

# PS 129: Self-Taught Slots Players Live | Iowa Slots in 2021

## Opening

Hello! Today's episode #129 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses how being self-taught at slot machine is no longer your only option. Plus, in this episode, I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Iowa.

Thank you for joining me for the Professor Slots podcast show. I'm Jon Friedl and this is the podcast about slot machine casino gambling. It is where I provide knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

## On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on my last episode I went over updates on three recent slots-related topics from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Indiana slot machine casino gambling in 2021.

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

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## YouTube Q&A Session from Saturday, February 21, 2021

Here's the audio recording of my latest live stream Q&A session.

### OPENING

Hello, slots enthusiasts! How are you? My name is Jon Friedl. Welcome to Professor Slots, a channel devoted to mastering casino slots so you can win your way to success!

Today we're going to be diving into how being an entirely self-taught slots player has come to an end.

It's great to see you all here again for another Professor Slots podcast episode and live stream. If you're with us live, be sure to say hello, ask your slots-related questions, and

share if you've bought my book. I'll check in with the live chat a little later in the show. Oh, and a special thanks to Paula for again being our moderator. Thanks, Paula!

Thanks also to all the early arrivals, my superfans that showed up before the start of the show, and the friendly discussion we all had in chat. And finally, thanks to the many new slots enthusiasts that are continuing to show up at my weekly live stream and download my podcast episodes. You are very welcome to be here!

BODY

### Improve Your Slots Performance with Expert Advice

I've been helping slots players since 2013. Today I have a growing YouTube Channel, website, podcast, books on Amazon, and more, which means I get to hang out with slots enthusiasts like you, helping you improve your slots gambling performance, reach past those roadblocks, really start experiencing the growth that you want to see from playing slot machines, and reach the goals you have for it.

I really love doing this because I get to invest in relationships with slots enthusiasts, just dive into their approach to slots gambling with them and review it with them, then put an action plan in place for them to really take it to the next level.

In fact, some slots enthusiasts have come to me with never having experienced a hand pay, but now have multiple hand pays while, more importantly, making a tidy profit at playing slots. But whether your goals are purely financial, or you're just really passionate about a certain topic you want to talk about or maybe you want to try making a living at playing slots, I just really like partnering with people like you to make those dreams a reality.

I've helped slots enthusiasts all over the U.S. advance in players club tier levels, keep winning as much as they have while learning to lose less often, stretching their bankroll at a casino for longer-lasting entertainment, and earn a profit from slots if that's their gambling goal. So, your slots play is in very good hands here.

Whether you are a slots enthusiast just getting started, someone who has been playing slots for a while but are struggling to improve, or you're performing well as a professional gambler, but you just want to take it to the next level, I've got all those options here for you. Thank you for the opportunity.

And I've spent the last seven years committed to helping slots enthusiasts like yourself understand and improve their slots gambling performance.

Along the way I've been lucky to help thousands of people. From slots enthusiasts just starting to professional gamblers with a bankroll in the \$1,000s on every casino trip.

And now I want to help you.

Marilyn from Illinois: Hi Jon! I haven't been to an Illinois Casino in years so I can't give any insight about them. For the last couple of months, I have gone to Vegas. I was one of those who said the only kind of luck I have is bad luck! You could not believe my shock when I was in Vegas and won \$1,272 after listening to you. I played the Tarzan slot machine. I was so excited I was screaming like Tarzan! OMG! So fun when you win! After 1 week and paying all my expenses, I came home with \$900! I will be going back again soon! Thank you!

Gina from Staten Island: Hi Jon! I was so happy to hear some of your winning strategies for high limit slots. I have won several hand pays since taking all your advice. The high limit slot machine Sahara Gold has been very good to me and paid me 4 hand pays in less than one hour and a half. Your advice really works for the slot machines. I like playing blackjack but since I have been watching you I play slots too now. Thanks so much Jon and God Bless!

INTERLUDE

Let's check in with the Live Chat to briefly say hello....

That was excellent!

Now let's get back to ....

BODY

The #1 Thing You Need for Massive Improvement when Playing Slots

As you probably know, there's a lot more to success with slot machines than just pressing a button at your local casino.

