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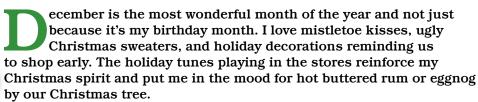
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# Fried Carp 4 for Christmas

by N.L. Preston

"Ugly Christmas sweaters have made a comeback these last few years. Everyone should wear one to Bingo, then, whoever yells Bingo gets an extra ten bucks if she/he will parade around the hall with a toilet plunger on his/her head and sing Jingle Bells. I would totally do that." —Yours Truly



This year we will be having our family Christmas for the first time at our granddaughter's home. There's nothing better than family time, potluck food, and love generously shared among the generations who are present for the festivities. We will all wear brightly colored pajamas and I'll take tons of photos, one of which will end up on next year's Christmas cards. As we look back this holiday season, we are reminded it's been a difficult year for most of us. The holidays won't be the same with some family members missing; others never to be present again. We should mourn their absence while remembering the good times of years past.

This year our family will be playing Christmas Bingo. I bought a game set which features Christmas pictures so all ages can play. I wrap little gifts for prizes so winners can enjoy unwrapping the unexpected. If only adults are present, this can lead to some hilarious reveals e.g. once a prize was a fart cushion. Not for everyone, but our little group had tons of fun with it the rest of the night. Other suggestions are lottery tickets and tiny bottles of booze. If children are present, best stick to candy bars and everyone's favorite, cash. Two-dollar bills, legal currency, are available from our banks and they make unique prizes. Besides those suggestions, homemade baked goodies are always appreciated and who doesn't love to eat while playing Bingo.

And speaking of food, if you live in the Czech Republic, the traditional Christmas Eve feast is fried carp. Glad I don't live there as I do not love fish except in aquariums where I can enjoy their serene beauty. Another Czech tradition involves young women who are looking for romance. These young women face away from a door, then throw a shoe over their shoulder. If the shoe lands pointing toward the door, the young woman can look forward to a marriage proposal in the next twelve months. If the shoe happens to hit a man standing behind her, I'm guessing the proposal probably won't come from him, but a lawsuit might.

In another country, China, I was greatly surprised to find that although not officially recognized, some Chinese on Christmas Eve exchange gifts of so-called Peace Apples. These are regular apples packaged in special boxes or wrapped in colorful paper and sometimes adorned with Christmas messages. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars on your next gambling excursion. Veselé Vánoce! Merry Christmas in Czech. Shèng dàn jié kuài lè! Merry Christmas in Chinese. Whatever your language, be blessed today and all your days.



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# **Gaming News**

#### **Resort Wallet**

Australia-based Aristocrat Technologies Inc. recently announced it has partnered with casino operator Boyd Gaming to launch Aristocrat's cashless wagering digital wallet technology at Blue Chip Casino Resort Spa in Michigan City, Indiana. This will eliminate the need to handle cash at slot machines or redeem tickets, creating a frictionless, socially distanced experience for the customer, according to a news release. Aristocrat's new innovation is the main piece of a new "Resort Wallet" feature in which patrons can place cash on account at the cashier cage, then use their player loyalty card to instantly access those funds on the casino floor. Michigan City is on the south shore of Lake Michigan, in Indiana, just south of the Michigan state line. Michigan also hopes to launch online casino gaming and online sports betting by the end of the year.

#### **Cashless Casinos?**

Many regulators have asked manufacturers to accelerate their cashless strategies because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Aristocrat (mentioned above), licensed in about 300 gaming jurisdictions and operating in more than 90 countries, has expanded its digital and mobile strategies that will assist in transforming the live casino experience to be a more robust patron experience while supporting responsible gaming initiatives, according to a recent news release. With the infrastructure of online sports betting already in place, Indiana state Sen. Jon Ford said he believes the addition of online casino gaming could provide an additional revenue stream to the state.



