

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Horseshoe Tunica  
Tunica, Mississippi  
Event #9  
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 592  
Prize Pool: \$177,600  
January 25, 2017**



## **Steve Dill Conquers The Monster Stack**

**Business owner, Steve Dill, walks away with first gold ring after Monster Stack conquest at Horseshoe Tunica.**

**Tunica, Mississippi (January 27, 2017)** – The World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Horseshoe Tunica has crowned another winner. Steve Dill, from Fenton, Missouri, conquered a sizable field of 592 entrants in Event #9: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack One Re-Entry to win his first gold ring and \$37,290.

Dill does not identify as a full-time poker player, but hits the felt when he can. The 41-year-old owns a car dealership that specializes in pre-owned commercial vehicles, which does occasionally open the door for him to pursue poker.

“It gives me some flexibility. I hired a salesperson this month... So it gives me the opportunity to get away and do this,” explained Dill. “And hopefully I can get away and do it more.”

Judging by his recent achievement, Dill certainly could be inclined to enter more Circuit events. Unfortunately for Dill, the WSOPC has not come through St. Louis, since 2012. “I use to play more when it came to my hometown,” said Dill.

There are still some Circuit stops within reasonable driving range for the Missouri native though, including Tunica of course. Dill made the trip south with a couple of friends, all hoping for financial gain, enough to extend their stay.

“Three of us drove down on Tuesday night, planning to play this event. If this didn’t work out, we were going to play the \$580. Either one of those worked out we were going to play the Main,” Dill explained. “We got rooms through the weekend just in case.”

The extra hotel nights will come in handy because it seems the trio is Main Event bound thanks to Dill’s Monster Stack success. The signature, WSOP tournament begins tomorrow at 11:00 am with Flight A. However, Dill mentioned he may opt for Flight B on Saturday after having just played two strenuous days of poker.

Even though it was a long Day 1, and the Monster Stack's inflated chip piles were sure to make for an extensive Day 2, Dill was well prepared for the final leg of the event.

"You know what, I had my backpack full of snacks and I actually got a pretty decent night's sleep last night," Dill stated. "The late start helped out too."

Dill began Day 2 ranked 28<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 32 remaining players. This was the polar opposite of his eventual heads-up opponent, Chun Law who advanced as the overall chip leader. It did not discourage Dill though. He hung in, made a push to the final table, then, after a grueling duel with Law, scooped the last pot of the tournament and walked away a champion.

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Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack One Re-Entry tournament attracted 592 players generating a \$177,600 prizepool. The top 63 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](http://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 #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  
EVENT #8: Russell Sullivan defeated 278 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$20,018  
EVENT #9: Steve Dill defeated 592 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$37,290

This was the ninth gold ring handed out at the Horseshoe Tunica series. Three 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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