



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Eight  
Horseshoe Casino  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Final Report  
Ring Event #1  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$350  
Entries: 355  
Prize Pool: \$103,305**

## **Brent Glantz Wins Event 1 at Horseshoe Council Bluffs**

Mark Smith finishes seventh. Takes sole possession of second place in all-time Circuit cashes.

**Council Bluffs, IA (March 31, 2012)**—Event 1 of the WSOP Circuit series at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, IA was a \$350 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. The event drew 355 entrants – almost 20 percent more than last year's kickoff tournament – and featured some of the Circuit's top brass, most notably Mark "Pegasus" Smith.

Earlier this year Smith won a WSOP Circuit event at Horseshoe Southern Indiana to become the all-time ring leader with five. He has recorded numerous final tables in the months since, with his most recent coming in Event 1 at Council Bluffs.

By dinner break on Day 1 Smith had about 80,000 in chips and possessed one of the largest stacks in the room. His hot streak would cool, and when play wrapped he found himself toward the bottom of the chip counts with 25 players remaining.

In true Pegasus style, Smith grinded his stack through the thinning field on Day 2 all the way to the final table. By that time he had just 115,000 and found himself second-to-last in chips. Smith was soon forced to move all-in with [Kx][Jx] and was called by ace-high. The board brought no paint and Smith finished seventh.

The finish moved him into sole possession of second place for career Circuit cashes. He now has 30.

The title of champion in Event 1 went to first-time WSOP casher, Brent Glantz.

Glantz earned almost \$24,000 for his performance and now holds sole possession of the lead in the Casino Championship and the best-overall player race at Council Bluffs.

He is 28-years-old and resides in Lincoln, NE where he works in the biomedical field. The win was a milestone for the aspiring pro, marking his first big score.

"I was kind of a (semi-professional) player online for a while," Glantz said. "I would play a lot of cash and side tournaments and things like that, but this is my first real break into the poker world."

"Break" might not suffice when describing Glantz's emergence into the poker spotlight — it was more of a burst. He outlasted notables like Circuit champions Corey Souther (32nd), Benjamin Kramer (13th) and Brian Brashaw (10th), two-time ring winner David Nicholson (11th), three-time ring winner Tim Burt (26th) and, of course, five-time Circuit champ Mark "Pegasus" Smith (7th).





