

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Hammond

Hammond, IN

Event #4

Pot-Limit Omaha with Re-Buys

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

Total Entries: 146

Prize Pool: \$127,900

October 20-21, 2013



Fun Kevin Meeusen Bests His Buds

Event 3 final table boasts seven Chicago area grinders. Winner outlasts a handful of his close friends.

Hammond, IN (October 21, 2013) — Kevin “Fun Kev” Meeusen described Horseshoe Hammond as his “turf”. The 42-year-old insurance salesman calls Chicago home and when he isn’t patronizing various establishments in the Chicago area he can likely be found on Hammond’s felt.

“They call me Fun Kev for a reason,” he joked. “I’m a lot of fun off the felt. On the felt I’m a lot of fun to be around, too, but it’s maybe not for the right reasons.”

Regardless of whether those around him viewed him as so, Meeusen was a barrel of fun Monday night at Horseshoe Casino. He bested 146 players in Event 4, a \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha with Re-Buys tournament, to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and \$35,812.

The final table featured seven Chicago area players, most of whom Meeusen considers his close friends. Additionally, the rail was littered with some of Chicago’s toughest talents including the Massey brothers and Kevin Saul.

“You could win a ring in front of your enemies and it would feel good,” Meeusen said of playing for the hometown crowd. “When you have all the chips, it’s always fun,”

In addition to a good lot of Chicago grinders and Meeusen’s buddies, the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha with Re-Buys field featured some of the best players the Circuit has to offer. Those to finish in the money included all-time WSOP Circuit cashes leader Doug “Rico” Carli (12th) and gold bracelet winner Bryan Campanello (11th).

The final table included the likes of gold bracelet winner Francesco Barbaro (9th) and Pawel Andrzejewski (2nd). Meeusen, primarily a cash player, was the only final table participant to not boast a previous WSOP-related cash.

“[To play against] the guys I hang out with, it was a lot of fun,” Meeusen said. “There was a good energy in the room and it was a good vibe going on.”

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha with Re-Buys tournament attracted 146 players generating a \$127,900 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 5 p.m. and lasted 16 levels. Day 2 started Monday at 3 p.m. with 11 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at about 3:30 p.m. and concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- In his own words, the final table featured “five or six” of Kevin Meeusen’s good friends. Just two players, Ernest “Smitty” Smith (6th, Shepherdsville, KY) and Robert Reints (4th, Phoenix, AZ) were not from the Chicago area.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Hammond’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Hammond:

EVENT #1: Robert Georato defeated 2,496 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$110,471

EVENT #2: Mark Morris defeated 546 players (\$580 NLH) for \$57,327

EVENT #3: Michael Oshana defeated 465 players (\$365 NLH) for \$29,983

EVENT #4: Kevin Meeusen defeated 146 players (\$365 PLO with Re-Buys) for \$35,812

With the fourth tournament wrapped, eight more ring events remain at Horseshoe Hammond.

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