From my experience, the biggest thing you need is a strategic game plan to find the right casino for you and learn how to the casino is set up so you can win there.

And even after you decide on your favorite casinos, you need to know how to find and when to play candidate slot machines to turn into winning slot machines for you.

That's how you make the most of your casino to optimize your slots performance.

There are four ways I can help you improve your slots gambling performance. First, read, watch, and listen to my free content. Yes, I have a lot of free content available on my website at [ProfessorSlots.com](http://ProfessorSlots.com), on my YouTube Channel at [YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots](https://www.youtube.com/ProfessorSlots), and podcast episodes available wherever you listen to audio.

The thing is, I've been producing free content for a while. That means I've uploaded hundreds of website posts, YouTube videos, and podcast episodes. That's hundreds of hours of content with more free content all the time. My audio book at Audible is over eight hours long.

To help consume all that information, I created a second way to improve your slots gambling performance. Buy my book called Learning to Win. It costs less than \$20 with my content organized from one chapter to the next for your convenience.

You can find the pdf version available on my website, the audio version at Audible, as well as the softcover and e-book versions on Amazon.

The third way I can help you is with paid consultations. Despite all my free content, and the walk-through of most of that content provided by my book, sometimes you have questions. Lots and lots of questions.

If you are here during this live stream, you can ask your questions in the live chat. Or, if you're watching afterward or listening on the podcast, you can email me at [jon@professorslots.com](mailto:jon@professorslots.com) where Jon is spelled J-O-N or leave me a three-minute or less voice mail or text message at 702-90-SLOTS. That's 702-907-5687.

However, the problem with freely asking your questions this way is that I've only set aside a few hours each day to do so. The day will soon arrive when I'll not be able to answer them, especially those questions that need an hour of research.

Even in this live stream, a lot of questions have come in during the last few minutes of the show ... and there simply hasn't been enough time to answer all of them. However, if you want to go to the head of the line so I will mostly likely answer YOUR question, ask it using a Super Chat available by clicking the dollar sign icon at the bottom of the chat window. Keep in mind that the higher the value, the closer you'll get to the front of the line.

After my free content and my book, the third thing I've made available paid consultations. I've developed a 1-on-1 consulting process for building a strategic game plan for you which I present to you in less than an hour, leaving time for adjustments and questions. Lots and lots of questions.

Here's how it works.

First, go to [professorslots.youcanbook.me](https://professorslots.youcanbook.me), and you'll be immediately redirected to fill out a quick survey so I can get to know what your goals are and have you schedule your call.

From there, I'll do a complete 360-degree analysis of your areas of interest. I'll cover everything from choosing slot machines, winning strategies, club cards, and even gaming laws that matter for your area.

Then, when we meet in our Zoom video conference meeting, I'll help you create a cohesive strategy for success and answer any questions you might have.

Brody: I've won 13 taxable jackpots in the last 4 months after listening to your audio book about how to make a profit with slot machine gambling. Thanks, Jon!

Earnest: I've been playing slots for about a year and a half and never had the experience of a hand-pay jackpot. Since I read your book I have won multiple jackpots this month. I thank you for the wealth of information that is helping me increase the odds in my favor to win.

Here's How I've Helped Slots Enthusiasts Just Like You Improve Their Slots Performance Faster

I can help you take your slots performance to the next level. Here's some of the ways I've helped past clients.

- Show you how to tweak your performance to take more profit home.

- Help you build an approach to assessing casinos and slot machines available to you.

- How to stretch and cycle your bankroll to improve your overall slots performance.

- How to re-ignite your passion for playing and winning at slots if you've previously not be accomplishing your goals.

- Winning slots strategies to improve your slot machine casino gambling to improve your financial performance and get you to a higher tier level.

- How to manage your casino trips in exactly the right way that avoids gambling income tax preparation difficulties which can sometimes lead to an audit.

No matter what your performance needs, or the size of your bankroll, I can help you get more entertainment, complimentary gifts, jackpots, and achieve your ultimate slots goals.

Starting to Play Slots?

Instead of wasting precious time and money on slot machines that won't give you a win, I can help you create a game plan that leads to a fast improvement rate and gambling success.

