

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #2

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 153

Prize Pool: \$45,900

September 5, 2014



### Tony Gray Unlikely Victor in Turbo Event

**Alabama retiree bests 153 players in under 12 hours, pockets \$12,391 and first ring.**

**Danny Doucet surrenders five-to-one heads-up chip lead, unable to earn second career gold ring.**

**Biloxi, Miss. (September 6, 2014)** — Anthony Gray gave a lesson in expecting the unexpected late Friday night at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, Miss. The 59-year-old Coker, Ala. retiree required less than 12 hours to best the 153-player field in Event 2, a \$365 turbo tournament, and earn \$12,391 along with his first Circuit ring.

Winning a gold ring in less than 12 hours is unexpected, no doubt, but it doesn't stop there.

Gray began the final table second in chips. As is often the case in turbo-structured events, he soon found himself short and in need of a double up. He grinded and grinded and eventually found himself three-handed.

“When I made the final table I was ecstatic,” Gray said of his mindset. “Then as I moved up I kept thinking, ‘Man, if I can just double up a few times maybe I could make some better money.’ Then when we got three-handed, I said, ‘Man it would sure be nice to get one more and get to second.’”

Brett Hearn hit the rail third at the hands of chip leader Danny Doucet and Gray secured second as he'd hoped. The downside was he held less than 250,000 of the 1,530,000 chips in play and was matched against a gold ring winner in Doucet. Doucet had all the confidence in the world and the majority of those watching had written Gray off. Even Gray himself admitted he thought little of his chances.

“I didn't think I had a chance,” he laughed. “I was just happy to get as far as I did and finish second.”

Gray's first ace-high held against Doucet all-in preflop and he doubled. Then a second ace-high held and he doubled again pulling even with Doucet.

