

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Horseshoe Casino**

**Hammond, Ind.**

**Event #12**

**No-Limit Hold'em Turbo**

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

**Total Entries: 216**

**Prize Pool: \$64,800**

**October 26, 2015**



## **Josh Reichard Wins Last-Chance Turbo and Casino Championship**

**Wisconsin pro sends off in style in the last of 12 gold ring events, wins \$16,201, his fourth gold ring and earns Hammond Casino Champion honors.**

**Hammond, Ind. (October 27, 2015)** — Josh Reichard is a four-time ring winner following a victorious performance in Event #12 of the Horseshoe Hammond Circuit series, a \$365 last-chance turbo tournament. Reichard won \$16,201 and another gold trophy, but more than that, goes home with the Casino Championship title. His impressive run over the last 12 days included first-, second- and third-place finishes totaling 117.5 points. That number put him far and away atop the leaderboard as the only player in triple digits. For his efforts, he has a seat reserved in the first-ever WSOP Global Casino Championship.

“Locking up Casino Champ — going on to win the last tournament — it feels great,” Reichard said.

Reichard is 24 years old and resides in nearby Janesville, Wisc. The battle-tested pro has been traveling the Circuit for four years and, including this year, has qualified for the season-ending championship three times. While his first two stints came up dry, he’s optimistic about what’s ahead.

“The first one was disappointing,” he said. “I ran deep and got it in good with 25 left and lost. The second one I was one of the first eliminated against [five-time ring winner Valentin Vornicu]. He’s so crazy it’s hard to play against him. He had top set against my bottom two. I look forward to having another shot at it.”

Two of Reichard’s previous three victories came in \$365 no-limit hold’em tournaments while another was in a \$365 Omaha eight-or-better event. His path to the winner’s circle in Event #12 at the Horseshoe was a tough one. He came to the final table with the chip lead and needing just a fifth-place finish to best then-leader Jim Juvancic in the points race. With the likes of five-time ring winner Mark “Pegasus” Smith and Tom Midena in his path, surely this test would be one of his toughest.

Midena and Smith made it easy on Reichard, though, busting 10th and ninth respectively. For Smith, the cash marked the 45th of his Circuit career and moved him over \$600,000 in career WSOP-related earnings.

Event #12 played out alongside Day 3 of the Main Event and marked the finale of the 12-day Hammond series. Per usual, big fields generated big prize pools and a total of three players – the re-entry winner, the High Roller winner and the Main Event champion – went home with six-figure first prizes.

“It’s great,” Reichard of the Chicago-area series. “It’s probably the best Circuit stop of the year. I’m glad that it’s so close to home.”

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Event #12 was the last of the gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe. The \$365 turbo tournament attracted 216 players. The total prize pool came to \$64,800 and the top 24 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Monday, October 26 at noon CT and played out in its entirety in one day. Action concluded at about 11:45 p.m. making the total duration of the event just under 12 hours.

Final table results:

1st: Josh Reichard - \$16,201 + Circuit gold ring  
2nd: George Pappas - \$10,013  
3rd: Jason Paquin - \$7,287  
4th: Natalja Howell - \$5,389  
5th: Brian McDaniel - \$4,048  
6th: Timothy O'Donnell - \$3,088  
7th: Mark Poncher - \$2,391  
8th: Michael Derong - \$1,879  
9th: Mark “Pegasus” Smith - \$1,499

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Horseshoe:

EVENT #1: Amanda Heidbrick defeated 2,211 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$101,190  
EVENT #2: Kevin Falls defeated 203 players (\$580 NLH) for \$26,390  
EVENT #3: Kennii Nguyen defeated 106 players (\$580 PLO) for \$15,902  
EVENT #4: Cory Waaland defeated 613 players (\$365 Monster Stack) for \$38,623  
EVENT #5: Jim Juvancic defeated 101 players (\$580 HORSE) for \$15,149  
EVENT #6: Bradley Rhodes defeated 213 players (\$580 NLH Six-Max) for \$28,758  
EVENT #7: Cord Garcia defeated 142 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$38,759  
EVENT #8: Jeff Shea defeated 168 players (\$365 O8) for \$13,609  
THE MAIN EVENT: Krzysztof Stybaniewicz defeated 1,376 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$356,043  
EVENT #10: Michael Koh defeated 194 players (\$580 NLH) for \$25,220  
EVENT #11: Zachery Schneider defeated 54 players (\$5,300 High Roller) for \$101,250  
EVENT #12: Josh Reichard defeated 216 players (\$365 Turbo) for \$16,201

Wisconsin pro and four-time ring winner Josh Reichard earned Casino Champion honors following first-, second- and third-place finishes totaling 117.5 points. He lapped the field in the race to the title and earned a berth in the first-ever, WSOP Global Championship. All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of

50 expected at-large bids awarded to the top point earners. More information on the season-ending event is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

All rings at the Horseshoe are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2015/2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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