

Jon Friedl: Hello. This is Jon Friedl and you're listening to episode two of Professor Slots.

Speaker 2: Jon Friedl from the Professor Slots blog reveals all his slot machine casino gambling strategies, as well as tips and tricks for thriving in the casino environment. Discover how to assess casinos to pick the best near you, choose winning slot machines, and identify your gambling goals: being entertained, earning comps, winning take home cash, or combine them. Jon has won 90 taxable jackpots and a luxury car in nine months of slot playing, and made a profit at slots gambling since 2013.

Jon Friedl: Welcome to episode two of the Professor Slots show, entitled "Start Here, State-by-State, and Alabama." In this episode, I'll first be introducing three topics important to successful slot machine gambling performance, including assessing casinos for success, choosing winning and avoiding non-winning slot machines, identifying your gambling goals. These topics will be introduced in this episode with an explanation as to why they are important, but they will be presented in full detail over the next three show episodes. Following that, I will be introducing a weekly blog series I began four months ago as an online resource for slot enthusiasts at professorslots.com called "Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State." Next and finally, I will end this and every episode with an entry from that series, reviewing the current conditions for slot machine casino gambling in each US state, US territory, and federal district in alphabetical order over the next year. Remember to visit professorslots.com/subscribe. Again, that's professorslots.com/subscribe to get my free report revealing the top seven online resources for improving your gambling performance, including the one I've used as a top tier slot machine casino gambler.

My tagline is "Guiding slot machine casino gambling enthusiasts to success." To achieve this goal, I'll need to start this podcast show with a guide for my listeners to start down a path of achieving an improved slots performance. Your first question might well be, "Can I? Can you?" The answer to both is yes. How can I do this? Well, I've done this by winning 90 taxable jackpots in nine months, taxable jackpots being \$1,200 or more each, and then a car from playing slots at casinos. I also have the ability to teach and train. I've taught over 600 college students and trained over 700 co-workers. Finally, I understand relevant areas of statistics, physics, engineering, and business principles due to my eight college degrees in those areas.

How can you do this? Well, learn what I have to offer. Do your homework. Remember, there's no such thing as a free lunch. I would suggest that you reason your way through it. Use your own experiences to build on what I teach. Different US states, territories, and federal districts will have different rules and different casinos will have different opportunities. So you'll need to fold in your own experiences with what I teach. Finally, you can do this because ... Finally, you can do this if you make your own decisions.

Lesson number one, and I'll repeat this many times I'm sure. Lesson number one: never spend money gambling that you can't afford to lose. So let's get started. How do most people learn to play slots? Usually it's trial and error. It's really quite a waste of money, this learning experience. I remember my first time visiting a casino. Do you remember your first time visiting a casino playing slots? If you do, make a short comment on the

show notes at professorslots.com/e2 for this episode. I'd be interested in hearing what your first gambling experience was like playing slots at a casino.

For mine, I was traveling. I was in upstate Michigan and I stopped in a casino. I was in graduate school, had very little money, and I was on my way home. Long trip and I stayed overnight at this casino in the upper peninsula of Michigan. When I checked in, they gave me some tokens that were good for use at the tribal casino just down the road. You know, here's 20 tokens. I'm like, "Casino? Yeah, I guess. Okay, I'll go down there and get some free money to spend." So I walked in. Lots of smoke, lots of lights, but not well-lit if you know what I mean, and just very loud. I remember spending the tokens fairly fast on slots and then some of my own money. Unfortunately, it was a little bit of my gas money so getting home was a little bit difficult. Just don't eat as much I guess. Save on the budget. I was able to get home just fine. No worries, but that was a fascinating experience and really ticked off my trying to understand what was closer to me and well, years later, here I am.

But again, learning by trial and error, learning to play slots by trial and error can be a waste of money. So I'm here to say there's a better way. There is. Over the next few episodes, I'll walk you through three steps to improve your slot machine gambling performance. These are assessing casinos for success, choosing candidate slot machines and avoiding the worst, and identifying your slot machine gambling goals. Each step will be clear, careful, and easy to understand explanations.

