

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
IP Casino Resort & Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 99
Prize Pool: \$29,700
September 17, 2016**



An Overdue Victory for Corey Bierria

On-and-off poker player, Corey Bierria, wins the No-Limit Hold'em Turbo to snatch his first Circuit gold ring.

Biloxi, Mississippi (September 18, 2016) – Corey Bierra outlasted a field of 99 players to claim his first career gold ring, and \$8,911, in Event #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo. The tournament lasted one day and concluded on the IP main stage late Saturday night. Disbelief and joy poured over Bierra after the final river card hit.

“Did I just win this,” Bierra said with a smile on his face. Later, when asked how the win felt, the very first word he conjured was “overdue.”

Before this victory, Bierria had come just in reach of a gold ring when he finished second place at Harrah's New Orleans. This extremely close call occurred way back in 2005. In the 11 years between now and then, Bierria had an on-and-off relationship with poker.

“I stopped grinding for a while,” said Bierria. When asked why, he responded with “Family, businesses; being a family man.”

Playing poker with an ambitious disposition can be very time consuming and travel oriented. After reducing his time spent on the felt for commendable reasons, Bierria has recently taken up a more ambitious approach to the game again.

“I decided to be more aggressive this year about it. This year I dedicated myself to the game a little bit harder. Decided to play more,” said Bierria

The IP Biloxi was happening the same day as Event #11. In fact, Bierria played in the Main Event the very same morning of his triumph. Following his exit from the Main, Bierria decided to hop in the turbo event, and what a decision it was.

Bierria found himself heads up against Todd Owens, who proved to be a tough competitor throughout the tournament. Early in heads-up play there was some talk from Owens about the prize money both players had already secured by reaching the final two payout positions.

However, Bierria did not hesitate to shrug off the idea of a cash-prize. He was one hundred percent in it for the gold ring and Circuit title. The money was not on his mind.

“This was one of the tournaments I told myself ‘I’m going to take it. I’m not going to wait for it. I’m not going to hope it happens,’” stated Bierra “The money really didn’t matter to me. I wanted to win.”

His ambition was met and Bierra can finally say he walked away a Circuit Champ.

Event #11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Biloxi series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 99 players generating a \$29,700 prizepool. The top 12 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
EVENT #7: David Aker defeated 175 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$14,701
EVENT #8: Andrew Hines defeated 229 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$17,174
EVENT #9: David Cossio defeated 126 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,639
EVENT #11: Corey Bierria defeated 99 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,911

This was the tenth gold ring handed out at the IP Biloxi series. Two 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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