



BARGE History, Tournament Results, and Trivia

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Chapter 1

Introduction



This book encompasses results and trivia of BARGE (Big August Rec.Gambling Excursion) tournaments that have been held since 1992. No tournaments were held at the “first” BARGE in 1991, only a single poker tournament (and sometimes a black-jack and/or video poker tournament) was played between 1992 and 1999. Results

prior to 2000 are incomplete. Results 2001-2017 can be found at

<http://www.barge.org/barge-results> .

BARGE results since 2000 are listed on the Hendon Mob. Enter either a festival name or year (i.e. BARGE 2015) or a player name (i.e. Christopher Mecklin) into the search box. For example, you can see the entire 2015 festival at: <http://pokerdb.thehendonmob.com/festival.php?a=r&n=17436> or my individual record (you will see all of my recorded live tournament cashes, not just BARGE) at <http://pokerdb.thehendonmob.com/player.php?a=r&n=262525> .

Results 2000-2013 can be found at Andy Hughes' site: <http://www.nevadacasinochips.com/BARGE.htm> (Andy Hughes also has some incomplete records and results for pre-2000 BARGES).

Results and trip reports from many BARGES and other ARG events since 2000 can be found at Jeff Okamoto's site: <http://www.seiyuu.com/okamoto/poker/> .

Another site that links much of this material, along with the BARGE results emails since 2003 and a lot more neat BARGE stuff, is Zbigniew's page: <http://zbigniew.pyrzqxgl.com/rgp.html> .

Some of the pre-2000 results were recovered from posts on either rec.gambling.poker (RGP) or its predecessor rec.gambling (pre-1995). Results of the 1998 and 1999 main event were posted by Mike Paulte, 1997 by Tom Sims, 1996 (incomplete) by Razzo, 1995 (incomplete) by Tom Sims, 1994 by Lee Jones (incomplete), 1993 (incomplete) by Frank Irwin, and 1992 (incomplete) by Steve Jacobs.

Poker is defined in this document as an event that can include bluffing, thus excluding Chinese poker. Most of this document is dedicated towards the results of such events, but not including Team CHORSE or Significant Others, each covered in separate chapters. Results of any satellite events, such as ones run for High Roller HOSER, are also not included.

It does not include other gambling events of various forms: various forms of Chinese poker, blackjack, video poker, craps, Triathlon of Gambling, Roshambo, Chip Castle Building, cash games, Quick bets, Go for Goldie bets, other last-longer bets, bounties, the Calcutta, etc. Some of these are covered in their own sections.

There were some typos and some information left out of the results of the 2001 Main Event. Based on information from several sources (Jeff Okamoto, Andy Hughes, Russ Fox, Peter Secor, Scott Byron, Ken Kubey) I have determined that there were 200 players, a \$14000 prize pool, and the names of the players that finished 12th-18th that were previously not known. Except for Andrew Prock (who was known to have

finished 14th), the exact place of the other six is not known and I have credited them with the minimum \$140 cash.

In 2002, entries for Bob G., Steve E., (both in History of Poker), Mike M. (TOC), and Michael Ma (main event) were recorded. The only other Bob G. in the database is Bob Gilbert, whose first cash was in 2014, so I suspect this is someone else. Steve E. was confirmed to be Steve Eisenstein from his 2002 trip report and Mike M. was entered as Mike Maurer based on Chris Straghalis's trip report that indicated he was at the final table of TOC. Mike McBride was recorded having cashed in 9th place in this tournament, so it wasn't him. Ken Kubey's trip report also lead me to conclude that Michael Ma, who finished 9th in the main event, is also Maurer, rather than Yo-Yo's brother. We know Maurer is a r00ler and cashes a lot.

The 2004 stud shootout has 13 places recorded cashing for \$140 or more, plus "2nd place at original tables \$70 each", without names recorded, thus only the 13 names recorded are in my database. Sorry to those of you whose \$70 mincashes are lost to posterity.

The 2013 High Roller HOSER had 15 players, with 3 cashers. Cash results and places are not posted on the BARGE website or email list. I played in the event (I finished 6th or 7th, did not cash). The buyin was \$500 and that the order of finish was Scott Byron 1st, Monte Christensen 2nd, Lenny Augustine 3rd. Scott Byron told me he cashed for \$3450, and assuming a 50%/30%/20% payout structure for 3 cashers, the prize pool was \$6900 (\$460 per player, with \$40 juice). Thus Monte cashed for \$2070 and Lenny \$1380. The 2014 High Roller HOSER results are also not on the website, but are in an email sent to the BARGE list by Rich Bremer. Buy-in was \$300 (270+30), with Matt Grapenthein 1st for \$2390, Bill Chen 2nd for \$1475, Steve Eisenstein 3rd for \$1020, and Monte Christensen 4th for \$790. The 2015-2017 High Roller HOSER results are on the BARGE website.

If you want your name listed differently than what is found here for any reason, let me know and I will change to match your desired name.

BARGE has a Wikipedia entry, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BARGE>.

Chapter 2

Location and Guest Speaker

The first two BARGEs did not have an official location. The 1991 BARGE, which like Super Bowl I was only called BARGE retrospectively, was held around the SIGGRAPH conference on computer graphics. Would there ever have been a BARGE if the 1991 conference had not been in Las Vegas, which appears to have been the only year this conference was ever held in Vegas?

<https://www.siggraph.org/past-annual-conferences/>

The 1992 BARGE was the first to go by the now-familiar acronym and its poker tournament (the first such tournament) was held informally in a hotel room in the Mirage hotel.

Year	Location	Speaker
1991	Las Vegas	no speaker
1992	Mirage	no speaker
1993	Rio	no speaker
1994	Luxor	no speaker
1995	Binion's	Mason Malmuth
1996	Binion's	Mike Caro
1997	Binion's	Arnold Snyder
1998	Binion's	Mike Caro
1999	Orleans	Mike Sexton
2000	Binion's	Chris Ferguson
2001	Binion's	Phil Hellmuth
2002	Binion's	Linda Johnson & Steve Lipscomb
2003	Binion's	Howard Lederer
2004	Binion's	Greg Raymer
2005	Plaza	Wil Wheaton
2006	Venetian	Phil Gordon
2007	Binion's	Gavin Smith
2008	Binion's	Tom Schneider
2009	Binion's	Doyle Brunson
2010	Binion's	Barry Tanenbaum
2011	Binion's	Mori Eskandani
2012	Binion's	Karina Jett
2013	Binion's	Stanford Wong
2014	Binion's	Mickey Appleman
2015	Binion's	Jennifer Shahade
2016	Binion's	Daniel Negreanu
2017	Binion's	Thomas Gallagher
2018	Binion's	J.P. Massar

Chapter 3

Main Event

The main event of the BARGE festival is a NL Holdem poker tournament, typically played on Saturday. Besides bragging rights and a nice chunk of cash, the winner gets the honor of designing the chipset for the next year. Results beginning in 2000 are available on Hendon Mob and since 2001 at <http://www.barge.org/barge-results>.

No one has (yet) won this event twice. Nick Christenson, Rodney Chen, and Bob Lauria have finished second place twice, Lauria in consecutive years (2013-2014). Stephen Blackstock has finished third place thrice. Don Rieck has finished in the top 3 four times (3rd in 2001 & 2006, 2nd in 2007, 1st in 2018). Rieck and David Heller are the only people to have both been the winner and the runner-up. Gavin Smith has uniquely won both the TOC (Tournament of Champions) and the main event.

Frank Brabec has uniquely cashed in the main event four years in a row (2nd 2004, 13th 2005, 4th 2006, 9th 2007). Three players have cashed in the main event three years in a row: Don Rieck (3rd 2006, 2nd 2007, 13th 2008), Nick Christenson (17th 2011, 2nd 2012, 14th 2013), and Tina Gonzalez (4th 2012, 7th 2013, 17th 2014).

The only player to have cashed in both the 2017 and 2018 main events is Don Rieck (2017 15th, 2018 1st).

There have been 62 two-time cashers and 179 one-time cashers, for a total of 273 BARGERS that have cashed in the main event.

3.1 Number of Main Event Cashes

Rank	Name	Cashes
1	Nick Christenson	6
1	JP Massar	6
1	Don Rieck	6
4	Patti Beadles	5
4	Stephen Blackstock	5
4	Corey Imsdahl	5
7	Frank Brabec	4
7	Nolan Dalla	4
7	Russ Fox	4
7	Bob Herlien	4
7	Michael Maurer	4
7	Andrew Prock	4
7	Pete Segal	4
14	Adam Bachrach	3
14	Jim Bullard	3
14	Rodney Chen	3
14	Keith Fichtemaier	3
14	Tina Gonzalez	3
14	Michael Hunter	3
14	Carol Kline-Anderson	3
14	Bruce Kramer	3
14	David Lawful	3
14	Mike McBride	3
14	Paul McMullin	3
14	Chris Mecklin	3
14	Tom Overton	3
14	Don Perry	3
14	Gerry Petersen	3
14	John Pickels	3
14	Steve Pierce	3
14	Steve Smith	3
14	David Trinidad	3

3.2 1991 Main Event

No poker tournament was held, and the event was not yet called BARGE, as that name wasn't used until the following year. The original attendees, according to www.conjelco.com/barge/history (retrieved with the Wayback Machine), were: Stephen Blackstock, Abdul Jalib M'Hall, Blair Houghton, Frank Irwin, Steve Jacobs, Jeff Jennings, Mike McClain, Jonathan Rosenberg, Doug Shy, and John Tais.

3.3 1992 Main Event

This event had 9 or 10 players and was a limit holdem event that transitioned into a pot-limit holdem event with 3 players left. It was an impromptu event played in a hotel room at The Mirage, and the buy-in and amount the players cashed for is unknown. They seemed to have made up the structure as they went, using two tables from the room and a blanket spread across them to serve as the "felt". These results are from a post on rec.gambling by Steve Jacobs and www.conjelco.com/barge/history (retrieved with the Wayback Machine).

The other players were Blair Houghton (?), Mike McClain (?), Alan Mintz, Jonathan Rosenberg (?), Martin Veneroso, Tyler Wong, and Mike Zimmers.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Steve Jacobs	?
2	Edmund Hack	?
3	John Tais	?

