



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
Horseshoe Hammond
Event #10
No-Limit Hold'em Main Event
Final Report
Buy-In: \$1,600
Total Entries: 1,615
Total Prize Pool: \$2,349,825
October 21-25, 2011**

TO THE VICTOR GOES THE SPOILS

Robert Chow Bests Record-Setting Field to Take Home \$393,584 in Hammond Main Event.

Hammond, IN — Horseshoe Hammond and the Chicago area players are becoming known for breaking records. Event #1 drew an unheard of 3,001 players, shattering the old WSOPC attendance record by almost 1,400 entrants. This is the fourth year a WSOPC has been held in Hammond and the third year they have set the bar for attendance, and the 2011 Main Event was no exception.

The \$1,600 re-entry tournament drew an astounding 1,615 players and created a prizepool of \$2,349,825. The next largest WSOPC Main Event (2010 Hammond) had 872 entrants. After four excruciating days of play, Robert Chow can lay claim to winning the largest Main Event in Circuit history.

Chow took home \$393,584, his first WSOP Circuit ring and a pre-paid seat to the \$1 Million National Championship to be held in Las Vegas this spring. He is a 51-year-old semi-professional poker player and semi-retired consultant who formerly ran a successful software company. The success of his company has given Chow the freedom to do what he wants in life.

"I get to do what I enjoy doing, and I get to do things that really interest me," Chow said. "Life is good. My passion is poker. I really enjoy it."

As expected in a field as large as this, Chow worked tirelessly to get to the winner's circle. After busting Day 1A Chow was feeling down on his luck and rather than ponying up the \$1,600 entry fee for Day 1B, he decided to try to play his way back in. He won the first satellite he entered and the rest is history.

When the two Day 1 fields combined on Day 2, there were 342 players remaining. By the beginning of level 19, the money bubble burst and all 171 remaining players were guaranteed a piece of the \$2.35 million prizepool. Day 3 began with 20 players remaining and the final table was reached only a few hours after cards were in the air. The final table stacked up like this:

Final Table:

Seat 1	Joseph Hebda (26)	St. John, IN	3,450,000
Seat 2*	Bob Chow (51)	Chicago, IL	7,000,000
Seat 3	Daniel Harrington (29)	Chicago, IL	1,480,000
Seat 4	Eric Crain (27)	Murphysboro, IL	3,315,000

