

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #7

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125)

Total Entries: 142

Prize Pool: \$142,000

October 21-22, 2015



Colossus Champion Cord Garcia Wins Hammond \$1K

Less than five months after record-setting victory, Garcia becomes a two-time ring winner.

Houston, Tex. pro prevails over Brandon Fish in back-and-forth battle; pockets \$39,759.

Hammond, Ind. (October 23, 2015) — At only 25 years old, Cord Garcia has already experienced a career on that felt that would make most pros blush. The Houston, Tex. resident is in the midst of a 2015 that kicked off in the biggest way possible at this summer's WSOP when he won the largest tournament in poker history, the Colossus. Garcia maneuvered through a minefield of more than 22,000 entries – better than double the previous attendance record – and stamped his name in the record books winning his first bracelet in the process.

Just a few months later and with that victory behind him, Garcia made his way to the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. and entered Event #7, a \$1,125 no-limit hold'em tournament. As he did in the Colossus, Garcia bobbed and weaved through a much more intimate, 142-person field and ultimately left victorious again earning his second ring and \$39,759.

“You don't win first place often, so it feels good,” the humble champion said. “I think every tournament is special in its own way. This is my second ring and I was really motivated to try to chase points this year for the [WSOP Global Casino Championship].”

Garcia, who turns 26 next month, is experiencing an onslaught of deep runs as of late. Following his \$638,880 score in the Colossus, he finished third in the CoCo Poker Open Main Event for \$100,500 and sixth in a \$570 at the Seminole Hard Rock Poker open for more than \$60,000. Those three scores, combined with his win in Hammond, total more than \$800,000 earned over the span of a few months.

“I'm just trying to ride the wave and appreciate everything that's happening and see what I can turn it into now,” Garcia said. “Everything I play for the rest of the year, it's just icing on the cake. I'm going to keep staying at it and try to do something else.”

The victory in Event #7 may not have come against a record-breaking field, but it was a tough test nonetheless. Joining Garcia in the money were Mike Mustafa (12th), Aaron Massey (11th), Javier Zarco (10th), Maxx Coleman (ninth), Kevin Andriamahefa (eighth) and Fadi Hamad (sixth). The most difficult leg of the journey came during three-handed play when Kyle Julius, Brandon Fish and Garcia dueled it out for nearly three hours. Julius lead the trio before he

doubled Fish. Just a few hands later, Fish got the last of Julius' stack and the Chicago pro hit the rail third earning \$17,739. From there, Garcia and Fish battled back and forth for the better part of two hours. At one point or another, each player had all but won only to see the other get new life and eventually retake the chip lead. In the end, Garcia got the best Fish who busted second earning \$24,575.

"I would say I am more motivated now than ever," Garcia said. "I know I'm capable of playing any stack at any time in any field. That's definitely very valuable to have that mentality going in. At the same time I try to stay balanced and try to realize that I'm not invincible. It's a very fine line [...] I love the game — just keeping getting more trophies, more bracelets. That's what I'm trying to do."

Garcia's victory came on the eve of the Horseshoe's \$1,675 Main Event. In addition to the finale, he plans to play the property's \$5,300 High Roller ring event which begins Sunday at 5 p.m.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe. The \$1,125 no-limit hold'em tournament attracted 142 players. The total prize pool came to \$142,000 and the top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Wednesday, October 21 at 2 p.m. CT and Day 1 wrapped at the 10-handed final table. Day 2 resumed the following day at 2 p.m. and action concluded at about 10 p.m.

Final results:

1st: Cord Garcia - \$39,759 + Circuit gold ring and \$1,675 Main Event seat
2nd: Brandon Fish - \$24,575
3rd: Kyle Julius - \$17,739
4th: Philip Ariganello - \$13,034
5th: James Kasputis - \$9,744
6th: Fadi Hamad - \$7,408
7th: Sasidhar Bobba - \$5,727
8th: Kevin Andriamahefa - \$4,499
9th: Maxx Coleman - \$3,591
10th: Javier Zarco - \$2,911
11th: Aaron Massey - \$2,911
12th: Musa Mustafa - \$2,911
13th: Kristopher Bradshaw - \$2,397
14th: Robert Kuhn - \$2,397
15th: Kenneth Detina - \$2,397

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Horseshoe:

EVENT #1: Amanda Heidbrick defeated 2,211 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$101,190
EVENT #2: Kevin Falls defeated 203 players (\$580 NLH) for \$26,390
EVENT #3: Kennii Nguyen defeated 106 players (\$580 PLO) for \$15,902
EVENT #4: Cory Waaland defeated 613 players (\$365 Monster Stack) for \$38,623
EVENT #5: Jim Juvancic defeated 101 players (\$580 HORSE) for \$15,149

EVENT #6: Bradley Rhodes defeated 213 players (\$580 NLH Six-Max) for \$28,758

EVENT #7: Cord Garcia defeated 142 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$39,759

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 50 expected at-large WSOP Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners. More information on the season-ending event is available on WSOP.com.

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