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# **Bingo News**

#### Print it. Play it. Post it. United Through Bingo

Keep on, a social media campaign that hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of people in Wisconsin, has come up with a virtual version of Bingo that is designed to inspire the community to help each other and have fun during the coronavirus pandemic. This particular Bingo has a bit of Wisconsin-style flair to it, with a Bingo card that has squares such as "Grilled Brats" and "Ate cheese at all three meals in a single day." The game also encourages selfcare, learning new things and supporting essential workers. You can print a board at https:// fox11digital.com/news/Images/ KeepOn\_BingoBoard\_square.JPG.

#### **Bringing Back Bingo**

**Fantasy Springs Resort Casino** in Indio, California has brought back Bingo, on pause since March because of the coronavirus pandemic, in a limited capacity and with modifications. The games were due to start up again in late October according to casino spokesman, Michael Felci, public relations manager for the casino. The Bingo room will be limited to 50% capacity, people will need to wear face coverings and must social distance while playing. Hand sanitizer will be available at each of the Bingo stations. The Bingo area will undergo deep cleaning before and after each session and that will involve using a fogging system to disseminate cleaning chemicals. Fantasy Springs was one of the first tribally owned casino properties in Southern California to bring back Bingo.

Siouxlanders recently gathered for a socially distanced game of Bingo in the name of charity. The Tyson Events Center hosted the Bingo night with all the proceeds going towards the United Way of Siouxland, Iowa. The nonprofit focuses on advancing the education, health and finances of area residents. Like many nonprofits, United Way is increasingly relying on community support to continue offering their services this year. Upon opening the doors after many hours of safety prep, Heather Hennings of United Way of Siouxland said, "Everyone looks like they're just ready to have a good time." Aren't we all, Heather!

#### **Brit Bingo**

The game of Bingo is as British as fish and chips, red post boxes and afternoon tea, or so you might think. In reality, the game travelled half the world before becoming Britain's most popular classic numbers game. An estimated 3 million people play Bingo in the UK, with 350+ halls devoted to it, and legal and regulated online Bingo serving those who prefer to play from the comfort of their homes and mobile devices.

#### **Romanian Bingo!?**

Would it surprise you to know that Romania ranks top 3 for the popularity of Bingo! Bingo halls, TV shows, and online versions of the game proliferate in Romania, taking it as high as second spot at times in player numbers. Other top Bingo playing countries are Italy, Germany, the United States, Japan and Sweden, and as mentioned above, the UK.



# Coffee Shop 'Vets Are One Man Short

I didn't know if they'd be there, what with the weather snapping cold like it has, but there they were, the elderly veteran crew, arrayed in a wide half circle on the sidewalk outside the coffee shop.

Or at least most of them were. I did a head count after I placed my coffee order at the pickup window. One appeared to be missing, and it seemed that I'd arrived in the middle of a conversation.

"They kept him overnight, worried about his chest. Coughing, but no fever."

"Can't be the virus if there's no fever."

"It could be the virus with no symptoms whatsoever." The retired sergeant, in charge of physical spacing, tapped his 6-foot measuring stick on the pavement. "You need to keep up."

They batted it back and forth, taking bets about which of them might have had it without knowing, citing questionable statistics and claims. A cellphone rang, and the sergeant's hand went up, calling for silence.

He listened and hung up, sliding the phone back in his fatigue jacket pocket. "It's not the virus," he said. "Common cold. But the grandkid tested positive, so now the whole house is in lockdown. Our good buddy has to go elsewhere."

"His other daughter is coming from upstate. Plans to take him with her tomorrow."

"He'll be even less happy about that. Poor guy. He's a news junkie. She lives in a cabin on a lake, no cable. Just basic channels."

By the time I finished my coffee, hovering at the edge of the group, the general consensus was that their pal, to be trapped for a few weeks in a lakeside cabin in the woods with no cable television, was actually the lucky one. As long as he remembered his fishing pole.

