

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Horseshoe Casino
Council Bluffs, IA
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 178
Prize Pool: \$53,400
April 11, 2014**



Bruce Waltke Earns First Ring in Council Bluffs Turbo

Topeka, KS amateur pockets \$14,416 in less than 11 hours.

Council Bluffs, IA (April 11, 2014) — Bruce Waltke began the heads-up duel against Kirk Kane in the \$365 one-day event at Horseshoe Council Bluffs at an estimated 6-to-1 chip disadvantage. Thus, when Kane opened the button for a handful of yellow 25,000 chips, Waltke let out a sigh knowing it could be the final hand of the tournament.

“If you shove, I call,” Kane said.

“Really?” Waltke questioned.

Waltke not sure of Kane’s angle, took his time before announcing “all-in” and shoving the remainder of his modest stack of gray 5,000 chips in the middle. True to his word, Kane called and tabled six-high.

“I was quite shocked, yes,” Waltke would later say of the six-high call. “I was not expecting that. I had never seen him push with something like that all day and I had played with him quite a while.”

Needless to say, Waltke tabled the best of it, showing ace-four. The board ran out dry and Waltke got a jolt of life while Kane was left scratching his head.

With that hand, the momentum shifted and it wasn’t but a few minutes before Waltke finished Kane off to earn \$14,416. The prize money, which came in the form of a \$1,372 hourly wage, marks the largest career Circuit score for the Council Bluffs regular and his first gold ring victory.

“It’s a fun day’s worth of work,” Waltke said of the turbo event. “I like it wrapping up in one day. I enjoyed the (format) and would play it over and over again. I heard several other people say the same thing.”

Among the players Waltke bested were Michael Sanders (15th), Chris Bibb (ninth), Eric Bishop (eighth), ring winner Chris Louviere (sixth) and Randal Sklar (fifth).

Waltke is a software consultant from Topeka, KS. He proudly sported the red of his Kansas City Chiefs during the final table and explained going forward he'll represent the team in all his events for good luck.

Event 2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 178 players generating a \$53,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

The tournament began at 12 p.m. and play narrowed to the nine-handed final table by 9 p.m. Action concluded at 11:30 p.m. making the total duration of the event 11-and-a-half hours including a one-hour dinner break.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluffs twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 2014.

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 Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: Jeff Esposito defeated 183 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,275

EVENT #2: Bruce Waltke defeated 178 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$14,416

With the second tournament wrapped, 10 more ring events remain at Horseshoe Council Bluffs.

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