

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

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

Total Entries: 631

Prize Pool: \$189,300

September 5-7, 2014



John Holley Wins Third Ring in Record-Breaking IP Biloxi Re-Entry Event

Tournament sets attendance bar with 631 entries, bests previous mark handily.

Holly earns third career gold ring, approaches \$300,000 in Circuit earnings.

Biloxi, Miss. (September 8, 2014) — John Holley outlasted 631 others in what was a record-breaking \$365 re-entry ring event at IP Casino Resort and Spa. The performance earned the Florida pro \$38,813 and 50 points toward the Casino Championship in addition to his third career gold ring. The field marked the largest player pool in the IP's five-year history hosting the World Series of Poker Circuit, besting the previous mark of 571 set in last year's event with little resistance.

"Mississippi is a great place to play," Holley said of the property's year-over-year success. "There are a lot of things that are cool about Mississippi that you don't find in other places."

The win was a tough test for Holley, a now-32-time casher with nearly \$290,000 in Circuit earnings. Some of the Circuit's top talent converged on the South and never was that more apparent than on Day 2. The restart came riddled with notables including chip leader Justin Hooker, defending champion Tam Nguyen, 2011 IP Main Event champion Jerry Monroe, Blake Barousse, Ashly Butler, Charles "Woody" Moore, Tom Franklin and many others.

Of them, Monroe was the only to bust shy of the money while Moore finished 38th, Butler 31st, Barousse 21st, Franklin 14th and Nguyen 13th. Hooker made a run at a wire-to-wire win before ultimately exiting fourth.

Holley's final opponent was ring winner B.J. McBrayer who held a sizable chip advantage before his pocket eights ran into the pocket jacks of Holley. From there, it was all-in or fold for McBrayer and he eventually succumbed to Holley's hot streak, finishing second for \$24,013.

"I thank God for giving me the opportunity to do this for a living. I can't make any money fishing any more, really," Holley laughed.

Holley has become a staple on the Circuit over the last few years and is respected by his peers as someone who's as pleasant to be around as he is talented. The former fisherman turned poker pro

