

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Harrah's New Orleans

Event #4

No-Limit Holdem Re-Entry

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 1,213

Total Prize Pool: \$363,900

May 13-16, 2016

Brandon Newsome Wins Second Circuit Ring and \$64,596

New Orleans (16 May 2016) – Battalion chief for the Paulding County Fire/Rescue near Atlanta, Georgia Brandon Newsome just took down his second ring in the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry event at Harrahs New Orleans. His first ring was earned in November of 2014 at Planet Hollywood when he took down a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (\$50,000 guarantee) event for \$22,497.

The reason he came here to New Orleans was in search of [Global Casino Championship points](#). He explained, "I needed 50 points to get into the National Championship, so my whole goal was I needed fifty points. I mean, that puts me dead on the money. A couple more points would be padding, but right now, I'm inside the cut. Coming here, the whole way, everyone asked me. I said, 'Well, I need fifty points.' Only way to get fifty points is a couple of final tables or a win," he said with a slight laugh.

With around 35 players remaining, a hand took place that was integral to Newsome's victory. In Level 19 he had 20,000 in chips at 4,000/8,000 blinds. He folded his big blind to a raise from John Holley saving himself 12,500 in chips, which was one and a half big blinds. Two orbits later he had 250,000.

"John Holley was sitting in the one seat, I was sitting in the nine seat. It folded to him and he raised. I looked down, and I had nine deuce, there were 55 players left. There was a [pay] jump at 54, and I am not just chucking it in with nothing. I folded the nine two [face] up, he looked at me and said, 'How do you fold your big blind there?' I just laughed and said, 'Well, maybe I'll pick up a better hand next hand.' The very next hand I pick up two queens, get four-way action, and flop queens full. That's exactly how it happened."

Newsome was middle of the pack coming into the unofficial final table of ten. Seven-time Circuit ring winner Cory Waaland was the chip leader. [WSOP Choctaw Re-entry event champion John Holley](#) was the first to be eliminated from the unofficial final table of ten. Six more were eliminated before the Tournament Director decided that the players would bag and tag for the night and return to play three handed the next day.

On the third and final day, Newsome entered the final three as chip leader with 4,800,000. John White was right on his heels with 4,200,000, and Cory Waaland had 3,000,000.

[Waland was eliminated in 3rd](#) by John White. When heads up play began, White and Newsome had nearly even chip stacks.

The hand that turned the tides during heads up play, according to Newsome, was when he hit a gut shot straight on the turn. After that hand, Newsome had White two-to-one in chips, and never gave up the lead. The tournament ended when Newsome called White's shove with king-six off (White had nine two of diamonds), and his king high took it down.

When asked how he is feeling, Newsome said he is feeling great, and very humbled. He plans to play Event #7 (\$365 Monster Stack) on Tuesday but then will head home to work a shift on Thursday. He plans to return on Friday to play the Main Event and the Sunday events later in the week.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](#).

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's New Orleans. It attracted 1,213 players, generating a \$363,900 prizepool, and the top 135 places were paid. Flight A occurred on Friday May 13th. Flights B and C occurred Saturday May 14th. 137 players advanced to Day 2 on Sunday May 15th, and 135 of those players made the money. At the Tournament Director's discretion they added a third and final day, and three players return on Monday May 16th to play down to a winner.

Final table results:

1st: Brandon Newsome \$64,596 + Circuit gold ring
2nd: John White - \$40,029
3rd: Cory Waaland - \$29,378
4th: Joseph Taylor - \$22,198
5th: Stephen Bierman - \$16,940
6th: Dub Ragland - \$13,039
7th: Dustin Stewart - \$10,153
8th: Shawn Marie Trahan - \$7,999
9th: Phillip LeBlanc - \$6,376

"Wild Bill" Phillips is currently in the lead in the Casino Champion race with 52.5 points. Brandon Newsome is right behind him with 50 points (there are currently four players with 50 points, but Newsome wins the tie-breaker with the most money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments Harrah's New Orleans earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Harrah's New Orleans Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large Global Casino 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 New Orleans so far:

EVENT #1: David Slaughter defeated 278 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,018.

EVENT #2: Gerardo Tavira defeated 124 entries (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$10,414.

EVENT #3: David Coolman defeated 307 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$21,643

EVENT #4: Brandon Newhouse defeated 1,213 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$64,596

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 8 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans concludes on May 23rd.

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