



2011 World Series of Poker Presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Official Report
Event #58
End of Day Three
No-Limit Hold'em World Championship
Buy-In: \$10,000
Number of Entries: 6,865
Number of Players Remaining: 853
Total Net Prize Pool: \$64,531,000
Number of Places Paid: 693
First Place Prize: \$8,711,956
July 7th through November 7th, 2011

MAIN EVENT HEADLINES – DAY THREE

Day Three Done! 853 Players Remaining

Field Size Cut in Half on Day Three

2011 World Series of Poker Main Event Championship Continues

New Yorker Patrick Poirier Rockets into Chip Lead

Day Three Ends, Day Four Set to Begin on Friday

Poker History in the Making: ESPN Live Broadcast Begins and Runs through July 19th

Cada, Seed, McEvoy, Mortensen, and other Big Names Eliminated During Day Three

Berry Johnston Shooting for 31st Straight Year with a WSOP Cash – Streak in Jeopardy

This Year's World Poker Champion Set to Collect \$8,771,956

A New Record: 2011 WSOP the Largest in History – with 75,672 Total Entries

A New Record: 2011 WSOP the Richest in History – with \$191,999,010 in Total Prize Money

Las Vegas' Last Gold Bracelet of 2011 at Stake – Seven Events Coming to WSOP Europe in October in Cannes

OVERVIEW

Day Three of the 2011 World Series of Poker Main Event Championship was completed on Thursday, at the Rio in Las Vegas.

The field size was whittled down even further from an initial door-busting number, as 1,875 participants who survived the first two days of tournament action were cut in half to the 853 players who remain alive.

Play is expected to reach the money during the next critical session of play, which will be Day Four. This promises to be one of the most exciting days of the entire WSOP, as players who finish in 693rd place (or better) are each guaranteed to receive at least \$19,359 in prize money. Each year, there is great anticipation and excitement as players gradually fall and those that remain begin to realize the world championship is actually within their grasp.

Day Three marked a historic occasion for the WSOP, and for the game of poker. For the first time ever, the WSOP enjoyed semi-live coverage on ESPN (there's a 30-minute delay). Indeed, the WSOP and ESPN are conducting a bold new experiment this year. Television coverage is more than doubling in size and scope, including comprehensive daily/nightly coverage of the majority of tournament on a nationwide network. Semi-live television coverage runs through July 19th, when the "November Nine" finalists have been determined.

No poker tournament has ever been covered to the extent of this Main Event Championship. In addition to the original 32 broadcast hours that will appear as scheduled every Tuesday night on ESPN, an additional 34 hours of semi-live coverage will air, which means players and fans will see more poker played than ever before.

Day Three included quite a few additional developments. For the first time in this year's Main Event, all players were gathered in the same room at one time. Due to multiple playing days, players had been segregated into various playing sessions prior to Day Three. Then, shortly after the dinner break, all players were in the same room together for the first time. At about 10 p.m., an announcement was made that the number of players remaining has declined to under 1,000 for the first time in the tournament.

Here's how many of the top players performed on this day:

Chip Leaders: Patrick Poirier (Tupper Lake, NY) has 1,328,000 in chips. His only previous two cashes at the WSOP total \$6,707 in prize money, which means Poirier is now playing on the biggest take of his poker life. Cameras and worldwide attention will be focused on him starting Day Four.

Ranking second in chips is Darryl Jace, from Saugus, MA. He currently has 1,282,500 in his stack.

Former Champions Eliminated: Huck Seed, Joe Cada, Tom McEvoy, Carlos Mortensen

Former Champions Remaining: Phil Hellmuth, Robert Varkonyi, Berry Johnston

Well-Known Players Eliminated: Mike Caro, Noah Boeken, Victor Ramdin, Will "the Thrill" Failla, Patrik Antonius, Shaun Deeb, John Racener, Steve Dannenmann, Matt Matros, Jason Mercier, Dan Shak, Greg Mueller, Annette Obrestad, (by no means complete).

