



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Horseshoe Hammond (Chicago)  
Hammond, IN  
Event #12  
Turbo No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 248  
Prize Pool: \$74,400  
October 22, 2012**

## **Nick Cikulin Wins Chicago's Final Gold Ring**

### ***Chicago Detective Busts the Competition and Takes Turbo Championship***

### ***WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond Warps Up Another Hugely Successful Year***

**Hammond, IN (October 22, 2012)** – Nick Cikulin, a Chicago police detective, is used to solving mysteries. His job involves piecing together pieces of a puzzle in order to gain a clear portrait into a crime scene.

Cikulin used many of those same skills tonight at the final WSOP Circuit event held at the Horseshoe Casino, near Chicago.

The 47-year-old police officer and part-time poker player defeated a formidable lineup of competitors, 248 of which paid the \$365 entry fee to play in the Turbo No-Limit Hold'em competition. His victory came in a tourney unlike most others, in that it used an accelerated structure which forced action and encouraged confrontation. Once again, Cikulin's skills at the police station were useful as he managed to win his first major poker tournament.

First place paid \$18,229. Cikulin also collected his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Cikulin played in three events this year -- including the first event and the Main Event. Winning the series finale was both a surprise and relief.

"It's great to win this," Cikulin stated afterward. "This is my first major win, so it feels really special. I'm very proud of this moment, right now."

Cikulin has enjoyed some previous success here in Chicago. He cashed in 45th place in last year's WSOP Main Event here, held on this same tournament floor.

The detective's work has been done. The defendant went to trial, accused of being a real poker player. And in the end, he was found guilty of being a poker champion.

Here are the top ten finishers:

1	Nicholas Cikulin	CHICAGO	IL	US	\$18,229.00
2	Thomas Conway	PALATINE	IL	US	\$19,679.00
3	Jeffrey Fielder	DES MOINES	IA	US	\$8,137.00
4	Lance Howard	DEARBORN HEIGHTS	MI	US	\$5,988.00
5	Dash Dudley	LANSING	MI	US	\$4,486.00
6	Caufman Talley	LAFAYETTE	LA	US	\$3,419.00
7	Glenn Pestrak	LOCKPORT	IL	US	\$2,649.00
8	Jeannette Levitt	CHICAGO	IL	US	\$2,085.00
9	Frederic Winter	LA GRANGE	IL	US	\$1,668.00
10	Robert Szewczyk	LOCKPORT	IL	US	\$1,355.00

### Tournament Notes

- The tournament was played to a conclusion in a single day. The event began at noon and ended about midnight.
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- This was the 12<sup>th</sup> and final WSOP Circuit gold ring event scheduled at Horseshoe Hammond.
- Gold ring winner Jeffrey Fielder finished third.
- Gold Ring winner Caufman Talley finished sixth.
- Mike Leah cashed for the fourth time at this series in this event, ending up in 13<sup>th</sup> place. This put him into the lead for the Casino Champion race, with the Main Event still to be decided.
- The final table went about three hours, which is faster than average due to the turbo structure.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond in Hammond, IN has now concluded.

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