

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Council Bluffs
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Event #10
No-Limit Hold'em MAIN EVENT
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 164
Prize Pool: \$49,200
April 9, 2017**



Andrew Roberson Wins the Final Event in Council Bluffs

Aspiring poker pro get his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (April 10, 2017) -- Andrew Roberson has won the final event at the 2017 Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit series. He defeated a 164-player field to earn his first career gold ring and the top cash prize of \$13,284.

This was only Roberson's third career WSOP event. Last week Roberson played in his first WSOP event. It was Event #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty. He played in the series' monster stack event too, but ended up finishing short of the money both times.

This time was different for Roberson. He didn't only make the money, but he outmaneuvered a tough final table that included Dennis Phillips and seven-time gold ring winner Josh Reichard.

Before arriving to the tournament, Roberson posted on his Facebook, "This is my last chance to get [a ring] and that this last chance is all I need." Sure enough, he was correct and he took down the one-day event.

Roberson is an aspiring professional poker player. He said he spends all his down time studying and watching videos. He plays in every tournament that he gets the opportunity to play in. Roberson is laser focused on becoming better and being able to rely on poker to provide for him and his daughter.

"What better can you do than do something for a living that you absolutely love to do every day," said Roberson.

Roberson said that the money will be huge for him. He is excited to be able to use the money on his one-year old daughter and treat her to an amazing second birthday.

"I did it for my daughter and myself," said Roberson.

Event #12 was the final of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (30-minute levels) tournament attracted 164 players generating a \$49,200 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

This was a one-day event. The tournament began Sunday at noon and finished at about 1:40 a.m. Monday midway through Level 23.

Josh Reichard won the Casino Championship. He final tabled three events over the course of the series, including winning the multi-flight re-entry event to earn 107.5 points. Reichard and Hawkins will head to Harrah's Cherokee in early August to play in the 2017 Global Casino Championship and compete for part of the minimum \$1 million prizepool. The winner will earn a WSOP gold bracelet.

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
MAIN EVENT: Maurice Hawkins defeated 271 players (\$1,675 MAIN) for \$97,561
EVENT #11: Duane Gerleman defeated 139 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,675
EVENT #12: Andrew Roberson defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE 30-min.) for \$13,284

The 2017 Horseshoe Council Bluffs series is now complete.

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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