

2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Seven Horseshoe Hammond Event #4

> Pot-Limit Omaha w/ \$100 Re-Buys End of Day Two

Buy-In: \$350

Total Entries: 153 (946 Re-Buys) Total Prize Pool: \$139,123

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A ROYAL FLUSH TO WIN!

Not really. 33-year-old Plumber Wins First WSOPC Pot-Limit Omaha Event He Plays.

Hammond, IN (October 18, 2011)—Pot-Limit Omaha is one of the most popular, but also one of the most volatile games in poker. Players can go from zero, to hero, to bust in the course of a few hands. Naturally, putting a \$350 prize tag on a PLO tournament and adding the option for \$100 re-buys will make for some exciting poker. That's exactly what Horseshoe Hammond and the WSOP Circuit did with Event #4.

Fortunately for our most recent WSOP Circuit champion, Charles Tonne, he came to the final table of Event #4 as one of the heroes, starting third in chips. The swings that typically define PLO didn't get to him and he remained a hero until the last card was dealt, cashing in for \$37,560 and his first Circuit ring.

Hammond is one of the only WSOPC stops to hold a PLO tournament of this nature as a ring event, and it's always a huge success. This year, 153 players put up the \$350 entry fee and there was an astonishing 946 re-buys. That's an average of more than six re-buys per player!

"It's my favorite event," Jason Newman, poker manager, said. "It's a \$300 event that turns into anywhere from a \$500 to \$1,000 event. It's hard to find the PLO tournaments anywhere outside of Las Vegas. I had numerous players come up to me thanking me for running it."

Needless to say, one of Newman's biggest fans is our newest champion, Tonne. Tonne, 33, grew up in a small town in Michigan where he still resides. He has worked as a master plumber for 13 years and poker remains one of his biggest hobbies.

Tonne's PLO resume didn't necessarily match up with the rest of the final table's, but he didn't let that bother him. He came to the table third in chips and remained one of the largest stacks until he was about a 5-to-1 advantage heads-up and sealed the deal on his first WSOPC victory.

Final Table:

Seat 1	Mark Provenzano	260,000
Seat 2	Charles Tonne	342,000
Seat 3	Michael Schneider	480,000
Seat 4	Joshua Field	290,000
Seat 5	Gary Lisowski	96,000
Seat 6	Fred Winter	70,000
Seat 7	Zack Estes	100,000
Seat 8	Nick Guagenti	80,000