

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Elizabeth, IN  
Event #10  
No-Limit Hold 'em Turbo  
Buy-In \$365  
Total Entries: 196  
Prize Pool: \$58,800  
October 5, 2012**



## **When It Rains, It Pours: Aaron Massey Wins His First Ring**

*28-year old Chicago native continues his 2012 hot streak.*

**Elizabeth, IN (October 5, 2012)** — There are players on the Circuit that you just naturally root for. A player that have been on the grind for a long time and just couldn't quite seem to get that one score or the respect they deserve for their game. The player that consistently looks at their game and focuses on what they can do to improve. They might get frustrated or upset; they might even feel like the deck is always stacked against them. But, they keep grinding, working, learning and improving until it finally happens.

Aaron Massey is that player....

A tournament grinder in the truest sense, the 28-year old Chicago native has been on the scene for some time with good results. However, he never had that big score. The hard work finally paid off for Massey in August when he beat a field of 1,396 players to take down the WinStar World Casino River Poker Series Main Event for \$651,559.

While some might let a huge score change their game or their schedule, Massey did not let that happen. He stuck true to what got him to where he is, grinding the tournament circuit.

Now, it is clear that Massey will not be a one hit wonder, he is here to stay. Tonight, Massey did something he had not been able to do in years of traveling the WSOP Circuit, he won his first Ring.

Besting a field of 196 players, Massey came out victorious in the \$365 No-Limit Hold 'em Turbo, the tenth Ring event at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Circuit stop. Surrounded by his friends, Massey defeated former Circuit Ring winner Nancy Birnbaum in only a few hands of heads-up play.

While the \$15,288 first place prize money is nice, it isn't about the money for Massey. It is about earning his first Ring, earning the respect he has been working so hard for and establishing himself as one of the best tournament grinders on the Circuit.

Mission accomplished Aaron.

However, if his past is any indication of his future, look for Massey to remain a dominant force on the WSOP Circuit for a long, long time.

*Full results from the final table are as follows:*

1st – Aaron Massey \$15,288 and the WSOP Circuit Ring  
2nd – Nancy Birnbaum \$9,444  
3rd – Trent Goertz \$6,820  
4th – Tyler Vinyard \$5,008  
5th – Drennon Rackley \$3,742  
6th – Ilias Kellikidis \$2,843  
7th – Cecil White \$2,197  
8th – Christopher Bartley \$1,725  
9th – Freddie Ardoin \$1,376

### **Notes On The Event**

- This was runner-up Nancy Birnbaum's 5<sup>th</sup> WSOP Circuit final table. She has a WSOP Circuit Ring from her victory in the Harrah's New Orleans \$550 No-Limit Hold 'em event in 2009.

- The entire tournament took less than 14 hours to complete.

Scott Carroll maintains his lead in the Casino Champion points race with 67.5 points. Chris Karambinis is in second with 60 points and Hong Nguyen in a close third with 52.5 points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Southern Indiana's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship, as will the winner of the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Main Event. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Southern Indiana in Elizabeth, IN runs through October 8, 2012.

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