

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 10**

**Harrah's Rincon**

**Valley Center, CA**

**Event #7**

**Pot Limit Omaha**

**Buy-In: \$365**

**Total Entries: 74**

**Prize Pool: \$22,200**

**December 10-11, 2013**



### **No Shock When Mitch Schock Wins Second Ring**

#### **Father of Omaha Finishes Fourth**

**Valley Center, CA (December 11, 2013)** -- It was no surprise when Mitch Schock came out on top of the Pot Limit Omaha final table. He's been there before. He won a WSOP bracelet in 2011 in the \$2,500 Pot Limit Hold'em/Omaha event. He also has a WSOP Circuit ring won in March of this year in No Limit Hold'em. Now he has a second ring and \$7,548 as the winner of the \$365 Pot Limit Omaha event here at Harrah's Rincon.

The runner-up was Paul Cookson, who just won his first Circuit ring a few weeks ago at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. Cookson pocketed \$4,670 for second place. He also earns 37.5 points toward the Casino Champion race, which brings his Rincon total to 62.5, putting him second behind Drew Merrick, who leads with 75 points. Paul's total on the National Leaderboard increased to 117.5, which should boost him into the top ten.

Fourth place and \$2,152 went to Robert 'Chipburner' Turner. Turner has one WSOP bracelet, one WSOP Circuit ring, and too many other poker accomplishments to list here. He created the game of Omaha and has over \$2.2 million in reported lifetime earnings.

Sixth place finisher Joshua Evans and seventh place finisher Robert Edelstein each have two WSOP Circuit rings to their credit.

The Pot Limit Omaha field was small, with only 74 entrants, but it was a star-studded field. In addition to the 2 WSOP bracelets and 7 WSOP Circuit Rings among the final eight players, there were quite a few other decorated players in the crowd:

Howard 'Tahoe' Andrew - 2 WSOP bracelets, 1 ring

Dana Castaneda - 1 WSOP bracelet

Michael Souza - 4 rings

Cary Marshall - 2 rings, 2012 Harveys Tahoe Main Event Champion

Valentin Vornicu - 2 rings, 2012 Rincon Casino Champion

Ryan Rinker - 2013 Harveys Tahoe Casino Champion

Jed Hoffman - 1 ring

The total prize pool of \$22,200 was distributed among the final eight players. No women made the money in this event.

"Poker is cool," said Schock. He's a single father of 5 and lives in North Dakota, so the chilly weather here is "shorts weather" to him. He travels mostly during the summer because of family. Earlier this year, he felt his game was "broke" and spent a couple of weeks in Vegas working on it. He decided he had become too passive, a "calling station" and "needed to open [his game] up a bit". Apparently his adjustment worked. On playing with the creator of Omaha, Robert Turner, Schock said "That was cool...he was good".

### **Final Results**

1. Mitch Schock (Bismark, ND) \$7548
2. Paul Cookson (Fair Oaks, CA) \$4,670
3. Donald Garrett (Sun Valley, CA) \$3,074
4. Robert 'Chipburner' Turner (Downey, CA) \$2,152
5. Chris Gregg (Encinitas, CA) \$1,595
6. Joshua Evans (Las Vegas, NV) \$1,247
7. Robert Edelstein (Chicago, IL) \$1,027
8. Julian Federico (Ramona, CA) \$887

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Rincon's twelve 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 in Spring of 2014.

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 Harrah's Rincon:

EVENT #1: Drew Merrick defeated 221 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,576

EVENT #2: Mark Alag defeated 155 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,555

EVENT #3: Jorge Walker defeated 444 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,302

EVENT #4: Josh Reichard defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,589

EVENT #5: Nyle Rock defeated 135 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,341

EVENT #6: Ted Woolridge defeated 141 players (\$365 Six-Handed NLH) for \$12,054

EVENT #7: Mitch Schock defeated 74 players (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$7,548

With the seventh ring event completed, five more remain at Harrah's Rincon.

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