

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 10  
IP Casino Resort and Spa  
Biloxi, MS  
Event #2  
One-Day No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 193  
Prize Pool: \$57,900  
September 6, 2013**



## **Robert Irby Earns \$1,309 per Hour in Event 2**

**One-day No-Limit Hold'em tournament sees almost 90-percent attendance increase.**

**John Dolan finishes 4th, becomes second November Niner to make final table appearance at IP Biloxi in 2013.**

**Biloxi, MS (September 7, 2013)** — Robert Irby wasted little time besting the 193-player field in Event 2, a one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, and earning his second WSOP Circuit gold ring. He worked his way to the winner's circle in only 11 and a half hours, meaning his \$1,309 hourly wage came in the form of a \$15,056 first prize.

The speed in which Irby earned his second ring is made more impressive by the fact the tournament boasted an almost 90-percent attendance increase over the same event last year.

Joining Irby at the final table were fellow gold ring winners Allan Farber (9th), John Dolan (4th) and Ross Bybee (2nd). Dolan's 4th place finish marked the second time for a former November Niner to make a final table appearance at IP Biloxi in 2013. The first came in the form of Event 1 runner-up, Ylon Schwartz, who placed 4th in the 2008 Main Event.

Irby doesn't fit the typical profile of a WSOP Circuit winner. At 70 years old, his poker experience spans decades. He played home games in Dallas in the 1970s and limit games against Greg "Fossil Man" Ramer and Daniel Negreanu online in the early 2000s.

He's seen the game change like many of his opponents haven't and he's kept his skills sharp allowing him to reap the rewards in recent years.

"People didn't know what they were doing in 2002. I've done really well in tournaments," Irby said. "In about 2005 or 2006 all these young kids started honing their games and they're tough today. I play [against] them every day."

In-between Texas home games Irby also found time to earn his M.B.A. and is currently employed as a technology manager in his hometown of Forney, TX. He's a father to five and, in his own words, a grandfather to 10 and two-thirds. He and his wife spend hours fishing and even took a hunting trip to Africa together.

“She’s an excellent shot,” Irby said of his wife.

Irby certainly does not fit the profile many are used to seeing succeed on the tournament felt, but with three WSOP Circuit cashes in the form of two victories and a 3rd place finish, it’s hard to argue with his results.

Event 2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. The one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold’em event attracted 193 entries. The total prize pool came to \$57,900 and the top 21 players were paid.

The tournament played out in its entirety in one day, beginning Friday at 12 p.m. and concluding at 11:30 p.m. The nine-handed final table last roughly one hour and 45 minutes.

### **Notes on the Event**

- The 193-player field represented an 87 percent attendance increase over last year.
- Jenny Roney (5th) became the first female to make a final table appearance at IP Biloxi this year.
- Elisa Burkett won this tournament in 2012 becoming the first female winner of the 2012/2013 WSOP Circuit season.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during IP Biloxi’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from IP Biloxi:

EVENT #1: James Pomranky defeated 220 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,502

EVENT #2: Robert Irby defeated 193 players (\$365 NLH One-Day) for \$15,056

With the second tournament wrapped, 10 more ring events remain at IP Biloxi.

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