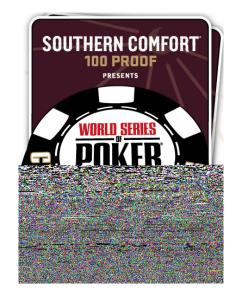
2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine IP Casino Resort and Spa Biloxi, Mississippi Event #2 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Buy-In \$500 (+\$80) Total Entries: 103

Prize Pool: \$51,500 August 10, 2012

ELISA BURKETT BLASTS THROUGH TURBO FIELD



Event 2 at IP Biloxi Lasts Just 10 Hours. Burkett Joins an Elite Group of Female Champions on the WSOP Circuit.

Biloxi, MS (**August 11, 2012**) — 2012 has treated the ladies of the WSOP quite well. First, Allyn Jaffrey-Shulman snapped a 251-tournament cold streak for female victors at the WSOP when she won the Seniors Event in Las Vegas. Then, just a couple weeks later, Vanessa Selbst won a WSOP event of her own -- her second gold bracelet victory.

Barely a month removed from those stunning victories, yet another female champion has been crowned -- this time on the WSOP Circuit.

Elisa Burkett beat out 103 players in Event #2 at the opening stop of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS.

Just thirty minutes into the event, the second event of 12 tournaments scheduled to take place at IP Biloxi, four players had already hit the rail.

By dinner break, just 15 remained.

In fact, this tournament went so fast it passed up the day's restart tournament that brought back only 11 players, technically making Burkett the first champion of the 2012-13 season.

"The ring lasts forever and money doesn't. I have something to look at and know that I had an accomplishment," Burkett said about her newest piece of gold jewelry. "This feels awesome. I'm very, very excited."

Burkett is a single mother from Atlanta, GA. She has spent the last 19 years raising her daughter who Burkett says is very loving and supportive of her.

This was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. Officially listed as Event #2, the \$580 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 103 entries. The total prize pool came to \$51,500. The top 12 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.