

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Event #12  
No-Limit Hold 'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 116  
Total Prize Pool: \$34,800  
October 13-14, 2013**

**Tommy Burleson Stands Taller than the Field  
NBA veteran wins the final event at Horseshoe Southern Indiana.**

**Elizabeth, IN (October 14, 2013)** – When Tommy Burleson and his son, David, decided to make the six-hour trek to the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Circuit from Newland, NC, they didn't have much time. In fact, the final event in the series was the only one that they would be able to play. They made the most of it though, as the elder Burleson bested the 116 player field in the \$365 No-Limit Hold 'em event.

While David was knocked out of the event in the first 30 minutes of play, his father went on to end Day 1 fifth in chips at the final table. Today, play lasted just over three hours and Burleson was able to overcome a big lead of Nathan Burgess to earn his first Circuit ring.

Tommy Burleson is quite the story. Standing over seven feet tall, this 61-year old has had quite the life so far. He was a part of the famed 1972 Olympic Men's Basketball team and also a part of the 1974 N.C. State National Championship team. He then went on to play in the NBA from 1974 until 1981 for such teams as Seattle, Kansas City and Atlanta.

Since then, the father of three sons has moved on to do much more. Once or twice a year, Burleson goes on mission trips to Africa to help those less fortunate. He even mentioned that a portion of his winnings would be going to that cause.

While Burleson may not be a regular on the WSOP Circuit, he is one of the best stories we will ever come across. In only the third Circuit event he has ever played, Burleson has joined the rank of those who own a WSOP Circuit ring.

**Notes on the Event**

- The final table took just over three hours to complete.
- This was Tommy Burleson's first Circuit ring in only his third event.
- Patty Till wins the Casino Champion title with a total of 120 points.

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With the 12<sup>th</sup> and final ring event of the series in the books, patty Till can now officially claim the honor of Casino Champion. She managed to amass an impressive 120 points across five cashes, including winning her second ring. As a result, she can now punch her ticket to the season-ending WSOP National Championship in Atlantic City along with Horseshoe Southern Indiana Main Event winner Zal Irani. 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 Sheaver defeated 173 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,013  
EVENT #9: Ralph Massey defeated 113 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,170  
EVENT #10: Robert Edelstein defeated 128 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,920  
EVENT #12: Tommy Burleson defeated 116 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,440.

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