

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, Ind.

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 178

Prize Pool: \$53,400

October 8-9, 2014



### Bob Chow Back in the Winner's Circle

**2011 Hammond Main Event champion finds success at Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Chow scores second gold ring along with \$14,318 and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.**

**Three Circuit Main Event champions grace the final table, Zal Irani finishes sixth, Josh Williams second.**

**Elizabeth, Ind. (October 9, 2014)** — Bob Chow burst onto the tournament scene in his first year as a touring pro back in 2011 when he bested a then-record 1,615 entries in the Horseshoe Hammond Main Event. The performance earned him \$393,584 along with his first ring and a title that would stick forever – Hammond Main Event champion.

In the years since his win, Chow has remained relevant on the Circuit recording nine additional cashes and three final table appearances. A retiree, Chow's resume would suffice for many in his position, but just one breakthrough performance wasn't good enough for the Chicagoan. He continued to travel the Circuit in pursuit of titles, which in his words, is what he enjoys to do.

Chow's quest for follow-up gold brought him about five hours south of his hometown to Elizabeth, Ind. and the Horseshoe Casino. He entered Event 8, a \$365 no-limit hold'em ring event, and played his way to a final table berth where he'd face off against the likes of defending Southern Indiana Main Event champion Zal Irani (sixth), last year's Circuit points leader Yossi Azulay (fifth), commanding chip leader Tim McCarthy (third) and fellow Hammond Main Event champion Josh Williams (second).

Together, this five-headed monster not only accounted for one of the most decorated final tables of the season, but marked a nearly all Chicagoan finale as each hails from the Windy City area.

"I felt that it was going to be a real tough final table," Chow said. "I knew [McCarthy] was the most aggressive player so I just stayed out of his way. I picked spots and let him run over me."

Chow got run over to the tune of a 10-big-blind stack before he won two 60/40s in a row to pull into contention. As McCarthy's stack shrank, Chow's grew and he dealt the final blow flopping a set against McCarthy's top pair. The hand gave Chow a stranglehold on the chip lead going into heads-up play against Williams and he won his second ring and \$14,318 just a few minutes later.

“These guys today, that was a very tough table,” Chow said. “We had three WSOP Circuit champions at the table. I felt I was running good and I’m playing well. I feel pretty confident when I’m doing that that I can play with anybody.”

Chow retired from the corporate business world seven years ago and has been traveling the Circuit for the last four years. He resides in Schaumburg, Ill. and has two college-aged daughters.

“[My savings] allow me to do what I enjoy doing right now, which is to travel the Circuit and play. I could afford to play a lot higher, but I don’t,” Chow said. “I’m really good about managing my bankroll. I find winning a [smaller event] is just as exciting as winning a much bigger one. I feel like I have the skill and ability to play with anybody.”

Chow’s victory comes on the eve of the property’s \$1,675 Main Event and means an already confident player heads to the series finale with an even more more significant head of steam.

Event 8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at HSI. The \$365 no-limit hold’em tournament drew 178 players generating a \$53,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday, October 8 at 12 p.m. and wrapped at the nine-handed final table. Action resumed Thursday at 2 p.m. and concluded at 6:45 p.m. making the total duration of the finale just over five hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from HSI:

EVENT #1: David Leonard defeated 184 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,352  
EVENT #2: John Mesplay defeated 694 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$42,681  
EVENT #3: Mark Fisher defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,508  
EVENT #4: Joshua Turner defeated 134 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$11,256  
EVENT #5: Jesse Fulmer defeated 189 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$15,593  
EVENT #6: Jason Manna defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,960  
EVENT #7: Andrew Robinson defeated 88 players (\$365 PLO w/ \$100 Re-Buys) for \$25,312  
EVENT #8: Bob Chow defeated 178 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,418

The player who accumulates the most overall points during HSI's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place this spring at a yet-to-be-determined location.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 56 expected at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

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