



2010 World Series of Poker Presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky
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Official Report
Event #24
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,000
Number of Entries: 3,289
Total Net Prize Pool: \$2,960,100
Number of Places Paid: 342
First Place Prize: \$503,389
June 12-15, 2010

TOURNAMENT HEADLINES

Jeff Tebben Wins First WSOP Gold Bracelet

Missouri Man Collects \$503,389 in Prize Money

Amateur Player Inspired by Grant Hinkle's 2008 Victory, Wins Own Gold Bracelet in 2010

Another Big Weekend at the WSOP – Event #24 Draws 3,289 Players

Nearing Mid-Way Point -- WSOP Attendance Up 15 Percent Over Last Year!

OVERVIEW

[Jeff Tebben](#) was the winner of the \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em championship at the 2010 World Series of Poker. This marked Tebben's first career WSOP gold bracelet victory. His triumph was inspired by close friend [Grant Hinkle](#), who won a victory at the 2008 WSOP. Hinkle, who plays in Tebben's home poker game in suburban Kansas City, encouraged his friend to come to Las Vegas and enter a few events at this year's series. The venture paid off handsomely, to the tune of \$503,389 for first place.

Tebben is a 39-year-old married father of two children. He sells medical supplies in and around the Kansas City area. Prior to this tournament, Tebben had a single cash, at a WSOP Circuit, which paid \$882 at Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Iowa).

THE CHAMPION – JEFF TEBBEN

The \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em champion (Event #24) is Jeff Tebben from Oak Grove, MO, which is in the Kansas City area.

Tebben is pronounced "TEH-BIN."

Tebben is 39-years-old. He was born in Kirksville, MO.

Tebben is married to wife Christine, and has two children, named Ty and Max.

Tebben is a graduate of the University of Missouri. He also received a Masters degree.

Tebben works in medical sales.

Tebben plays in a home poker game in the Kansas City area. One of the regulars in the game is Grant Hinkle, who won a gold bracelet at the 2008 WSOP (\$1,500 No-Limit Hold'em). Following his victory at this year's WSOP, Tebben joked that he now plays in the only weekly game in the country with two WSOP winners.

Tebben said he was inspired to come to this year's WSOP following Hinkle's victory in 2008. That win was shown on ESPN. Hinkle won a whopping \$831,462.

This was the third WSOP event Tebben entered. He entered two events last year but did not cash. "The third time was a charm," Tebben said after his victory.

Prior to this win, Tebben had just one prior cash in a WSOP-related tournament. That came at last year's WSOP Circuit event held at Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Iowa). He collected \$882 for finishing 13th in a \$340 buy-in tournament.

This was Tebben's first WSOP gold bracelet victory. First place paid \$503,389.

According to official records, Tebben now has one win, one final table appearance, and one in-the-money finish at the WSOP. His career WSOP earnings now total \$503,389.

WINNER QUOTES

On what winning his first WSOP gold bracelet means: "This is just surreal. It's really a dream come true. I can't believe it."

On playing in the same home poker game with another gold bracelet winner, Grant Hinkle: "I have a home game in Kansas City. Grant has been playing in there for a while. It's the sickest thing ever that I've been able to accomplish the same thing he did. It's just incredible having two people from the same home game to win here."

On a potential rivalry between himself and Hinkle for bragging rights: "There is no rivalry whatsoever. It's just a thrill. We are very proud of each other."

On Hinkle's victory being a source of inspiration: "Without a doubt, I was inspired by what happened. We talked and I came and played two events last year. Then, I played another one this year. The third time was a charm."

On what he plans to do after winning half-a-million dollars: "Well, every step up, I was thinking about that. I've been pretty good with money over the years. I just about have the

house paid off. So, that's going to get taken care of right away. And, I will buy my wife a new car."

THE FINAL TABLE

The final table consisted of no former WSOP gold bracelet winners, which guaranteed a first-time champion.

Three different nations were represented at the final table: Canada, Ireland, and the United States.

The final table began nine-handed.

Final table participants ranged in age from 24 to 49.

The runner up was J.D. McNamara, from Mississauga, Ontario (Canada). This marked his first time to cash at the WSOP. The consolation prize for second place amounted to \$310,248.

The third-place finisher was Kiet Tuan, from Rosemead, CA. He cashed for the third time. This was his biggest payday ever, worth \$223,665.

The fourth-place finisher was Dennis Murphy, from Cork, Ireland. This was the highest finish yet at this year's WSOP by any Irish player. This was Murphy's first time to cash at the WSOP, which paid \$162,568.

The fifth-place finisher was David Cai, from Los Angeles, CA. This was his eighth time to cash at the WSOP, dating back to 2000. Fifth place paid \$119,410.

The sixth-place finisher was Blake Kelso, from Las Vegas, NV. This was his fourth WSOP cash and best finish ever, which paid \$88,654.

The seventh-place finisher was David Tolbert, from Yorktown, IN. He is a 49-year-old human resources executive. Incredibly, this was his first-ever WSOP event. His first-time accomplishment is going to be difficult to top, as he earned \$66,513 in his debut performance.

The eighth-place finisher was Greg Pohler, from Manhattan Beach, CA. This was his third time to cash in 2010. He now has four total WSOP cashes. Eighth place paid \$50,410.

The ninth-place finisher was Michael Gross, a poker pro from Las Vegas, who collected \$38,629.

The final table officially began at 2:30 pm and ended at 9:15 pm. The final table clocked in at 6 hours and 45 minutes.

