

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Hammond

Hammond, IN

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125)

Total Entries: 198

Prize Pool: \$198,000

October 23-24, 2013



Stanislav Barshak Strikes Gold in \$1K Buy-in

25-year-old professional makes the trip home from Costa Rica to play WSOP Circuit series, earns second gold ring at Hammond in as many years.

Hammond, IN (October 24, 2013) — Stanislav Barshak is a bit of a nomad. He was born in Ukraine, moved to Illinois and when he's not playing higher stakes tournaments in Europe he can be found in Costa Rica playing online poker.

“Usually I play higher buy-in events, but I like to play lower stakes, too, because the fields are really good,” Barshak said. “I’ll play anything. I don’t mind grinding.”

Barshak used the WSOP Circuit series at Horseshoe Hammond as a reason to leave Costa Rica and Europe behind and make a trip back to the States to visit his family in the Chicago area.

While he might not mind grinding, life back home hasn't been much of a grind for Barshak as of late. He earned his first gold ring at Horseshoe Hammond last year in a \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament and followed up that performance with a victory in the \$1,125 buy-in event Thursday night.

Barshak's most recent win came at the hands of a stacked 198-player field. He earned his second gold ring and \$51,479. The score marks his 13th WSOP-related cash and moves him over the \$200,000 mark in career earnings.

“I think [this ring] is probably more gratifying [than the six-max ring] because it's a tougher field in this tournament,” Barshak said. “The \$1,000 buy-in is one of the tougher fields at these Circuit events. This feels more accomplishing because I had a lot of swings at the final table.”

Barshak, who speaks fluent Russian but has no accent, was born in Kiev, Ukraine. His parents brought him to the States when he was four years old as they pursued a better life for themselves and their family. Barshak made the most of it, attending the University of Illinois where he double majored in marketing and international business.

During his senior he learned he had a knack for poker. He started consistently winning online tournaments and while he would go on to graduate, he had little interest in using his degrees in the professional world.

“My parents didn’t like it, but I ran with it,” Barshak said.

Poker has treated the 25-year-old well and he even taught the game to his girlfriend – a potential foe in this weekend’s Main Event.

“I coach my girlfriend now and she will be playing the Main Event Saturday. She’s gotten really good so I’m very excited,” Barshak said.

Barshak was one of many decorated players to take a shot in the \$1,125 buy-in Event 8. By our count, at least four gold bracelet winners were in the field and notables Jacob Bazeley (21st) and Rex Clinkscales (17th) were among the in-the-money finishers.

Barshak hopes to parlay the momentum from his most recent victory into a Main Event title.

“I feel like I’m playing my ‘A’ game and I’m feeling good for the Main Event. I’m very, very excited for it,” Barshak said.

Event 8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$1,125 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 198 players generating a \$198,000 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 started Thursday at 2 p.m. with 14 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at about 4 p.m. and concluded at 9:30 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- The Day 2 chip leader, David Miscikowski, was the first elimination at the final table. He earned \$4,633 for his 9th-place finish.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Hammond’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of 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 Horseshoe Hammond:

EVENT #1: Robert Georato defeated 2,496 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$110,471

EVENT #2: Mark Morris defeated 546 players (\$580 NLH) for \$57,327

EVENT #3: Michael Oshana defeated 465 players (\$365 NLH) for \$29,983

EVENT #4: Kevin Meeusen defeated 146 players (\$365 PLO with Re-Buys) for \$35,812

EVENT #5: Janchiv Enkhyam defeated 469 players (\$365 NLH) for \$30,250

EVENT #6: Ben Keeline defeated 330 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) for \$41,246

EVENT #7: Jason Hill defeated 227 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$17,706

EVENT #8: Stanislav Barshak defeated 198 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$51,479

With the eighth tournament wrapped, four more ring events remain at Horseshoe Hammond.

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