

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, Ind.

Event #2

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

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

Total Entries: 694

Prize Pool: \$208,200

October 3-5, 2014



### John Mesplay Aces the Re-Entry

PGA Professional finds success on the felt, bests 694 to earn his first ring and \$42,681.

Opening weekend's premiere event enjoys a nearly 30 percent attendance increase of last year's tournament.

**Elizabeth, Ind. (October 6, 2014)** — Horseshoe Southern Indiana's most recent installment of the Circuit's signature re-entry event drew a sizable 694-entry field marking an almost 30 percent increase over last year's event. The tournament attracted some of the area's best players, most notably five-time ring winner Kurt Jewell, but when the dust settled it wasn't a decorated pro that donned Circuit gold.

John Mesplay, a Danville, Ky. golf professional battled through the tough field to earn \$42,681, his first Circuit ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. The impressive performance marks his first Circuit cash and gives confidence to an already sure-headed amateur.

"The next-to-last level [of Day 1] I only had 13,000 chips. I doubled up and I ran [it] up to about 160,000 by the end of the day – about 50 minutes of time," Mesplay said of when he felt he could win the event.

Mesplay continued his hot play into Day 2 and doubled early to catapult toward the top of the counts. When he got to the final table it was business as usual. Eying a shorstack's all-in ahead of him, Mesplay looked down at [8c][8h]. He raised and Howard Hankin called. The pair headed to the flop with a third player all-in.

The board came [8d][2c][2h] and Mesplay bet holding a fullhouse. Hankin called and they headed to the turn.

Third street fell a third deuce and Mesplay bet again before Hankin moved all-in. Mesplay called and Hankin tabled his hand, [Ts][Td], revealing a smaller fullhouse. The all-in player flipped over a meaningless queen-high and a river blank sent two to the rail and awarded Mesplay the pot. Eventually he'd be a heads-up underdog but would overcome a more than 2-to-1 chip disadvantage over Al Hencheck, Jr. to claim the elusive prize.

Mesplay, who works as a general manager at a Danville, Ky. golf course, is an avid-playing amateur with the majority of his experience coming from a weekly home game with friends. By