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# Card Hogs and Bingo Bloopers

#### Dear Aunty Bingo,

At a Station Casino Bingo room in Henderson, Nevada, at a 9 a.m. session, people are buying \$200 worth of Bingo cards. Of course, they are winning 4 or 5 games. When I asked the gaming Commission how many cards are legal in one machine they refuse to answer. Is this fair to the rest of us? Certain people buy their cards and add to them during first game as a very small crowd is there many times just twenty people. I prefer you not show my name as I have friends that work there. -JM, Nevada

#### Dear JM.

Your letter has me a bit puzzled. According to the information online for the game you mention, they are currently playing only paper packs, however, your letter mentions a "machine." Is this in reference to games they offer now, or earlier visits? Feel free to drop me a line to let me know.

I read through the Bingo regulations for Nevada (also available online) and there does not appear to be a limit on how many packs a player can purchase, though if it's paper, you will be restricted by how many faces you can actually keep up with and mark correctly, and with electronic machines, the price for all those packs is probably the regulating factor. I know it can be upsetting to watch other people who can afford more cards win, especially with a small crowd. Try to focus on your cards, so you don't miss a number, and maybe reward yourself with a coffee and pastry afterward if you've managed not to scowl at that high roller with all their packs (and remember, they may win, but they spent an awful lot to get that winthat might cheer you a bit as well). — Aunt Bingo

#### **Dear Readers:**

With the pandemic still in swing at press time, not as many folks are out playing Bingo and running into the types of situations they need to share with Auntie B, so we're going to dip into the old letters box from time to time and find some classics for your entertainment. Here goes! — **Aunt Bingo** 

#### Dear Aunt Bingo,

I wanted to share with you some funny Bingo bloopers I've overheard at Bingo halls I go to:

- 1. A Bingo caller became very embarrassed when she accidentally said the following: "We have a Bingo in Section three, please hold your balls...I mean your CARDS!"
- 2. A different caller one time said the following: "We are looking for a block of 9 anywhere on your card. You may use the free space." After someone pointed out to her that you HAVE to use your free space in order to get a block of 9, she laughed about her mistake.
- 3. The game was a diagonal Bingo. The caller pulled 10 Bs, 8 Is, and 12 Os prior to pulling the first G number. The 31st number was G-57, and there were 96 Bingos. Upon seeing how many Bingos there were, the caller tried to make things easier for the floor workers by announcing: "If you DON'T have a Bingo, please raise your hand."
- 4. One Bingo player was trying to describe the Reverse Blackout game to a new player. The number on the monitor was I-18, and I overheard this exchange: "Now, you will want to daub out both I-18 and its reverse number O-81." The new player was quite confused and actually tried to locate O-81 before realizing that there are only

75 numbers in Bingo and O-81 doesn't exist. — Jim Metzger, Portland, Oregon

#### Dear Jim,

You have some pretty funny stuff here! After reading your letter I began thinking that there have been many situations at Bingo that gave me a chuckle—like the woman who played an entire evening of Bingo with a sock stuck to the back of her sweatshirtthat I wish I'd written down and have long since forgotten. Now you have given me an idea. Many years ago, I carried a journal everywhere I went in which I jotted down ideas and observations throughout the day. I think I will start doing that again with my trips to Bingo by carrying a small notepad in my Bingo bag in which I'll jot down interesting things when they occur. In the meantime, I encourage readers to send in their own funny and interesting observations from Bingo just as Jim did. I look forward to sharing them with your fellow readers in future columns. — Aunt Bingo

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, Washington 98070, or e-mail her at <u>STENGL456@aol.com</u>.



## BINGO BUGLE MONTHLY CONTEST



All contest entries must be deposited in Bingo Bugle advertiser halls (eligible halls are listed in the advertiser listing on page 3).

Entries are limited to one entry per person, per bingo location, per month. (Example: If you visit 10 different bingo locations in one month and deposit your entry at each location, you can win up to \$100! If you visit one bingo hall per month, you can win up to \$25.) All entries must be filled out completely and include the name of the bingo location you visited. Entries that are not filled out properly, or that we cannot read due to illegible handwriting, or are considered a duplicate will be disqualified. We look forward to your entry(s) every month and appreciate your continued readership. Good Luck!

Winners of the monthly contest will be announced each month in the Bingo Bugle. We mail checks after the 20th of each month.