I've designed the first two steps, assessing casinos for success and choosing candidate slot machines while avoiding the worst to readily improve your odds of winning. Frankly, you want to best odds available. I'm gonna use a term from engineering and from statistics here. I'm gonna say this is your baseline. This is the baseline from which you want to start winning, and we'll build more odds of winning into, on top of this baseline.

Step three, identifying your slot machine gambling goals, is meant to help you focus on what slot gambling success means to you, and we'll talk a bit about that here and more in detail in a later episode. So what does slot machine gambling mean to you? What does success mean? I could easily see that entertainment might be your goal, or complimentary gifts might be your goal, or take home cash, or a combination of all these and others. But it's not about these goal types. It's also about the extent of these goals.

For entertainment, do you want to go to the buffet with your evening of slots play, or do you want to go fine dining and have that \$50 steak? Do you want the free three day cruise with your complimentary gifts, or do you really prefer just to take the seven day cruise? Do you want to take home cash, about as much as say you brought in, maybe a bit more? Or are you more like me and enjoy those official paper bands that they wrap around 100 hundred dollar bills? I have a small collection. I'm very proud of them. Don't show anybody except well, the world, through the internet. But that's for me, a joy.

To apply these ideas, some work will be required of you but it is possible. So as we talk about getting started, we need to understand that making choices is a skill. Improving the odds of winning starts with establishing the best possible baseline. We just talked a

bit about that, about choosing the best casino near you and choosing winning slot machines and avoiding the worst. This means each of us needs to first choose the best possible casino and then carefully select candidate slot machines. With this baseline as we call it, we can next add winning strategies to further improve our odds of winning.

Let me explain. It is a commonly held belief that winning at slot machines is entirely random. It isn't, not entirely. Where does this belief come from? I feel that it's due to most people not keeping up with recent advances in casino technologies, or if they do, not understanding the consequences of these changes with regard to available advantage plays. Some experts that I've listened to and talked to about some of the casino technologies, they seem to understand the casino technologies, but they don't seem to understand the application in terms of the player and how they might take advantage of it. So that's part of what we'll be talking about with winning strategies.

Slots players choose their casino out of perhaps several near them, choose a slot machine or two out of thousands at the casino, and then pick a time when to make a bet. This is a relatively narrow ledge for improving odds, but it's quite workable. For instance, when you don't have that ability to choose, then it's really a significantly different situation. Have you ever participated in a casino run slots tournament? In these casino promotions, these slots tournaments, these choices are taken away. The casino, which casino, which machine, and what time are all taken away. There is no skill or choice involved. Making choices is where skill exists for improved slots play. This is entirely where it exists.

Let's say that you've done your upcoming homework from the next two episodes. You've found a nearby casino with the highest overall odds, with features at the casino important to your goals. You've also evaluated their slot machines and selected a short list of candidate machines to play that match your available bank roll size and have a decent pay table goodness ratio. Both of these concepts I'll go into detail in the next couple of episodes, but let's say you've done all that. Let's say you've prepared your baseline. Doing this has significantly improved your odds of winning right off the bat, but what's next?

What's next is improving the odds of winning further by using winning strategies, but something important to remember here is casinos are also attempting to improve their odds of winning. How, you ask? Casinos employ techniques to improve their own odds of winning by providing free drinks. Sometimes you have to pay for the drinks, but they are most certainly conveniently brought to you any time, anywhere. They also never say when you've had enough, even when you clearly have. There's no clocks. All the paths and routes are curved, and the exits are hard to find. Finally, the slot attendants are all carefully trained to give scripted comments. "I'll see you later." "When you win again," is implied. "Better luck next time." "Just keep playing. It's luck, not your choices," is implied.

