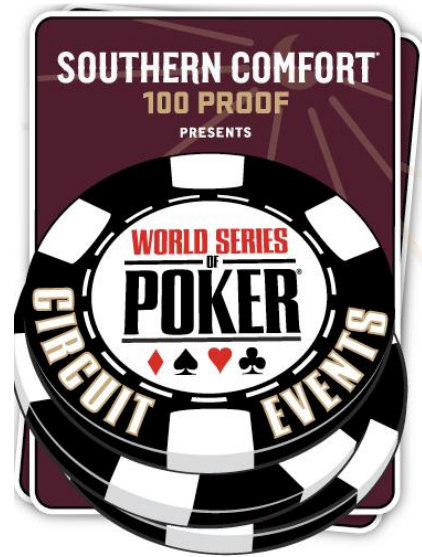


**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Bossier City
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 241
Prize Pool: \$72,300
September 18, 2012**



At Last – Rob Vannucci Wins First Gold Ring

Salesman from Texas Has Trouble Closing Deal against Bryan Chaler

Vannucci-Chaler Heads-Up Match Runs 4.5 Hours – Season’s Longest

WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Bossier City Reaches Midway Point

Bossier City, LA (September 18, 2012) – In what was unquestionably the most exciting final table of the young World Series of Poker Circuit season, the last two players in the most recent tournament played at Horseshoe Bossier City put on an epic heavyweight fight.

The two poker warriors battled back and forth for 4.5 hours – most certainly one of the longest duels in recent memory.

Finally, as the clock sailed past midnight, Rob Vannucci dealt a final fateful blow to Bryan Chaler, who fell to the proverbial canvass after feeling the effects of a knockout punch.

Both players had been at it for ten hours on day two of the long tournament – nearly half of that time staring each other down in what became a test of mental and physical endurance.

In the end, Vannucci ended up celebrating the victory – his first major tournament achievement. The win paid a cool \$17,711 in prize money. However, Vannucci seemed more thrilled to collect the gold ring, symbolizing a breakthrough poker memory.

Vannucci is a 46-year-old salesman who works in the electronics field. He is originally from Memphis and now resides in Friendswood, TX. He owns a cattle ranch and says he has a lovely wife and two children.

“I can’t believe this,” Vannucci said afterward. “This is just amazing.”

The winner managed to draw out on the runner up local poker player Bryan Chaler at least three times. However, in fairness – Chaler also caught a few hands at key moments. That kept the chip pendulum swinging back and forth to the point of perpetual exhaustion.

“I have to say, Bryan as a tough player – as tough as they come,” Vannucci said. “I’m glad it over. That’s all I can say.”

This marked Vannucci’s second time to cash here at Horseshoe Bossier City. His previous in-the-money finish took place last year during the inaugural.

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Top Ten Finishers

- 1st Rob Vannucci - \$17,711 – Seabrook, TX
- 2nd Bryan Chaler - \$10,945 – Shreveport, LA
- 3rd Brenton House - \$7,907 -- Flower Mound, TX
- 4th George Gauthier - \$5,819 – Shreveport, LA
- 5th Charles Moore - \$4,360 -- Las Vegas, NV
- 6th Brian Scheid - \$3,322 – Saginaw, TX
- 7th Yvonne Lamb - \$2,574 – Malakoff, TX
- 8th Donald Griffin - \$2,027 – Longview, TX
- 9th Brent Ronquille - \$1,621 – Lafitte, LA
- 10th Robert Cote - \$1,317 – Cypress, TX

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Event Notes

- The WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Bossier City has now reached the midway point. Six of the 12 events have now been completed.
- The final table included only one former WSOP Circuit gold bracelet winner – Wes Gauthier (Shreveport, LA), who earned his victory into this same event held last year at Bossier City. Gauthier ended up finishing fifth in this event.
- Yvonne Lamb (Malakoff, TX) finished in seventh place. She has quite an impressive tournament resume, having previously won a WSOP Circuit ladies title, as well as two final table appearances at other major events, including a Windstar championship, which paid \$250,000.

- The final table lasted more than nine hours, the longest finale of any event completed, so far.
- The heads-up match between Bryan Chaler (Shreveport, LA) and Rob Vannucci (Friendswood, TX) lasted 4.5 hours, the longest of any match completed, so far.
- Nineteen of the 27 players that made the money were from Texas.
- Quan Nguyen (Garland, TX) has three cashes and two final table appearances so far at the Horseshoe Bossier City series. He remains as the point leader in the Casino Champion race.

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Casino Champion and National Championship Points Race Update

Quan Nguyen, from Garland, TX remains the points leader from this series. He's still 25 points ahead of his closest challenger, which means one of the top-ranked players now on the list will likely need to make another deep run to overcome Nguyen's position.

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**
- EVENT 4: Daniel Chaky defeated 663 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$40,773**
- EVENT 5: Cord Garcia defeated 251 players (\$365 TURBO NLHE) for \$18,449**
- EVENT 6: Rob Vannucci defeated 241 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,711**

With the sixth tournament wrapped up, six 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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