



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Hammond (Chicago)
Hammond, IN
Event #9
Omaha High-Low Split
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 214
Prize Pool: \$64,200
October 18-19, 2012**

Nick Jivkov – Two Gold Rings and One Gold Bracelet

Chicago Poker Pro is Enjoying a Great Year – Wins First WSOP Title in Hometown

Tournament Veteran Chad Brown Finishes as Runner Up

Hammond, IN (October 19, 2012) – They say that a person's character is revealed at the poker table. Well, Nick Jivkov is showing his true face.

He just won the \$365 Omaha High-Low Split tournament, which was Event 9 on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond.

Jivkov denied 213 other players the rare opportunity to bask in the spotlight as a champion. In fact, he was so selfish that one previous gold ring victory apparently wasn't enough to satisfy his desires. He had to come to Chicago, try and win more, and subsequently ruin everyone's day.

Jivkov has been guilty of this crude behavior in the past. He did the exact same thing in Las Vegas earlier this year, at the 2012 WSOP. Jivkov managed to win a gold bracelet in the \$1,500 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament (Event 5), which left hundreds of players out in the hallways telling bad beat stories. Jivkov reportedly showed them no mercy nor compassion.

Moreover, in this tournament which took place over the past two days, Jivkov denied longtime pro Chad Brown the opportunity to enjoy what could have been his own moment of glory. Brown ended up finishing second. Jivkov shook Brown's hand and told him “good game,” after it was over – as though that was some kind of consolation prize.

Jivkov ripped \$16,046 out of the prize pool, further enriching himself at the expense of his fellow poker players. He also pawed his second gold ring, to go along with a WSOP gold bracelet.

“I guess I have to go back to Las Vegas and win another gold bracelet next year,” Jivkov stated as he was posing for the winner's photograph. “I need to get one for this wrist to balance out my gold rings.”

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In all seriousness, Nick Jivkov now has two gold rings (Horseshoe Hammond – 2012 and IP Biloxi 2011). He also owns one WSOP gold bracelet (Pot-Limit Omaha – 2012).

He is a 34-year-old poker pro from Des Plaines, IL – near Chicago. Jivkov was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

The top-ten finishers were as follows:

1	Nick Jivkov	PLOVDIV	BG	\$16,046.00
2	Chad Brown	MARGATE	FL US	\$9,920.00
2	Neal Jacobs	NORTHBROOK	IL US	\$7,220.00
4	Robert Williams	KANKAKEE	IL US	\$5,140.00
5	Gregory Masterson	CHICAGO	IL US	\$4,011.00
6	Ashly Butler	NEW ORLEANS	LA US	\$3,059.00
7	Andrew Rubinberg	SKOKIE	IL US	\$2,369.00
8	Todd Davis	JACKSONVILLE	FL US	\$1,862.00
9	Thomas Munson	INDIANAPOLIS	IN US	\$1,485.00

Tournament Notes

- Day One began with 214 starters for the non start. By the end of 14 hours of play, only 11 remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another hour before the final table session began.
- When the final table began, Chad Brown was in command with the chip lead. He had his last two opponents down to the end, with about 70 percent of the chips in play at one point. But Brown couldn't knock close the deal and finished second. Nonetheless, Brown has 37 WSOP cashes, 9 WSOPC cashes, and nearly \$1.5 million in total WSOP and WSOPC earnings.
- WSOP Gold bracelet winner Bob Slezak (Omaha, NE) cashed, coming in 16th place.
- The final table went about five hours, which is about the average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

Through the conclusion of Event 8, Ari Engel (Las Vegas, NV) leads the Casino Champion race. Gary Lindesmith (Lowell, IN) and Mike Leah (Toronto, Ontario – Canada) are ranked close behind in second place. There's a logjam of players within striking distance, since all of the nine gold ring winners have at least 50 points at present.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Hammond's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship. The qualifier will join the winner of the Horseshoe Hammond Main Event, who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Horseshoe Hammond only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond in Hammond, IN runs through October 22, 2012.

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