

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Baltimore

Baltimore, Md.

Event #10

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

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

Total Entries: 169

Prize Pool: \$50,700

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Daniel Pearlman Making All the Right Moves

After a near-miss in Cherokee, new tourney pro wins his second ring at Horseshoe Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md. (May 7, 2017) — Daniel Pearlman is brand new to the life of a traveling tournament professional, but the lifestyle is treating him just fine so far.

A couple months after his first Circuit victory — and barely a week after finishing as the runner-up in the Harrah's Cherokee Main Event — Pearlman defeated a field of 169 entries in the \$365 Turbo event at Horseshoe Baltimore to win his second gold ring and the top prize of \$13,689. Perhaps just as importantly, though, the victory was also worth another 50 points in the race to claim one of the limited seats to the WSOP Global Casino Championship, bringing Pearlman into the qualification zone with more than 150 on the season.

The champ is a 43-year-old professional poker player from South Florida (by way of the Bronx and New Jersey). He has four children, and he's newly married to his wife, Joyce. Pearlman has been grinding the friendly Florida cash games for about six years, and his hourly win rate was good enough to keep him from even bothering with tournaments too much. Until recently, that is. "I was challenged by a couple people late last year to figure out how to play tournaments," he said. "To take it seriously."

He accepted the challenge.

Pearlman befriended fellow-Floridian John Holley, essentially inviting himself to join Holley for one of his west-coast poker trips. The pair ended up in Las Vegas during the WSOP Circuit stop in February, and Pearlman proceeded to snap off the series' final event, winning his first ring and what was, at the time, his largest tournament payout.

That new personal high-water mark didn't last long, though. Pearlman went on to add Chance Kornuth and Maurice Hawkins to his list of Florida poker mentors along the way, and he followed them and the Circuit to Cherokee in April. Fast forward to the series' final day, and you'd suddenly find him heads-up against Vanessa Truong for the Main Event title.

