

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #10

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,125

Total Entries: 191

Prize Pool: \$191,000

May 15-16, 2014



Arthur Boatman Wins 1st Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 16, 2014) -- Every couple of years, Arthur Boatman takes a year or so off from work to play poker -- mostly cash games of the No Limit Hold'em variety. He rarely plays tournaments, but today recorded his third Circuit cash in a big way, by winning the \$1,125 No Limit Hold'em event.

"It was good," he said. "When I do get to escape from work, I try to get to New Orleans...I like it here", Boatman said after winning his 1st Circuit ring and \$49,665.

Puneeth Modha was the chip leader at the start of Day 2 with 14 players remaining and he still held the chip lead when they reached the nine-handed final table. When they reached the final two, however, Arthur Boatman was the chip leader with 1.8 million to Modha's 1 million chips. Modha took over the chip lead early on.

A key hand of the 25-minute heads-up match was when Boatman shipped on a Ten-high flop with JT. Modha held pocket Aces and was ahead, but a Ten on the turn sent the double-up to Boatman. He caught another lucky double-up a short while later when he came from behind, turning a flush. On the final hand, Boatman's A9 dominated Modha's A4 and the better hand held up. Puneeth Modha had to settle for second place and \$30,677.

There were four ring-bearers at this final table and three of them were the first three out. Matt Bond (1 ring) finished 9th, Joshua Reichard (2 rings) finished 8th, and John Holley (2 rings) finished 7th. The fourth and final ring-bearer, Kevin Eyster (1 ring) busted out in 4th place.

There were 191 players in this event, which began at 3pm Thursday. The total prize pool of \$191,000 was shared among the final 21 players. The last woman in the event was Ting Ho, who made the 'unofficial' final table, then busted out in 10th place (\$3,623). Another notable cash was four-time ring winner David Nicholson, who finished 21st for his 5th cash of this series. He reclaimed the lead in the Casino Championship race with 82.5 points and has secured himself a seat in the National Championship.

Boatman is a hospital executive in the process of moving from Ohio back to Florida where his family is from. He plans to play the Main Event here tomorrow, then perhaps the WSOP Main Event in July.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Arthur Boatman	TAMPA, FL, US	\$49,665
2	Puneet Modha	BATON ROUGE, LA, US	\$30,677
3	Ladarren Banks	Tuscaloosa, AL, US	\$22,150
4	Kevin Eyster	LAFAYETTE, LA, US	\$16,267
5	Nicholas Palma	Bronx, NY, US	\$12,153
6	Farshad Doulatshahi	Houston, TX, US	\$9,235
7	John Holley	DESTIN, FL, US	\$7,134
8	Joshua Reichard	BELOIT, WI, US	\$5,602
9	Justin Bond	Irving, TX, US	\$4,469

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
EVENT #7: Jonathan Hart defeated 266 players (\$365 SixMax NLH) earning \$21,144
EVENT #8: Tim West defeated 302 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$21,291
EVENT #9: Jason Potter defeated 247 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) earning \$18,156
EVENT #10: Arthur Boatman defeated 191 players (\$1,125 NLH) earning \$49,665

With ten ring events completed, two more remain in this series.

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