

**2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Casino
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Event #6
Limit Omaha 8 or Better
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 134
Prize Pool: \$40,200
April 15-16, 2013**



Mark Bonsack Wins Second non-Hold'em Ring

Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler finishes 8th, Yossi Azulay 4th.

Council Bluffs Circuit events reach the halfway point.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 16, 2013) — Mark Bonsack lays claim to two non-hold'em rings following a victory in Event 6, a \$365 Limit Omaha Eight or Better tournament, at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs Wednesday morning. In addition to ring number two, Bonsack was awarded \$11,254 and 50 points toward the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof -- an event he placed 12th in last year.

“Hopefully I’ll get back to [the National Championship] and have another chance at it,” Bonsack said. “I really want to get a bracelet.”

The victory almost doubles Bonsack’s point total, but he still sits slightly outside the mark many believe will be good enough to qualify for the National Championship.

“I probably still need a few more [points], but I’m close,” he conceded.

Bonsack is everything that’s right with the tournament circuit. By his own admission, the 52-year-old contractor from Cle Elum, Wash. isn’t traveling to stops week in and week out with aspirations to become a professional; he’s traveling to pursue a hobby of his and have a good time in the process.

“I try not to get too serious or it’s not fun. I play for fun, I don’t play professionally,” Bonsack said.

When asked how fun winning was Wednesday morning his answer was painfully logical.

“A lot of fun. Duh...”

Bonsack deserves to be having a lot of fun. He outlasted a final table that included a past champion of the event, Brian Brashaw (9th), the infamous Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler (8th) and 13-time WSOP Circuit casher Yossi Azulay (4th).

His three-handed battle with Shawn Marley (3rd) and Curtis Timperley (2nd) lasted for what had to be near three hours. The heads-up session was no picnic either, as it stretched almost one and half hours.

“From three-handed on, it was tough -- back and forth. It was a long grind, so it was pretty rewarding to win it,” Bonsack said.

Bonsack’s previous gold ring came in 2011 at Harvey’s Lake Tahoe. He outlasted a modest field of 85 entrants in a \$365 H.O.R.S.E. event to win not only his first ring, but also \$7,484.

This was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 Limit Omaha 8 or Better tournament attracted 134 entries. The total prize pool came to \$40,200 and the top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 2 p.m. with 35 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 6:00 p.m. and play finished at about 1 a.m. making the total duration of the final table seven hours.

Notes on the Event

- Event 6 marked Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler’s eighth non-hold’em WSOP final table appearance.
- Timperley recorded two victories in \$235 non-ring events on the WSOP Circuit at Council Bluffs in 2010.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluff’s 12 combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 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.

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

EVENT #1: Nick Jivkov defeated 260 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,110.

EVENT #2: Jovan Sudar defeated 148 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,434.

EVENT #3: Zach Smith defeated 562 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,397.

EVENT #4: Jason Mayfield defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,505.

EVENT #5: Ryan Krauss defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,505.

EVENT #6: Mark Bonsack defeated 134 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$11,254.

With the sixth tournament wrapped, six more ring events remain at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter @WSOP or check out WSOP.com. For additional information please contact:

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