Well-Known Remaining Players: Bryan Devonshire, J.P. Kelly, Ben Lamb, Joseph Cheong, Blair Hinkle, Shannon Shorr, Erick Lindgren, Tony Hachem, David Chiu, Darus Suharto, David Sands, Leif Force, Matt Stout, Allen Cunningham, Freddy Deeb, Steve Brecher, Sorel Mizzi, Jake Cody, John Shipley, Adam Junglen, Vanessa Rousso, Garry Gates, David Oppenheim, Daniel Negreanu, Todd Brunson, Chris Bjorin, Jeffrey Lisandro, David Diaz, David Bach, Bill Gazes, Jeff Madsen, Mickey Appleman, Humberto Brenes, "Miami John" Cernuto, Eli Elezra, Sam Simon (by no means complete).

Entering Day Four, there are only three former world champions still remaining in the Main Event. The biggest stack of the three belongs to 2002 champ Robert Varkonyi (Brooklyn, NY).

However, the player with the most pressure on him entering the fourth day may very well be Berry Johnston, the 1986 world champion. Johnston is going for his 11th Main Event cash, the most by anyone in history. This year is the 25th anniversary of his WSOP victory. Johnston is currently on the longest career streak of any player in history, with cashes in at least one WSOP event each year for the past 30 years. He has cashed every year since 1982. Johnston has no cashes so far this year, and will need to make the money in the Main Event or at WSOP Europe (7 more events).

The start of Day Three chip leader was Ben Lamb (Tulsa, OK). He began play with 551,600 in chips. However, he slid back to middle of the pack and ended the day with above average chips – which was about 350,000 in his stack.

The quest for poker world championship continues on Friday, July 15th. A complete list of all remaining players and chip counts can be seen [HERE](#).

For comprehensive updates of Event #58 and a list of all remaining players with chips counts, please visit the WSOP.com tournament portal page [HERE](#).

ESPN LIVE COVERAGE

The WSOP and ESPN are trying a bold new experiment this year. Television coverage is more than doubling in size and scope, including – for the first time in history – comprehensive daily/nightly coverage of the majority of tournament. Coverage will run from the start of Day Three through July 19th, when the “November Nine” finalists have been determined.

Content is spread across ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN3.com and runs Day Three through Day Eight.

WSOP.com will stream ESPN3.com content in countries/territories not served by ESPN.

Here’s a look at ESPN’s complete WSOP Main Event schedule (all times are listed PST):

Thursday, July 14 (Day 3)

Noon-4 p.m. — ESPN3.com

4-6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

Friday, July 15 (Day 4)

Noon-4 p.m. — ESPN3.com

4-6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

Saturday, July 16 (Day 5)

• 12:30-7 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

• 9 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

Sunday, July 17 (Day 6)

• Noon-5 p.m. — ESPN3.com

• 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

Monday, July 18 (Day 7)

• Noon-4 p.m. — ESPN3.com

• 4-7 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

• 9 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

Tuesday, July 19 (Play-down day)

• Noon-5 p.m. — ESPN3.com

• 5-7 p.m. — ESPN/ESPN3.com

• 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. — ESPN2/ESPN3.com

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Play on Day Three began promptly at noon. Play ended around 10:45 p.m. There was a two-hour dinner break. This means eight total hours were played. This unusual playing schedule (short breaks and longer dinner time) was implemented in order to accommodate the strict time windows of live television coverage.

Day Three started with 1,875 entries and ended with 853 players. This means only about 45.7 percent of starters survived the day.

At this point on the tournament, participants have completed 14 full levels of play. That means 28 total tournament hours have been played.

In previous years, here’s where the eventual winners stood at the end of Day Three:

In 2010, at the conclusion of Day Three, the eventual champion Jonathan Duhamel was ranked in the middle of the pack.

In 2010, at the conclusion of Day Three, none of the top 10 ranked players made it to the final table.

In 2009, at the conclusion of Day Three, the eventual champion Joe Cada was ranked in 100th place, which was in the top 10 percent.

In 2009, at the conclusion of Day Three, only one of the top-10 ranked players made it to the final table.

In 2008, Peter Eastgate was ranked in 386th place, which was in the middle of the pack.

In 2008, none of the top-10 ranked players at the conclusion of Day Three made it to the final table.

In 2007, at the conclusion of Day Three, the eventual champion Jerry Yang was ranked in 46th place.

In 2007, at the conclusion of Day Three, five of the nine players who made it to the final table were ranked in top 20 (Alex Kravchenko, Hevad Khan, Tuan Lam, Lee Watkinson, and Raymond Rahme).

