

## PS 146: Washington and Course Upgrades Live | North Carolina Slots in 2021

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #146 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses a strategy for the unique slot machines found in the state of Washington as well as new features and more to my upgraded online course. That's right, this one episode has the audio from my last two live streams! I hope you'll find this show convenience for any traveling you need to do for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. Plus, in this episode, I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of North Carolina.

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 how your slots journey is an adventure in learning from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed New York slot machine casino gambling in 2021.

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

### Call to Action (add sound effect afterward)

Remember to sign up at <https://Courses.ProfessorSlots.com> to register for my online course for slots enthusiasts, *30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win*, including how to leave a casino with your winnings.

### YouTube Q&A Session from August 21, 2021

Here's the audio recording of my live stream Q&A session on a Washington state slots strategy for their unique slot machines.

Yes, Washington slots based on virtual scratch lottery tickets are certainly unique. Do I have any tips? Sort of. Like any other state, look to the gaming regs for any advantages that can be uncovered. Washington has a few interesting things going on which can lead to advantages. But please refine the following advantages with your own review of the gaming regs - you may be able to learn match sizes and more.

The pre-made virtual scratch tickets come in small batches where the theoretical payout return is not applied per batch. Rather, it seems to be applied over several batches. Batch size and how many batches is unknown, but the first seems to be relatively small and the second relatively large. This means one batch can be filled with losing “tickets” and another batch with winning “tickets”. This is wonderful!

Batches are applied to a “small” group of nearby machines at a Washington casino. Basically, sit down at a slot machine with no one else nearby and “play” through a batch. If you are losing, move to another area. You’re looking for a “winning batch”. Once you find it, play the full batch. Or rather, keep playing until you’re given a “losing” batch then move to yet another area.

One difficult aspect of this strategy is to find an area of the casino that is empty. Another is showing up once you’ve found a winning batch. Note that YOU could be the one showing up. And you can get through a “winning” batch quickly before anyone shows up if you have a partner.

## YouTube Q&A Session from August 28, 2021

Here’s the audio recording of my latest live stream Q&A session on Professor Slots upgrades to my updated online course.

### OPENING

Welcome to my home! On midnight Sunday last weekend, I successfully updated my online course *30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win*. Since so many of you have purchased this course already and, of course, have lifetime access to all future updates, I thought it appropriate to go over what’s new and improved about the course.

It’s been a long year with offering an online course, where in the first few months of 2021 I went through the decision-making process to make an online course for slots enthusiasts, next planning out its content, then pre-launching the course in April to learn if enough slots players were interested in purchasing it, actually launching the beta version of the course on May 7th, creating a more complete, non-beta version course over the last few months, and finally launching the upgraded course at midnight on Sunday last weekend.

Whew! That was a busy eight months! So let’s talk about what you’ll get with this updated version of the course. While there is surprisingly few changes to the content itself, there are many improvements you should know about. Let’s go over them today.

But first, we have a few donations already...!

### BODY

As just mentioned, the content hasn't changed. Yes, everything has been updated including all lesson videos as well as relatively small updates to the tasks and resources. And thank you so much to the beta testers of the initial course version! I was collecting your comments for improvements all the way up to midnight last Sunday.

This course updated doesn't include all your suggestions because they were still coming in until last weekend, but I've included a few changes from suggestions made a few months ago. First, this update now has closed captions for those with hearing loss. That feature takes some time to create, since I do them by hand to be 100% accurate rather than paying an artificial intelligence to make them 90% accurate. Because of the time it takes, a few lessons don't yet have them but I'm completing closed captions for those lessons without them at about one or two a day. All videos will have closed captions in about a week or so.

Also, truck drivers and others who travel for a living requested downloadable audio files to put on their phone and listen to while they drive. So, yes, every video lesson now has those available. These audio files have been saved as typical podcast mp3 files and, just to make sure their sound is of good quality, I processed their sound levels to be podcast quality. Enjoy!

