2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 11 Palm Beach Kennel Club West Palm Beach, Fla. Event #9 No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125) Total Entries: 147

Prize Pool: \$147,000

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Sam Panzica Wins the \$1K

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West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 13, 2015) -- Sam Panzica won his fourth WSOP Circuit gold ring by winning Event #9 – \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em for \$41,162 at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. He becomes the 18th player in WSOP Circuit history to collect four gold rings.

Panzica defeated a tough final to earn the victory. The final table included two gold ring winner's beside Panzica. Two-time gold ring winner, Joe Kuether, finished in seventh place and one-time gold ring winner, Paul Sokoloff, finished in sixth place. The final table also included circuit grinders, Norman Michalek (3rd place), and Alex Greenblatt (9th place).

It was all business for Panzica. There was not much celebrating after the win and he instantly late registered into the Main Event in hopes of winning his fifth gold ring. There are only seven players with five or more rings. For the young 22-year-old there is a very real chance that he will be joining that group soon with the way he has dominated Circuit events.

This marks Panzica's 20th WSOP related cash and is his largest career WSOP cash. Panzica won his first gold ring in 2013 at the Choctaw stop. He then won back-to-back rings in Cincinnati later that year for his second and third gold rings.

Event #9 was the ninth gold ring event on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. The \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 147 players, generating a \$147,000 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 11 a.m. with 147 players. Day 2 began at 2 p.m. Friday with five players remaining. The tournament concluded about 3:15 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- Sam Panzica becomes the 18th player in WSOP history to earn four gold rings.
- This was Paul Sokoloff's (6th) 22nd cash of the 2014-2015 Circuit season.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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 the Palm Beach Kennel Club:

EVENT #1: Juan Restrepo defeated 2,050 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$161,452

EVENT #2: Mitch Meltzer defeated 114 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$10,261

EVENT #3: Jeff Charlton defeated 81 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$7,776

EVENT #4: Scot Masters defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,056

EVENT #5: John Drikakis defeated 192 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,976

EVENT #6: Alex Nguyen defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$15,925

EVENT #7: John O. Matson defeated 196 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,289

EVENT #8: Marshall White defeated 145 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,181

EVENT #9: Sam Panzica defeated 147 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$41,162

With the ninth tournament wrapped up, only three more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

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