

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 190

Prize Pool: \$190,000

October 22-23, 2014



Two for Troha, Sean Wins Second Ring of Hammond Series

26-year-old Ohio pro bests bracelet winners at each of his two final tables, takes a commanding lead in the Casino Championship with three cashes including two victories.

Troha bests 190 in \$1,125 ring event, earns \$49,401 and his second win of the series.

Hammond, Ind. (October 23, 2014) — Sean Troha earned his second ring of the World Series of Poker Circuit series at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. Thursday night. The 26-year-old Ohio pro maneuvered his way through a tough field for the second time in three days to come out on top in Event 8, a \$1,125 no-limit hold'em tournament. In addition to \$49,401 in prizes and his second career ring, the win gives him a commanding lead in the Casino Championship points race. Troha, who now lays claim to 102.5, leads the field by a margin of 52.5 with just three points-eligible events remaining on the Hammond schedule.

“It was on my mind a little bit,” Troha said of the points lead. “When we were eight or nine-handed I was thinking about it. Maybe just don’t do anything crazy, that kind of thing. Play a little tighter.”

Troha, who hadn’t recorded a WSOP-related cash prior to the Hammond series, now has two rings in two variations – no-limit hold'em and pot-limit Omaha. Like his first win, which came at the hands of bracelet winner Owais Ahmed and three-time ring winner Josh Reichard, his second victory was a tough test of skill that saw him outlast decorated pros. The final table began with headliners like bracelet winner Tyler Patterson and 2012 Hammond Main Event champion Josh Williams. Williams made an early exit, busting eighth, while Patterson was a factor late in the event finishing fourth.

With Patterson’s elimination, play opened up and it was only a matter of time until Troha earned his unlikely second victory of the series.

“It all happened so quickly three-handed and heads-up was pretty short,” a noticeably stunned Troha said following the win. “I wasn’t even the chip leader three-handed. I took the chip lead and just ran with it. It was over in a flash.”

On the final hand, Troha lead on an [Ad][Th][9c] board and his heads-up opponent David Plotkin raised him. Troha moved all in and Plotkin called. It was Plotkin who held the lead with [Ah][Kd] for top pair but Troha had straight outs holding [Qs][Jc].

As it should for a player running as hot as Troha, the turn [8h] completed his straight and spelled the end for Plotkin. He earned \$30,516 for his runner-up finish.

“It’s crazy,” Troha said. “I guess you just get really lucky in spurts or something. A long time with no cashes then all the sudden it goes your way. I don’t know how to describe it.”

The victory comes on the eve of the \$1,675 Main Event and Troha earns his second seat in the finale courtesy of the Horseshoe, though staff informed him the cash value of seat number two will be awarded in tournament buy-in chips. As for what’s next for the property’s hottest player and newest champion, he kept it pretty simple.

“Dinner and the Main Event tomorrow,” he 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 event attracted 190 players. The total prize pool came to \$190,000 and the top 21 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Wednesday, October 22 at 2 p.m. and Day 1 wrapped following Level 18. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with 23 players remaining and just the top 21 finishing in the money. Seven players started the day with less than 10 big blinds and it took just a few minutes to burst the bubble. From there, play narrowed to the nine-handed final table by just after 3 p.m. Action concluded shortly before 8 p.m. making the total duration of the finale about five hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Hammond:

EVENT #1: Robert Hankins defeated 1,959 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$92,562

EVENT #2: John Peterson defeated 393 players (\$580 NLH) for \$42,122

EVENT #3: Nicola Ditrapani defeated 375 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,748

EVENT #4: Sean Troha defeated 154 players (\$580 PLO) for \$20,789

EVENT #5: James Hull defeated 366 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,161

EVENT #6: Ari Engel defeated 128 players (\$580 HORSE) for \$17,921

EVENT #7: Ron Slucker defeated 292 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) \$37,960

EVENT #8: Sean Troha defeated 190 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$49,401

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Hammond’s 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place this spring at a yet-to-be-determined location.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 56 expected 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.

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