Already Winning Lots at Slots but Still Wanting More?

I also regularly work with reasonably successful slots players and have a proven track record for helping clients with high player's club tier status to take their slots play to the next level.

Here are a few examples:

Thad from Connecticut: In all my years, I never hit a jackpot of any size. I was in Kansas last week. I hit the casino after being immersed in Professor Slots!! I sat at a slot machine by chance but realized it was a high odds small jackpot penny machine like you've described. In some way, it encouraged me to play it longer instead of another machine. I won a \$1,258 hand pay.

TTWU from YouTube: Jon knows his stuff. In fact, he knows more than all the other "slot experts" on YT combined. Do yourself a favor and set aside a couple hours each week to watch and listen to his videos. Take notes. I promise you, by applying his simple strategies you'll notice a marked improvement and results in your play, almost immediately.

Joe from Arizona: I have used Jon's strategy's at Wynn Las Vegas and tribal casinos in CA when I lived there and also in CT when visiting family in NY. I did the 5-pull method on high limit slot machines. IT WORKS! You must be disciplined though, and the time and days are very important. PS: If you're reading this Jon thanks for all you do.

Improve Your Slots with Jon Friedl – Professor Slots

\$24700 session

WHO: Designed for slots enthusiasts who are ready to take their playing seriously.

SIZE: For slot machine casino gamblers with any size bankroll, small or large.

WHAT: Review your slots play with a strategist who understands successful slots gambling inside and out.

RESULT: Form a plan to get more entertainment, profit, tier growth, and start the process of making money on slots.

SESSION: A 1-hour private discussion with slots strategist Jon Friedl, Ph.D. aka Professor Slots.

Juan D.: Absolutely right on the holiday and weekend info. Although the practice varies casino to casino, I have found some in Vegas where you could almost not lose on Thurs. On Fri. the reverse was true. Play the table games on the weekends or holidays - the odds stay the same. It's amazing how many self-appointed "experts" online still claim that the odds on slots are almost never changed because they have to change out a

physical chip and be monitored by a gaming regulator, so usually don't bother. It's truly 1990 info presented in 2020 as current, or they are simply industry skills hoping to reassure the losers that all is above board.

Kenny from West Virginia: I listened to all your podcast and YouTube videos and a member on several Facebook groups of yours. I recently stayed at Mountaineer Casino in West Virginia this past weekend. I tried your advice about playing early in the morning. Since we stayed at the casino, this was very easy to do. It worked great both mornings. First morning I went down at 4am with \$50 and turned it into \$620 on low limit slots, maybe 4 or 5 machines, and cashed out with \$500. The next morning, I went down at 5am with \$240 and by 6am was at \$1,700. I have you to thank for it!! So, thank you, Jon!!

Ray from Ohio: Another informative session!! I have utilized several of your ideas and have two hand pays within 2 months. I use my own practices and utilized quite a bit of yours and I will say my payback has increased by a significant amount. Thank you and keep it going. The Saturday YouTube sessions are value added for me as well!!!

Greg from Ohio: Jon, as I go through each of your podcasts, it's like sitting down with a cup of coffee listening to a good friend. Your instructional sessions have enlightened me in so many areas and even foster a continuance of that wonderful urge to play the slots that we all love so much. Passing on your knowledge is greatly appreciated.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Do you offer slots gaming services?

No, I don't. We focus on creating a strategy that, once implemented, will help your slots performance grow, get more comps, more wins, and improve your results. My focus is to link arms with you and show you how to spend your time on those tactics so you get the results you want.

What's your refund and cancellation policy?

Rescheduling: When you schedule your appointment, you'll receive a confirmation email that contains the details of your session. Inside that confirmation email, there's a link to where you can reschedule your session at any time up to 24 hours before your scheduled session time. After that, your session is locked in and cannot be changed nor refunded.

Refunds: We will issue a full refund up to 24 hours before your session. There are no refunds after the service was rendered. Cancellations can be made by sending an email to [support@professorslots.com](mailto:support@professorslots.com) (mailto:support@professorslots.com).

