

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #2

H.O.R.S.E.

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

Total Entries: 85

Prize Pool: \$25,500

February 4-5, 2016



David May Defeats Stacked Final Table to Earn His First Gold Ring

David May was the last man standing in the HORSE event. He survived a final table that included gold ring winners, Phil Hui, John Holley and Jonathan Gavião.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 5, 2016) -- When Day 2 of the H.O.R.S.E. event began Friday at 3 p.m. David May sat second in chips, which normally is a great spot to be in with 13 players remaining. The problem for May was that the one man in front of him was Phil Hui (3rd place). Hui is a seasoned vet of the WSOP with four WSOP Circuit gold rings and nearly \$600,000 in tournament earnings. It would be no easy task to overcome Hui's chip lead. Beside Hui there were several other strong players returning for Day 2 of the event. Those players included gold ring winners, Zack Milchman (2nd), John Holley (6th,) Jonathan Gavião (9th) and Paul Sokoloff. It was a strong field and May's only shot to win the gold ring was to bring his "A" game.

May brought his "A" game and he took the title of the Palm Beach Kennel Club H.O.R.S.E. champion to earn the top prize of \$8,161 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

"Survive and wait until we get four-handed or so, and then start playing more aggressive," said May about his game plan at the final table.

It worked out perfectly for him. Arguably May's biggest threat was Hui. Hui ended up being eliminated in third place and when heads up play began May had nearly a 3:1 chip lead over heads up opponent, Zack Milchman. Milchman doesn't have an extensive WSOP resume, but he sure has a good one, especially in the games in the HORSE rotation. Entering this tournament Milchman had five WSOP cashes, including three final tables and a gold ring. All of his WSOP cashes have come in mixed game tournaments or Omaha 8 or Better tournaments. Milchman's biggest WSOP cash came in 2014 when he finished runner-up to none other than Hui. Milchman earned \$177,609 for that runner-up finish. May made quick work of Milchman. Once Hui was eliminated it only took May about 20 minutes to defeat Milchman.

May is from Plantation, Florida and he is a dealer. He said that he has played this HORSE event at the Kennel Club four or five times and that he enjoys it because it is a nice break from no-limit

hold'em. May said that he likes the stud games and that he thought that his weakest game would be limit hold'em, but limit hold'em is where he ended up making most of his chips.

"It feels good. It is the first time I have ever won a live tournament, it's a good feeling," said May about his gold ring victory.

Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, but first to finish. The \$365 H.O.R.S.E. tournament attracted 85 players generating a \$25,500 prize pool. The top nine players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 5 p.m. and lasted 16 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 3 p.m. with 13 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 8:00 p.m. Friday midway through Level 23.

Notes on the event:

- Both Phil Hui (3rd) and John Holley (6th) had four gold rings entering the final table of this event. Other gold ring winners at the final table included Zack Milchman (2nd) and Jonathan Gavião (9th).
- Hui and Milchman battled heads up in a 2014 Omaha 8 or Better bracelet event. Hui ended up as the victor to win his first and only bracelet.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino 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 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 the Palm Beach Kennel Club:

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With the first tournaments wrapped up, 11 more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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