

Heard it on the river: Horseshoe's legendary blackjack tournament is on tap

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How would you like to win a USD 100,000 first place prize in a blackjack tournament? Stop dreaming and hurry over to Horseshoe and sign up for its third USD 250,000 legendary Black Jack Tournament that is always well attended. You can enter by giving up a USD 1,000 buy-in at the Bluesville promotions counter and if you are an early bird sign-up on Thursday March 27 you will get a USD 100 chip back. Regular registration is Friday March 28 from 7 to 9 p.m... and the action starts Saturday at 9 p.m. Second place pays a healthy USD 50,000 and third USD 25,000. The event is limited to 250 players and the top 45 players between the combined two qualifying rounds will receive USD 500 and be entered into the semi-finals. Call 1-800-371-7568 to reserve your spot.

LCD TVs are nice to have, especially when it's on the house. Resorts is providing the opportunity for just that. On Saturdays in March the casino is giving away these great units from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. for a total of 20 units for the month. For slot players only and must have a valid Destination Club Card in the machine to earn a shot, and you can even win multiple times.

Tunica National Golf & Tennis club is gearing up for a great year. Check out the feature in this issue to see why. Sam's Town is one of two casinos in Mississippi where you can lay live Keno. It has a strong following. Read all about it in the next issue of jackpot.

Superharp and Cotton seems like a good combination for Mississippi Blues music and so it is. James Cotton, aptly called „Mr. Superharp,“ was honored with a Mississippi Blues Trail marker in Tunica for his impressive high energy harmonica talent. The 72-year-old Cotton still plays a mean harp and showed it when he performed for the folks at the ceremony recently.

If you like slots be at Horseshoe on Saturday March 19 when random jackpots will be hitting between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. If you are on a machine, you could win up to USD 10,000 on a Legendary Jackpot hit.

The Southern Gaming Summit will be held on May 7-8 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and if you plan to attend you can register at www.sgsummit.com. Tunica National is staging a series of Spring Golf Clinics on Tuesday nights beginning March 18 covering all aspects of your game. The cost for six sessions is only USD 90 and you can register by calling 662-357-0777. GM Bob Wolcott says the course is in great shape and will be even better when it hosts the Mississippi Golf Association state amateur tournament on June 5-8 and the Gulf States Club PGA pro championship on July 28-29.

If Foxwoods casino in Connecticut employs 10,220 people does that make it the largest casino in the world by number of employees? Nope. Not even close. You probably never even heard of this casino but the Casino de Genting in Malaysia employs 13,000. Wonder how big the employee cafeteria is.

Gulf Coast casinos had combined gaming revenue of USD 107.6 million in January an increase of USD 4.5 million over December, bucking the national trend of lower numbers. Mississippi River counties posted much lower numbers with revenues down 8 percent from the previous January.