2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Hammond
Hammond, Indiana
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry
Buy-In: $300 (+$65)
Total Entries: 2,121
Prize Pool: $636,300
October 13-16, 2016

Jason Ramos Wins Opening Re-entry Event in Hammond

Local salesman turns a single entry into a gold ring and nearly six figures in cash

Hammond, Indiana (October 17, 2016) — Jason Ramos is the champion of Event #1 at Horseshoe Hammond, defeating a huge field of 2,121 entries to earn his first gold ring. In addition to the jewelry, Ramos collected the top prize of $97,061 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

Ramos is a 35-year-old salesman from Carol Stream, Illinois. His family and his career come first, but he's been putting in a bit more time as he's started to accumulate some significant results over the last three years. This one is his most significant so far, though, and the timing was just right for the champ.

"I'm just overwhelmed," he said in the postgame interview, letting out a big sigh at the end of a long and successful day of poker. "I feel great. I have a fiancé and three little girls at home, and we're looking to get a house. This is just breathtaking and overwhelming. It absolutely couldn't have come at a better time. This is a downpayment."

Ramos' job meant he was unable to play Day 1A or Day 1B, but he showed up for Saturday's Day 1C with a few entries in his wallet. As it turned out, he only needed one. "I played one entry," he said proudly, holding up a single finger. "One flight. One bullet." Ramos bagged up the day's third-biggest stack of 242,600 chips, good enough for fourth place on the overall leaderboard heading into the combined Day 2.

Things tried to unravel a bit during the decisive Day 2, but Ramos refused to let it come undone. "Ups and downs today," he said after the fact. "It was a roller-coaster ride. I was short a couple times, but I just maintained my composure. I was just trying to pick my spots right. Play smart, and don't get unlucky."