

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 12  
Horseshoe Council Bluffs  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Event #7  
No-Limit Hold'em Six Max  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 153  
Prize Pool: \$26,700  
April 5-6, 2016**



## **Jacob Phillips Wins the Six Max Event**

**Jacob Phillips survives a tough final table to win his first WSOP gold ring.**

**Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 6, 2016)** -- Six max final tables are never easy to win. That was especially true about the most recent one in Council Bluffs. The final table of the six max event not only had many experienced players, but it also had some of the hottest players at the series. Jacob Phillips maneuvered his way through the daunting final table to win his first career gold ring and the first place prize of \$12,853.

The final table had four previous gold ring winners at it. They were Jeff Epstein (2nd), Doug Hutcheson (4th), Mike Reed (5th), and Duane Gerleman (6th). Epstein, Hutcheson, and Reed all have one gold ring and Gerleman has three. Gerleman and Hutcheson both won rings earlier this series and are the top two players in the Casino Championship standings.

To make things tougher, the final table bubble boy was Mark Evans, who was the defending champion in this event. Phillips was not part of the group of gold ring winners coming in, but he did have one of the most extensive WSOP resumes. Coming in Phillips had 25 WSOP cashes, 21 of which were Circuit cashes. He was just missing the gold ring and now he's got it.

"I enjoy it, it's a passion of mine," said Phillips about the game.

Phillips has been a consistent WSOP competitor. He has cashed in at least five events every year since 2012 with his biggest cash coming in the 2014 \$10,000 Las Vegas Main Event. He finished 250th for \$38,634

"It's definitely a confidence builder moving forward. It's a point, not a peak," said Phillips about his victory.

Expect to see Phillips in Vegas this summer. Today's victory will give him momentum heading into the summer series. He is happy with the gold ring, but is looking for more. He wants a bracelet.

Phillips is from Ozark, Missouri. When he isn't playing poker he helps with his parents business.

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Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 153 players generating a \$45,900 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with seven players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at the beginning of Level 25.

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](http://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  
EVENT #2: Mark Fink defeated 141 players (\$365 NLHE Bounty) for \$7,898  
EVENT #3: Duane Gerleman defeated 743 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$44,577  
EVENT #4: Tommy Hoard defeated 118 players (\$365 NLHE 1-day) for \$10,617  
EVENT #5: Scott Buller defeated 117 players (\$365 LimitO8oB) for \$10,531  
EVENT #6: Jason Seitz defeated 120 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,801  
EVENT #7: Jacob Phillips defeated 153 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$12,853  
EVENT #8: Adrian Jimenez defeated 89 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$8,545

With eight tournaments wrapped up, only four more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series.

All rings at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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