

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #6

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 272

Prize Pool: \$81,600

May 12-13, 2014



Justin Booth Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 13, 2014) -- "Breathtaking" was how Justin Booth described winning his first WSOP Circuit ring. In addition to the gold, he'll collect \$19,586 for first place.

On the final hand, Booth was ahead with a pocket pair, but had to sweat an overcard and flush draw. When David Shober whiffed all his outs, Booth said, "I'm glad to finally have that monkey off my back".

This is his first win in a major event. The 28-year-old has been playing poker professionally for about seven years. He caught the poker bug playing in a bar tournament and continued to play while in college and working as a carpet cleaner.

David Shober was the chip leader at the start of Day 2 and when they reached the final table 13 minutes later, but when Brandon Rich busted out in 3rd place, Shober was trailing Booth slightly, about 1.2 million to 1.5 million. Shober, who is a Financial Planner from Silver Spring, MD, collected \$12,103 for second place.

Carol Hackbarth was the last woman remaining in this event and she busted out just before the end of level 24. Her 4th place finish was good for \$6,479.

The only WSOP Circuit ring holder at this final table, Tim West, busted out in 5th place. He also picked up 25 points for a total of 145 points on the National Leaderboard. That puts him in 40th place and in range to possibly qualify for an at-large seat in the National Championship.

This event drew 272 players for a total prize pool of \$81,600. That amount was shared among the final 30 players. The final table was longer than average, taking nearly seven hours to complete.

David Nicholson, who won his 4th Circuit ring a couple of days ago in Event 3, finished in 11th place (\$1,455) for his third cash of this series. The points he earned put him back on the top of the Casino Champion race with 70 points.

Before we could start the post-game interview, Justin Booth had to call his grandmother to let her know he won. He said, "Love you and thank you!" to his grandma and "#1 Thanks to God". He's expecting his first child, a girl, next month and says, "she will not know how to play any kind of poker". He'll be playing the rest of this series here in New Orleans and then after taking a couple of weeks off, plans to head to Las Vegas for the WSOP.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Justin Booth	DALLAS, GA, US	\$19,586
2	David Shober	Germantown, MD, US	\$12,103
3	Brandon Rich	TOMBALL, TX, US	\$8,782
4	Carol Hackbarth	THEODORE, AL, US	\$6,479
5	Tim West	LOS ALTOS, CA, US	\$4,859
6	Ted Woody	AXTON, VA, US	\$3,703
7	Kevin Cooper	LAFAYETTE, LA, US	\$2,866
8	Jerry Giroir	LAFAYETTE, LA, US	\$2,252
9	John Monteiro	HOUMA, LA, US	\$1,797

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
EVENT #3: David Nicholson defeated 116 players (\$365 PLO) earning \$10,441
EVENT #4: Austin Apicella defeated 698 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) earning \$42,933
EVENT #5: Matthew Batoon defeated 229 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$17,174
EVENT #6: Justin Booth defeated 272 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$19,586

With six ring events completed, six more remain in this series.

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