

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA

Event #10

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 66

Prize Pool: \$19,800

April 27, 2014



Kenneth Flynn Wins First Gold Ring at Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA (April 28, 2014) -- Kenneth Flynn has been a physical therapist for 19 years. He picked up poker a couple of years ago as something to do in his spare time. Today his 'hobby' earned him \$6,930 and a shiny new gold WSOP Circuit ring. "Pretty cool" is how he described the win.

Flynn's heads-up match against John Iraj began with Flynn holding a 1.6:1 chip lead. They battled for about 40 minutes before the final hand. Iraj shoved his last 100k with pocket 5s and Flynn looked him up with pocket 2s. It appeared Iraj was destined to double up, until "Franklin, the best dealer...turned a deuce, and that was all she wrote" Flynn said. That set of ducks sent the pot and the win to Flynn. John Iraj collected \$4,283 for second place.

Kenneth Flynn was the chip leader when they reached the money with seven players remaining, but by the time they were down to the final four, he had dropped to under 100k, thanks to a confrontation with Bernard Lee. "I battled back" to retake the chip lead, he said, and the rest is now history.

The tenth ring event of the Harrah's Philadelphia WSOP Circuit series, running on Sunday alongside Day 2 of the Main Event, drew a modest field of 66 players. The total prize pool came to \$19,800 and was divided among the final seven players. The event was scheduled as a two-day tournament, but the final seven players opted to play it out in one, finishing in just under 15 hours.

There were no Circuit ring bearers at this final table, but poker pro and media personality Bernard Lee made the final table, finishing 3rd. The points he earned boosted his total on the National Leaderboard to 145, putting him in 32nd place. This may or may not be enough points to earn him a seat in the season-ending National Championship -- it is going to be close.

This is the second time Kenneth Flynn has been to Harrah's Philly. "I came down here last year and I stunk it up, but that was after playing for only a year". Another year of experience under his belt and Flynn has booked his first Circuit cash in a big way.

Final Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Kenneth Flynn	Norwalk, CT, US	\$6,930
2	John Iraj	Garden City, NY, US	\$4,283
3	Bernard Lee	Wayland, MA, US	\$2,840
4	Richard Katz	Pittsburgh, PA, US	\$2,010
5	Michael Marder	Sewell, NJ, US	\$1,513
6	Jose Rosario	Philadelphia, PA, US	\$1,207
7	Jill Pluim	Raleigh, NC, US	\$1,017

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Philadelphia's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22nd - 24th.

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 Harrah's Philadelphia:

EVENT #1: Akib Ali defeated 123 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,332
EVENT #2: Eric Suarez defeated 331 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$22,839
EVENT #3: Joseph Mallon defeated 117 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$10,530
EVENT #4: Phillip Hui defeated 76 players (\$580 NLH) for \$12,920
EVENT #5: Mohammad Farah defeated 63 players (\$365 HOSE) for \$6,615
EVENT #6: Ravi Shanmagum defeated 108 players (\$365 Six Max NLH) for \$9,720
EVENT #7: Staffan Lind defeated 63 players (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$6,615
EVENT #8: Antonio Payne defeated 88 players (\$580 NLH) for \$14,080
EVENT #9: TBD defeated 336 players (\$1,675 Main Event NLH) for \$115,920
EVENT #10: Kenneth Flynn defeated 66 players (\$365 NLH) for \$6,930

With nine tournaments in the books, three more ring events remain at Harrah's Philly.

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