3.4 1993 Main Event

This event had 18 players and was played at the Rio. The buy-in and the amount the players cashed for is unknown (buy-in might have been \$30). These results are from a post on rec.gambling by Frank Irwin. Hashimoto flew into Vegas that morning, and back out that evening.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Roy Hashimoto	?
2	Jim Piercy	?
3	Stephen Blackstock	?

3.5 1994 Main Event

This event had 60 players and was played at the Luxor. The buy-in was \$35, the number of players who cashed is not known, and the amount they cashed for is also unknown except for 1st and 5th place. These results are from posts on rec.gambling by Lee Jones and Terry Parker and www.conjelco.com/barge/history (via Wayback Machine).

Place	Player	Cash
1	Dave Hughes	\$425
2	Cliff Matthews	?
3	Stephen Blackstock	?
4	JP Massar	?
5	Terry Parker	\$100

3.6 1995 Main Event

This event had 113 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in and the number of players who cashed is not known. The amount the final four players cashed for is approximately known, as the trip report indicated a deal that was made. These results are from a post on rec.gambling.poker (RGP) by Tom Sims.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Tom Sims	\$1,974
2	Michael Buck	\$987
3	Doug Gifford	\$856
4	Ray Tripamer	\$816

The other five players at the final table were Steve Brecher, Barry Tanenbaum, Sam Paik, Mark Stantz, and John Reed. Their placement and amount won is not known.

3.7 1996 Main Event

This event had 150 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$55 and 18 players cashed. These results are from a post on the website rec.gambling.org (accessed with the Wayback Machine) by Kristofer Munn.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Mike Zimmers	\$3,000
2	David Croson	\$1,500
3	Steve Smith	\$750
4	Lenny Augustine	\$488
5	Keith Bronson	\$375
6	Rafe Furst	\$262
7	Larry Peters	\$188
8	Geoffrey Tavola	\$150
9	Michael Maurer	\$112
10	John Murphy	\$90
11	Perry Friedman	\$90
12	Mike Osborne	\$90
13	Sam Paik	\$75
14	Dave Marshall	\$75
15	Bruce Schechter	\$75
16	Steve Walline	\$60
17	Keith Fichtemaier	\$60
18	Scott Chupack	\$60

3.8 1997 Main Event

This event had 164 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$55 and 18 players cashed. These results are from a post on RGP by Tom Sims.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Steve Brecher	\$3,280
2	John Reeves	\$1,640
3	Steve Russell	\$820
4	Tom Overton	\$533
5	Linda Lewis	\$410
6	Larry Peters	\$287
7	Josh Paley	\$205
8	Steve Smith	\$164
9	Pete Segal	\$123
10	Rafe Furst	\$98
11	Steve Markowitz	\$98
12	Jim Bullard	\$98
13	Paul Stine	\$82
14	Rich Strauss	\$82
15	Nate Huang	\$74
16	Ken Anderson	\$74
17	Patti Beadles	\$66
18	Stephen Biellak	\$66

3.9 1998 Main Event

This event had 180 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$55 and 18 players cashed. These results are from a post on RGP by Mike Paulle.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Lee Jones	\$3,500
2	Steve Daniel	\$1,750
3	Peter Caldes	\$875
4	Ray Tripamer	\$570
5	Bruce Hayek	\$435
6	Jeff Sue	\$305
7	Dan Nussbaum	\$220
8	Chuck Emerling	\$175
9	Dan Overton	\$130
10	Ken Fuchs	\$105
11	Chris Straghalis	\$105
12	Danny Agresta	\$105
13	Steve Miranda	\$85
14	Keith Bronson	\$85
15	Rachel Denny	\$85
16	Paul McMullin	\$70
17	Guy Berentsen	\$70
18	Sabyl Cohen	\$70

3.10 1999 Main Event

This event had 190 players and was played at The Orleans. The buy-in was \$60 and 18 players cashed. These results are from a post on RGP by Mike Paulle.

Place	Player	Cash
1	John Harkness	\$3,800
2	Russ Rosenblum	\$1,900
3	Doug Langdon	\$950
4	Tom Overton	\$570
5	Ray Tripamer	\$425
6	Patri Friedman	\$333
7	Keith Fichtemaier	\$238
8	Mike Osborne	\$190
9	John McClenny	\$152
10	David Lawful	\$114
11	Steve Smith	\$114
12	Robert Hwang	\$114
13	Stephen Blackstock	\$105
14	John Zwiers	\$105
15	JP Massar	\$105
16	Don Perry	\$95
17	Robert Bauer	\$95
18	Corey Imsdahl	\$95

3.11 2000 Main Event

This event had 180 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$70 and 18 players cashed. These results are from Andy Hughes's website, which he likely compiled from a post on RGP by Peter Secor. Additionally, I got the number of players from Jeff Okamoto's website.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Jeff Bartoszewicz	\$3,129
2	John Reed	\$2,086
3	Stephen Blackstock	\$1,252
4	Scott Harker	\$599
5	Bret Roth	\$599
6	Bob Herlien	\$599
7	Patti Beadles	\$599
8	Don Perry	\$261
9	Walter Hunt	\$261
10	John Cervanyk	\$208
11	Guy Berentsen	\$208
12	Nick Christenson	\$156
13	Nolan Dalla	\$156
14	Bruce Kramer	\$156
15	George Wattman	\$105
16	Shmuel Goshen	\$105
17	Lee Crocker	\$105
18	Bill Chen	\$105

3.12 2001 Main Event

This event had 200 (?) players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$70 and 18 players cashed. With the exception of Andrew Prock in 14th place, the exact order of the 12th through 18th place finishers is not known. These six players (Bill Chen, Johnny Davis, Eric Holtman, Kevin Knourek, Ming Lee, Chris Straghalis) have been credited in my database with the \$140 mincash.

This information came from Andy Hughes's website, trip reports by Russ Fox and Andrew Prock retrieved from Jeff Okamoto's website, and emails from Scott Byron and Scott Byron that helped me with the prizes for 12th through 18th places and determined the likely field size. Also, the reported prizes for 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th place had typos that have been corrected. Fox's win went from \$4320 to \$4230, Fleming's 2nd from \$2280 to \$2820, Murphy's 8th from \$355 to \$305, and Roemer's 9th from \$335 to \$305.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Russ Fox	\$4,230
2	John Fleming	\$2,820
3	Don Rieck	\$1,695
4	Nathan Hess	\$1,130
5	Peter Caldes	\$775
6	Mark Trombley	\$565
7	Bob Herlien	\$425
8	John Murphy	\$305
9	Dave Roemer	\$305
10	Gerry Petersen	\$280
11	Bob Wilson	\$280
12	Unknown	\$210
13	Unknown	\$210
14	Andrew Prock	\$210
15	Unknown	\$140
16	Unknown	\$140
17	Unknown	\$140
18	Unknown	\$140

3.13 2002 Main Event

This event had 162 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$80 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Mike McBride	\$2,825
2	Andrew Prock	\$2,260
3	Gavin Smith	\$1,700
4	Jeff Jennings	\$1,360
5	Barry Tanenbaum	\$1,130
6	Warren Sander	\$905
7	Jeff Davenport	\$599
8	Rob Bronston	\$531
9	Michael Maurer	\$300
10	Nick Christenson	\$200
11	Michael Hunter	\$200
12	Cliff Matthews	\$200
13	Paul Stine	\$150
14	Patti Beadles	\$150
15	Len Granowetter	\$150
16	Dieter Martin	\$100
17	Mike Reichert	\$100
18	David Huberman	\$100

3.14 2003 Main Event

This event had 180 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$80 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Paul Person	\$3,180
2	Patti Beadles	\$2,550
3	John Davis	\$1,910
4	Tony Corral	\$1,530
5	Tom Goodwin	\$1,280
6	Marc Kolstad	\$1,020
7	Dave Marshall	\$770
8	Josh Paley	\$510
9	Caryl Aronson	\$300
10	Dean Waters	\$200
11	Paul White	\$200
12	Harry Baldwin	\$200
13	Keith Fichtemaier	\$150
14	Andy Bloch	\$150
15	Barry Tanenbaum	\$150
16	Tom McEvoy	\$100
17	Ken Zarifes	\$100
18	Charles Haynes	\$100

3.15 2004 Main Event

This event had 206 players and was played at Binion's Horseshoe. The buy-in was \$80 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Gavin Smith	\$3,710
2	Frank Brabec	\$2,970
3	Dan Nussbaum	\$2,220
4	Russ Fox	\$1,780
5	Tiger123	\$1,460
6	Tony Goldstein	\$1,190
7	Steve Pierce	\$890
8	Perry Friedman	\$590
9	Michelle Lancaster	\$300
10	Marc Howard	\$200
11	Brian Judd	\$200
12	Sassoun Sarhadian	\$200
13	Dave Roemer	\$150
14	Jeff Siegal	\$150
15	Paul McMullin	\$150
16	Jim Watson	\$100
17	Steve Evans	\$100
18	Lee Crocker	\$100

3.16 2005 Main Event

This event had 219 players and was played at The Plaza. The buy-in was \$100 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Don Perry	\$5,050
2	Nick Christenson	\$4,050
3	Dave McVay	\$3,040
4	Steve Day	\$2,430
5	Ben Gamble	\$2,030
6	Adam Bachrach	\$1,620
7	Jonathon Lieberman	\$1,220
8	Steve Pierce	\$810
9	Scott Burrington	\$300
10	Jim Bullard	\$200
11	Lawrence Leahy	\$200
12	Jessica Kuznick	\$200
13	Frank Brabec	\$150
14	Trent Gresh	\$150
15	John Lloyd	\$150
16	Bob Irons	\$100
17	Mitch Firestone	\$100
18	Bryan Juliano	\$100

3.17 2006 Main Event

This event had 218 players and was played at the Venetian. The buy-in was \$100 and 20 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Mordecai Schwartz	\$4,800
2	David Heller	\$3,820
3	Don Rieck	\$2,940
4	Frank Brabec	\$2,350
5	Edmund Hack	\$1,960
6	Andrew Prock	\$1,570
7	Sabyl Cohen	\$1,180
8	Adam Bachrach	\$780
9	Bob Irons	\$400
10	Corey Imsdahl	\$250
11	Dan Goldman	\$250
12	Matt Repinski	\$250
13	Chic Natkins	\$200
14	Tom Overton	\$200
15	Rick Bevan	\$200
16	David Huberman	\$150
17	Kyle Minnis	\$150
18	Steve Nissman	\$150
19	Bob Ogus	\$100
20	Frank Castagna	\$100