Make your own decisions. If you're losing money some evening, go home. If it seems like you're losing when playing slots. If winning, follow careful decision making steps which I'll explain to you to determine if your goals are being met. So winning strategies exist. Improving the odds of winning is the key to success. It's never about winning the top

jackpot. Let me say that again. It is never about winning the top jackpot. I'm not saying it's going to be impossible, but that's not the goal. It would be nice if it happened, but no. But I have won large jackpots, never the top jackpot. Well, once 10 years ago on a quarter machine, I did win the \$1,000, 4,000 credit jackpot on a quarter machine. That's once, but in these 90 taxable jackpots that I told you about, about every 30 of those taxable jackpots I've won ... I'll call it exceptional. Certainly nothing close to the top jackpot. So when I look at these numbers, I begin to expect one significant jackpot every 30 starter jackpots.

I like to play high limit slots. Many of the high limit machines that I play have something like \$150,000 top jackpot. Many of the jackpots that I have won have been 1/100 of that, around \$1,500. It's nice to bring in \$500 and leave with \$1,500. This is the sort of success that we're talking about here when you're making money, but there was times when every 30 of these \$1,500 jackpots, and sometimes they're \$2,500 and sometimes they're \$1,200 and \$5,000, that sort of thing. In that range, four digits, occasionally, there's five digits. Every 30 jackpots on average, right around 30 jackpots, I will get a five digit jackpot on this machine that has a top jackpot which is six digits. Does this make sense? 30 \$1,500 or so jackpots and I would win \$27,000 in a single jackpot, but I never won the \$250,000 jackpot on these machines.

So if you look at this on the machine that you play, a penny machine where the top jackpot might be \$500, then you might win a lot of \$5 and you might occasionally win a \$50. That's the sort of odds that we're looking at here. When you only bring in \$20, then this is success. But if you play a quarter machine where you might win up to say \$4,000, then maybe occasionally you would win \$400 and all the time \$40. So I wanted to give you an idea of what success looks like, and trying to get away from this idea that winning the top jackpot is the goal here. It's nice, but it isn't dependable.

For people I've talked to already, people who play slots, they've explained what they do. They've explained their success or lack of it and I've noticed that many of them are winners most days, but not every day. Some days they're losers, and it's really obvious where two days in a row they win and a third day they lose. I'm like, "Hey, I can help you win more but maybe we ought to spend some time focusing on that third day. That third day when you lose, let's stop doing that, or at least reduce it so that you are more of a winner, which you are already doing."

How do you do this? Well, record keeping. I'm going to have an entire episode based entirely around record keeping eventually as I get to it. It's not the first thing to tell you about, but record keeping is very important for a couple of different reasons. We'll have to discuss that, but it's how in part you determine whether or not you're a winner or a loser, or when you are each of those. Yeah, so let's just dump the loser portion and you can easily meet your goals by doing that.

So let's get back to winning strategies. Winning strategies exist beyond setting up the best available good baseline. There are many of these winning strategies and likely some at the casinos that you visit, whether you know it or not. Part of my job will be to explain them so you can look for them, to watch out for them, to employ them at the casinos that you visit. These pattern based winning strategies are in fact put into place

by casinos as their way to improve their own odds of winning. These winning strategies are usually quite different at older style versus newer style casinos.

What do I mean by older style casinos? Older style casinos are casinos that were built prior to or heavily renovated before 2010. These casinos have limited kiosks and automatic services. They are highly employee intensive. Customer service is not supported by software, and most obviously, the slot machine players club interface doesn't have a touch screen. It has one of those older style LED lights, like you might see outside of a bank. Bunch of little red lights spelling out words, and that is one way for you to tell if you are at an older style casino.

But there is a winning strategy at older style casinos that I've seen and made effective use of. These casinos will set up a single slot machine to win. Of course, all slot machines will win occasionally, but this particular slot machine is something that has been set up by the casino to win, and it effectively pays for itself. The reason why it pays for itself is it's located in plain view of where people gather, where people are gathering but not usually gambling, like at say a bar. The slot machine's located at the end of a row, maybe second to the end of a row or kind of oddly placed but viewable from a distance. Again, it has to be near a place where people gather and where they're likely not gambling.

