2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 Potawatomi Milwaukee, Wisconsin Event #10 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 266 Prize Pool: \$79,800 Feb. 11, 2016



Byron Ziebell Wins the Potawatomi Turbo

Wisconsin native Byron Ziebell wins his first career gold ring at his home casino.

MILWAUKEE (**February 12, 2017**) -- Byron Ziebell has won Potawatomi's only turbo event of the series. He defeated a 266-player field in just under 11 hours to earn \$19,547 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. The victory also earned Ziebell 50 Casino Championship points. Prior to this win, Ziebell had two cashes this series for 15 points. His total of 65 points now is good for the lead in the Casino Championship with only three events still yet to finish.

Ziebell has a chance to add points to his total in the Main Event. He bagged in Day 1A of the Main Event on Friday, but has a lot of work to do to make it to the money. He will be returning for Day 2 120th in chips out of the 132 remaining players. Only the top 72 will earn a cash and points. Ziebell said that he intends to play in Event #11: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Sunday afternoon if he busts in the Main Event.

Ziebell said he felt comfortable at the final table, but acknowledged the luck factor involved in turbos. He said that there is not a lot of post-flop play and it's about picking hands and going with them.

"Back when I used to play online, I used to play a lot of turbos," said Ziebell. "I actually specialized in 180-man turbos."

Ziebell is an accountant and a professional poker player. He is an accountant for three months a year and a poker player for the other nine months. He works as an accountant during tax season and his first day back to accounting work is scheduled for this Monday. He said that he may have to push back that start date to Tuesday as he tries to chase points to secure the Casino Champion title.

Ziebell is a native of Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Potawatomi is his home casino and he mainly plays 2/5 cash games when the World Series isn't in town.

This marked his 10th career WSOP cash. He now has nine cashes on the Circuit and one out in Las Vegas. His one cash in Vegas was a final table finish. He finished in 6th place in the \$1,500

Seven Card Stud event in 2015 for \$17,821. It was Ziebell's largest career WSOP cash up until this one. This cash pushed Ziebell's career WSOP tournament earnings over the \$50,000 mark.

Event #10 was the tenth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Potawatomi. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo tournament attracted 266 players generating a \$79,800 prize pool. The top 27 players were paid.

It was a one-day event. The tournament began at 4 p.m. Saturday and ended at about 2:40 a.m. Sunday on the last hand of Level 28.

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 <u>WSOP.com</u>.

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 EVENT #8: Nadya Magnus defeated 119 players (\$2,200 HR NLHE) for \$71,398 EVENT #10: Byron Ziebell defeated 266 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for 19,547

Nine of the 12 ring events are now complete at the Potawatomi Circuit series.

All rings at the Potawatomi series are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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