

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
IP Casino Resort & Spa  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Event #6  
Pot Limit Omaha (Unlimited Re-Entry)  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 84  
Prize Pool: \$25,200  
September 12, 2016**



## **Emotional Victory and First Gold Ring for Cooper**

**Long time poker pro and father, Scott Cooper, finally grasps his first gold ring and could not be happier.**

**Biloxi, Mississippi (September 13, 2016)** – Scott Cooper outlasted a field of 84 players to claim his first career gold ring, and \$8,063, in Event #6: \$365 Pot Limit Omaha. The tournament lasted two days and concluded on the IP main stage Tuesday morning. Between happiness and an overwhelming relief, it was an emotional win for Cooper.

Before Tuesday, the closest Cooper had come to a WSOP gold ring was in December of 2014, when he took third place at a Harrah's Cherokee Circuit event. His largest WSOP cash to date is \$13,465, which Cooper bagged at the very same Circuit stop. Though the prize money was not his highest, for Cooper, winning a gold ring and claiming the bragging rights that go along with it was everything.

“I can't be the butt of the joke anymore. All my friends have multiple ones (rings). I don't have any, till now,” Said Cooper

Cooper, who can now boast a Circuit title, will be eager and willing to share his milestone achievement with all of his poker peers. However, once his moment of triumph came, there was one person in particular Cooper could not wait to share the news with. The proud father took out his cell phone and dialed his 13-year-old son as soon as he could process the victory. A winner photo was taken with Cooper, and his son in the mix via Facetime.

“It's tough being away from home... He was really excited about it, so I had to get him involved,” said Cooper.

A regular on the Circuit tour, and professional poker player of almost 11 years, Cooper has been chasing a gold ring for quite some time. This win marks his 35<sup>th</sup> WSOP cash, dating back to 2010 when he recorded his first in-the-money finish at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual World Series of Poker.

The accomplishment did not come easy though. When play reached the official final table Cooper was in dead last when it came to stack size. However, he buckled down, chipped up, and made it to Day 2 of the tournament. Three players remained at the start of Day 2. Cooper was

fairly certain he would eventually be heads up against the tough Enrique Melguizo, and that is exactly what came to be. A taxing heads-up battle was not in the cards though; far from it actually. It only took one hand for all the chips to get in the middle. Cooper's two pair on the flop improved to a full house by the river and it was all over.

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Event #6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Biloxi series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 127 players generating a \$25,200 prizepool. The top 15 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 IP Biloxi series:

EVENT #1: David Walters defeated 800 players (\$365 NLHE Double Stack) for \$47,992  
EVENT #2: Steve Giddings defeated 96 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$8,638  
EVENT #3: Dallas Berry defeated 95 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$8,551  
EVENT #4: Douglas Carli defeated 110 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$9,901  
EVENT #5: Nate Bandy defeated 127 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,668  
EVENT #6: Scott Cooper defeated 84 players (\$365 PLO) for \$8,063

This was the sixth gold ring handed out at the IP Biloxi series. Six more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the IP Biloxi series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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