In 2006, at the conclusion of Day Three, the eventual champion Jamie Gold was ranked in 35th place.

In 2006, none of the top ten ranked players at the conclusion of Day Three made it to the final table.

Based on WSOP figures during the mega-era (2006 to present when the Main Event went to a 10+ day format), the previous results of Day 3 chip leaders ended up as follows:

2010 – James Carroll (Alto Loma, CA) finished in 96th place

2009 – Bertrand Grospellier (London, UK) finished in 122nd place

2008 – Brain Schaedlich (Cleveland, OH) finished in 456th place

2007 – Dag Martin Mikkelsen (Stavanger, Norway) finished in 42nd place

2005 – Jon Lane (Oshkosh, WI) finished in 200th place

Coming next, Day Four will be played on Friday, July 15th. The restart will be at noon. There are 853 players remaining in the field.

The Main Event continues through July 19th when the final table players will ultimately be determined, otherwise known as the “November Nine.”

CHIP LEADERS

The end of Day Three chip leader is Patrick Poirier, from Tupper Lake, NY. He currently has 1,328,000 in chips, which is about 50,000 more than his closest challenger.

Poirier's stack size is quite impressive in comparison to recent years. At this point in last year's Main Event (end of Day Three) no player had yet crossed the million-chip mark. In fact, the chip leader at this stage of the tournament last year had only 800,000 in chips, which is 528,000 less than this year's leader.

Ranking second in chips is Darryl Jace, from Saugus, MA. He has 1,282,500 in chips.

Poirier and Jace are the only two players with in excess of 1,000,000 in chips. Exact chip counts will be posted later.

Players from the United States regained their advantage on the tournament leaderboard. When Day Three began, five of the top six biggest stacks belonged to European players. Now, eight of the top ranked players are Americans, with one player each from Canada and Great Britain breaking up the red, white, and blue party.

Ben Lamb (Tulsa, OK) was the overall chip leader coming into Day Three. He started the day with 551,600 in chips, but fell to about 350,000 in chips in what can only be described as a difficult day. Nevertheless, Lamb is currently enjoying the run of a lifetime. He won a gold bracelet this year, and posted 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 12th place finishes. His 2011 WSOP earnings already total more than \$1.3 million.

Starting Day Three in second place was Kevin Saul (Warrenville, IL). He was the only player in the tournament other than Lamb with more than 500,000 in chips when play began. Saul ended the day just shy of 400,000 in chips.

The first player to cross the 1,000,000-chip mark was Patrick Poirier. He hit the mark with about 30 minutes remaining in Level 13, when the average stack size was about 190,000 in chips. He ended up as the end of day chip leader.

FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS

There are 35 players in history who have won the WSOP Main Event Championship. Of this number, 27 champions are still living. Of the 27 eligible former world champions, 18 participated in this year's Main Event.

Seven former world champions started Day Three of the Main Event. Only three survived – Robert Varkonyi, Phil Hellmuth, and Berry Johnston.

Robert Varkonyi is believed to have the largest stack amongst the former champions. He has a slight lead over Berry Johnston.

Current Status of Former WSOP Main Event Champions:

1989: Phil Hellmuth – Playing on Day Four (77,000 in chips)
1986: Berry Johnston – Playing on Day Four (130,500 in chips)
2002: Robert Varkonyi – Playing on Day Four (265,500 in chips)
2001: Carlos Mortensen – Eliminated on Day Three
1983: Tom McEvoy – Eliminated on Day Three
2009: Joe Cada – Eliminated on Day Three
1996: Huck Seed – Eliminated on Day Three
2006: Jamie Gold – Eliminated on Day Two
2005: Joe Hachem – Eliminated on Day Two
1978: Bobby “the Owl” Baldwin – Eliminated on Day Two
2010: Jonathan Duhamel – Eliminated on Day Two
1987/1988: Johnny Chan – Eliminated on Day Two
1995: Dan Harrington – Eliminated on Day Two
1998: Scotty Nguyen -- Eliminated on Day Two
1975/1976: Doyle Brunson – Eliminated on Day One
2003: Chris Moneymaker – Eliminated on Day One
2007: Jerry Yang – Eliminated on Day One
2004: Greg “Fossilman” Raymer – Eliminated on Day One

2009 champ Joe Cada was eliminated on this day. He was also eliminated on the same Day Three in last year's event.

