

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Horseshoe S. Indiana
Elizabeth, Ind.
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 731
Prize Pool: \$219,300
October 2-4, 2015**



Frank Covich Earns \$43,860 for His Event #2 Victory

Frank Covich defeated a field of 731 players and did it on just one entry.

Elizabeth, Ind. (Oct. 5, 2015) -- Five cashes and five final tables. That is Frank Covich's WSOP record. All five times Covich has cashed in a WSOP event he has made it to the final table. Up until Sunday his best finish was a 2nd place finish for \$8,962. In his four prior chances at the final table he was still without a win. Well Covich's first victory came at a good time because it was in the 731 player re-entry event at Horseshoe S. Indiana. His win earned him a \$43,860 payday and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

"I came in second last year in one of these events and I was so close. It just feels good," said Covich. It feels like redemption."

Covich stressed how much his patience paid off in this tournament. He found himself short several times as the final table approached. He said he waited for good cards and when they finally came he was able to get his money in good nearly every time.

What makes Covich's story even more impressive is that he was able to win the tournament on just one entry. He played Flight A and never busted. He ran his chip stack real high on Day 1 and finished Flight A as a top five chip stack. He carried the momentum into Day 2, stuck to his game plan of being patient and didn't look back once he acquired the chip lead heads-up.

Four of the five WSOP Circuit cashes to Covich's name have come at this property. The other Circuit cash was recorded at Harrah's Tunica. As mentioned above, all of Covich's cashes are final tables. He now has a first place, second place, fifth place and two ninth place finishes.

Covich is from Murfreesboro, Tennessee and works in security. The 38-year-old has two boys and says he intends to use a portion of his prize money to save for them.

Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 731 players generating a \$219,300 prize pool. The top 81 players were paid.

The tournament had two starting flights. Flight A drew 270 players and began Day 1 began Friday at noon. It lasted 13 and one half levels and 32 players survived. Flight B drew 461 players and began Saturday at noon. Flight B played the same length and had 72 players survive. Day 2 began Sunday at 1 p.m. with 104 players remaining. The tournament concluded Monday at about 1:45 a.m. near the end of Level 28.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 124 players generating a \$37,200 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

The tournament was a one-day event. It began Sunday at noon and concluded near the end of Level 23 around 10:30 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- The tournament featured two starting flights: Flight A drew 270 players with 32 players advancing to Day 2 and Flight B drew 461 players with 72 players advancing to Day 2
- The tournament saw a 5.3% increase in attendance from last year

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe S. Indiana twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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 S. Indiana:

EVENT #1: Joseph Mattingly defeated 167 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,527

EVENT #2: Frank Covich defeated 731 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$43,860

EVENT #3: Robert Cheung defeated 124 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,416

With the three tournaments wrapped up, nine more ring events remain at the Horseshoe S. Indiana series.

All rings at S. Indiana are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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