3.18 2007 Main Event

This event had 206 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$120 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	John Pickels	\$4,600
2	Don Rieck	\$3,680
3	David Trinidad	\$2,760
4	Mark Trombley	\$2,210
5	JP Massar	\$1,840
6	Kenny Shei	\$1,470
7	Nolan Dalla	\$1,100
8	Harry Baldwin	\$740
9	Frank Brabec	\$400
10	Michelle Ankenman	\$250
11	Lynsy Higgs-Iwamoto	\$250
12	Michael Hunter	\$250
13	Mike McBride	\$200
14	John Moser	\$200
15	Steve Cohen	\$200
16	Ross Poppel	\$150
17	Hector Lozano	\$150
18	David Fruchter	\$150

3.19 2008 Main Event

This event had 204 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$130 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Dan Chevrie	\$4,550
2	Mark Rafn	\$3,640
3	Steve Forcash	\$2,730
4	Ed Baker	\$2,180
5	Rich Strauss	\$1,820
6	Fred Lawful	\$1,460
7	Patrick Kirwan	\$1,090
8	Dennis Krein	\$730
9	Tom Goodwin	\$400
10	Nolan Dalla	\$250
11	Mark Hughes	\$250
12	Larry Larson	\$250
13	Don Rieck	\$200
14	Jason Newitt	\$200
15	Dave Green	\$200
16	Mordecai Schwartz	\$150
17	Barry Kornspan	\$150
18	Masanobu Fujioka	\$150

3.20 2009 Main Event

This event had 209 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$130 and 19 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	David Heller	\$5,035
2	Brenda Mowrey	\$3,765
3	Bruce Kramer	\$2,720
4	Kenny Shei	\$2,090
5	Corey Imsdahl	\$1,670
6	Ben Gamble	\$1,250
7	JP Massar	\$840
8	David Soussan	\$570
9	James Kittock	\$420
10	Jimmy Angotti	\$310
11	David Kluchman	\$310
12	Ken Kubey	\$310
13	Deron Brod	\$260
14	Bob Jones	\$260
15	Larry Stone	\$260
16	Dave Tall	\$210
17	Mary Massey	\$210
18	Merlynn Schuck	\$210
19	Corey Means	\$200

3.21 2010 Main Event

This event had 179 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$125 and 19 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Chuck Humphrey	\$4,430
2	Stephen Winter	\$3,170
3	Len Greenberg	\$2,330
4	Aaron Lion	\$1,790
5	Joun Foust	\$1,430
6	Jim Bullard	\$1,070
7	Carol Kline	\$720
8	Alan Horn	\$490
9	Chuck Weinstock	\$360
10	Kenny Shei	\$270
11	David Trinidad	\$270
12	Steve Forcash	\$270
13	Ronald Nutt	\$220
14	David Green	\$220
15	Michael Maurer	\$220
16	Scott Samarel	\$180
17	Rodney Chen	\$180
18	Josh Anderson-Goldman	\$180
19	Betty Tanenbaum	\$100

3.22 2011 Main Event

This event had 172 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$125 and 19 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Rich Bremer	\$4,290
2	Rodney Chen	\$3,090
3	Dave Tahajian	\$2,230
4	Steve Sherman	\$1,710
5	Dave O'Grady	\$1,375
6	Pete Stephenson	\$1,025
7	Jeff Deitch	\$685
8	Bob Herlien	\$465
9	Michael Maurer	\$335
10	Tom White	\$255
11	Joe Long	\$255
12	Brian Goldstein	\$255
13	John Scheinberg	\$215
14	JP Massar	\$215
15	John Moser	\$215
16	Chris Mecklin	\$165
17	Nick Christenson	\$165
18	Gerry Petersen	\$165
19	David Soussan	\$90

3.23 2012 Main Event

This event had 158 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$125 and 17 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Paul McMullin	\$3,945
2	Nick Christenson	\$2,845
3	Randal Hennemuth	\$2,210
4	Tina Gonzalez	\$1,740
5	Pete Segal	\$1,265
6	Dave Tahajian	\$950
7	John Pickels	\$630
8	Larry Stone	\$475
9	Patrick Milligan	\$315
10	Rick Charles	\$315
11	Aaron Lion	\$235
12	Steve Pierce	\$235
13	Randy Collack	\$160
14	Jeanne David	\$160
15	Russ Fox	\$160
16	Kevan Garrett	\$160
17	Becca Kerl	\$160

3.24 2013 Main Event

This event had 144 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$130 and 16 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	David Lawful	\$3,100
2	Bob Lauria	\$3,090
3	Gerry Petersen	\$2,015
4	Rick Mombourquette	\$1,585
5	Keith Troell	\$1,150
6	Mike McManus	\$865
7	Tina Gonazalez	\$575
8	Andrew Prock	\$430
9	Carol Kline	\$290
10	Adam Bachrach	\$290
11	Sandra Terauds	\$215
12	Connie Kellers	\$215
13	Todd Bryson	\$145
14	Nick Christenson	\$145
15	Rod Crane	\$145
16	JP Massar	\$145

3.25 2014 Main Event

This event had 151 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$130 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Andreas Wolfram	\$3,150
2	Bob Lauria	\$3,150
3	Randy Collack	\$2,115
4	Mike McBride	\$1,660
5	Rick Mombourquette	\$1,210
6	Steve Eisenstein	\$905
7	John Pickels	\$605
8	Chris Mecklin	\$455
9	John Grout	\$300
10	Ken Kubey	\$300
11	Eric Rosenberger	\$225
12	Monte Christensen	\$225
13	Bob Ogus	\$150
14	Steve Sherman	\$150
15	Pete Segal	\$150
16	Scott Byron	\$150
17	Tina Gonzalez	\$100
18	Gillian Groves	\$100

3.26 2015 Main Event

This event had 141 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$150 and 17 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Jennifer Shahade	\$4,215
2	Bree Goldman	\$3,030
3	Jordan Devenport	\$2,360
4	John Caldwell	\$1,850
5	Ron Grossberg	\$1,345
6	Sharon Goldman	\$1,005
7	Steve Lewin-Berlin	\$665
8	Stephen Blackstock	\$500
9	Oliver Juang	\$330
10	Nolan Dalla	\$330
11	Tony Goldstein	\$245
12	Jeanne David	\$245
13	Arthur Goltz	\$160
14	Wendy Freedman	\$160
15	Corey Imsdahl	\$160
16	Doug Maher	\$160
17	John Grout	\$160

3.27 2016 Main Event

This event had 138 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$160 and 16 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Becca Kerl	\$3,886
2	Rodney Chen	\$3,385
3	Alex Ziselman	\$2,320
4	Len Greenberg	\$1,850
5	Erin Ramsay	\$1,345
6	Susan Abraham	\$1,010
7	John Campbell	\$675
8	Doug Grismore	\$505
9	Rick Becker	\$335
10	Russ Fox	\$335
11	Peter Secor	\$255
12	Kevin Knourek	\$255
13	Carol Anderson	\$170
14	David Lawful	\$170
15	Pete Segal	\$170
16	Martin Davidson	\$170

3.28 2017 Main Event

This event had 132 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$160 and 15 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Chris Mecklin	\$3,992
2	Larry Bierman	\$3,035
3	Sean Morrow	\$2,235
4	Ron Grossberg	\$1,760
5	Kyle Minnis	\$1,280
6	Corey Imsdahl	\$960
7	Mike Chow	\$640
8	Peter Secor	\$480
9	Steve Daniel	\$320
10	Steve Watanabe	\$320
11	Chris O'Connor	\$240
12	Mark Hughes	\$240
13	Jim Anderson	\$160
14	Mark Todd	\$160
15	Don Rieck	\$160

3.29 2018 Main Event

This event had 128 players and was played at Binion's. The buy-in was \$160 and 18 players cashed.

Place	Player	Cash
1	Don Rieck	\$3,811
2	Regis Donovan	\$2,865
3	Jared Anderson	\$2,085
4	Bruce Kramer	\$1,620
5	John Lloyd	\$1,200
6	Sean McGuinness	\$935
7	Bob Herlien	\$625
8	Chris Jepsen	\$470
9	Michael Hunter	\$310
10	Doug Grismore	\$310
11	Chuck Weinstock	\$235
12	David Trinidad	\$235
13	David Kluchman	\$155
14	Chris Kluchman	\$155
15	Dean Kerl	\$155
16	Sheri Brabec	\$150
17	Steve Eisenstein	\$150
18	Patti Beadles	\$150

3.30 Chip Set

BARGE has a long history of creating chip sets and chip collecting (just ask Patrick Milligan). Traditionally, the winner of the main event designs a set of commemorative chips for the following BARGE, choosing a theme to base their set around. The BARGE Chip Committee (BCC) was designed to help with this task and to step in to fill the void in those years when the main event winner chooses not to design a set. The first such case was the year 2000, when both a set made by Ken Kubey (with a Presto! theme) and a set (with a Year of the RGP theme) made by the newly formed BCC were released, the latter set coming out in 2001.

A very limited edition **purple chip** exists for most years with the face of the previous year's winner, which is not available for purchase but must be obtained by either finishing in the top three of a BARGE event (not including second-chance events), being a past main event champion, or being an esteemed member of the BCC. In addition, the BCC usually has bounty chips that you can win by knocking them out of a tournament. Most of the information in this chapter comes from <https://bargchips.org/about> . **Presto!** is now a retired theme until BARGE LV.

