

2023 Rebuy Club Poker Awards



People's Nemesis

In the sleepy town of Fresno, there lived a mysterious character named Guileful Greg. Greg is known far and wide as the "Silent Poker Assassin," and his reputation at the card table is nothing short of legendary. But Greg's poker skills were not derived from years of practice or a natural gift for reading his opponents. No, his secret weapon is something far more unusual - his unparalleled ability to remain patient.

Greg is a master of disguise, blending into the background at any poker game. He would sit at the computer, his face sometimes hidden by a brown paper bag readily at his side. As the cards were dealt, he would simply fold one hand after another, complaining about his terrible cards. However, Guileful Greg is really a coiled snake hidden in the grass, ready to fleece the innocent sheep at his table at any opportune time. Each time a sheep is struck down, the other sheep looked at each other in horror, wondering what happened to this unassuming player who rarely played a hand and now has a pile of chips in front of him.

Rumor had it that Guileful Greg had spent years training with an ancient order of monks, learning the art of patience and honing his skills of observation and misdirection. His patient ways were so effective that even the banter on Discord, the never-ending missed draws and flops, could not rattle him.

His patient prowess earned him a reputation that spread throughout the RebuyClub and beyond. People would flock to the table he is playing at to witness his long-losing strikes and then the strike against the meek and unsuspecting opponent. But Greg never shared his secret of enduring patience, leaving a trail of defeated poker players in his wake. **Guileful Greg** was eight people's nemesis this year.



Streaks – This player had 14 consecutive positive Friday Nights and 18 consecutive positive Tuesday Charity Nights in 2023. Who would complain about that? That's right the Complainer – **Kai!**



Unluckiest Player

For a while, it was a close race between Kai and Jeff for being unluckiest, but one person vaulted into a commanding lead. People who usually show their hole cards have a higher unlucky score. This makes sense; a horrible river card could have burned you, but if you didn't show your cards, well, no one knows. What makes this winner truly unlucky is that this person didn't show his hole cards often. To give you an idea, Kai and Jeff, who were in second and third place, showed their hole cards 44 and 40 percent of the time, respectively. The winner of being unlucky only showed their hole cards 25 percent of the time, yet his unlucky score was an incredible 75 percent higher than the second-place person's. There is unlucky, then there is really being unlucky, and then there is Will. Congratulation, **Will**. May 2024 bring a shred of more luck.



Luckiest Player

You will probably get the luckiest player if you don't show your cards for your wretched hands and coolers and have a penchant for going for that improbable win. This year's winner is **Bjoern**. He won 52 wretched hands and lost 34 of them. His winnings were a leading \$461 profit of wretched hand. For coolers, he won 15 and lost 8 for a profit of \$394.



Most Likely to Rage Quit

Rage quitting is the act of suddenly leaving or exiting a game, competition, or activity out of frustration, anger, or disappointment, often without any warning or explanation. We don't have any hard statistics to back this new award up or a clear-cut winner. Most of us have been there at one point, so let us empathize with this person. The winner of this award had the latest rage quit, well, a half-rage quit this time when he took himself off of

Discord. Yes, it is easy to have him doubt himself, irritate him and have him question the poker gods, keep calling him when he is representing a monster hand, hit the miracle card on the river, force him to fold the winning hand with a big bet, and he will then disappear quicker than a cat at a Taco Bell kitchen.

Congratulations, **Greg**.

P.S. Greg, we are sending you some literature on positive attitude and outcomes.

P.S.S. For anyone who is a table owner and rage quits, the RebuyCub asks that you compose yourself for a couple of seconds and give someone else table ownership.



Most High Hands, Quads or Better

It is not your imagination; whenever you are up against this person, you wonder if they have quads or a straight flush. Yup, it is **Chris Moy** who did this an incredible 28 times. The odds of hitting quads is 4164 to 1. Chris hit quads or a straight flush every 1688 hands. What the F.



Most Likely to Cause a Rage Quit

This award isn't even close; you already have the person in mind as you read this. Yes, how many ways can this player make you rage quit? You are having a pleasant evening playing cards with friends, and boom; suddenly, your chip stack is gone. He just showed you a moronic bluff where you lost a good chunk of your stack. You say to yourself, next time. But next time, he catches a miracle card and takes more of your stack. Ok, this time you have him, you have a great hand, but no, he has even a better hand. Now, the comment in the text box comes 'sick hand' or 'lucky.' All rational thought leaves you, and hence, the rage quit.

