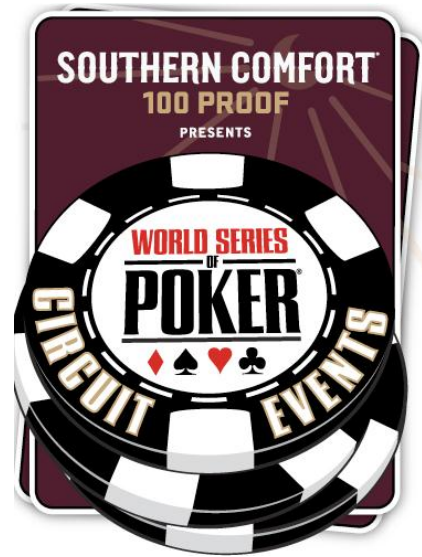


**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Bossier City
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 218
Prize Pool: \$65,400
September 20, 2012**



Walan Kite Flies High at Bossier City

Texan Wins First WSOP Circuit Gold Ring in Event 7

Quan Nguyen Finishes as Runner-Up Again – Third Second-Place Showing at Bossier City Series

Bossier City, LA (September 20, 2012) – Walan Kite, a 53-year-old professional poker player from Brownwood, TX pulled off a remarkable victory tonight. He not only won his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and \$16,350 in prize money. Kite also derailed the player who has undoubtedly been the superstar of the Horseshoe Bossier City poker series.

The tournament began on Wednesday with 218 entrants, another nice midweek turnout consistent with numbers from the previous days. By day's end, the hottest player on the WSOP Circuit at the moment – Quan Nguyen from the Dallas suburbs – enjoyed a sizable chip advantage over the remaining dozen player, including Kite.

Once the final table was reached the following day, Nguyen had extended his chip lead. He seemed destined to finally achieve what has been an elusive prize – a gold ring victory.

But as players were gradually eliminated, one could sense this match would all come down to a showdown between the Vietnamese-born day trader (Nguyen) and a determined poker veteran originally from West Texas named Walan Kite.

That's exactly what happened.

Five hours after the finale began, Nguyen peered across the table – just as he'd done two times earlier this week. All that sat in his way was one last player. Knock off one final adversary, and the prize would be his.

But Walan Kite had a different idea about how things would go. Actually, he had same idea – only it was Nguyen who was destined to become the final casualty in what was a tough battle of determination.

The final hand of the duel came just a few moments after it started. Nguyen saw pocket tens and moved all-in. Kite peeked at his hole cards and saw pocket queens. He snap called.

The conclusion was anti-climactic to what had been a very entertaining and eventful day. Five inconsequential blanks hit the board, giving Kite the final monstrous pot of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Nguyen was left to ponder what else could go wrong in heads-up play.

Indeed, this was a tournament with not just one winner – but two. Kite deserved his victory, playing nearly perfect poker for two days. He patiently waited out spots to put his money in with the best of it, and got there just enough times to never be in serious danger of elimination.

But Nguyen in many ways deserved this victory just as much. The way he's playing at the moment, he'll likely get his gold ring, and perhaps even more should he continue to make strides as a tournament player. For Nguyen, it's not so much if, but when.

Nonetheless, "when" became this night for Kite.

Kite's tournament resume now includes three WSOP Circuit cashes, an in-the-money finish in the 2011 WSOP Main Event, and winner of the Arizona State Poker Championship, held earlier this year.

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Top Ten Finishers

1	Walan Kite	BROWNWOOD, TX, US	\$16,350
2	Quan Nguyen	GARLAND, TX, US	\$10,106
3	Seth Foster	SHREVEPORT, LA, US	\$7,355
4	Bradley Lipsey	FRANKLIN, TN, US	\$5,439
5	Orben Slaughter	ROBELINE, LA, US	\$4,086
6	Benjamin Reason	WHITEHOUSE, TX, US	\$3,116
7	Justin Fossen	PEARL, MS, US	\$2,413
8	Walter Bell	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$1,897
9	Jason Garder	MOORE, OK, US	\$1,513
10	James Ennis Broken Bow	BOW, OK, US	\$1,224

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Event Notes

- The WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Bossier City is now two-thirds done. Eight of the 12 scheduled gold ring events have now been completed.
- The final table included no former WSOP Circuit gold bracelet winners.
- The final table lasted about five hours, which is about an average time for a WSOP Circuit finale.
- The heads-up match between winner Walan Kite and runner up Quan Nguyen lasted only four hands. Kite won the final pot of the night holding pocket queens against pocket tens for Nguyen.
- “Captain Tom” Franklin, winner of a gold ring (Event 3) cashed, finishing in 18th place.
- Thirteen of the 25 players that made the money were from Texas.
- Runner up Quan Nguyen (Garland, TX) cashed for the fifth time in eight events (he’s entered just six). He now has three runner-up finishes and remains the definitive favorite to win the “Casino Champion” race based on his point total.
- Nguyen’s feat of three runner-up finishes brings comparisons to Phil Hellmuth’s similar results at the 2011 WSOP in Las Vegas. Hellmuth also achieved three second-place showings. However, Hellmuth accomplished this in several dozen events. Nguyen did his trio in just eight events.

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Casino Champion and National Championship Points Race Update

No surprise that Quan Nguyen remains the point leader at this series. His cash in this event now gives him five – more than any other player. This is also believed to tie the record for most cashes at any WSOP Circuit since the 12-ring event was adopted two years ago. He’s now 60 points ahead of his closest challenger.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Bossier City’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title “Casino Champion” and receive automatic entry into the \$1Million 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit National Championship. He or she will join the Main Event winner of this tournament series, as one of the two guaranteed seats from Bossier City.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race and the season-long leaderboard 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.

Here is a list of gold ring champions from Horseshoe Bossier City so far:

EVENT 1: Matthew Colvin defeated 293 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$21,097

EVENT 2: William Byrnes defeated 146 players (\$580 NLHE Turbo) for \$20,400

EVENT 3: "Captain Tom" Franklin defeated 78 players (\$365 PLO) for \$11,930
EVENT 4: Daniel Chaky defeated 663 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$40,773
EVENT 5: Cord Garcia defeated 251 players (\$365 TURBO NLHE) for \$18,449
EVENT 6: Rob Vannucci defeated 241 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,711
EVENT 7: Jonathan Taylor defeated 216 players (\$365 Six-Handed) for \$16,201
EVENT 8: Walan Kite defeated 218 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$16,350

With the eight tournaments wrapped up, only four gold ring events still remain on the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Bossier City, which runs through September 24th.

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