

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Baltimore

Baltimore, Md.

Event #6

No-Limit Hold'em Six-Max

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 186

Prize Pool: \$55,800

May 3-4, 2017



George Rowe Wins Six-Max at Horseshoe Baltimore

Retired Virginia fisherman lands a ring and \$15k for two days of work

BALTIMORE, Md. (May 5, 2017) — George Rowe is the newest first-time winner on the WSOP Circuit. Rowe outlasted a field of 186 entries to win the \$365 six-max event at Horseshoe Baltimore, collecting his first gold ring and a career-best payday of \$15,348.

The champ is a 60-year-old retired fisherman from Gloucester, Virginia — just across the river from Williamsburg and Yorktown. “I’ve worked in the water most of my life,” he said. “Scallopin’, oysterin’, crabbin’, fishin’ ... traveling up and down the coast with my father.”

An accident on the job in 2011 left Rowe in rough shape, though. He injured his back, and some complications thereafter ultimately led to him being placed into a coma for 16 days. “They gave me a two percent chance to make it,” he said. “That was six years ago.”

Rowe was 54 at the time of the injury, and he took it as his cue to take a bit of a step back. “That was the end of work,” he said. “Now I thoroughly take advantage of every opportunity to do something I love to do every day.”

That means fishing on most days, but every now and then, it means a game of poker, too. “I love coming up here,” he said. “I was so glad to see they had tournaments running. You meet so many good people. It’s just such a great bunch.”

Rowe has been playing the game since he was just a boy, learning the rules from his family’s social group. “I used to be around a bunch of friends of mine,” he explained. “The older people played poker, and some of them would drink too much, so I’d sit down and play their hands for them. That’s how I learned.”

The games were different back then, but Rowe has done his best to adapt to the new forms of poker, too. “When Texas Hold’em came about, I noticed you have to have a lot of patience,” he said. ! “It really is a game of patience.”

