

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Horseshoe Tunica

Event #2

Pot-Limit Omaha

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 138

Total Prize Pool: \$41,400

January 21-22, 2016

Romeo White Wins Pot-Limit Omaha Event at the Horseshoe Tunica

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Tunica, Miss. (22 January 2016) – Romeo White won Event #2: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha on Friday at the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Horseshoe Tunica. He wins \$11,589 in prize money for his first-place finish, and also earns his first WSOP Circuit ring, despite facing more experienced opponents.

White, a 36-year old from St. Louis, seemed like he was in his comfort zone throughout the tournament, as this game is his specialty. I play a little Omaha, he said with a wink after the event. In another way, though, White was in foreign territory. He's primarily a cash game player, and has very little tournament experience. In fact, he said this was the third tournament he's ever played. But with a record of winning one out of three so far, he's likely to try his hand in a few more.

Heading into the second and final day of the tournament, the favorite was likely Sokchheka Chico Pho. Pho finished Day 1 with the chip lead, and he won this event in 2015. However, he eventually bowed out in fourth place (\$3,800). White, on the other hand, started Day 2 right in the middle of the pack, in seventh out of the remaining 13 players. He was in much the same position when the final 10 players combined to a single table – still in seventh place.

From that point on, though, White continually climbed the leaderboard while his opponents were eliminated one by one. After Pho exited in fourth place, and Jason Reed was eliminated in third, White engaged in a short heads-up battle with Cory Wood. Wood, in contrast to White, has quite a bit of tournament experience, including 10 WSOP Circuit cashes. Even so, White emerged victorious, winning his first WSOP Circuit ring in just the third tournament he'd ever played.

Event #2 is the only non-hold'em event here at the WSOP Circuit at the Horseshoe Tunica. It started Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with 138 players. By the end of the night, only 13 remained. They resumed play on Friday at 3:00 p.m., and White secured his victory at roughly 8:15 p.m.

Of the 138 entries, the top 15 finished in the money. In addition to the defending champ, Chico Pho, other Circuit ring holders to cash in this event include Chris Conrad (8th place, \$1,312) and Paul Sokoloff (13th place, \$699). Sokoloff is continuing a history of success here at the Horseshoe. A year ago he cashed in five tournaments here.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of this event, Johnny McNally retains into the lead in the Casino Champion race. McNally and Romeo White are tied with 50 points each, but McNally holds the tiebreaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at the Horseshoe Tunica earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Horseshoe Tunica Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large Global Casino 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 the Horseshoe Tunica so far:

EVENT #1: Johnny McNally defeated 276 players (\$365 No-) for \$19,875.

EVENT #2: Romeo White defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589

With the second tournament now wrapped up, there are still 10 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Horseshoe Tunica concludes on Feb 1.

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2015 WSOP Circuit season.

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