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## Beer Pong Announces Winner

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### Press Release



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BPONG.COM announced today that Jerrod "Tiny" Birmingham and Michael "Sonomajoe" Seivert from the Sacramento-based team "Larger Than Life" won the Return to Mesquite: A \$10,000 World Series of Beer Pong VII Mega Satellite beer pong tournament Saturday night in the Event Center at the Casablanca Resort in Mesquite. The winning team earned a bid to the seventh annual World Series of Beer Pong® (WSOBP VII), which takes place Jan. 1-5, 2012, on the Las Vegas strip, and pays \$65,000 in prize money.

Birmingham (24) and Seivert (27) were ranked in 7th place going into the finals after a 7-1 pool play record, losing only to Las Vegas-based team "Boom Goes the Dynamite." Team "Larger Than Life" took on reigning World Series of Beer Pong VI champions Dan Range and Nick Syrigos from Saint Louis, Mo.-based team "Standing Ovation" to win the Return To Mesquite Tournament, The teams split the first two games before "Larger Than Life" won the final.

Sixteen teams finished in the prize pool, which paid a total of \$10,000. Los Angeles resident Katie Harris and Jennifer Conant from Oceanside, Calif., of all-female team "Candy is Dandy But Liquor is Quicker," finished in 46th place. Laura Olson and Nolan Mead from Orange County, Calif.-based, co-ed team "Nolan and Some Girl" finished 25th. The top female and co-ed team won bids to the WSOBP VII. No female has ever won the World Series of Beer Pong, which is the largest and longest running beer pong tournament in the world.

"The first and second annual World Series of Beer Pong tournaments were held in Mesquite before the event outgrew the facility and was relocated to the Las Vegas strip," said Billy Gaines, co-founder of the World Series of Beer Pong. "Many of the players who came out to Mesquite this weekend described feelings of excitement and nostalgia upon returning to where it all began. There was much support from teams that didn't make the finals to root for their favorites, alongside casino guests who checked out the action and first-time tournament players."

The BPONG Return to Mesquite tournament drew 66 teams from 13 states, including as far away as Michigan and Minnesota. The event used World Series of Beer Pong tournament rules in which two teams stand at opposite ends of an 8-foot-long table, where ten 16-ounce cups, filled with roughly 2 ounces of beer or another liquid, are placed in bowling-pin formation. Each team takes turns

tossing beer pong balls (similar to table tennis balls) at their opponent's cup formation. If a ball goes into a cup, the cup is removed from the game. The first team to eliminate all of its opponent's cups wins.

There are two ways to gain entrance into the World Series of Beer Pong. The first is to purchase entry online at [www.bpong.com/wsobp](http://www.bpong.com/wsobp). Package prices start at \$450 per person and include a 4-night stay at The Flamingo Hotel and Casino, as well as entrance into WSOBP VII. The second way to gain a spot in the WSOBP is to win a bid via a Satellite™ Tournament.

Founded in 2001, BPONG.COM is the premier source of beer pong information on the Internet, providing a collaboration and discussion about the sport of beer pong. The company hosts The World Series of Beer Pong®, the largest and longest running beer pong tournament in the world, with the next event set for Jan. 1-5, 2011, in Las Vegas.