

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Horseshoe Casino**

**Hammond, Ind.**

**Event #1**

**No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry**

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

**Total Entries: 2,211**

**Prize Pool: \$663,300**

**October 15-18, 2015**



## **Amanda Heidbrick Wins Hammond Re-Entry Event**

**Chicago-area property hosts Circuit for eighth-consecutive year. Opening event tops 2,000 entries.**

**Hammond, Ind. (October 19, 2015)** — The World Series of Poker Circuit kicked off at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. last Thursday marking the property's eighth time to host a stop on the year-long tour. For the first time in the venue's history, the opening \$365 re-entry event boasted the addition of a third starting day and permitted unlimited re-entry. These factors helped the tournament draw a stout field of 2,211 entries and following four days of play, Illinois amateur Amanda Heidbrick walked with its top prize of \$101,190.

"It feels great," Heidbrick, a project manager, said. "I just felt I was running good on Friday and I was hoping to continue to run good."

Run good she did. Heidbrick played with a fury and masterfully maneuvered her way through a tough field that included Brandon Newsome (fourth), Josh Turner (15th), Fadi Hamad (23rd), Cory Waaland (76th) and bracelet winner Aaron Wallace (84th). She put the finishing touches on her first tournament victory parlaying a final table chip lead into a gold ring and six-figure score. A tough test was made to look easy as the final table played well into the early morning hours of Monday before wrapping shortly before 7:30 a.m. local time.

"Long day," a fatigued Heidbrick said as the morning sun shone bright over the nearby Chicago skyline.

The Circuit series at the Horseshoe is one of the highlights of each year's schedule and the 2015/2016 installment is no exception. In addition to the massive re-entry opener, the 12-day event is headlined by a \$5,300 high roller – the first of its kind in the Circuit's modern era.

Additionally, the property's \$1,675 Main Event is always one to keep an eye on. Just two years ago, the championship came out of nowhere in a down poker economy drawing 1,717 entries – the largest finale in Circuit history – generating a prize pool of more than \$2.5 million. Following four days of play, Pennsylvania amateur James Dorrance transformed his buy-in into nearly \$420,000 and his first Circuit gold ring.