Congratulation, **Mike**.



Records

- **Boredom** – We might as well call this the Greg award. He went 96 hands without a win. That is about 1.5 hours. Even with that number, it was not more than the year before. I have faith that Greg will exceed prior year numbers in 2024.
- **Should'a (aka, the Dave)** – We may have to rename this the Kai. Once again, Kai has the record for 35, the most since we have been tracking them. And think how hard this is to do with players not showing.
- **Most won in a hand** – Once again, it is Mike, who won \$626.98. It does not beat his record from last year.
- **Most won in a session (aka, Rev. Charles Southall III Award)** – Mike won \$781.58 in a single session. This obviously does not include his massive win in the Solstice 1-3 game.
- **Crazy betting** – On September 26th, Ian had the highest volatility of anyone all year. Yes, he beat out Mike and Bjoern.
- **Most money on the table** – On February 3rd, must have been a snow day, we had \$3670 on the table.
- **Most # players in a session** – Our maximum number of players in a session has gone up each year. On December 1st we had 27 players!



People's Hero

Who is the most wanted player in the Rebuy Club? And by wanted, we mean wanted, because everyone needs a hero! The People's Hero is **Björn Schimmöller**, who is the hero to six people.



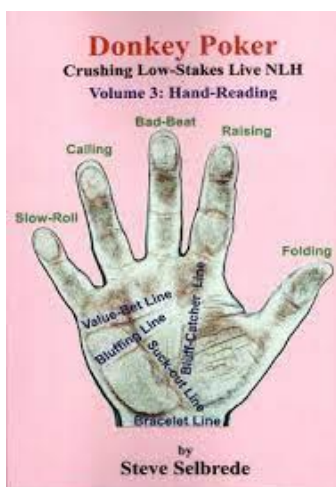
All-In King

This person went all in a record of 206 times. Now, it doesn't mean anything if you don't win. He won 206 of them for \$1232. Congratulations to **Alex**.



Greg's Disease (aka, Going All-In with No Outs or Bad Gut Disease)

This is a new player and one of our most congenial. He may not be familiar with this disease, but He unknowingly went all-in with zero chance of winning 20 times. We need him to make an appointment with Greg as soon as possible. **Dave B**, unfortunately, you have Greg's disease.



Crushing Hands – Depending on your perspective, the following hands may dredge up despair or elation.

- **Lowest Percentage** – Honestly, I didn't think you could have a hand with this low a percentage. On December 26th, Mike had 0.66 percent chance on the flop of winning the hand against Alex. He hit runner, runner for a full-house.
- **Worst Cooler (combination of a big pot and great hand)** – A classic happened on April 28th. The combatants are Bjoern and Greg. Preflop Greg raises to \$2, Bjoern reraises to \$6, Greg reraise to \$14, Bjoern reraises to \$37.50, Greg calls. Flop 9c, 2s, 9h. Bjoern bets \$77, and Greg calls. Turn is a Qd.

Bjoern bets \$94, and Greg calls with his last chips. River is a 10s. The total pot was \$418! Greg had the second best starting hand of Kings and Bjoern had Aces. There might have been a rage quit at the end of that hand, but I don't remember.

- **Most Wretched (combination of a big pot and low percentage of winning)** – The most wretched hand happened on August 25th. The flop is 6c, Jh, 5d. Kai goes all in for a little less than \$100. Dan calls as he hit 2 pair, fives and jacks. The turn is another five, giving Dan a full-house. The river an Ace. Kai has pocket Aces, giving him a higher full-house. Kai had a 2.38 percent chance of winning that hand. Dan, I hope you received an apology in the mail.