Casinos have a budget to provide deliberate wins on this slot machine, and they do that. Their intent is to encourage everyone watching to get back to gambling themselves. You want to find this particular slot machine at older style casinos. Just watch. Go to the area where people gather. Look around for slot machines that are kind of obviously nearby and there will be people playing it. If you go on a busy night, there will be people playing these machines. Look for the winner. Look for the obvious winner. Now understand that whoever's playing it is more than likely trying to hide the fact that they're winning. There's this sound that you have when you win a jackpot. It's called a roll up. Well you terminate that just by pressing the next button. It'll shut it down. People don't want to be an obvious winner. So watch for that slot machine.

Again, casinos have a budget to provide deliberate wins on this slot machine, so they change the odds so it has a higher odds of winning, but they don't do it all the time. It's well worth checking for however. You might have to wait for an hour, maybe two. Go the casino and that's your job. That's your job is to go to that local area and just look around, and see if you can spot this winning machine on a busy night. That's one way to proceed.

There is another way, which is going to cost you some money, which is to go on a quiet night, at some time when there's not a lot of people at the casino and try those machines, because this is an older style casino and one of the things that exists in older style casino are the slot mechanics. Slot mechanics have to go through and open up each and every slot machine and physically change the odds and until that happens, the odds remain the same in that machine. Now the workforce is fairly large, but there are thousands of slot machines so it looks like the odds are changed physically on those slot machines at older style casinos about once every seven to ten days.

So what you need to do is find that slot machine that has the winning odds and play it 24 hours a day, maybe even in shifts with your spouse or a partner because the odds are not going to change based on what time of day it is. It's only going to change when the casino has it scheduled to be changed by a slot mechanic who's going to come over and physically change the odds. This has been my experience. I won 16 taxable jackpots in six days and not on the seventh. It was very obvious when you were winning.

The reason why you might not want to watch for this winning slot machine but to find it yourself during slow times is because that person who's on that slot machine, who's on that winning slot machine during the busy time, they ain't going home. You're going to have a hard time getting on that machine if they're not going to give it up, but if you find it yourself, then you're that person.

The other thing I wanted to make sure you understand is that when the odds change on that slot machine, maybe you took a break. Maybe you went home to get some sleep, whatever. When it's over, it's over and stop playing. On that seventh day, every day I was coming in for six days. I put \$500 into this one dollar five credit maximum bet machine. Then before the \$500 was gone, I would win \$1,000 and I would just be able to continue for hours and every hour I would win a taxable jackpot, a couple thousand dollars. This went on for six days. So on the seventh day, I came in, didn't have a partner, just by myself.

This was the lessons I learned in my life. I'm trying to share now. Put my \$500 in. Five minutes later, it was gone and I'm like, "What happened? I think I'll go get another \$500." Don't you do that. When it's over, it's over. This is how it works. You can check back in six months, three months, see if it's happening again. You found the slot machine they like to do this to. Now it's just a matter of coming back in another time when they do it again. Like I said, casinos have a budget for this and it's not an endless budget.

Okay, so let's talk about newer style casinos. Newer style casinos are built or heavily renovated since 2010. I don't mean that they put on a fresh coat of paint. I mean they built a building or they moved a building. It has lots of kiosks, lots of automatic services. There's touch screens on the players club interface on slot machines. These are all things you want to look for. This is how you define a newer style casino. With all of the casinos that are coming up and all the demand for nice services, every casino is going to eventually be a newer style of casino. It's only going to be a matter of time, so these are important in that regard for the future.

So in these newer style casinos, what has happened is that the slot machines are connected to a central computer. This allows remote control of the odds of winning on idle slot machines. I say idle because it's not allowed that you change the odds on a machine that's being played. It has to be idle. The numbers I've heard are 15 minutes of it being idle, but I'm trying to dig into this to try and find state regulations that identify all of these things. But the idea here was every casino, every new casino, is getting so many customers. So many people are coming in that the paperwork is getting difficult, so if they can automate some processes, use computers, if they can adjust their odds of winning faster than every seven to ten days as it is with older style casinos. You could do

it faster if you hire more people and have more slot mechanics and have double the number. You could have the time. That's just not working for them.

