

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #2
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 254
Prize Pool: \$76,200
January 9-10, 2014



Chris Benoy Prevails in Pot-Limit Omaha

Arlington amateur rides a hot streak to the winner's circle, earns first gold ring.

Durant, OK (January 10, 2014) — It took Chris Benoy just four hours to best the nine-handed finale in Event 2, a \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament, at Choctaw Casino Resort Friday night. The win marked the first in-the-money finish at a WSOP event for the 41-year-old Arlington, TX resident and earned him \$18,667, a gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

The Event 2 final table played out alongside Event 1's finale and while Sean Stevens and Krzysztof Stybaniewicz were in the midst of a marathon heads-up battle at the table next to him, Benoy was on a heater. He worked his way through the final few opponents in no time and closed the door on his first gold ring well before Event 1 concluded.

"It's amazing," a giddy Benoy say after the win. "I'm very, very lucky and very glad. Everything went my way today. I cannot believe it."

Pot-Limit Omaha is a popular variation in the Dallas area and Benoy described the field he bested as one of the most talented he'd seen. Joining him in the money were gold ring winner Jason Mayfield (18th) and now 21-time WSOP casher Michael "MJ the Great" Cooper (ninth).

"I play with all these guys all the time back in Dallas," Benoy explained. "I was like, "Can I really get through this (field)?"

Admittedly, it took some luck.

"Catching runner-runner clubs makes a brilliant player out of you. Shove it and catch," he laughed.

Benoy is self employed and resides in Arlington, TX. He proudly declared himself single and explained the \$18,667 in first-place prize money is an ample sum to "tee it up and play some more".

Needless to say, with a pocket full of cash and the freedom of being self-employed, this isn't the last Choctaw has seen of Benoy.