Action Movie

You want action? Hire Michael Bay to direct your movie. Or get involved in a hand against one of these whirling dervishes (min. 5,000 hands, heads-up hands excluded):

- Most frequent preflop raises: **Mike Avakian**, 41.4%
- Most hands won postflop by getting the opponent to fold: **Chris Moy**, 37.2%
- Highest aggression factor: the number of aggressive actions (bets and raises) divided by the number of passive actions (checks and calls): **Björn Schimmöller**, 1.23



Pocket Aces Suck

It takes special talent to lose with pocket aces. Special. Talent. So you must understand how special it is for our very own **Ian Herel** to have lost an average of 47 big blinds for each of the eight times he was dealt pocket aces.

In Ian's defense, eight hands is a tiny sample, so if we bump up the minimum number of pocket aces to 100, the player with the worst per-hand performance with pocket aces is **Susie Beyer**. Susie's average win with pocket aces was 10 big blinds per hand (which is in sharp contrast to, say, Aces Master Björn Schimmöller, who won an average of 41 big blinds per pocket aces). For Ian and Susie, pocket aces really do suck!



Heads-Up Master Duelist

Look, there is one player who straight-up destroys everyone else heads up. You know it, we know it, everyone knows it, except for the masochists who keep funneling money to him by playing him heads-up in the world's most obvious money laundering scheme. We didn't have this award before because there wasn't a point; it's the same player every year. It's the same player this year. We might check in three years from now just to see if anyone has dethroned the master, but we're pretty confident in giving the permanent Lifetime Heads-Up Master Duelist award to **Vampire Mike Avakian**.



Octopus (Makeover of the Year)

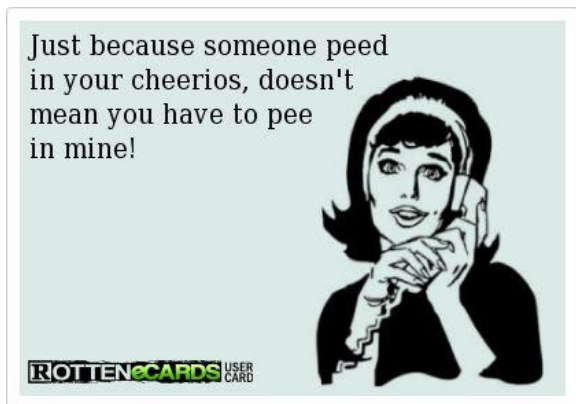
This player loved to play loose and aggressive in the Friday Night 2022 games. (He still loves to). In 2023, **Chris Moy** won the most Friday Night money. Over a \$6,000+ swing from 2022 to 2023!



Rookie of the Year (ROY)

In professional sports, rookies are chumps. They are the ones that are overmatched by better players, get spun in circles, and carry the veterans' jock straps and sports bras. But not in the Rebuy Club. Here, the Rookie of the Year stormed in, punched our faces, held us upside down, and shook out all our money. You would always know when this rookie sat down at a table, because the air temperature would drop twenty degrees and nearby flowers would wilt and die. Even calling this player a rookie is misleading, because legend

has it that this player beat Phil Ivey heads up for Ivey's Lamborghini. I am speaking, of course, of the white walker monarch, **John "Ice" King**.



Un-Player of the Year

Before we get to the Player of the Year, we have one important award to bestow first: that's right, the Un-Player of the Year. The Un-Player of the Year is awarded to the player who did his damndest to actually make the Rebuy Club experience worse for everyone. Rubbing salt in everyone's wounds. Peeing in everyone's Cheerios.

The Un-Player of the Year award for 2023 goes to... **Rob Beyer**! Rob won this award running away for dual offenses. First, after being a Discord regular for years, he abandoned us on Friday nights. We miss you, Rob! The Rebuy Club is worse off without you. Second, however, and far worse, you brought John King into our midst!!! What were you thinking?!? No one brings a ringer like John King into a poker game unless he wants to destroy it. Well, thanks a lot, Rob. We hope the Un-Player of the Year award makes you happy, because clearly you have some unresolved animosity towards the rest of us that you need to work through.



Perfect Attendance Awards

Friday Night Attendance Awards go to **David Anthony** and **Greg Lankenau**. Like their students, these professors believe that perfect attendance leads to success. One quipped "I wouldn't miss it, it's better than sex by myself!". Saturday Night Attendance Award goes to **Alex Weng**. If any meteorological variations occur in this city (or even another country), Alex suggests that we should play poker.