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# **Monthly Winners** to Date:

August: James Mehr, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Karen Hoppe, Marian KC; Sharon Boldt, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Cheryl Funk, Roseville Bingo Hall. September: Tom Brockway, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Deloris Miller, Buffalo AL Post 270; Richard Allen Lang, West St. Paul Bingo Palace: Allen Becker, Treasure Island Bingo. October: Teodolo Caudillo, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Jean Schaffhausen, Roseville Bingo Hall; Niomi Crow McKinney, Treasure Island Bingo; Richard George, Buffalo AL #270. November: Dan Olson, Roseville Bingo Hall; Sandra Rogers, Marian KC; Elaine Zabel, Buffalo AL #270; Robin Stiles, Little Canada Market Place Bingo.



## **December Winners**

There are no winners for December, due to widespread pandemic shutdown.

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# Horoscopes for December 2020

#### **ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20):**

The mountain you see before you is waiting for you to make your ascent. We usually think that we are the ones who decide what obstacle we'll conquer, but little do we realize that it is a mutual arrangement. Life runs in both directions. Inviting us and inspiring us at the same time. All we need do is hear the call to engage.

Lucky Days: 6 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 14

#### **TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21):**

Think back to your childhood and the activities that brought you joy. Self-expression that was effortless because it was fun and engaging. Now, apply this same technique to the direction you wish to set for yourself in the new year. Find a pastime that stimulates the same kind of excitement you experienced as a child. You're sure to succeed.

Lucky Days: 8 - 12 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 49

#### **GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21):**

The end of the year finds most of us recounting what we've accomplished during the past eleven months, but you're walking a different path through the holidays. You have two key projects that you want to launch in the new year, and you

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don't have time for reflection or reminiscing. And that's just fine, you'll need all of your imagination at your disposal to jumpstart your new dream.

Lucky Days: 11 - 21 Lucky Numbers: 38 - 54

#### CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22):

Guidance for your new year comes straight from the teachings of Tao, which reads: "See the subtle and be illuminated. Abide in gentleness and be strong. Use your light and return to insight." The message here is to practice patience and alertness without being passive and sluggish.

Lucky Days: 18 - 28 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 45

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): If your heart feels cramped you can't sit around waiting for conditions to change to uplift and free you. Remember that when the bird taps its beak against the egg it's because the container is too small. See what is too limiting in your life right now and step beyond its boundaries. The new year is waiting for you to emerge and share your greatest gifts.

Lucky Days: 3 - 21 Lucky Numbers: 13 - 59

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Your sign has a fascinating division between body and mind and it's time to realize how both parts of your nature work to support each other. Change things around in the upcoming year, meaning, give your mind the kind of pleasure you usually give your senses, and give your senses the kind of discipline they need to take you in a new direction. A happy body is part and parcel of a happy mind.

Lucky Days: 6 - 10 Lucky Numbers: 48 - 54

#### LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23):

Emerson wrote: "God will not have His work manifest by cowards." This is the year to muster all of your courage to bring forward new expressions of your already creative spirit. This means moving into surprising worlds or experiences that might usually intimidate you. But remember, the thrill of overcoming fear unleashes powers you didn't realize you possessed. In the end it is worth taking the chance.

Lucky Days: 6 - 26 Lucky Numbers: 54 - 56

#### SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22):

Intensity is your middle name. But remember that you can also let your gentle and sensitive side work for what you want in life. In other words, start to experiment with a more lighthearted approach. Everything needn't be a do or di' situation, find a middle path and experiment with a lighter touch, a lighter heart.

Lucky Days: 4 - 15 Lucky Numbers: 32 - 37

#### **SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC**

21): "Drop expectations and be surprised by life." Words of wisdom from the author Dennis Prager. We've all had to live within tighter constraints this year, but of all the signs you've been champing at the bit like crazy. Let yourself live in the moment now

without leaning so hard towards the future. That's your secret for success as the new year looms before you.

Lucky Days: 3 - 14 Lucky Numbers: 54 - 59

#### **CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN**

20): You've had to deal with a crazy array of highs and lows throughout the year. What has this taught you? Well, that you're an example for the rest of us for keeping our heads while chaos swirls. In the new year find a way to share your wisdom with others. Join a club or organization that will welcome your style of leadership and cool head. You're a master now.

