2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 Horseshoe Council Bluffs Council Bluffs, Iowa Event #6 No-Limit Hold'em 6-Handed

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 198 Prize Pool: \$59,400

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## Michael Hahn Wins His Third Gold Ring

Michael Hahn defeats a tough final table to capture his third career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

**COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa** (**April 5, 2017**) -- Michael Hahn has just defeated a 198-player field in the Horseshoe Council Bluffs six max event to win his third career WSOP Circuit gold ring and the top prize of \$16,334. This win was coming just 10 days after he won his second career gold ring. Hahn won the Hard Rock Tulsa's \$2,200 High Roller event for \$61,198.

Hahn reached the unofficial final table of seven players with the third biggest chip stack. The remaining field was stacked with some of the Circuit's best players. The remaining players included nine-time WSOP gold ring winner Maurice Hawkins and seven-time ring winner Josh Reichard. Also joining Hahn at the unofficial final table, was 57-time Circuit casher Neil Scott and Jason Mirza. Mirza, just like Hahn was coming off of successful Hard Rock Tulsa series. Mirza cashed twice at the series, including scoring a runner-up finish.

By the end of Day 1, Hawkins and Ryan Skluzak had hit the rail and the field would be returning with five players for Day 2. Hahn started Day 2 fourth in chips and with less than 20 big blinds. Hahn's confidence wasn't affected after losing some chips at the end of Day 1. He came into Day 2 looking for good spots and he found some early on.

"Hope to find a couple of good spots. The players were really tough," said Hahn about the final table.

After just 15 minutes into Day 2, Hahn found himself heads up against Mirza. Desmonde Thomas had busted in 5th place, Scott in 4th place and Reichard in 3rd place. Hahn and Mirza battled it out for just under an hour before the last river card hit. Hahn shook hands with Mirza, took his winner photo and then jumped straight into Wednesday's Monster Stack event.

Hahn earned 50 Global Casino Championship points for his win and his season total is now sitting at 182.5 points, which is good for a top five spot on the season leaderboard. Just like yesterday's winner Charlie Nguyen, Hahn went from on the bubble area of the standings to a lock for one of the 50-at large bids.

This marked Hahn's 25th career WSOP cash and pushed his career WSOP tournament earnings up to \$286,232.

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Event #6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em six max tournament attracted 198 players generating a \$59,400 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at noon and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with five players remaining. The tournament ended at about 3:10 p.m. at the start of Level 23.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe Council Bluffs twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in 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 Council Bluffs series:

EVENT #1: Rod Novotny defeated 175 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,176

EVENT #2: Kennii Nguyen defeated 151 players (\$365 NLHE Bounty) for \$8,154

EVENT #3: Josh Reichard defeated 646 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$39,731

EVENT #4: Brandon Fish defeated 197 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$15,366

EVENT #5: Charlie Nguyen defeated 180 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,582

EVENT #6: Michael Hahn defeated 198 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Handed) for \$16,334

With six tournaments wrapped up, six more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series.

All rings at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs series are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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