

2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

The Lodge Casino

Black Hawk, CO

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 188

Prize Pool: \$56,400

March 18-19, 2013



The Seventh Time's a Charm for Chris Parsons

26-year-old pro breaks through in seventh final table appearance, wins first gold ring.

Black Hawk, Colo. (March 20, 2013) — Chris Parsons has no shortage of WSOP results. Prior to the WSOP Circuit at The Lodge Casino, this young pro had 12 WSOP-related cashes including six final tables and over \$100,000 in winnings, but no gold to show for his efforts.

He made his seventh final table Tuesday night in Black Hawk in Event 5, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event and for a while it looked like it would be the same old story.

"You might be the unluckiest bastard I've ever seen in my life," William Byrnes said to Parsons following a draw-out hand.

But Parsons luck changed and the seventh time proved to be a charm as he outlasted Robert "Fish" Fishman heads-up to win his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and \$14,661.

"It feel good, obviously," Parsons said. "Every flip that counts, I won today."

Parsons name had become a staple on the leaderboard of most WSOP Circuit final tables without a victory. The lack of a championship weighed on him so much he went as far as placing a prop bet with Rex Clinkscale, a player who lays claim to 12 WSOP Circuit final tables without a victory.

"Me versus Rex, whoever gets the first ring," Parsons said of the bet. "I'm not sure if he remembers it, though. I think I'll remind him."

Parsons' victory came in Event 5, which concluded on Tuesday. In a twist of fate, Clinkscale finds himself fourth in chips with 10 players remaining following Day 1 of Event 7 which also wrapped Tuesday. For the pair to be experiencing success at the same venue and just a day apart is nothing short of amazing and surely at least incredibly coincidental.

Clinkscale takes his seat for Day 2 at 3 p.m. and like Parsons, looks to make his most recent final table count.

Until yesterday, Parsons was a staple on a leaderboard no player wants to find their name on. Today, you can bet he'll be a staple tableside watching Clinkscapes as he looks to join Parsons as a WSOP Circuit champion.

Event 5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at The Lodge Casino. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 188 entries. The total prize pool came to \$56,400 and the top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 3 p.m. with ten players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 4:30 and play finished at about 10:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six hours.

Notes on the Event

- Sally Richman (ninth) joined Kristi Morgan as the only two females to make final table appearances.
- Russell Harris (eighth) began the final table with better than a two-to-one chip advantage over the next largest stack.

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

EVENT #5: Chris Parsons defeated 188 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,661

With the fifth tournament wrapped, seven 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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