

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #10

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,125

Total Entries: 191

Prize Pool: \$191,000

May 15-16, 2014



Arthur Boatman Wins 1st Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 16, 2014) -- Every couple of years, Arthur Boatman takes a year or so off from work to play poker -- mostly cash games of the No Limit Hold'em variety. He rarely plays tournaments, but today recorded his third Circuit cash in a big way, by winning the \$1,125 No Limit Hold'em event.

"It was good," he said. "When I do get to escape from work, I try to get to New Orleans...I like it here", Boatman said after winning his 1st Circuit ring and \$49,665.

Puneeth Modha was the chip leader at the start of Day 2 with 14 players remaining and he still held the chip lead when they reached the nine-handed final table. When they reached the final two, however, Arthur Boatman was the chip leader with 1.8 million to Modha's 1 million chips. Modha took over the chip lead early on.

A key hand of the 25-minute heads-up match was when Boatman shipped on a Ten-high flop with JT. Modha held pocket Aces and was ahead, but a Ten on the turn sent the double-up to Boatman. He caught another lucky double-up a short while later when he came from behind, turning a flush. On the final hand, Boatman's A9 dominated Modha's A4 and the better hand held up. Puneeth Modha had to settle for second place and \$30,677.

There were four ring-bearers at this final table and three of them were the first three out. Matt Bond (1 ring) finished 9th, Joshua Reichard (2 rings) finished 8th, and John Holley (2 rings) finished 7th. The fourth and final ring-bearer, Kevin Eyster (1 ring) busted out in 4th place.

There were 191 players in this event, which began at 3pm Thursday. The total prize pool of \$191,000 was shared among the final 21 players. The last woman in the event was Ting Ho, who made the 'unofficial' final table, then busted out in 10th place (\$3,623). Another notable cash was four-time ring winner David Nicholson, who finished 21st for his 5th cash of this series. He reclaimed the lead in the Casino Championship race with 82.5 points and has secured himself a seat in the National Championship.

Boatman is a hospital executive in the process of moving from Ohio back to Florida where his family is from. He plans to play the Main Event here tomorrow, then perhaps the WSOP Main Event in July.

