



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Event #10 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event
End of Day Three
Buy-In: \$1,600
Total Entries: 313
Total Prize Pool: \$455,415
October 10, 2011

Final Results:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1	Robert Castoire	CECELIA, KY, US	\$107,023
2	Jacob Bazeley	LUDLOW, KY, US	\$66,172
3	Aaron Massey	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$48,060
4	Donovan Darland	STAFFORD, VA, US	\$35,500
5	Mark Smith	GEORGETOWN, KY, US	\$26,651
6	Thang Nguyen	MCLEAN, VA, US	\$20,325
7	David J. Hengen	OMAHA, NE, US	\$15,744
8	Bernard Lee	WAYLAND, MA, US	\$12,378
9	Sameer Al-Dbhany	FRANKFORT, KY, US	\$9,878
10	Khang Luu	LOUISVILLE, KY, US	\$8,002
11	Waseem Karim	LEXINGTON, KY, US	\$8,002
12	Randy Pfeifer	EAST AMHERST, NY, US	\$8,002
13	Kevin Calenzo	NEW HARTFORD, NY, US	\$6,576
14	Jennifer Parrish	ALMA, AR, US	\$6,576
15	Jorge Reyes	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, US	\$6,576
16	Thomas Cronin	SAINT PETERS, MO, US	\$5,483
17	Stanley Combs	HUBER HEIGHTS, OH, US	\$5,483
18	Charles Cramer	JEFFERSONVILLE, IN, US	\$5,483
19	Kenny Smith	ROARK, KY, US	\$4,636
20	Jerry Case	GARRETT, KY, US	\$4,636
21	John L. Sullivan	BRUNSWICK, OH, US	\$4,636
22	Frank Maggio	CALUMET CITY, IL, US	\$3,976
23	John Nguyen	FORT WAYNE, IN, US	\$3,976
24	Terry Jacobs	PINE TOP, KY, US	\$3,976
25	Ernest Smith	SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY, US	\$3,457
26	Robert Cole	LEXINGTON, KY, US	\$3,457
27	Manish Parekh	HOUSTON, TX, US	\$3,457
28	Craig Bergeron	FARMINGTON HILLS, MI, US	\$3,047

29	Benjamin Kramer	TERRE HAUTE, IN, US	\$3,047
30	Brian Lemke	EAGLEVILLE, PA, US	\$3,047
31	Dwight Wrigley	Louisville, KY, US	\$2,719
32	Travell Thomas	BUFFALO, NY, US	\$2,719
33	Nathan Geise	FORT WAYNE, IN, US	\$2,719

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Ship's Officer and Semi-pro Sets Sail in Main Event Victory.

Elizabeth, IN (October 11, 2011)—Things at Horseshoe Southern Indiana ended pretty much the way they started. Mark "Pegasus" Smith came to the final table of the Main Event second in chips and was so close to his sixth Circuit ring he could taste it.

Standing in his way were chip leader, Aaron Massey, ESPN.com poker columnist and poker pro, Bernard Lee and two-time ring winner, Robert Castoire. After a seesaw of a final table that yielded what seemed like nine different chip leaders at one point or another, Castoire came out victorious.

At 56-years-old, Castoire is a ship's officer with a healthy poker resume. This was his twelfth Circuit cash, ninth final table and third victory. Castoire's prior Circuit win came at the hands of Pegasus as Castoire beat him heads-up at Choctaw. The two have played five final tables together, and Pegasus has outlasted Castoire three times. But not this time.

170 players returned for Day 2. After almost 15 hours of betting, raising and folding, only 10 players remained. Massey began Day 3 as the chip leader, but those honors eventually went to Pegasus. With five players remaining it seemed as if he would waltz into his sixth victory. That is, until he got into what would be the defining pot of the final table with Castoire.

Pegasus moved all-in on the turn and Castoire tanked before calling. Pegasus flipped over two pair and Castoire showed an open-ended straight draw. Everyone surrounding the table knew it was only a matter of time before Pegasus was the winner. Then the dealer turned over the river card and it completed Castoire's straight. Pegasus was eliminated in fifth place and it seemed the stars were aligning for Castoire. (More on this hand below).

In order to win, Castoire had to be all-in five or six times heads-up against 28-year-old Jacob Bazeley. While the majority of the time his money got in behind, he hit miracle card after miracle card, until finally regaining the chip lead and closing the door Bazeley's hopes for a Main Event victory.

Castoire won more than \$107,000 for his performance. The rest of the players at the final table stacked up like this:

Final Table:

Seat 1	David J. Hengen	696,000
Seat 2	Aaron Massey	1,070,000
Seat 3	Donovan Darland	561,000
Seat 4	Robert Castoire	788,000
Seat 5	Mark "Pegasus" Smith	877,000
Seat 6	Khang Luu	209,000
Seat 7	Bernard Lee	664,000
Seat 8	Thang Nguyen	119,000
Seat 9	Sameer Al-Dbhany	433,000
Seat 10	Jacob Bazeley	844,000

Tenth Place:

Khang Luu hails from Louisville, Kentucky. He made a name for himself with this breakthrough performance, carding his first in-the-money finish on the WSOP Circuit.

He was eliminated in tenth place when his [4h][4c] could not beat the [As][8d] of Darland all-in pre-flop. He earned \$8,002.

Ninth Place:

Sameer Al-Dbhany is a 40-year-old Lab Tech. He lives in Frankfort, Kentucky with his wife and two children. This was his fourth Circuit final table and tenth cash.

