

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

River Rock Casino Resort

Richmond, BC, CA

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)

Total Entries: 347

Prize Pool: \$173,500

October 31-November 1, 2012



DEAN ENGEMOEN PUNCHES A FIRST CLASS TICKET TO VEGAS

Richmond, BC (November 1, 2012) — Dean Engemoen decided to play in Event 5 at River Rock Casino because he -- in his words -- had a free day. When he made Day 2, it took some shuffling, but he spared a second day.

That shuffle paid off, as Engemoen outlasted 346 others in what was the highest buy-in tournament he had ever played.

"It feels unbelievable. Unbelievable." Engemoen said tableside after his victory.

The poker amateur was awarded \$39,903 and his first ever WSOP Circuit gold ring. Additionally, he skyrockets to the top of the Casino Champion's leaderboard at River Rock.

Ironically, Engemoen has a trip planned to Las Vegas tomorrow. He says he and a couple friends had the vacation planned for some time now, but recent events may have changed his agenda slightly.

"I'm going to play a little more poker than I had planned to," Engemoen said of his plans in Las Vegas.

When Day 1 of Event 5 concluded Engemoen had amassed 180,000 chips, good enough for fifth place overall to start Day 2. Feeling confident, he upgraded his plane ticket to Las Vegas to first class -- a story he could hardly tell the WSOP without smirking. But one can't be surprised by his breakthrough performance given his expectations coming into the event.

"To win," he said. "Well, that sounds arrogant. You can't do anything with the cards, but I was confident I was going to play my best. This is obviously a cap to my poker career so far."

Engemoen is a recreational poker player who has experienced moderate success in mid to low-limit cash games. He says he enjoys tournaments, but doesn't always have the time to play in them. He is 42 years old and resides in Chilliwack, BC with his wife and four cats.

"That's all I can handle," Engemoen said of his unique pet situation.

Event 5 was the second of three \$580 events scheduled at River Rock. The first, Event 2, drew 296 total entrants. Event 5 drew 347, boasting an almost 20 percent increase in attendance. The next \$580 tournament, Event 12, is scheduled to take place on PlayNow.com, a Vancouver-based, government-owned and regulated online poker site. That tournament will take place November 25.

This was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at River Rock Casino. Officially listed as Event 5, the \$580 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 347 entries. The total prize pool came to \$173,500. The top 36 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Wednesday. Day 2 began at 1 p.m. and saw 41 players take their seats. It took six hours to reach the nine-handed final table. The final playing session began at 7 p.m. local time. Play finished at 10:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table three and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

- This was the second \$580 event on the River Rock schedule. It drew 20 percent more players than the first. The next \$580 event will take place on PlayNow.com on November 25.
- Tony Chayehab (10th) would have taken over the Casino Championship points leads with a win.
- Lillian Chan (3rd) became the fourth female to make a final table at River Rock.

Through five events there is five-way a tie atop the Casino Champion's leaderboard.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in River Rock's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship to take place in New Orleans May 2013, as will the winner of River Rock Main Event. The River Rock Casino Champion will not officially be crowned until the completion of the second of two online ring events to take place November 18 and 25. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from River Rock, so far:

EVENT #1: Mike Kim defeated 410 players (\$365 NLH) for \$27,059

EVENT #2: Flemming Lund defeated 296 players (\$580 NLH) for \$35,523

EVENT #3: Adina Mazzucco defeated 205 players (\$365 PLO) for \$15,989

EVENT #4: Matthew O'Briend defeated 354 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$81,422

EVENT #5: Dean Engemoen defeated 347 entrants (\$580 NLH) for \$39,903

With the fifth tournament now wrapped up, there are still five more gold ring events remaining, as well two online tournaments scheduled to take place November 18 and 25, before the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at River Rock concludes.

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