2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Planet Hollywood Las Vegas
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: $580
Total Entries: 218
Total Prize Pool: $109,000
November 17, 2015

Brian Shugart Wins $580 No-Limit Hold'em Event at WSOP Circuit Planet Hollywood

Shugart wins in his first ever WSOP Circuit tournament.

Las Vegas (18 November 2015) – Brian Shugart won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring yesterday at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, Shugart won Event #8: $580 No-Limit Hold'em for $27,253.

This is Shugart's first WSOP or Circuit tournament, and he certainly made the most of it. "I've been playing poker for 15 years," he said after the win. "Mainly cash games. I just decided to play some tournaments. I know I'm ready. I feel confident in my game. And the deeper I went into this tournament the more confident I got."

Shugart, who served 10 years in the navy, now works with remotely-operated underwater vehicles for oil companies in the Gulf of Mexico.

To win this event Shugart had to defeat Jon Lactaoen heads up. Lactaoen has now cashed in three events here at Planet Hollywood, including two final tables. He now takes the lead in the Casino Champion competition. The player with the most points at the end of the Circuit stop earns a free entry into the 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship, and Lactaoen is now in the driver's seat.

Also at the final table was Dan Sindelar, a 2014 WSOP November Niner. Sindelar was eliminated from this tournament in sixth place ($5,194).

The tournament was played over the course of two days starting Tuesday, November 17. Of the 218 entrants, nine returned for Day 2, which began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18. Shugart earned his victory at about 5:30 p.m., making the final day about three and a half hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of this event, Jon Lactaoen takes the lead in the Casino Champion race with 70 points. Lactaoen finished runner up in this event, and has two other cashes here at Planet Hollywood. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic

entry into the $1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large Global Casino 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Brandon West defeated 1,162 entries ($580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for $106,303.
EVENT #4: Jason Schwartz defeated 144 players ($365 No-Limit Hold'em) for $12,095
EVENT #5: AJ Thompson defeated 127 players ($365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for $10,866.
EVENT #6: Rick Austin defeated 276 players ($365 No-Limit Hold'em) for $19,875.
EVENT #7: Jim Juvancic defeated 120 players ($365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for $10,801
EVENT #8: Brian Shugart defeated 218 players ($580 No-Limit Hold'em) for $27,253

With the sixth ring event now wrapped up, there are still six more before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 23.

All rings at Planet Hollywood are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2015 WSOP Circuit season.

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