

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Council Bluffs
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 139
Prize Pool: \$41,700
April 8-9, 2017**



Duane Gerleman Wins His Fourth Council Bluffs Gold Ring

Duane Gerleman wins a gold ring at Council Bluffs for the third consecutive season.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (April 9, 2017) -- Just two days after Blair Hinkle won his fourth Council Bluffs gold ring, Duane Gerleman matched the feat and captured his fourth gold ring at the western Iowa property. Gerleman defeated a 139-player field in Event #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em to earn \$11,675.

"I can't believe I can't get one someplace else," said Gerleman.

Last season Gerleman came close to winning a ring outside of Council Bluffs. He finished runner-up in a Horseshoe Tunica gold ring event.

This marked Gerleman's 45th career WSOP cash. He won his first career gold ring 2012. Then he won one in 2015 and 2016. Last year's gold ring victory was his largest. He defeated a 743-player field in the multi-flight re-entry event, which was the record for Iowa's largest poker tournament at the time. He earned \$44,577 for that win.

Gerleman is planning to hit Vegas this summer to play in a few gold bracelet events at the Rio. He intends to play the [Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better](#) event and the seniors event. His 2012 gold ring came in [Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better](#) and he has also found success in seniors events. He has cashed in the gold bracelet seniors event three times in his career, including two top 30 finishes.

Gerleman is farmer from Ridgeway, Iowa. He owns three farms and is in the process of selling them and starting his retirement. It is a process that takes years, but once it is finished he is looking forward to having more time for poker and maybe getting a few more shots at gold outside of his home state.

Event #11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 139 players generating a \$41,700 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Saturday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Sunday at 2 p.m. with 14 players remaining. The tournament ended at about 9:45 p.m. midway through Level 24.

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
EVENT #7: Scott Sharpe defeated 111 players (\$365 O8) for \$9,989
EVENT #8: Tyree Johnson defeated 344 players (\$365 NLHE Monster) for \$23,737
EVENT #9: Blair Hinkle defeated 77 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$26,181
EVENT #11: Duane Gerleman defeated 139 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,675

With ten tournaments wrapped up, only the Main Event and Event #12 are still yet to finish.

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

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