

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 10  
Lodge Casino  
Black Hawk, CO  
Event #6  
Limit Omaha 8 or Better  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 165  
Prize Pool: \$43,800  
April 28-29**



## **Aweida Wins in Omaha 8**

**After a five and half hour final table, Osama Aweida comes away as the victor to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.**

**Black Hawk, CO (April 29, 2014)** - Osama Aweida wins another ring for Colorado. Aweida is the fourth ring winner from Colorado at this stop. The 52-year-old firmware engineer was ecstatic about winning his first WSOP Circuit gold ring as well many of his supporters on the rail. Aweida is from Broomfield, CO and is a regular at the Lodge Casino.

Day 2 started with 15 players remaining and Aweida was the chip leader. It did not take long to get to the final table but once it did, things really slowed down. The final table lasted five and half hours plus a few breaks mixed in. Aweida's chip stack was up and down throughout the final table, but once play got down to four-handed Aweida took over the chip lead and never gave it back.

"I played a couple of bad hands where it took me really down. I was upset with myself." said Aweida about his own play at the final table. "I tried to keep focused. I started getting good hands and it paid off."

Aweida does not consider himself a specialist at Omaha but he does love the game. Aweida's two previous WSOP cashes have come in No-Limit Hold'em.

"I was looking forward to it [Omaha][8][Event] when it came to town." said Aweida. "I have been playing Omaha for a while."

Aweida says he plans to play the Lodge Casino Main Event. A deep run in that could award Aweida the title as Casino Champion and a trip to the National Championship. This is Aweida's second cash of the series. Aweida finished 76th in Event 3 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Lodge Casino in Black Hawk, CO. The \$365 Omaha 8 or Better tournament attracted 146 entries generating a \$43,800 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 5 p.m. and last 18 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 3 p.m with 15 players remaining. The tournament concluded at 11 p.m. after a five and a half hour final table.

Notes on the event:

- The final table lasted five and half hours. Seven hours including breaks.
- Aweida entered Day 2 as the chip leader. All event winners have entered Day 2 with the chip lead or second in chips.
- Aweida goes by the nickname “Sammy” in the poker room.
- Four of the six event winners are from Colorado.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Lodge Casino twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set 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 Championship 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 the Lodge Casino

EVENT #1: Chad Donnelly defeated 269 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,773  
EVENT #2: Valentin Vornicu defeated 145 players (\$580 NLH) for \$20,299  
EVENT #3: Greg Eyster defeated 770 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$46,205  
EVENT #4: Tim Campbell defeated 212 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,900  
EVENT #5: TJ Thondup defeated 165 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,364  
EVENT #6: Osama Aweida defeated 146 players (\$365 O8B) for \$12,246

With the sixth tournament wrapped up, six more ring events remain at the Lodge Casino.

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