

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Event #9
No-Limit Hold 'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 113
Total Prize Pool: \$33,900
October 9, 2013**

**A Ring of his Own
Ralph Massey wins his first ring in the \$365 NLHE Turbo.**

Elizabeth, IN (October 9, 2013) – Someone once said, “Luck is where preparation meets opportunity.”

If this is true, then the Massey brothers are the luckiest players in poker. While it is well known that the brothers, Ralph and Aaron, do love to have a good time, they balance that with a rigorous work ethic. No one studies the game more than these two, preparing for each event and possible scenario that might pop up. Additionally, they give themselves more opportunities than anyone on the Circuit. They play every event at every stop. These two factors allow the Massey brothers to put themselves in a position to succeed.

While Aaron might be the more widely known of the two with two Circuit rings and 29 cashes, Ralph has quickly been establishing himself as a force on the tour. In the last year, he has cashed seven times on the Circuit with three final tables.

Last year at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Circuit series, Aaron won his first Circuit ring in the \$365 No-Limit Hold 'em Turbo event. One year later, his brother Ralph has done the same thing in the exact same event.

Massey outlasted a field of 113 players to take down the title. The entire event lasted less than nine hours. Once players reached the final table, Massey steamrolled the competition, almost single handedly taking out every player.

For his victory, Massey pocketed \$10,170 and the Circuit ring. “The money doesn’t matter, we finally got a live win,” Massey said just after taking the title.

One of Massey’s goals is to earn his spot to the WSOP National Championship. The 50 points he earned for his victory will go a long way to that cause.

There is no big celebration or time off planned for Massey though. He is back at the tables in the next ring event already.

After all, you never know when the next opportunity is going to present itself...

Notes on the Event

- The final table took less than two hours to complete.
- Ralph Massey is now second in the Casino Championship points race with 60 points.
- Patty Till continues to hold the Casino Champion points lead with 105 points.

With his victory, Massey earns 50 points towards the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Casino Champion standings. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Southern Indiana's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the 2014 WSOP National Championship, as will the winner of the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Main Event. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Southern Indiana, so far:

EVENT #1: Bryan Dillon defeated 179 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,499
EVENT #2: William Firebaugh defeated 546 players (\$365 Re-Entry) for \$34,398
EVENT #3: Jeffrey Evans defeated 99 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,850
EVENT #4: Patty Till defeated 108 players (\$365 Turbo) for \$9,720
EVENT #5: Ben Grise defeated 171 players (\$365 Six-Handed) for \$13,851
EVENT #6: Stephen Binkley defeated 165 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,365
EVENT #7: Eric Fields defeated 49 players (\$365 PLO w/ Rebuys) for \$13,425
EVENT #8: Warren Sheaves defeated 173 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,013
EVENT #9: Ralph Massey defeated 113 players (\$365 Turbo) for \$10,170

With the ninth tournament now wrapped up, there are still three more gold ring events remaining as the WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Southern Indiana continues through October 14th.

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