Themes of BARGE Chip Sets

Year	Player	Theme
1993	Steve Jacobs	BARGE/Presto!
1994	Roy Hashimoto	Rainbow Presto!
1995	Dave Hughes	Presto!
1996	Tom Sims	Horseshoe/Presto!
1997	Mike Zimmers	NLHE Champions
1998	Steve Brecher	No Suck Outs
1999	Lee Jones	Fish
2000	John Harkness	Presto (Kubey); Year of RGP (BCC)
2001	Jeff Bartoszewicz	2001 Poker Odyssey
2002	Russ Fox	Rocks
2003	Mike McBride	Presto! (Art and History)
2004	Paul Person	BARGE Memories
2005	Gavin Smith	Maple-Leaf Presto!/Neon
2006	Don Perry	Memorial Chips
2007	Mordecai Schwartz	Presto! In Everyday Life
2008	John Pickels	Pickle Magic
2009	Dan Chevrie	IRC Poker
2010	David Heller	Champions
2011	Chuck Humphrey	Reindeer Games
2012	Rich Bremer	BARGE Enlightenment
2013	Paul McMullin	Unlikely Events
2014	David Lawful	The Wheel
2015	Andreas Wolfram	Virgins
2016	Jennifer Shahade	Chess
2017	Becca Kerl	Mastery of Music
2018	Chris Mecklin	The Poker Curriculum
2019	Don Rieck	BINGO

Chapter 4

Mike Sexton style Tournament of Champions (TOC)

This event is a BARGE tradition, first played in 2000 shortly after Spencer Sun won \$239,400 in the actual Tournament of Champions. That event was created by Mike Sexton; one qualified for it by winning another tournament. It features alternating rounds of limit holdem, stud, and omaha eight-or-better, turning into a NL holdem tournament later in the event. Unlike the original, you don't actually have to be a champion to play the BARGE TOC, which has long outlived the original event.

Steve Lewin-Berlin was the first two-time winner, in consecutive years no less (2011-2012). Peter Secor has also won twice in a row in consecutive years (2017-2018).

Steve Forcash is the only player to cash in this event three years in a row (2006 2nd, 2007 8th, 2008 15th).

Gillian Groves and Peter Secor have been both a winner and a runner-up. Both won several years after finishing second; Gillian was 2nd in 2003 and won in 2013, while Peter was 2nd in 2000 and won in both 2017 and 2018. Derek Gomez has been a runner-up twice, incidentally in 2013 to Gillian and 2017 to Peter. I figure Derek will probably win the TOC in 2037 once he has enough experience, beating Kai Landrum heads-up.

There have been 41 two-time cashers and 96 one-time cashers, for a total of 157 BARGERS that have cashed in the TOC.

4.1 Number of TOC Cashes

Rank	Name	Cashes
1	Michael Maurer	6
1	Peter Secor	6
3	Dan Nussbaum	5
4	Adam Bachrach	4
4	Gillian Groves	4
4	JP Massar	4
4	Ross Poppel	4
8	Jim Bullard	3
8	Steve Forcash	3
8	Derek Gomez	3
8	Ron Grossberg	3
8	Brian Juliano	3
8	Patrick Kirwan	3
8	Cliff Matthews	3
8	Mike McBride	3
8	Rick Mombourquette	3
8	Michael Patterson	3
8	Scott Samarel	3
8	Chris Straghalis	3
8	Steve Watanabe	3

4.2 Top Three Finishers List

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2000	Tony Goldstein	Peter Secor	Jeff Siegal
2001	Frank Jerome	David Croson	Connie Kellers
2002	Chris Straghalis	Steve Jacobs	Michael Maurer
2003	Gavin Smith	Gillian Groves	David Huberman
2004	David Fruchter	Jim Bullard	Chris Straghalis
2005	Mike Osborne	David Kuznick	Sabyl Cohen
2006	Don Condit	Steve Rocash	Bill Champion
2007	Kenny Shei	Stevan Goldman	Dave O'Grady
2008	Barry Tanenbaum	Marc Gilutin	Chuck Weinstock
2009	Michael Maurer	Doug Grismore	Stephanie Wasserman
2010	David Kluchman	David Aronson	Randy Collack
2011	Steve Lewin-Berlin	John Reed	Tim Stine
2012	Steve Lewin-Berlin	John Pickels	Rick Mombourquette
2013	Gillian Groves	Derek Gomez	Don Rieck
2014	Arthur Goltz	Brian O'Grady	David Low
2015	Jordan Devenport	Mike Connors	Melissa Hayden
2016	Mary Massey	Corey Imsdahl	Scott Byron
2017	Peter Secor	Derek Gomez	Michael Patterson
2018	Peter Secor	Josh Paley	Len Greenberg

Chapter 5

Team CHORSE

Team CHORSE (known as Team HORSE in 1998-99) is a rather chaotic team event played at BARGE. It consists of teams of six players (five in 1998-99), each player playing one of six limit games: Crazy Pineapple Eight-or-Better (not played in 1998-99), Holdem, Omaha Eight-or-Better, Razz, Stud, or Stud Eight-or-Better. The format has changed over the years, but it is typically played in a cash game style with the champion being the team with the most chips at the conclusion.

Seven BARGERS, Jerrod Ankenman & Michelle Lancaster-Ankenman (both in 2003, 2005, 2007), Sabyl Cohen-Landrum (2003, 2007, 2017), Chic Natkins (2004, 2009, 2011), Warren Sander (2005, 2010, 2011), Bob Lauria (2009, 2010, 2011), and Katie Baxter (2010, 2011, 2017) have been on three winning teams, Lauria uniquely doing it three years in a row.

Two time winners include Nolan Dalla (1998, 2002), Scott Byron, Chuck Emerling, & Melissa Hayden (each in 1999 & 2001), Scott Harker (2002, 2016), Bill Chen & Steve Landrum (both in 2003 & 2007), Stephen Cohen & Rick Mombourquette (both in 2004 & 2009), Andrew Prock (2007, 2016), Tom Bessoir & Meredith Holtzman (both in 2010 & 2011), David Heller & David Lawful (both in 2014 & 2016), Rich Bremer, Doug Grismore, David Low, Tanya Peck-Devenport & Kenny Shei (each in 2015, 2018), and John Scheinberg (2017, 2018).

I am not sure of the identity of the Talentless Commie Bastard who was not on the winning Math Is Hard team in 2009.

The information is from a variety of sources. The 1999 event was covered by Mike Paulle and can be found on RGP. <https://groups.google.com/d/msg/rec.gambling.poker/jUz1R7t2lV0/a-JFurb1uOYJ>

5.1 Team CHORSE Champions

Year	Team	Players
1998	ADBs	Nolan Dalla, Bill Hafey, Chris Hartman [?], Eric Holtman, Peter Secor
1999	Clones of Dr. Pokerstein	Scott Byron, Chuck Emerling, Jim Geary, Melissa Hayden, Lee Jones
2000	ADB Contenders	Bruce Kramer, Dieter Martin, Tim McGarvey, Jeremy Miller, David Trinidad, Jeff Woods
2001	3 Per Centers	Scott Byron, Chuck Emerling, Melissa Hayden, Corey Imsdahl, Paul Phillips, Jeff Shulman
2002	ADV Vanguard	Nolan Dalla, Scott Harker, Richard Kuhler, Sean McGuinness, Steve Nissman, Dave Roemer
2003	Chinese Poker	Jerrold Ankenman, Bill Chen, Sabyl Cohen, Michelle Lancaster, Steve Landrum, Linda Johnson
2004	Math Is Hard 5	Stephen Cohen, Randy Collack, Stevan Goldman, Rick Mombourquette, Chic Natkins, George Wattman
2005	Luck Factor Zero	Jerrold Ankenman, Michelle Lancaster, Greg Pappas, Greg Raymer, Warren Sander, Gavin Smith
2006	Icicles	Sandi Benditt, Stacy Conrad, Steve Eisenstein, Bob Ogus, Ross Poppel, Chuck Weinstock
2007	Chinese Poker	Jerrold Ankenman, Michelle Ankenman, Bill Chen, Sabyl Cohen, Steve Landrum, Andrew Prock
2008	Moosecocks	Barbara Garrett, Kevan Garrett, Murray Logan, Asya Kamsky, Ken Kubey, Ronald Nutt
2009	Math Is Hard 5 Sans That Talentless Commie Bastard	Stephen Cohen, Matt Ivestor, Bob Lauria, Jeff Merritt, Rick Mombourquette, Chic Natkins
2010	Inglorious Donkeys	Katie Baxter, Tom Bessoir, Meredith Holtzman, David Kluchman, Bob Lauria, Warren Sander
2011	I Don't Give A Damn	Katie Baxter, Tom Bessoir, Meredith Holtzman, Bob Lauria, Chic Natkins, Warren Sander

Year	Team	Players
2012	Deadheads	Guy Berentsen, Jeff Deitch, Len Greenberg, Aaron Lion, Cliff Matthews, Don Rieck
2013	Arrogant Bastards	Ron Grossberg, Chris Jepsen, Becca Kerl, Kyle Minnis, Dave O'Grady, Scott Samarel
2014	Team Un	Larry Bierman, David Heller, Kevin Knourek, David Lawful, Joe Long, Larry Stone
2015	Team Donkey	Rich Bremer, Jordan Devenport, Tanya Peck-Devenport, Doug Grismore, David Low, Kenny Shei
2016	MPN	Russ Fox, Scott Harker, David Heller, David Lawful, Mike McBride, Andrew Prock
2017	Team BODORO	Katie Baxter, Steve Daniel, Bob Gilbert, Sabyl Landrum, JP Massar, John Scheinberg
2018	Team Donk	Rich Bremer, Doug Grismore, David Low, Tanya Peck-Devenport, John Scheinberg, Kenny Shei

Chapter 6

Other BARGE Tournaments

In addition to our “signature” events (NLHE Main Event, TOC, Team CHORSE), there have been many other poker tournaments and other gambling events, including blackjack and video poker. Some events have been held several times, while others were only held once, especially after the introduction of “second-chance” events in 2014.

6.1 Draw and Lowball

BARGE has hosted many draw and lowball tournaments over the years, starting in 2000, in a variety of styles of the game. The longest-lasting such event was the Zimmers Memorial Lobah, a limit Ace-to-Five (i.e. California Lowball) tournament held from 2005-13. Another event that was held multiple times was the History of Poker (five card draw, California lowball, sometimes five card stud) held from 2000-03 and in 2014.

In 2013, the top four finishers in the Zimmers Memorial Lobah were Andy Hughes, Christopher Mecklin (the 2011 winner), Rich Bremer (the 2010 winner), and Keith Fichtemaier (the 2012 winner). Coincidentally (or not), the event was discontinued after 2013.

