

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Horseshoe Hammond  
Event #2  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$500 (+80)  
Total Entries: 546  
Total Prize Pool: \$273,000  
October 19-20, 2013**

**Mark Morris Wins the First Ring at Horseshoe Hammond  
37-year old earns his first Circuit Ring.**

**Hammond, IN (October 20, 2013)** – Seven years. That is how long it had been since Mark Morris last cashed in a WSOP Circuit event. In fact, it had been his only cash. In October of 2006, Morris finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the \$1,000 No-Limit Hold 'em event for \$10,127 at what would later become the Horseshoe Southern Indiana.

Since that time, the 37-year old Sales Manager had not found a cash again on the Circuit. That changed in a dramatic way today at the Horseshoe Hammond. In the \$580 No-Limit Hold 'em Event 2, Morris not only cashed, but also earned his first ring and \$57,327 for winning the event.

As expected at Horseshoe Hammond, another huge crowd showed up for the \$580 NLHE event. A total of 546 players entered the field, creating a prize pool of \$273,000. By the end of play on Day 1, only 19 remained to battle it out for the \$57,327 first place prize.

Morris paced the field going into Day 2 with 1,029,000 chips. The 19 players were quickly whittled down to the final table where Morris continued his dominance. Six hours later, Morris came out on top, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring.

It had been a long seven years for Morris. "This feels incredible," Morris said after his victory. Victory was finally his along with over \$57,000 in prize money.

We are pretty sure Morris won't wait another seven years to cash again.

*Final table results were as follows:*

- 1st – Mark Morris \$57,327
- 2nd – Joel Murphy \$35,460
- 3rd – Russell Harriman \$25,930
- 4th – Peter Steffen \$19,241
- 5th – Jorge Reyes \$14,477
- 6th – Cuong Tran \$11,043
- 7th – Stephen Precht \$8,539
- 8th – Kunal Shah \$6,694
- 9th – Alexander Ziskin \$5,318

## Notes on the Event

- The final table took just over six hours to complete.
- Doug Carli recorded his record 80<sup>th</sup> career Circuit cash in this event.
- This was the first ring presented at Horseshoe Hammond this stop.

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With his victory, Morris earns 50 points towards the Horseshoe Hammond Casino Champion standings. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Hammond's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the 2014 WSOP National Championship, as will the winner of the Horseshoe Hammond Main Event. 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 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).

With the second tournament complete, there are still ten more gold ring events remaining as the WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond continues through October 14th.

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