

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Elizabeth, IN
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 161
Prize Pool: \$48,300
September 29-30, 2016**



Scott Fitzhugh Avoids Another Near Miss, Wins Event #1

Part-time player from Ohio earns more than \$13,000 and the series' first gold ring

Elizabeth, Indiana (September 30, 2016) — Scott Fitzhugh is the champion of Event #1 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 161 players to earn his first gold ring. In addition to the jewelry, Fitzhugh claimed the top prize of \$13,041 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

The champ is 41 years old, and he has a full-time job as the owner of a pet supply sales firm in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, which is a suburb of Cleveland. “City of Champions,” Fitzhugh smiled as he admired his own version of a Championship ring. Between that full-time job and his part-time commitments as a high school basketball official, he doesn’t have a ton of time to dedicate to the game, but he’s managed to rack up some impressive results as a recreational player.

Fitzhugh’s first WSOP Circuit cash came two seasons ago in the same building, when he finished as the runner-up in another \$365 event. “That was a disappointing one,” he remembered, relaying the story of the heads-up match in which he fell victim to his opponent’s gutshot straight draw on the final hand. “A very disappointing one,” he repeated. He went on to make three more final tables over the next two seasons, finishing no better than fourth place. This time around, though, he wouldn’t have to settle for another near miss.

This \$365 event began on Thursday, and the starting field of 161 was reduced to just nine before the bags came out for the night. Fitzhugh was third in chips to begin Friday’s final table, but the deep average stacks meant it was still anyone’s game. “Everybody came in with 60 bigs, and we were thinking eight, nine, ten hours,” he said. “All of the sudden, we’re down to four [players]. The pace caught me off guard, so I just kinda sat back. When we got to four, I got a little more aggressive.”

Fitzhugh’s stack had barely moved through those first five eliminations, but he finally started to accumulate some chips during four- and three-handed play. He ultimately found himself heads

