



## 2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit

Harrah's St. Louis

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em (Re-Entry)

Buy-In: \$300 (+55)

Total Entries: 1,066

Total Prize Pool: \$310,206

April 14-15, 2012

### Official Final Results:

1	Roy Riley	SAVOY, IL, US	\$57,139
2	Javier Zarco	Madrid, SPAIN	\$35,327
3	Tripp Kirk	ATLANTA, GA, US	\$26,253
4	Douglas Campbell	HIGHLAND, IL, US	\$19,736
5	Aaron Wilson	BALLWIN, MO, US	\$15,007
6	Matt Lawrence	TULSA, OK, US	\$11,545
7	William Diepenbrock	Columbia, IL, US	\$8,985
8	Bradley Lipsey	FRANKLIN, TN, US	\$7,073
9	Matthew Clerk	De Soto, IL, US	\$5,634
10	Kyle Speake	LEAWOOD, KS, US	\$4,540
11	Travis Lutes	CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN, US	\$4,550
12	Kirby Brewer	SAINT LOUIS, MO, US	\$4,540
13	Scott Vetter	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$3,700
14	Keith Heine	SAINT LOUIS, MO, US	\$3,700
15	James Harris	KIMBERLING CY, MO, US	\$3,700
16	Chris Willis	Tulsa, OK, US	\$3,048
17	Leonardo Loconte	ADDISON, IL, US	\$3,048
18	Michael Souza	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$3,048
19	Andrew Smith	ST. LOUIS, MO, US	\$2,539
20	Michael Kamenjarin	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$2,539
21	Daniel Johnston	Antioch, TN, US	\$2,539
22	Christopher Gerhardt	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$2,137
23	Judith Barnosky	PORT CHARLOTTE, FL, US	\$2,137
24	Lloyd Ney	MOSCOW MILLS, MO, US	\$2,137
25	Michael Stephens	GODFREY, IL, US	\$1,819
26	Eric Clark	Lawrenceburg, IN, US	\$1,819
27	Daniel Klein	Omaha, NE, US	\$1,819
28	Robert Hooton	Columbia, MO, US	\$1,566
29	Jeffrey Summers	Mount Sterling, IL, US	\$1,566
30	Robert Alexander	CENTRALIA, IL, US	\$1,566

31	Christopher Oldham	CHESTERFIELD, MO, US	\$1,362
32	Christopher Palcis	ROMEDEVILLE, IL, US	\$1,362
33	George Sundry	CHAMPAIGN, IL, US	\$1,362
34	Rocky Boustani	Dallas, TX, US	\$1,198
35	Robert Skrzypczynski	ARNOLD, MO, US	\$1,198
36	Arthur Britton	SKOKIE, IL, US	\$1,198
37	John Harris	Dallas, TX, US	\$1,066
38	Richard Welch	CHARLESTOWN, MA, US	\$1,066
39	Joshua Wylie	Lexington, KY, US	\$1,066
40	Scott Sharpe	LEAWOOD, KS, US	\$1,066
41	Stanley Weiss	NASHVILLE, TN, US	\$1,066
42	Christopher Lindley	TERRE HAUTE, IN, US	\$1,066
43	Jeffrey Roper	Litchfield, IL, US	\$1,066
44	Brett Cloon	OVERLAND PARK, KS, US	\$1,066
45	Randall Shearer	Pekin, IL, US	\$1,066
46	Kyle Schertz	METAMORA, IL, US	\$957
47	Amanda Musumeci	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$957
48	Larry Barr	RUSSELLVILLE, MO, US	\$957
49	Ryan Smith	Carmel, IN, US	\$957
50	Scott Davies	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$957
51	Scott Standridge	Fort Smith, AR, US	\$957
52	Kenneth Schumacher	Altamont, IL, US	\$957
53	Richard Voza	RUSHVILLE, IL, US	\$957
54	Dale Hinson	Byhalia, MS, US	\$957
55	Jeffrey Epstein	OMAHA, NE, US	\$868
56	Lyndon Goodly	URBANA, IL, US	\$868
57	Larry Yowell	Kirksville, MO, US	\$868
58	Patrick Fogleman	SPRINGFIELD, IL, US	\$868
59	Bryan Herr	SAINT CHARLES, MO, US	\$868
60	Garry Rouse	GILMER, TX, US	\$868
61	David Williams	LAWRENCEBURG, TN, US	\$868
62	Chris Back	VANCOUVER, BC, CA	\$868
63	Gary Deardorff	KANSAS CITY, MO, US	\$868
64	Anthony Fisher	Tulsa, OK, US	\$794
65	John Kurfman	BAYLIS, IL, US	\$794
66	Kyle Adams	Schaumburg, IL, US	\$794
67	Kimberly Bieller	POPLAR BLUFF, MO, US	\$794
68	Mark Mueller	COLUMBIA, MO, US	\$794
69	Glyn Banks	SMITHVILLE, TN, US	\$794
70	William Latta	MT ZION, IL, US	\$794
71	Christopher Jones	LEBANON, IN, US	\$794
72	Larry Russell	BURNS, TN, US	\$794
73	Paul Harris	ALEXANDRIA, VA, US	\$729
74	Patrick Kelly	KNOXVILLE, TN, US	\$729
75	Andrew Barfield	MT STERLING, IL, US	\$729
76	Tony Perkins	East Peoria, IL, US	\$729
77	John Lauer	ST PETERS, MO, US	\$729
78	John Lauer	ST PETERS, MO, US	\$729
79	Michael Kohles	BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI, US	\$729
80	Gregory Phillips	ST. CHARLES, MO, US	\$729
81	Michael Warrington	CHIPLEY, FL, US	\$729
82	Timothy Montgomery	Festus, MO, US	\$670