Lucky Days: 9 - 30 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 39

#### **AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19):**

Remember these words from the Buddha, an expert on all things related to desire: "All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think we become." How will you best organize your mind in the new year? The more orderly your thinking the smoother the path becomes on the way to fulfilling your dreams.

Lucky Days: 5 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 54 - 55 PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): If one quality has evaded you this year it's the ability to focus. With spacey Neptune in your sign you've felt allegiance to everything that's otherworldly and unrelated to what's pragmatic and down-to-earth. This needs to change in the new year if you hope to move forward. Find a way to put your ephemeral inspiration to work; your success depends on it.

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Lucky Days: 21 - 27 Lucky Numbers: 46 - 53





By Guy Williams

# **Tales of Bingo**

With the novel corona virus continuing to effect Bingo operations across North America at press time, we decided to reach back into the mailbag this month to re-visit some reader stories about our favorite game. If you have an experience of or question about Bingo in the era of the pandemic send it along to: Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon WA 98070.

#### Hi Guy,

File this one under: You never know what you're going to see when you go out for an afternoon of Bingo.

My girlfriend, Tina, and I play Bingo several times a week and we enjoy traveling to different halls at home and in other towns just for the variety. By variety I mean different atmospheres, different food, and most importantly, different people.

Some games we go to are slow, others so quick we can barely keep up. Some are very quiet; others are so noisy we can't believe the players don't mind.

At one of these noisier Bingos we ended up sitting one table away from a young couple who clearly were unhappy with each other.

Between calls they would criticize each other about everything you

could imagine—clothing, friends, manners...it just went on and on.

Finally, the argument got so heated that the young man stood up, banged his hand on the table and said: "I'm sick of this (bleep)! And I'm sick of you! We're done!" The whole section gasped at the realization that we had just witnessed the end of a relationship. It was shocking.

But what was even more surprising was what the man did after this. I assumed he would storm out of the Bingo hall. But instead, he scooped up his Bingo paper, stomped across the room to another table and sat down—to finish the rest of the Bingo session!

Tina and I turned and just stared at each other in amazement. Sure enough, for the next 45 minutes the ex-couple played Bingo right along with the rest of us, then left separately when the games were over.

Even though the hall was quite a distance from home, we went back the next week at the same time to see if the couple showed up. The woman was there—alone. And believe me, plenty of eyes were on her all afternoon, but I don't think anyone had the guts to ask her where the guy was. —GL, via email

#### Hi GL,

That's a heck of a story. I've seen a few arguments at Bingo but can't say that in all my years of play I've ever witnessed a relationship actually come to an end in the middle of a session. Then again, I also can't remember the last time I was in a Bingo hall that was noisy enough that a couple could have a fight during the games and not get in trouble for it. That place must be a zoo!

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# How to **Find an Online Therapist**

#### Dear Savvy Senior,

What is the best way to find online therapy services for my anxiety and depression? I just turned 63 and have become increasingly hopeless since the COVID pandemic hit and cost me my job. I need to get some professional help, but I'm also high risk for illness and very concerned about leaving the house. — **Need Help** 

#### Dear Need.

I'm sorry to hear about your iob loss and the difficulties you're going through right now, but you're not alone. Because of the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic downturn, fear, anxiety and depression is being reported by 45 percent of Americans, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation tracking poll.

To help you through this difficult time there are a variety of therapists, psychologists, and other mental health providers you can turn to. And because of the

pandemic, most of them are now offering counsel to their clients online through teletherapy services. This will allow you to interact virtually with a therapist from the comfort of your home using only a smartphone, tablet or computer.

#### **How to Find a Therapist**

A good first step to locating a therapist is to ask your primary care provider or family and friends for a referral. You can also look on your insurer's website for a list of therapists covered under your plan. But be aware that some insurers have limited, or even no coverage for mental health, and many mental healthcare providers don't participate in insurance plans. (Medicare does cover mental health services.)

