

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Horseshoe Hammond
Hammond, IN
Event #9
Limit Omaha Eight or Better
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 204
Prize Pool: \$61,200
October 24-25, 2013



Nickolai Orlov Earns Gold in First WSOP Cash

Event 2 winner Mark Morris finishes 7th, takes Casino Championship lead.

Hammond, IN (October 25, 2013) — Nickolai Orlov made his first WSOP cash count Friday night at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, IN. The Russian-born Chicago resident parlayed his \$365 buy-in into \$15,914 and his first ring in Event 9, a \$365 Limit Omaha Eight or Better tournament.

"To put it into words, it feels amazing even though it's not a huge amount of money," Orlov said of the win. "It feels good to feel some sort of accomplishment. Winning poker players, they're not just born like this. It's years of hard work, a lot of studying, a lot of investment -- time and money. It always feels good to get some sort of reward and to know you're on the right path to maybe get a bigger score in the future."

In addition to prize money and gold jewelry, Orlov earned a seat into the \$1,675 Main Event. Today marks Day 1A of the two-start-day finale, but Orlov is electing to wait until Saturday's flight to use his automatic seat.

"It's already too late in the day," Orlov said. "I'm going to try to parlay my winnings tomorrow."

Orlov marks the third foreign-born winner of the WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond. The first was Mongolian-born Janchiv Enkhyam in Event 5 and the second was Ukrainian-born Stanislav Barshak in Event 8.

Joining Orlov at the final table was the Event 2 winner and new Casino Championship points leader, Mark Morris. Morris began the finale third in chips and when the other points contender, Yossi Azulay, exited ninth, he was assured the points lead.

Morris outlasted Azulay slightly, finishing seventh. The score awarded 20 points, bringing his nine-day total to 70 with just a handful of events remaining.

Event 9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$365 Limit Omaha Eight or Better tournament attracted 204 players generating a \$61,200 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 started Friday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 2:30 p.m. and concluded at shortly before 7 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- Mark Morris (Event 2 winner) became the first preliminary event winner to record a follow-up cash. His 7th-place finish in Event 9 earned him \$2,286 and 20 points toward the Casino Championship – a race he now leads with 70 total points.

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

EVENT #5: Janchiv Enkhyam defeated 469 players (\$365 NLH) for \$30,250

EVENT #6: Ben Keeline defeated 330 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) for \$41,246

EVENT #7: Jason Hill defeated 227 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$17,706

EVENT #8: Stanislav Barshak defeated 198 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$51,479

EVENT #9: Nickolai Orlov defeated 204 players (\$365 LO8) for \$15,914

With the ninth tournament wrapped, three more ring events remain at Horseshoe Hammond.

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