



2011 World Series of Poker Presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Official Report
Event #23
Eight-Game Mix
Buy-In: \$2,500
Number of Entries: 489
Total Net Prize Pool: \$1,112,475
Number of Places Paid: 489
First Place Prize: \$278,144
June 13-15, 2011

TOURNAMENT HEADLINES:

WSOP Hosts Largest Eight-Game Mix Tournament in History!

John Monnette Wins First WSOP Title

Poker Pro Collects \$278,144

Full House at the 2011 WSOP-- Tournament Attendance Still Up Double Digits Over Last Year

23 Gold Bracelets Won – 35 More Still to Go

OVERVIEW

John Monnette won the most recent World Series of Poker tournament, held at the Rio in Las Vegas. Monnette overcame a record field of 489 players, en route to his first gold bracelet victory.

Monnette is a 29-year-old professional poker player from Palmdale, CA. This marked his 17th time to cash at the WSOP. His best previous showing had been a runner up finish two years ago. Monnette earned a well-deserved \$278,144 in prize money for finishing first. He was also presented with the supreme token of achievement in the game – the WSOP gold bracelet.

The runner up was former gold bracelet winner and Main Event finalist, Eric Buchman, who finished fourth in the 2009 world championship. Other notable names in the Top Ten were John Juanda, who missed winning what would have been his sixth WSOP gold bracelet. He took sixth. Also, John Racener, the runner up in last year's Main Event Championship, finished in eighth place.

Monnette's victory came in the Eight-Game Mix event. This is a relatively new feature at the WSOP, introduced in 2008. The rotation of games includes eight popular variants of poker, and is designed to test players' all-around skills.

Interest in mixed game events continues to grow. Attendance increased for the fourth consecutive year and was the largest live Eight-Game Mix tournament in poker history.

For a comprehensive recap of Event #23, please visit WSOP.com's tournament portal page [HERE](#).

EVENT #23 CHAMPION – JOHN MONNETTE

The 2011 World Series of Poker \$2,500 buy-in Eight-Game Mix champion is John Monnette, from Palmdale, CA.

Monnette is a 29-year-old professional poker player.

Monnette's first recorded tournament cash took place in 2004. Since that time, he has won more than \$1 million in live tournament winnings.

Monnette came close to winning a WSOP gold bracelet in 2009. He finished second in the \$2,500 buy-in Deuce-to-Seven Lowball event.

For his victory, Monnette collected \$278,144 for first place.

According to official records, Monnette now has 1 win, 3 final table appearances, and 17 in-the-money finishes at the WSOP.

Monnette currently has \$596,056 in career WSOP winnings.

Monnette is to be classified as a professional poker player (in WSOP records and stats), since he has been playing full-time for several years.

THE FINAL TABLE

The official final table was comprised of the top eight finishers.

The final table contained two former gold bracelet winners – John Juanda (5 wins) and Eric Buchman (1 win). Juanda was going for his second gold bracelet, this year.

Two nations were represented at the final table – Italy (1 player) and the United States (7 players).

The heads-up battle began with Monnette enjoying a big chip lead. He never lost his advantage nor was seriously in danger of elimination.

The runner up was Eric Buchman, a 31-year-old self-described professional gambler from Valley Stream, NY. Buchman finished fourth in the 2009 Main Event Championship. He won his first gold bracelet last year in the \$2,000 buy-in Limit Hold'em tournament. Buchman collected second-place prize money totaling \$278,144, which now gives him more than \$3.3 million in WSOP earnings.

Five-time gold bracelet winner John Juanda hoped to become the first multiple gold bracelet winner in 2011. Fresh off his victory in the Deuce-to-Seven Draw Lowball World Championship four nights earlier Juanda threatened to win his sixth WSOP career title. Instead, he went out in sixth place.

John Racener, who finished as runner up in last year's WSOP Main Event Championship, finished in eighth place.

Final table play began at 9:30 pm on a Wednesday night. Play finished at 3:54 am. The finale went for about 6 hours, 25 minutes.