So there's an option of having central control of the computer, wi-fi, wired, whatever. Casinos were able to reduce their workforce of slot mechanics. This is a major savings. Now they still have slot mechanics because filters need to be changed and paper and cash has to be removed and all the usual services, but adjusting the odds was one thing they were able to reduce and that reduced their workforce. Now software adjusts the winning odds on every machine if it's idle several times a day instead of being manually adjusted by a workforce every seven to ten days each. This has given the casino fine control over their daily financial metrics. Don't mean to sound like a business person. I have an MBA and I'll be using terms occasionally, but they have financial goals just like you have financial goals, or entertainment goals, or comp goals. But they have financial goals and they want to meet them. So now having something better than every seven to ten days adjustment allows them to reach those.

What does this mean? What is the consequences of this? Besides the workforce reduction for the casino, what has happened is this idea that slots are fully random events, that winning on slots is fully random, that's gone. We've lost fully random odds of winning because winning patterns emerge. Some days you're going to want to have one financial metric. Some other days they're going to want to have another number, another target to meet, and that means you can watch for these and there's better times to play and there's worse times to play. All you have to do is figure it out because I have to tell you, casinos can't help but tinker. They're tinkering with the system, trying to refine their financial metrics and this is creating more and more winning patterns. I'll talk about what those are eventually as we work our way through several more episodes.

So what is your next step? This portion of this second episode is about getting started. We haven't started. We're getting started, so what's the next step? The next step on your journey for improving your slots performance is found in the next episodes. In the next episode, episode three, I'll be talking about assessing casinos for success. Episode four, choosing candidate slot machines. Episode five, identifying your gambling goals. I'll do my best to explain how to improve your slots gambling on this journey, but if needed, I am also available in personal coaching sessions. They're relatively inexpensive, 15 minutes long. I don't expect a lot of people to need them because I am trying my best to explain all this both in my website and with podcasting. There are only about a dozen or so openings per week, so it's strictly limited opportunity, but if you feel that you need to talk to me about special problems, something wasn't clear, you can sign up for these personal coaching sessions. They're on my website, professorslots.com.

So we are somewhat in the middle of an episode. Before I start the next section, I wanted to explain a little bit more about my overall goals for this podcast in terms of reaching my audience. I have a website, professorslots.com. I've had it for almost a year and I've been posting blogs there for the last four months. This previous section about getting started, that's there. It's only 1,500 words, which if you were to read it, takes about six minutes. We're well into 20 minutes here, so this episode is actually providing

a lot more information than you would find on the website but the crucial key points are being made there as well.

If you can't wait a week, two weeks, three weeks for the next episode, the one after that, and the one after that. I'm trying to put them out on a weekly basis at this point, getting into a rhythm. Go read the articles. Go to my website, professorslots.com, and it's all right there. But I'll be giving more detailed explanations here in the podcast in the next few episodes with more examples and filling in some areas to help you understand what the approach is here.

Also, detailed show notes for this episode will be available on my website on a show note page for this episode. It will be located at professorslots.com/e2. That's E as in episode, e2. This will include an embedded player with this episode so you can listen to it on my website. It will also include a full transcript for download PDF, a downloadable transcript of every word I'm saying, a downloadable version of the audio file if you care to download it. Also a place to leave comments about the show. I look forward to anything you have to say about tips for improvement, things you'd like to discuss and as I asked, your first casino experience, your first slots casino experience. Also I'll have links to my social media sites for sharing which would be appreciated.

So let's move on to the next segment of this episode. Here I have something called ... It's a weekly blog series which I've been running for about four months now and I want to tell you about this series because I'm trying to put together an online resource for my audience of slot enthusiasts. Some of the questions that I get all relate back to the state, the state in which the person asking me the question lives or gambles. These state related questions that I often get are what are the gaming regulations or laws in my state? Can I buy a slot machine for personal use and if so, are there any legal restrictions? How is my state's government run gaming commission useful to me? Does every state have different gambling laws and if so, how are they different? What's provided by my state's gaming commission that's immediately useful to improving my own gaming experience and or meeting my gambling goals? And the final question I get is I'm planning on an upcoming vacation to another state, perhaps to do a bit of gambling. What do they have to offer?

