



2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
**Season Nine**  
**Palm Beach Kennel Club**  
**Palm Beach, Florida**  
**Event #8**  
**Turbo No-Limit Hold'em**  
**Buy-In \$300 (+65)**  
**Total Entries: 194**  
**Prize Pool: \$58,200**  
**February 21, 2013**

## **Jacob Mast Takes Down Turbo**

## **Florida Insurance Agent Makes a Nice Commission and Gets the Gold Ring Bonus**

## **Poker Action Continues at Palm Beach with Eighth Gold Ring Event**

**West Palm Beach, FL (February 21, 2013)** – Jacob Mast enjoyed a dream day on Thursday. He not only made it to his first final table of a major tournament, he also ended up winning the event, which paid \$15,32 in prize money, plus the coveted WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Mast is accustomed to the excitement of WSOP action. He worked as a dealer six years ago and even spent a year as a floor supervisor at the WSOP in Las Vegas. But today, Mast sat on the other side of the table. He ultimately played his cards right and enjoyed the biggest bonanza of the tournament, overcoming 194 players who entered the one-day competition.

The \$365 buy-in Turbo No-Limit Hold'em tournament began on Thursday at 11 am. About 12 hours later, Mast was slipping on the gold ring and getting his picture taken as the latest WSOP Circuit champion. He beat Marty Gorenc, from Port Orange, NJ in heads-up play, closing out the victory a few moments after Ari Engel won his first gold ring at a nearby table.

Mast is a 36-year-old insurance agent from Parrish, FL. He said he wants to dedicate this victory to his two awesome girls, named Tessa and Sofia.

Among the notable players at the final table was David Diaz, from Memphis, TN. He won a WSOP gold bracelet in 2011. Diaz finished ninth. Tripp Kirk, a gold ring winner, took third.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Jacob Mast	ALVA, FL, US	\$15,132
2nd	Marty Gorenc	PORT ORANGE, FL, US	\$9,348

3rd	Tripp Kirk	CHAMBLEE, GA, US	\$6,749
4th	Edwin Neal	WEST PALM BEACH, FL, US	\$4,957
5th	William Leffingwell	TYLER, TX, US	\$3,703
6th	James Lillis	LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ, US	\$2,814
7th	Frederick Miller	PORT ST. LUCIE, FL, US	\$2,174
8th	Long Nguyen	WICHITA, KS, US	\$1,707
9th	David Diaz	MEMPHIS, TN, US	\$1,362

### **Tournament Notes**

- This was the eighth event of this year's WSOP Circuit being played at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. That means this series is now two-third of the way completed.
- The tournament began with 194 players. After 12 hours of play, the event was over with Mast winning the final pot.
- The final table included one gold ring winners – Tripp Kirk.
- The final table went about seven hours.

As the most recent gold ring winner, Ari Engel jumps into serious contention in the Casino Champion race for the Palm Beach series. He accumulated 50 points for his victory. However, Engel is most certainly guaranteed a seat anyway, by virtue of his high point total earned this season. At present, Sam Panzica leads all players in the points race, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place showings.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in the Palm Beach Kennel Club's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (February 23-25), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Palm Beach Kennel Club events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at the Palm Beach Kennel Club runs through February 25, 2013.

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