

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #6

Pot-Limit Omaha

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

Total Entries: 74

Prize Pool: \$22,200

September 8-9, 2014



## Michael Prock Bests Difficult Field to Win PLO Ring

Josh Reichard comes up shy of second IP Biloxi victory, finishes fifth to take Casino Championship lead.

Three-time ring winner Jessie Bryant unable to earn his fourth, records ninth Circuit final table appearance.

**Biloxi, Miss. (September 9, 2014)** — Michael Prock is the first to admit he's not a tournament player. The 45-year-old Missouri resident spends the majority of his time on the felt at the cash tables where he enjoys pot-limit Omaha. A fan of the game, Prock migrated to the IP from his home in Missouri to see the beach and try his luck against the Gulf Coast grinders.

He had his work cut out for him in Event 6, a \$365 pot-limit Omaha tournament, facing off against the likes of Doug Carli, Charles Moore, Josh Reichard, Chris Conrad and Jessie Bryant as well as 2014 National Championship final tablists Andrew Robinson and Chris Bibb. Prock ran hot and watched as Carli, Moore, Conrad, Robinson and Bibb hit the rail shy of the money. He bagged the chip lead on Day 1 and set the pace as Reichard went for his second ring of the series and Bryant tried for his fourth overall.

“...I always thought there was a good chance [I'd win] if I didn't make too many mistakes,” Prock said of his mindset heading to the final table.

Reichard provided little resistance coming to Day 2 short stacked before ultimately finishing fifth. While it was well shy of his second gold ring of the series, the performance earned Reichard 25 points bringing his IP total to 75 and giving him the lead in the 12-day race to the National Championship.

Bryant was a different story. He started the day toward the middle of the pack and wasn't budging. He played his way to the final three and was poised for a double up and commanding chip lead after a series of pot bets left him all in against Prock.

Bryant held [qh][qd][jh][7h] for Broadway on the [ad][ks][th] board. Prock held a set with [ts][tc][9c][7d] and they headed to the turn.

The dealer revealed a safe card for Bryant when the [js] was exposed on fourth street. Unfortunately, he drowned in the [as] river that improved Prock to tens-full and left Bryant

crippled. Prock eliminated Bryant a few hands later and parlayed a commanding heads-up chip advantage into his first ring victory.

“There were a lot of good players with more tournament experience than I’ll ever have,” Prock said of his competition. “I got lucky on a couple of key hands and that’s basically what carried me through.”

Prock is 45 years old and works in the railroad industry. The victory marks his first WSOP-related cash and earns him \$7,548.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. The \$365 pot-limit Omaha event attracted 74 entries. The total prize pool came to \$22,200 and the top 8 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday, September 8 at 5 p.m. and wrapped at the eight-handed final table. Play restarted the following day at 12 p.m. with three minutes remaining in Level 12. Action concluded shortly after 4 p.m. making the total duration of the finale about four hours.

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

EVENT #1: Mark Fink defeated 125 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,500

EVENT #2: Tony Gray defeated 153 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,391

EVENT #3: John Holley defeated 631 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$38,813

EVENT #4: Josh Reichard defeated 119 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,709

EVENT #5: Valentin Vornicu defeated 151 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,231

EVENT #6: Michael Prock defeated 74 players (\$365 PLO) for \$7,548

The player who accumulates the most overall points during IP Biloxi’s 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place this spring at a yet-to-be-determined location.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 56 expected 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.

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