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2000	History of Poker	Michael Hunter	Bill Chen	Stephen Landrum
2001	History of Poker	Andy Bloch	Sean McGuiness	Spencer Sun
2002	History of Poker	Andy Hughes	Rich Strauss	Bob Herlien
2003	History of Poker	Michael Maurer	Perry Friedman	Tom Hummel
2004	2-7 Triple Draw	Dave Orr	Greg Raymer	Sabyl Cohen
2005	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Alex Ziselman	Mark Trombley	Betty Tanenbaum
2006	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Kenny Shei	Bob Jones	Randy Collack
2007	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Patti Beadles	Warren Sander	Nolan Dalla
2008	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Richard Brodie	Chris Mecklin	Ken Kubey
2009	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Gillian Groves	Rick Bevan	Steve Bartnyk
2010	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Rich Bremer	Mark Trombley	Rick Bevan
2011	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Chris Mecklin	Scott Byron	Joe Long
2012	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Keith Fichtemaier	Ryan Troll	Rich Strauss
2013	Zimmers Memorial Draw Lobah	Andy Hughes	Chris Mecklin	Rich Bremer
2014	History of Poker	Bob Herlien	Scott Byron	Rich Bremer
2016	A-5/2-7 Triple Draw Mix	David Aronson	David Low	Patrick Milligan
2018	NL Californial/PL London Lowball	Chris Mecklin	Sean McGuiness	Russ Fox

6.2 Stud

Several stud tournaments have been played over the years, including the Stud Shootout which was held from 2002 to 2009, excluding 2003. This was an event where instead of balancing tables as players were eliminated, each starting table played down to a winner that advanced to the final table(s).

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2002	Stud Shootout	Don Perry	John Miller	Lenny Augustine
2004	Stud Shootout	Peter Caldes	Sabyl Cohen	Perry Friedman
2005	Stud Shootout	Sabyl Cohen	Ross Poppel	Don Rieck
2006	Stud Shootout	Jeff Landgraf	Daniel Lykins	Nolan Dalla
2007	Stud/8 or Better	Andy Bloch	Tim Showalter	Chris Straghalis
2007	Stud Shootout	Chic Natkins	John Harkness	Chieu Tran
2008	Stud Shootout	Steve Nissman	Stephen Cohen	Greg Pappas
2009	Stud Shootout	David Kluchman	Cliff Matthews	Michael Maurer
2016	Triple Super Stud	Darlene Springman	Linda Lewis	Joe Long
2018	PL Mississippi Stud	Tanya Peck-Devenport	Ron Grossberg	Nancy Robertson

6.3 Texas Holdem

In addition to the Main Event, there have been several other Texas Holdem tournaments at BARGE over the years, including both limit holdem and no-limit holdem (NLHE) tournaments in a variety of formats.

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2003	Limit Holdem	Keith Fichtemaier	Tiger123	Mike McBride
2011	Limit Holdem	David Kluchman	Len Greenberg	Sharon Goldman
2014	NLHE 6-Max	Katie Baxter	Sharon Lewis	Steve Eisenstein
2014	Limit Holdem	Tracy Becker	Blake Mombourquette	Lynsy Higgs-Iwamoto
2015	NLHE Bounty	Warren Sander	David Lawful	Russ Fox
2015	NLHE Jam or Fold	Kenny Shei	Patti Beadles	David Croson
2016	NLHE 6-Max Shootout	Rich Strauss	Rick Mombourquette	John Campbell
2016	NLHE Ante Only	Linda Lewis	Jared Anderson	Ron Grossberg
2017	NLHE Survivor	David Lawful	Ron Grossberg	JP Massar
2017	Limit Holdem Roll Your Own River	David Low	David Lawful	Linda Lewis
2018	Warren Sander Memorial NLHE w/rebuys	Dan Goldman	Paul Stine	Peter Secor

6.4 Pot Limit Omaha

Pot Limit Omaha (PLO) was introduced as an event in 2005, as a charity event where the winner of the event chose the charity. It ended up being for the family of the late Chris “Kfish” Hartman. It was revived in 2013, with players get 3 “lammers” which could be exchanged at any time for more chips. In 2015, Patrick Milligan and Kenny Shei had their lammers at the final table with very short stacks and used them to farm up a few spots, while Chris Jepsen had broken his glasses and lost his last lammer that he never got to use. My understanding is he found it the next day. After 2015, all remaining lammers had to be turned in after the end of a certain level and could no longer be saved until the final table.

Ron Grossberg graciously published a book on how to play tournament PLO after his 2017 victory.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2005	Guy Berentsen	Sarah Boston	Matthwew Kursar
2013	Rich Strauss	Tom White	Paul Fischman
2014	Erin Ramsay	Bree Goldman	Tina Gonzalez
2015	Michael Maurer	Sharon Goldman	Dean Kerl
2016	David Fruchter	Dean Kerl	Adam Bachrach
2017	Ron Grossberg	Bob Ogus	Chris O’Connor
2018	Christian Jones	Bob Gilbert	Steve Daniel

6.5 Mixed Games

BARGE has hosted many mixed game tournaments in a variety of formats. In 2008, the NL Holdem Shootout to Limit HORSE (at the final table) was held, mocking the WSOP Players Championship which did HORSE to a NL Holdem final table for TV purposes. There have been the “6 Game” or “HORSE + 1” Events (played 2011-2014 and revived in 2018), which features the traditional HORSE games (limit holdem, omaha/8, razz, stud, stud/8) with one additional limit game.

The 25 Game event was played in 2015 for BARGE XXV. It featured 25 different limit games, with both standard games and unusual BARGE variants. This tournament continued as 26 Game in 2016 and 27 Game in 2017; there was no 28 Game in 2018. The so-called “WSOP-Style” Dealers Choice was held in 2017 and 2018, featuring 20 games with both limit and big-bet variants, based on the same set of games used in the WSOP Dealers Choice events.

Please Refer to the section on Draw and Lowball for the History of Poker and other draw/lowball mixes.

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2008	NLHE Shootout to HORSE	Guy Berentsen	Chris Jepsen	Bob Ogun
2010	HORSE + Chowaha	Mark Trombley	Chris Straghalis	Sabyl Landrum
2011	HORSE + Badugi	Spencer Sun	David Low	Arthur Goltz
2012	HORSE + 2/7 Triple Draw	Andrew Prock	Rich Bremer	Arthur Reber
2013	HORSE + Razzdugi	David Lawful	David Aronson	Paul McMullin
2014	HORSE + Lazy Pineapple	Claudia Mastroianni	Bob Lauria	Steve Eisenstein
2015	25 Game	Chris Mecklin	Doug Grismore	Sean McGuinness
2015	HORSE	Larry Bierman	Scott Samarel	Paul Stine
2016	26 Game	Chris Quan	Ron Grossberg	Gerry Petersen
2017	27 Game	Rich Korbin	Steve Daniel	Mark Gregorich
2017	WSOP Style Dealers Choice	Jesse Capps	Chris Mecklin	Rich Strauss
2018	WSOP Style Dealers Choice	Rich Bremer	Kenny Shei	Bruce Kramer
2018	HORSE + Badugi	Sabyl Landrum	Rich Korbin	Larry Bierman

6.6 High Roller HOSER

This event started in 2013 when there was demand for an event with a higher buy-in (or maybe we were just mocking the influx of high buy-in events at other festivals). It was played on Friday night, the same day as the TOC style tournament. It is a limit HORSE tournament, just in a funnier game order. There have been single-table satellites, and in 2017, a multi-table satellite. The event was discontinued after 2017.

The buy-in was \$500 in 2013 and \$300 in 2014-17. Monte Christensen (2nd 2013; 4th 2014) and Steve Eisenstein (3rd 2014; 3rd 2015) are the only players to cash twice.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2013	Scott Byron	Monte Christensen	Lenny Augustine
2014	Matt Grapenthien	Bill Chen	Steve Eisenstein
2015	David Kluchman	Paul McMullin	Steve Eisenstein
2016	Alex Ziselman	Jeanne David	Steve Lewin-Berlin
2017	Kenny Shei	Chris Mecklin	Bob Gilbert

6.7 Other poker tournaments

There have been a variety of other tournaments over the years that don't fit into any of the previous sections. Think of them as "one-hit wonders". Many of these were the "second-chance" events introduced in 2014.

Only two players cashed in the 2017 Two Way Chowaha event.

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2006	Lazy Pineapple	Keith Troell	Warren Sander	Claude Carlson
2009	PL Courcheval	Rick Mombourquette	Rodney Chen	Guy Berentsen
2010	Badugi	Andrew Prock	Chris Mecklin	Ric Bremer
2012	PL Binglaha	Caryl Aronson	Keith Troell	Bree Goldman
2014	PL Binglaha	Dan Goldman	Ira Weidman	Steve Daniel
2015	Dramaha	Corey Imsdahl	Jeanne David	Oliver Juang
2016	PL Crazy Pineapple Win The Button	Ira Weidman	Alex Ziselman	Chris Mecklin
2017	Two Way Chowaha	Kyle Minnis	Oliver Juang	

6.8 Significant Other poker tournaments

Significant Other (S.O.) Tournaments were introduced in 2005 for spouses, partners, relatives, or friends of BARGers who are inexperienced at poker. The hope is that these players will gain experience and a love for the game and will eventually “graduate” to the regular events. The event is typically Mixed Holdem (Limit Holdem transitioning to NL later in the event), although both Mixed Holdem and Stud events were played in 2006-2009. Records are not available for the top finishers in the 2012, 2015, or 2018 events. Only 2 players cashed in 2013, 2016, and 2017.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2005	Kerry Planow	Sandra Joe	Patricia Loncaric
2006	Lynsy Higgs-Iwamoto (Stud & Holdem)	Rachel Croson (Stud), Lucy Hack (Holdem)	Sandra Joe (Stud), Charlene Cotton (Holdem)
2007	Robert Arculeta (Stud), Jay Galanto (Holdem)	Hedy Valledolmo (Stud), Robert Arculeta (Holdem)	Faith Rivera (Stud), Jan McWorter (Holdem)
2008	Chris Kluchman (Stud), Maryann Hack (Holdem)	Martha Fairris (Stud), Robert Stein (Holdem)	Caryn Adair (Stud), Martha Fairris (Holdem)
2009	Unknown (Stud), Cindy Martin (Holdem)	Kristina Kawczynski (Stud), Elaine Byron (Holdem)	Carol Nutt (Stud), Elizabeth Lozero (Holdem)
2010	Stacey Slick	Amy Smith	Maria Caldes
2011	Carol Collack	Tracy de la Cruz	Sandy Stine
2012	Unknown		
2013	Maria Caldes	Ann Brod	
2014	Kelly Loyet	Andrea Darvas	Denise Cunningham
2015	Unknown		
2016	Christine Hill-Ackerman	Kelly Loyet	
2017	Claudia Anderson	Denise Cunningham	
2018	Unknown		

Lynsy Higgs-Iwamoto, won both the S.O. Stud and Holdem in 2006 and is the only player ever to win two Significant Other tournaments. She has subsequently had 3 regular cashes (2007, 2010, 2014). Her best finish in 3rd in Limit Holdem in 2014.

