

**2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa  
Tulsa, Okla.  
Event #2  
No-Limit Hold'em (Multi-Flight)  
Buy-In: \$365  
Total Entries: 1,848  
Prize Pool: \$554,400  
March 17-20, 2017**



## **Will Joyner Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring in Tulsa Re-entry Event**

**This is Joyner's first Circuit cash, and he wins over \$90,000 and two nights in a VIP suite.**

**Tulsa, Okla. (20 March 2017)** — The biggest tournament so far at the newest stop on the World Series of Poker Circuit is complete. Will Joyner, a 33-year old CPA from Rose Creek, Tenn., emerged as the winner in Event #2 (Multi-Flight \$365 No-Limit Hold'em) at the Hard Rock Tulsa, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$90,112.

"It's pretty unreal," Joyner said after the tournament, as his victory was still sinking in. This is not only Joyner's first ring, it's also his first Circuit cash, and by far the biggest score of his live tournament career. (Previously, his total recorded tournament earnings amounted to under \$1,600.).

Joyner was motivated by his friends back home who were unable to make the trip to Tulsa with him. "I came in today just hoping to represent our home game well." He added that several players from his home game have had their share of success on the Circuit. Joyner's thrilled to join their ranks, and set a new target for his friends to aim for.

Before getting his hands on the ring, Joyner had to face a tough challenge heads-up against Jack Arnold, who started the final day with a big chip lead. "Jack was incredible," Joyner said. "He played well all day. I was just really fortunate to come away with the ring. I was up and down all day. A couple of the short stacks went out early. And then we just battled back and forth."

In addition to the prize money, Joyner receives two nights in a VIP suite, which the Hard Rock Tulsa added to the prize pool at the last minute.

Joyner also now holds the lead in the Casino Champion race. He has 50 points, tied with two other players, but Joyner holds the tie-breaker and has an edge as this Circuit stop enters its final week.

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Event #2 was the third event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$365 Multi-Flight No-Limit Hold'em event drew a field of 1,848 players, generating a

prizepool worth \$554,400. The final 189 players finished in the money. Full results are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17. A total of four starting flights were held on Friday and Saturday, and 240 players advanced to Day 2 on Sunday. When Day 2 ended, only 9 players remained. The final Day started at about 2:00 p.m. on Monday, and the last hand was dealt around 8:45 p.m.

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After this event, Will Joyner takes over the lead in the [Casino Champion race](#). The player who accumulates the most overall points during the 12 ring events at the Hard Rock Tulsa earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. Joyner has 50 points from his victory in Event #3. Two other players also have 50 points, but Joyner holds the tie-breaker (money earned). More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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Here are the winners so far at the Hard Rock:

EVENT #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack – Jerry Rushing bested a field of 544 players for \$34,280.

EVENT #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight – Will Joyner bested a field of 1,484 players for \$90,112.

EVENT #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Joshua Turner bested a field of 283 players for \$20,374.

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