The final table was played on ESPN's so-called secondary stage. The main stage hosted the finale of the Pot-Limit Omaha event, which was played the same day. The new final table set is getting raves in terms of design and appearance.

Action was streamed live over WSOP.com. Viewers can tune in and watch most of this year's final tables. Although hole cards are not shown, viewers can follow an overhead camera as well as a pan-shot of the table. The floor announcer provides an official account of the action.

OTHER IN-THE-MONEY FINISHERS

The top 48 finishers collected prize money.

Among the former gold bracelet winners who cashed in this tournament were – (aside from those who made the final table) Konstantin Puchkov (21), Max Pescatori (23), Eric Froehlich (30), Dan Kelly (32), Eric Baldwin (33), Eugene Katchalov (36), Anthony Rivera (37) and Brian Rast (42).

Italian-born Marco Traniello (Las Vegas, NV) continues to be a cashing machine. He took 18th place in this tournament, giving him three cashes so far this year. Traniello has now cashed 30 times since 2005, which is the highest number of cashes for any player within that time span.

Shaun Deeb (Las Vegas, NV) hit his fourth cash this year with his 47th-place finish in this tournament.

Tournament results are to be included in the WSOP official records. Results are also to be included in the 2011 WSOP "Player of the Year" race.

"WSOP Player of the Year" standings can be found at WSOP.com [HERE](#) and with Juanda's deep run he has taken over the current lead in the standings.

ODDS AND ENDS

This is the 915th gold bracelet awarded in World Series of Poker history. This figure includes every official WSOP event ever played, including tournaments during the early years when there were no actual gold bracelets awarded. It also includes the 16 gold bracelets awarded to date at WSOP Europe (2007-2010). Moreover for the first time ever, one gold bracelet was awarded for this year's winner of the WSOP Circuit National Championship.

The final table (Day Three) was played on the same day (and same time) as the decisive Game 7 of the National Hockey League (NHL) finals between Vancouver and Boston. Each WSOP overlaps major sporting events. So, many poker players tend to watch games and are tuned into what's going on elsewhere. When the WSOP was played in May (1970-2004), the biggest side-attraction was the Kentucky Derby. When the WSOP moved into summer months, the NBA finals became the most popular topic of discussion at many tables, aside from what was happening in the tournaments. Perhaps the most exciting WSOP side action occurs every four years when the World Cup (soccer) is played and games are televised inside the tournament rooms. Since the WSOP now attracts players from all over the world, many players have watched their home-country teams, as tournaments are played. The last World Cup took place last year. The next time the World Cup will overlap the WSOP will be in 2014.

The official WSOP gold bracelet ceremony takes place on the day following the winner's victory (or some hours later when the tournament ends very late). The ceremony takes place inside The Pavilion, which is the expansive main tournament room hosting all noon starts this year. The ceremony begins at the conclusion of the first break of the noon tournament. The ceremony usually starts around 2:20 pm. The national anthem of the winner's nation is played. The entire presentation is open to the public and media. Video and photography is permitted by both the public and members of the media.

Monnette's gold bracelet ceremony is set to take place on Friday, June 17th. The national anthem of the USA will be played in honor of his victory.

EVENT HISTORY

Mixed Games debuted at the 2008 WSOP and marked the first time in history that a major poker tournament included eight different poker games. The previous game of diversity was known as HORSE (which still exits). The Eight-Game mix includes:

1. No-Limit Hold'em
2. Pot-Limit Omaha
3. Deuce-to-Seven Triple-Draw Lowball
4. Limit Hold'em
5. Omaha High-Low Split
6. Razz
7. Seven-Card Stud
8. Seven-Card Stud Eight-or-Better

Games are played on a rotation basis. Games change every eight hands.

Mixed Games is similar to a HORSE tournament, except there are eight different games played instead of five.

This is only the sixth Mixed Games event in WSOP history.

