



2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Palm Beach Kennel Club
Palm Beach, Florida
Event #10
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 247
Prize Pool: \$74,100
February 22, 2013

Christopher Sheffield Wins First Gold Ring

Pensacola Poker Player Pockets \$18,156

Poker Action Continues at Palm Beach with Tenth Gold Ring Event

West Palm Beach, FL (February 22, 2013) – Christopher Sheffield won the latest WSOP Circuit gold ring, which was played out at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach.

The 32-year-old poker player and pizza delivery specialist topped a 247-player field in the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament that was played over two days. Sheffield collected \$18,156 plus his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. This was his first time to cash here at Palm Beach at this series after a dry run during the first week.

Indeed, Sheffield freely admitted that he suffered a terrible opening week at this series. He went zero for six in gold ring events, failing to cash a single time. In fact, he almost did not enter what became Event 10.

But encouraged by two friends who are backers, Sheffield and his posse took this one down, celebrating what turned out to be the Floridian's first major tournament victory.

Karim was born in St. Louis, but he now lives in the Florida panhandle. His only previous WSOP-related showing was at Harrah's New Orleans a few years ago.

John Haugan, an attorney from Flower Mound, TX finished as the runner-up.

Among those who cashed were – Everett Carlton and Michael Palumbo, both gold ring winners.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Christopher Sheffield	PENSACOLA, FL	\$18,156
2	John Haugen	FLOWER MOUND, TX	\$11,217
3	Robert McLay	STOKES BAY, ON	\$8,104
4	Kevin McColgan	DOUGLASSVILLE, PA	\$5,964
5	Donald Matthews	ORLANDO, FL	\$4,468

6	Michael Carlson	GAINESVILLE, GA	\$3,405
7	Adam Goldberg	LANTANA, FL	\$2,638
8	Thomas Monahan	WEST BABYLON, NY	\$2,077
9	Joshua McMahan	DAVIE, FL	\$1,661

Tournament Notes

- This was the tenth gold ring event of this year's WSOP Circuit being played at the Palm Beach Kennel Club.
- The two-day tournament began with 247 players. After 13 hours of play on Day One, there were only 9 survivors. Then, the final 9 played down to the winner on Day Two.
- The final table included one gold ring winner – Maurice Hawkins. He finished 7th.
- The final table included one gold bracelet winner – Kevin McColgan (Harrah's Philadelphia). He finished fourth.
- The final table went about six hours.

As the most recent gold ring winner, Christopher Sheffield now jumps into serious contention in the Casino Champion race for the Palm Beach series. He accumulated 50 points for his victory.

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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