OTHER IN-THE-MONEY FINISHERS

The top 342 finishers collected prize money. Former WSOP gold bracelet finishers who cashed in this event included – Bac Dao, Chris Bjin, Burt Boutin, Peter Smurfit, Keith Lehr, and Eric Froehlich.

With his 342nd place finish, Chris Bjin cashed for the fourth time at this year's series. It was

also his 54th career cash, which puts him alone in 8th place on the all-time WSOP cashes list, one finish higher than Chau Giang.

Author Jim McManus cashed in 147th place. He is the author of two highly-acclaimed poker books, "Positively Fifth Street," and "Cowboys Full: The Poker Story."

ODDS AND ENDS

This is the 852nd gold bracelet event in World Series of Poker history. Note: This figure includes every official WSOP event played, including tournaments during the early years when there were no actual gold bracelets awarded. It also includes the 11 gold bracelets awarded at WSOP Europe (to date).

The final table was played on the so-called ESPN secondary-stage, which is adjacent to the set used for most televised WSOP events. The secondary stage area is a more intimate setting which allows spectators a closer view of the table and players.

The official WSOP gold bracelet ceremony takes place on the day following the winner's victory (or some hours later when the tournament runs past midnight). The ceremony takes place inside The Pavilion, which is the expansive main tournament room hosting all noon starts this year. The ceremony begins at the conclusion of the first break of the noon tournament, usually around 2:20 pm. The national anthem of the winner's nation is played. The entire presentation is open to public and media. Video and photography are permitted by both public and members of the media.

Tebben requested that the national anthem of the United States be played at his WSOP gold bracelet ceremony.

EVENT HISTORY

This was the third \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event held at this year's WSOP. Every weekend three huge No-Limit Hold'em events are played. Most Fridays include a \$1,500 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. A \$1,000 buy-in event takes place on Saturday and Sunday (two flights/starting days). Each Monday includes another \$1,500 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event. All Day One starting times are noon.

The size of the field was so large there were two Day Ones, splits into two roughly 1,500-player fields. Players were given the option of starting on either Saturday or Sunday.

The other \$1,000 buy-in NLHE winners were:

EVENT #3 -- Aadam Daya, from Toronto, Ontario (Canada)

EVENT #13 – Steve Gee, from Sacramento, CA (USA)

Poker has grown so popular in the last decade that a 3,000+ player field hardly attracts much attention. This was one of the bigger tournaments ever held anywhere. But the turnout was far short of being a record.

LARGEST WSOP EVENTS IN HISTORY: Here's a ranking of the six largest live poker tournaments in history:

8,773 players -- 2006 WSOP Main Event

6,844 players -- 2008 WSOP Main Event

6,494 players – 2009 WSOP Main Event
6,358 players -- 2007 WSOP Main Event
6,012 players -- 2009 WSOP Event 4
4,345 players -- 2010 WSOP Event 3

TOURNAMENT PLAY

The tournament was played over three consecutive days, from June 12-16, 2010.

The final hand of the tournament came when Jeff Tebben was playing heads up against J.D. McNamara. Tebben was dealt Kc 2s against McNamara's Jd Jc. The flop came Ks Ts 8d. When the Kd came on the turn, McNamara bet out, Tebben raised all-in, and McNamara called. He was drawing to one of two remaining jacks. But the 7c fell on the river, giving Tebben trip kings, and his first WSOP victory.

2010 WSOP STATISTICS

Tournament attendance is up from this same point last year. Last year, through 27 events, there were 25,764 entries. Through 27 events last year, there have been 29,785 total entries. Due to the duration of Event #24, subsequent tournaments concluded either before or at roughly the same time as Event #24, allowing this report to incorporate information on subsequent tournaments.

Tournament prize money figures are up slightly from this same point last year. In 2009, through the first 27 events, the sum of total prize money won was \$50,339,856. This year's total prize money figure currently stands at \$50,654,630 – which represents an increase of .3 percent (note the decimal).

Through the conclusion of Event #27, the nationalities of winners have been:

United States (19)
Great Britain (3)
Canada (2)
Hungary (1)
New Zealand (1)
France (1)

Through the conclusion of Event #25, the national origin (birthplace) of winners has been:

United States (14)
Great Britain (3)
Vietnam (2)
Canada (2)
China (2)
Hungary (1)
New Zealand (1)
France (1)
Lebanon (1)

Through the conclusion of Event #27, the breakdown of professional poker players to semi-pros and amateurs who won gold bracelets is as follows:

Professional Players (19): Michael Chow, Michael Mizrachi, Praz Bansi, Josh Tieman, Peter Gelencser, James Dempsey, Men "the Master" Nguyen, Matt Matros, Yan R. Chen, Steve

Gee, Carter Phillips, Jason DeWitt; Eric Buchman, David Baker, Richard Ashby, Dutch Boyd, Sammy Farha, David Warga, Will Haydon

Semi-Pros (2): Frank Kassela, Tex Barch

Amateurs (6): Duc Pham, Aadam Daya, Pascal Lefrancois, Simon Watt, Vanessa Hellebuyck, Jeff Tebben

Through the conclusion of Event #25, here is the list of repeat WSOP gold bracelet winners (and the career number of wins) from the 2010 WSOP:

Praz Bansil (2)
Men "the Master" Nguyen (7)
Russ "Dutch" Boyd (2)
Sammy Farha (3)

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