Chris Kluchman won the S.O. Stud in 2008 and has two regular cashes (2014, 2018), the best being 5th in the TOC in 2014.

6.9 Chinese Poker tournaments

Chinese poker was introduced in 2013, as part of the Triathlon of Poker. It was dropped from that format in 2014, but Second Chance tournaments were played in both 2014 and 2015, in open face as opposed to the “traditional” format.

Jordan Devenport is the only one to have two top-3 finishes, both in the Open Face variants that he is a beast in. Of course, JP Massar continues to dish out expensive lessons in traditional Chinese poker in the cash game room.

Year	Event	Winner	Second	Third
2013	Traditional	Caryl Aronson	Patti Beadles	Paul Gibboney
2014	Open Face	Jordan Devenport	Alex Ziselman	Michael Patterson
2015	Open Face Pineapple	Erin Ramsay	Jordan Devenport	Dan Goldman

6.10 Blackjack tournaments

The blackjack tournament dates back to the early days of BARGE, as many of the early BARGErs were avid blackjack players, some much more so than poker. The 1992 event was an impromptu affair.

Five BARGErs have won this event twice: Gillian Groves (1995, 2010), Barry Tanenbaum (1997, 2004), Steven Markowitz (2005, 2015), Matt Grapenthien (2008, 2009), and Rich Bremer (2012, 2018). Grapes is the only one to win in twice in a row, both times over Chic Natkins. Chic is the only BARGER with three top-3 finishes, with a 3rd in 2007 to go along with his runner-up finishes in both 2008 and 2009.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
1992	Unknown		
1993	Not Held		
1994	Unknown		
1995	Gillian Groves	Rudy Tatay	Unknown
1996	Steve Jacobs	Frank Irwin	Andy Latto
1997	Barry Tanenbaum	Ken Anderson	Frank Castagna
1998	Andy Latto	Steve Jacobs	Unknown
1999	Rick Mombourquette	Unknown	Unknown
2000	Not Held		
2001	Not Held		
2002	Not Held		
2003	Not Held		
2004	Barry Tanenbaum	David Trinidad	Rick Mombourquette
2005	Steven Markowitz	Stevan Goldman	Marc Howard
2006	Not Held		
2007	Nolan Hee	Greg Pappas	Chic Natkins
2008	Matt Grapenthien	Chic Natkins	Gerry Petersen
2009	Matt Grapenthien	Chic Natkins	Bree Goldman
2010	Gillian Groves	Leslie Walker	Chris Straghalis
2011	David Heller	Gerry Petersen	Connie Kellers
2012	Rich Bremer	Paul McMullin	Ryan Troll
2013	Barbara Garrett	David Low	Gillian Groves
2014	Michael Patterson	Connie Kellers, Alex Ziselman	
2015	Steven Markowitz	Mark Hughes	Alex Ziselman
2016	Marc Howard	Guy Berentsen, Blair Rodman	
2017	Bryan Juliano	Arthur Goltz	Patti Beadles
2018	Rich Bremer (only player to cash)		

6.11 Video Poker tournaments

Video poker made its debut as a BARGE tournament in 1996. Michael Patterson (2007, 2012, 2017) has a record three wins and four top-3s (he was second in 2013). Rich Bremer (2009, 2014) is a two-time champions and also have a runner-up finish (2010) and a third (2018). Doug Grismore has a win and two second places, while Michael Maurer & Chic Natkins both have a win and one second. Steve Landrum and Peter Secor have a win and a third place.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
1996	Andy Bloch	Michael Maurer	Ken Kubey
1997	Stephen Landrum	Unknown	Unknown
1998	John Scheinberg	Unknown	Unknown
1999	Unknown	Unknown	Randy Collack
2000	Not Held		
2001	Not Held		
2002	Not Held		
2003	Not Held		
2004	Dave McVay	Betty Tanenbaum	Peter Secor
2005	Connie Kellers	Johnny Kampis	Stevan Goldman
2006	Not Held		
2007	Michael Patterson	Orlando Rojas	Kevin Knourek
2008	Chic Natkins	Nichole Chartier	Shirley Kramer
2009	Rich Bremer	Chic Natkins	Stephen Landrum
2010	Peter Secor	Rich Bremer	Spencer Sun
2011	Michael Maurer	Sabyl Landrum	Alan Veach
2012	Michael Patterson	Doug Grismore	Gillian Groves
2013	Derek Gomez	Michael Patterson	Patti Beadles
2014	Rich Bremer	Scott Byron	Dan Goldman
2015	Doug Grismore	Nathan Hess	Alex Ziselman
2016	Mike Chow	Gillian Groves	David Low
2017	Michael Patterson	Derek Gomez	Jesse Capps
2018	Voltaire Ronquillo	Doug Grismore	Rich Bremer

6.12 Craps tournaments

A craps tournament was introduced in 2014 as part of the Triathlon of Gambling. Steven Markowitz is a two-time dice champ (2016, 2018). No one else has yet placed in the top-3 more than once in the short history of this event. According to a trip report, Monte Christensen busted from this event in one roll in 2016.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2014	Kyle Minnis	Stevan Goldman	Chuck Weinstock
2015	Jordan Devenport	Paul McMullin	Derek Gomez, Doug Grismore (tie)
2016	Steven Markowitz	Ryan Troll	Bryan Juliano
2017	Guy Berentsen	Gerry Petersen	Jesse Capps
2018	Steven Markowitz (only player to cash)		

6.13 Triathlon of Gambling

This event made its debut in 2013, combining the results of the blackjack, video poker, and Chinese poker tournaments. In 2014, craps was added and Chinese poker dropped from the triathlon.

Somehow in 2016 the event ended in a tie. I guess no coin, die, deck of cards, random number generator, or hands and fingers to play roshambo with existed for tie-breaking purposes.

Alex Ziselman (2014, 2015) is the only two-time champion, with Michael Patterson's first and second the only other to place in the top-3 twice. Jesse Capps won the event in 2017 as a virgin gamb00ler.

Year	Winner	Second	Third
2013	Michael Patterson	Patti Beadles	Kenny Shei
2014	Alex Ziselman	Michael Patterson	Chuck Weinstock
2015	Alex Ziselman	Doug Grismore	Jordan Devenport
2016	David Low, Sean McGuiness (tie)		Gillian Groves
2017	Jesse Capps	Gerry Petersen	Arthur Goltz
2018	Rich Bremer (only player to cash)		

6.14 Miscellaneous events

Year	Event	Winner	Second
1997	David Sklansky Heads-Up Charity Freezeout, Limit Holdem	David Sklansky	Barry Tanenbaum
1997	World Roshambo Championship	Josh Paley \$400 (4 entries)	
1998	David Sklansky Heads-Up Charity Freezeout, Limit Holdem	Russ Rosenblum	David Sklansky
1998	World Roshambo Championship	Jim Geary [?]	
1999	World Roshambo Championship	Patti Beadles or Don Reick \$2 (conflicting reports)	Don Rieck
2000	World Roshambo Championship	Don Rieck \$55 (19 entries)	Peter Secor \$40
2000	Chip Castle Championship	Chris Ferguson \$5	
2003	World Roshambo Championship	Andy Bloch \$900 (9 entries)	
2003	Chip Castle Championship	Chris Ferguson	Rick Bevan
2004	World Roshambo Championship	Lenny Augustine \$800 (8 entries)	
2004	Chip Castle Championship	Perry Friedman	
2005	World Roshambo Championship	Asya Kamsky \$600 (8 entries)	Stevan Goldman \$200
2005	Chip Castle Championship	Bruce Kramer & Stephen Landrum	Kevin Knourek
2006	World Roshambo Championship	Barry Goren	Perry Friedman
2006	Chip Castle Championship	Rick Bevan	
2008	Chip Castle Championship	Ken Kubey	

Chapter 7

Wins and Top Three Finishes

7.1 Wins in BARGE Poker Tournaments

Rank	Name	Wins
1	David Kluchman	4
1	Chris Mecklin	4
1	Kenny Shei	4
4	Rich Bremer	3
4	David Lawful	3
4	Michael Maurer	3
7	Guy Berentsen	2
7	Andy Bloch	2
7	Jesse Capps	2
7	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	2
7	Keith Fichtemaier	2
7	David Fruchter	2
7	Dan Goldman	2
7	Gillian Groves	2
7	Andy Hughes	2
7	Steve Lewin-Berlin	2
7	Don Perry	2
7	Andrew Prock	2
7	Peter Secor	2
7	Gavin Smith	2
7	Rich Strauss	2
7	Alex Ziselman	2

There have been 87 different winners of BARGE poker tournaments, including 22 players with multiple wins.

David Kluchman's 4 wins are in Stud Shootout (2009), Tournament of Champions (2010), Limit Holdem (2011), and High Roller HOSER (2015). He has never finished second or third, quite a closer. Kenny Shei's 4 wins are in Lowball (2006), Tournament of Champions (2007), NLHE Jam or Fold (2015), and High Roller HOSER (2017). He has one runner-up finish.

Christopher Mecklin's 4 wins are Lowball (2011), 25 Game (2015), NLHE Main Event (2017), and NL California/PL London Lowball (2018). He has finished second 5 times (a record he'd rather not have) and third once.

Rich Bremer's 3 wins are in Lowball (2010), NLHE Main Event (2011), and Dealers Choice (2018). He has finished second once and third three times.

