

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 220
Prize Pool: \$66,000
March 15-16, 2016**



Chris Reslock Does it Again in Atlantic City

Local pro collects eighth gold ring and \$16,502 in series' opening event

Atlantic City, NJ (March 16, 2016) — Chris Reslock is the champion of Event #1 at Harrah's Atlantic City, defeating a field of 220 players in the opening \$365 event. Well regarded for his ability to close out victories in the clutch, Reslock claimed his eighth gold ring in his 17th career appearance at a Circuit final table. He also collected \$16,502 and an early lead with 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at this venue.

The champ is a retired taxi operator originally from North Dakota, but he now makes his home in Atlantic City proper. When he's not busy winning tournaments, you'll likely find him at one of the high-stakes mixed game tables in town, or possibly in the pits dusting off a little stress. "I'm a degenerate gambler," he said, smirking just enough to make it difficult to judge his level of seriousness.

Like so many professional players, Reslock initially learned how to play poker through his family. "Grandmother taught me to play five-card draw," he said. "She'd give us each a bunch of pennies. She always won all the pennies."

No-limit hold'em is his least favorite variation of poker, but it's one that's served Reslock's bankroll well over the course of his long career. Six of his eight rings have come in this game, with the others coming in Seven-Card Stud and Omaha Hi/Lo. He was also crowned World Champion of Stud in 2007, defeating Phil Ivey heads up to win his first gold bracelet. In total, Reslock has just shy of \$2 million in career tournament earnings.

The path to victory in Event #1 was a relatively smooth one, as Reslock recalled. "I only had one lucky hand where I took kings up against aces," he said. "King on the river. Felt bad." By the time the dinner break arrived, he was opening up a gap on the rest of the field as the first player to cross the 100,000-chip mark. With two tables left, he was in control of more than a quarter of the chips in play, though a late-day surge gave Gregory Tsanis the overnight chip lead with nine players remaining.

