

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, Indiana

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-entry

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 166

Prize Pool: \$49,800

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Nam Lu Collects First Live Tournament Win, First Ring

Nail technician from Ohio earns more than \$13,000 for one day of work

Elizabeth, Indiana (October 2, 2016) — Nam Lu is the champion of Event #3 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 166 entries to earn his first gold ring. In addition to the jewelry, Lu earned the top prize of \$13,446 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

The champ is a recreational player from Huber Heights, Ohio, and his full-time job as a nail technician occupies the majority of his schedule. He's been dabbling in the game for about seven years, and he's clearly picked up a thing or two during that time. "I just play on the weekends," he said. "Sunday, when I have a day off, I go play." Lu carved out this Sunday to come play the turbo event, and in the span of 11 hours, he earned his first live tournament win and his largest career payout to date.

Lu was nearly overcome by emotions as he posed for the winner's photos. "Oh, oh, oh!" he said giddily as he slipped his new ring onto his finger. "Feels good. Feels so good. I never dreamed I'd win a ring."

The turbo structure leaves little room for error, and Lu had to battle all day long just to stay afloat. "It started out rough," he recounted. "I was short the whole time. Just hanging on, hanging on. When you still have a chance, you fight for it. Survive."

The pivotal hand came during the heads-up duel with Todd Brenn. Lu was out-chipped about 2:1, and he took his stand with two black nines. Brenn put him at risk with ace-seven of hearts, and a board full of spades gave Lu the double-up and the chip lead for the first time in the tournament. The match was over just a few hands later.

On the final hand, Brenn got the last of his short stack in with king-queen, and Lu pondered for a long while before calling with king-five of diamonds. Lu flopped a flush draw and turned the fifth diamond, leaving Brenn drawing dead and ending the match one card early.