Other resources to help you find a good therapist include online finder tools at the American **Psychological Association** (locator.apa.org) and the American Psychiatric Association (finder. psychiatry.org).

If you want some help, there are also online platforms that can help match you with a licensed mental health provider. For example, Talkspace (talkspace. com) and BetterHelp (betterhelp. com), are virtual services you can access through your phone or computer, that contracts with thousands of licensed and credentialed therapists.

The process starts with a few questions to assess your goals, your condition, and your preferences, and then matches

you with some top therapists in vour state.

If you don't have insurance coverage or can't afford therapy, you can call or text 211 (or go to 211.org) anytime for a referral to a provider who offers support at no cost or on a sliding scale, based on your budget.

You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7 and ask for a referral to a local resource or provider or ask to be transferred to their "warm line" for nonemergency calls, where you can talk anonymously to a trained professional at no cost.

Another possible option is Federally Qualified Health Centers, which are community-based health centers, some of which may offer teletherapy services at no-cost. To search for centers in your area visit FindAHealthCenter.hrsa.gov.

There's also this website called Open Path Collective (openpathcollective.org), where therapists offer low-cost online sessions for between \$30 and \$60.

#### **Interview Your Therapist**

Before you start sessions with a therapist, it's important to make sure he or she meets your needs. If you're not comfortable with the person, you're unlikely to benefit from the therapy. So, schedule a call or a video chat to get a feel for each other, and to ask about the therapist's training, years in practice, specialties, therapy techniques and fee.



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#### Dear Ask Annie,

I make hamburgers and steak quite often for my family. Now they want onion rings with their beef. Do you have a recipe for me? I love your column. — Sara Ann from Johnson City, Tenn.

#### Dear Sara Ann,

Here's my famous "French Fried Onion Rings" recipe. I make it earlier in the day, refrigerate it and warm it up when ready to serve. By the way, my children, stepchildren and friends love this recipe! I make them all the time! — Annie

#### FRENCH FRIED ONION RINGS

4 large sweet onions 4 cups flour Canola or vegetable oil

Use an over-sized cast iron (if possible) saucepan. Heat enough oil to fill the pan halfway until it begins to sizzle. (I test it with a few drops of water). Peel and slice the onions as thin as possible. Put half of the flour in a gallon size plastic bag that you can seal closed. Put a portion of the onion slices in the flour and shake. Fry the onions in the pot of oil until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Continue to do this to all of the onion slices, adding more flour as needed. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for about 15 minutes when ready to serve.

#### Dear Neighbor,

The last time we ate at your house, your son made grilled carrots. Can you please give me the recipe! — Your neighbor Fannie B.

#### Dear Neighbor Fannie,

Here's the recipe. Enjoy! -Annie

#### **BRAD'S ORGANIC CARROTS**

2 bunches organic carrots with greens (do not peel) Olive oil Salt and pepper Fresh dill or fresh thyme

Wash the carrots carefully. Leave at least 4-6 inches of the greens on the carrots. Slice the carrots lengthwise. Place on a large baking sheet, sprinkle with olive oil, salt and pepper. Bake for one hour in a preheated 350-degree oven. Season with fresh dill or thyme before serving. Serve hot.



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### **Poker Talk**



# Figure Out Their Range, Then Do Something About It

By Jonathan Little

Most advanced players know how to put opponents on a range of hands, but many of them fail to take advantage of their rangeassessment abilities.

I recently played a hand in a \$3,500 World Poker Tour event where I was fairly certain I knew both of my opponents' ranges. The only problem was that I seemed to be in bad shape.

Blinds were 600-1,200 with a 200 ante, and I had 340,000 in chips. A loose but passive player with 170,000 limped from second position. He was limping with his entire range, both premium and junky hands. He'd occasionally fold his limps to preflop aggression.

Knowing this, when I found As 3c on the button, I raised to 3,500. I expected him to either fold or call preflop and then play straightforwardly postflop. To my surprise, a tight but aggressive player with 150,000 called from the small blind. The initial limper also called.

