

## **2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 11**

**Horseshoe Casino**

**Council Bluffs, Iowa**

**Event #9**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)**

**Total Entries: 122**

**Prize Pool: \$61,000**

**April 16-17, 2015**



### **Brandon Fish Wins Council Bluffs \$580 Event**

**Kearney, Neb. pro finds success on his home turf, earns his second ring and \$17,078.**

**Event 6 winner John Reading finishes third, takes Casino Championship points lead through nine events.**

**Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 17, 2015)** — Brandon Fish of Kearney, Neb. earned the second ring of his young career at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa Friday night. The victory came in Event 9 of the property's World Series of Poker Circuit, a \$580 no-limit hold'em tournament, and earned Fish \$17,078 as well as 50 points toward the Casino Championship. Fish, who first carded gold during a 2012 Harrah's Atlantic City re-entry tournament, came out on top of a 122-player field in Iowa to take a head of steam into the series-ending Main Event.

"[It feels] just as sweet [as the first ring] – maybe event better because I have all my friends here from Omaha," the Nebraskan said.

Event 9 played out alongside Flight A of the \$1,675 Main Event. Fish needed just two hours of Day 2 play to make his way through the five-player restart and don a follow-up gold trophy. Rather than parlay his good fortune into a Flight A buy in, Fish practiced some patience and opted to wait until Saturday's Flight B to try his luck in the championship.

"I feel like I'm going to keep the 'A' game going," Fish said of his Main Event hopes. "I feel like I should make a pretty deep run."

Joining Fish at the Event 9 finale was a talented group of players including Andrew Robinson (9th), Michael Sanders (8th), Aaron Frei (6th), last year's WSOP Main Event 206th-place finisher Matthew Hruska and the new Casino Championship points leader John Reading (3rd). Reading's deep run complemented his Event 6 victory and topped his points total through nine events at an even 80. He holds a slight edge over the competition with three points-eligible events remaining.

Also making his second final table appearance of the Council Bluffs series was Fish. Fish finished 8th in Event 2 and registered the \$580 with no shortage of confidence. The online tournament pro had recently taken some time away from the game and returned to his home casino with a clear head.

“I felt like the time off did me some good and I was playing ‘A’ poker,” Fish said of his play. “It was a little disappointing after I got 8th in the second event, but still felt like I was due to do something good. I felt like I was playing my ‘A’ game, so here we are.”

Fish, a tournament pro, is 29 years old and resides in Kearney, Neb. His Event 9 victory marks his 19th Circuit cash, second gold ring win and moves him over \$100,000 in career Circuit earnings.

Event 9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$580 no-limit hold'em event attracted 122 players. The total prize pool came to \$61,000 and the top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Thursday, April 16 at 12 p.m. and Day 1 wrapped following Level 21 (~2 a.m.). Day 2 resumed Friday at 1 p.m. with five players remaining. Action concluded toward the beginning of Level 24 (~3 p.m.).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: David Hengen defeated 150 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,596  
EVENT #2: Norman Michalek defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,958  
EVENT #3: Kevin McLaughlin defeated 453 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,223  
EVENT #4: Chris Bibb defeated 122 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,249  
EVENT #5: Jared Mohnen defeated 124 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,414  
EVENT #6: John Reading defeated 117 players (\$365 O8) for \$10,531  
EVENT #7: Mark Evans defeated 149 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,737  
EVENT #8: Dan Lowery defeated 129 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,838  
EVENT #9: Brandon Fish defeated 122 players (\$580 NLH) for \$17,078

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluffs' 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at Harrah's Casino in Cherokee, N.C. July 29-31. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 56 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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