So I conceived this idea of an online resource because my audience of slots enthusiasts, that's you, is serious about slot machine casino gambling and you have questions. So for my audience, I'm creating this online resource which will cover the current condition of gambling in each US state, territory, and federal district. There will be a strong emphasis on slot machine casino gambling. I'll be talking about the casinos. I'll be talking about gambling, but I will be emphasizing slot machine casino gambling. Legalized gambling is currently in a state of flux in the United States and even the world. This resource is valuable. It's current. By the time I finish all 56 entries, I will start again. Included in this state by state resource is the condition of gambling for specific concerns from within each state.

So this is a weekly blog post. There are 51 US states, four US territories, and one federal district, the District of Columbia. In total, that's 56 blog posts. I am publishing them weekly on my website. I am proceeding alphabetically and I've completed 18 posts. So

this last Thursday, I published slot machine casino gambling in Iowa. In addition to these posts, I will be adding to each podcast episode alphabetically one of these reports on a state, a territory, or a federal district. So one state, territory, or federal district will be covered per podcast episode and I'll be working through them alphabetically.

So what's going to be coming up next will be Alabama slot machine casino gambling. The intent is to update each blog post every 56 weeks. As I go through every US state, US territory and federal district, I will start again from the beginning because gambling in the United States is in flux. A year going by means changes will have happened. I'm already noting in some of the blog posts I've written for state by states that some states have a casino that is supposed to open in less than a year. Well, in a year when I'm updating that post, we will see how that casino's doing.

I'm currently on a schedule to finish the first cycle of 56 posts in late June 2018. I don't know when you're listening to this, but I will have completed this online resource, at least the first cycle through, by June 22, 2018, and then I'll start over and update each one each week.

So this is what I'll call the main article. I wanted to tell you what the point and value of a state by state slot machine casino gambling series would be, but this is also going to be located on my website. You could go there, take a look at that, and it will tell you the basic summary for each state. It'll tell you the schedule, links to each individual article as it comes out. This is the main blog article, and then you have each US state, US territory or federal district blog article which I will cover the following topics. Also I will cover the same exact topics for each of these here in this episode.

So first it will be an introduction to give you an idea of what's going on in that state, territory, or federal district. I'll talk about relevant legal statutes on gambling. This may or may not be more than the legal age for gambling in that state. I'll provide some information on whether or not it's legal and what the conditions might be for slot machine private ownership. I'll talk about the state gaming commission. This is likely to be most useful in that it might provide some statistics on performance of casinos. Whatever the state allows, so let's just get through some states and start seeing what the state gaming commissions have to offer. Often their mission is to help their public, and let's see if they do.

Okay, and then I have a section on gambling establishments. So I'll be providing some information on what cities, what casinos, what size they are, various things for these gambling establishments within a state. Then I'll provide a summary of what we learned. So let's do the first one. Let's do Alabama slot machine casino gambling.

So Alabama does not have traditional slot machines. They do not have traditional slot machine casino gambling, nor do they have table games. What they have are bingo machines. Some bingo machines are allowed in some locations. These are rapid paced machines with whirling reels and chimes and they're not to be confused with actual slot machines. They may look like it but they're not. They're bingo machines. However, the Alabama supreme court ruled twice in 2016, including December as well, that electronic bingo is illegal, which in part reversed a lower court judgment siding with a casino. This

is the portion of the Alabama slot machine casino gambling which is an introduction, and I have to say, there's a conclusion already. Alabama casino gambling is currently in flux. I would be very interested in seeing where they are at in a year.

So relevant legal statutes in Alabama. The minimum gambling age is 21. All casinos are open 24 hours a day. Alabama naturally has gaming regulations or gambling laws if you want to put it that way. These are part of the Alabama commercial law and consumer production code, specifically section 13A-12-20. I'll provide a link to this. I thought it was rather interesting. Some of the subtleties state by state are quite interesting and this one is no different. There is a definition. There is something like a dozen definitions about what is this and what is that in terms of gambling in Alabama, but one of them is number 10: the slot machine. Listen to this.

