

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Potawatomi  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Event #1  
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 1,272  
Prize Pool: \$381,600  
Feb. 2-5, 2016**



## **Ty Veras Wins Wisconsin's Record Breaking Event**

**Wisconsin bartender claims victory in the first event at Potawatomi.**

**MILWAUKEE (February 5, 2017)** -- Ty Veras has won Wisconsin's first-ever [World Series of Poker](#) event. The opening event of the Potawatomi series was a record breaker. The four-flight tournament drew 1,272 entries to become Wisconsin's largest poker tournament ever. Besides carving a spot in the Wisconsin poker record books, Veras earned \$67,726 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring for his 1st place finish.

"It feels good [to win]. I am not used to playing in big tournaments like this. It was fun," said Veras.

Veras is from the Green Bay area, but went to school here in Milwaukee at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. He traveled south with a friend for this tournament in particular.

"My buddy and me travel a little bit to play from time to time. This is the one we wanted to win, so it was cool," said Veras.

Veras' name was at or near the top of the leaderboard for the majority of the tournament. He got off to a great start and bagged as the Flight A chip leader. He held onto the chip lead through Flight B and Flight C. Veras finally lost the overall chip lead after Daniel Bouton was able to bag a larger stack in Flight D of the tournament. Veras entered Day 2 with the second most chips and according to him, a hangover.

The hangover didn't slow down Veras from collecting chips. He built his stack up throughout Day 2 and made it to the final table as the chip leader. Eliminations were far and few between early on at the final table, but Veras didn't slow down collecting chips. The tournament staff decided to bag the six remaining players at 2:30 a.m. Sunday and bring them back for a third day of play. Veras had to sleep on a huge chip lead. He bagged Day 2 with 62% of the chips in play.

He came back for Day 3 at 2 p.m. Sunday. After just 45 minutes of play he had every chip in play and the gold ring around his finger.

"I pretty much ran pure the whole time, it was awesome," said Veras.

The 28-year-old bartender from West De Pere, Wisconsin said that he had no plans for the prize money other than now maybe playing in the series' Main Event.

"Then it's back to bartending. I like bartending," said Veras.

Veras had a sizeable rail, including his father, rooting him on today. The celebration will consist of watching the Super Bowl back in Green Bay.

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Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Potawatomi. The \$365 No-Limit [Hold'em](#) Re-Entry tournament attracted 1,272 players generating a \$381,600 prize pool. The top 135 players were paid.

The tournament featured four starting flights. Flights A and B were on Thursday and drew a combined 379 entries. Flights C and D were Friday and added another 893 entries to the field. There were 156 players that advanced to Saturday's Day 2. Day 2 was a long 14 and half hour day of play and saw six players make it to Day 3. Day 3 started Sunday at 2 p.m. and finished after 45 minutes of play.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Potawatomi twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 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](#).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Potawatomi series:

EVENT #1: Ty Veras defeated 1,272 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$67,726

With one tournament wrapped up, 11 more ring events remain at the Potawatomi series.

All rings at the Potawatomi series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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