

# 2026 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

## CASINO PLAYER MAGAZINE

### MONTHLY COLUMNS & DEPARTMENTS

#### Editor's Letter

Casino Player editors discuss the trends and topics that are on the minds of today's players.

#### Readers Talk Back

Readers from around the world submit their questions for the *Casino Player* experts to answer.

#### The Buzz

Our coast-to-coast roundup of the hottest news in the gaming industry.

#### Executive Decisions

Casino executives from across the country share their expertise and insights each month, offering an insider's look at what it takes to run a successful casino.

#### Property Spotlight

Our monthly selection of the hottest regional properties. We cover everything from just-launched casinos and new games to restaurant openings, headline performances, celebrity appearances and more.

#### Hot Slots

An exciting preview of the latest games coming to a casino near you.

#### Strip Search

In this department, we provide our readers with the latest, most exciting news regarding world-famous Las Vegas. We'll also run down the best deals, discounts and promotions for players, as well as "hidden gems" and off-the-radar spots that are worth a try on your next visit to Las Vegas.

#### Promotion Picks

Highlighting the biggest and best players club promotions from coast to coast!

#### Scobe Speaks

America's #1-selling gaming author, Frank Scoblete, gives his expert advice—along with hilarious commentary—on the gaming lifestyle and the most popular casino games.

#### Front of the House

This exciting new department offers an insider's perspective into the world of casinos. In this section, front-end casino workers share captivating stories from the gaming floor and provide valuable tips for anyone looking to make the most of their casino experience.

#### Host Insider

Casino hosts share their top tips for players.

#### Dealer Diaries

Insider column where a seasoned dealer shares stories, insights and candid perspectives from life behind the felt.

#### Saving You Money in Las Vegas

Scouting the best deals to save you money on your next trip to Sin City.

#### Celeb Snapshot

*Casino Player* speaks with some of the biggest names and the brightest stars in Hollywood about their upcoming performances, TV shows and movies.

#### Playing In the Spotlight

Entertainment listings from casinos nationwide.

#### Winners

Meet the luckiest players who have won top jackpots.

#### Play Like the Pros

A rotating cast of highly respected poker players reveal their secrets for playing winning poker—whether you're entering the WSOP or making your money in online tournaments.

#### Player of the Month

A profile on a special individual (or in some cases, a group) who have done something remarkable in the gaming industry.



### GAMES WE PLAY

#### Playing Tables

Hard-hitting strategy and tips for players who want to gain the edge at casino table games—and have fun doing it.

#### Playing the Machines

Expert advice on playing slot machines and video poker, from bankroll management to correct strategy.

#### Slot Clubs

Timely information on the hottest promotions and events happening in players clubs across the country, along with expert advice on the best clubs to join and the benefits they offer.

#### Playing Video Poker

*Casino Player* experts analyze, break down and explain various video poker games, and the strategies necessary to gain the winning edge.

#### Playing Poker

Learn the ins and outs of America's favorite casino game—poker! Our resident poker pros provide unique insight and successful strategy tips to give players a winning advantage. We also showcase the top poker tournaments from coast to coast.

#### Playing the Books

Each month, we go inside the top sportsbooks around the country to get the "inside scoop" that gives players critical advice on how to sharpen their betting strategies and take advantage of the best deals, discounts and promotions.

#### Playing Online

For fun or profit, Internet gambling is making a comeback. Check out these leading social, free play and real money casino websites offering online action at its best.

## JANUARY

Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards Ballot

**The Year Ahead in Gaming**

From the hottest slots to the latest table game debuts, plus emerging tech and fresh amenities, here's a look at what players can expect in 2026.

**Top Casino Resorts for Winter Getaways**

A guide to the best casino resorts offering luxury stays, entertainment and gaming escapes for the winter season.

**Betting the Game of Games**

A spotlight on sportsbooks, Super Bowl viewing parties and where to wager.

**Las Vegas Residency Extravaganza**

A dazzling lineup of resident shows lights up the Vegas entertainment scene.

**The Year of the Horse**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year in style at these top casino resorts.

## FEBRUARY

Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards Ballot

**Relaxation Redefined**

Uncovering the best casino spas in the U.S.

**Food & Fun: Dining Meets Entertainment**

Showcasing the latest in casino dining, where innovative cuisine meets live entertainment and immersive experiences.

**Romance & Rewards**

Where players can stay, play and enjoy exclusive perks at top resorts.

**Oklahoma's Winning Destinations**

Explore top casino resorts, exciting gaming floors, dining, entertainment and the unique tribal culture that make Oklahoma a must-visit for players.

## MARCH

Bonus Distribution: Indian Gaming & Tradeshow Convention

**COVER FEATURE:****Tribal Gaming Development**

We're bringing you all the latest updates on this vital and transformative segment of the North American casino industry.

**Top Tribal Casinos: Hot Spots & Hot Games**

Highlighting the hottest tribal casinos and the experiences, amenities and gaming offerings that make them stand out.

**March Madness & More**

A roundup of the top sportsbooks, casino viewing parties and betting destinations to catch all the action during college basketball's biggest tournament.

## APRIL

Best of Gaming Awards Ballot

**COVER FEATURE:****Beyond the Tables**

Explore top casino resorts and their amenities with reviews of lavish accommodations, spas, golf and more!

**New Game Launches**

A look at the season's hottest new slots, table games and electronic gaming debuts.

**Betting Spring Sports**

Tips and top sportsbooks for wagering on the Kentucky Derby, baseball and other spring events.

**The Loosest Slots in America**

Where are the best-paying slots in the country? Find out in our annual report on the loosest slots from coast to coast.

**Spring Break Escapes**

Explore amazing casino resort destinations perfect for spring break, with top-notch gaming, entertainment and luxury stays.

