

## **2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season Nine**

**The Lodge Casino**

**Black Hawk, CO**

**Event #4**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 219**

**Prize Pool: \$65,700**

**March 17-18, 2013**



## **Ryan Lenaghan Adds Gold to his List of Accolades**

**2011 WSOP Main Event 16th place finisher scores his first ring in Colorado.**

**Black Hawk, Colo. (March 19, 2013)** — Ryan Lenaghan is most widely recognized for his 16th place finish in the 2011 WSOP Main Event for which he earned almost \$400,000. Chances are the layman might not recognize his name, but surely one could recognize his face. It was plastered all over ESPN during their coverage of the championship finale, after all.

"I learned to trust my instincts; trust my read; go for it if I feel like it's the right move," Lenaghan said of what he took away from the Main Event.

He certainly went for it Monday night at The Lodge Casino in Black Hawk, Colo. Lenaghan bested 219 entrants in Event 4, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. The \$16,426 payday pales in comparison to his Main Event score, but the victory holds value far greater than money.

As two of the more experienced players at the table, it was no surprise the heads-up battle came down to Lenaghan and Krzysztof Stybaniewicz. Stybaniewicz, who became the first person to make multiple final tables at The Lodge Casino, hails from Denver and won his first ring earlier this season at The Bicycle Casino. His accomplishments include seven WSOP Circuit cashes, three final tables, and a win.

"He played really well. I just got lucky on him," Lenaghan would say of the duel. "We played together a lot of the tournament and were kind of staying out of each other's way. I thought he was one of the better players for sure."

Lucky or not, Lenaghan has proven he belongs in the late stages of a tournament. His WSOP resume includes 16 cashes and seven final tables. Additionally, his score in Event 4 moves him over the \$600,000 mark in career earnings.

In addition to prize money and his first ring, Lenaghan was awarded 50 points toward the Casino Championship and the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The score moves him upward of 130 points on the national leaderboard, a number many

feel is good enough to crack the top 100 and earn an automatic berth into the National Championship.

Whether Lenaghan qualifies for the season-ending tournament remains to be seen, but one thing is for sure, we likely haven't seen the last of him at The Lodge Casino this year.

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at The Lodge Casino. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 219 entries. The total prize pool came to \$65,700 and the top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 3 p.m. with the nine-handed final table. Play finished at about 9:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six and a half hours.

### **Notes on the Event**

- Krzysztof Stybaniewicz (second) became the first player to make multiple final tables at The Lodge Casino. He finished fifth in Event 2.
- Lenaghan's previous best finish in a WSOP Circuit was second in a \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em event at Horseshoe Hammond late last year.

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

EVENT #2: Jonathan Alfonso defeated 272 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,586

EVENT #3: Mitch Schock defeated 516 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$33,284

EVENT #4: Ryan Lenaghan defeated 219 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,426

With the fourth tournament wrapped, eight more ring events remain at The Lodge Casino. For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter @WSOP or check out WSOP.com. For additional information please contact:

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