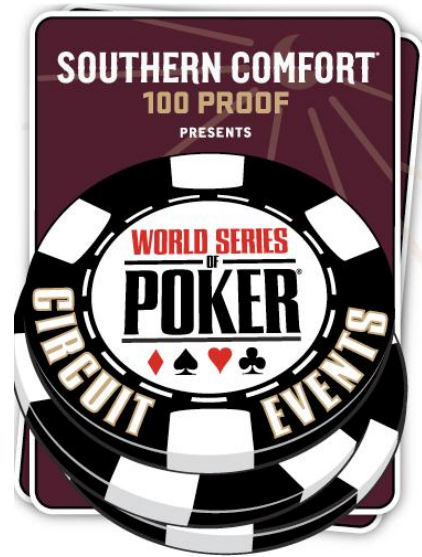


**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Bossier City
Event #3
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 142
Prize Pool: \$42,600
September 14-15, 2012**



“CAPTAIN TOM” FRANKLIN WINS THIRD WSOP CIRCUIT GOLD RING

Longtime Tournament Veteran Tops Pot-Limit Omaha Field at Bossier City

Bossier City, LA (September 14, 2012) – “Captain Tom” Franklin has been around since poker’s equivalent of the Stone Age. But he certainly didn’t show his age tonight, wiping out the latest final table in a swift beating that took less than three hours.

Franklin won the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament (Event 3), played over two days and nights at Horseshoe Bossier City. He topped a field of 142 players. First place paid \$11,930.

This marked Franklin’s third career gold ring victory. His previous wins took place at Harrah’s New Orleans (2010) and West Palm Beach (2010). In fact, Franklin would be advised to go out and buy a larger jewelry box, since he already possesses a WSOP gold bracelet to go along with many other tournament amulets won over his illustrious 20-year career in the poker business.

Franklin is a 61-year-old professional gambler and poker player from Gulfport, MS. His lifetime tournament winnings total more than \$3.3 million. Prior to touring the country playing in poker tournaments, Franklin was a musician (drummer). He’s also a proud former Vietnam Veteran.

During the two-day competition, Franklin acted like it was pretty much just another day at the office, even once he was assured of victory. He raked in the last pot of the night holding trip queens. After stacking his chips and shaking the hand of the runner up, he briskly asked how long it would take to do a few winner photos, and then raced out the door in order to attend a Saturday night show.

“I’m already late for the show,” Franklin barked as he headed out the side door. “The show started 20 minutes ago. I gotta’ go!”

When pressed for a short interview, Franklin did manage to answer at least one hurried question.

“Hey Tom – does winning ever get old?”

“No,” he said.

At press time it remains unknown which major media outlets will be following up on Mr. Franklin’s riveting victory and thoughtful reflection.

A possibility that Franklin might soon be appearing on *The David Letterman Show* to discuss his victory could not be confirmed at press time.

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Top Ten Finishers

1	Tom Franklin	GULFPORT, MS	\$11,930
2	Burt Madden	LITTLE ROCK, AR	\$7,372
3	Donna Murray	GAUTIER, MS	\$5,322
4	Joseph Martinez	Portland, TX	\$3,910
5	Paul Buckle	San Antonio, TX	\$2,923
6	Grantel Gibbs	WHITBY, ON	\$2,222
7	Bobby Chaler	SHREVEPORT, LA	\$1,718
8	Richard Estep	LAKE CHARLES, LA	\$1,350
9	“Monkey” Souther	BILOXI, MS	\$1,077
10	Jason Robuck	Humble, TX	\$873

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Event Notes

- With Tom Franklin’s victory, each of the three events completed so far have been won by previous gold ring winner. Event 1 champ Matthew Colvin now has two gold rings. Event 2 champ William Byrnes also owns two gold rings. Now, Franklin – winner of Event 3 – has three gold rings.
- The final table finished in a lightning-fast 2 hours and 45 minutes.
- Donna Murray finished in third place. She is the highest female finisher so far, here in Bossier City.
- Former gold ring winner Will “Monkey” Souther cashed, finished in 9th place. This marked his 26th time to cash on the WSOP Circuit.
- Former gold ring winner Michael “Car Wash” Schneider cashed, finishing in 13th place.
- Attendance was up from last year’s similar (non-Hold’em) event played in the same time slot.

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Casino Champion and National Championship Points Race Update

Through the completion of three gold ring events, three players are tied for first place – with 50 points each. They are the three winners of each event (see below).

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Bossier City’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title “Casino Champion” and receive automatic

entry into the \$1Million 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit National Championship. He or she will join the Main Event winner of this tournament series, as one of the two guaranteed seats from Bossier City.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race and the season-long leaderboard to claim one of the 60 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 a list of gold ring champions from Horseshoe Bossier City so far:

EVENT #1: Matthew Colvin defeated 293 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$21,097

EVENT #2: William Byrnes defeated 146 players (\$580 NLHE Turbo) for \$20,400

EVENT #3: "Captain Tom" Franklin defeated 78 players (\$365 PLO) for \$11,930

With the third tournament wrapped up, nine gold ring events still remain on the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Bossier City, which runs through September 24th.

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