

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Horseshoe Council Bluffs
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 179
Prize Pool: \$53,700
March 31 – April 1, 2016**



Doug Hutcheson Protects His Home Turf

Council Bluffs local, Doug Hutcheson, wins his first career gold ring at his home casino.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 1, 2016) -- The opening event of the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series was won by Council Bluffs local, Doug Hutcheson. Hutcheson was born in Council Bluffs and still calls it his home to this day.

Hutcheson has been a regular at this series for many years now. His WSOP record shows that he had eight WSOP Circuit cashes prior to this event and that they have all come in Council Bluffs. His first career WSOP cash came in 2010. He cashed in series events in 2012 and 2014 as well. Of his eight cashes, three were final tables.

"The fun part about this tournament was that at the end, all three of us were local. We all knew each other," said Hutcheson.

Hutcheson made it to Day 2 of the tournament along with Timothy McReynolds (2nd place) and Michael Sortino (3rd place). McReynolds and Sortino are both from Omaha, Nebraska, which is right across the river from Council Bluffs.

There was an interesting table dynamic on Day 2 because all three of the players were familiar with each other's styles of play. According to Hutcheson, he altered his play style to include more calls and less raises on Day 2 to give himself an edge over his opponents. He knew that his raises didn't have quite the same punch against these two particular opponents as they would against a random player. His small adjustment paid off handsomely as it helped him win the tournament.

McReynolds entered Day 2 as the chip leader and Hutcheson was in second. Hutcheson knocked out Sortino in third place early on Day 2. He then won a massive pot off a McReynolds when his pocket aces were able to fade McReynolds flush draw. Hutcheson eliminated McReynolds just a few hands later with pocket queens.

Hutcheson is the owner of Hutcheson Engineering, which is located in Omaha. The company sells industrial equipment in Iowa and Nebraska. Hutcheson intends to play several more events in the series, but is going to skip the re-entry event to be able to play in Sunday's senior's event.

This cash marks the largest WSOP tournament cash of Hutcheson's career and pushes his career WSOP tournament earnings to \$38,585.

"Sometimes poker is fun. For me it is supposed to be fun and today was fun. Even had the result not been what it was it still would have been a fun day," said Hutcheson.

Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 179 players generating a \$53,700 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with three players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 3:15 p.m. Friday near the end of Level 23.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe Council Bluffs twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino 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 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 Council Bluffs series:

EVENT #1: Doug Hutcheson defeated 179 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,500

With one tournaments wrapped up, 11 more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series.

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

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