Most likely to turn a poker phrase into a sexual double entendre (aka, Michael Scott Award)

Occasionally, what begins as innocuous banter within the confines of Discord takes an unexpected turn towards the more risqué. In this realm where playful exchanges can take unforeseen directions, the recipient of the following acknowledgment might surprise some, as one would assume the potential contenders for such recognition are numerous; however, the honor is bestowed upon none other than **David Brennan**. His ability to infuse a touch of audacity into the conversational sphere sets him apart, making him the noteworthy recipient of this distinctive award.

Player of the Year

Drumroll, please for the 2023 Player of the Year...

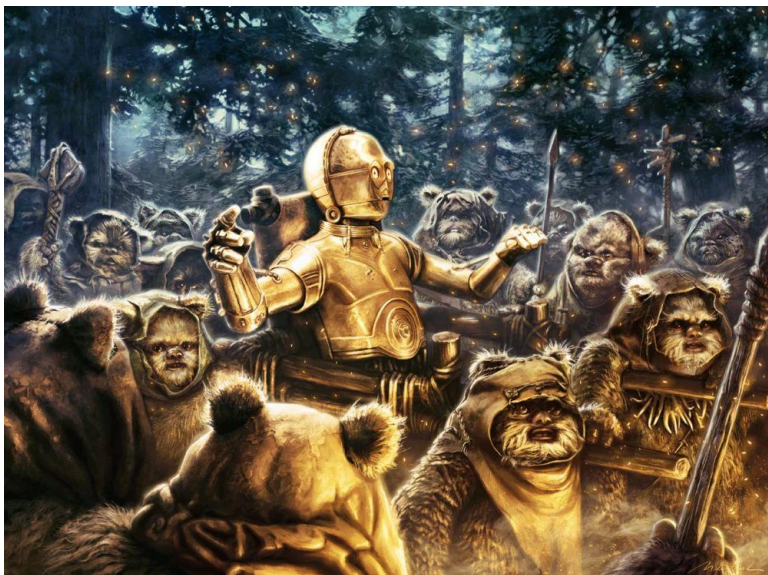
If you're looking for a number to define the best player, look no further than big blinds won per 100 hands (bb/100), which evens out all the different blind levels we play and removes the misleading effects of high volume. Note that the numbers below use a minimum of 5,000 hands and exclude heads-up play.

In terms of bb/100, we have two cyborgs from the future sent back in time to destroy us, and our only solace is that they didn't play the whole year. For that reason, John King (a simmering 28.4 bb/100) and Mike Avakian (a WTF batshit insane 38.1 bb/100) are not eligible to win Player of the Year.

That leaves basically a three-way tie between three great players for Player of the Year. Look how close this is!

Full Name	
Mike Avakian	38.05
John King	28.43
	20.13
	19.88
	18.87

Is the winner Dave Avakian (18.9 bb/100), the Golden Poker God himself, who roared into the lead late in the year? Dave is so good at poker that he can afford to fold the winning hand a hundred times a night (hence why Daves are called Daves) and still emerge as the big winner. Dave built his reputation as the Mike Wrangler, but the truth is that Dave is the Everybody Wrangler. No one had more than a modicum of success against the Golden Poker God this year. The origin of his nickname may be in dispute, but no one can dispute that Dave wins consistently and efficiently. Trying to win money from him is like trying to squeeze juice from a turnip. He is a bank vault. He is the taxman. Dave takes *our* money, not the other way around. It's as if he descended from on high to teach us all how to play poker. In other words, we are Ewoks, and Dave is our golden god.



But, no, Dave Avakian is not the Player of the Year.

Is the winner Kai "The Complainer" Schimmöller (19.9 bb/100), last year's Rookie of the Year? Kai has the distinction of being the *only* player from last year's top three to make the top three again this year (partial-year cyborgs excluded). That's how good he is. He's so good that he can even win with AK! We're lucky to even be allowed to sit at the same poker table as the Kaiser. Getting blasted in a \$300+ pot is just the price of admission to witness his greatness. Much has been said about my (Greg's) cursing Kai with praise, but he cannot be cursed. Kai does not lose; he just sometimes lets people temporarily borrow chips to hold for him. He's just going to continue winning and winning and winning because he's the best goddamn poker player in the universe. Kai is so good at poker that we are all basically children to him. No, not even children. Immaterial. Motes of dust on a rock in a distant corner of outer space. We are nothing compared to Kai. He is the best poker player who ever lived or ever will live.