Otherwise, I felt that the beta version of the course had too many live streams resources. As you are aware, uh-um, I ramble on a bit in my live streams. That's deliberate because these live streams are meant to build community with my established audience. Live streams aren't designed for newcomers looking for information videos, also known as discoverable content.

While these live streams serve a specific purpose, I realized when creating the beta course that I didn't have enough short videos on certain topics but did have that content in live streams. So, I extensively used live streams in the video resources of many lessons. Most of those resources are gone now in the updated course because they are no longer needed. Instead, I now succinctly present that content in each lesson video. Without having to listen to those hour-long live streams, you can now take the course in hours and hours less time.

For the current participants in the course, there is one unforeseen consequence for updating the course. Unfortunately, where you left off in your studies has been lost within the course. You accept my apologies for this occurrence. Hopefully you know exactly where you left off and which lessons had already been done. Again, I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

But there is one video lesson which has gained a whole lot more content. If you are a course participant, make sure you watch the additional content added to the last video in the **Introduction** section: *Work Thru this Course with Me*.

Here, let me play that lesson's video for you now.

So, just to be clear, I've added this free month of access to my new paid community for purchasers of my online course. If you haven't purchased my course, you can't get in. One month of free access is a perk I've added to this course primarily to help through the course so you don't have to go through it alone.

As you're going through this *30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win* process as a participant, I'd highly recommend that you dive into that growth network, and start engaging, and getting that accountability. Meet other people for collaboration, meet other people who are near you, there's feature in there for that, so you can network with people who are in your geographical location, and everything. I hope you take me up on this, and I'm not just trying to make a sale here, I am telling you the truth.

#### INTERLUDE

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

That was excellent!

Now let's get back to the upgrades I have made and are making to my Professor Slots content.

#### ADVERTISEMENT #1 (start of show)

Thanks to those of you already signed up to my *30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win* online course. Last weekend's upgrade has made the course much better as it now takes far less time to go through the course material but also now has wonderful features like closed captions and downloadable audio files for those who travel a lot and would like to learn while driving without building up a big internet usage bill. Just download all the audio files when you have WIFI access and listen to them later as you drive.

Along with the course you'll get lifetime access to every future version at no additional cost plus a few other valuable bonuses. See [courses.professorslots.com](https://courses.professorslots.com) for the link to sign up my *30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win* course at <https://courses.professorslots.com/courses/30-days/>. You'll also find the link in the description of this video and podcast episode.

#### BODY

Before I tell you about other upgrades coming to Professor Slots now that much of my time is no longer being sunk into launching an online course, and there's a bunch of them coming, let me go over in more detail my new community, *Slots Enthusiasts Growth Network*, again an opportunity for participants in my *30 Days* online course who get 1-month of free access while working through that course.

Within the Slots Enthusiasts Growth Network, I've already begun setting up regular meetings such as Q&A sessions, webinars, and social hours. So far, topics of discussion

include any questions you might have from the course topics, casino trip reports, and analytics. Since this community was only launched a few days ago, I'm still adding more topics, regular meetings, have hardly begun adding exclusive training content.

Another reason I've created this community was due to the concerns of some audience members regarding my state-by-state Facebook Groups. So many of you have expressed your concerns about ever joining Facebook. This new community isn't on Facebook.

Speaking of Facebook, if you care to, you can join any of my 57 (yes, you heard that correctly: 57) state-by-state Slots Enthusiasts private Facebook groups by visiting [ProfessorSlots.com/FB](https://ProfessorSlots.com/FB). There you'll find links to each state as well as my nationwide or global Facebook group, *Professor Slots Enthusiasts*.

Oh, and my Professor Slots Enthusiasts private Facebook continues to grow. It did indeed cross 10,000 members last weekend, as I said it would in last weekend's live stream, which is up from 1,304 members at the beginning of June. So far in August its gained over 5,000 members. Which I last check an hour ago, it had reached 11,500 members.

