

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Planet Hollywood Casino
Las Vegas, NV
Event #7
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 57
Prize Pool: \$28,500
September 1, 2016**



Caleb Shumard Wins \$580 Pot-Limit Omaha

Poker pro moves to Las Vegas and wins first ring and \$10,686 three days later.

Las Vegas, NV (September 1, 2016) — Caleb Shumard decided to move from South Florida to Nevada and become a Las Vegas local. After only three days in Vegas, the poker pro was able to recoup some of his moving expenses by winning the \$580 pot-limit Omaha.

Shumard bested a small, but extremely tough field of 57 players to take home \$10,686 and his first ring.

“I’m from Colorado originally,” said Shumard. “But then I lived in Florida for a few years and just moved out to Vegas three days ago on Monday.”

Shumard’s first tournament as a Sin City local wasn’t an easy one. He came out on top of a field that featured bracelet winner Scott Clements, eight-time ring winner Valentin Vornicu, six-time ring-winner Vincent Moscati, and was at a final table with bracelet winners Owais Ahmed and Steve Gross, and top pro Alex Rocha.

This was not your average \$580 buy-in tournament and Shumard knew it.

“Honestly, it was awesome because I’ve learned more playing this tournament than any other,” said Shumard. “I don’t play live a ton, so to be able to get a feel against fantastic players was a great learning experience. I’m just happy to get my first ring.”

Shumard spends most of his time on the virtual felt and playing live cash games. He considers himself a mixed game player that is comfortable outside of a no-limit hold’em game. Before his move from South Florida to Vegas, he was spending a decent amount of time in an O.E. mix game when he wasn’t playing online.

Live tournaments aren’t his bread and butter, but he took away some valuable poker knowledge from playing against some of the best players around.

“You just need to pick your spots better,” said Shumard about what he learned from playing against the game’s best. “You’re not going to be able to run over the table like you are in some

places. You've really got to pick some high equity spots because they're going to take advantage for sure.

"If you're too out of line or try to make too many moves, they are going to put you in line. So it's really just about picking better spots for sure."

Despite the stiff competition, Shumard still managed to take the chip lead into the final table. He never really looked back and was never really short on chips. As the final table got shorter his chip stack only seemed to grow. He eliminated Rocha in third place and was able to dispose of James Juvancic in a fairly quick heads-up match.

Shumard may be a successful poker pro now, but he remembers his roots and how hard he worked before poker.

"I had real humble beginnings," said Shumard. "I was actually a server at Cracker Barrel at one point and I was a sales manager for a portrait company for a little bit."

Along with the money and the ring, Shumard earned 50 points towards earning a spot in the Global Casino Championship. It moves him into a multi-way tie for third in the Casino Champion race for this stop.

This was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Planet Hollywood. The \$580 pot-limit Omaha event attracted 57 players. The total prize pool came to \$28,500 and the top 12 finishers were paid.

Cards got in the air on Thurs, September 1 at noon and the final table was reached around 6:00 p.m. and a winner was crowned around 10:00 p.m. The duration of the final table lasted about 4 hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Planet Hollywood:

EVENT #1: Hayden Aalvik defeated 556 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,026
EVENT #2: Dale Beaudoin defeated 71 players (\$580 NLH) for \$12,071
EVENT #3: Vincent Moscati defeated 83 players (\$365 NLH) for \$7,968
EVENT #4: James Mink defeated 170 players (\$365 NLH Six-Max) for \$13,769
EVENT #5: Sean Marshall defeated 100 players (\$580 NLH) for \$14,997
EVENT #6: Ben Palmer defeated 339 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$23,389
EVENT #7: Caleb Shumard defeated 57 players (\$580 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$10,686

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Planet Hollywood's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the at-large Global Casino 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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