

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Tunica, Miss.

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 1,370

Prize Pool: \$411,000

January 23-25, 2015



Derek Schroeder Wins \$70K in Tunica Re-Entry Event

Horseshoe Tunica weekend opener draws 1,370 entries, Missouri resident claims \$70,898 first prize.

Tunica, Miss. (January 26, 2015) — Derek Schroeder went from one of the table shortstacks to the Circuit's newest gold ring winner early Monday morning at Horseshoe Casino in Tunica, Miss. The impressive turnaround came at the hands of a 1,370-player field in Event 3 of the property's World Series of Poker Circuit, a \$365 re-entry event. Schroeder, a Saint Charles, Mo. resident, earned \$70,898 as well as 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a gold ring.

“\$70,000 is awesome, but the best part is the ring. Anybody can have money. Not everyone can get one of these,” Schroeder said admiring his trophy.

Schroeder's prognosis in the tournament was grim during the late stages of play. He sat second-to-last in chips at the 10-handed final table while chip leader Justin Booth's stack continued to grow. By the time five players remained, Booth held nearly 7,000,000 of the 13,700,000 chips in play and was on cruise control down the home stretch. It wasn't until four-handed play that Booth hit his first speed bump of the tournament doubling Schroeder and eventual runner-up Jonathan Moseley in near-consecutive hands.

Back to reality, Booth was average stacked and even at a slight disadvantage to Schroeder. He opened a pot and Schroeder three-bet. Booth called and they were heads-up to the flop. The board came queen high and Booth and Schroeder eventually got it in – Booth holding queen-three for top pair and Schroeder with pocket kings for an overpair. The board ran out no help to Booth and in a flash he was busted.

“[Booth] is obviously a very, very great player. He had a huge chip lead, then he ran in to a couple unlucky spots,” Schroeder said of his adversary. “He might have been a little bit frustrated when he called my three-bet with queen-three. The flop came queen high and that's when I had pocket kings. That's what did him in.”

Booth finished fourth earning \$24,500 in what marked his eighth career Circuit cash.

With one of the table's most experienced players on the sidelines, Schroeder went to work busting Joshua Jones third and Jonathan Moseley runner up. His rail, which included three friends who played – and cashed – in the re-entry event, engulfed the Circuit's newest champion

as the last river card hit the felt. The victory marked Schroeder's first WSOP-related cash, but it's far from his first tournament score. His poker resume includes two HPT final tables including a victory in a 2012 \$350 event.

"I would call [poker] more than a hobby," he said. "I take the game very seriously. I study the game. I used to play for a living after I graduated college, but then I decided it takes a lot of the stress off if you have an actual job and just play poker on the side."

Joining Schroeder in the money were Paul Sokoloff (151st), who recorded his 18th cash of the Circuit season, Brandon Newsome (149th), Jerry Monroe (126th), Doug Carli (82nd), Ross Bybee (40th), Jason Mayfield (26th), Nolan Burton (21st) and others.

Schroeder, a former baseball player at Lindenwood University in Missouri, works as a web developer in St. Louis. He left the Horseshoe shortly after 2 a.m. local time claiming he fully intended to make it to work in the morning.

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Tunica. The \$365 no-limit hold'em re-entry event attracted 1,370 entries. The total prize pool came to \$411,000 and the top 153 finishers were paid.

The first of three starting flights, Flight A, began Friday, January 23 at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Subsequent starting flights took place the following day at noon and 5 p.m. and matched the schedule of play of Flight A. Here's a flight-by-flight breakdown of the tournament:

Flight	Entries	Advanced to Day 2
1A	299	36
1B	633	81
1C	438	48
Total	1,370	165

Day 2 resumed Sunday, January 25 at 12 p.m. with 165 players remaining and the bubble burst in the first 25 minutes of play. From there, play narrowed to the nine-handed final table by 11 p.m. Action concluded at 1:45 making the total duration of the finale two hours and 45 minutes.

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

EVENT #1: Scott Stewart defeated 338 players (\$365 NLH) for \$23,326

EVENT #2: Chico Pho defeated 130 players (\$365 PLO) for \$10,919

EVENT #3: Daniel Gilmer defeated 393 players (\$365 NLH) for \$25,942

EVENT #4: Derek Schroeder defeated 1,370 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$70,898

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe'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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