

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Horseshoe Baltimore**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Event #9**

**The Main Event**

**Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)**

**Total Entries: 894**

**Prize Pool: \$1,500,000**

**April 1-4, 2016**



## **Joseph Cappello Wins Main Event at Horseshoe Baltimore**

**New York poker pro outlasts Matt Bond to win first WSOP Circuit ring**

**Baltimore, MD (April 5, 2016)** – Throughout the duration of the final table, cheers for “Bo Bo” erupted every time Joseph Cappello raked in a pot. After nine hours of final table play, those cheers reached a climax when Cappello flopped a set of eights against Matt Bond to win the Horseshoe Baltimore Main Event for \$292,500 and his first WSOP Circuit ring.

“This [circuit ring] means a lot. It means more than any amount of money I’ve ever won,” Cappello said shortly after the final table. “To win an event like this with all these great players, 890 players, it feels excellent.”

The 35-year-old New Rochelle, New York native bested a field of 894 in the \$1.5 million guaranteed Main Event at Horseshoe Baltimore.

When he returns to New York, Cappello said he’ll be giving this ring to his mother.

“She’s my world, when I lost my father in ’07, that’s when I was on top playing poker. I took a little break, and she’s just been my rock,” Cappello said.

Cappello was much more active in the tournament poker scene from 2007-2010, but said some poor money management prevented him from playing in recent years. With this score, he’s planning to start playing more often again.

“To get back where I used to be, a couple of years ago, feels really good,” Cappello said. “I haven’t been playing a lot, but to break the ice [in this event] it feels excellent, I can’t describe it.”

Cappello boasts more than a million dollars in live and online tournament cashes, but this is by far his most successful Circuit case. His previous best actually came two weeks ago in the Harrah’s Atlantic City Main Event where he finished 7th for \$18,348.

There were 17 players to start Day 3 on Monday, and the field was trimmed to 10, the unofficial final table, a little more than three hours into the day. Cappello started the final table second in chips, behind only Alex Rocha. Rocha was one of three players at the final table already with a Circuit ring to their name — the others being Matt Bond and Philip Shing.

It took about seven hours of final table play until heads-up play was reached. At the beginning of their heads up duel, Cappello held a slight chip advantage 9,100,000 to 8,095,000.

Over the next two hours—62 hands of play—Cappello went to work against Bond and slowly built up his advantage until he called [Bond's all in with pocket eights](#).

With his victory Cappello also earned a seat in the season-ending 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship.

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The Main Event was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$1,675 no-limit hold'em event with a \$1.5 million guaranteed prize pool attracted 894 entries. A total of 90 players made the money.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m. The first starting flights drew 324 entries and advanced 64 while the second starting flight drew 570 entries and advanced 109. Both starting flights played 15 levels.

Day 2 restarted Sunday, April 3 at noon with 173 players. The money bubble burst about three hours into the day, shortly after the beginning of Level 19. Play ended around midnight with 17 players remaining.

Day 3 began with 17 players at 2 p.m. The ten-handed final table began at 5:20 p.m. in Level 28 with 25,000/50,000 blinds and a 5,000 ante. The duration of the final table was xx hours.

The final table seating assignments and chip counts were as follows:

Seat 1 – James Calderaro – 1,380,000 (27 bb)

Seat 2 – Corey French – 1,505,000 (30 bb)

Seat 3 – Bobby Oboodi – 865,000 (17 bb)

Seat 4 – Christopher Fernandez – 1,200,000 (24 bb)

Seat 5 – Philip Shing – 700,000 (14 bb)

Seat 6 – Joseph Cappello – 2,920,000 (58 bb)

Seat 7 – Nick Kursman – 725,000 (15 bb)

Seat 8 – Alex Rocha – 3,905,000 (78 bb)

Seat 9 – Joe Reddick – 2,285,000 (46 bb)

Seat 10 – Matt Bond – 2,395,000 (48 bb)

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### **Final table results:**

1st: Joseph Cappello

Hometown: New Rochelle, NY

Occupation: Poker Pro

WSOP earnings: \$87,991

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$323,683 (1 ring)

2nd: Justin “Matt” Board

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Occupation: Poker Pro

WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$281,688 (1 ring)

3rd: Alex Rocha  
Hometown: Queens, New York  
Occupation: Poker Pro  
WSOP earnings: \$94,977  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$271,237 (2 rings)

4th: Joe Reddick - \$99,360  
Hometown: Bronx, NY  
Occupation: Chip Bully Clothing  
WSOP earnings: \$5,615  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$205,365

5th: Bobby Oboodi - \$75,120  
Hometown: Morris Plains, NJ  
Occupation: Poker Pro  
WSOP earnings: \$88,542  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$75,120

6th: James Calderero - \$57,525  
Hometown: Manasota Beach, FL  
Occupation: Poker Pro  
WSOP earnings: \$986,536  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$57,525

7th: Nick Kursman - \$44,610  
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA  
Occupation: Software Sales  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$45,657

8th: Corey French - \$27,840  
Hometown: Odenton, MD  
Occupation: IT  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$27,840

9th: Philip Shing - \$27,840  
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY  
Occupation: Finance  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$43,882 (1 ring)

*Notable in-the-money finishers included 2005 Main Event runner up Steve Dannenmann (17th place - \$15,015), Circuit Ring winners Craig Varnell (24th - \$10,545), Chris Csik (27th - \$8,895), and Joe Kuether (32nd - \$6,750), WSOP Bracelet winner Jared Jaffee (58th - \$4,350), and 2013 One Drop High Roller Champion Tony Gregg (39th - \$5,310).*

Here is the full list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Baltimore:

Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry (3,641 entries)	– Michael Liang wins \$182,920
Event #2: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em (161 entries)	– Justin Liberto wins \$21,734
Event #3: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha (148 entries)	– Blake Whittington wins \$12,434
Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Max (202 entries)	– Jeremy Perez wins \$16,666
Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (133 entries)	– Alex Rocha wins \$11,171
Event #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack (512 entries)	– John Lee wins \$33,022
Event #7: \$365 Big O (112 entries)	– Wilfredo Dinio wins \$11,621
Event #8: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo (191 entries)	– William House wins \$14,899
Event #9: \$1,675 Main Event (894 entries)	
Event #10: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em (144 entries)	– Aditya Prasetyo wins \$19,600
Event #11: \$3,250 High Roller (50 entries)	– CJ Welch wins \$56,250
Event #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo(165 entries)	– Vince Moscati wins \$13,495

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All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited 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).

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