

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Horseshoe Tunica
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 189
Total Prize Pool: \$56,700
January 31-February 1, 2016**

Janet Fitzgerald Wins Event #11 at the Horseshoe Tunica

Fitzgerald wins her first WSOP Circuit ring and over \$14,000.

Tunica, Miss. (1 February 2016) . Friday evening, Janet Fitzgerald won her first World Series of Poker Circuit ring in the penultimate event at the Horseshoe Casino in Tunica. Fitzgerald won Event #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em, earning \$14,739 for her first-place finish.

The win clearly meant a lot to Fitzgerald. After the tournament concluded, the clearly emotional victor virtually fled the room to pull herself together before the traditional winner photo. She later said that her reaction was not just to the victory, but to how far she came in a short time. "I just started playing continuously in August of last year, and she explained. "When the Circuit came to Florida, I cashed, and all the dealers were so great and so friendly, and they said, "You have to come to Tahoe, and that's what started in for me. I went to Tahoe and I started following the Circuit."

Both that Florida stop and her follow-up at Harveys Lake Tahoe were quite successful for Fitzgerald. At the Palm Beach Kennel Club, she finished fourth in the re-entry event for over \$21,000. Then at Harveys, she made the final table of the Main Event, finishing in ninth for over \$14,000. "But this is the dream," she said picking up her newly-earned Circuit ring.

Fitzgerald now has three five-figure scores and over \$40,000 in WSOP Circuit earnings in the past five months.

For Fitzgerald, her recent success represents the early stages of a second career. Until recently she worked for a construction company, but was let go after 20 years. She then started playing poker more seriously, and her fateful trip to the WSOP Circuit at the Palm Beach Kennel Club led to her success over the past half year.

The tournament began on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday with 189 players. The top 21 made the money. Day 1 concluded Sunday night with 18 players remaining, and Fitzgerald held the chip lead. Day 2 began Monday at 1:00 p.m., and they reached the final table of nine at roughly 3:00 p.m. Fitzgerald secured her victory about two hours later.

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

At the conclusion of this event, Andrew Brinkley retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. Brinkley now has 87.5 points from a one victory and one runner-up finish. 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 also earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship. 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-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,875.
- EVENT #2: Romeo White defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589
- EVENT #3: Robb Idsinga defeated 430 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #4: Josh Turner defeated 1,346 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em -entry) for \$71,665.
- EVENT #5: Andrew Brinkley defeated 245 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #6: Kevin Davis defeated 264 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #7: Robert Hankins defeated 235 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #8: Kyle Cartwright defeated 457 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$29,484.
- EVENT #9: David Sutton defeated 249 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #10: David Kruger defeated 646 entries (\$1,675 MAIN EVENT) for \$198,657.
- EVENT #11: Janet Fitzgerald defeated 189 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589
- EVENT #12: Vincent Moscati defeated 107 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$9,629.

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

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