

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #10

The Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 235

Prize Pool: \$352,500

April 17-20, 2015



Michelle Chin Makes History as Circuit's First Female Main Event Champion

Council Bluffs Main Event concludes with Wichita, Kan. amateur pocketing \$88K first prize.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 20, 2015) — History was made on Monday at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa when Michelle Chin became the first-ever female champion of a World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event. Chin bested a star-studded final table to take home her first gold ring and \$88,126 in first-place prize money. Chin's victory also earns her a seat in the National Championship which occurs in Cherokee, North Carolina July 29-31.

Chin, a native of Taiwan, made her journey to the States 12 years ago. She currently resides in Wichita, Kansas where she was at one time a restaurant owner. Despite currently being between jobs, Chin wishes to be classified as a recreational player rather than a professional.

Chin burst onto the tournament poker scene earlier this year, scoring her first recorded cash with a victory in the WSOP Circuit Choctaw Ladies event. Just a few months later she managed to cement her spot in poker history becoming the Circuit's first female champion. Chin admitted to primarily playing cash games and said she decided to play the Main Event to try something new. Chin came into the final table as the commanding chip leader and made a habit of consistently applying pressure to her opponents. She retained her chip lead as the final four players returned for Day 3 and eliminated each of her three remaining competitors in 45 short minutes.

"It feels really great," Chin said after her victory. "This is probably at most the 10th tournament I've ever played in my life. It's just awesome to make history."

Following her victory, Chin was surprised and excited to learn of her status as the Circuit's first female champion in its 11-year history.

"It means a lot to me [to be the Circuit's first female Main Event champion]," she said. "There aren't too many women in the poker community. We like to see more and more women play because it is a fun game. No matter what sex you are you should be able to enjoy it. It means a lot to me. I hope I encourage a lot of other girls to come out and play."

The first casualty of the day came just ten minutes into play. Harvey's Lake Tahoe Circuit Main Event champion Jesse Wilke came into the day looking for his second Main Event title of the

