafood and interactive gaming. Whether you're looking for high-stakes thrills, world-class dining or top-tier entertainment, Parx Casino has it all. For more information, visit [www.parxcasino.com](http://www.parxcasino.com).



## Mount Airy Casino Resort

Mount Airy Casino Resort, located in Mount Pocono and set on 1,056 acres, is the only 21+ casino resort in the area, making it the perfect destination for adult getaways. It offers a world-class casino experience alongside a relaxing retreat with luxurious amenities, including a spa and salon. The excitement never stops with over 70 table games, such as blackjack, craps, roulette, poker and baccarat, a 12-table poker room, and more than 1,800 hot slots.

Mount Airy features the latest games, including Wheel of Fortune, Jackpot Party, 88 Fortunes, Buffalo, Dancing Drums and Lightning Link, offering both classic and high-limit options. Promotions and tournaments keep the adrenaline flowing for every player.

Dining at Mount Airy includes Guy Fieri's Mt. Pocono Kitchen, Bistecca by IL MULINO offering fresh pasta and seafood, Lucky 8 Noodle + Sushi Bar, and The Market at Mount Airy with daily changing buffet-style favorites. For more details, visit [www.mountairycasino.com](http://www.mountairycasino.com).

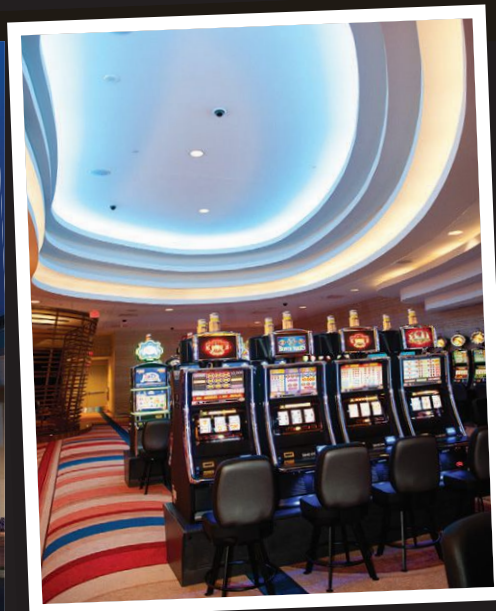


Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos is the area's only 21+ resort, offering luxury, relaxation, and nonstop gaming with 1,800+ slots, 70+ table games, a poker room, spa, and top-tier dining including Guy Fieri's Mt. Pocono Kitchen.





*Set on the historic Bethlehem Steel site, Wind Creek Bethlehem blends rich history with modern luxury, offering a AAA Four-Diamond hotel, world-class gaming with 150+ table games and top slots, a Betfred-powered sportsbook, and dining by celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse.*



Valley Forge Casino Resort

## Wind Creek Bethlehem

Located on the historic Bethlehem Steel plant site, Wind Creek Bethlehem is a one-of-a-kind casino and resort offering gaming, dining, shopping and more. With a AAA Four-Diamond hotel, guests enjoy 282 luxurious rooms with premium bedding, personalized toiletries, free internet and concierge services.

The casino features over 150 table games, state-of-the-art slot machines, live dealer stadium gaming and the latest and most popular slot machines in a slot players' paradise. Wind Creek Bethlehem also boasts a sportsbook powered by Betfred Sports, available both on property and online.

Dining options include Emeril's Chop House for an upscale American steakhouse experience, Burgers and More by Emeril, Chopstick for fresh Asian cuisine, Steelworks for classic American dishes, and The Market for casual bites, including burgers, sushi, pizza and salads. For more information, visit [www.windcreek.com/bethlehem](http://www.windcreek.com/bethlehem).

## Valley Forge Casino Resort

Valley Forge Casino Resort, located in King of Prussia, PA, is just a short distance from the Valley Forge National Historical Park, which commemorates the winter encampment of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. While not directly adjacent, the resort offers easy access to this historic site, featuring monuments, meadows and woodlands—a perfect stop for history buffs looking to immerse themselves in the area's rich past.

As the region's premier full-amenity gaming destination, Valley Forge Casino Resort offers a 40,000-square-foot gaming floor, 100,000 square feet of meeting and event space and two luxury hotel towers. The casino features 850 slot machines and 50 table games, including blackjack, craps, roulette, Pai Gow Poker and baccarat. With eight dining options, live entertainment and exciting nightlife, the resort ensures an exceptional experience for every guest. After a thrilling night at the casino, unwind in one of the resort's 442 newly renovated rooms and suites, just steps away from the action. For more information, visit [www.valleyforcegasino.com](http://www.valleyforcegasino.com).



## Rivers Casino Philadelphia

Rivers Casino Philadelphia offers a vast selection of slots, from classic favorites to the latest hits, alongside an impressive array of table games like blackjack, craps, Spanish 21 and more. The casino also features electronic table games, including Dynasty Baccarat—offering faster gameplay and personalized service.

The state-of-the-art sportsbook offers a luxury viewing area with a massive HD video wall and 22 self-service kiosks—perfect for placing bets on football, basketball, hockey, boxing, soccer and more.

For dining, Rivers Casino Philadelphia has something for everyone. Jack's Bar + Grill offers American fare, while Hugo's Frog Bar & Chop House brings authentic Chicago dining to the city. Don't miss the exclusive "Philly Cut" 16-ounce bone-in filet mignon, served only at this location.

Additionally, Mian offers an authentically delicious Asian dining experience, where each dish is made to order with the freshest ingredients. From rich broths and crisp vegetables to succulent chicken, beef, pho, roasted duck and spring rolls, Mian delivers a tantalizing experience in a fun, social setting.

For more information, visit [www.riverscasino.com/philadelphia](http://www.riverscasino.com/philadelphia).



Rivers Casino Pittsburgh thrills with over 2,900 slot machines and nonstop action at the BetRivers Sportsbook.

## Rivers Casino Pittsburgh

Rivers Casino Pittsburgh offers an exciting gaming experience in the heart of Pittsburgh, featuring a wide selection of over 2,900 slot machines and 100 table games, including blackjack, craps, roulette and poker. The casino also boasts a state-of-the-art sportsbook, a variety of dining options and live entertainment. Guests can enjoy everything from upscale dining at Andrew's Steak & Seafood to casual fare at The Eatery. With its vibrant atmosphere and stunning views of the Ohio River, Rivers Casino Pittsburgh is a top destination for entertainment and gaming in the Steel City. For more information, visit [www.riverscasino.com/pittsburgh](http://www.riverscasino.com/pittsburgh). ♠

*With stunning views of the Ohio River, Rivers Casino Pittsburgh pairs thrilling gaming and entertainment with one of the best waterfront backdrops in the city—making it a must-visit destination in the heart of the Steel City.*







# Playing in the Spotlight

## LAS VEGAS

### Allegiant Stadium

Post Malone Presents: The BIG ASS Stadium Tour, May 3. Kendrick Lamar and SZA, May 31. Coldplay: Music of the Spheres World Tour, June 6 & 7. Shakira: Las Mujeres Ya No Lloran World Tour, June 28. After Hours Til Dawn Tour, July 4 & 5. Beyonce: Cowboy Carter Tour, July 25. [www.allegiantstadium.com](http://www.allegiantstadium.com)

### Bellagio

"O" Cirque du Soleil, Wed.-Sun., 7 & 9:30 p.m. Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art. Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. Fountains of Bellagio, Mon.-Fri., every 30 minutes from 3-6:30 p.m. and every 15 minutes from 7 p.m.-midnight. Sat., Sun. and holidays, every 30 minutes from noon-6:30 p.m. and every 15 minutes from 7 p.m.-midnight. Mayfair After Dark., Fri. & Sat. [www.bellagio.com](http://www.bellagio.com)

### Caesars Palace

Absinthe, Mondays thru Saturdays. Jerry Seinfeld, May 2 & 3, Sept. 5 & 6. Josh Groban, May 9, 10, 14, 16 & 17. Hauser: The Rebel is Back!, May 25. Rod Stewart: The Encore Show Las Vegas, select dates through June. Kelly Clarkson, July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 & 25. [www.caesarspalace.com](http://www.caesarspalace.com)

### The Cosmopolitan

Blast Off with OPM, Weds.-Sun. 7 & 9 p.m. Joe Gatto: Let's Get Into It, May 3. Marcello Hernandez, May 25. Sheryl Crow, June 7. Love & Laughter with Toni Braxton and Cedric The Entertainer, July 11 & 12. DISPATCH w/John Butler (With Band) - Summer Tour, July 25. [www.thecosmopolitanlasvegas.com](http://www.thecosmopolitanlasvegas.com)

### Downtown Las Vegas Event Center

Holo Holo Music Festival, April 26 & 27. Factory 93: Sara Landry x Nico Moreno, May 15. Punk Rock Bowling, May 24-26. [www.dlvec.com](http://www.dlvec.com)

### Excalibur

Tournament of Kings (dark Tues.), 6 & 8:30 p.m. The Australian Bee Gees Show, Wed.-Sun. at 7 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 4 & 7 p.m. Australia's Thunder from Down Under, nightly Fri.-Sun. at 7, 9 & 11 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Thurs. at 9 & 11 p.m. Fun Dungeon Arcade, daily 12 p.m.-11 p.m. The Mac King Comedy Magic Show (dark Sun. & Mon.). [www.excalibur.com](http://www.excalibur.com)

### Flamingo

RuPaul's Drag Race Live! Las Vegas, Mon., Thurs.-Sun. 9:30 p.m. Piff The Magic Dragon, Thurs.-Mon. at 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 p.m. X-Burlesque Private Edition, Thurs.-Mon. 7 & 10 p.m. Wayne Newton, Mon., Wed. & Sat at 7 p.m. [www.caesars.com/flamingo-las-vegas](http://www.caesars.com/flamingo-las-vegas)

### Four Queens Resort & Casino

Mike Hammer - Comedy & Magic, Tues.-Sat. Hypnosis Unleashed, Tues.-Sat. Tarot Readings-Spiritual Advisor, Christine, Fri.-Sun, 5 p.m.-10:40 p.m. [www.fourqueens.com](http://www.fourqueens.com)

### Golden Nugget

The Grassroots, May 30. Molly Hatchet, July 4. [www.goldennugget.com/las-vegas](http://www.goldennugget.com/las-vegas)

### Green Valley Ranch

Dylan Scott-You'd Think I Was A Cowboy, April 26. Nightly Live Music at Hank's Fine Steaks and Martinis. Zeppelin, July 18. [www.greenvalleyranch.com](http://www.greenvalleyranch.com)

### Harrah's Las Vegas

X Country Topless Revue (Adult), nightly (dark Wed.) at 10 p.m. Menopause The Musical, Mon.-Sat., 8 p.m. Donny Osmond, Tues.-Sat. 8 p.m. MJ Live, nightly Feb - April. Colin Cloud Mastermind, Tue. - Sat. [www.harrahslasvegas.com](http://www.harrahslasvegas.com)

### Horseshoe Las Vegas

Frederic Da Silva - Paranormal-The Mind Reading Magic Show, daily at 4 p.m. Potted Potter Comedy, 2 & 8 p.m. (dark Thurs.). X Rocks, Weds through Sat. at 9:30 p.m. BattleBots Destruct-A-Thon, Thurs.-Sun., 2 & 6 p.m. through July 2025. [www.caesars.com/horseshoe-las-vegas](http://www.caesars.com/horseshoe-las-vegas)

### Luxor

Carrot Top, Mon.-Sat. at 8 p.m. Fantasy (Adult), Mon.-Sat. 10:30 p.m., Sun. 8 & 10:30 p.m. Blue Man Group, weekdays at 5 & 8 p.m. weekends at 2, 5 & 8 p.m.). Discovering King Tut's Tomb-The Experience, daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m. [www.luxor.com](http://www.luxor.com)

### The Linq

Mat Franco - Magic Re-invented, nightly 7:30 & 9 p.m. (dark Wed.). Jimmy Kimmel's Comedy Club, different comedians nightly. Chippendales, Wed.-Sun. 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11:00 p.m. starting Jan. 14. Discoshow, Wed.-Sun 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. [www.caesars.com/linq](http://www.caesars.com/linq)

### M Resort

Live Music at Marinelli's, M Bar, and AMP'D, Fridays and Saturdays 5 p.m - 12 a.m. Train, May 3. Ludacris, June 7. [www.themresort.com](http://www.themresort.com)

### Mandalay Bay

Michael Jackson "ONE" by Cirque du Soleil, Mon., Thurs.-Sun. 7 & 9:30 p.m.