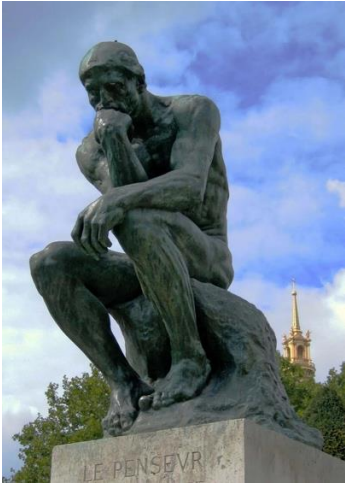


But, no, Kai Schimmöller is not the Player of the Year.

Is the winner John "Deep Thinker" Pautler (20.1 bb/100), who has thought so long and hard about playing poker that he has vibrated out of existence and ascended to a higher plane of poker existence? John has gone from being a good poker player to being a *great* poker player. He always has a better hand than you do. He always wonders why you don't believe him when he bets and you call and inevitably lose. He just wins, baby, with a welcoming smile, a genial demeanor, and terrible, terrible dad jokes. He is truly a winner both at and away from the table. In addition to his poker prowess, John created the trivia game, Win John's Money, which brought us many nights of entertainment. He runs the Friday games, calls us when we're beating ourselves up over bad poker play, hosts international fugitives at his house, and probably flies around the

streets of Concord at night as a masked vigilante (except on Friday nights, because he's too busy taking our money).

John is the most balanced player at the table. He frustrates everyone. Think about this: John's nemesis is Jeff, who has lost \$283, too, and his hero is Dennis, from whom he has won \$285. A two-dollar difference between his hero and nemesis. So, who has won money from? A little bit from everyone except Jeff.



Yea, verily, for his achievements at and away from the poker table, **John Bartholomew Octavius "Deep Thinker" Pautler** is our 2023 Player of the Year!

As we embark upon the journey into the year 2024, it's pertinent to note that all statistical remnants of the past have been systematically expunged. Bid farewell to the unfortunate hands, the fissured aces, and the regrettable plays that transpired in bygone moments. Embrace the unfolding of a fresh chapter; in this realm of possibilities, you stand as neither hero nor nemesis, and luck, whether good or bad, holds no dominion over your path. This marks a new genesis where the slate is wiped clean, offering the prospect of uncharted narratives and untold destinies.



A warm and hearty welcome is extended to our latest additions of dynamic and assertive players who have joined our ranks with zeal and enthusiasm. The formidable lineup includes the talents of **Hope Beckman, David Brennan, Ian Herel, Will Jackson, John King, Jim Marchetti, Robin Seidman, Andrew Thibeau, and Sam Zager**. As we eagerly anticipate the unfolding of the competitive season, we encourage these adept individuals to ardently vie for recognition in the pursuit of prestigious awards that await their prowess and commitment on the playing field. May their indomitable spirits and strategic prowess shape the narrative of our team's success in the upcoming challenges and contribute to the legacy of achievement we aspire to build.

Friday Night Inflation Statistics:



Year	# of Avg Players	Avg Weekly Buy-in	Total Money
2020	13	\$1132	\$40,000
2021	14	\$1444	\$75,000
2022	17	\$2034	\$108,000
2023	21	\$2276	\$119,000

Concluding the poker awards, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated individuals who tirelessly manage the sessions. Appreciation goes to Dave, John, Jeff, Greg, Rob, Corey, David A, and Alex, whose unwavering commitment has ensured a continuous string of games for a full 52 weeks, taking place diligently every Tuesday and Friday, with the occasional addition of Saturdays. Their responsibilities encompass setting up tables, dispatching emails, verifying table configurations, facilitating entry into the game, replenishing chip

stacks, tabulating winnings and losses, and handling the distribution of payments and reminders. A resounding thank you is extended to each one of them for their indispensable contributions.

May the poker gods be kind and giving to all of you in 2024.

Best from the Board of Directors at the Rebuy Club

