

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 122

Prize Pool: \$36,600

April 12-13, 2015



Chris Bibb Claims Gold in Event 4

Last year's National Championship fourth-place finisher earns his first career gold ring along with \$10,249 in \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 14, 2015) — Chris Bibb added a gold ring to an already impressive resume late Tuesday night at the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Bibb outlasted 122 players in Event 4 of the property's World Series of Poker Circuit, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament, to earn \$10,249 and 50 points toward the Casino Championship as well as capture the trophy that's eluded him since he first started playing Circuit events in 2009.

"It means a lot," Bibb said of the breakthrough. "\$10,000 is a small prize, but the ring is what means the most to me, for sure."

Bibb burst onto the poker scene nearly one year ago, not only qualifying for the National Championship but finishing fourth in the prestigious event for \$115,655. The O'Fallon, Mo. amateur took his seat under the bright lights on the ESPN stage and faced off against the likes of WSOP Main Event champions Greg Merson and Ryan Riess and proved he was up to the test. The experience was something the 51-year-old entrepreneur could only dream of, but while the six-figure score lined his pockets nicely, it didn't quench his impalpable thirst for a piece of WSOP jewelry. Bibb qualified for the season-ending event via an at-large bid and did so without ever winning a tournament.

"It was a bucket list thing," Bibb said of winning Event 4. "I've made the final table [of the National Championship] on TV, had a six-figure cash on TV and now finally a piece of jewelry. That's my bucket list, right there. For a hobby, that's it."

Sweetening the pot, Bibb bested an in-the-money field that included veterans Robert Ward (14th), Doug Carli (8th), Neil Scott (6th) and Aaron Frei (2nd). The cash marked number 93 in Carli's illustrious Circuit career and extended his all time lead over second place Charles "Woody" Moore. Frei, meanwhile, claimed only a portion of Carli's accolades but proved to be Bibb's toughest test. After a session of four-handed play that saw Aaron Neumann and Rhyann Rausis bust in a flash, Bibb took a five-to-one chip lead into heads-up play against Frei. It wouldn't be until four hours later his [8x][3x] would outdraw the [8x][9x] of Frei on an eight-high flop and Bibb would take the title.

“Neither one of us wanted to play big hands,” he said of the matchup against Frei. “I started with a five-to-one lead, then next thing I knew I was down five-to-one. I wanted to play as much small ball as I could and so did he. It just came down to a couple lucky hands in the end.”

Bibb grew up outside Kansas City, Mo. but moved to the St. Louis area nearly 25 years ago. He’s married with three children and four grandchildren. A self-described entrepreneur, he owns a number of rental properties and runs a small business. Despite his success on the poker table, Bibb maintains the game is just a hobby and described his Event 4 victory as a bucket list accomplishment. With that crossed off his list, what’s next for Bibb?

“I like to play a lot of golf and I haven’t done that over the last two years because I’ve been chasing the Circuit,” he said. “I’ve been wanting to get a little more golf in, but then again I’ve already got three weeks scheduled for the World Series [of Poker]. I’m not giving up the hobby anytime soon.”

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 no-limit hold’em event attracted 122 players. The total prize pool came to \$36,600 and the top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m. and Day 1 wrapped following Level 15 (~1 a.m.) with 15 players remaining. Day 2 began Monday at 2 p.m. The nine-handed final table was reached midway through Level 18 (~3:40). Action concluded midway through Level 26 (~10:40 p.m.) making the total duration of the finale seven hours including nearly four hours of heads-up play.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs

EVENT #1: David Hengen defeated 150 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,596

EVENT #2: Norman Michalek defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,958

EVENT #3: Kevin McLaughlin defeated 453 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,223

EVENT #4: Chris Bibb defeated 122 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,249

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluffs’ 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at Harrah’s Casino in Cherokee, N.C. July 29-31. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 56 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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