Late Shows: If you're late to your meeting, I will wait for 15 minutes after the start of your scheduled meeting for you to arrive. After that, I am free to leave the meeting. There are no refunds for arriving late nor will I be able to extend your meeting longer than scheduled due to other meetings that may be scheduled after yours.

I need advice, but I can't afford the consulting fee. What other options are there?

I have written a 230+ page book as a guide that will walk you through everything you need to do to improve your slots performance. Many slots enthusiasts find it beneficial to read though this resource on their own and then schedule a consultation when they finish it. I will evaluate your understanding as well as help you customize the principles specifically to your needs and goals.

The resource is Learning to Win: How to Make a Profit at Slot Machine Gambling available on my website as a 232-page pdf (<https://professorslots.com/learning-to-win/>) and on Amazon as an e-book, softcover, and audio book (<https://www.amazon.com/Learning-Win-Profit-Machine-Gambling/dp/1948753006/>).

If a private, one-on-one consultation is outside your budget, then that's the next best resource I recommend. It's helped both new slots enthusiasts as well as professional gamblers improve their slots performance significantly.

I want to play slots, but online. Can you help?

Unfortunately, no. Online slots for real money gambling is currently illegal in many U.S. states, including my state of residence. Further, many of the standard casino business practices resulting in winning slots advantages found at brick-and-mortar casinos are unused by online slots sites.

Upcoming services

So, besides my free stuff, my book Learning to Win, and my paid consultations to develop a strategic game plan based on your specific interests, I also want to let you know a fourth way to help which is under development. No, unfortunately, it's not a smart phone App to use while playing slots. Sorry, but such gambling devices aren't legal in most states.

What I have under development is an online course for improving your slots gambling performance. My 30 Days to Win at Casino Slots (provisional title!) price point will be somewhere between the cost of my book and the cost of a paid consultation.

How this course will work is it'll have a lesson for each of 30 days. A single lesson won't take long, perhaps only 10 minutes, although some later lessons will require a trip to a casino ... or two.

You won't have to take this online course in 30 days, though. You'll be able to complete it in a day, perhaps two days, by working through all the lessons at once.

For now, I wanted to let you know I'm excited about soon being able to offer this, my first slots course. However, launching an online course is very important to its success.

Last year, some of you agreed to be beta testers for this first online course. In return, you agreed to provide feedback for improvements to the course as well as testimonials. I still plan to reach out to those beta testers to give them free access to the course as my thanks for helping me develop it.

But I've decided to make this initial launch available to everyone for a much-reduced cost. Once the course is ready for this soft opening, I'll make the announcement here on one of my Saturday live streams as well as blasting it all over social media.

However, this will be a soft opening. Meaning, I'll be closing the course to new sign-ups shortly afterward, probably at midnight on the next Friday, so call it about 6 days later.

Over the next do days, I expect to get feedback and, hopefully, testimonials from those students that signed up before the deadline. I'll use that feedback to improve the permanent full-price course as quickly as possible and also share the testimonials with future students.

So, that's the plan. Three current ways to help you (far too much free content, Learning to Win pdf, audio, softcover and e-book, and paid 1-on-1 consultations) and a fourth way with my 30 Days to Better Slots online course.

What comes after that? Well, several things. I'm planning a second online course for those that took my 30 Days course, where there will be lessons but we'll be meeting weekly online for 6 weeks in small groups of perhaps 20 slots enthusiasts going over advanced slots topics. And, after that, a white glove treatment where I work with you individually over several months.

CLOSING

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what questions they might have....

Thanks for a great show. If you're watch this video later, you'll see a playlist/video I've created on ....

If you're listening on the podcast, stick around as we'll be moving into the next segments of the show! And, as always, have fun, be safe, and make good choices!

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## Introduction

This is the next segment of the show on slot machine casino gambling. Here, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up next is Iowa slot machine casino gambling in 2021. Here goes!

Iowa slot machine casino gambling consists of nineteen commercial casinos and four American Indian tribal casinos.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Iowa

The minimum legal gambling age in Iowa does not depend upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 21
- Lottery: 21
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 21

Since 1972, Iowa is at the forefront of the gambling industry with regards to legalized gambling after Nevada and New Jersey. Iowa was the first state to legalize riverboat casinos and allow both slot machines and table games at pari-mutuel racetrack facilities. By doing so, they created the first “racinos”.

