



2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Tunica
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 1,271
Total Prize Pool: \$381,300
January 26 – January 28, 2013

Lee Sawyer Wins Second-Largest Event in Harrah's Tunica History

Re-entry event at Harrah's Tunica draws 1,271 players

Convenience store retailer enjoys huge markup on his \$365 buy-in, pockets \$67,681

TUNICA, MS – Lee Sawyer, a 30-year-old amateur from Kennett, MO who works in a family-owned convenience store emerged victorious Monday after securing the win in Event #3, the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry Event at Harrah's Tunica.

The event drew 1,271 entries, making it the second largest tournament in the eight-year history of the Harrah's Tunica WSOP Circuit Events. Considering the massive field and his relative inexperience, Sawyer's win in Event 3 was an astonishing feat.

Although elated, it was evident by the weary look on his face and the sweat dripping from his brow that the last three days had taken its toll on Sawyer

"It feels great, but it's been a grind. These last few have been some long days," said Sawyer after the win.

Indeed they were. Because of the massive number of entries, a third day of play had to be added to the schedule.

The final ten players took their seats shortly after 2:00 pm local time and were soon down to the official final table of nine:

Name	Hometown	Seat	Chip Count
Justin Brown	Bloomington, IN	1	1,600,000
Duy "Dewey" Tran	Brentwood, IN	2	1,565,000
Sean Small	Atlanta, GA	3	1,980,000
Lee Sawyer	Kennett, MO	4	1,620,000
Brandon Shane	Columbus, OH	5	2,500,000
Jeff Huffman	Noblesville, IN	6	400,000
Daniel Rivera	Baton Rouge, LA	7	565,000
Bob Norris	Madison, AL	8	1,000,000
Mike Bozarth	Hawesville, KY	9	955,000

After five hours of play, heads up was down to Sawyer and Sean Small of Atlanta, GA. Small was unable to overcome a colossal 10-1 chip deficit against Sawyer and in short time, was forced to settle for 2nd place, worth \$41,943.

Looking ahead, Sawyer said he was unsure if he would be playing more tournaments in the future and that he was planning to return back to work the following day. He did hint at a return later in the week to take a shot at earning Casino Champion honors at Harrah's Tunica.

John Holley, the winner of Event #1 here at Harrah's, added a min-cash to his opening event victory, putting him just ahead of Sawyer and Event #2 winner, Sean Maurer.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Tunica. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 21 – May 23 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

9 events are still to come. See the complete Harrah's Tunica Circuit schedule and event results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica runs through February 4th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule [here](#).

Final table results

1	Lee Sawyer	KENNETT, MO, US	\$67,681
2	Sean Small	DOUGLASVILLE, GA, US	\$41,943
3	Daniel Rivera	BATON ROUGE, LA, US	\$30,782
4	Justin Brown	BLOOMINGTON, IN, US	\$23,259
5	Duy Tran	BRENTWOOD, TN, US	\$17,750
6	Robert Norris	Richland, WA, US	\$13,662
7	Brandon Shane	SAGAMORE HLS, OH, US	\$10,638
8	Michael Bozarth	Hawesville, KY, US	\$8,381
9	Jeff Huffman	NOBLESVILLE, IN, US	\$6,680

ABOUT HARRAH'S TUNICA

Harrah's Tunica is located 20 minutes south of Memphis, Tennessee and was originally opened in 1996 as Grand Casino. On May, 23, 2008 Paula Deen cut the official grand opening ribbon at Harrah's Tunica featuring the first of its kind Paula Deen Buffet and an interactive gaming floor that is the largest in the region. Spanning over 2,000 acres Harrah's Tunica features the Links at Cottonwoods championship golf course designed by Hale Irwin, Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center, the Mid-South Convention Center offering over 65,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, three elegant hotels totaling 1356 hotel rooms, the 200-space Mid-South RV Resort, Bellissimo Spa and Salon, and a 2,400 seat event center that features headline entertainment.

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