The flop came Ac Ks 2d. My opponents checked.

At this point, it would seemingly be difficult to get much value from my hand. If I checked behind on the flop and someone bet the turn and the river, I'd be in a tough spot because I'd lose to many better aces. So I bet 6,000, hoping to either pick up the pot or get called by a worse made hand.

If instead I bet 10,000, my opponents would likely only continue when they have me crushed. By betting smaller, I allow my opponents to continue with some worse hands. When you have a weak value hand,

choose bet sizes that allow your opponents to stay in when they are behind.

The small blind raised to 12,000, and the player in second position called. I thought the small blind had a strong hand, probably A-J or better. I wasn't sure if he was raising with A-J to find out where he was in the hand or raising to try to get all the money in. I just knew he had something he thought was strong.

Given what I knew about the player in second position, I thought his range was at best an ace and more likely a hand such as K-Q.

Knowing I was probably crushed by one opponent and in mediocre shape against the other, what was the best course of action?

This may have seemed like an easy fold because I was behind, but I thought it was an excellent spot to reraise. I believed the small blind would view second position's call as strong, although to me, it was clearly weak. I thought the player in second position would fold if I reraised unless he was trapping with a premium hand such as 2-2.

I reraised to 36,000. This bet sizing gave me an excellent price on my bluff while forcing my opponents to risk a significant

amount of chips in order to continue.

The small blind thought for a long time before folding, flashing an ace in the process. The player in second position folded quickly, awarding me a nice pot.

Facing a raise and a call, most players simply throw their A-3 in the muck because they know they're beat. You'll find it difficult to consistently win at poker if you only win the pots that belong to you, especially at the higher levels.

Think about your opponents' ranges, how they view your range and how they'll react if you apply extreme pressure. Unless you're up against a premium hand, extreme aggression will usually win you the pot. However, if your opponents are calling stations, such plays will quickly turn your bankroll into a pile of ash.

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player and coach with more than \$6 million in live tournament earnings. He is also the author of numerous best-selling poker books, including his recent ebook, "The Main Event With Jonathan Little." For more information on Jonathan, check out JonathanLittlePoker. com, and follow him on Twitter: @ JonathanLittle.

# Come Experience the 2021 Spring Fling Bingo Cruise

First Stop: Cozumel, Mexico

The Bingo Bugle's first-ever, fiveday Spring Fling Bingo Cruise sets sail on host ship Carnival Valor on April 19, 2021 from New Orleans and visits the breathtaking Mexican ports of Cozumel and Progreso.

With a Mexican heart and a Caribbean soul, our first stop—Cozumel—is a paradise where tradition, beauty and adventure come together.

Cozumel, the largest island in the Mexican Caribbean, is situated near the eastern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. The island is approximately 30 miles long and 10 miles wide.

Cozumel is rich in history and natural wonders. Popular destinations include the ancient Maya archaeological site on the north side of the island; the sanctuary of the Mayan fertility goddess Ixchel at San Gervasio; and the Museum of the Island of Cozumel, with its colorful displays of underwater reefs and other island treasures. Located on the south side of the island is El Cedral, the oldest Maya structure on Cozumel, built in A.D. 800. Nearby is Punta Sur, a towering lighthouse that offers a 360-degree view of the island.

Cozumel is home to many nature preserves, including Cozumel Reefs National Park, Chankanaab Park and Lagoon, and Punta Sur Ecological Reserve. Another attraction is Dolphin Discovery, which treats visitors to a close-up encounter with playful dolphins.

The only town on the island, San Miguel, is the site of two



popular landmarks: Benito Juarez Park, the main square, and the downtown pier.

The west coast of Cozumel features long stretches of powdery white-sand beaches overlooking calm, clear waters. The shoreline on the east side of the island offers a mix of sandy beaches and rock-strewn shorelines.

Cozumel is known as a premier diving destination. The warm, clear, turquoise waters and abundant coral reefs and sea life attract divers from around the world. Besides diving, Cozumel offers many other activities for marine enthusiasts including snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, windsurfing and parasailing.

