

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Tunica
Tunica, Mississippi
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 240
Prize Pool: \$72,000
January 21, 2017**



David Knuckles Takes Home Gold In The \$365 Turbo

Debut gold ring captured by David Knuckles after winning the first turbo of the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit series.

Tunica, Mississippi (January 22, 2017) – It was a one-day endeavor at the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit stop that provided David Knuckles with his first World Series of Poker gold ring. The professional poker player from Nashville, Tennessee cruised to a victory in Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry.

“It’s like breaking the ice. You feel like you get one, you can continue forward. Now you know you can accomplish it,” explained Knuckles.

Claiming a first gold ring is a grand accomplishment and certainly was a confidence booster for Knuckles. The win marked his fifth Circuit cash, jumping his WSOP tournament earnings to just over \$30,000. Knuckles spends most of his poker hours in the cash-game scene.

“I’ve been playing poker for years... started out for fun and turned it in to a living,” Knuckles said. “It’s how I paid for college.”

Knuckles attended Middle Tennessee State University “years ago,” he claimed. Being a native and current resident of Nashville, Knuckles jumps around to the nearby Circuit stops when he can. Horseshoe Tunica may be his new favorite after his recent triumph on the main stage of the Bluesville Music Hall.

There were a few of Knuckles’ friends rooting him on from the rail during the later stages of the final table. When asked if his supporting crew helped at all, Knuckles responded with “Yeah, absolutely. I had to go track that one down...” Pointing at one of his buddies, the two jokingly spoke of their coach-player dynamic.

Even when play got down to heads up, Knuckles exuded a laid-back disposition, seemingly not letting nerves get to him. The 30-year-old started heads up with a solid chip advantage over his opponent, Merton Toler and in the end Knuckles breezed through to the finish line.

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry tournament attracted 240 players generating a \$72,000 prizepool. The top 24 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into 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 Horseshoe Tunica series:

EVENT #1: Jeffrey Noblecourt defeated 218 players (\$365 NLHE One Re-Entry) for \$16,350

EVENT #2: Juan Rodriguez defeated 119 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$10,709

EVENT #4: David Knuckles defeated 240 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo Re-Entry) for \$17,997

This was the third gold ring handed out at the Horseshoe Tunica series. Nine more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens.com), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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