2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Horseshoe Baltimore Event #4 Six Max No Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$465

**Total Entries: 202** 

Total Prize Pool: \$60,600

March 29-30, 2016

## Jeremy Perez Overcomes 2-1 Chip Deficit, Wins First Ring for \$16,666

Baltimore, MD (30 March 2016) -

The final table for Event 5: \$365 No Limit Hold'em was filled with familiar faces - two players made their second final table of the Series, Chad J. Brown and Valerie Novak, Alex Rocha has a combined 30 WSOP cashes and Joshua Lowing has been grinding every stop of the WSOPC since November. But it was Rocha that was the final player standing to win his second ring and \$11,1171.

"I've made a couple final tables since my first ring back in 2010," Rocha said. "I haven't playd a lot of ring events, but enough to have probably win another one by now, but not as many as you'd think in a five-year span."

"I had a pretty big chip lead early on and tried to keep the pots small," Rocha continued. "I feel I had an edge post-flop and I didn't want to get into any preflop wars when I didn't need to - especially with how deep the stacks were."

"The first double up he (Lowing) had was probably the most mentally frustrating because I wanted to play in another event," Rocha added. "I don't really talk that much when I play, but my phone was dead and I could tell he was uneasy with it, and I didn't want him to feel comfortable."

Heads-up play between Rocha and Lowing stretched nearly three hours - each taking turns holding the lead. When the heads-up play began Rocha held the lead with 1.03 million to Lowing's 300,000. Early in their match up Lowing brought the counts to even when he moved in holding [Ac,7c] and Rocha called with [Ah,Jc]. The board ran [8h,6h,5d,7h,Kd] and Lowing took the pot.

Lowing held the lead briefly but Rocha took it back with a series of small pots and no showdown. Lowing bled down to 266,000 before he got it in preflop holding [Qc,7s] and Rocha

called with [Ah,8c]. The board ran Lowing's way with [Td,6s,2h,Qd,3c] and he avoided elimination a second time.

Around an hour later Lowing shoved preflop holding [Qd,9d] and again Rocha called with the best hand - [As,8s]. The board ran [Qh,9h,2s,3c,Jh] and Lowing avoided elimination a third time.

But a few hands later Lowing limped on the button, Rocha moved all in and Lowing called with pocket eights. Rocha tabled [Js,Tc] for two overs and the board ran [Jh,7h,5d,7c,6d]. Lowing's luck had run out and Rocha won his second career WSOPC gold ring.

## **Final Table Payouts**

- 1. Alex Rocha \$11,171
- 2. Josh Lowing \$6,905
- 3. Randy Johnson \$4,984
- 4. Kenneth Adams \$3,662
- 5. Marshall Tarzy \$2,738
- 6. Valerie Novak \$2,082
- 7. Victor Culp \$1,609
- 8. Bryan Spadaro \$1,264
- 9. Chad J. Brown \$1,009

This is the fifth event to finish of the WSOPC Horseshoe Baltimore stop. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the 12 gold ring events at the Horseshoe Baltimore earns the title of Casino Champion. The receive and automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. Also, the winner of the Horseshoe Baltimore Main Event earns an automatic ticket to the freeroll. All players that cash in ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

There are still seven more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit wraps up on April 4.

Michael Liang Wins Event 1 with \$1 Million Guarantee for \$182,920

Justin Liberto Wins 3<sup>rd</sup> WSOPC Ring, Defends Title for \$21,734

Blake Whittington Goes Wire-to-Wire for First Ring and \$12,434

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