83	Ryan Kiwala	SAINT LOUIS, MO, US	\$670
84	James Quick	DECATUR, TN, US	\$670
85	Pradeep Buddharaju	Houston, TX, US	\$670
86	Larry Chamness	GRANITE CITY, IL, US	\$670
87	Matthew Campbell	CHESTERTON, IN, US	\$670
89	Timothy Schmitt	PHOENIX, AZ, US	\$670
90	Jason Garder	MOORE, OK, US	\$670
91	Charles Hall	CHESTERTON, IN, US	\$618
92	Bryan Beckner	BOURBONNAIS, IL, US	\$618
93	Richard Clayton	BARNHART, MO, US	\$618
94	Katherine Bowen	Judson, TX, US	\$618
95	Grant Sanders	FORT WAYNE, IN, US	\$618
96	Peter Chansy	Round Lake, IL, US	\$618
97	Keith Adkins	PACIFIC, MO, US	\$618
98	Kenneth Ware	GEORGETOWN, KY, US	\$618
99	Gary Bland	EDWARDSVILLE, IL, US	\$618
100	Neal Aherron	Saint Louis, MO, US	\$568
101	Michael Mull	Milwaukee, WI, US	\$568
102	David Rylander	COLLIERVILLE, TN, US	\$568
103	John Coxwell	Lawrenceville, GA, US	\$568
104	Michael Westmoreland	SAINT LOUIS, MO, US	\$568
105	Jason Mayfield	CABOT, AR, US	\$568
106	Kevin Meier	Saint Louis, MO, US	\$568
107	Victor Porcelli	Ballwin, MO, US	\$568
108	Shain Matthews	Marysville, CA, US	284.00
109	Bradley Kocher	URBANA, IL, US	284.00

## Tournament Report:

### Roy Riley Wins Largest Poker Tournament in Missouri History

### WSOP Circuit at Harrah's St. Louis Attracts Door-Smashing 1,066 Entries

### NBC "Ironman" Wins Poker Title after Reality Show Stardom

### Final Midwest WSOP Circuit Continues through April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**St. Louis, MO (March 15, 2012)** – It was the largest poker tournament ever held in the state of Missouri.

More than one thousand poker players flooded into the Harrah's St. Louis Riverboat Resort and Casino this weekend for what turned out to be a historic event. The fourth tournament of the two-week poker festival attracted a door-smashing 1,066 entries. This was the most players ever for any poker event held in Missouri. The heavy turnout eclipsed last year's number by more than 20 percent (there were 843 players for the same event last year).

Appropriately, the winner of the record-busting event was a real life "ironman." Roy Riley, a 26-year-old physical education teacher and star of a recently broadcast television reality show, won the tournament, which was a test of mental and physical stamina.

Riley collected \$57,139 in prize money. He was also presented with his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Indeed, just about everything seems to be going Riley's way at the moment.

"I have the perfect life right now," he said, moments after his victory. "This was a great victory."

Riley is currently a part-time poker player. In his full-time job he works with disadvantaged youth in physical education and mental development. Many of Riley's students come from tough neighborhoods and broken homes. They often took to Riley as a role model.