In 2017, the IRGC requested gaming market analysis studies from two independent contracting companies to provide comprehensive Iowa gaming market studies including Marquette Advisors and WhiteSand Gaming.

The negotiated and approved tribal-state gaming compacts for Iowa's three federally recognized tribes is available using the search tool at Indian Gaming Compacts within the Indian Affairs Division of the U.S. Department of Interior.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in Iowa

Next up is a usually short statement about slot machine private ownership, which I have included in case you live in this U.S. state and are considering owning a slot machine. Here it is:

In Iowa, it is legal to own a slot machine privately if it is 25 years of age or older.

## Gaming Control Board in Iowa

The Iowa legislature created the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) with the passing of the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Act of May 1983.

The IRGC administers this Act and the Exclusive Boat Gambling Act of 1989, which legalized riverboat casinos.

## Casinos in Iowa

In this section, I'll discuss Iowa gambling establishments.

Iowa has nineteen commercial casinos and three American Indian tribal casinos. The largest casino in Iowa is Prairie Meadows with 2,000 gaming machines. The second-largest casino is Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs with 1,700 gaming machines.

## Non-Tribal Casinos in Iowa

There are nineteen commercial casinos in Iowa. As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list, along with a casino map, are on my webpage for this state at [professorslots.com/IA](http://professorslots.com/IA).

## American Indian Casinos in Iowa

The three tribal casinos in Iowa are:

1. Blackbird Bend Casino
2. Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel
3. WinnaVegas Casino Resort

## Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying Iowa slot machine casino gambling, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state. Bordering Iowa is:

- North: Minnesota
- East: Wisconsin and Illinois
- South: Missouri
- West: Nebraska and South Dakota

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit ProfessorSlots.com followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Minnesota slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/MN.

## Our Iowa Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Iowa? If so, join our Iowa slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBIA](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBIA). All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this private Facebook Group freely.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Iowa. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBIA](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBIA). Join us!

## Payout Returns in Iowa

Iowa's state tribal compacts with its three tribes with casinos have minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits of 80% and 99% of the amount wagered. However, Iowa's tribal casinos do not offer return statistics.

Iowa's commercial casinos do not have theoretical payout limits. However, the IRGC makes return statistics available, an average for the last three months, at Casino Payback Percentages.

For the last three months ending January 2021, the highest return went to Prairie Meadows at 91.7%. The lowest return went to Lakeside at 89.3%.

Furthermore, under Gaming Revenue Reports, the IRGC shares casino hold percent in line item "Slot Revenue Percentage" which, when subtracted from 100%, equals the more commonly understood player win percent.

The January 2021 monthly player win% for Iowa's commercial casinos are posted on my website article for this state at [professorslots.com/IA](https://www.professorslots.com/IA) along with links on where to find the latest return statistics on the state gaming commission website.

These Gaming Revenue Reports also provides return statistics by slot machine denomination each month for each commercial casino which I'll report on at another time.

## Summary of Iowa Slots in 2021

In summary, Iowa slot machine casino gambling consists of 23 casinos including four tribal casinos.

## Annual Progress in Iowa Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In the last year, Ameristar Casino Hotel Council Bluffs with 1,588 machines dropped to third largest casino in Iowa, supplanted by Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs with its 1,700 slot machines.

Furthermore, these casinos underwent new management as indicated by name changes to the casino property:

- Casino Queen Marquette became Draft Kings at Casino Queen.
- Isle of Capri Casino Waterloo became Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo.

The Cobblestone Hotel at the Wild Rose Casino & Resort sustained significant damage during a recent storm and remains closed indefinitely.

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## On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast will include a live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Remember, my weekly Q&A session on YouTube is on Saturdays from Noon until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Bring whatever slots questions you have, and I'll do my best to answer them.

An easy-to-remember link to my YouTube channel is [YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots](https://YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots). Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long live Q&A session.

Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is another brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. state of Kansas.

## Closing (closing music)

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening!

Show notes for this episode are on my website at <https://professorslots.com/episode129>.

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye!