

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Horseshoe Baltimore
Baltimore, Md.
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em (Re-Entry)
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 2,403
Prize Pool: \$720,900
Feb. 27 – March 2, 2015**



Jesse Mills Wins \$106K in Event #2

Jesse Mills wins the largest poker tournament ever hosted in the state of Maryland for \$106,305.

Baltimore, Md. (March 3, 2015) -- Jesse Mills earned his first WSOP gold ring and by far largest WSOP Circuit cash in the early morning hours of Tuesday by defeating Greg Himmelbrand heads-up to take the Event #2 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry title at the Horseshoe Baltimore. This re-entry tournament featured four starting flights to create a massive 2,403 player field. Mills took home \$106,305 for his first place finish.

The 2,403 player set the record for the largest poker tournament ever hosted in the state of Maryland. The \$720,900 prize pool that was created from the massive turnout almost tripled the \$250,000 guarantee the tournament had tagged to it.

Mills came close to winning a gold ring earlier this season when he finished in fourth place in an event at Southern Indiana. The close call gave Mills even more determination to win a gold ring. The final day had 17 players returning and Mills was fourth in chips. Mills had his sights set on the ring from that point forward.

"I think the one thing that I did do was avoid the tougher players and fold big hands when I wasn't sure," said Mills about how he was able to navigate through such a large field. He also went on to say that he got lucky, really lucky.

Mills said that he has really improved his game over the past few months and has played a lot of tournaments. He has cashed consistently in the 2014-2015 Circuit season. This marks his seventh Circuit cash of the season. His largest WSOP cash coming into this tournament was for \$4,752.

Mills said that he now has his eyes on earning a National Championship. This victory boosted his National Championship points total up to 110 points. He is now in need of only one or two more deep runs to earn an at-large bid to the National Championship.

Mills is from Denver, Colorado. He splits his time between running a small business and playing poker. The 35-year-old plans to play more of the series here in Baltimore with his healthy new bankroll.

Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Baltimore, but third to finish. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 2,403 players generating a \$720,900 prize pool. The top 252 players were paid.

Notables earning a payday in Event #2 include Andy Spears (8th place), Marshall White (15th), Matthew Chang (20th), Daniel Gilmer (30th), Amanda Musumeci (47th), Peter Ippolito (120th), Jose Montes (140th) and Ralph Massey (240th).

The tournament had four starting flights, two on Friday, Feb. 27 and two on Saturday, Feb. 28. A total of 290 players advanced to Day 2 on Sunday. Day 3 began at 3 p.m. Monday with 17 players and concluded Tuesday at 2:15 a.m.

Notes on the event:

- This was the largest event ever hosted in the state of Maryland.
- This was the second largest WSOP Circuit event of the season. The largest was the re-entry event in Choctaw in January.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe Baltimore's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

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 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 the Horseshoe Baltimore:

EVENT #1: Damion Norton defeated 392 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$25,867

EVENT #2: Jesse Mills defeated 2,403 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$106,305

EVENT #3: Justin Liberto defeated 126 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,639

With three tournaments wrapped up, nine more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Baltimore series.

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