CELEBRITIES AND NOTABLE PLAYERS

The World Series of Poker has attracted celebrities and notable personalities since its inception. This year is no exception.

Current Status of Poker Hall of Fame members:

Berry Johnston – Playing on Day Four (130,500 in chips)
Lyle Berman – Eliminated on Day Three
Mike Sexton – Eliminated on Day Two
Bobby Baldwin – Eliminated on Day Two
Dewey Tomko – Eliminated on Day Two
Dan Harrington – Eliminated on Day Two
Billy Baxter – Eliminated on Day Two
Doyle Brunson – Eliminated on Day One
T.J. Cloutier – Eliminated on Day One
Erik Seidel – Eliminated on Day One

Current Status of former WSOP “Players of the Year”:

2004 -- Daniel Negreanu – Playing on Day Four (est. 207,000 in chips)
2005 -- Allen Cunningham – Playing on Day Four (274,000 in chips)
2008 -- Erick Lindgren – Playing on Day Four (356,000 in chips)
2009 -- Jeffrey Lisandro – Playing on Day Four (est. 150,000 in chips)
2006 -- Jeff Madsen – Playing on Day Four (124,000 in chips)
2010 -- Frank Kassela – Eliminated on Day One
2007 -- Tom Schneider – Eliminated on Day One

Remarkably, five of the seven active Players of the Year are still alive in the Main Event.

Current Status of Non-Poker Celebrities:

Mark Loftouse (former NHL hockey player, Washington Capitals) – Playing on Day Four
Sam Simon (Creator of “The Simpsons”) – Playing on Day Four
Brad Garrett (actor and comedian) – Eliminated on Day Three
Jason Alexander (actor and comedian) – Eliminated on Day Three
Shannon Elizabeth (actress) – Eliminated on Day Two
Petter Northug (Two-time Olympic gold medalist/skier from Norway) – Eliminated on Day Two
Patrick Bruel (French singer and actor and former gold bracelet winner) – Eliminated on Day Two
Teddy Sherington (UK football star) – Eliminated on Day Two
Rene Angelil (music manager – Celine Dion’s husband) – Eliminated on Day Two
David Einhorn (prospective owner – New York Mets) – Eliminated on Day Two
Paul Pierce (NBA’s Boston Celtics) – Eliminated on Day Two
Nelly (singer-performer) – Eliminated on Day One
Ray Romano (actor and comedian) – Eliminated on Day One
Shane Warne (cricketer) – Eliminated on Day One
Jennifer Tilly (actress and former WSOP gold bracelet winner) – Eliminated on Day One

Lisa Hamilton, winner of the 2009 Ladies World Poker Championship, came into Day Three with 126,700 in chips. She survived and is one of only 17 females estimated to still be in the Main Event.

Mike Caro, a.k.a. “The Mad Genius” returned on Day Three with 42,300 in chips. He busted out about midway through the day. Caro has been one of poker’s foremost writers and theorists for nearly 30 years.

Jason Alexander, the well-known actor most famous for playing George on the hit television series “Seinfeld,” came into the day with 167,000 in chips. However, he was eliminated just prior to the dinner break.

At the end of Day One, there were 33 of the 57 gold bracelet winners this year who were still alive in the tournament. However, Day Two was not nearly as nice to the winners. Of the 33 that started Day Two, only 13 made it to the start of Day Three. There were as follows:

Jake Cody
Viacheslav Zhukov
David Diaz
Tyler Bonkowski
Darren Woods
Chris Viox
Sam Stein
Jason Mercier
Mikhail Lakhitov
Arkadiy Tsinis
Ben Lamb
Kenneth Griffin
Matt Matros

DAY TWO ODDS AND ENDS

This is the 58th and final event on the 2011 WSOP schedule which is played in Las Vegas. Seven more gold bracelet events will take place in Cannes, France, to be held in October 7th through 20th as part of the 5th Annual World Series of Poker Europe.

