

**2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
The Lodge Casino
Black Hawk, CO
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 301
Prize Pool: \$90,300
March 14-15, 2013**



Bryan Campanello Wins Colorado's First Ring

Opening tournament at The Lodge Casino draws 301 entrants.

WSOP Circuit's first Colorado finale comes down to two Texans.

Black Hawk, Colo. (March 15, 2013) — Bryan Campanello won Event 1, Colorado's first-ever WSOP Circuit tournament, Friday night in Black Hawk at the The Lodge Casino. The ring signified a first not only for the state of Colorado, but for Campanello as well.

"It feels good, mainly because most of my friends have rings," Campanello said. "I was getting really tired of them having rings and [me] not having one... It feels great to finally get that monkey off [my] back and win the first one."

In addition to a monkey-less back, Campanello walked with \$21,223 and 50 points toward the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. Campanello, who hails from Texas, bested Joshua Vizcarra, also from Texas, heads-up. Vizcarra was awarded \$13,121.

The Lodge Casino was a late addition to the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule, a noteworthy fact considering the property was also a first-time host. As with any first-time venture, there was some uncertainty surrounding how the event would be received, not only by Coloradans, but by Circuit regulars. However, when cards went in the air at 11 a.m. Thursday, all concerns took a back seat to delight and prideful amusement.

The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event was a tremendous success, exceeding the expectations of many with a field that topped out at a healthy 301 entrants.

"This is a beautiful area. I'm from Texas, we don't see mountains, much less snow *and* mountains," Campanello said of Colorado. "I think that everyone is excited about poker here. With things like the WSOP coming here and the HPT that was just here; that's better for the game. These people want to play poker. The more poker we can get them, the better it is. I think they'll stay energized throughout the Circuit event and for WSOP events to come in Colorado."

Campanello, a 21-year-old student, won't be around to witness the energized fields first-hand. He's on spring break and leaves the Black Hawk Area Monday for the University of North Texas where he studies political science. Though this likely isn't the last we'll see of the part time

student and professional poker player as the win moves him to 120 points on the National Leaderboard, on the cusp of what many believe will qualify for a WSOP National Championship berth.

Event 1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at The Lodge Casino. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 301 entries. The total prize pool came to \$90,300 and the top 33 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 3 p.m. with 16 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 3:45 p.m. Play finished at about 9:45 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six hours.

Notes on the Event

- Event 1 marked the opening tournament of the WSOP Circuit's first-ever event in Colorado.
- Stephen Bell (third) began Day 2 last in chips with 47,000 and blinds of 4,000/8,000 with a 1,000 ante.
- Dan DeLatorre (fifth) placed sixth 2009 WSOP Seniors No-Limit Hold'em Event for \$76,118.
- The final table included no WSOP Circuit champions.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during The Lodge Casino's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's 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 The Lodge Casino:

EVENT #1: Bryan Campanello defeated 301 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,223

With the first tournament wrapped, 11 more ring events remain at The Lodge Casino.

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