He left the tournament when his Ace King never caught up to the pocket 9s of Massey. He earned \$9,878 for his ninth place finish.

Eighth Place:

Between the WSOP and WSOPC, ESPN.com poker columnist, Bernard Lee has amassed six final tables and sixteen cashes. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Harvard University. He has also written the Sunday poker column for the Boston Herald since September 2005.

He pocketed \$12,378 for his eighth place finish.

Interview With Lee:

What does a player with a resume like yours take away from a finish like this? You played great, but didn't get that ring we know you wanted. – "Well it's just another stage in your career. It's nice to get another final table, obviously. But we play this game for one thing, and it's a title ... Unfortunately you don't really care about spots two through 10. When you're in this situation there's only spot you want ... I was trying to go for the win. I wasn't trying to get seventh or sixth or move up the money ladder ... It's another day in the life of a professional poker player. Unfortunately it wasn't the best day possible, but I got through 300+ plus people and you can't be upset about that."

Seventh Place:

David J. Hengen is an attorney from Omaha, Nebraska. He is 38-years-old and he and his wife have one son, Luke.

He was eliminated in seventh place when he was short stacked and got it in [Ad][3d] versus [7d][5d]. Neither player paired their hole cards and Hengen pocketed \$15,744 for his finish.

Sixth Place:

Thang Nguyen was born in Vietnam. At 31-years-old, he works as an engineer out of McLean, Virginia. Sixth place was good for \$20,325.

Fifth Place:

Mark "Pegasus" Smith came up short of his sixth Circuit victory. On a board of [10d][Js][5h][7h], Smith pushed his remaining chips in the pot. After some thinking, Castoire called and showed [Kd][Qc]. Smith tabled [Jc][10c] and was in position to double up with his two pair against Castoire's open-ended straight draw. When the dealer flipped over the [9h] a collective sigh echoed through the room. The card completed Castoire's straight and Smith was eliminated in fifth place earning \$26,651.

This was Smith's 16th WSOP Circuit final table. Between the WSOP and the Circuit he has now recorded 26 cashes.

Interview with Mark:

What's going through your head after losing like that following three tough days of play? – "I'm playing super right now. You try to avoid getting that unlucky. I flopped two pair... All I can do is get it in with the best and hope for the best. I played four tournaments. Made three final tables, got a first, a third and a fifth, the fifth coming in the Main Event. I couldn't be happier."

Talk about sharing the final table with Robert Castoire. You two have now played five final tables together. – "I've beaten him I think three of the times and that's the second time he's beaten me. If I had to give my chips to anybody I'd just as soon give them to him."

Fourth Place:

Donovan Darland is a 25-year-old professional poker player from Stafford, Virginia. This was his first WSOPC cash and first final table. When he isn't playing cards he enjoys frisbee golf. His parents have passed away, but he says they remain in the hearts of he and his sister, Jaime.

Darland undoubtedly made mom and dad proud with his amazing performance in the Main Event. He earned \$35,500.

Third Place:

Aaron Massey began the day as the chip leader. When play got down to three handed, Massey's chip advantage had gone out the window and stacks were basically even. He went on to exit the tournament in third place.

This was Massey's third Circuit final table and fifth cash. He will be looking for revenge as he heads to his hometown, Chicago, and gets back on the horse at Horseshoe Hammond.

He was awarded \$48,060 for his finish.

Second Place:

Jacob Bazely played strong all day. At one time he was about 10-to-1 on Castoire heads-up. Castoire won a few all-ins in a row, and it was anybody's game again. With the players about even in stacks and the board laying [Jd][3h[Ks] Castoire moved all-in and Bazely instantly called tabling [Kh][Jh] for two pair. It was obvious Castoire did not want a call as he sheepishly turned over [Qc][10s]. The [Ad] fell on the turn giving Castoire a straight Bazeley would never catch up to.

Bazeley earned \$66,172 for his efforts.

First Place:

Robert Castoire is a 56-year-old ship's officer. He earned \$107,023 for his first place finish. This was his eighth WSOPC final table and largest cash of his life. He says he plans to take his wife on a trip to Europe and buy himself a new car.

Winner Interview:

How does it feel? – "I'm still shocked. A half hour ago I wasn't expecting to be here. I was just looking to go out with a little bit of dignity. – It was bloody, it was brutal, it was cruel, but I got lucky. I was the last one."

You and Mark have a lot of history. Was it kind of bitter sweet when you hit your straight to knock him out? – "Yeah, it was. I wasn't all that happy about it. To knock him out under those circumstances, that kind of hand. It's has to be nice, it has to be clean I have to get my money in good and I'll feel alright with it. It's not like Mark hasn't sucked out on me many times, too."

You and Mark have shared many final tables. Do you have a friendly competition going? – "I can't really say it's a competition. Mark's got five rings. There's just no competition there. But you play the cards that you're dealt. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose and sometimes you suck out."

What's better, the ring or the money? – "You want to know the truth?" – Yeah – "The ring. I'm at a point in my life where while \$100,000 is a really really nice piece of change, it doesn't change my life. As corny as it sounds, the jewelry is more important than the money."

Where does this win take your poker career now? – "I'm going to Hammond. But this doesn't really change anything. I was going to Hammond anyway. It's a little bit of validation and validation to poker players is important. You need to know that you can win."

Each final table throughout the 2011/2012 Circuit tour will be streamed live at WSOP.com

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