

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

**Season 13**

**Harrah's New Orleans**

**New Orleans, La.**

**Event #2**

**Pot-Limit Omaha Hi-Lo**

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

**Total Entries: 85**

**Prize Pool: \$25,500**

**May 11-12, 2017**



## **Brian Grier Hates Tournaments, Doesn't Play Them, Wins One**

**Cash game grinder chases PLO8 event to New Orleans, snags \$8,161 and a ring**

**NEW ORLEANS, La. (May 13, 2017)** — When a WSOP Circuit event reaches a final table, the remaining players pause briefly to fill out information sheets. Most of the sheet is occupied by vital details — name, contact information, etc. — but the last question prompts the players to list any interesting tidbits about themselves.

That process was carried out during the Event #2 final table, as well, and most of the sheets that were returned were fairly straightforward and unremarkable. One player, however, took a little liberty with the last question and scrawled a message in capital letters: “I HATE TOURNAMENTS”. That certainly qualifies as an interesting tidbit.

A few hours later, that player was sitting alone at the table, posing for photos with a gold ring to mark his first live tournament victory of any significance.

Brian Grier is the winner of Event #2 at Harrah's New Orleans. The tournament-averse cash game grinder outlasted a field of 85 entries in the \$365 PLO8 event, collecting his first ring and the top prize of \$8,161.

Grier is a 34-year-old small business operator from Pensacola, Florida. He grew up in the Sunshine State, and his friend Jamie introduced him to the online version of the game in 2004. “I never got into online poker,” he said, “but I started playing live and loved it. I love PLO, Big O, Hi-Lo...”

The two traveled to New Orleans together specifically for this event — and to splash around in the cash games surrounding the Circuit series here in the Big Easy, of course.

Grier's run to the title was an impressive one, spurred on by one enormous hand at the final table. He entered nine-handed play with the chip lead, though he had slipped back into third place by the time the final six players bagged up at the end of Day 1.

On the very first hand of Day 2, though, Grier and chip leader Jermole Singleton went to war preflop, putting half the chips in play in the middle of the table. The two had similar hands: ace-ace-two-three against ace-ace-three-four with a suit, and both men had a flush draw with one card to come.

Grier was the one who made his flush, though, scooping the monster pot to vault back into the chip lead. “It’s probably one of the sickest things I’ve seen in poker,” he said in his postgame interview. “Just crazy.”

Once he had the lead again, Grier did not relinquish it. Just a couple hours later, it was all over, with Grier defeating Garrett Riley in a short heads-up match to seal the win. “I don’t really like tournaments,” he said again, in case there was any confusion. “I really just don’t play them. I don’t really care for them.”

Then, a moment later: “I’m telling you, I’m not a big fan.”

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Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah’s New Orleans. The \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better event drew 85 entries, generating a prize pool worth \$25,500. The final nine players finished in the money.

The tournament began on Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m., and play was suspended with six players remaining at the end of Level 16 around 2 a.m. Day 2 was held on Friday, May 12 beginning at 2 p.m., and the last hand was dealt around 5 p.m.

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The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah’s New Orleans’ 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).

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