Former Mixed Games event champions at the WSOP include:

2008 – Anthony Rivera (\$10,000 buy-in winner)
2009 – Ville Wahlbeck (\$10,000 buy-in winner)
2009 – Jerrod Ankenman (\$2,500 buy-in winner)
2010 – Michael “the Grinder” Mizrachi (\$50,000 buy-in winner)
2010 – Sigurd Eskeland (\$2,500 buy-in winner)

TOURNAMENT PLAY

The tournament was played over three consecutive days, which extended into a fourth day (overnight).

The tournament officially began on Monday, June 13th at 5 pm. The tournament officially ended on Wednesday, June 16th, at 3:54 am.

2011 WSOP STATISTICS

Through the conclusion of Event #23, the 2011 WSOP has attracted 24,067 entries. \$41,938,435 in prize money has been awarded to winners, so far.

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the breakdown of nationality of gold bracelet winners has been:

United States (16)
Great Britain (3)
France (2)
Russia (1)
Canada (1)

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the national origin (birthplace) of winners has been:

United States (12)
Great Britain (3)
France (2)
Ukraine (1)
Israel (1)
Russia (1)
Honduras (1)
Canada (1)
Indonesia (1)

Through the conclusion of this event, the home-states of (American) winners have been:

Nevada (3)
California (3)
Texas (2)
New York (2)
Illinois (1)
New Jersey (1)
Florida (1)
Tennessee (1)
Connecticut (1)
Indiana (1)

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the breakdown of professional poker players to semi-pros and amateurs who won gold bracelets has been:

Professional Players (19): Jake Cody, Cheech Barbaro, Eugene Katchalov, Allen Bari, Harrison Wilder, Matt Perrins, Sean Getzwiller, Viacheslav Zhukov, David Diaz, Andrew Badecker, Tyler Bonkowski, Brian Rast, John Juanda, Aaron Steury, Darren Woods, Jason Somerville, Bertrand GrosPELLier, Elie Payon and John Monnette

Semi-Pros (2): Sean R. Drake, Amir Lehavot

Amateurs (2): Geoffrey Klein, Foster Hays

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the victories of 6 of the 23 winners (26 percent) represented the first time the new champion had ever cashed at the WSOP.

Every WSOP held over the past 11 years has included at least one multiple gold bracelet champion (meaning two or more wins within the same year). The last year the WSOP was comprised exclusively of single-event winners was back in 1999. The record for most multiple gold bracelet winners within a single year was in 2009, when five players managed to win two or more titles. So far, no player has yet won two gold bracelets (this year).

The streak of male WSOP gold bracelet winners has now reached 184 consecutive events. Aside from the annual Ladies Championship, the last female player to win a WSOP tournament open to both sexes was Vanessa Selbst, in 2008. The longest "cold" streak for female players occurred between years 1982 and 1996, when 221 consecutive open events passed without a female champion.

The highest finish by any female (open events) at this year's WSOP was by two players -- Maria Ho, who finished second (\$5,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em) and Kim Nguyen, who also finished as the runner up (\$1,500 buy-in Six-Handed Limit Hold'em).

New records set at this year's WSOP (to date):

- Biggest Heads-Up tournament prize pool in history (\$3,040,000) – Event #2
- Largest live Omaha High-Low Split Tournament in history (925 entries) – Event #3
- Largest live Six-Handed tournament in poker history (1,920 entries) – Event #10
- Biggest Deuce-to-Seven tournament prize pool in history (\$1,184,400) – Event #16
- Largest live \$1,500 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament in history with single day start (3157 entries) – Event #18
- Largest live \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament in history with single day start (3175 entries) – Event #20
- Largest consecutive-days starting field sizes in poker history (combined 6,350 entries) – Event #18 and Event #20
- Largest live Pot-Limit Omaha tournament in poker history (1,071 entries) – Event #22
- Largest Mixed-Game (Eight-Game Mix) in poker history (489 entries) – Event #23

Note: Various categories and statistics will be updated with each gold bracelet event as they are completed.

Note: All results are now official and may be reprinted by media. If you are posting these results on a website, we would appreciate providing a link back to: WSOP.com
