

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

### Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #11

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 93

Prize Pool: \$27,900

September 13-14, 2014



## Anthony Gray Captures Casino Championship with Event 11 Victory

**Coker, Ala. amateur wins two rings during 12-day series, bests Mark Fink atop Casino Championship leaderboard.**

**Biloxi, Miss. (September 14, 2014)** — Anthony Gray's Event 11 victory came at the hands of runner up Kip Jones, but it was Mark Fink who took the biggest blow when the Coker, Ala. amateur earned his second ring of the IP Circuit. Fink laid claim to the Casino Championship lead through the majority of the 12-day series and needed to fade a Gray win in Event 11 to capture his second berth in the season-ending event.

Gray had other plans, though. He parlayed a Day 2 berth into a spot at the final table and ran hot from there winning every all in and sending player after player to the rail. Gray knew where he stood from the start. A runner up finish would match Fink's 87.5 points but if that were the case, Fink would win the title via the money-earned tie breaker. Thus, it was a win and a win only that would do the job for Gray.

"It's incredible," Gray said after his win. "I just wanted to get in the money, really. Then finally I said you know, it would be really nice to make two final tables. Then when I made the final table I was still short stacked. I played some of the best poker I've probably ever played. Of course, you have to win a couple races to get this far. I'm just excited. I can't believe it."

In addition to bringing his series earnings to more than \$20,000, the victory awarded Gray 50 points toward his title topping him out at an even 100, 12.5 ahead of Fink.

The Event 11 final table was a fun ride for the shortstacked Gray. He caught pocket aces at the right time against Quan Nguyen (sixth) and ran hot against ring winners Robert Lauria (eighth), Will Souther (third) and Jones.

"What turned everything around is... [Nguyen] was to my right," Gray said of his hot streak. "He had been making big bets every time. He goes all in on my big blind and I woke up with pocket aces and put him out of the tournament. That was a turnaround right there."

Gray's son, Brad, was among the Event 11 field but busted two hours into Day 1 when his aces were cracked. Brad stayed behind to sweat his father while Gray's wife, Norma, and daughter, Kristy, followed the action from home.