About a year ago, Riley and his extraordinary work with young people was discovered by television executives. He was asked to appear on NBC's "Ironman World Championship," which was ultimately broadcast nationally last December. Overnight, Riley's life was transformed. He was featured on local newscasts and appeared in local newspapers. Riley became famous, for a short time.

Riley's moment of glory as an ironman contestant may have faded in the months that have come and gone since his stardom, but he's now stepped into a new spotlight. By winning such a huge tournament and collecting his biggest career payout, he now has enough confidence to take a few months off during the summer and play poker full time.

"I am going to give it a shot," Riley said. "I planned to do this before I won this event. But now, I really think I am ready to take the next step."

Regardless of what happens in Riley's aspiring poker career, he still plans to continue working with underprivileged youth.

"I love poker," he said. "I really love to play the game. But to me, it's important to do something that's really important and help other people. I love my job just as much."

Alas, if there is such a thing as good karma, it happened at Harrah's St. Louis. Sometimes good things happen to good people.

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The fourth of a dozen gold ring tournaments began on Saturday with Event #4 – a \$355 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em competition. The tournament attracted a record 1,066 entries. The total prize pool came to \$310,206. The top 109 players were paid (two players split 108<sup>th</sup> place). The top 108 players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

A full list of all players who cashed in Event #4 can be seen at [WSOP.COM](http://WSOP.COM)

The tournament was played over two consecutive days – with two starting flights on Day One, played on Saturday. Only 142 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Sunday.

Following nearly 11 hours of play on Day Two, the final table was finally set.

- Seat 1: Roy Riley with 872,000 in chips
- Seat 2: Billy Diepenbrock with 413,000 in chips
- Seat 3: Doug Campbell with 2,079,000 in chips
- Seat 4: Matthew Clerk with 598,000 in chips
- Seat 5: Aaron Wilson with 2,495,000 in chips
- Seat 6: Javier Zarco with 1,361,000 in chips

Seat 7: Bradley Lipsay with 666,000 in chips

Seat 8: Kyle Speake with 815,000 in chips

Seat 9: Matt Lawrence with 432,000 in chips

Seat 10: Tripp Kirk with 730,000 in chips

The final table competition appeared to be a two-place race between top chip leaders Aaron Wilson and Doug Campbell. There was only one former gold ring winner among the finalists – Tripp Kirk who won his title back last season.

The final playing session began at 11 pm local time. Play finished at 2 am making the total duration about three hours. The official order of finish was as follows:

Kyle Speake, a 27-year-old electrician from Kansas City, MO finished in tenth place.

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Matthew Clerk was the ninth-place finisher. He is a former coal miner from De Soto, IL who is now playing poker most of the time. In fact, he won back to back events last year at a major event held in Tunica, MS (Gold Strike Casino). This was Clerk's deepest run in a WSOP-related tournament, which paid \$5,634 in prize money.

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Bradley Lipsay finished in eighth place. He is a 28-year-old poker pro from Nashville, TN. This was Lipsay's fourth time to cash on the WSOP Circuit this season, including a fourth-place finish at Horseshoe Hammond, last November. Lipsay collected \$7,073.

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Billy Diepenbrock ended up in seventh place after taking a brutal beat on his final and with pocket aces. He is a 43-year-old marketing representative for Nations Title. He is also a frequent patron of "Blarney Stone Bar and Grill." This was Diepenbrock's best showing in a WSOP event. He has two previous cashes on the Heartland Poker Tour. Seventh place paid \$8,985.

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Matt Lawrence was the sixth place finisher. He is a 28-year-old part-time poker player. Lawrence cashed in this same event last year, and improved dramatically this time around with a final table appearance that paid \$11,545.

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Aaron Wilson came in fifth. He is a 38-year-old warehouse manager from St. Charles, MO. This marked his first time to cash in the WSOP Circuit. He collected \$15,007.

**4<sup>th</sup> Place** – Doug Campbell finished in fourth place. He is the 47-year-old owner of a courier business. Campbell cashed twice at this same Circuit stop last season (7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). He also cashed in the 2009 WSOP Main Event Championship (476<sup>th</sup>). Fourth place paid \$19,736.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Tripp Kirk was the third-place finisher. He is a 27-year-old poker player from Atlanta, GA. Kirk now has nine WSOP Circuit cashes, including a gold ring victory at Harrah's Tunica in 2010. He now has four cashes this season, as well as two cashes at the WSOP in Las Vegas.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Javier Zarco was the runner up. He is a 21-year-old student from Madrid, Spain. He is currently studying in the U.S. Zarco was cheered on by a large gathering of Spanish-speaking friends. He has previously achieved success in Europe, winning a major tournament held in his native Spain. Zarco collected \$35,327 in prize money for a fine effort.

