

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #8

Omaha Hi-Low Eight or Better

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

Total Entries: 187

Prize Pool: \$56,100

October 23-24, 2014



## David Mirshak Wins Omaha Eight Event

Illinois carpenter earns \$14,586 and first gold ring following \$365 Omaha eight victory.

Bracelet winners Aaron Steury and Nick Kost grace the final table before relinquishing the headline to amateur David Mirshak.

**Hammond, Ind. (October 24, 2014)** — David Mirshak broke through for an unlikely gold ring victory Friday night at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. The win, which came in a \$365 Omaha hi-low eight or better tournament, came at the hands of two bracelet winners – Aaron Steury (ninth) and Nick Kost (third). Mirshak, an amateur, bested the pair of headliners to the tune of \$14,586, his first gold ring, 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a berth in the \$1,675 Main Event.

“It feels great. I started off short stacked and I ended up making a few hands and this is the outcome,” Mirshak said.

While Mirshak nursed his short stack, Kost was sizing his ring finger. The 2014 Omaha hi-low bracelet winner began the final table with 30 percent of the total chips in play and was the odds-on favorite to nab a complementary gold trophy. He watched as Steury hit the rail ninth, Allen Kessler eighth and Shirley Rosario sixth. With those talents on the rail, Kost had just a handful of recreational players between him and the title.

In the end, it would be those recreational players that spelled his demise as Kost hit the rail third leaving Gwen Herrick to fend for herself against Wirshak. The heads-up battle was short lived and it was just a few minutes before Wirshak eliminated Herrick to score his first gold ring along with the five-figure prize and a seat in the Main Event.

“It’s always a pleasure playing with guys like that,” Wirshak said of the bracelet winners. “I look up to those guys. They have a lot of experience and to be able to beat those guys feels fantastic.”

Running alongside Day 1A of the Main Event, the Event 9 final table served as a satellite of sorts for the property’s finale. Kessler and Steury bought in to the championship immediately following their eliminations while Wirshak’s \$1,675 voucher is good for tomorrow’s Flight B.

“I’m actually really excited about [the Main Event],” Wirshak said. “I was thinking about playing it before, now I’m definitely going to be able to play it.”

Wirshak is 36 years old and has four children. He works as a carpenter in his hometown of Belvidere, Ill. and says he plays cards as a hobby.

Event 9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$365 Omaha hi-low eight or better event attracted 187 players. The total prize pool came to \$56,100 and the top 21 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Thursday, October 23 at 12 p.m. and Day 1 wrapped following Level 21. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining and it took but a few minutes to reach the nine-handed final table. From there, play concluded at about 5:30 p.m. making the total duration of the finale three and a half hours.

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

EVENT #1: Robert Hankins defeated 1,959 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$92,562  
EVENT #2: John Peterson defeated 393 players (\$580 NLH) for \$42,122  
EVENT #3: Nicola Ditrapani defeated 375 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,748  
EVENT #4: Sean Troha defeated 154 players (\$580 PLO) for \$20,789  
EVENT #5: James Hull defeated 366 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,161  
EVENT #6: Ari Engel defeated 128 players (\$580 HORSE) for \$17,921  
EVENT #7: Ron Slucker defeated 292 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) \$37,960  
EVENT #8: Sean Troha defeated 190 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$49,401  
EVENT #9: David Mirshak defeated 187 players (\$365 Omaha 8) for \$14,586

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Hammond's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place this spring at a yet-to-be-determined location.

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 56 expected 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](http://WSOP.com).

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