David Lawful's 3 wins are in 6 Game (2013), NLHE Main Event (2013), and NLHE Survival (2017). He is the only BARGER to win two poker tournaments at the same BARGE. He has also finished second twice.

Michael Maurer's 3 wins are in History of Poker (2003), Tournament of Champions (2009), PLO (2015). He has also finished third twice.

Gavin Smith has won both the TOC (2003) and the main event (2004), the only BARGER to win our two most prestigious poker tournaments. He is one of only 2 banquet speakers to have won the main event. The other is Jennifer Shahade (2015) who uniquely won the same night she gave the speech.

Steve Lewin-Berlin won the TOC in consecutive years (2011-2012), as has Peter Secor (2017-2018).

Michael Maurer has won tournaments 12 years apart, History of Poker (2003) and PLO (2015), with a TOC win in-between in 2009.

David Fruchter has also won tournaments 12 years apart; TOC (2004) and PLO (2016).

Andy Hughes has won tournaments 11 years apart; History of Poker (2002) and Lowball (2013), as has Alex Ziselman; Lowball (2005) and High Roller HOSER (2016).

Gavin Smith, Andy Bloch, and Matt Grapenthien are the only players to have won both BARGE poker tournaments and WSOP bracelets. Gavin won a WSOP bracelet in \$2500 Mixed Holdem in 2010 after his BARGE victories in the 2004 TOC and

2005 Main Event. Andy won the \$1500 Stud bracelet in 2013 after his BARGE wins in the 2001 History of Poker and 2007 Stud/8.

Grapes uniquely won his WSOP bracelet before winning a BARGE tournament, as he won the \$10,000 Seven-Card Stud World Championship in 2014 and then beat Bill Chen heads-up in the \$300 “High Roller HOSER” exactly one month later.

Chen has two WSOP bracelets, both won in 2006 in the \$2500 NLHE 6-Max and \$3000 Limit Holdem, but no BARGE wins yet, as we don’t count three hosers chopping the money the 2000 History of Poker as a victory.

Steve Jacobs has the honor of being both the first BARGE main event champion (1992) and the first WRGPT champion (1991-92). Roy Hashimoto has also won both the BARGE main event (1993) and WRGPT (1993-94), as has Lee Jones (BARGE 1998, WRGPT 1994-95).

Others that have won WRGPT that are known to have attended BARGE include Ed Baker (1992-93), Ming Lee (1997-98), Ken Anderson (1998-99), Michael Hunter (2000-01), Eric Holtman (2009-10), and Chic Natkins (2013-14).

Nine players have won the BARGE main event in their only (to date) recorded BARGE cash. Five such players were in the 1990s, when there was only a single poker tournament per year.

Player	Year
Roy Hashimoto	1993
Dave Hughes	1994
Mike Zimmers	1996
Steve Brecher	1997
Lee Jones	1998
Jeff Bartoszewicz	2000
Dan Chevrie	2008
Andreas Wolfram	2014
Jennifer Shahade	2015

Three others whose only BARGE poker tournament cash (to date) was a win are Frank Jerome (2001 Tournament of Champions), Jeff Landgraf (2006 Stud Shootout), and Chris Quan (2016 26 Game).

Steve Lewin-Berlin and Jesse Capps are the only two players to win for their first two cashes; both have had subsequent cashes that were not a victory.

7.2 Top Three Finishes

A total of 195 BARGers have collected at least one medal (i.e. top three). In most tournaments, a top three finish earns one a plaque or trophy, along with a “purple chip” of the previous year’s Main Event winner.

Don Rieck had the most such finishes without a victory (i.e. “gold medal”) (5, one 2nd place/“silver medal” and 4 3rd place/“bronze medals”) until he won the 2018 Main Event.

The record holders for most medals (4) without a victory now are Steve Daniel (two silver, two bronze) & Steve Eisenstein (all four are bronze).

All three of Rodney Chen’s and Bob Lauria’s top threes are silver medals with both finishing in second place in the Main Event twice (Chen 2011 & 2016, Lauria 2013 & 2014).

Stephen Blackstock’s three medals are all bronze, finishing third in the Main Event thrice (1993, 1994, 2000).

Michael Maurer has the most without a silver medal (5, three golds and two bronzes), while Kenny Shei (four golds, one silver) and David Lawful (three wins and two silvers) have the most without a bronze medal (5).

All four of David Kluchman’s medals are gold medals (wins).

Chris Mecklin has the most silver medals (five second places), while Don Rieck and Steve Eisenstein have the most bronze medals (four third places).

Top 3 Finishes

Rank	Name	Medals	Wins	Seconds	Thirds
1	Chris Mecklin	10	4	5	1
2	Rich Bremer	7	3	1	3
3	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	6	2	1	3
3	Don Rieck	6	1	1	4
5	Kenny Shei	5	4	1	0
5	David Lawful	5	3	2	0
5	Michael Maurer	5	3	0	2
5	Rich Strauss	5	2	1	2
5	Ron Grossberg	5	1	3	1
10	David Kluchman	4	4	0	0
10	Peter Secor	4	2	1	1
10	Alex Ziselman	4	2	1	1
10	Scott Byron	4	1	2	1
10	David Low	4	1	2	1
10	Chris Straghalis	4	1	1	2
10	Steven Daniel	4	0	2	2
10	Steve Eisenstein	4	0	0	4

Chapter 8

Cashes

8.1 Number of Cashes

A total of 393 BARGERs have cashed at least once in a poker tournament. Twenty-six BARGERs have at least 10 such cashes.

As you would imagine, many of players with ten or more cashes are long-time BARGE r00lers who have attended all or most BARGEs held in the 21st century, and even some from the 20th century. Of the top ten, Chris Mecklin and David Low had their first cash most recently (2008).

Most Cashes

Rank	Name	Cashes
1	Michael Maurer	18
2	JP Massar	17
3	Rich Bremer	16
3	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	16
3	Chris Mecklin	16
6	Nolan Dalla	15
7	David Low	14
8	Patti Beadles	13
8	Dan Goldman	13
10	Peter Secor	12
10	Kenny Shei	12
12	Guy Berentsen	11
12	Keith Fichtemaier	11
12	Ron Grossberg	11
12	Bob Herlien	11
12	David Lawful	11
12	Mike McBride	11
12	Paul McMullin	11
12	Kyle Minnis	11
12	Rick Mombourquette	11
21	Adam Bachrach	10
21	Randy Collack	10
21	Steve Eisenstein	10
21	Russ Fox	10
21	Corey Imsdahl	10
21	Cliff Matthews	10

8.2 Most Money Won

Currently, a total of 6 BARGERs have gross poker tournament cashes exceeding \$10,000, while 53 players have at least \$5,000 and 213 players have at least \$1,000.

Rank	Name	Money
1	Chris Mecklin	\$14,573
2	Don Rieck	\$14,511
3	Rich Bremer	\$14,013
4	Kenny Shei	\$12,415
5	Michael Maurer	\$12,348
6	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	\$11,058
7	Gavin Smith	\$9,470
8	David Lawful	\$9,194
9	Paul McMullin	\$9,185
10	Ron Grossberg	\$9,075
11	Rick Mombourquette	\$9,020
12	David Heller	\$8,855
13	Russ Fox	\$8,830
14	Peter Secor	\$8,575
15	Rodney Chen	\$7,915
16	Bob Lauria	\$7,880
17	John Pickels	\$7,847
18	David Low	\$7,812
19	Andrew Prock	\$7,770
20	David Kluchman	\$7,755
21	Nick Christenson	\$7,721
22	JP Massar	\$7,541
23	Mike McBride	\$7,465
24	Scott Byron	\$7,455
25	Rich Strauss	\$7,412
26	Corey Imsdahl	\$7,222
27	Alex Ziselman	\$7,124
28	Gillian Groves	\$7,050
29	Chuck Humphrey	\$7,045
30	Randy Collack	\$7,043
31	Adam Bachrach	\$6,895
32	Steve Lewin-Berlin	\$6,850
33	Len Greenberg	\$6,830
34	Don Perry	\$6,797
35	Patti Beadles	\$6,725
36	Mark Trombley	\$6,340
37	Keith Fichtemaier	\$6,303
38	David Fruchter	\$6,271
39	Nolan Dalla	\$6,115
40	Steve Forcash	\$6,090

8.3 Years Cashed

A total of 394 BARGERs have cashed at least once in a poker tournament and 219 of those have done so in at least 2 different years.

Of the top ten, Chris Mecklin and David Low had their first cash most recently (2008).

Most Years Cashed

Rank	Name	Years
1	Nolan Dalla	12
1	Michael Maurer	12
3	Patti Beadles	11
3	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	11
3	Bob Herlien	11
3	JP Massar	11
7	Rich Bremer	10
7	Randy Collack	10
7	Dan Goldman	10
7	Cliff Matthews	10
7	Chris Mecklin	10
12	Adam Bachrach	9
12	Guy Berentsen	9
12	Russ Fox	9
12	Corey Imsdahl	9
12	David Low	9
12	Paul McMullin	9
12	Peter Secor	9
12	Rich Strauss	9
20	Gillian Groves	8
20	Ken Kubey	8
20	Mike McBride	8
20	Kyle Minnis	8
20	Dan Nussbaum	8
20	Don Rieck	8
20	Kenny Shei	8

8.4 Spans Between First and Most Recent Cash

Edmund Hack (1992-2016), Stephen Blackstock (1993-2017), and JP Massar (1994-2018) have cashed at BARGES spanning a time period of 24 years. Hack appears to be the only active BARGER who cashed in the first poker tournament, held in 1992.

Fourteen different BARGERS have at least a 20 year span between cashes, with 46 players having at least a 15 year span and 90 players having at least a 10 year span.

