

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Tunica
Tunica, Mississippi
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 193
Prize Pool: \$57,900
January 23, 2017**



Gold Ring Number Six For John Holley

John Holley wins Event #7 for sixth gold ring, adding to an already astounding career.

Tunica, Mississippi (January 25, 2017) – John Holley was graced with his sixth World Series of Poker gold ring on Tuesday, seizing victory at the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit stop. The 55-year-old from Destin, Florida outlasted a field of 193 entrants in Event #7: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry to win \$15,056 and earn 50 Casino Championship points.

The win is yet another brilliant mark on Holley's already astounding career. When comparing his numerous gold ring conquests, Holley mentioned "My first one was the best." His recent win did have one stand out characteristic though. The poker pro entered Event #7 with no financial backing, so the win was all his own.

Last year was a tremendous year for Holley. His goal was to collect 48 cashes and make 24 final tables, which he accomplished, even hitting a few more than his mark. After reaching such a high ceiling in 2016, Holley has taken a humble, step back with his ambitions.

"This year my goals are different... You know be profitable, be able to afford to help my family," Holley said.

Holley is a father of three and providing for his children is an important facet of his life. Even though money is always a fundamental factor when competing on the felt, Holley has a more prominent, driving force behind his production.

"I have always been competition driven," said Holley "So it's all competition for me. Ever since I was a little kid I've just been super competitive."

Along with his competitive spirit, Holley calls on another source when playing poker, as well as with other aspects of his life.

"I'm a big believer in God. I think however you get there, as long as you believe in something positive and that there is something bigger than you are... It has a way to come around at the right time when you need it," Holley explained.

A spiritual nature and a stellar poker mind have brought Holley to where he is today. There is no end in sight for the professional poker player. His WSOP earnings are nearing \$1,000,000 and with six gold rings now he has closed the gap on the all-time record of nine. However, instead of chasing records, Holley plans to take one step at a time and let the future unfold as it will.

“I believe that whatever is suppose to be will be. I am blessed,” Holly sincerely stated.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 193 players generating a \$57,900 prizepool. The top 21 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: Jeoffrey 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 #3: Alex Burney defeated 1.253 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$66,723
EVENT #4: David Knuckles defeated 240 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo Re-Entry) for \$17,997
EVENT #5: Jeter Brock defeated 181 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,118
EVENT #6: Brian Peery defeated 249 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max One Re-Entry) for \$19,793
EVENT #7: John Holley defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$15,056

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

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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