

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
River Rock Resort and Casino
Event #10
Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 120
Total Prize Pool: \$36,000
November 7, 2013**

Rupert Whiting Wins Final Live Ring at River Rock

Whiting conquers a marathon one-day event that goes until 5:15 a.m

Vancouver, BC (November 7, 2013) – The final live event of the 2013-14 World Series of Poker Circuit at River Rock Casino and Resort came to a close right around 5:15 a.m. on the morning of November 8th. After a marathon session of just over 16 hours, Rupert Whiting rose above the 120-player field to claim his first Circuit ring and the \$10,801 in first-place prize money.

“I am so happy!” said an exasperated Whiting after finishing up his winner’s photo and making sure to get one snapped on his cell phone as well. “It’s unbelievable. I went up and down and, at one point, I was the short stack. I made a couple of really good calls to chop pots so I didn’t bleed out.”

Whiting came into the final table as the chip leader and continued to put pressure on his opponent’s as the eliminations mounted. Despite cries from his opponent’s saying that Whiting was sucking out, he remained undeterred on his quest to achieve Circuit glory.

Ring winner Idris Gencoglu was alive and searching for his second ring coming into the final table. Gencoglu had the second biggest stack at the table and certainly had experience on his side. Ultimately, Gencoglu was forced to settle for a third-place finish and \$4,573 in tournament earnings.

Whiting had a very large chip lead going into heads up with eventual runner up Adam Raganelli. On the final hand, Whiting raised a bet on fourth street and a committed Raganelli called for his tournament life with just a gutshot. Whiting held top pair top kicker with ace-king and the river brought him a third king for good measure.

Not only did this tournament serve as a victory for Whiting, but also a good learning tool, as it was his first ever Limit Hold'em tournament.

“I haven’t played limit before now,” Whiting admitted. “I guess beginner’s luck was going to help me there. I actually bought in thinking it was a no-limit tournament but then I was it was limit and figured ‘screw it, I’ll play anyway.”

Thankfully Whiting made this choice, as he can now proclaim that he is the latest Circuit champion.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Rupert Whiting - \$10,801
2nd – Adam Raganelli - \$6,675
3rd – Idris Gencoglu - \$4,753
4th – Hiroaki Harada - \$3,452
5th – Linwood Linderbeck - \$2,557
6th – Arif Bhaloo - \$1,931
7th – Martin Todosychuk - \$1,485
8th – Connie Chia - \$1,163
9th – Michael Van Sickle - \$927

Notes on the Event

- Idris Gencoglu was searching for his second WSOP Circuit ring in this event. He ultimately finished in third place for \$4,753

- This was champion Rupert Whiting’s first-ever limit hold’em tournament.

For his win, Rupert Whiting earns 50 points toward the Casino Championship race. As a ring winner, this puts him in contention to win the National Championship seat if he fares well in the two online ring events. The lead is still held by Sukhpaul Dahliwal who holds 87.5 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points during River Rock’s gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

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 50 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 River Rock Resort and Casino:

EVENT #1: Vincent Wong defeated 511 players (\$365 NLH) for \$32,956
EVENT #2: Chris Back defeated 343 players (\$580 NLH) for \$39,439
EVENT #3: Eric Kim defeated 328 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,123
EVENT #4: Jordan Hamilton defeated 275 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$65,995
EVENT #5: Lorne Willment defeated 419 players (\$365 NLH) for \$27,650

EVENT #6: Sukhpaul Dhaliwal defeated 159 players (\$580 PLO) for \$21,467
EVENT #7: Lincoln Milne defeated 865 players (\$1,675 Main Event) for \$253,015
EVENT #8: Chi Tsun Chan defeated 106 players (\$1,125 NLH Turbo) for \$31,800
EVENT #9: Mark Ostrovsky defeated 228 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) for \$30,781
EVENT #10: Rupert Whiting defeated 120 players (\$365 LH) for \$10,801

This was the final live ring event offered at the 2013-14 World Series of Poker Circuit at River Rock Casino and Resort. Two additional rings will be available through online tournaments hosted by PlayNow.com.

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