Cozumel boasts a one-of-a-kind championship 18-hole, eco-friendly golf course. While driving through the course players can witness animals and plant life native to the area. The island offers other popular recreational

land activities as well, such as horseback riding, tennis, hiking, and ATV and jeep tours.

Cozumel is recognized for its amazing jewelry, including sterling silver, gold, precious and semi-precious stones, and brand-name watches. Village shops and hotel boutiques offer a wide selection of fashions, casual attire, perfumes, Mexican crafts and souvenirs.

Come experience Cozumel for yourself during the brand-new Bingo Bugle Spring Fling Bingo Cruise to Mexico, which features 80-plus games of Bingo in multiple sessions while at sea. In addition to the many cash prizes to be given away, the top winner will be awarded a cabin for two on the World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise sailing next October!

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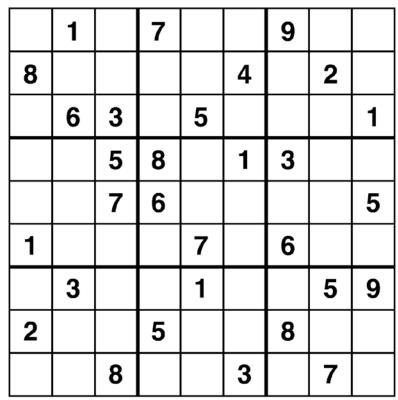
#### **ACROSS**

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- 6 Travelocity recommendations
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- 16 Difficult exam
- 17 Kagan of the Supreme Court
- 18 Fruit grown in bogs
- 20 \*Billy Crystal comedy featuring a cattle drive
- 22 \_\_\_, amas, amat ...
- 23 Gnaw (at)
- 24 Grocery walkway
- 28 Offshore oil drillers 30 \*Exact look-alike
- 34 Stiff-upper-lip type
- 36 Under, in French
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- 42 Musical gift
- 45 Roman robe
- 46 Hustle genre
- 50 \*One in la-la land
- 54 Croat or Serb
- 55 Mexican mister
- 56 Correct
- 58 "\_\_ had it!"
- 59 Somewhat liberal, or where you might find the first words in the answers to starred clues
- 64 Soap opera genre
- 67 1960s jacket style
- 68 Cooking spot
- 69 Large-scale
- 70 Warning signs
- 71 Like fake fruit
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- 1 "My Best Friend's Girl" rock band
- 2 Like poker games for high rollers
- 3 Small takeout order
- 4 Tiger mascot with a red scarf
- 5 Clear data from
- 6 Provoke
- 7 Dealer's foil, briefly
- 8 Southern neighbor of Sask.
- 9 Reasonable
- 10 Enters
- 11 "To say they \_\_ I dare not be so bold": Shakespeare
- 12 North Carolina \_\_ Heels
- 13 Cunning
- 19 Slow-cooked, as short ribs
- 21 Young chap
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- 40 NYC airport near Citi Field
- 41 "\_\_ the season ... "
- 42 Scout leader?
- 43 Monkey relative
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- 47 Move like a mamba
- 48 Carlsbad \_\_\_ National Park
- 49 Do to death
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- 52 Wear away, as a coin surface
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- 66 "Superman" villain Luthor

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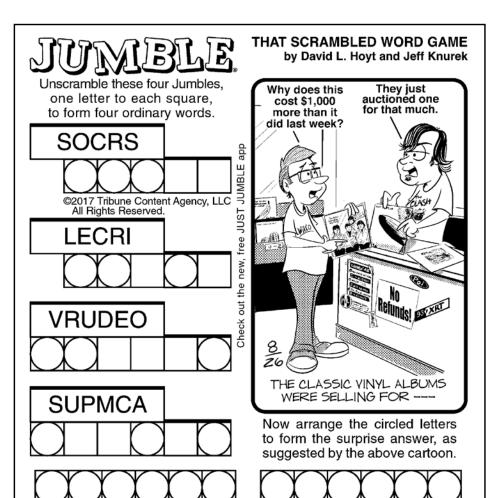
by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

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For puzzle solutions, see page 5.

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