

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's New Orleans
Event #2
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 91
Total Prize Pool: 27,300
April 30 – May 1, 2015**

Joe Castaneda Wins PLO Event at WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans

Castaneda, a PLO specialist, earns his first Circuit ring and over \$8,000.

New Orleans (May 2, 2015) – Joe Castaneda became the latest ring winner on the World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans. He won the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$8,192.

Castaneda, a 36-year old from Houston, is a PLO specialist. "It's pretty much all I play," he said after the tournament. But he added that after this victory, he might try his hand at a couple Circuit hold'em events.

The first few hours of the tournament involved fast action and frequent eliminations. The 91-player field was whittled down to eight late on Day 1, but then only lost another two players before bagging up for the night. It took about 3 and half hours on Day 2 before Castaneda knocked out the last of his opponents. He said later that he adjusted his strategy once the pace of play changed. "Once we got to the final table and the game slowed down, I pretty much played four-card hands only. I didn't play any hands with danglers, and it got me to here."

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting Thursday, April 30 at 5 p.m.. On Friday, 6 players returned at 3 p.m. for Day 2. Castaneda secured his victory at about 6:30, after about 3 and a half hours on Day 2.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of this event, Eddie Pepper retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. Pepper and Joe Castaneda both have 50 points, but Pepper holds the tie-breaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's New Orleans earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Harrah's New Orleans Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Southern California so far:

EVENT #1: Eddie Pepper defeated 298 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$21,455.

EVENT #2: Joe Castaneda defeated 91 entries (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$8,192.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 10 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans concludes on May 11.

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