

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #2

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 332

Prize Pool: \$99,600

May 9-10, 2013



Larry Hirons Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

Steve Grant Denied Ring #2

New Orleans, LA (May 10, 2014) -- "It feels almost as good as if Gary Loveman would have lunch with me -- and if he comes to Dallas, I'll buy him lunch," Larry Hirons said about winning his first ring. (Gary Loveman is the CEO of Caesar's Entertainment.) Along with the WSOP Circuit ring, Hirons collected \$22,909 in first-place prize money.

Hirons is a businessman from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and started out playing "years ago" in underground games there, "where he met some really, really neat people". He says "I'd rather wear out the bottoms of my shoes than the bottom of my pants" so playing for so many hours "tries my patience". But he "enjoys the challenge".

He was second in chips when they began Day 2 with ten players remaining and he stayed in the chip lead or close to it for most of the day -- until he got heads-up with Syed Alvi. Alvi had him about 2:1 in chips when their match began, but Hirons caught a huge double-up when his A6 made a straight to crack pocket Queens. On the final hand, it all came down to the kicker and 'Easy Larry' Hirons had the bigger one. Alvi pocketed \$14,162 for second place.

The only ring owner at this final table was Steve Grant, who was the chip leader at the start of Day 2. He won his ring here in 2010 and came close to repeating the feat. Grant lost a coin-flip to Syed Alvi and busted out in 3rd place.

The second ring event of the New Orleans series drew 332 players for a total prize pool of \$99,600. The money was spread among the final 36 players. Erica Sumner was the last woman in the event and she bubbled the unofficial final table, busting out in 11th place for \$1,742.

Other notables in the money were ring-bearer Tim West, who finished 21st (\$1,001) and circuit grinder Jamie Kerstetter, who finished 22nd (\$855). Both of these players picked up 5 points on the National Leaderboard, moving up to 59th and 53rd places, respectively. They're both within striking distance of those coveted 50 at-large seats in the National Championship. Also in the money was ring winner Katherine Bowen, who finished 34th (\$515).

Larry Hirons has a couple more days in town before he heads to Las Vegas for a week, so he hopes to squeeze in at least one more event during this series.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Larry Hirons	ARLINGTON, TX, US	\$22,909
2	Syedaimuddin Alvi	Duluth, GA, US	\$14,162
3	Stephen Grant	GRETNA, LA, US	\$10,332
4	Bryan Hooker	Tuscaloosa, AL, US	\$7,663
5	Dennis Crowley	PEARLAND, TX, US	\$5,773
6	Sean Locantro	Metairie, LA, US	\$4,415
7	John Lauve	Baton Rouge, LA, US	\$3,426
8	Justin Hooker	Tuscaloosa, AL, US	\$2,697
9	Kevin Waguespack	Kingwood, TX, US	\$2,153

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's New Orleans twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 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. This is the final stop of the season and all the at-large qualifiers will be determined by the conclusion of this series.

More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's New Orleans:

EVENT #1: Louis George defeated 281 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$20,233

EVENT #2: Larry Hirons defeated 332 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$22,909

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