When heads-up play began, the two finalists were close to equal in chips. But over the next hour Riley increased his advantage to the point where he was up by about a 3 to 1 margin. The final hand came proceeded as follows:

Zarco: 6h 4h

Riley: Jh 7d  
Flop: 8h 7c 4s  
Turn: Qs  
River: 3c

Zarco flopped a small pair and an inside straight draw. He moved all-in hoping to take the pot. Riley called with second pair. The pair of sevens held up and Riley was declared the new champion.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Roy Riley became the fourth WSOP Circuit champion crowned this year at Harrah’s St. Louis. He won his biggest payout ever – totaling \$57,139 for the victory. He was also presented with his first gold ring.

With his victory, Riley moves close to the top spot in this WSOP Circuit’s “Best All-Around Player” standings. Shain Matthews is the current leader in points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah’s St. Louis’ twelve combined gold ring tournaments receives a pre-paid entry into the \$1 million 2011-2012 WSOP Circuit National Championship. At least two players from this tournament series will qualify for the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. The other automatic qualifier will be the winner of Main Event championship (to be held April 21-23).

Here is the list of gold ring winners at Harrah’s St. Louis, so far:

- Event #1 – Shain Matthews (Marysville, CA) won \$29,306 in \$355 NLHE**
- Event #2 – Jerry Ard (Monticello, MS) won \$32,147 in \$565 NLHE**
- Event #3 – Kevin Balsman (St. Louis, MO) won \$11,844 in \$355 PLO**
- Event #4 – Roy Riley won \$57,139 in \$355 NLHE(Re-Entry)**

With the first four tournaments now wrapped up, there are still eight more gold ring events remaining in what is being billed as a “12 rings in 12 days” poker series. The WSOP Circuit at Harrah’s St. Louis continues through April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year’s schedule includes not only all the gold ring events, but multiple second-chance tournaments, single table and mega satellites, plus cash games going around the clock inside the action-packed poker room

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## **MORE ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT AT HARRAH’S ST. LOUIS**

Harrah’s St. Louis is a casino-resort located in Maryland Heights, MO -- about a 35-minute drive from Downtown St. Louis. The international airport is even closer, just 15-minutes by car or shuttle. In fact, the shuttle bus is free for hotel guests. For poker players residing throughout the Midwest, the casino can be reached easily, which is located right off Interstate-70.

Harrah’s St. Louis is the 15th (of 17) WSOP Circuit host properties. The 2011-2012 season is rapidly winding down, with only three more stops remaining on the schedule. Harrah’s St. Louis is the Midwest’s final destination this season. The other two remaining WSOP Circuit stops are at Harrah’s Chester (Philadelphia) – April 26 to May 7 and Harrah’s New Orleans – May 10 to May 21.

This marks the third straight season that the WSOP Circuit has visited Harrah’s St. Louis. Previous tournaments played here drew large turnouts and generated big prize pools. This year’s series appears to be no different based on heavy registration for the first few events.

Harrah's St. Louis first opened in 1997 and has been one of gaming's flagship properties in the Midwest ever since. The hotel offers 455 deluxe rooms and 47 luxury suites. Special hotel rates for players are available. The property also has several fine restaurants at all price levels. See [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com) for more information.

Harrah's St. Louis' "12 Rings in 12 Days" series is taking place April 12-23. All the poker action takes place right on the main casino floor. The final table is stationed right in the center of the floor, a highly-anticipated destination for every poker player.

There's a lot at stake for poker players who will make their way to Harrah's St. Louis over the next two weeks. Not only are a dozen gold rings up for grabs, lots of prize money will also be awarded to those who cash. All players who finish in the money will also earn ranking points, which are used to determine finalists for the season-ending WSOP Circuit National Championship.

Since the season began in September, all tournament players have been in the running for 100 guaranteed pre-paid seats in the \$1 million WSOP Circuit National Championship finale – which will be a WSOP gold bracelet event to be played in Las Vegas, around the time of the World Series of Poker Main Event.

To see the complete Harrah's St. Louis tournament schedule, please visit [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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