

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
IP Casino Resort & Spa  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Event #12  
No-Limit Hold'em Main Event  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 86  
Prize Pool: \$25,800  
September 18, 2016**



## **The Underdog Comes Out on Top**

**Jaymie Virtusio, a recent medical graduate from the Philippines, defeats previous gold ring winners to secure her own.**

**Biloxi, Mississippi (September 19, 2016)** – Jaymie Virtusio won her first career gold ring in Event #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (30 Minute Levels) by defeating a field of 86 players. The tournament, which was the last event on the IP Biloxi Circuit schedule, lasted two days and ended Monday afternoon. The final four players consisted of three previous gold ring winners and one newcomer to the game, and yet the outcome was far from predictable.

Virtusio was a virtual underdog at the final table. When play got down to four-handed, her remaining opponents each had a gold ring to their name and a slew of WSOP cashes between them, as opposed to Virtusio who has only been playing poker for a couple years.

“It’s my second year playing,” said Virtusio. “I played one other big tournament... but this is actually my first World Series event.”

What a great way to start a World Series of Poker career. Virtusio played in the Ladies Event the same morning of Event #12’s starting day. After busting out of that, she barely squeaked into the \$365 NLHE tournament by entering during the dinner break, just before registration closed.

Following a Day 2 restart, in which Virtusio came into as a shorter stack, and seven eliminations, she found herself heads up against Bob Beck. Beck is a Circuit regular with over \$70,000 in WSOP earnings and a solo gold ring. The fateful, final hand was a heartbreaker for Beck. Virtusio moved all in on the turn with her pocket jacks and a backdoor flush draw. Beck called, and showed his queen, giving him top pair and the lead against Virtusio. However, the river card was a fourth heart, providing Virtusio with the runner-runner, knockout punch.

Along with a Circuit title and WSOP gold ring, Virtusio also earned herself a nice payday of \$8,256. Since her recent graduation from medical school, Virtusio has been studying for her multiple Board exams and plans to apply for a residency program when she is through with those. Even with an undoubtedly busy schedule with her medical path, Virtusio has found time to play poker as a nice break from routine and will continue to do so.

“Poker will always be there, and this is a fun thing along the way,” said Virtusio.

Once her life outside of poker becomes more secure and stable, Virtusio hopes to maybe, one day pursue the game full time.

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Event #12 was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Biloxi series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (30 Minute Levels) attracted 86 players generating a \$25,800 prizepool. The top 9 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 #10: Chris Savage defeated 382 players (\$365 NLHE Main Event) for \$126,059  
EVENT #11: Corey Bierria defeated 99 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,911  
EVENT #12: Jaymie Virtusio defeated 86 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$8,256

This was the eleventh gold ring handed out at the IP Biloxi series. One more gold ring and Circuit title is 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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