

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, OK
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 2,209
Prize Pool: \$1,104,500
January 11-14, 2013

Ross Bybee Wins Fourth Largest Tournament in WSOP Circuit History

Poker professional outlasts 2,209 at Choctaw Resort to pocket \$168,433.

Durant, Okla. (January 15, 2013) — It took four starting flights, the addition of an extra day and 30 some odd hours of poker, but Ross Bybee did it.

The 37-year-old poker professional from McKinney, Tex. etched his name in the history books by besting 2,209 entrants in Event 2, a \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry tournament, at Choctaw Resort Monday night. Bybee pocketed \$168,433 and took home the ultimate token of achievement on the WSOP Circuit – a gold ring.

“[It feels] amazing; spectacular; wonderful. Everything you can think of and then some,” Bybee said. “I have no trophies. I’ve won a lot of events and I’ve gotten little tokens, but this is my first real trophy. For it to be a ring means a lot.”

The 2,209-player field marks the fourth largest turnout in WSOP Circuit history behind only two events at Horseshoe Hammond and last year’s \$1 million guarantee at Palm Beach Kennel Club.

Turnout was so tremendous, in fact, the event required the addition of an extra day to play out in its entirety. Bybee wasn’t one to complain. He bagged Day 2 as the chip leader and rode his pace-setting stack all the way to the winner’s circle.

Event 2 began Friday with the first of four starting flights, 1A. The opening flight drew an impressive 576 entrants and from then on it was anybody’s guess as to just how big it would get. Flight 1B began at 5 p.m. the same day and drew 354, bringing the day’s total to 930 entrants with two more starting flights and the day tournament staff anticipated to draw the largest turnout – Saturday – still to go.

Saturday lived up to the hype.

Flight 1C began at 12 p.m. and a staggering 745 players registered for the event. Pair that number with flight 1D’s turnout, 534, and you have a 1,279-person day and a tournament with 2,209 total entrants.

