

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$320 (+\$45)
Total Entries: 858
Prize Pool: \$260,832
November 30-December 2, 2012



He's No Fish: Brandon Wins Event 2

Young pro outlasts 858, awarded \$50,000 in prizes following an 18-hour Day 2.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 3, 2012) — The field was narrowed to 10 when the clock struck 3:00 a.m. ET. Staff and spectators alike had their fingers crossed the remaining players would opt to bag and return Monday afternoon to play out the finale.

Following some deliberation, the three-day event stayed a three-day event and cards continued to fly.

“You could tell a few (players) were getting tired and they weren’t used to playing (a lot) of hours,” Brandon Fish would say at 8:15 a.m. following his victory. “I think that’s one advantage I had. I’m used to putting in crazy hours and late nights. I’d say that helps.”

Fish outlasted a formidable field of 858 entrants and was compensated richly, pocketing \$50,862 for what marked his first gold ring championship.

Day 2 of the \$365 Re-Entry event brought back 127 players and Fish began the day in the middle of the pack. He worked his way to third in chips by the time the unofficial final table of 10 hit and was heads-up with Reynaldo Ong by 8 a.m. He was crowned champion shortly after.

“It feels amazing. This is something I’ve always wanted. I don’t know what else to say. I’m speechless at the moment,” Fish said in the morning hours of Monday.

Fish is a 27-year-old pro and can be considered a Circuit veteran at this point in his career. His resume includes four final tables, two of which came in massive re-entry tournaments, 14 cashes, almost \$100,000 in career earnings and now a WSOP Circuit ring.

But that’s not enough for the Kearney, NE-based bro.

“I still plan on playing (Monday’s ring event) in like three or four hours as crazy as that sounds,” Fish said.

Fish would be a late entrant in the 12 p.m. event, but an entrant nonetheless. Don’t be surprised if you see him at the final table in a few hours. Hopefully at a more traditional hour this time.

Event 2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort AC. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 858 entries. The total prize pool came to \$260,832 and the top 90 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The first of two start days began Friday at 12 p.m. and drew 326 entrants. After 15 levels of play only 45 remained. The second start began Saturday at 12 p.m. with 532 entrants and 82 players advanced. 127 players took their seats on Day 2 Sunday at 3 p.m. The nine-handed final table began at 3:30 a.m. Play finished at about 8 a.m. making the total duration of the final table four and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

- Rex Clinkscales (19th) moved into a tie for sixth for most WSOP Circuit cashes without a ring. He has 19.
- Jeffrey Field began Day 2 first in chips. He finished 27th. He lays claim to 13 WSOP Circuit cashes and won his first ring in Council Bluffs last year.
- The first prize of \$50,862 was 139 times the \$365 buy-in.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million WSOP National Championship to take place in New Orleans May 2013.

All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National 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 Harrah's Resort.

EVENT #1: Jacob Coker defeated 536 players (\$365 NLH) for \$35,033

EVENT #2: Brandon Fish defeated 858 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$50,862

With the second tournament now wrapped, 10 more ring events remain to take place at Harrah's Resort.

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