This marks the seventh consecutive year the WSOP has been held at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino. Prior to 2005, the WSOP was held at Binion’s Horseshoe in downtown Las Vegas. As a testament to the expansion of the WSOP since Caesars Entertainment assumed ownership and control of the world most prestigious poker event, more than twice the money has been awarded to winners within the Rio during the past six years than during the entire preceding 35-year period at the Horseshoe.

The total number of entrants in the WSOP Main Event (all 42 years combined) is 58,657.

Over the past five years, the average attendance for the WSOP Main Event has been 6,776 entrants. Hence, this year’s figure (6,865 entrants) was slightly ahead of the post-UIGEA average.

The WSOP Main Event always attracts family members. Husbands and wives that entered the championship this year include Max and Maria Stern. Chip and Karina Jett also entered the Main Event. There were also two fathers and sons, who entered – including Tom Dwan and his father Tom Dwan, Sr. Another father-son combo was Phil Galfond and his father Glenn. A grandmother-grandson duo was Sean Deeb and his grandmother Ellen Deeb.

One of the most incredible feats in WSOP history occurred in last year's Main Event Championship when all four of the Mizrachi brothers cashed in the tournament. This year, the group is not having such a good year. Donny Mizrachi was the last of the brothers to be eliminated. He went out on Day Three.

Players from many different nations have been chip leader in the Main Event, at one time or another. However, for the first time in history, a Romanian poker player was the chip leader in the world championship. That took place midway through Day Three when Anton Ionel became the first player to cross the 700,000-chip mark. He ended up ranked in the top 25, but still behind the chip leader by a significant margin.

Every WSOP is filled with humorous moments. Former gold bracelet winner Erick Lindgren was sitting at an action table with lots of table chatter. There was a fair amount of posturing and showboating going on. At one point, an annoyed player announced to the table, "If this doesn't pick up soon, we're all going to be sitting in for days." Lindgren immediately snapped, "That's fine with me!" cognizant of the fact that the 2011 WSOP November Nine will be known in less than a week's time.

MORE ODDS AND ENDS

This tournament attracted 6,865 entries.

The field included a total of 242 female players. This figure represents 3.5 percent of the field.

An unofficial head count of remaining female players at the end of Day Three showed 17 remaining.

The average age of all players was 37.2 years.

This is the 950th gold bracelet tournament event in World Series of Poker history. This figure includes every official WSOP event ever played, including tournaments during the early years when there were no actual gold bracelets awarded. It also includes the 16 gold bracelets awarded to date at WSOP Europe (2007-2010). Moreover for the first time ever, one gold bracelet was awarded for this year's winner of the WSOP Circuit National Championship.

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INFORMATION AND DATA FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS:

MAIN EVENT – BY COUNTRY

There were 105 different nations represented at the 2011 WSOP in all gold bracelet events.

There were 85 different nations represented in the Main Event Championship.

Based on the total number of entries, non-U.S. players made up 33 percent of the total field. *This is the largest percentage of internationally-based players in WSOP history.*

If just the international contingent of participants were separated from the total field size, there would be an estimated 2,265 players. The size of this group alone would constitute a larger field than any other live tournament ever held, outside the WSOP.

The breakdown of players – alphabetized by country along with number of entrants – was as follows:

- 1 -- American Samoa
- 3 -- Andorra
- 21 -- Argentina
- 80 -- Australia
- 37 -- Austria
- 2 -- Azerbaijan

1 -- Bahamas
1 -- Bahrain
1 -- Barbados
25 -- Belgium
2 -- Belize
2 -- Bolivia
1 -- Botswana
83 -- Brazil
4 -- Bulgaria
486 -- Canada
7 -- Chile
10 -- China
9 -- Columbia
3 -- Costa Rica
1 -- Croatia
4 -- Cyprus
9 -- Czech Republic
46 -- Denmark
5 -- Estonia
21 -- Finland
213 -- France
1 -- French Polynesia
156 -- Germany
5 -- Greece
1 -- Guam
4 -- Guatemala
8 -- Hong Kong
24 -- Hungary
2 -- Iceland
2 -- India
1 -- Indonesia
35 -- Ireland
18 -- Israel
106 -- Italy
24 -- Japan
2 -- Kazakhstan
7 -- Latvia
4 -- Lebanon
8 -- Lithuania
2 -- Macedonia
1 -- Malaysia
2 -- Malta
1 -- Marshall Islands
12 -- Mexico
3 -- Monaco
1 -- Mongolia
1 -- Montserrat
1 -- Morocco
59 -- Netherlands
5 -- New Zealand
34 -- Norway
1 -- Oman
2 -- Panama
3 -- Peru
3 -- Philippines
1 -- Poland
18 -- Portugal
4 -- Romania
108 -- Russia
7 -- Saint Lucia
1 -- Saudi Arabia
1 -- Senegal
4 -- Singapore