## Counting Crows Brings Summer Tour to Casino Stages

As part of "The Complete Sweets! Tour" and in support of their forthcoming album Butter Miracle, The Complete Sweets!, multi-platinum, Grammy-nominated rock band Counting Crows have announced an exciting run of shows that



includes several stops at top casino venues across North America. Known for their unforgettable live performances, the tour will showcase the band's signature blend of timeless storytelling, raw emotion and rich melodies that have captivated audiences for over 30 years. Fans can expect an intimate yet electric experience as Counting Crows bring their legendary sound to casino stages, making for a perfect night of music and entertainment. Show include:

- June 22** Turning Stone Resort Casino, Verona, NY
- July 3** Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Grantville, PA
- July 5** Hard Rock Hotel Casino Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NJ
- July 13** Hard Rock Casino Bristol, Bristol, VA
- July 22** Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood, Hollywood, FL
- Aug. 3** Choctaw Resort Casino Durant, Durant, OK
- Aug. 5** Isleta Resort Casino, Albuquerque, NM
- Aug. 9** Planet Hollywood Resort Casino, Las Vegas, NV
- Aug. 10** Yaamavá Resort & Casino at San Manuel, Highland, CA

Swingers- The Crazy Golf Club, daily. Gospel Brunch May 11 & June 1. Grentperez, April 27. Smino, May 2. J Balvin: Back to the Rayo Tour, May 3. And That's Why We Drink: The Pour Decision Tour, May 9. The Queens! 4 Legends. 1 Stage, May 9. Madness, May 16. Iann Dior, May 28. An Intimate Evening with Santana, May 14 & 15, 17 & 18, 21 & 22, 24 & 25. Ministry, Jun 5. Coco Jones, June 7. Ivan Cornejo: Mirada Tour, Jun 12. Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, June 13. Orchestral Maneuvers in the Dark, June 22. [www.mandalaybay.com](http://www.mandalaybay.com)

### MGM Grand

KÁ by Cirque du Soleil, nightly 7 & 9:30 p.m. Brad Garrett's Comedy Club, Mon.-Sun. 8 p.m. nightly. David Copperfield, nightly at 7 & 9:30 p.m. with ad-

ditional matinee shows at 4 p.m. on Sat. Jabba-wockeez, nightly (dark Tues.) at 7 & 9:30 p.m. The Hunger Games: The Exhibition, Daily 10 a.m.-9 p.m. CSI: The Experience, daily 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (last entry at 8:30 p.m.). Tape Face, Thurs.-Tues., 7:30 p.m. **Grand Garden Arena:** The Millennium Tour, April 25. Matt Rife: Stay Golden Tour, May 2. Disturbed, May 17. Tim Allen, May 17. Tyler Childers: On The Road, June 7. [www.mgmgrand.com](http://www.mgmgrand.com)

### New York-New York

Cirque du Soleil "Mad Apple," Fri.-Tues. 7:30 p.m. The Big Apple Coaster, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. The HUM, open daily 10 am - 9 pm. [www.newyorknewyork.com](http://www.newyorknewyork.com)



## Kelly Clarkson Returns to Vegas with All-New Residency at Caesars Palace

GRAMMY Award-winning powerhouse Kelly Clarkson is headed back to Las Vegas with an exciting new residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. **Kelly Clarkson: Studio Sessions – The Las Vegas Residency** will debut in July 2025 and feature 18 performances through November, offering fans a chance to experience the chart-topping artist in an intimate and electrifying setting.

The residency follows Clarkson's sold-out runs at PH Live at Planet Hollywood in 2023 and 2024, proving her enduring appeal and undeniable talent. With dates set for July 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19, 25 & 26; Aug. 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16; and Nov. 7 & 8, 14 & 15, fans can expect an unforgettable night of hits, heart and powerhouse vocals from one of music's most beloved stars.



### Orleans Hotel & Casino

**Orleans Arena:** 2025 Jamz Nationals, May 9-11. Lisa Lisa 40th Anniversary "Take You Home" Tour, June 6. **The Showroom:** Dr. Brady's Oral Fixation Tour, May 1. **The Venue:** Marriage Can Be Murder Dinner Show, Blame it on the DNA, Thurs., Sat. & Mon. at 10 p.m. Late Night Magic Show, Thurs., Sat. & Mon., 10 p.m. [www.orleanscasino.com](http://www.orleanscasino.com)

### The Palazzo

Dita Von Teese, Thursdays - Sundays 9 pm. Gold Gai Cocktail Club, Tuesday - Saturday: 5 p.m.-2 a.m., Sunday - Monday: 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Atomic Saloon Show, Tuesday - Saturday 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. LAVO Party Brunch, Saturdays 1 - 6 pm. Flippers Roller Boogie Palace, Tuesday - Sunday 12 pm - 8 pm. Shin Lim, Tuesdays - Thursdays at 7:30. [www.palazzolasvegas.com](http://www.palazzolasvegas.com)

### Palms Casino Resort

**Pearl Theater:** Broadway in the Hood: An Evening with Ben Vereen & Friends, April 27. Babyface, May 9 & 10. Empire of the Sun, May 11. The Go-Go's, May 15. Nurse John, May 23. DL Hughley, June 7. Elvis Costello, June 26. Peter Dinklage: Let's Do It Again! June 29. Gary Owen, July 12. BAYMETAL, July 20. George Thorogood & The Destroyers, July 25. [www.palms.com](http://www.palms.com)



Sheryl Crow, June 27, The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

### Park MGM Las Vegas

Sammy Hagar: The Best of All Worlds Stays in Vegas, April 30, May 2 & 3, 7, 9 & 10, 14, 16 & 17. Bruno Mars, May 21, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, June 2. We Them One's Comedy Tour Hosted by Mike Epps, May 23. New Kids on The Block residency begins June 20. [www.parkmgm.com](http://www.parkmgm.com)

### Planet Hollywood

Criss Angel: Mindfreak, Wed - Sun 7 pm. Black Eyed Peas: 3008, May 24 & 25, 28, 20 & 31. Tito Double P, April 26. Buju Banton, June 7. Pierce The Veil, June 29. [www.caesars.com/planet-hollywood](http://www.caesars.com/planet-hollywood)

### Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa

Live entertainment nightly. Billy Currington, May 9. Taylor Holder, June 21. [www.redrockresort.com](http://www.redrockresort.com)

### Resorts World Las Vegas

**Resorts World Theatre:** Janet Jackson: Las Vegas, select dates through May. Tina Fey & Amy Poehler: Restless Leg Tour, May 3. Tony Hinchcliffe, May 10. Crime Junkie Podcast: Live, May 17. Entertainment in Zouk Nightclub Thurs.-Sat. 10:30 p.m. May 2. Nelly, April 5, May 4. AYU Dayclub Fri., Sat. at 12 p.m.-6 p.m. & Sun. [www.rwlasvegas.com](http://www.rwlasvegas.com)

### Rio

Penn & Teller, Thurs.-Sun. at 9 p.m. Comedy Cellar, shows start at 7 & 9:30 p.m. WOW - The Vegas Spectacular, Sat.-Thurs., 7 & 9:30 p.m. The Empire Strips Back, May 4. [www.riolasvegas.com](http://www.riolasvegas.com)

### Sahara Las Vegas

Magic Mike Live, Wed.-Sun., 7:30 & 10 p.m. Mala Vida Fridays: Latin Nights, Fridays at 10:30 p.m. MJ Live-A Michael Jackson

Tribute Concert, nightly at 7:30 p.m. [www.saharalasvegas.com](http://www.saharalasvegas.com)

### Silverton

Live music every Friday night in the Mermaid Lounge. Mermaid Swim and Interactive Stringay Feedings. Mermaid School for Adults and Kids. Foghat, April 26. Nathan Owens Presents: Icons of Motown, May 17. Journey USA, June 7. Pop Royalty, June 21. [www.silvertoncasino.com](http://www.silvertoncasino.com)

### South Point Hotel Casino & Spa

Deja Vu Dance & Show Band, select Wednesdays. Wes Winters, Fridays & Saturdays at 6. The Dirty at 12:30, Friday nights. [www.southpointcasino.com](http://www.southpointcasino.com)

### The Sphere

The Eagles, select dates through Sept 13. The Sphere Experience, shows daily. V-U2 An Immersive Concert Film, showing now. Dead & Company: Dead Forever, through May 17. Kenny Chesney, May 22 - Jun 14. [www.thespherevegas.com](http://www.thespherevegas.com)

### The STRAT Casino, Hotel & Tower

Banachek's Mind Games Live (dark Tues.), 5 p.m. Rouge: The Sexiest Show in Vegas (Adult), nightly shows at 8:30 p.m. & 10

p.m. iLuminate, daily at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. (dark on Tues.). L.A. Comedy Club, nightly. Sky High Happy Hour, Mon.-Thurs., 3-7 p.m. Remix Lounge, Live music every Fri. & Sat. [www.stratospherehotel.com](http://www.stratospherehotel.com)

### Sunset Station

Live Music and Entertainment and Rosalita's Cantina and Gaudi Bar Fridays and Saturdays. The Mighty Nerd Halen Featuring Hal Sparks, Jun 14. Lee Brice, Jun 27. [www.sunsetstation.com](http://www.sunsetstation.com)

### T-Mobile Arena

Inque vs Cardenas, May 4. Katy Perry - The Lifetimes Tour, May 17. Hardy: Jim Bob World Tour, May 23. Las Vegas Aces vs Indiana Fever, June 22. 2025 UFC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, June 26. UFC 317, June 28. Disney Descendants/ Zombies: Worlds Collide Tour, July 26. [www.t-mobilearena.com](http://www.t-mobilearena.com)

### The Theater at Virgin Hotels Las Vegas

Frank Marino's Divas, Drag and Drinks, select Saturdays and Sundays. Lady Like, select Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Pancho Barraza, May 3. Bassrush Massive, May 15. Orion Sun, May 18. Soulja Boy, May 20. Live with Shane and Jake,

May 24. LSZEE, June 6 & 7. BINI, June 13. A.J. Croce, June 28. Treaty Oak Revival, July 26. [www.virginhotelslv.com](http://www.virginhotelslv.com)

### TI Hotel & Casino

Mystère, nightly 7 p.m. (dark Wed. & Thurs.). MJ Live The Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Senor Frog's Drag Brunch, Fri.-Sun., 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Honkey Tonk at Gilley's Saloon, Thurs.-Sun., Fri. & Sat. at noon, Sun.-Thurs. at 2 p.m. [www.treasureisland.com](http://www.treasureisland.com)

### Tuscany Suites & Casino

Rat Pack, nightly at 7:30 p.m. (dark Sunday). Kenny Davidsen's Celebrity Piano, Fri. nights at 9 p.m. Rotating Guest Performers, Mon. & Sat. nights at 7:30 p.m. Rita Lim, Sun. nights at 7 p.m. Michael Grim, Tues. nights at 7:30 p.m. Ashley Fuller, Wed. nights at 7 p.m. [www.tuscanylv.com](http://www.tuscanylv.com)

### Venetian

Atomic Saloon Show, Tuesday - Saturday 7 & 9 pm. **The Palazzo Theatre:** Shin Lim 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Jim Jeffries, May 2 & 3. Sal Vulcano, May 24. Whitney Cummings, May 25. Fortune Feimster, June 14. Pod Meets World, June 20. Desi Banks, July 12.

Dusty Slay, July 25.  
**The Venetian Theater:**  
 David Spade & Nikki Glaser, select dates through Sept. 6. "Weird Al" Yankovic, June 13 - 21. Ralph Barbosa, July 18 & 19. Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, July 26. **Voltaire:** Dita Von Teese, Thursday - Sunday.  
**Summit Showroom:** Matt Fraser - Psychic Medium, May 9 & 10.  
[www.venetian.com](http://www.venetian.com)

### Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino

The Magic of Jen Kramer, Fri.-Sun. 3 & 5:30 p.m.  
 The Bronx Wanderers, Sun.-Thurs., 6 & 8 p.m.  
 Soul of Motown, Thurs.-Sun., 5:30 & 8 p.m.  
 Barry Manilow, May 8-10, 15-17, June 12-14, 19-21.  
 Frankie Valli, April 25 & 26, Oct. 24 & 25. B. Slade, May 3. Air Supply, May 23 & 24, Oct. 3 & 4.  
 Howard Hewett, May 31.  
 Maxi Priest, June 7. Tracy Morgan, July 5.  
[www.westgateresorts.com](http://www.westgateresorts.com)

### Wynn Las Vegas

Awakening, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.  
 Pretenders, May 1.  
 Jimmy O Yang: Big & Tall Tour, May 2 & 3.  
 Brad Paisley: One Man Six Strings, May 9 & 10.  
 Tom Jones: Defy Explanation, May 14, 16 & 17.  
 Jimmy Car: Laughs Funny Tour, May 23.  
 Sebastian Maniscalco Live in Las Vegas, May 24 & 25.  
 Jim Gaffigan: Everything is Wonderful! May 28 - 31.  
 PIXIES with Special Guest Kurt Vile + The Violators, June 13 & 14.  
 Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass, June 20.  
[www.wynnlasvegas.com](http://www.wynnlasvegas.com)

### ATLANTIC CITY

#### Bally's Atlantic City Hotel & Casino

Funk Flex, May 9 & 10. **The Yard @ Night:** Live entertainment Thurs.-Sun. until 3 a.m.  
 Sun. 5-8 p.m. **Showroom:** Disco Inferno, every Sunday at 8 p.m.  
[www.ballysac.com](http://www.ballysac.com)



## Brad Paisley Brings Acoustic Magic Back to Wynn Las Vegas

Global country music superstar Brad Paisley is making his much-anticipated return to the Encore Theater at Wynn Las Vegas with his fan-favorite acoustic show, "One Man Six Strings." Back by popular demand, Paisley will deliver two intimate performances on May 9 & 10, giving fans a rare chance to experience his storytelling and musicianship in a stripped-down, up-close setting.

Known for his chart-topping hits, quick wit and phenomenal guitar skills, Paisley's "One Man Six Strings" offers a unique evening of music, humor and heart.

