

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Tunica, Miss.

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 254

Prize Pool: \$76,200

January 28-29, 2015



### David Delaney Wins Event 8

**Minnesota banker hauls in an \$18,677 score and a gold ring on the eve of the Main Event.**

**Tunica, Miss. (January 29, 2015)** — David Delaney denied Duane Gerleman his second career gold ring and the Casino Championship points lead Thursday night in Event 8 of the Horseshoe Tunica World Series of Poker Circuit, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament. Delaney faced off heads-up against Gerleman and came out on top to the tune of an \$18,667 score and his first career gold ring.

“It’s great,” Delaney said of his trophy. “I’ve always wanted a ring. They look great. I love playing poker.”

More than just loving the game, Delaney loves the Mid-South poker scene. He first burst onto its radar in 2007 when he finished 11th in the \$5,000 Grand Casino Tunica Main Event for \$21,809. His score paled in comparison to the \$560,000 first prize he had his eye on and he returned to the property years later still hungry.

“I love coming to Tunica,” Delaney said. “Everyone is pretty good at the final tables. It seems like in Tunica there are some new people every time. You don’t see that much where we live so I like coming here.”

He began the final table of Event 8 toward the middle of the pack and stood his ground all the way to four-handed play. At that time, he came out on the receiving end of some loose play by the eventual fourth-place finisher JP Kolb. Kolb got roughly 700,000 chips in the pot preflop holding a weak ace. Delaney called with a better ace and his hand held. When the stacks were counted down, it was revealed Delaney and had Kolb covered by less than 100,000. Delaney took a commanding chip lead while Kolb hit the rail.

Next to go was the start-of-day chip leader Jeff Evans leaving Delaney to face off against Gerleman. On top of his second career gold ring, a win would have given Gerleman the Casino Championship points lead through eight events. While he doubled through Delaney once, Gerleman met his match when his pocket aces ran into the [Qh][6s] of Delaney on a [Qs][Qd][9h][Td] board. They got it on the turn and a river [Ks] didn’t improve Gerleman. He busted second earning \$11,535.

“He’s hard to play,” Delaney said of Gerleman. “He plays good cards, yet he’s not too tight. Of all the people at the table, he worried me the most.”

Delaney was quick to give a nod to his competitor’s game, but he’s no slouch himself. On top of the three WSOP-related cashes – none worse than 11th place – Delaney is a regular player in his home state of Minnesota. He admits he only plays a few times a months now, but it used to be an everyday occurrence.

Delaney is 51 years old and resides in Orono, Minn. where he is the president of First National Bank of the Lakes. When he isn’t working or trying his luck on the felt, he can be found flying his sea plane, fishing, golfing or spending time with his wife and two boys.

Event 8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Tunica. The \$365 no-limit hold’em event attracted 254 players. The total prize pool came to \$76,200 and the top 27 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Wednesday, January 28 at 12 p.m. and Day 1 wrapped following Level 21. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with nine players remaining and action concluded just before 6 p.m.

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  
EVENT #5: Jeffrey Nordstrom defeated 266 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,547  
EVENT #6: Gregory Lamson defeated 281 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$21,916  
EVENT #7: Dave Moersdorf defeated 276 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,875  
EVENT #8: David Delaney defeated 254 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,667

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](http://WSOP.com).

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