

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Elizabeth, Indiana  
Event #4  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 136  
Prize Pool: \$40,800  
October 2-3, 2016**



## **Al Hencheck Jr. Finally Fades Second Place, Wins Event #4**

**Recreational player from Loveland, Ohio collects \$11,424 and long-awaited first gold ring**

**Elizabeth, Indiana (October 3, 2016)** — Al Hencheck Jr. is the champion of Event #4 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 136 players to win his first gold ring. His performance also earned him the top prize of \$11,424 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

The champ is a 65-year-old real estate broker from Loveland, Ohio. His business keeps him from traveling the Circuit as often as he'd like, but he's managed to post some impressive results in spite of the limited opportunities. Hencheck had finished as the runner-up in two previous ring events, once in the same building. Those two cashes were both worth more money than Hencheck's win in Event #4, but this one comes with a ring and a swarm of emotions.

"It's a combination of relief and satisfaction and maybe a little bit of validation," Hencheck said in the moments after his victory. "It's a little bit of all of that. For me to finally get there..." he trailed off. "There are times, when you're not running well, that you wonder if you know anything about the game. To have previously gotten that close twice and to come away empty-handed was a tremendous disappointment."

As the saying goes, the third time was indeed the charm for Hencheck, and there would be no disappointment for him on this occasion. He had the third-largest stack when the ten-handed final table began on Day 2, and just a couple hours later, he was once again heads-up for a ring. His opponent, Bryan Dillon, is already a two-time ring winner, and he and Hencheck talked openly about the narrow disparity in their final table results.

The two were essentially even in chips as the duel began, and it lasted for a long while before the momentum finally started to swing in Hencheck's direction. On the final hand of the match, Dillon got the last of his short stack in preflip with ace-jack, but Hencheck found a dominating ace-king and a board full of blanks to seal the win.

