2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 12 Horseshoe S. Indiana Elizabeth, Ind. Event #4 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 105 Prize Pool: \$31,500 October 4-5, 2015



Clayton Jiang Wins in His First Ever WSOP Event

"This was my first actual tournament, before I was just playing charity tournaments. I just turned 21," said Jiang.

Elizabeth, Ind. (Oct. 5, 2015) -- WSOP rookie versus WSOP veteran - Clayton Jiang found himself as the rookie in a heads-up battle for the gold ring versus WSOP veteran, Bryan Dillon. Event #4 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em was the first WSOP event 21-year-old Jiang had ever played in. Dillion, Jiang's heads-up opponent, has two WSOP Circuit gold rings and more than \$200,000 in WSOP tournament earnings. Jiang was able to overcome the experience gap between the two to win a WSOP Circuit gold ring in his first ever WSOP event. With his gold ring winning performance, Jiang earns \$9,450 and 50 Casino Championship points.

Jiang is currently studying political science at Vanderbilt University and is set to graduate this December. He has a job offer lined up for after college, but will first be attending his first WSOP this summer in Las Vegas. Jiang described himself as mainly a cash game player, but is transitioning and wanting to play more tournaments. He intends to play as many events as he can fit into his schedule next summer at the 2016 WSOP.

Dillon was not the only experienced opponent standing between Jiang and the gold ring when the final table started. The final table was littered with gold ring winners. In total, the final table players had seven gold rings between them coming into the day's action. Dillon had two, Duane Gerleman (4th place) had two, Kevin Davis (5th place) had two, and John Ford (8th place), had one.

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 105 players generating a \$31,500 prize pool. The top 12 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 2 p.m. with 12 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 8:30 p.m. midway through Level 24.

Notes on the event:

• The final table players now hold eight gold rings between them. Jiang (1), Dillon (2), Gerleman (2), Davis (2) and Ford (1)

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe S. Indiana 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 Horseshoe S. Indiana:

EVENT #1: Joseph Mattingly defeated 167 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,527

EVENT #2: Frank Covich defeated 731 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$43,860

EVENT #3: Robert Cheung defeated 124 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,416

EVENT #4: Clayton Jiang defeated 105 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,450

With the fourth tournament wrapped up, eight more ring events remain at the Horseshoe S. Indiana series.

All rings at S. Indiana are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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