6 -- Slovakia
17 -- South Africa
6 -- South Korea
42 -- Spain
79 -- Sweden
26 -- Switzerland
2 -- Taiwan
2 -- Trinidad and Tobago
4 -- Turkey
1 -- Turks and Caicos
1 -- Turks and Caicos Islands
3 -- Ukraine
288 -- United Kingdom
4,604 -- United States
3 -- Uruguay
20 -- Venezuela

TOURNAMENT NUMBERS

This is the third-largest live poker tournament in history. Only the 2006 WSOP Main Event (at 8,773 entrants) and the 2010 WSOP Main Event (at 7,319 entrants) were bigger. Prior to this year, the third largest live tournament was the 2008 WSOP Main Event -- with 6,844 players.

Here are the six largest live poker tournaments in history:

2006 WSOP Main Event – 8,773 players
2010 WSOP Main Event – 7,319 players
2011 WSOP Main Event – 6,865 players
2008 WSOP Main Event – 6,844 players
2009 WSOP Main Event – 6,494 players
2007 WSOP Main Event – 6,358 players

WSOP MAIN EVENT ALL-TIME RECORDS

Most Main Event Wins (Career):

3 – Johnny Moss (*first win was by vote)
3 – Stu Ungar
2 – Doyle Brunson
2 – Johnny Chan

Most Main Event Cashes (Career):

10 – Berry Johnston
8 – Humberto Brenes
7 – Bobby Baldwin
7 – Doyle Brunson
7 – Jay Heimowitz
7 – Phil Hellmuth
7 – Mike Sexton
6 – John Bonetti
6 – Johnny Moss
6 – Jason Lester
6 – Steve Lott
6 – Chris Bjin
6 – John Esposito
6 – Johnny Chan
5 – 14 players tied with 5 cashes each

Most Main Event Final Tables (Career):

5 – Doyle Brunson

5 – Jesse Alto
4 – Johnny Chan
4 – T.J. Cloutier
4 – Dan Harrington
4 – Berry Johnston
4 – Johnny Moss
4 – Stu Ungar
3 – 6 players tied with 3 final tables each

Youngest Winner:

Joe Cada (2009) -- 21 years, 11 months, 22 days

Oldest Winner:

Johnny Moss (1974) – 66 years, 11 months, 24 days

Oldest Participant:

97 years -- Jack Ury (2010)

Most Consecutive Years Played:

38 – Howard “Tahoe” Andrew (1974 to present)

Most Main Events Played (Career):

38 – Tie: Doyle Brunson (did not play 1999 through 2001); Howard “Tahoe” Andrew

WSOP -- FOR THE AGES

The youngest player to enter the 2011 WSOP Main Event Championship was Logan Deen, from Cocoa, FL. He turned 21 on the day he took his seat in the Main Event. This means he now holds a record that can only be tied, but never broken (unless age restriction laws are changed in the future). He was cheered on by his family, who call themselves the “Deen Team.” Unfortunately, he was eliminated on Day Three.

The oldest player to enter the 2011 WSOP Main Event Championship was Ellen “Gram” Deeb, from Troy, NY. She became the oldest female participant in Main Event history at the age of 91. Mrs. Deeb was introduced to the huge crowd, which gave her one of the day’s biggest ovations. After she stood to wave to the crowd, she grabbed the microphone from a tournament official and snapped, “I just have one thing to say! You are all playing for second!” The crowd went wild. Unfortunately, Mrs. Deeb was eliminated on Day One. The WSOP looks forward to welcoming her again in 2012.

OVERALL 2011 WSOP STATISTICS

Through Event #58 (all gold bracelet events), the 2011 WSOP has attracted 75,672 combined total entries. \$191,999,010 in prize money has been awarded.