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Gaming Spotlight**

## MAY

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**COVER FEATURE:****Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards**

Our annual reader's survey of the best in food, drink, entertainment and more from casinos across the country.

**Poker Action Heats Up**

A look at the biggest poker events of the year, including the World Series of Poker, must-watch tournaments and rising stars making their mark on the felt.

**From Kitchen to Casino Floor**

How innovative culinary concepts are enhancing the overall resort experience, from casual bites to fine dining.

**Set Sail & Play**

A look at the best cruise line casinos, from slots and table games to exclusive onboard perks.

## JUNE

**COVER FEATURE:****Summer Travel Guide:****Casino Resorts That Shine**

From pool parties and beachfront casinos to sizzling concert series, discover the top resorts making summer unforgettable

**Golf & Gaming Getaways**

Perfect vacation spots for enthusiasts looking to hit the links by day and the casino by night.

**Bargain City: Las Vegas**

Deals and discounts you won't believe. Plus: 10 must things to do in Vegas.

**RV Rollout!**

Discover the top casino resorts for the ultimate casino-on-wheels adventure.

**Midwest Gaming & Destinations**

Discover the Midwest's premier casino resorts, top gaming hotspots and must-visit attractions for an unforgettable getaway.

## JULY

**The Hosts with the Mosts**

Spotlighting the top casinos and their hosts who elevate VIP experiences.

**The Future is Digital**

Electronic table games transform the casino floor.

**Dealing a Full House**

A complete guide to upcoming poker tournaments, including WSOP Circuit events, World Poker Tour championships and other major competitions players won't want to miss.

**Player Travel Guide**

It's not too late to plan your summer getaway! Hit the road with our guide to must-visit casino destinations, scenic drives and insider tips on gaming, dining and entertainment.

**The Art of the Cocktail**

A spotlight on master mixologists and the craft behind the casino world's best drinks.

**Look at Online Gaming in America**

A state-by-state guide to legalized online casinos and their offerings.

**Pacific Northwest Gaming Spotlight****Luxury Casino Resorts for Fall Escapes**

Discover top resorts offering premier gaming, fine dining and unforgettable autumn getaways.

**Football Betting Guide 2026**

How to win big on America's favorite sport" — A guide to football betting, from spreads and props to where to watch and wager.

**Coast to Coast Casino Celebrations**

Nationwide holiday happenings for a season full of winning and festive fun.

**High Rollers and VIP Programs**

Insights into the world of high-stakes gambling.

**Southwest Gaming Spotlight**

A look at the region's premier casinos, from luxury resorts to boutique gaming destinations.

**AUGUST****COVER FEATURE:****Special Double Issue—  
The Best of Gaming Awards**

Our readers have spoken!

The results of our annual Best of Gaming Awards are showcased industry-wide.

**The Best and Worst Bets  
in the Casino**

How to become a better player.

**Next-Gen Gaming**

Slots, tables & online play.

**Casino Resorts Leading in Tech Innovation**

Mobile apps & digital loyalty programs.

**Hybrid Experience**

Live dealers & electronic play.

**Blackjack Attack**

Our roundtable of experts explain how to take your game to the next level.

**SEPTEMBER****Intro to ETGs (Electronic Table Games)**

Cutting-edge electronic table games are hitting the floor! Discover the hottest new releases and which casinos are expanding these exciting offerings.

**Players Choice Awards 2026**

The players have spoken. Revealing the top award-winning casinos in every state, from coast to coast.

**Are You Ready for Some Football?  
Top Betting Strategies for the NFL Season****ETGs In Action**

A spotlight on casinos successfully integrating electronic table games, featuring player favorites, innovative designs and how these games are transforming the casino floor.

**OCTOBER****G2E Special issue****Breaking the Glass Season:  
Women Leadership Special Edition**

Celebrating women leaders who are shaping the gaming industry and enhancing player experiences through innovative operations, hospitality and guest-focused initiatives.

**Extreme Makeover: Casino Edition**

These casino resorts pull out all the stops with exquisite transformations and massive remodels.

**Hidden Gems**

Off-the-beaten-path casino destinations worth discovering.

**The Power of Casino Loyalty Programs**

How to maximize rewards.

**Colorado Casino Getaways**

A feature on Colorado's top casino resorts and gaming destinations, highlighting scenic escapes, entertainment, dining and outdoor activities that make late summer the perfect time to visit.

**NOVEMBER****COVER FEATURE:****Get Cruisin'**

Planning a trip out to sea? We review some of the best cruises for players.

**How To Las Vegas**

Your guide to the ultimate Las Vegas trip.

**Gaming in the Northeast**

Exploring top casinos and standout destinations across the Northeast.

**The Hottest Games from G2E 2026****Veteran & Military Appreciation in Gaming****DECEMBER**

Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards Ballot

**COVER FEATURE:****The Hotel Issue**

We spotlight top casino hotels nationwide, showcasing what makes them the ultimate destinations to stay and play.

**Year in Review**

A look back at the gaming industry's biggest moments.

**The Biggest Jackpots of 2026**

A roundup of the year's largest payouts, highlighting the games that delivered life-changing wins and the casinos where players hit it big.

**Deck the Halls:****Holiday Magic at Casino Resorts**

Spotlighting the casinos with the most festive decorations, dazzling holiday shows and seasonal events that make the season unforgettable.

**Island Getaways:****Caribbean Casino Escapes**

Discover the ultimate Caribbean destinations where sun-soaked beaches, luxury resorts and exciting casino action come together for the perfect getaway.

**Unlocking Rewards**

Discover the top players clubs that can elevate your casino experience.

**Gaming Trends 2027:****What's Next on the Casino Floor**

A forward-looking feature exploring the hottest slots, table games, electronic gaming innovations and emerging player experiences set to shape the casino industry in 2027.