

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Potawatomi
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 532
Prize Pool: \$159,600
Feb. 8-9, 2016**



Eric Guth Grinds His Way to a Monster Victory

Eric Guth takes down the Monster Stack and earns his first career Circuit ring.

MILWAUKEE (February 10, 2017) -- Waukesha, Wisconsin native Eric Guth has won the Monster Stack event at Potawatomi. He defeated a 532-player field to earn his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring and take home the top prize of \$34,310.

Guth said he had to grind his way through the event, and was card dead for the most part of Day 1. It wasn't until the end of Day 1 where he started seeing good cards. He managed to bag Day 1 10th in chips out of the 30 remaining players after running hot at the end of the night.

"The tournaments you win are usually when you get lucky. This is one tournament where I consistently grinded and patience paid off. I don't think I ever really sucked out on anybody," said Guth.

Guth made it to the unofficial final table 6th in chips out of 10 remaining players. The leader at the time was eight-time gold ring winner Valentin Vornicu. A win for Vornicu would have tied him with Alex Masek for the most Circuit gold rings won all-time. Vornicu's final table run didn't go as planned and he ended up busting in 6th place, keeping Masek as the sole all-time ring leader. Once Vornicu busted, Guth's chances of winning his first ring improved and he took full advantage.

Guth went on to beat Rudi Patitucci heads up for the title. Patitucci's second place finish earned him \$21,216.

Guth used to play online poker and had a fair bit of success on the virtual felts. He once won the Pokerstars Sunday Million and said he has chopped several other online tournaments too. He has now transitioned to playing more live poker, but it has brought a change to his game.

"I play a little more patient; I don't bluff as much," said Guth about live poker. "It's a different ballgame, but it's a lot more fun than sitting at a computer."

This marked Guth's fourth career WSOP cash. He has two cashes at Horseshoe Hammond and one in Las Vegas. Prior to this victory, Guth's largest WSOP cash was a 6th place finish in a \$580 no-limit hold'em event at Horseshoe Hammond in 2012.

Guth is a basketball referee. He referees all levels from 4th graders to high school varsity [games](#). He has a full slate of games to referee this weekend, but he is looking to adjust his schedule to try to make room to play in this weekend's Main Event here at Potawatomi.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Potawatomi. The \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack tournament attracted 532 players generating a \$159,600 prize pool. The top 54 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with 30 players remaining. The tournament ended at about 11:00 p.m. at the beginning of level 31.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Potawatomi twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in 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 Potawatomi series:

EVENT #1: Ty Veras defeated 1,272 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$67,726
EVENT #2: Yousef Anbar defeated 235 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$29,371
EVENT #3: Winston Ackerman defeated 324 players (\$365 NLHE 30-minute) for \$22,842
EVENT #4: Leon Gao defeated 179 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,500
EVENT #5: Josh Reichard defeated 227 players (\$365 PLO) for \$17,021
EVENT #6: Travis Lauson defeated 247 players (\$365 NLHE 6 max) for \$19,639
EVENT #7: Eric Guth defeated 532 players (\$365 NLHE Monster) for \$34,310

With seventh tournaments wrapped up, only five more ring events remain at the Potawatomi series.

All rings at the Potawatomi series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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