



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Horseshoe Hammond
Event #4
Pot-Limit Omaha w/ \$100 Re-Buys
End of Day Two
Buy-In: \$350
Total Entries: 153 (946 Re-Buys)
Total Prize Pool: \$139,123
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A ROYAL FLUSH TO WIN!

Not really. 33-year-old Plumber Wins First WSOPC Pot-Limit Omaha Event He Plays.

Hammond, IN (October 18, 2011)—Pot-Limit Omaha is one of the most popular, but also one of the most volatile games in poker. Players can go from zero, to hero, to bust in the course of a few hands. Naturally, putting a \$350 prize tag on a PLO tournament and adding the option for \$100 re-buys will make for some exciting poker. That's exactly what Horseshoe Hammond and the WSOP Circuit did with Event #4.

Fortunately for our most recent WSOP Circuit champion, Charles Tonne, he came to the final table of Event #4 as one of the heroes, starting third in chips. The swings that typically define PLO didn't get to him and he remained a hero until the last card was dealt, cashing in for \$37,560 and his first Circuit ring.

Hammond is one of the only WSOPC stops to hold a PLO tournament of this nature as a ring event, and it's always a huge success. This year, 153 players put up the \$350 entry fee and there was an astonishing 946 re-buys. That's an average of more than six re-buys per player!

"It's my favorite event," Jason Newman, poker manager, said. "It's a \$300 event that turns into anywhere from a \$500 to \$1,000 event. It's hard to find the PLO tournaments anywhere outside of Las Vegas. I had numerous players come up to me thanking me for running it."

Needless to say, one of Newman's biggest fans is our newest champion, Tonne. Tonne, 33, grew up in a small town in Michigan where he still resides. He has worked as a master plumber for 13 years and poker remains one of his biggest hobbies.

Tonne's PLO resume didn't necessarily match up with the rest of the final table's, but he didn't let that bother him. He came to the table third in chips and remained one of the largest stacks until he was about a 5-to-1 advantage heads-up and sealed the deal on his first WSOPC victory.

Final Table:

Seat 1	Mark Provenzano	260,000
Seat 2	Charles Tonne	342,000
Seat 3	Michael Schneider	480,000
Seat 4	Joshua Field	290,000
Seat 5	Gary Lisowski	96,000
Seat 6	Fred Winter	70,000
Seat 7	Zack Estes	100,000
Seat 8	Nick Guagenti	80,000

Second Place:

Michael “Car Wash” Schneider is 44-years-old and hails from Covington, Georgia. This was his sixth WSOPC final table. He has recorded ninth, fifth, sixth, fourth, third and second place finishes. He came up short of his first ring again when Tonne spiked an Ace on the river to beat his pair of Kings.

“When we got to the final table you could just tell it was going to be him and me heads-up because of our chip stacks,” Tonne said about Schneider.

First Place:

Charles Tonne is a 33-year-old master plumber from St. Clair, Michigan. He is also a certified welding inspector and while poker used to be more than a hobby, he just plays for fun these days.

He took the weekend off to come to Horseshoe Hammond and try his luck at winning a Circuit ring. After his victory, he still plans on heading back to work on Wednesday (October 19), but isn’t entirely sure if he’ll make it.

Pot-Limit Omaha isn’t his best game, but it was good enough to get through a tough final table and earn his first ring.

Winner Interview:

This was your first time playing PLO at a Circuit event and you won a ring. How does it feel? – “Great. It was such a great tournament. I liked the structure. It was a lot of fun. I love the re-buy tournaments.”

When you reach into your pocket for the fifth, sixth and even seventh time to re-buy, are you still thinking, “Yeah, I can win this,” or what is your mindset? – “Always. I always expect to win. I don’t want to cash. I play to win.”

This is the fourth of 12 ring events slated to take place at the Horseshoe Hammond. Winners of all events will receive first-place prize money and the coveted WSOP Circuit ring. In addition, the winner of the Main Event will receive a seat to the \$1 million Circuit National Championship in Las Vegas. An additional seat will be awarded to the individual who earns the most Circuit points at this stop.

The WSOP Circuit Events at Horseshoe Hammond continue through October 24. The Main Event will take place October 21.

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

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Final Results:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Charles Tonne	CHINA, MI, US	\$37,560
2	Mike Schneider	COVINGTON, GA, US	\$23,214
3	Zachary Estes	ALTON, IL, US	\$16,710
4	Nick Guagenti	WESTERVILLE, OH, US	\$12,247
5	Richard Hoffman	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$9,135
6	Joshua Field	VILLA PARK, CA, US	\$6,932
7	Frederic Winter	LA GRANGE, IL, US	\$5,351
8	Mark Provenzano	MELROSE PARK, IL, US	\$4,197
9	Gary Lisowski	US	\$3,347
10	Gary Herstein	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$2,712
11	Gary Larimer	Clinton Township, MI, US	\$2,712
12	Michael Apa	ADDISON, IL, US	\$2,712

13	Naigang Lin	GRANDVILLE, MI, US	\$2,232
14	Ronnie Fisher	CALUMET CITY, IL, US	\$2,232
15	David Todd	Plantation, FL, US	\$2,232
16	Mohammad Abedi Arani	Plano, TX, US	\$1,866
17	Frank Cerminara	KENOSHA, WI, US	\$1,866
18	Robert Halm	South Bend, IN, US	\$1,866

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