### Boardwalk Hall

Atlantic City Host Awards - NJ CRDA, May 7.  
 Mother Day Music Festival, May 10.  
 Kane Brown: The High Road Tour, May 17.  
[www.boardwalkhall.com](http://www.boardwalkhall.com)

### Borgata

**The Music Box:** Solar Federation: An Evening of Rush, May 31.  
 Robin Trower, June 14.  
 The Allman Betts Band, June 21.  
 Def Leppard, June 28.  
 KEM, July 19.  
**Event Center:** Nurse John, July 12.  
**Comedy Club:** Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny, June 28.  
 Are You Garbage: Back On The Block Tour, July 19.  
 Michael Blaustein, July 26.  
[www.theborgata.com](http://www.theborgata.com)

### Caesars Atlantic City

The Hook, Weds.-Sun., 7 p.m.  
 Mother's Day Music Festival, May 11.  
 Ledisi with special guest Marsha Ambrosius, June 6.  
 David Foster and Chris Botti feat. Katharine McPhee, Jun 14.  
[www.caesars.com/caesars-ac](http://www.caesars.com/caesars-ac)

### Golden Nugget

**Atlantic City**  
 Flashback Fridays-Tribute bands from your favorite eras every Friday at 7 p.m.  
 The Stylistics, April 26.  
[www.goldennugget.com/atlanticcity](http://www.goldennugget.com/atlanticcity)

### Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City

**The Etess Arena:** Zac Brown Band, April 25 & 26.  
 Brit Floyd, May 3.  
 Kelly Clarkson, May 9 & 10.  
 Sunidhi Chauhan,

May 17.  
 Cage Fury Fighting Championship 142, May 24.  
 An Evening with Heart, May 31.  
 Queens of the Stone Age June 13.  
 Tom Segura: Come Together, June 20 & 21.  
 Incubus, June 27.  
 Counting Crows: The Complete Sweets! Tour with The Gaslight Anthem, July 5.  
 Rick Springfield: I Want My 80s Tour, July 11.  
 Darius Rucker, July 12.  
 Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons: The Last Encores, July 19.  
 Sam Hunt, July 25.  
 Chicago, July 26 & 27.  
**Sound Waves:** Chippendales, July 11 & 12.  
[www.hardrockhotelatlanticcity.com](http://www.hardrockhotelatlanticcity.com)

### Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

The Hook, Wed - Sun.  
 Jess Hilarious - Bad Parenting Tour, May 17.  
 The Fab Four - The Ultimate Tribute, May 30 & 31.  
 Randy Rainbow: National Freakin' Treasure, June 20.  
 Pop 2000 Tour with Chris Kirkpatrick of \*NSYNC, June 27.  
 Eric D'Alessandro, July 26.  
[www.harrahresort.com](http://www.harrahresort.com)

### Ocean Casino Resort

**Ovation Hall:** The 80's Rock Tour, May 16.  
 Alice Cooper, May 24.  
 Lynyrd Skynyrd, May 30.  
 Trisha Paytas, June 7 & 8.  
 Happy Together, June 13.  
 311: Unity Tour 2025, June 20.  
 Tina Fey & Amy Poehler: Restless Leg Tour, June 21.  
 Magical Mystery Doors, June 26 - Aug. 28.  
[www.theoceanac.com](http://www.theoceanac.com)

### Resorts Atlantic City

LandShark Beach Bar, entertainment nightly.  
 Live entertainment at Dougherty's Fridays & Saturdays.  
 The Spinners, April 26.  
 When the Child Cries, May 10.  
 Brian Kirk's Big 80's Show, May 16.  
 MJ Live - Michael Jackson Tribute Concert, May 24.  
 Tramps Like Us, May 31.  
[www.resortsaac.com](http://www.resortsaac.com)

### Tropicana

The Hook, Wednesday - Sunday.  
 Nightly AC Jokes Comedy Club at Kiss Kiss nightclub at 8 p.m.  
 Primal Men Male Revue: Unleash The Wild, Saturdays at 5 p.m.  
 Diva Royale Show at Anthem Lounge!-5 Queens & 1 King, Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., & Sun. 1:30 p.m.  
 Best of the Eagles, May 9.  
 Chris Tucker, May 16.  
 Tony Bennett Songbook, May 29.  
 Ms. Pat, June 20.  
 Adam Ray is Dr. Phil, June 21.  
 The Bronx Wanderers, Jun 26.  
 Live with Jake Shane, Jun 28.  
 The Songs & Music of Smokey Robinson, Jun 30.  
[www.caesars.com/tropicana-ac](http://www.caesars.com/tropicana-ac)

### ARKANSAS

#### Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort

Live music at Pop's Lounge, Weekends.  
 Graig Morgan, May 2.  
 Locash, May 10.  
[www.oaklawn.com](http://www.oaklawn.com)

### Southland Casino Hotel

Live music at Charred Oak Bourbon Bar, Tues., Fri. & Sat.  
 Live Music at Chairman's Bar, Thur., Fri. and Sat.  
 Live Music and

Bentley Sports Bar & Grill, Fri & Sat.  
[www.southlandcasino.com](http://www.southlandcasino.com)

### ARIZONA

#### Bluewater Resort & Casino

Live entertainment at Dig Lounge, Fri. & Sat. at 9 p.m.  
 Hunter Hayes, July 12.  
[www.bluewaterfun.com](http://www.bluewaterfun.com)

### Casino Del Sol Tucson

The Beach Boys, May 3.  
 Elida Reyna Y Avante Farewell Tour 2025, May 17.  
 Kevin Hart: Acting My Age, May 31.  
 Los Tigres Del Norte, June 14.  
 A Weekend to Remember - Viva Victoria, June 21.  
 Tesla, July 4.  
 Ramon Ayala, July 5.  
[www.casinodelsolresort.com](http://www.casinodelsolresort.com)

### Casino Arizona

Live entertainment at The Showroom, nightly every Fri. & Sat.  
 Latin nights Thursdays at 7 p.m.  
[www.casinoarizona.com](http://www.casinoarizona.com)

### Desert Diamond Casino Sahuarita

Scotty McCreery, April 25.  
 George Lopez, May 24.  
 Felipe Esparza, June 21.  
[www.ddcaz.com](http://www.ddcaz.com)

### Gila River Resorts & Casinos

Los Lonely Boys, May 1.  
 The Beach Boys, May2.  
 LA Sound MACHine, May 2.  
 The Struts, May 3.  
 Chris Isaak, May 9.  
 Don Felder, May 10.  
 D'Vũ Cũ Mũa Xuân, May 17.  
 A Special Night with



Kenny Wayne & Bobby Rush, May 18. Little Feat, May 23. Gary Allan, May 24. Nazareth, May 25. Dillon Francis, May 31. Live, June 13. Yacht Zilla, June 14. Jamey Johnson, June 21. Clint Black, June 27. Nate Smithe, June 28. Elvis starring Justin Shandor, Aug. 9. [www.playatgila.com](http://www.playatgila.com)

#### Harrah's Ak-Chin

Little Joe Y La Familia with Special Guest Sunny Ozuna, May 10. [www.harrahsakchin.com](http://www.harrahsakchin.com)

#### Talking Stick Resort

Vibe Ultra Pool Parties, Saturdays 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Wailers, April 26. Tyler Henry, May 16. Foreigner, June 14. Lee Brice, July 31. [www.talkingstickresort.com](http://www.talkingstickresort.com)

### CALIFORNIA

#### Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa

**Rancho Mirage:** The Cured, May 2. Morrissey, May 3. Diana Krall, May A1 Combat 27, May 2. Ha-Ash, May 3. AMERICA: ENCORE TOUR 2025, May 9. Beatles vs Stones, May 10. Sting, May 28. Pablo Cruise, May 31. Kathleen Madigan, June 7. Tash Sultana, June 11. Stayin' Alive, June 13. Radio Soul: The Early Songs of Elvis Costello, June 19. Foreigner, June 21. Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, June 26. Dance Gavin Dance, June 27. Clint Black, June 29. Cody Jenkins, July 10. George Thorogood and The Destroyers, July 29. [www.hardrockhotelsacramento.com](http://www.hardrockhotelsacramento.com)

#### Harrah's Resort Southern California

Brett Young – Back to Basics World Tour 2025, May 2. Iliza: The Get Ready Tour, May 3. Tom Jones: Defy Explanation, May 11. Seether, May 25. An Evening with Jeff Foxworthy, May 30. Charley Crockett, June 6. Ryan Bingham and The Texas Gentlemen, June 13. Clint Black, July 4. David

Foster and Chris Botti featuring Katharine McPhee, July 18. [www.caesars.com/harrahs-socal](http://www.caesars.com/harrahs-socal)

#### Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

Desi Banks: The Elevation Tour, April 25. Pancho Barraza, May 2. Codigo FN and Maximo Grado, May 3. Missing Persons and Stacey Q, May 22. Foghat, May 23. Luis Angel "El Flaco" June 13. Ne - Yo, June 20. Drew Baldrige, July 24. [www.morongocasinoresort.com](http://www.morongocasinoresort.com)

#### Pala Casino Spa & Resort

Wynonna Judd, April 26. Anything for Salinas - A Tribute to Selena, May 3. Morris Day & The Time and Sheila E, May 16. Jefferson Starship, May 30. Intocable: Antologia Tour 2025, June 22. Revisiting Creedence, July 4. Los Lonely Boys, July 18. [www.palacasino.com](http://www.palacasino.com)

#### Pechanga Resort & Casino

Dick Fox's Golden Boys—Frankie Avalon, Fabian & Tomy Cono's tribute to Bobby Rydell, May 2. George Clinton, May 4. Amanda Miguel, May 11. Chris Isaak, May 13. George Benson, May 18. Rainie Yang, May 23. Baek Ji Young, May 31. The Australian Bee Gees Show, June 5. Piff the Magic Dragon, June 6. Boney James, June 7. Broadway's Rock Of Ages, June 19. Wayne Newton, June 27. Happy Together, July 12. The Oak Ridge Boys, July 13. The Beach Boys, Aug. 8. Gipsy Kings, Aug. 12. The Australian Pink Floyd Show, Aug. 21. Air Supply, Aug. 23 & 24. The Temptations, Sept. 19. Live at The Loft: Stand Up Comedy Headliners, Fri. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m. [www.pechanga.com](http://www.pechanga.com)

#### Rolling Hills Casino & Resort

Alex Reymundo, May 3. Stick Figure, June 5. Bailey Zimmerman, July 27. [www.Rollinghillscasino.com](http://www.Rollinghillscasino.com)

#### Soboba Casino

Los Rieleros Del Norte, May 2. El Compa Sacra, May 16. EverClear, June 14. Motell Jordan, June 20. [www.soboba.com](http://www.soboba.com)

#### Sycuan Resort & Casino

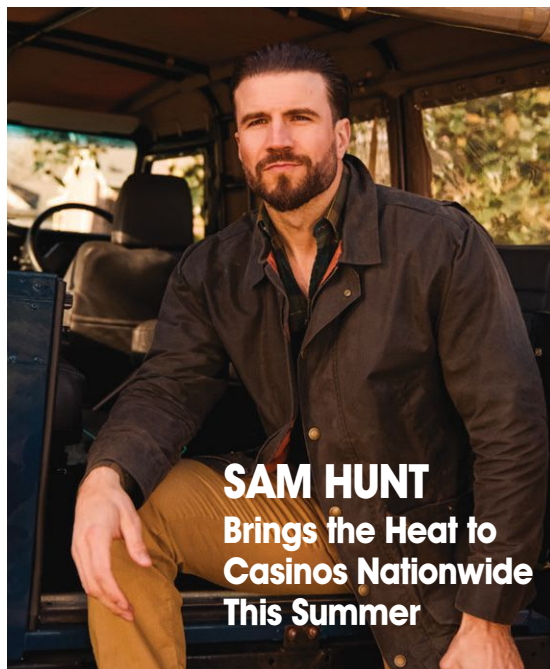
Australia's Thunder From Down Under, May 24. Dear Amy, June 6. Arsenio Hall, June 28. Queensryche, July 18. [www.sycuan.com](http://www.sycuan.com)

#### Thunder Valley Casino

Viva La Quebradita, May 3. Jo Koy & Friends, May 9. LL Cool J, May 10. Selena - The Show, May 15. The George Benson Celebration, May 16. James Taylor, May 17. Ralph Barbosa & Rene Vaca, May 23. Wilson Phillips, May 30. Hauser, May 31. An Evening with Leon Bridges, June 7. Super Diamond, June 19. Penn & Teller, June 21. Summer Jam, June 28. Halsey, July 5. Ben&Ben, July 12. Sol Horizon - A Tribute to Bob Marley, July 17. Incubus, July 18. Dwight Yoakam, July 19. [www.thundervalleyresort.com](http://www.thundervalleyresort.com)

#### Yaamava' Resort & Casino

Gary Clark Jr., April 25. Tae Jin Ah, April 26. The Jacksons, April 27. Train, May 1. James Taylor, May 8. LL Cool J, May 9. Chris Tucker, May 11. Alejandro Gernandez, May 21. Joe, May 23. Caifanes, May 26. Hauser, May 27. Angela Aguilar, May 29. James Arthur, June 2. Foreigner, June 11. Maxwell, June 14. Lyle Lovett and his Large Band, June 19. Barenaked Ladies, June 21. Peter Frampton, June 23. Halsey, July 6. Eddie Griffin, July 12. David Foster and Chris Botti, July 16. [www.yaamava.com](http://www.yaamava.com)



**F**ive-time GRAMMY-nominated, Diamond-selling country superstar Sam Hunt is bringing his chart-topping hits and signature style to casinos across the country this summer. As part of his 2024 tour, Hunt will light up the stage at premier gaming destinations including Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa (May 30) and Hollywood, FL (May 31), Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City (July 25), Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY (July 26), and Fire-Keepers Casino Resort in Battle Creek, MI (Aug. 8).