Through the conclusion of Event #57, the breakdown of nationality of gold bracelet winners has been:

United States (35)
Canada (5)
Ukraine (4)
France (4)
Great Britain (3)
Russia (3)
Brazil (1)
Pakistan (1)
Sweden (1)

Through the conclusion of Event #57, the national origin (birthplace) of winners has been:

United States (31)
Canada (5)
Ukraine (4)
France (4)
Great Britain (3)
Russia (3)
Israel (1)
Honduras (1)
Indonesia (1)
Germany (1)
Brazil (1)
Pakistan (1)
Sweden (1)

Through the conclusion of Event #57, the home-states of (American) winners have been:

California (7)
New York (6)
Nevada (6)
Texas (3)
Florida (2)
Illinois (2)
Connecticut (2)
New Jersey (1)
Tennessee (1)
Indiana (1)
Maryland (1)
Virginia (1)
Michigan (1)
North Dakota (1)
Washington (1)
Ohio (1)

Through the conclusion of Event #57, the breakdown of professional poker players to semi-pros and amateurs who won gold bracelets has been:

Professional Players (44): Jake Cody, Cheech Barbaro, Eugene Katchalov, Allen Bari, Harrison Wilder, Matt Perrins, Sean Getzwiller, Viacheslav Zhukov, David Diaz, Andrew Badecker, Tyler Bonkowski, Brian Rast (2 wins), John Juanda, Aaron Steury, Darren Woods, Jason Somerville, Bertrand Gropellier, John Monnette, Elie Payan, Mark Radoja, Chris Viox, Dan Idema, Andy Frankenberger, Chris Lee, Sam Stein, Mark Schmid, Jason Mercier, Mikhail Lakhitov, Fabrice Soulier, Mitch Schock, Matt Jarvis, Justin Pechie, Ben Lamb, Rep Porter, Andre Akkari, Joe Ebanks, Lenny Martin, Athanasios Polychronopoulos, Antonin Teisseire, Matt Matros, Marsha Wolak. Maxim Lykov, Nick Binger

Semi-Pros (6): Sean R. Drake, Amir Lehavot, Oleksii Kovalchuk, Eric Rosawig, Arkadiy Tsinis, Alexander Anter

Amateurs (7): Geoffrey Klein, Foster Hays, James Hess, Kirk Caldwell, Ken Griffin, Owais Ahmed, David Singontiko

Since tracking first started in 2005, this year's WSOP has the greatest disparity of professionals winning over semi-pros and amateurs than any year recorded, so far – with 50 out of 57 events being won by pros or semi-pros.

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the victories of 12 of the 57 winners (21 percent) marked the first time the new champion had ever cashed at the WSOP.

Every WSOP held over the past 11 years has included at least one multiple gold bracelet champion (meaning two or more wins within the same year). The last year the WSOP was comprised exclusively of single-event winners was back in 1999. The record for most multiple gold bracelet winners within a single year was in 2009, when five players managed to win two or more titles. Brian Rast's victory in two

tournaments – Events #15 and #55 -- means the multi-gold bracelet streak will continue for at least another year.

The streak of consecutive male WSOP gold bracelet winners is currently at 213 consecutive events. Aside from the annual Ladies Poker Championship, the last female player to win a WSOP tournament open to both sexes was Vanessa Selbst, in 2008. The longest “cold” streak for female players occurred between years 1982 and 1996, when 221 consecutive open events passed without a female champion.

The highest finish by any female (open events) at this year’s WSOP was accomplished by two players. Maria Ho finished second (\$5,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold’em). Kim Nguyen also finished as the runner up (\$1,500 buy-in Six-Handed Limit Hold’em).

The highest finish by any defending champion at this year’s WSOP was by David Baker, who after winning the previous \$10,000 buy-in No-Limit Deuce-to-Seven Draw Lowball World Championship finished in sixth place in defense of his title.

