

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Potawatomi  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Event #2  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)  
Total Entries: 235  
Prize Pool: \$117,500  
Feb. 4-5, 2016**



## **Yousef Anbar Takes Down Event #2**

**Yousef Anbar's positive focus leads him to victory.**

**MILWAUKEE (February 5, 2017)** -- Yousef Anbar won the second event at Potawatomi series for \$29,317. This was only the second WSOP Anbar had ever played in. His victory earned him his first WSOP cash, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 Casino Championship points.

Anbar attributed patience to his victory. He said that for the first six hours of the tournament he was card dead, but then cards started going his way. He took advantage of the good run of cards to build up a big stack and make the final table. Once at the final table his focus was on winning the ring and nothing else.

"To be honest, I am here for the ring," said Anbar.

The nearly \$30k first place prize is still quite nice addition to winning the ring. He said that he may use some of the money to take his kids on a vacation. For now, the celebration consists of a smoke and dinner with his wife.

From the start of the tournament Anbar had a positive feeling he was going to win. He told his wife early on into the tournament that he was going to win this one.

"Think positive, that's what I do," said Anbar.

At the final table with Anbar was eight-time gold ring winner Valentin Vornicu. Just like Anbar, Vornicu's main focus was playing for the ring. One more gold ring for Vornicu would mean tying Alex Masek for the all-time gold ring lead. Vornicu's time at the final table didn't last long. He was the first player eliminated.

Anbar is from Huntley, Illinois. He is an engineer by trade, but has a side jewelry business. Anbar said that he wants to come back and play in next weekend's \$1,675 Main Event.

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Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Potawatomi. The \$580 No-Limit [Hold'em](#) tournament attracted 235 players generating a \$117,500 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Saturday at 3 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Sunday at 3 p.m. with 13 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

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

EVENT #2: Yousef Anbar defeated 235 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$29,371

With two tournaments wrapped up, 10 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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