

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Horseshoe Council Bluffs  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Event #7  
Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 111  
Prize Pool: \$33,300  
April 4-5, 2017**



## **Scott Sharpe Wins the O8 Event**

**Scott Sharpe wins a gold ring in his favorite game type.**

**COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (April 5, 2017)** -- Scott Sharpe is the World Series of Poker's most recent champion. He took down the 111-player \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better event for \$9,989 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. The O8 event was Council Bluffs' only non-hold'em ring event of the series.

"It feels great," said Sharpe about winning his first gold ring. "It was fun."

Sharpe said that he really enjoys playing mixed games and that omaha 8 is his favorite game in the mix. There is a mixed in Kansas City that he plays when he gets the chance.

"It's probably my favorite game, I don't know if it's my best," said Sharpe about Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better.

Sharpe continued on to say that he thought no-limit hold'em was his best game in tournament format because that is what he has played the most of.

This marked Sharpe's 9th career WSOP cash and second in Omaha 8 or Better. He has a cash in PLO and the rest are in no-limit hold'em. Sharpe had come close to winning a gold ring twice prior to this event. In 2012, Sharpe recorded two runner-up finishes on the Circuit. He finished in 2nd place in a Horseshoe Council Bluffs no-limit hold'em turbo event and then 2nd place again one week later in a Harrah's St. Louis no-limit hold'em event.

Last summer Sharpe made it out to Vegas to play in a few bracelet events. He cashed in two events - he finished in 33rd place in the \$1,500 PLO event for \$4,901 and he finished in 783rd place in the \$1,500 Monster Stack event for \$2,511. Sharpe said that he hopes he make it out to Vegas for a few events again this year for the 48th annual World Series of Poker

Sharpe is from Overland Park, Kansas and he works in real estate. He wanted to thank his wife and four children for letting him skip town to come to Council Bluffs and play in this event.

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Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better tournament attracted 111 players generating a \$33,300 prize pool. The top 12 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 5 p.m. and lasted 16 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 3 p.m. with 24 players remaining. The tournament ended at about 9:15 p.m. midway through Level 24.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe Council Bluffs twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 Global Casino 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).

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

EVENT #1: Rod Novotny defeated 175 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,176  
EVENT #2: Kennii Nguyen defeated 151 players (\$365 NLHE Bounty) for \$8,154  
EVENT #3: Josh Reichard defeated 646 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$39,731  
EVENT #4: Brandon Fish defeated 197 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$15,366  
EVENT #5: Charlie Nguyen defeated 180 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,582  
EVENT #6: Michael Hahn defeated 198 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Handed) for \$16,334  
EVENT #7: Scott Sharpe defeated 111 players (\$365 O8) for \$9,989

With seven tournaments wrapped up, only five more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series.

All rings at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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