



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe (Tunica, MI)	Date:	31 January 2022
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	178
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$14,588

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### JOHN HOLLEY WINS 7<sup>TH</sup> WSOP CIRCUIT RING AT HORSESHOE TUNICA

*After a scary start at the Tunica series, John Holley returned to capture his seventh Circuit ring.*

John Holley achieved another milestone at the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit stop Monday afternoon after he outlasted a field of 178 entrants in Event #12: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry to win \$14,588.

The victory is Holley's seventh on the WSOP Circuit, putting him in elite company as one of only 21 players with at least seven rings.

Holley returned to the live poker scene after a few years hiatus due to the pandemic but had a very scary event take place just before the start of the Tunica Circuit series.

"I feel good," Holley stated after his win. "It's kind of weird," Holley explained, "I almost checked out two weeks ago. I woke-up unconscious on the bathroom floor at Biloxi casino with no recollection of how or why it happened."

Holley continued, "I went to the hospital here but there weren't any beds open due to the COVID patients so after I tested negative, I left and went home."

Holley returned home to the Sunshine State to get some much-needed R&R but the road to recovery has taken longer than expected.

“I had COVID not too long ago and it has been a slow recovery,” Holley stated. “My brain hasn’t really recovered, and my head is still really foggy.”

Although Holley’s head was still foggy, he came to Tunica for the Monster Stack and even though he didn’t make a deep run, he enjoyed the felling of coming back to the series.

“Being out here, seeing old friends, and being able to get heads-up against a good guy that I’ve known for a while, is a great feeling.”

Holley was talking about four-time ring winner Michael Sanders, a person he has much respect for and considers to be one of the top players in the game.

“I’ve known Michael for a very long time now and during the heads-up match I got lucky.”

In a pretty standard heads-up match, Holley raised all in with ace-six after Sanders opened with pocket sixes and Sanders called.

“I know he doesn’t open up light but I thought maybe this time he was and I Barry Greenstein’d him on the river.”

Holley spiked an ace on the river to deny Sanders his fifth Circuit ring and gives all the credit to the man above.

“I’m a big believer,” Holley said after the win, “The good Lord has been good to me. Whenever I seem to need it, he’s always there.”

Holley joined an elite group after capturing his seventh Circuit ring and earned his way into this summer’s Tournament of Champions.

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## **MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER**

Name:	John Holley	Birthplace:	Atlanta, GA
Nationality:	USA	Current Residence:	Destin, FL

Age: 60  
Profession: Fisherman/Poker Player

WSOP Bracelets: 0  
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 6

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