"A gambling device that as a result of the insertion of a coin or other object operates either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by the player in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject something of value. A device so constructed or readily adaptable or convertible to such is not less a slot machine because it is not in working order or because some mechanical act of manipulation or repair is required to accomplish its adaptation, conversion, or workability, nor is it any less a slot machine because apart from its use or adaptability as such, it may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than chance."

I'm providing the link in my show notes. Again, that's professorslots.com/e2. I'll link in my show notes to this definition so you can take a look at some of the legalese that's being spoken here, but you might begin to get an idea that slot machines in Alabama are not slot machines. They're bingo machines but the way that they define a slot machine is such that these bingo machines could be taken as that legally. Is that confusing? I hope not. This is what's going on in Alabama's in flux gambling environment.

So Alabama slot machine private ownership. This is illegal in Alabama. However, it is legal to privately own a machine that is considered class two gaming. That is to say, a bingo machine. Now there are some legal classifications for gambling that has come out of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 which is a US federal law. Even though this is not Indian gaming, these definitions are used throughout slot machine casino gambling. I will go into more detail later, but I will just say now class one gaming is tribal ceremonies. Class two gaming is bingo and very similar games, and class three is everything else. That's table games. That's slots. That's craps. That's roulette. It's all of that. Everything else besides tribal ceremonies and bingo type games.

So let's talk about the Alabama state gaming commission such as it is. There is an Alabama advisory council on gaming. It was established in October 2016 for the Alabama legislature. Governor Robert Bentley created this new commission to study gambling and make recommendations. However, as of January 2017, the most recent report by the Montgomery advertisement newspaper was that this commission's study was delayed. I've checked and there's no further updates on its status to be found online as of this recording.

Gambling establishments in Alabama. There are three Native American tribal casinos and one racino in Alabama. A racino a term that's sometimes used for a casino that has a race track. Sometimes just a race track, so the question you might ask is what besides racing might a racino have. Sometimes they have slot machines or bingo machines. So in this case, we have three Native American tribal casinos and one racino. These are Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Atmore. There's also another Wind Creek Casino and Hotel Wetumpka, and Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Montgomery. Finally, the racino is Victoryland Greyhound Park in Shorter, Alabama. That's in Macon County.

So in summary, for those of us interested in slot machine gambling, there really isn't any such thing in Alabama. With the Alabama supreme court ruling, mechanical bingo machines violate existing state laws, as you can read from that quotation on what is the definition of a lost machine in Alabama gaming regulations. Even this perhaps worthy substitute is more or less problematic. My research of the state of gambling in Alabama has given me a sense that there's a great debate underway. Will slot machine gambling be legalized? Will bingo machines be forcibly removed by state authorities from where they exist now? Whether slot machine gambling, not to mention table games will fall or rise in the great state of Alabama is at this time in flux. We'll need to check in on Alabama in another year or so to see how they're doing. In the meantime, the debate rages on.

So that's the end of this episode. Next episode, episode three, I'll be going over in detail what I just said I would, assessing casinos for success, your first step. I'll have an introduction. I'll talk about the difference between casinos versus slot parlors versus racinos. I'll talk about finding a slot machine venue near you. I'll talk about state run gaming commissions and also how to assess a casino, parts one through three. Then I'll talk about the next steps, which would be moving on to step two, choosing slot machines and step three, which is identifying your gambling goals. But part two of the next episode will be about the next state alphabetically, and that is Alaska. So I'll have a section at the end of episode three on Alaska slot machine casino gambling, having an introduction, relevant legal statues on gambling, slot machine private ownership, state gaming commissions, gambling establishments, and a summary.

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Show notes for this episode can be found at professorslots.com/e2. That's professorslots.com/e2. I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have amazing content for the show. So if you are someone who wants better success at slot machine casino gambling, please subscribe to the show and if you have a moment, head on over to the iTunes store and leave a rating and review. That would help so much. Until the next episode, have fun, be safe, make good choices. Bye.