

## **2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 13**

**Horseshoe Southern Indiana**

**Elizabeth, Indiana**

**Event #4**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 136**

**Prize Pool: \$40,800**

**October 2-3, 2016**



## **Al Hencheck Jr. Finally Fades Second Place, Wins Event #4**

**Recreational player from Loveland, Ohio collects \$11,424 and long-awaited first gold ring**

**Elizabeth, Indiana (October 3, 2016)** — Al Hencheck Jr. is the champion of Event #4 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 136 players to win his first gold ring. His performance also earned him the top prize of \$11,424 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

The champ is a 65-year-old real estate broker from Loveland, Ohio. His business keeps him from traveling the Circuit as often as he'd like, but he's managed to post some impressive results in spite of the limited opportunities. Hencheck had finished as the runner-up in two previous ring events, once in the same building. Those two cashes were both worth more money than Hencheck's win in Event #4, but this one comes with a ring and a swarm of emotions.

"It's a combination of relief and satisfaction and maybe a little bit of validation," Hencheck said in the moments after his victory. "It's a little bit of all of that. For me to finally get there..., " he trailed off. "There are times, when you're not running well, that you wonder if you know anything about the game. To have previously gotten that close twice and to come away empty-handed was a tremendous disappointment."

As the saying goes, the third time was indeed the charm for Hencheck, and there would be no disappointment for him on this occasion. He had the third-largest stack when the ten-handed final table began on Day 2, and just a couple hours later, he was once again heads-up for a ring. His opponent, Bryan Dillon, is already a two-time ring winner, and he and Hencheck talked openly about the narrow disparity in their final table results.

The two were essentially even in chips as the duel began, and it lasted for a long while before the momentum finally started to swing in Hencheck's direction. On the final hand of the match, Dillon got the last of his short stack in preflop with ace-jack, but Hencheck found a dominating ace-king and a board full of blanks to seal the win.

When asked about any hands that were pivotal to his victory, Hencheck just laughed and scratched his head. “I am a child of the sixties, so my memory sucks,” he said. “The older I get, the more it sucks. I used to remember those [hands] and talk about them too much. Now, by the time a tournament is over, I’ve pretty much forgotten all about them.”

Hencheck has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 44 years, and he was quick to give her a fair share of the credit for his win. “She’s a very, very patient woman,” he said with a broad smile. “I couldn’t have been luckier. She’s so supportive, and — you’re going to bring a tear to my eyes...” he trailed off again as he fought for control of his emotions.

Regarding his poker plans for the future, Hencheck made it clear that his day job still takes priority for the foreseeable future. “I’m entering middle age in my mind,” he chuckled, “because I’m going to have to live to be 130 if I want to have 10 years of retirement.”

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Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Southern Indiana. The \$365 event drew a field of 136 entries, generating a prizepool worth \$40,800. The final 15 players finished in the money.

Day 1 began at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 2 and concluded just after 2:00 AM with ten players remaining. Day 2 was held on Monday, October 3 beginning at 2:00 PM, and the last hand was dealt around 9:00 PM.

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The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Southern Indiana’s 12 ring events earns the title of 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 the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

All rings at Horseshoe Southern Indiana are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016/2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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