BARGERS with at least a 20 year span between their first cash and most recent cash are:

Name	Span	First Cash	Most Recent Cash
Edmund Hack	24	1992	2016
Stephen Blackstock	24	1993	2017
JP Massar	24	1994	2018
Cliff Matthews	22	1994	2016
Patti Beadles	21	1997	2018
Steven Markowitz	21	1997	2018
Josh Paley	21	1997	2018
Paul Stine	21	1997	2018
Linda Lewis	20	1997	2017
Rich Strauss	20	1997	2017
Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	20	1998	2018
Steven Daniel	20	1998	2018
Paul McMullin	20	1998	2018
Dan Nussbaum	20	1998	2018

8.5 Consecutive Cash Streaks

Cashing at every BARGE is nigh on impossible, especially in the early days with a quite limited number of tournaments per year. Valiant efforts, defined as streaks of at least 5 years, are:

Years	Player	Time
9	Rich Bremer	2010-2018 (active)
9	Chris Mecklin	2010-2018 (active)
7	David Low	2011-2017
6	David Lawful	2013-2018 (active)
5	Michelle Lancaster-Ankenman	2004-2008
5	Guy Berentsen	2005-2009
5	Rodney Chen	2008-2012
5	Cliff Matthews	2008-2012
5	Randy Collack	2010-2014
5	Dan Goldman	2012-2016
5	Gillian Groves	2012-2016
5	Corey Imsdahl	2013-2017
5	Dean Kerl	2014-2018 (active)

8.6 Active Consecutive Cash Streaks

Rich Bremer and Chris Mecklin will try to extend their consecutive cash streak record of 9 years at BARGE 2019. David Low had been one year behind them, but failed to cash at BARGE 2018, so the closest challenger is now David Lawful, three years behind at six.

Below are active consecutive cash streaks of three or more years.

Years	Player
9	Rich Bremer
9	Chris Mecklin
6	David Lawful
5	Dean Kerl
4	Larry Bierman
4	Ron Grossberg
4	Patrick Milligan
4	Kenny Shei
3	Ronald Nutt
3	Peter Secor

8.7 Multiple Cashes at BARGE

Multitple cashes at a single BARGE festival have become much more common and easier to accomplish as the number of poker tournaments (not even counting chinese poker, video poker, Significant Others, Team CHORSE, or gamb00ling events) has increased from 1 from 1992-1999 to 3 in 2000-2001, 4 in 2002-2004, 5 in 2005-2013, 8 in 2014, 9 in 2015, 10 in 2016, and 9 in 2017-2018. You old-timers can complain about the de-valuing of the BARGE “bracelets”.

Keith Fichtemaier was the first to achieve 3 cashes at one festival, in 2003. No one else even had two cashes that year. Steve Eisenstein set the current record of 4 cashes in 2014 and no other player has yet matched this accomplishment.

Sabyl Cohen-Landrum was the first to have multiple cashes three years in a row (2004-2006), a feat achieved by both Ron Grossberg and Chris Mecklin from 2015-2017, albeit in an era with many more tournaments held per year. Either Rich Bremer or Peter Secor can tie this record if they have multiple cashes in 2019.

JP Massar (2009, 2011), Rich Bremer (2010, 2018), Alex Ziselman (2014, 2016), David Low (2016, 2017), and Chris Mecklin (2016, 2017) have had 3 cashes twice.

Matt Grapenthien was the first to cash in two poker tournaments on the same day (August 2, 2016), taking 4th place in 26 Game and 6th place in Super Triple Stud. Jesse Capps accomplished this on August 1, 2018, winning the Triple Draw Dramaha and taking 8th in the 6 Game Mix.

Cashing in both the Tournament of Champions and the NLHE Main Event has been accomplished 24 times by 22 different players, the first being Don Perry in 2000. Michael Maurer (2002, 2010) and JP Massar (2007, 2013) are the only players to accomplish this feat twice. The lowest combined places was by Jordan Devenport in 2015 when he won the TOC and finished 3rd in the Main Event; he is the only player ever to finish in the Top 3 of both events at the same BARGE. The TOC/Main Event double was accomplished by five different players in 2010, the most times this has been done in a single year.

The table belows lists players that cashed at least twice in the same year prior to 2005 (when there were 4 or fewer tournaments available), and three or more in the same year since 2005 (when there have been 5 to 10 tournaments available). No one cashed twice in 1992-1999 (when it was not possible), and no one cashed more than twice in 2005, 2006, 2012, or 2013.

Year	Cashes	Player(s)
2000	2	Bill Chen, Don Perry, John Reed
2001	2	Kevin Knourek, Chris Straghalis
2002	2	Patti Beadles, Nolan Dalla, Steve Eisenstein, Len Granowetter, Michael Maurer, Mike McBride, Andrew Prock, Warren Sander, Paul Stine
2003	3	Keith Fichtemaier
2004	2	Sabyl Cohen, Russ Fox, Perry Friedman, Tony Goldstein, Michael Maurer
2007	3	Michelle Ankenman, Michael Maurer, Kenny Shei
2008	3	Richard Brodie
2009	3	JP Massar, Rick Mombourquette, Bryan Slick
2010	3	Rich Bremer
2011	3	JP Massar
2014	4	Steve Eisenstein
2014	3	Scott Byron, Alex Ziselman
2015	3	Jeanne David, Jordan Devenport, Sharon Goldman
2016	3	David Low, Chris Mecklin, Alex Ziselman
2017	3	Steve Daniel, Ron Grossberg, David Low, Chris Mecklin, Kyle Minnis
2018	3	Rich Bremer

Chapter 9

Crunchy Points and the Best All-Around Player (BAAP)

9.1 Formula

A formula to help determine the Best All-Around Player (BAAP) at BARGE and other ARG events, based on the number of entrants and the place one finished, was derived by Steven “Crunch” Daniel. Basically, you receive *CP* (Crunchy Points) if you cash in a tournament, based on the following formula where n is the number of entrants and p is the place the player finished. Base-10 logarithms are used.

$$CP = 1000 \times \log \frac{n}{p}$$

For example, suppose there are $n = 54$ players in a tournament, with $c = 6$ players cashing. The number of Crunchy Points received by the 6 winners would be (rounded to the nearest point):

Place	Formula	Points
1	$1000 \times \log 54$	1732
2	$1000 \times \log 54/2 = 1000 \times \log 27$	1431
3	$1000 \times \log 54/3 = 1000 \times \log 18$	1255
4	$1000 \times \log 54/4 = 1000 \times \log 13.5$	1130
5	$1000 \times \log 54/5 = 1000 \times \log 10.8$	1033
6	$1000 \times \log 54/6 = 1000 \times \log 9$	954

9.2 BARGE Best All Around Player (BAAP)

Events prior to 2003 are not included due to the number of entrants for tournaments not always being known. Points are awarded for poker tournaments (including Chinese poker), with some exceptions as noted. The High Roller HOSER (held from 2013-2017) is NOT included, and the results of the various Second Chance tournaments were NOT included in 2014 but have been included since 2015. Which tournaments are included and excluded is basically at the whim of Crunch, who did not change the formula even when he finished second in the BARGE BAAP in 2017.

There was an exact tie in Crunchy points in 2004 between Perry Friedman and Tony Goldstein. Kenny Shei won the BARGE BAAP title two years in a row, in 2006 and 2007. He was the only two-time BARGE BAAP champion until 2018, when Rich Bremer won for his second time, having also been BAAP in 2010.

David Lawful is the only person to win the main event and the BARGE Crunchy points title in the same year (2013). Kenny Shei (2007) and Jordan Devenport (2015) have won the TOC and BARGE Crunchy points title in the same year.

BARGE BAAP Top Three Finishers

Year	Winner	Second	Third
Overall 2003-2018	Chris Mecklin	Rich Bremer	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum
2003	Keith Fichtemaier	Paul Person	Gavin Smith
2004	Perry Friedman, Tony Goldstein (tie)		Russ Fox
2005	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	Steve Pierce	Adam Bachrach
2006	Kenny Shei	Don Condit	Bob Irons
2007	Kenny Shei	Michelle Ankenman	Michael Maurer
2008	Richard Brodie	Tom Goodwin	Steve Forcash
2009	Rick Momborquette	Michael Maurer	JP Massar
2010	Rich Bremer	Chuck Humphrey	Mark Trombley
2011	JP Massar	Spencer Sun	Chris Mecklin
2012	John Pickels	Andrew Prock	Pete Segal
2013	David Lawful	Andy Hughes	JP Massar
2014	Steve Eisenstein	Scott Byron	Bob Lauria
2015	Jordan Devenport	Sharon Goldman	Jeanne David
2016	David Low	Alex Ziselman	Chris Mecklin
2017	Ron Grossberg	Steve Daniel	Chris Mecklin
2018	Rich Bremer	Peter Secor	Bruce Kramer

9.3 All ARG Best All Around Player (BAAP)

Eventually I plan to add information on other ARG events, including ATLARGE (Atlantic City), FARGO (Connecticut), MARGE (Biloxi), SARGE (Tunica), ESCARGOT (Los Angeles), EMBARGO (Las Vegas), and ARGEM (Maryland). For now, I will include the top 3 All ARG BAAP Top Three Finishers, which are combined Crunchy Points from all ARG festivals for a year.

Congratulation to Steve Daniel for mastering Crunchy Points in 2018 and leading in 2019 as of this writing as well! Kenny Shei (2006-2007) and David Lawful (2013-2014) both won the All ARG BAAP two years in a row, with Rich Bremer (2010, 2017) also winning this award twice.

All ARG BAAP Top Three Finishers

Year	Winner	Second	Third
Overall 2003-2018	Rich Bremer	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	Kenny Shei
2003	Russell Fox	Keith Fichtemaier	Peter Secor
2004	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	Tony Goldstein	David Fruchter
2005	Ross Poppel	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	Jerrod Ankenman
2006	Kenny Shei	Sabyl Cohen-Landrum	Bill Chen
2007	Kenny Shei	Chic Natkins	Bob Lauria
2008	Lawrence Larson	Richard Brodie	Edson Pap
2009	Tina Gonzalez	Rick Mombourquette	Michael Maurer
2010	Rich Bremer	David Kluchman	Chuck Humphrey
2011	Bob Lauria	Len Greenberg	Spencer Sun
2012	Pete Segal	Jeff Deitch	Rich Bremer
2013	David Lawful	Rich Strauss	Derek Gomez
2014	David Lawful	Bob Lauria	Steve Eisenstein
2015	Nolan Dalla	Jordan Devenport	Jeanne David
2016	Linda Lewis	Dean Kerl	Ron Grossberg
2017	Rich Bremer	David Lawful	Patrick Milligan
2018	Steve Daniel	Rich Bremer	Christian Jones