

## **2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 11**

**Horseshoe Southern Indiana**

**Elizabeth, Ind.**

**Event #10**

**The Main Event**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)**

**Total Entries: 360**

**Prize Pool: \$540,000**

**September 10-13, 2014**



## **Gregory Johnson Wins Southern Indiana Main Event**

**\$1,675 finale marks the largest in the property's nine-year history, Johnson earns \$124,200.**

**Elizabeth, Ind. (October 13, 2014)** — After three days of poker, the Main Event of the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana is complete. It was the largest Circuit Main Event in the history of the venue, and when it was over, the winner was Gregory Johnson, a pediatric dentist from Carmel, Ind. This is the first Circuit victory of his poker career. It earns him his first ring and \$124,200 in prize money.

The 63-year-old father of seven was understandably excited when he collected the last of his opponents' chips. "This is kind of like one of the most exciting things that's ever happened to me, really," he said after the tournament. "Seriously, it is. This is a lot more exciting than graduating from dental school. Mom and dad wouldn't want to hear that, but it really is. It's something [...] I've always wanted to do. The ring is the most exciting part to me. Actually winning and getting the validation."

Johnson was running hot for the last few levels of Day 2. He won two big pots against Jean "Prince" Gaspard which saw Gaspard, a former chip leader, exit the tournament in 30th place. Then with 18 players left, Johnson flopped quads, and one of the other big stacks, Kenny Smith, ended up pushing all in. That hand gave Johnson over 2,000,000 in chips out of 7,200,000 in play. No one else would eclipse the 2,000,000-mark until midway through the final table.

For Johnson, the ring represents confirmation of his hard work. He takes poker very seriously, and clearly enjoys seeing the fruits of his labor. "I've had some good runs [in WSOP events], but never been able to actually completely win the whole thing," he said. "That's been a frustration to me so I would study harder and harder like I did when I was in dental school. I couldn't seem to get it done. I want the money, but it's more important to me to actually win the ring and get validation from other poker players."

His accomplishment is even more impressive considering his competition. Some of the WSOP Circuit's most familiar faces graced this final table. Doug "Rico" Carli holds the record for most cashes in Circuit history. He finished in 8th place today (\$14,623), the 88th Circuit cash of his career. He's 39 ahead of the 2nd place. And in fact, the player right behind him on that list was also at the table. Charles "Woody" Moore finished in 6th place (\$23,928) for his 49th career Circuit cash.

Moore extended a record of his own today. He is the only person to qualify for the WSOP National Championship all four years. He earned Casino Champion honors here at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana, finishing the series with 95 points from three cashes, including two final tables and a ring. It was the second Circuit ring of Moore's career—the first also came at this venue when he won the Main Event in 2010. If he had won the Main Event again today, he would become only the second person in Circuit history to win the same Main Event more than once. ([Blair Hinkle accomplished the feat](#) at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs, having won at that stop three times.)

A number of other highly reputable players were in the field as well, but fell short of the final table. They include Peter Jetten (22nd place - \$4,633), Aaron Steury (27th place - \$4,007), Gaspard (30th place - \$3,510), and Circuit regular Austin Buchanan (32nd place - \$3,110). Others who were eliminated before the final table include bracelet winners Keven "Stammdogg" Stammen and Robert Cheung, as well as five-time ring winners Mark "Pegasus" Smith and Kurt Jewell.

This is the largest Main Event field in the history of this Circuit stop, which has been part of the schedule since the Circuit's inception. There were 360 entries (167 on Day 1A, 191 on Day 1B, and 2 who entered before the start of play on Day 2). A total of 118 started play on Day 2. It took about five hours before the money bubble burst, and it was about 1:30 a.m. when Jeffrey Traynor was eliminated in 10th place, leaving nine players for the official final table.

Day 3 then got off to a fast and furious start when play resumed at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The first double up occurred on just the second hand of the day, and the first elimination occurred after about an hour. Then there was a wave of bustouts, and by 3:30 p.m. only three players remained: Brian Powell (3rd place - \$56,014), Russ Head (2nd place - \$76,783), and Johnson. Three-handed play lasted about three hours, and then it was only about 30 minutes before Johnson's three-of-a-kind beat Head's two pair for all the chips.

