

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #2

Pot-Limit Omaha Eight or Better

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 101

Prize Pool: \$30,300

July 31-August 1, 2014



Claudangelo Beaudouin Wins Circuit Season's First Ring

Defending two-time Harrah's Cherokee Casino Champion Juan Mendoza records third career runner-up finish.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (August 1, 2014) — Retired NYPD detective Claudangelo Beaudouin kicked off the Circuit's newest season in a big way Friday night at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. Having previously laid claim to three Circuit cashes, the 37-year-old broke through for his first career victory in Event 2, a \$365 pot-limit Omaha eight or better tournament.

"I've been waiting a long time," Beaudouin said following the win. "I had two other [deep runs] in Omaha hi-low events and [victories] kept eluding me. This time I finally did it."

Beaudouin's win was made more special because it came at the hands of a talented final table that included one Juan Mendoza. Like Beaudouin, Mendoza had been close before but never broken through. In fact, he'd been so close that he earned back-to-back Casino Champion titles at the Harrah's Cherokee property recording two runner-up finishes in the process. Unfortunately, the third time wasn't a charm for Mendoza who ultimately succumbed to Beaudouin and earned his third runner-up finish in the process.

"It was great playing [Mendoza]," Beaudouin said. "I had a feeling it was going to come down to me [and him]. He played great. I made a misstep midday and got myself low on chips, but grinded back."

Despite being the second of PBKC's 12 gold ring events, the conclusion of Event 2 marked the first gold ring to be awarded during the 2014/2015 Circuit season. The actual season-opening event, a \$500,000 guarantee re-entry tournament, is but midway through its five starting flights and set to conclude Sunday night.

For Beaudouin, the win came at just the right time and in his favorite game. He admits he still plays no-limit hold'em, but says he has much more fun in Omaha games – a trait he thinks is key to success.

"Omaha hi-low, you can't play tight. You have to play, have fun and do what you have to do. I always have fun," he said.

