

Ioannis Triantafyllakis takes down the 2015 Irish Open in Dublin.

The festival included six side events, including the \notin 1,000 Liam Flood Memorial Tournament, which was won by Garrett Boyle for \notin 25,000; and a \notin 300 Mini Main Event, which Mahmood Rasheedwon for \notin 13,133.

As for the cornerstone €3,500 Main Event, that tournament attracted 321 entrants and created a juicy prize pool of €1,027,200 that was distributed to the top 36 finishers. <u>Mike Sexton</u> and <u>Dan Harrington</u> were two notables in attendance who failed to cash, while **2014 Hollywood Poker Open Championship** winner <u>Simon</u> <u>Deadman</u> (16th - €9,750) and consummate high roller <u>Steve O'Dwyer</u>(€12,500) were two that finished in the money.

In the end, the title came down to Greece's **Ioannis Triantafyllakis** and Ireland's **Kevin Killeen**, who won the <u>UKIPT Dublin for €87,700</u> back in Feb. 2014. The two were close in chips, so a deal was struck that left €12,000 and the trophy on the table. It took another level and a half before a winner was determined, but in the end Triantafyllakis walked out on top.

It happened when Triantafyllakis, who had pulled out to a sizeable chip lead, moved all in from the button and Killeen called off.

Triantafyllakis: Q♠ 10♦ Killeen: A♠ 2 ♣

Killeen got it in good, but Triantafyllakis took the lead with a pair of queens on the $7 \pm 4 \pm Q \diamond$ flop. Neither the $7 \checkmark$ turn nor $3 \checkmark$ river helped Killeen, and he had to settle for runner-up for €192,500.

Meanwhile, Triantafyllakis ensured the trophy would be leaving Ireland.

"Ok — I was a little bit lucky, but luck is important in poker," Triantafyllakis said after the win. "Everyone [on the final table] was very good. I will come next year. The people here are very nice, very polite."

Triantafyllakis winning the title made poker headlines, but so did an infamous hand that played out with eight players remaining. According to <u>live updates from the event</u>, it happened when Irish poker legend **Donnacha O'Dea** opened for 100,000 holding the $A \pm 6 \pm$ and action folded to Germany's **Andreas Gann**, who called from the small blind with the $K \diamond Q \diamond$, but he only had a few big blinds left in his stack. The $B \diamond A \diamond$

⁶ ◆ flop hit both players, and Gann, who only had 177,000 behind, checked to O'Dea, who bet 300,000 to set Gann all in.

Gann had flopped the nuts, and what should have been a snap-call, turned into a minute-long tank. There seemed to be neither rhyme nor reason for the slowroll, and the commentators quickly turned on Gann.

"This is horrific!" one commentator exclaimed. "Absolutely horrendous behavior! You know what, [O'Dea] deserves an ace or six on the river. Ace or six, come on!"

Eventually Gann called off, and the table chastised him while O'Dea, ever the gentleman, sat stoically. The dealer then burned and turned the $7 \pm$.

Much to the delight of O'Dea, the other players, the commentators, and all those in the crowd, justice was served when the 6 spiked on the river to give O'Dea a full house and sent Gann out the door in eighth place for ϵ 26,750.

You can check out the hand in question at: YouTube Slow Roll and Justice Irish Open

Final Table Result

Place	Player	Country	Prize
1	Ioannis Triantafyllakis	Greece €209,	500*
2	Kevin Killeen	Ireland €192,	500*
3	Michael Wang	USA €111,	750
4	Declan Connolly	Ireland €85,7	50
5	Donnacha O'Dea	Ireland €61,8	50
6	Fergal Cawley	Ireland €46,500	
7	Baard Dahl	Norway €35,250	
8	Andreas Gann	Germany	€26,750

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