Since June, it's been growing at a daily rate between 2% and 3%. Right now, that's between 230 and 345 members each day. Here's some graphs projecting these unbelievable growth rates.

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- Internet connection upgrade
- TikTok
- YouTube shorts#
- Back on a regular schedule for live streams
- Lots of attention to Slots Enthusiasts Growth Network

## 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!

I realize you only heard the music from Isaac's training video on TikTok, so I've added a link to it within the App on which you're listening to this episode. It's also on the episode show notes on my webpage at [ProfessorSlots.com/episode146](https://ProfessorSlots.com/episode146). On with the rest of the show!

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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 North Carolina slot machine casino gambling in 2021. Here goes!

North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of three tribal casinos. Two are in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western tip of the state and a new tribal casino about 35 miles west of Charlotte.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in North Carolina

The minimum legal gambling age in North Carolina depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: Not available

Video poker machines were once widespread in the state, but 2000's state regulations limited video poker machines to three per site and banned the installation of new video gaming machines.

In 2007, after nearly a half dozen attempts, the state legislature fully banned commercially owned video poker machines and video gaming machines.

North Carolina has a single federally recognized American Indian tribe, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The tribe has built two casinos on its Qualla Boundary lands located in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The type of casino action found at these Indian casinos includes "skill or dexterity" based video slot machines. These tribal casinos offer a variety of table games.

Although owned by the tribe, operation of both casinos is by Harrah's which, itself, is a brand for Caesars Entertainment. The tribe owns and operates a high-stakes bingo hall.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in North Carolina

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:

It is legal to own a slot machine privately in the state of North Carolina if it is 25 years old or older.

## Gaming Control Board in North Carolina

Because North Carolina has no commercial casinos or other types of commercial gaming, the state does not have a gaming commission or control board.

## Casinos in North Carolina

In this section, I'll discuss North Carolina gambling establishments.

There are three American Indian tribal casinos in North Carolina. Two casinos are in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western part of the state while a newly opened tribal casino is 35 miles west of Charlotte.

On July 1, 2021, the Catawba Indian Nation opened a preliminary, temporary modular facility with perhaps 500 slot machines and limited guest services. The tribe is expected to begin construction of the first phase of the full casino and resort by the end of 2021.

The largest casino in North Carolina is Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. The second largest is Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel.

## Non-Tribal Casinos in North Carolina

There are no commercial casinos in North Carolina.

## American Indian Casinos in North Carolina

The three tribal casinos in North Carolina are:

1. Catawba Two Kings Casino in Kings Mountain found 35 miles west of Charlotte.
2. Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Whittier found 50 miles west of Asheville.

3. Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy found 109 miles southwest of Asheville.

There is a complete list, along with a casino map, on my webpage for this state at [professorslots.com/NC](http://professorslots.com/NC).

## Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Virginia
- East: The Atlantic Ocean
- South: Georgia and South Carolina
- West: Tennessee

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit [ProfessorSlots.com](http://ProfessorSlots.com) followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Virginia slots article is available at [ProfessorSlots.com/VA](http://ProfessorSlots.com/VA).

## Our North Carolina Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in North Carolina? If so, join our North Carolina slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBNC](http://professorslots.com/FBNC). 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 North Carolina. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBNC](http://professorslots.com/FBNC). Join us!

## Payout Returns in North Carolina

The theoretical minimum and maximum payouts set by the tribal-state gaming compact is 83% and 98%. The tribal casinos in North Carolina are not required to provide publicly available return statistics.

## Summary of North Carolina Slots in 2021

In summary, North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of three tribal casinos. Two casinos are in the western tip of the state and owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians but operated by Caesars Entertainment. A third tribal casino has opened just west of Charlotte and is owned and operated by the Catawba tribe.

## Annual Progress in North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In the last year, North Carolina has gained a third tribal casino, Catawba Two Kings Casino in the town of Kings Mountain.

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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://www.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 North Dakota.

### 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/episode146>.

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!