The tour follows the release of Hunt's latest EP, *LOCKED UP*, which includes his 10th No. 1 hit, the Platinum-selling "Outskirts." Fans can expect a high-energy set packed with favorites from his critically acclaimed albums *SOUTHSIDE* and *MONTEVALLO*, including Diamond-certified smash "Body Like A Back Road" and multi-Platinum hits like "Take Your Time" and "Kinfolks." With his genre-blending sound and undeniable stage presence, Hunt's summer casino stops promise to be must-see events.

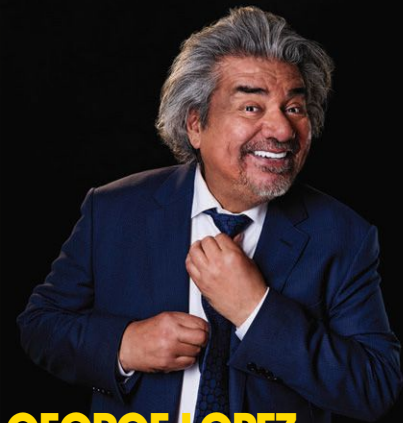
#### CHICAGOLAND Hard Rock Casino Rockford

Tim Allen, April 26. Jeezy, May 2. Charley Crockett, May 4. Gym Class Heroes ft. The Spazmatics: Adult Prom, May 9. George Lopez: Muy Catolico Tour, May 17. Michael Blaustein: The Taste Me Tour, May 31. The Commodes and The Spinners, June 20. Kevin Hart: Acting My Age, June 21. Jim Jefferies: Son of a Carpenter, June 27. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons: The Last Encores, June 28. 311 with Bad-

flower and Sitting on Saturn, July 6. Sal Vulcano: Everything's Fine Tour, July 11. Wynonna Judd: The Greatest Hits Tour, July 25. The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA, July 26. [www.hardrock.com/rockford](http://www.hardrock.com/rockford)

#### Horseshoe Casino Hammond

Kings of Love, May 16. Gene Simmons Band, May 17. Jerry Seinfeld, June 6. Rick Springfield: I Want My 80s Tour, June 13. Warrant and Fire-House: Let the Good Times Rock Tour, June 21.



## GEORGE LOPEZ BRINGS BIG LAUGHS TO CASINO STAGES

Beloved comedian and actor George Lopez is hitting the road in 2025, making several stops at casinos across the country. Known for his quick wit and cultural commentary, Lopez will deliver his signature brand of stand-up comedy during this tour.

Lopez, who currently stars alongside his daughter Mayan in NBC's hit sitcom *Lopez vs Lopez*, has long been a trailblazer in comedy and television. From his early days on the groundbreaking *George Lopez* sitcom to late-night laughs on *Lopez Tonight* and multiple acclaimed HBO specials, Lopez has remained a cultural force and outspoken advocate for Latino representation in entertainment. Fans can expect a night of unfiltered humor, personal stories and classic Lopez charm as he brings his act to casino stages across the country.

**April 25 • Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH**

**May 16 • Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana, Gary, IN**

**May 17 • Hard Rock Casino Rockford, Rockford, IL**

**May 24 • Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, AZ**

**Aug. 8 & 9 • MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV**

**Aug. 16 • Spotlight 29 Casino, Coachella, CA**

**Aug. 30 • L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles, Lake Charles, LA**

**Sept. 20 • Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque, NM**

Sal Vulcano: Everything's Fine Tour, July 12. Jeff Dunham: Artificial Intelligence, July 25. Straight No Chaser Summer: The 90s Part 2, July 26. [www.horseshoehammond.com](http://www.horseshoehammond.com)

### Rivers Casino Des Plaines

Alan Parsons Live Project, May 9. Little Feat, May 17. Gipsy Kings, June 14. The Band Perry, July 26. [www.riverscasino.com/desplaines](http://www.riverscasino.com/desplaines)

### CONNECTICUT Foxwoods

Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, May 2. Lorrie Morgan with T. Graham Brown, May 3. Sheng Wang, May 17. Brothers Osborne, May 17. Ziggy Marley, May 25. Jim Gaffigan, June 6. Debbie Gibson, June 7. The Second City Improv, June 14. Mike Epps, June 20. Buddy Guy, June 20. James Blunt, June 21. Hauser, June 21. The Beach Boys, June 26. Daryl Hall, July 11. Weird Al, July 18.

Nate Jackson, July 19. Lance Burton, July 19. Jerry Seinfeld, July 26. The Machine, July 26. Louis C.K., Aug. 9. [www.foxwoods.com](http://www.foxwoods.com)

### Mohegan Sun

#### Mohegan Sun Arena:

Zac Brown Band, April 27. Kane Brown, May 2 & 3. Alice in Chains, May 8. Reality Fighting MMA, May 9. Gene Simmons Band, May 11. Tina Fey & Amy Poehler, May 16. Connecticut Sun vs. Washington Mystics, May 18. Connecticut Sun vs. Las Vegas Aces, May 20. Alice Cooper, May 23. Megan Moroney, May 24. Connecticut Sun vs Dallas Wings, May 27. Billy Curington, May 31. The Driver Era, June 7. Halsey, June 8. Paul Anka, June 21. BABYMETAL, June 27. Incubus, June 28. James Arthur, June 29. Def Leppard, July 3. Tony Hinchcliffe, July 11. The Lumineers, July 13. Rod Stewart, July 25. Big Time Rush, July 26. Jordan Davis, Aug. 8. Wolf Den: The Spinners, Apr 25. Wild Nights, Apr 26. [www.mohegansun.com](http://www.mohegansun.com)

### DETROIT

#### Hollywood Casino At Greektown

Boney James, June 13. [www.hollywoodgreek-town.com](http://www.hollywoodgreek-town.com)

### FLORIDA

#### Casino at Dania Beach Jai-Alai

Given to Fly, May 3. Manny Papeleta, May 9. L.A. Guns, May 10. Classic Albums Live Performs Elton John's Greatest Hits, May 16. Simply Tina, A Tribute to Tina Turner, May 17. Def Leppard's Journey, May 24. The American Stones, A Tribute to the Rolling Stones, June 7. Classic Albums Live Performs Stevie Ray Vaughan, June 20. Completely Unchained, A Tribute to Van Halen, July 4. Classic Albums Live Performs Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 17. [casinodaniabeach.com](http://casinodaniabeach.com)

### Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood

Pitbull, May 1. Kygo, May 2. Primus, Puscifer and A Perfect Circle, May 6. Teddy Swims, May 9. Camila, May 11. Idan Amedi, May 12. Hauser, May 15. Morrissey, May 17. Ron White, May 22. Jay Shetty, May 23. Sunidhi Chauhan, May 24. Halsey, May 25. Styx, The Kevin Cronin Band, and Don Felder: The Brotherhood of Rock, May 30. Sam Hunt, May 31. Nate Bargatze, June 13 & 14. Glass Animals, June 18. Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band, June 20. Avril Lavigne, June 21. An Evening with Heart, June 28. Counting Crows, July 22. [www.seminole-hardrockhollywood.com](http://www.seminole-hardrockhollywood.com)

### Seminole Hard Rock Tampa

Matt Fraser, May 1. Lenier, May 11. Richard Clayderman, May 14. Ron White, May 21. Sam Hunt, May 30. Daniel Habif, June 1. Chippendales, June 12. Gladys Knight, July 13. [www.seminolehardrock-tampa.com](http://www.seminolehardrock-tampa.com)

### INDIANA

#### Bally's Evansville Casino & Hotel

Live entertainment at The Piano Bar at Cavanaugh's on the River Thurs.-Sat. [www.casinos.ballys.com/evansville](http://www.casinos.ballys.com/evansville)

#### Belterra Casino Resort

The Band Loula, May 17. Ramble Tamble - The Creedence Clearwater Revival Experience, June 7. Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners, July 11. JD Shelburne, July 26. [www.belterracasino.com](http://www.belterracasino.com)

#### Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana

Live Music at Hard Rock Café & Council Oak Bar every Fri. & Sat. Marilyn Manson, May 3. Dru Hill with special guest Carl Thomas, May 11. George Lopez, May 16. Chippendales All Night Long Tour, May 17. Whiskey Myers, June 14. Kevin Hart: Act-

ing My Age, June 15. The Second City 65 Years of Funny, June 22. Wynonna Judd, July 26. [www.hardrockcasino-northernindiana.com](http://www.hardrockcasino-northernindiana.com)

### Hollywood Casino & Hotel Lawrenceburg

Boogie Nights Night Club, The Ultimate 70's, 80's & 90's Dance Party! every Fri. & Sat., 9 p.m.-3 a.m., Hollywood on the Roof, every Fri and Sat. Band of Horses, June 13. Little River Band, June 21. Cooper Alan, July 13. [hollywoodindiana.com](http://hollywoodindiana.com)

### IOWA

#### Diamond Jo Casino Dubuque

Jeff Dye, May 28. [www.diamondjodubuque.com](http://www.diamondjodubuque.com)

#### Hard Rock Casino Sioux City

Reza - Edge of Illusion, May 2. The Pork Tornadoes, May 3. Tom Cotter, May 8. Bobcat Goldthwait, May 10. Shady, May 31. Theory of a Deadman, June 14. Ella Langley, June 27. [www.hardrockcasino-siouxcity.com](http://www.hardrockcasino-siouxcity.com)

#### Harrah's Council Bluffs

Jake Owen with Special guest Uncle Kracker, May 30. Breaking Benjamin & Staind: Awaken The Fallen Tour, May 31. Mike, June 20. Foreigner, June 29. Wynonna Judd, July 11. Cole Swindell, July 12. Bachman - Turner Overdrive & The Marshall Tucker Band, July 18. Weezer, July 20. [www.caesars.com/harrahs-council-bluffs](http://www.caesars.com/harrahs-council-bluffs)

#### Prairie Meadows

Not Petty, Apr 22. Anthony Koester Band, Apr 25. Tom Hofer & the Iowa Playboys, Apr 29. A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet - Parrots of the Caribbeans, May 2. Adam Whitehead, May 3. Jerry Beauchamp Band, May 6. Jake McVey, May 9. The Infamous Fuzzy Goldwater Band, May 10. Craig Swallow, May 13. The Mid-



west Message, May 16.  
Kowboy Kix, May 20.  
Lucas Beebe, May 23.  
Panther Creek Band, May 27.  
Michael Dale, May 30.  
Aftershock, May 31. A  
Tribute to Bowie, Jagger,  
Elton & Freddie - British  
Legends, June 12. A Trib-  
ute to The Beach Boys -  
Catch a Wave, July 10.  
www.prairiemeadows.com

### Rhythm City Casino Resort

Noche de Sabor presents:  
Tropicalísimo Apache Fea-  
turing Grupo Control, May  
9. The Fray, May 22. The  
Marshall Tucker Band,  
June 7. ZZ Top, June 14.  
Gary Allen, July 26.  
www.rhythmcitycasino.com

### Riverside Casino & Golf Resort

Charley Crockett, May 2.  
Chippendales, May 16.  
George Thorogood & The  
Destroyers "The Badest  
Show on Earth" June 21.  
www.riversidecasino  
andresort.com

### Winn Vegas Casino Hotel

Get the Led Out, May 10.  
Dire Straits Legacy, June  
7. Killer Queen: A Tribute  
to Queen, July 19.  
www.winnavegas.com

### KANSAS

#### Boothill Casino & Resort

Los Tigres Del Norte, May  
11. Larry the Cable Guy,  
June 28. Los Tucanes de  
Tijuana, June 29. I Want  
My 80s Tour - Rick Spring-  
field, John Waite, Wang  
Chung, John Cafferty, July  
25. Dustin Lynch, July 26.  
www.boothillcasino.com

### LAKE TAHOE

#### Crystal Bay Club Casino

The Wailers, May 25.  
Jackie Greene w/ Hot But-  
tered Rum + After Party  
w/ The Golden Cadillacs,  
May 31. Mountain Ga-  
zette presents: Grateful  
Shred, June 5. Zepparella,  
July 5. Not Green Day,  
July 18. Gamblers Run  
Music Festival "Kick off  
Party" July 24. Gamblers  
Run Music Festival,  
July 25.  
www.crystalbaycasino.com

### Harrah's Lake Tahoe

Neal Francis: Return to  
Zero Tour, May 10. Justin  
Hayward, May 17. Jeffer-  
son Starship 50th Anniver-  
sary Tour, May 31. Rod  
Stewart, Jun 14. Kane  
Brown: The High Road  
Tour, June 26. Earth,  
Wind, and Fire, June 28.  
Cody Jinks - The Hippies  
and Cowboys Tour, July  
11. Jon Pardi, July 18.  
www.caesars.com/harrahs-  
tahoe

### Harveys Lake Tahoe

Alex Ramon Magic, every  
Tues.-Sat. at 7 p.m. Im-  
prov at Harveys, Wed.-Fri.  
& Sun. at 9 p.m., Sat. at 8  
& 10 p.m. Neal Francis:  
Return to Zero Tour, May  
10. Justin Hayward, May  
17. Jefferson Starship 50th  
Anniversary Tour, May 31.  
Rod Stewart, Jun 14. Kane  
Brown: The High Road  
Tour, June 26. Earth,  
Wind, and Fire, June 28.  
Cody Jinks - The Hippies  
and Cowboys Tour, July  
11. Jon Pardi, July 18.  
www.harveystahoe.com

### LAUGHLIN

#### Edgewater Casino

Banda El Limon, May 3.  
Marshall Tucker Band,  
May 10. Big & Rich feat.  
Gretchen Wilson, May 24.  
Everclear, June 7. Sawyer  
Brown, July 19. Terry  
Fator, July 26.  
www.edgewater-  
casino.com

### Harrah's Laughlin

Los Angeles Azules, May  
3. Piff the Magic Dragon:  
The Clone Tours, May 9.  
Tim Meadows, June 28.  
www.harrahslaughlin.com

### Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino

The Bronx Wanderers, Apr  
30 - May 4. Garth Live -  
Tribute to Garth Brooks,  
May 7 - 11. Memorial  
Weekend Comedy Fest,  
May 22 - 25. Big & Rich  
feat. Gretchen Wilson,  
May 24. Journey USA,  
May 28 - June 1. Album-  
palooza - Doobie Brothers  
Tribute, June 4 - 8. Austral-  
ian Bee Gees, June 11 -  
15. Queen of the Night -  
Remembering Whitney,

June 19 - 22. 4NR & Rock  
N' Roll Band: A Tribute to  
the Music of Foreigner and  
Boston, June 26 - 29.  
Three Lock Box - The Ulti-  
mate Tribute to Sammy  
Hagar & Van Halen, July 2  
- 3, July 5 - 6. Our Kinda  
Party - Tribute to Luke  
Byran & Jason Aldean, July  
10 - 13. It Takes Two, July  
17 - 20. Noise Pollution:  
The AC/DC, July 24 - 27.  
www.riversideresort.com

### Tropicana Laughlin

Los Angeles Azules, May  
3. Piff the Magic Dragon:  
The Clone Tours, May 9.  
Tim Meadows, June 28.  
www.caesars.com

### LOUISIANA

#### Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino Lake Charles

Randy Rogers Band, May  
3. Dane Cook, May 16.  
Tracy Lawrence, May 24.  
Pam Tillis and Lorrie Mor-  
gan - The Grits and Glam-  
our Tour, May 31. Jamey  
Johnson, June 7. Ashley  
McBryde, June 20. Ran-  
dall King, June 28. The  
Wallflowers, July 26.  
www.goldennugget.com/  
lakecharles

### Harrah's New Orleans

Joe Russo's Almost Dead,  
May 2 & 3. Turnover - 10  
Years of Peripheral Vision,  
May 8. Matriarch: An  
Evening with Tina  
Knowles, Family, and  
Friends, May 10. Killswitch  
Engage, May 13. Marilyn  
Manson, May 21. Sir: The  
Step into the Light Tour,  
May 22. Bingham's Bour-  
bon Presents Ryan Bing-  
ham and the Texas  
Gentleman, May 28. Ber-  
lioz (live), May 30. Ice  
Nine Kills: Silver Scream -  
A - Thon, June 8 & 9. The  
Head and The Heart:  
Aperture Tour, June 12.  
www.caesars.com/harrahs-  
new-orleans

### L'Auberge Casino Hotel Baton Rouge

Clint Black, May 2. Taylor  
Dayne, May 3. DA VU 12,  
May 4. The Chee Weez,  
June 7. Candlebox, July  
12. Rodney Carrington,  
July 25.  
www.lbatonrouge.com

### MARYLAND

#### Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland

Chris Tucker, May 17.  
KEM, July 12. Air Supply,  
July 18. Gabriel "Fluffy"  
Iglesias Live, July 19.  
www.maryland.livecasino-  
hotel.com

### MGM National Harbor

Charlie Wilson, May 11.  
Ledisi, May 30 & 31. Bini:  
Biniverse World Tour, June  
3. Kansas & 38 Special,  
June 7. BIBI, June 12.  
Theresa Caputo Live: The  
Experience, June 13.  
DeRay Davis, July 5.  
Nurse John: The Short  
Staffed Tour, July 11.  
www.mgmnationalharbor.  
mgmresorts.com

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### MGM Springfield

Theresa Caputo Live "The  
Experience", May 30.  
Ryan Adams, July 11.  
www.mgmspringfield.mg  
mresorts.com

### MICHIGAN

#### FireKeepers Casino Hotel

Bush, May 1. Tom Segura:  
Come Together, May 9.  
Clint Black, June 7. Earth,  
Wind & Fire, Aug. 1. Sam  
Hunt, Aug. 8.  
www.firekeeperscasino.com

### Four Winds Casino New Buffalo

Lita Ford and Dee Snider  
Encore Set, May 30.

Buddy Guy Damn Right  
Encore, June 13. Tesla,  
June 20. Jo Dee Messina,  
June 28. Ace Frehley -  
Performing All of Your Fa-  
vorite KISS Hits, July 4. KC  
& The Sunshine Band,  
July 11.  
www.fourwindscasino.com

### Little River Casino Resort

The Beach Boys, May 24.  
Warrant with Special  
Guests Firehouse and Siin,  
June 20. Sister Hazel,  
June 21. Everclear,  
June 21. Better than Ezr,  
July 11. Family Tradition,  
July 12. Gretchen Wilson,  
July 12.  
www.lrcr.com

### Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Benatar & Giraldo wsg  
The Vindys, May 10. Tacos  
and Tequila, May 17. Nikki  
Glaser, May 24. Zac Brown  
Band, May 25. Sumo  
Sushi Sake Experience,  
May 31. Cody Johnson,  
June 13. BKFC Ice Wars  
Presents, June 14. Chi-  
cago, June 25. Def Lep-  
pard, July 18. Foreigner,  
July 26.  
www.soaringeaglecasino.com

### MINNESOTA

#### Mystic Lake Casino Hotel

Martin Lawrence, May 2 &  
3. The Australian Pink  
Floyd Show, May 16. Riv-  
erdance 30: The New  
Generation, May 18. OM



July 26 • The Venetian Las Vegas  
May 2 • Foxwoods Casino Resort Spa, Mashantucket, CT  
June 28 • Silver Leacy Casino Resort, Reno, NV  
Sept. 20 • MGM Northfield Park, Northfield, OH

EM ĐẺC KHÔNG, May 31. Whiskey Myers: What We Were Born To Do Tour, June 13. Rock and Rockets, July 4. [www.mysticlake.com](http://www.mysticlake.com)

## MISSISSIPPI

### Beau Rivage

#### Resort & Casino

Grease the Musical, June 12 - 15, 19 - 22 & 26 - 29. Jake Owen, May 2. Smokey Robinson Legacy Tour, May 9. Theory of a Deadman, May 17. Black Stone Cherry, May 23. Mohan Sisters Live, June 7. Johnny Mathis, July 25. [www.beaurivage.mgmresorts.com](http://www.beaurivage.mgmresorts.com)

### Gold Strike Tunica

Bonkerz Comedy Show, every Thurs. at 8 p.m. The

WannaBeatles, May 23. Dru Hill, June 13. Montgomery Gentry ft Eddie Montgomery, July 25. [www.goldstrike.com](http://www.goldstrike.com)

### Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi

The Fab Four - USA Meets the Beatles, May 16. Seether, May 31. Mr. Speed - A Night of Kiss, June 6. Jay Dupuis: Ultimate Elvis, June 20. [www.hardrockbiloxi.com](http://www.hardrockbiloxi.com)

### Hollywood Casino & Resort Gulf Coast

Live music at The Stage Bar, every Fri. & Sat. The Molly Ringwalds, May 24. One Vision of Queen feat. Marc Martel, July 17. [www.hollywoodgulfcoast.com](http://www.hollywoodgulfcoast.com)

### Horseshoe Tunica

Timothy Wayne, May 10. Jason Bonham's Led Zepelin Evening, May 16. Peyton Aldridge, May 24. Bingham's Bourbon Presents Ryan Bingham and The Texas Gentlemen, May 31. The Temptations & The Four Tops, June 6. The Lacs, June 14. [www.caesars.com/horseshoe-tunica](http://www.caesars.com/horseshoe-tunica)

### IP Biloxi

Midland - The Get Lucky Tour, May 2. 2025 Memorial Weekend Asian Concert, May 25. Happy Together Tour, May 31. Ashley McBryde, June 13. Colt Ford & Drake White, June 21. [www.ipbiloxi.com](http://www.ipbiloxi.com)

## MISSOURI

### Ameristar Casino Hotel Kansas City

Red Hot Chili Pipers, May 3. Air Supply, May 17. Queensryche, May 16. Dave Mason - Let It Flow Tour, July 11. Everclear, July 12. Tyler Hubbard, July 17. Crystal Gayle, July 19. [www.ameristarkansascity.com](http://www.ameristarkansascity.com)

### Harrah's Kansas City

Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening, May 9. [www.caesars.com/harrahs-kansas-city](http://www.caesars.com/harrahs-kansas-city)

### River City Casino

Air Supply, May 16. Wilson Phillips, June 20. [www.rivercity.com](http://www.rivercity.com)

## NEW MEXICO

### Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino

Kenny Wayne Shepherd, May 17. Nazareth, May 31. Chris Distenano, June 14. Outdoor Expo, June 28 & 29. Rodney Atkins, July 5. The Oak Ridge Boys, July 11. Chris Janison, July 18. [www.hiltonbuffalo-thunder.com/casino.html](http://www.hiltonbuffalo-thunder.com/casino.html)

### Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino

Gary Allan, May 23. Gus Macker, June 7. Ginuwine & Fat Joe, June 20. [www.innofthemountaingods.com](http://www.innofthemountaingods.com)

### Isleta Casino & Resort

An Evening with Chuck Isaak, May 10. Jamey Johnson, June 20. Peter Frampton, June 27. [www.isleta.com](http://www.isleta.com)

## NEVADA

### Primm Valley Resorts

Los Rieleros Del Norte, May 10. S.O.S Band & Confunkshow, May 17. La Septima Banda, May 24. Old School Block Party, May 31. KC & The Sunshine Band, June 7. Aaron Lewis, June 28. Amanda Miguel, July 5. [www.primmvalleyresorts.com/hotel/buffalo-bills](http://www.primmvalleyresorts.com/hotel/buffalo-bills)

## NEW YORK

### Del Lago Resort Casino

Beatles vs. Stones - A Musical Showdown, May 3. Slow Jamz & RnB, May 10. Rick Ross, May 16. Steel Panther & Buckcherry - The Northern Exposure Tour, May 17. The LaLas Burlesque Show, May 24. Blues Traveler, May 30. Forever Seger, June 6. The World's Most Ridiculous Trivia Game Show, June 7. Jackyl, June 27. Pop 2000 with Chris Kirkpatrick, O-Town, BBMAK, Ryan Cabrera & LFO, June 28. [www.dellagoresort.com](http://www.dellagoresort.com)

### Rivers Casino

#### Schenectady

Soulful Sounds with Acute Inflections, May 24. Almost Queen, July 12. [www.riverscasino.com/schenectady](http://www.riverscasino.com/schenectady)

### Saratoga Casino & Raceway

Katie Manning, June 20. [www.saratogacasino.com](http://www.saratogacasino.com)

### Seneca Allegany Casino

Brothers Osborne, May 16. [www.senecaalleganycasino.com](http://www.senecaalleganycasino.com)

### Seneca Niagara Casino

The Pointer Sisters, May 10. Becky Robinson: Members Only Tour, May 23 & 24. Drag Bingo, May 29. Oh What A Night! A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, May 30 & 31. Buddy Guy: Damn Right Encore, June

6. Lorrie Morgan, June 12 & 13. The Sweet Caroline Tour Starring Jay White, June 20 & 21. [www.senecaniagarcasino.com](http://www.senecaniagarcasino.com)

### Turning Stone Resort Casino

The Showroom: Colt Ford, May 17. Sammy Kershaw, May 31. The Righteous Brothers, June 13. Lights Out, June 14. The WallFlowers, July 12. The Event Center: The Temptations and the Four Tops, Apr 27. Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, May 16. Tom Segura: Come Together, May 24. Counting Crows, June 22. Sam Hunt, July 26. [www.turningstone.com](http://www.turningstone.com)

## OHIO

### Belterra Park Cincinnati

The Band Loula, May 17. Ramble Tamble - The Creedence Clearwater Revival Experience, June 7. Aaron Lewis & The State-liners, July 11. [www.belterracasino.com](http://www.belterracasino.com)

### Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati

Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons: The Last Encores, May 10. JJ Grey and Mofro and The Marshall Tucker Band, May 17. Trace Adkins, June 6. Young the Giant, June 27. [www.hardrockcasinocincinnati.com](http://www.hardrockcasinocincinnati.com)

### MGM Northfield Park

Gene Simmons Band, May 14. Thunder from Down Under, May 31. The Allman Betts Band, June 14. George Thorogood and the Destroyers, June 27. The Psychedelic Furs, June 28. Robin Trower, July 5. Killer Queen, July 6. St. Paul & The Broken Bones and the Wood Brothers, July 11. Lost 80s Live!, Aug. 6. Happy Together Tour, Aug. 7. [www.mgmnorthfieldpark.com](http://www.mgmnorthfieldpark.com)

## OKLAHOMA

### Apache Casino Hotel

Frank Caliendo, May 22. [www.apachecasinohotel.com](http://www.apachecasinohotel.com)



## Tiffany Haddish Brings the Laughs to Las Vegas and Columbus on The Funny and Fearless Tour

Emmy, GRAMMY and NAACP Image Award-winning actress and comedian Tiffany Haddish is hitting the road with her bold new stand-up tour, "Tiffany Haddish: The Funny and Fearless Tour." Known for her razor-sharp wit and unfiltered humor, Haddish will make her comedic debut at Encore Theater at Wynn Las Vegas for one unforgettable night on June 27.

Following her Vegas stop, she'll keep the laughs rolling with a performance at Hollywood Casino Columbus in Ohio on July 18. With her signature blend of fearless storytelling and side-splitting comedy, Haddish is ready to light up the stage and deliver a night fans won't soon forget.



### Choctaw Casino & Resort Durant

Little Big Town, May 9. Jo Dee Messina, May 16. Halsey, May 18. The Black Keys, May 23. K-Pop Star Wonho, May 31. Lovers In The Night, June 1. Love, Q&A - Ogie Alcasid & Odette Quesada, June 22. Los Tucanes De Tijuana, June 27. [www.choctawcasinos.com](http://www.choctawcasinos.com)

### Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa

Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd "The Dark Side of The Moon" May 10. Pop 2000 Tour: feat. Chris Kirkpatrick, O-Town, LFO & Ryan Cabrera, May 22. Wade Bowen, May 24. Seether, May 29. Yacht Rock the Dock, June 7. Lit and Fuel, June 14. Night Ranger, June 20. Little River Band, June 27. Chris Janson, July 3. [www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com](http://www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com)

### Osage Casino Hotel

Testament, May 2. Craig Morgan, May 30. Felipe Esparza, June 7. Babyface, June 20. [www.osagecasino.com](http://www.osagecasino.com)

### Seven Clans Casinos

Tracy Byrd, May 23. [www.sevenclans.com](http://www.sevenclans.com)

## OREGON

### Seven Feathers Casino Resort

Live MMA Action, May 10. Little River Band, May 24. Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners, June 21. Banda Maguey, July 18. Revisiting Creedence, July 11. [www.sevenfeathers.com](http://www.sevenfeathers.com)

### Spirit Mountain Casino

Carvey, May 3. Ramon Ayala, June 7. [www.spiritmountain.com](http://www.spiritmountain.com)

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Mount Airy Casino Resort

Hollywood Nights - The Bob Seger Experience, June 14. Earth to Mars - The Bruno Mars Experience, July 12. [www.mountairycasino.com](http://www.mountairycasino.com)

### Parx Casino

Xcite Center: Larry the Cable Guy, May 16. Joey Diaz, May 17. Ashley McBryde, May 30. Re-membering Spring, May 31. Taj Mahal and Keb' Mo', June 6. Theresa Caputo, June 7. Clutch, June 14. Kumail Nanjiani, June 20. Trevor Wallace, June 27. Gary Clark Jr. July 3. Mark Normand, July 12. KC & The Sunshine Band, July 18. Joe Gatto, July 26. [www.parxcasino.com](http://www.parxcasino.com)

### Rivers Casino Philadelphia

Comedian Steve Rinaldi, Apr 30, May 28. Grand Funk Railroad, May 17. Ace Frehley, June 6. Dave Attell, June 28. [www.riverscasino.com/philadelphia](http://www.riverscasino.com/philadelphia)

## RENO

### Grand Sierra Resort

Nikki Glaser, May 1 & 2. Brett Young, May 3. Yelawolf, May 9. Billy Curington, May 16. Chris Isaak, May 17. Lord Huron, May 22. Eden Munoz, May 30. Drive - By Truckers & Deer Tick, Jun 8. Felipe Esparza, June 13. Little Feat, Pure Prairie League, June 15. St. Paul and the Broken Bones & The Wood Brothers, June 19. Adam Ray presents Dr. Phil Live, July 12. Brit Floyd & Alan Parsons, July 15 & 16. Alison Krauss & Union Station feat. Jerry Douglas, July 18. [www.grandsierraresort.com](http://www.grandsierraresort.com)

### J Resort

Drifters Music Festival with Walker Hayes, Randy House & More, May 10-11. Common Kings, May 16. Nappy Roots, Afroman Luniz, May 17. The Infamous Stringdusters, & Leftover Salmon, Aug. 15. [www.jresortent.com](http://www.jresortent.com)

### Nugget Casino Resort

Selena, May 4 & 5. Kevin Hart: Acting My Age, May 30. Ludacris and FloRida, June 6. Alabama, June 20. [www.cnty.com/nugget](http://www.cnty.com/nugget)



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June 19	Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Reno, NV
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June 23	Yaamavá Resort Casino at San Manuel, Highland, CA
June 27	Isleta Resort & Casino, Albuquerque, NM
June 29	Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV

### Silver Legacy Resort & Casino

Laugh Factory, live comedy, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. (dark Mon.) Joe Gatto, May 2. Little River Band, May 3. Chris Tucker, May 9. King Of The Cage: Future Legends 63, May 10. The O'Jays, May 11. Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny, May 22. Seether - The Surface Seems So Far Tour, May 24. Bingham's Bourbon Presents Ryan Bingham and The Texas Gentlemen, June 15. Elvis Costello & The Imposters with Charlie Sexton, June 15. Peter Frampton Let's Do It Again! June 19. For-eigner, June 20. Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, June 28. [www.silverlegacyreno.com](http://www.silverlegacyreno.com)

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### Deadwood Mountain Grand

Joe Gatto, May 2. Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny, May 22. Theory of a Deadman, May 31. [www.deadwoodmountain-grand.com](http://www.deadwoodmountain-grand.com)

## VIRGINIA

### Caesars Virginia

Gary Allan, June 6. Wynonna Judd, June 21. Gabriel Fluffy Iglesias, July 10. Jamey Johnson, July 11. Tusk: The Classic Tribute to Fleetwood Mac,

July 12. Theresa Caputo Live, Aug. 15. Best of the Eagles, Aug. 16. ZZ Top, Sept. 19. Flatland Cavalry, Sept. 20. The O'Jays, Sept. 27. Ron White, Nov. 22. [www.caesars.com/caesars-virginia](http://www.caesars.com/caesars-virginia)

### Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol

Frankie Vallie & The Four Seasons, May 9. Tom Segura, May 10. JJ Grey & Mofro and The Marshall Tucker Band, May 16. Old Dominion, May 24. Kevin James, May 31. Travis Tritt, June 6. Jim Jefferies, June 28. Counting Crows, July 13. Old Crow Medicine Show, July 19. Trace Adkins, Aug. 15. Ron White, Oct. 3. Melissa Etheridge, Oct. 4. [www.casino.hardrock.com/bristol](http://www.casino.hardrock.com/bristol)

### Rivers Casino Portsmouth

Stavros Halkias, May 9. [www.riverscasino.com/portsmouth](http://www.riverscasino.com/portsmouth)

## WISCONSIN

### Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino

Marshall Charloff & Purple xPerleNCE, Apr 26. The American Ride Toby Keith Tribute, May 24. [www.lakeofthetorches.com](http://www.lakeofthetorches.com)

### St. Croix Casino - Turtle Lake

Murray Sawchuck, Apr 25. Alex Zackary Band, Apr 26. Tom Green Comedy Tour, June 6. [www.stcroix-casinos.com/hotels/turtlelake](http://www.stcroix-casinos.com/hotels/turtlelake)

## WASHINGTON

### Angel of The Winds Casino Resort

The Bellamy Brothers, May 16. [www.angelofthewinds.com](http://www.angelofthewinds.com)

### Muckleshoot Casino

UB40 Featuring Ali Campbell, Apr 24. Excitefight MMA, May 24. Tyler Henry, July 10 & 11. Tyrese, July 13. [www.muckleshootcasino.com](http://www.muckleshootcasino.com)

### Northern Quest Resort & Casino

Brad Paisley, May 30. Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, June 15. Jon Pardi, June 20. Billy Currington & Kip Moore, July 10. Cody Jinks, July 19. Dropkick Murphys, July 22. Alison Krauss & Union Station, July 27. Joe Bonamassa, Aug. 5. Weird Al Yankovic, Aug. 12. Lynyrd Skynyrd, Aug. 14. Parker McCollum, Aug. 21. Blues Traveler and Gin Blossoms, Aug. 23. Goo Goo Dolls, Aug. 28. Warren Zeiders, Sept. 13. Train, Sept. 16. [www.northernquest.com](http://www.northernquest.com)

### Snoqualmie Casino

Melanie Fiona, June 6. P.O.D June 7. Joel Chan, June 8. Parliament-Funkadelic featuring George Clinton, July 24. Hanson, July 25. The Rumba Kings, Jul 26. Austin Jenkes with Special Guests, July 27. [www.snocasino.com](http://www.snocasino.com)

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Night Ranger, May 16. Ashley McBryde, May 17. Chippendales: All Night Long Tour, May 30 & 31. Kevin James, June 7. Band of Horses, June 14. Ryan Adams, June 28. Michael Blaustein, July 25. [www.hollywoodcasino-charlestown.com](http://www.hollywoodcasino-charlestown.com)

# Slot Payout Percentages

The percentages represent the average percent of each slot wager that is returned to the players in jackpots. Progressive and video poker payouts are included in the percentages listed for each denomination. "Other" indicates denominations other than those listed (for example, 10-cent or \$2 slots). The higher the percentage, the better for the players. For example, a 90 percent payout yields 90 cents for every \$1 invested. Keep in mind that this doesn't mean you'll get 90 cents back for every dollar you bet—the numbers reflect all play on the machines. Some players win big, others lose big, others come out even.

How should slot enthusiasts use this chart? We recommend that players look for long-term trends and start saving issues of *Casino Player* to uncover those trends. No matter where you play in the country, comparing the payout percentages for at least a three-month period will give you a good idea where the most generous slots can be found.

Slot players often ask why we don't report percentages from jurisdictions not listed on the chart. While we always try to present our readers with the most information possible, some information is not available from the regulatory agencies. For example, Indian casinos are governed by tribal regulators who are under no obligation to make this information public. *Casino Player* is making every effort to obtain data from more states, and even some tribal casinos that are proud of their loose slots.

## ATLANTIC CITY

January 2025

Source: Division of Gaming Enforcement

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Bally's AC	1,120	90.30
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa	2,342	91.30
Caesars Atlantic City	1,731	90.50
Golden Nugget	1,041	90.50
Hard Rock Atlantic City	2,328	91.10
Harrah's Atlantic City	1,851	<b>91.70</b>
Ocean Casino Resort AC	1,848	90.60
Resorts Casino Hotel	1,272	90.70
Tropicana Casino & Resort	1,581	90.70

## COLORADO

January 2025

Source: Colorado Division of Gaming

1-CENT	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	2,557	90.44
Central City	783	<b>91.45</b>
Cripple Creek	1,045	90.62

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	66	<b>93.51</b>
Central City	55	93.28
Cripple Creek	40	89.63

10-CENT	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	28	<b>93.01</b>
Central City	1	0.00
Cripple Creek	4	0.00

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	172	93.43
Central City	82	<b>93.85</b>
Cripple Creek	51	92.91

50-CENT	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	33	93.50
Central City	0	0.00
Cripple Creek	9	<b>95.73</b>

\$1	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	510	<b>93.64</b>
Central City	159	93.33
Cripple Creek	303	93.02

\$5	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	50	93.16
Central City	10	<b>100.69</b>
Cripple Creek	34	93.12

MULTI-DENOMINATION	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	2,552	93.11
Central City	610	<b>93.56</b>
Cripple Creek	1,581	91.51

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Black Hawk	6,013	92.60
Central City	1,701	<b>92.94</b>
Cripple Creek	3,016	91.52

## CONNECTICUT

January 2025

Source: Connecticut Department of Special Revenue

1-CENT	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	1,143	<b>89.83</b>
Mohegan Sun	1,167	89.50

2-CENT	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	12	<b>92.07</b>
Mohegan Sun	0	0.00

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	13	<b>90.45</b>
Mohegan Sun	9	<b>90.45</b>

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	107	89.95
Mohegan Sun	134	<b>91.72</b>

50-CENT	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	0	0.00
Mohegan Sun	11	<b>91.23</b>

\$1	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	276	91.51
Mohegan Sun	258	<b>92.60</b>

\$2	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	4	89.90
Mohegan Sun	1	<b>93.68</b>

\$5	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	64	<b>95.20</b>
Mohegan Sun	81	95.12

\$10	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	7	89.48
Mohegan Sun	15	<b>97.84</b>

\$25	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	8	89.33
Mohegan Sun	19	<b>100.10</b>

\$100	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	8	<b>88.82</b>
Mohegan Sun	14	86.78

MULTI-DENOMINATION	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	1,491	<b>92.38</b>
Mohegan Sun	1,659	91.92

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Foxwoods	3,142	<b>91.83</b>
Mohegan Sun	3,368	91.78

## DELAWARE

January 2025

Source: Delaware Lottery

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Delaware Park	1,925	91.57
Bally's Dover	2,158	91.63
Harrington	1,317	<b>92.28</b>

## FLORIDA

January 2025

Source: Florida Gaming Control Commission

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino	541	92.15
Big Easy Casino	705	92.13
The Isle Casino & Racing at Pompano Park	1,184	90.13
Magic City Casino	1,004	<b>92.69</b>
Calder Casino & Race Course	1,041	90.98
Casino Miami	906	92.29
Hialeah Park Casino	772	92.14
The Casino at Dania Beach	769	90.91

## INDIANA

January 2025

Source: Indiana Gaming Commission

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Casino	971	89.59
Bally's Evansville	928	89.35
Belterra Casino	803	89.85
Blue Chip Casino	1,307	88.40
Caesars Southern Indiana	968	89.93
French Lick Resort	699	89.05
Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana	1,758	89.63
Harrah's Hoosier Park	1,184	90.37
Hollywood Lawrenceburg	1,247	88.88
Horseshoe Hammond	1,578	89.62
Horseshoe Indianapolis	1,486	<b>90.56</b>
Rising Star Casino	620	90.16
Terre Haute Casino	1,042	89.54



# IOWA

January 2025

Source: Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission

1-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	1,021	89.31
Casino Queen - Marquette	332	88.22
Catfish Bend Casino	434	89.10
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	570	89.57
Diamond Jo - Worth	651	89.52
Grand Falls Casino Resort	477	90.38
Hard Rock Casino	505	88.89
Harrah's Council Bluffs	483	88.81
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	822	88.14
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	582	88.64
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	635	89.07
Lakeside Casino	556	89.18
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	890	89.81
Q Casino	425	<b>90.65</b>
Rhythm City Casino	639	89.25
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	638	88.96
Wild Rose - Clinton	384	89.84
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	350	89.48
Wild Rose - Jefferson	22	88.73

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	48	91.33
Casino Queen - Marquette	20	93.47
Catfish Bend Casino	13	89.52
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	22	92.61
Diamond Jo - Worth	12	92.76
Grand Falls Casino Resort	3	89.18
Hard Rock Casino	45	94.20
Harrah's Council Bluffs	36	92.12
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	73	93.27
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	22	92.87
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	28	93.29
Lakeside Casino	13	90.47
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	39	94.09
Q Casino	13	91.18
Rhythm City Casino	31	92.76
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	55	<b>94.78</b>
Wild Rose - Clinton	20	94.36
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	20	89.51
Wild Rose - Jefferson	30	92.96

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	87	93.57
Casino Queen - Marquette	43	92.34
Catfish Bend Casino	69	93.31
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	43	91.60
Diamond Jo - Worth	50	<b>94.11</b>
Grand Falls Casino Resort	35	90.44
Hard Rock Casino	15	91.95
Harrah's Council Bluffs	75	93.48
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	101	92.61
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	84	93.52
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	55	91.37
Lakeside Casino	30	91.06
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	72	93.51
Q Casino	31	94.03
Rhythm City Casino	64	93.31
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	112	92.23
Wild Rose - Clinton	60	91.97
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	48	93.28
Wild Rose - Jefferson	42	92.06

\$1	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	61	94.31
Casino Queen - Marquette	36	95.50
Catfish Bend Casino	24	94.61
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	45	92.83
Diamond Jo - Worth	37	94.52
Grand Falls Casino Resort	37	91.43
Hard Rock Casino	91	94.37
Harrah's Council Bluffs	39	91.52
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	113	92.83
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	74	91.68
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	73	91.13
Lakeside Casino	10	87.77
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	153	92.89
Q Casino	32	<b>95.91</b>
Rhythm City Casino	55	93.18
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	40	93.18
Wild Rose - Clinton	31	91.89
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	38	90.63
Wild Rose - Jefferson	53	92.23

\$2	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	0	0.00
Casino Queen - Marquette	0	0.00
Catfish Bend Casino	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Worth	0	0.00
Grand Falls Casino Resort	0	0.00
Hard Rock Casino	0	0.00
Harrah's Council Bluffs	0	0.00
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	0	0.00
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	2	85.93
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	1	81.22
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	1	96.42
Q Casino	0	0.00
Rhythm City Casino	4	<b>97.06</b>
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	4	90.11
Wild Rose - Clinton	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Jefferson	0	0.00

\$5	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	6	88.91
Casino Queen - Marquette	5	91.16
Catfish Bend Casino	6	89.83
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	10	94.32
Diamond Jo - Worth	15	91.35
Grand Falls Casino Resort	0	0.00
Hard Rock Casino	8	96.20
Harrah's Council Bluffs	4	92.77
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	8	93.96
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	12	94.64
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	2	91.54
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	16	93.33
Q Casino	3	80.78
Rhythm City Casino	8	92.43
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	20	93.04
Wild Rose - Clinton	1	<b>98.00</b>
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	6	87.08
Wild Rose - Jefferson	2	95.65

\$10	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	1	118.59
Casino Queen - Marquette	0	0.00
Catfish Bend Casino	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Worth	0	0.00
Grand Falls Casino Resort	2	96.78
Hard Rock Casino	2	108.70
Harrah's Council Bluffs I	0	0.00
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	1	92.25
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	3	84.28
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	1	<b>125.59</b>
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	4	96.32
Q Casino	0	0.00
Rhythm City Casino	3	96.12
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	3	86.32
Wild Rose - Clinton	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	1	93.03
Wild Rose - Jefferson	1	93.03

\$25	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	1	<b>97.90</b>
Casino Queen - Marquette	0	0.00
Catfish Bend Casino	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Worth	0	0.00
Grand Falls Casino Resort	2	85.23
Hard Rock Casino	2	66.90
Harrah's Council Bluffs I	0	0.00
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	2	69.46
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	2	83.92
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	1	83.08
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	2	81.10
Q Casino	0	0.00
Rhythm City Casino	3	92.41
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	2	85.57
Wild Rose - Clinton	1	95.62
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Jefferson	0	0.00

\$100	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	1	80.40
Casino Queen - Marquette	0	0.00
Catfish Bend Casino	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	0	0.00
Diamond Jo - Worth	0	0.00
Grand Falls Casino Resort	0	0.00
Hard Rock Casino	0	0.00
Harrah's Council Bluffs	0	0.00
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	2	73.39
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	0	0.00
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	0	0.00
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	1	<b>92.02</b>
Q Casino	0	0.00
Rhythm City Casino	0	0.00
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Clinton	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Jefferson	0	0.00

Other	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	5	97.81
Casino Queen - Marquette	0	0.00
Catfish Bend Casino	97	90.67
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	9	86.77
Diamond Jo - Worth	23	89.31
Grand Falls Casino Resort	37	90.40
Hard Rock Casino	0	0.00
Harrah's Council Bluffs	5	89.02
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	28	91.43
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	10	93.07
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	9	93.07
Lakeside Casino	0	0.00
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	14	88.69
Q Casino	0	0.00
Rhythm City Casino	1	87.44
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	10	91.50
Wild Rose - Clinton	1	<b>104.75</b>
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	0	0.00
Wild Rose - Jefferson	408	92.21

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Ameristar II	1,231	90.41
Casino Queen - Marquette	437	89.06
Catfish Bend Casino	643	90.66
Diamond Jo - Dubuque	699	90.19
Diamond Jo - Worth	788	90.50
Grand Falls Casino Resort	593	90.40
Hard Rock Casino	668	90.28
Harrah's Council Bluffs	642	89.72
Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs	1,150	89.72
Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo	791	89.66
Isle of Capri-Bettendorf	805	89.71
Lakeside Casino	609	89.23
Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino	1,192	90.79
Q Casino	504	<b>91.10</b>
Rhythm City Casino	808	90.14
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort	884	90.23
Wild Rose - Clinton	498	90.40
Wild Rose - Emmetsburg	463	89.88
Wild Rose - Jefferson	508	89.49

## LOUISIANA

October, 2024

Source: Louisiana Gaming Control Board

Baton Rouge Area: Belle of Baton Rouge, Evangeline Downs\*, The Queen Baton Rouge, L'Auberge Baton Rouge; Lake Charles Area: Delta Downs, Golden Nugget, Horseshoe Lake Charles, L'Auberge Lake Charles; New Orleans Area: Amelia Belle\*\*, Boomtown New Orleans, Fair Grounds, Harrah's, Treasure Chest; Shreveport/Bossier Area: Boomtown Bossier, DiamondJacks, Bally's, LA Downs, Horseshoe Bossier City, Margaritaville, Sam's Town  
Note:\*Evangeline Downs is located in Opelousas, but reported with the Baton Rouge area properties. \*\*Amelia Belle is located in Amelia but reported with the New Orleans area properties.

1-CENT	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	2,162	<b>89.50</b>
Lake Charles	3,186	89.30
New Orleans	3,120	89.00
Shreveport/Bossier	3,561	89.20

2-CENT	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	0	0.00
Lake Charles	20	87.70
New Orleans	17	88.50
Shreveport/Bossier	9	<b>89.30</b>

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	229	<b>92.30</b>
Lake Charles	161	91.90
New Orleans	128	91.40
Shreveport/Bossier	136	91.30

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	196	91.90
Lake Charles	316	92.40
New Orleans	238	<b>92.60</b>
Shreveport/Bossier	354	90.00

50-CENT	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	31	93.90
Lake Charles	54	92.80
New Orleans	64	<b>94.40</b>
Shreveport/Bossier	29	94.20

\$1	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	292	<b>93.00</b>
Lake Charles	701	92.00
New Orleans	311	<b>93.00</b>
Shreveport/Bossier	577	90.50

\$2	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	5	<b>94.00</b>
Lake Charles	2	89.60
New Orleans	0	0.00
Shreveport/Bossier	5	92.80

\$5	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	43	90.10
Lake Charles	102	<b>92.80</b>
New Orleans	87	91.30
Shreveport/Bossier	122	91.50

\$10	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	12	<b>97.10</b>
Lake Charles	28	95.00
New Orleans	13	94.90
Shreveport/Bossier	16	89.50

\$25	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	7	93.10
Lake Charles	29	<b>94.40</b>
New Orleans	4	83.00
Shreveport/Bossier	31	87.00

\$100	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	3	74.00
Lake Charles	25	86.30
New Orleans	7	<b>96.40</b>
Shreveport/Bossier	18	73.00

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Baton Rouge	3,013	90.40
Lake Charles	4,728	<b>90.50</b>
New Orleans	4,035	90.30
Shreveport/Bossier	4,873	89.60

## MAINE

January 2025

Source: Maine Gambling Control Unit

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Hollywood	606	91.51
Oxford	959	<b>92.14</b>

## MASSACHUSETTS

January 2025

Source: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Encore Boston Harbor	n/a	91.92
MGM Springfield	n/a	91.08
Plainridge Park Casino	n/a	<b>92.96</b>

## MISSISSIPPI

January 2025

Source: Mississippi Gaming Commission

Coastal Region: Biloxi, Gulfport and Bay St. Louis; North River Region: Tunica, Robinsonville and Lula; Central River Region: Vicksburg, Natchez, & Greenville.

1-CENT/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	8,793	<b>91.67</b>
Northern Region	3,854	<b>91.67</b>
Central Region	3,255	91.42

5-CENT/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	451	93.07
Northern Region	130	93.89
Central Region	77	<b>94.67</b>

25-CENT/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	792	<b>95.24</b>
Northern Region	342	92.12
Central Region	220	92.54

50-CENT/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	135	91.28
Northern Region	74	92.19
Central Region	51	<b>94.44</b>

\$1/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	809	91.90
Northern Region	505	92.19
Central Region	332	<b>94.05</b>

\$5/Progressive	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	182	<b>95.12</b>
Northern Region	123	92.46
Central Region	72	93.63

\$10	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	35	<b>95.55</b>
Northern Region	22	95.00
Central Region	21	93.59

\$25	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	44	<b>95.78</b>
Northern Region	29	95.25
Central Region	0	0.00



\$100	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	30	<b>97.54</b>
Northern Region	14	88.35
Central Region	0	0.00

OTHER	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	62	92.40
Northern Region	120	<b>96.23</b>
Central Region	0	0.00

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Coastal Region	11,457	<b>92.40</b>
Northern Region	5,213	92.37
Central Region	4,028	91.92

## MISSOURI

January 2025

Source: Missouri Gaming Commission

1-CENT/1-CENT Tokenized	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	1,237	89.26
Ameristar St. Charles	1,250	<b>89.72</b>
Argosy Riverside	770	89.46
Harrah's Kansas City	639	88.99
Hollywood	991	89.25
Bally's KC	485	88.21
Isle of Capri - Boonville	458	89.32
Century Cape Girardeau	607	88.91
Century Caruthersville	478	89.02
Horseshoe St. Louis	695	88.31
Mark Twain	356	89.18
River City	1,207	89.11
St. Jo Frontier	366	88.86

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	110	93.25
Ameristar St. Charles	97	94.77
Argosy Riverside	104	94.11
Harrah's Kansas City	54	92.66
Hollywood	185	94.09
Bally's KC	9	91.91
Isle of Capri - Boonville	15	91.95
Century Cape Girardeau	32	87.13
Century Caruthersville	12	93.06
Horseshoe St. Louis	64	90.54
Mark Twain	5	<b>95.75</b>
River City	154	94.27
St. Jo Frontier	17	93.58

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	85	92.74
Ameristar St. Charles	252	94.93
Argosy Riverside	59	92.80
Harrah's Kansas City	103	92.09
Hollywood	201	94.12
Bally's KC	31	90.59
Isle of Capri - Boonville	77	93.53
Century Cape Girardeau	68	92.16
Century Caruthersville	33	88.97
Horseshoe St. Louis	54	93.04
Mark Twain	4	<b>100.43</b>
River City	136	95.38
St. Jo Frontier	28	89.22

50-CENT	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	0	0.00
Ameristar St. Charles	17	93.68
Argosy Riverside	1	93.08
Harrah's Kansas City	0	0.00
Hollywood	1	<b>101.46</b>
Bally's KC	7	N/A
Isle of Capri - Boonville	20	94.47
Century Cape Girardeau	12	95.24
Century Caruthersville	9	94.75
Horseshoe St. Louis	4	92.51
Mark Twain	12	88.76
River City	3	93.46
St. Jo Frontier	4	96.11

\$1	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	104	93.98
Ameristar St. Charles	97	92.97
Argosy Riverside	113	92.85
Harrah's Kansas City	97	93.77
Hollywood	134	<b>94.99</b>
Bally's KC	30	93.61
Isle of Capri - Boonville	56	90.43
Century Cape Girardeau	68	92.87
Century Caruthersville	42	91.39
Horseshoe St. Louis	39	94.12
Mark Twain	3	90.52
River City	57	94.13
St. Jo Frontier	28	93.24

\$2	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	0	0.00
Ameristar St. Charles	0	0.00
Argosy Riverside	9	94.76
Harrah's Kansas City	2	95.20
Hollywood	2	104.12
Bally's KC	0	0.00
Isle of Capri - Boonville	6	94.47
Century Cape Girardeau	0	0.00
Century Caruthersville	0	0.00
Horseshoe St. Louis	2	<b>111.49</b>
Mark Twain	0	0.00
River City	0	0.00
St. Jo Frontier	0	0.00

\$5	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	16	90.33
Ameristar St. Charles	49	94.28
Argosy Riverside	17	89.13
Harrah's Kansas City	7	87.39
Hollywood	16	90.91
Bally's KC	9	<b>94.52</b>
Isle of Capri - Boonville	14	89.86
Century Cape Girardeau	8	91.21
Century Caruthersville	3	92.54
Horseshoe St. Louis	2	91.09
Mark Twain	5	81.78
River City	8	94.17
St. Jo Frontier	3	73.71

\$10	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	3	74.63
Ameristar St. Charles	8	<b>95.86</b>
Argosy Riverside	0	0.00
Harrah's Kansas City	0	0.00
Hollywood	0	0.00
Bally's KC	0	0.00

Isle of Capri - Boonville	0	0.00
Century Cape Girardeau	4	89.31
Century Caruthersville	0	0.00
Horseshoe St. Louis	0	0.00
Mark Twain	0	0.00
River City	3	92.05
St. Jo Frontier	0	0.00

\$25	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	5	86.04
Ameristar St. Charles	6	104.75
Argosy Riverside	2	94.37
Harrah's Kansas City	1	89.14
Hollywood	4	95.03
Bally's KC	0	0.00
Isle of Capri - Boonville	2	<b>130.76</b>
Century Cape Girardeau	2	86.10
Century Caruthersville	0	0.00
Horseshoe St. Louis	1	104.64
Mark Twain	0	0.00
River City	2	88.12
St. Jo Frontier	0	0.00

\$100	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	2	85.64
Ameristar St. Charles	2	96.68
Argosy Riverside	0	0.00
Harrah's Kansas City	1	85.69
Hollywood	2	45.21
Bally's KC	0	0.00
Isle of Capri - Boonville	0	0.00
Century Cape Girardeau	0	0.00
Century Caruthersville	0	0.00
Horseshoe St. Louis	1	<b>109.88</b>
Mark Twain	0	0.00
River City	0	0.00
St. Jo Frontier	0	0.00

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Ameristar Kansas City	1,598	90.36
Ameristar St. Charles	1,797	<b>91.32</b>
Argosy Riverside	1,083	90.77
Harrah's Kansas City	933	90.30
Hollywood	1,546	91.08
Bally's KC	898	89.28
Isle of Capri - Boonville	650	90.74
Century Cape Girardeau	809	89.95
Century Caruthersville	580	89.54
Horseshoe St. Louis	868	89.71
Mark Twain	385	89.27
River City	1,588	90.69
St. Jo Frontier	446	89.32

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## NEVADA

January 2025

Source: Nevada Gaming Control Board

North Las Vegas: Includes such casinos as Jerry's Nugget and the Santa Fe. Boulder Strip: Principal casinos in this area are Boulder Station, and Sam's Town; Balance of County: These casinos are not featured in the casinos of Las Vegas Strip, Downtown, Laughlin or Boulder Strip. The "other" casinos include the properties in Primm, and those other casinos scattered across the valley, such as Arizona Charlie's and the Orleans.

1-CENT	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	4,662	90.52
Boulder	3,785	90.90
Downtown Las Vegas	2,809	86.76
Lake Tahoe	840	90.03
Las Vegas Strip	8,939	87.53
Laughlin	1,897	88.14
Mesquite	694	90.33
North Las Vegas	1,303	91.32
Reno	2,432	<b>92.06</b>

5-CENT	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	134	93.46
Boulder	106	91.20
Downtown Las Vegas	75	90.06
Lake Tahoe	0	0.00
Las Vegas Strip	170	90.00
Laughlin	0	0.00
Mesquite	40	<b>96.10</b>
North Las Vegas	0	0.00
Reno	25	93.43

25-CENT	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	235	94.90
Boulder	328	93.79
Downtown Las Vegas	454	92.10
Lake Tahoe	46	90.16
Las Vegas Strip	768	87.76
Laughlin	121	92.24
Mesquite	40	93.19
North Las Vegas	83	<b>95.64</b>
Reno	136	92.76

\$1	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	564	93.63
Boulder	288	92.78
Downtown Las Vegas	593	92.86
Lake Tahoe	204	92.58
Las Vegas Strip	1,954	91.96
Laughlin	204	<b>94.96</b>
Mesquite	145	94.47
North Las Vegas	94	94.66
Reno	369	94.89

\$5	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	39	<b>96.78</b>
Boulder	24	93.80
Downtown Las Vegas	52	88.54
Lake Tahoe	0	0.00
Las Vegas Strip	194	95.80
Laughlin	12	92.65
Mesquite	0	0.00
North Las Vegas	0	0.00
Reno	27	91.05

\$25	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	0	0.00
Boulder	0	0.00
Downtown Las Vegas	7	89.22
Lake Tahoe	0	0.00
Las Vegas Strip	49	<b>91.04</b>
Laughlin	0	0.00
Mesquite	0	0.00
North Las Vegas	0	0.00
Reno	8	87.98

MULTI-DENOMINATION	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	12,442	<b>94.11</b>
Boulder	9,620	93.45
Downtown Las Vegas	6,051	90.89
Lake Tahoe	1,561	93.66
Las Vegas Strip	22,378	91.57
Laughlin	3,436	91.94
Mesquite	2,039	93.46
North Las Vegas	2,601	92.98
Reno	5,926	93.94

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Balance of County	18,175	92.84
Boulder	14,200	93.00
Downtown Las Vegas	10,101	90.45
Lake Tahoe	2,736	93.07
Las Vegas Strip	35,132	91.22
Laughlin	5,690	91.20
Mesquite	2,962	93.16
North Las Vegas	4,128	92.68
Reno	8,967	<b>93.69</b>

## NEW YORK STATE

January 2025

Source: New York State Gaming Commission

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Batavia Downs	936	91.22
Del Lago	1,665	90.80
Empire City Casino at MGM Resort	4,448	92.79
Finger Lakes Casino & Racetrack	1,175	91.67
Hamburg Gaming	913	91.43
Jake's 58 Hotel & Casino	1,000	93.32
Nassau OTB at Resorts World Casino NYC	1,000	<b>97.40</b>
Resorts World Casino NYC	4,849	92.06
Resorts World Catskills	1,606	90.38
Resorts World Hudson Valley	1,203	92.52
Rivers	1,052	90.91
Saratoga Casino - Hotel	1,227	92.15
Tioga Downs	895	90.75
Vernon Downs Casino	512	91.31

## OHIO

January 2025

Source: Ohio Casino Control Commission

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Hard Rock Cincinnati	1,630	92.67
Hollywood Columbus	1,636	<b>92.71</b>
Hollywood Toledo	1,700	91.79
Jack Cleveland	1,194	92.59

## PENNSYLVANIA

January 2025

Source: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

TOTAL	# of slots	win %
Mohegan Sun	1,588	89.88
Parx Casino	2,984	90.22
Harrah's Philadelphia	1,543	89.64
Presque Isle	1,525	89.55
Hollywood Casino at the Meadows	1,961	90.58
Mount Airy	1,581	90.26
Hollywood Casino at Penn National	1,532	90.22
Wind Creek	2,262	<b>91.34</b>
Rivers Pittsburgh	1,978	89.62
Rivers Philadelphia	1,522	89.75
Valley Forge	850	91.11
Nemacolin	500	88.97
LIVE! Casino Pittsburgh	750	89.78
LIVE! Casino Philadelphia	1,947	89.34
Hollywood Casino York	715	90.37
Hollywood Casino Morgantown	687	90.26
Parx Shippensburg	501	89.14

## SOUTH DAKOTA

January 2025

Source: South Dakota Commission on Gaming

	# of slots	win %
1-Cent	2,340	90.75
5-Cent	20	92.56
City Slots	50	89.24
10-Cent	2	<b>96.59</b>
25-Cent	98	91.20
50-Cent	4	84.53
\$1.00	233	93.35
\$5.00	58	92.98
\$25.00	6	88.74
TOTAL	2,811	90.98





# Jackpot Winners

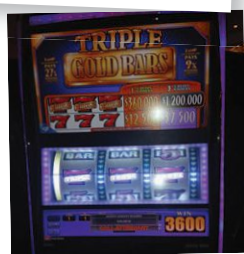
## \$10 Spin Strikes Gold: NJ Man Wins \$583K at Resorts Casino

Call it a little early St. Patrick's Day magic—a lucky player from Jackson, NJ, struck it rich on March 1 at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, scoring a staggering \$583,186.81 jackpot on a \$10 spin of a progressive Wheel of Fortune slot machine. The jackpot was part of Atlantic City's Wide Area Progressive, a linked network of Wheel of Fortune slots that builds citywide until one lucky player cashes in. This latest win adds to Resorts' impressive run, with over \$4 million in progressive jackpots awarded since 2020 and 29 winners spinning their way to life-changing payouts.



## Jackpot Valentine: \$1.2 Million Win at Talking Stick Resort

Love was definitely in the air this Valentine's Day at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, AZ, where one incredibly lucky player scored a heart-stopping \$1.2 million jackpot! The unforgettable win came on the I Luv Suits 7-Card Straight Flush Progressive Jackpot game, making for a Feb. 14 they'll never forget. With one epic hand, the guest joined the millionaire club in true Vegas-style fashion—right in the heart of Arizona.



## March Magic at MGM National Harbor: Four Players Win Over \$1.4 Million

March was a month of million-dollar magic at MGM National Harbor in Maryland, where four lucky players collectively took home more than \$1.4 million in jackpot winnings. Praveen, from Virginia, led the pack with a stunning \$617,182.50 win on a Royal Flush of Diamonds while playing Ultimate Texas Hold'em. Maryland local Jerome struck gold with a \$360,000 win on Triple Gold Bars from a bold \$300 bet. Parampal, also from Virginia, turned a \$56 wager into \$268,581 playing Prosperity Link. And Tony-Tuan, another Virginian, rounded out the winning streak with a \$178,850 jackpot thanks to a Perfect Match of King of Diamonds and Nine of Spades.

## Wichita Player Draws \$348K Table Games Jackpot - Largest in Kansas Star History

A Wichita, KS, local, Seng, had the ultimate poker night on Saturday, Feb. 22, when a \$5 progressive wager turned into a record-breaking win at Kansas Star Casino. While playing Ultimate Texas Hold'em by Light & Wonder, Seng was dealt a stunning royal flush of hearts, triggering an incredible jackpot of \$348,247—the largest table games progressive win in the casino's history. The crowd erupted as Seng realized the hand of a lifetime had just changed his future.

## Royal Flush Triumph: South Point Casino Player Wins \$92,906 Jackpot

On Monday, March 10, a lucky guest at South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa hit the jackpot with a Royal Flush on the flop while playing Ultimate Texas Hold'em. This incredible hand earned them a massive \$92,906 progressive jackpot, adding to the excitement and thrill of the casino floor



# Player of the Month

## Two Life-Changing Wins at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas



**A**pril's Player of the Month shines a spotlight on two incredibly lucky guests at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, who both scored life-changing jackpots in March. The first winner was dealt a royal flush in clubs while playing Ultimate Texas Hold'em, triggering the major tier of the resort's Millionaire Progressive. With a \$5 side bet, this anonymous guest walked away with a massive \$707,096 win. The Millionaire Progressive spans several table games across The Venetian and The Palazzo casino floors and has created 12 millionaires since its launch in 2018, with the mega-tier jackpot still waiting for the next lucky player.

Meanwhile, another anonymous guest struck gold at The Venetian's high-limit gaming lounge on The Palazzo casino floor. This lucky player hit the Grand Jackpot on the \$1 Million Dragon Link slot machine by Aristocrat Gaming, winning a staggering \$1,215,998 from a \$75 bet. Dragon Link continues to captivate players with its exciting gameplay and big payouts, making it one of the top machines in the gaming industry.

The Venetian Resort Las Vegas is known for its luxurious all-suite accommodations, including both The Venetian and The Palazzo towers, and offers an unforgettable experience. Guests can indulge in world-class dining from celebrated chefs like Cote by Simon Kim, Bazaar Meat



by José Andrés, and Gjelina, along with the rejuvenating Canyon Ranch spa + fitness and a five-acre pool and garden deck inspired by the Italian Riviera. The resort is also home to a vibrant poker room, Voltaire nightclub with Dita Von Teese and non-stop entertainment like the mesmerizing Shin Lim show. Exclusive concert and hotel packages for Sphere at The Venetian offer fans a once-in-a-lifetime experience with preferred seating. Resident acts include The Eagles (with shows through Sept. 13), Dead & Company: Dead Forever (through May 17), and the latest headliner, Kenny Chesney, who will take the stage from Memorial Day weekend, May 22 through June 21.



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