Reigning world poker champions rarely perform well the following year after their victory. Chris “Jesus” Ferguson was the last world champion to win a gold bracelet the next year, which happened in 2001. Perhaps it’s due to the increasing size of the fields. But there’s also great pressure on the champions to do well. What follows is a list of the only world champions in history to win a gold bracelet after winning the championship during the previous year:

Johnny Moss (1975)
Doyle Brunson (1977)
Bobby Baldwin (1979)
Stu Ungar (1981)
Johnny Chan (1988)
Hamid Dastmalchi (1993)
Chris “Jesus” Ferguson (2001)

By contrast, players who make it to the final table of the Main Event Championship (November Nine) one year tend to do quite well in subsequent WSOP years. Consider that last year, three former Main Event finalists won gold bracelets – Eric Buchman, Tex Barch and Scott Montgomery. This year, Matt Jarvis won his first gold bracelet one year after making it to the November Nine in 2010.

New tournament records set at the 2011 WSOP (to date):

Biggest Heads-Up tournament prize pool in history (\$3,040,000) – Event #2
Largest live Omaha High-Low Split Tournament in history (925 entries) – Event #3
Largest live Six-Handed tournament in poker history (1,920 entries) – Event #10
Biggest Deuce-to-Seven tournament prize pool in history (\$1,184,400) – Event #16
Largest live \$1,500 buy-in No-Limit Hold’em tournament in history with single day start (3389 entries) – Event #56
Largest live \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold’em tournament in history with single day start (3175 entries) – Event #20
Largest consecutive-days starting field sizes in poker history (combined 6,332 entries) – Event #18 and Event #20
Largest live Pot-Limit Omaha tournament in poker history (1,071 entries) – Event #22
Largest Mixed-Game (Eight-Game Mix) in poker history (489 entries) – Event #23
Largest Seniors tournament in poker history (3,752 entries) – Event #30
Biggest Seniors No-Limit Hold’em championship prize pool in history (\$3,376,800) – Event #30
Largest single-day live tournament start in poker history (3,752 entries) – Event #30
Largest consecutive-days starting field sizes in poker history (combined 6,580 entries) – Event #30/Event #32 (broke Event #18/Event #20 record from earlier in 2011 WSOP)
Largest four-consecutive days field sizes in poker history (2,500+3,752+2,828+3,144 =12,224 entries) – Events 28, 30, 32, 34, June 16-19, 2011
Largest Mixed Pot-Limit tournament in history (606 entries) – Event #39
Biggest Pot-Limit Omaha prize pool in live poker history (\$3,393,400) – Event #42

New player records set at the 2011 WSOP (to date):

The 35-year span between Artie Cobb's first cash in this event (1976) and most recent cash in the same event (2011) represents the longest time span in WSOP history. He accomplished this in Seven-Card Stud High-Low Split (Event #25).

Phil Hellmuth added to his record as the individual all-time leader in cashes (84) and final table appearances (43).

Howard "Tahoe" Andrew added to his record as the player with the longest consecutive streak of WSOP appearances (entering at least one event), currently at 38 years and counting (1974 to present).

First player in history with three second-place finishes within a single year – Phil Hellmuth

Tony "Top Cat" Cousineau added to his record as the player with the most WSOP cashes, but no wins (49).

RAISING AWARENESS: BAD BEAT ON CANCER AND THE WSOP

Bad Beat on Cancer was created in 2003 by Phil Gordon and Rafe Furst as an easy and fun way for poker players to donate to the Prevent Cancer Foundation. It all began when Chris Moneymaker pledged 1 percent of his 2003 Main Event winnings and went on to capture the championship, contributing \$25,000 when he was awarded the \$2,500,000 first-place prize. By taking the pledge, wearing the patch, and joining 'Team 1%', players can feel good supporting a cause that only benefits when they win. As the official charity of the WSOP, pledges simply indicate to the payouts staff that they are donating 1 percent of their winnings, and the funds are automatically withheld. A tax receipt is generated and sent to their mailing address. Several high profile professionals have made 'life pledges' of 1 percent of all their winnings -- including Annie Duke, Phil Hellmuth Jr., Lee Childs, Paul Wasicka, Andy Bloch, Dennis Phillips, and others. Since 2003, the initiative has raised over \$3,500,000 for cancer prevention research, education, and community outreach programs. Players can pick up a patch and join Team 1% by stopping by the Bad Beat on Cancer booth, located at the 2011 WSOP opposite the Amazon Room in the concourse. The Nevada Cancer Institute based in Las Vegas is a benefiting charity from the Bad Beat on Cancer.

Note: Various categories and statistics will be updated with each gold bracelet event as they are completed.

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