

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
River Rock Casino Resort
Richmond, BC, CA
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 241
Prize Pool: \$72,300
November 7, 2012**



Eric Tang Wins First Of Two, One-Day Tournaments Wednesday At River Rock

Four final tables take place on the series' final day.

Richmond, BC (November 8, 2012) — It's likely Wednesday, November 7, 2012 will go down in the history books as the busiest day in WSOP Circuit history. In addition to the main event finale taking place on stage at River Rock, three other events were scheduled to play to a champion.

The first was a 22-player restart from the previous day's \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament and the second crowned our most recent champion, Eric Tang.

Tang won a one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, outlasting 241 entrants to take home \$17,711.

The tournament, which began at 1 p.m. PT Wednesday, reached the final nine participants at 3:45 a.m. Thursday. The players were relentless, stretching play into the late morning hours, but when all was said and done, Tang endured.

The final nine finishers of Event 9 were:

- 1st: Eric Tang, \$17,711
- 2nd: Sai Ho Chiu, \$10,945
- 3rd: Cory Hauser, \$7,907
- 4th: Harnam Matharn, \$5,819
- 5th: Robert Beaupre, \$4,360
- 6th: Mark Palmatary, \$3,322
- 7th: Michael Kovacs, \$2,574
- 8th: Rupert Whiting, \$2,027
- 9th: Joon Park, \$1,621

The third event to take place Wednesday was a \$365 Mixed Hold'em tournament that began at 7 p.m. and did not finish until 6:30 p.m. Thursday. More on this event in future reports.

Event 9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at River Rock Casino. The \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 241 entries. The total prize pool came to \$72,300. The top 27 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The tournament began Wednesday at 1 p.m. PT and played out in its entirety in one day. It took 14 hours and 45 minutes to reach the nine-handed final table. The final playing session began at 3:45 a.m. local time and did not finish until the late morning hours of Thursday.

Notes on the Event

- Tournament play began at 1 p.m. Wednesday alongside the Main Event final table.
- Play stretched well into Thursday, but Event 9 was still considered a one-day event because it was completed without an extended break.
- All players to cash were Canadian.

Through nine events Sandra Wong leads the Casino Champion's race with 65 points. She is trailed by nine other players, including the Main Event's second place finisher Ryan Biermann, who all have 50 points.

The Main Event champion, John Crncic, has already guaranteed himself a seat in the National Championship.

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'Brien defeated 354 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$81,422
EVENT #5: Dean Engemoen defeated 347 players (\$580 NLH) for \$39,903
EVENT #6: Victor Chan defeated 381 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$25,143
THE MAIN EVENT: John Crncic defeated 1,032 players (\$1,675) \$286,382
EVENT #8: Michael Sexsmith defeated 263 players (\$365 NLH) for \$20,909
EVENT #9: Eric Tang defeated 241 players (\$365 NLH) for \$17,711

With the ninth tournament now wrapped up, there is still one more gold ring event 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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