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The Main Event was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at HSI. The \$1,675 no-limit hold'em event attracted 360 entries. The total prize pool came to \$540,000 and the top 36 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday, October 10 at 12 p.m. and Saturday, October 11 at 12 p.m. Flight A boasted 167 entries and advanced 52 while Flight B drew 191 and advanced 64.

Two additional players exercised the option to register at the start of Day 2, and thus, play restarted Sunday at 12 p.m. with 118 players. It took about five hours to burst the money bubble and play wrapped shortly after 1:30 a.m. with the nine-handed final table.

Day 3 began Monday at 12 p.m. with nine players remaining. Play concluded at about 6:45 p.m. making the total duration of the final table just under seven hours.

Final table seating assignments and chip counts:

*Action began with 44 minutes left in Level 25 – 12,000/24,000 with a 4,00 ante*

Seat 1: Ryan Dersch - 299,000 (12 BBs)  
Seat 2: John Denman - 334,000 (13 BBs)  
Seat 3: Doug Carli - 368,000 (15 BBs)  
Seat 4: Russ Head - 793,000 (33 BBs)  
Seat 5: Charles Moore - 548,000 (22 BBs)  
Seat 6: Everett Lawrence - 997,000 (41 BBs)  
Seat 7: Eric Wirthwein - 231,000 (9 BBs)  
Seat 8: Gregory Johnson - 2,211,000 (92 BBs)  
Seat 9: Brian Powell - 1,415,000 (58 BBs)

**About the final table:**

1st: Gregory Johnson - \$124,200  
Hometown: Carmel, Ind.  
Occupation: Pediatric dentist  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

2nd: Russ Head - \$76,783  
Hometown: Rome, Ga.  
Occupation: Business owner/semi-pro  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$17,522

3rd: Brian Powell - \$56,014  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.  
Occupation: Professional poker player/disc golfer  
WSOP earnings: \$411,431  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

4th: Eric Wirthwein - \$41,548  
Hometown: Jasper, Ind.  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

5th: Everett Lawrence - \$31,298  
Hometown: Marshall, Ill.  
Occupation: Retiree  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$2,205

6th: Charles Moore - \$23,938  
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.  
Occupation: Retiree/semi-pro  
WSOP earnings: \$173,213  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$498,777

7th: Ryan Dersch - \$18,576  
Hometown: Evansville, Ind.

Occupation: Salesman  
WSOP earnings: \$26,245  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$30,407

8th: Douglas Carli - \$14,623  
Hometown: Alliance, Ohio  
Occupation: Retiree/semi-pro  
WSOP earnings: \$439,452  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$565,501

9th: John Denman - \$11,675  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.  
Occupation: Meteorologist  
WSOP earnings: \$0  
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

Here is the list of gold ring winners from HSI:

EVENT #1: David Leonard defeated 184 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,352  
EVENT #2: John Mesplay defeated 694 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$42,681  
EVENT #3: Mark Fisher defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,508  
EVENT #4: Joshua Turner defeated 134 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$11,256  
EVENT #5: Jesse Fulmer defeated 189 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$15,593  
EVENT #6: Jason Manna defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,960  
EVENT #7: Andrew Robinson defeated 88 players (\$365 PLO w/ \$100 Re-Buys) for \$25,312  
EVENT #8: Bob Chow defeated 178 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,418  
EVENT #9: Charles Moore defeated 166 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,446  
EVENT #10 The Main Event: Gregory Johnson defeated 360 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$124,200  
EVENT #11: Brian Jennings defeated 115 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,350  
EVENT #12: Neal Harding defeated 105 players (\$365 NLH) for \$9,450

Charles “Woody” Moore captured Casino Champion honors complementing a gold ring win and an 11th-place finish with a sixth-place finish in the Main Event totaling 95 points. Remarkably, this marks Moore’s fifth-consecutive year to qualify for the National Championship – a feat accomplished by no other player.

All players who cashed in ring events received points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 56 expected 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.

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