

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 12  
Palm Beach Kennel Club  
West Palm Beach, Fla.  
Event #3  
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry  
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)  
Total Entries: 926  
Prize Pool: \$463,000  
February 5-8, 2016**



## **Spencer Champlin Wins the PBKC \$580 Re-Entry**

**Spencer Champlin survives several bad beats to win his first gold ring and \$87,980.**

**West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 8, 2016)** -- It was a bit of a roller coaster ride for Spencer Champlin in the Palm Beach Kennel Club's signature \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry event. The tournament started out poorly for Champlin who ended up busting on his first three bullets.

Champlin decided to fire a fourth bullet and that's when things turned around for him. He bagged a top 20 stack on Day 1 from his fourth bullet. Day 2 went even better for Champlin and by the time the final table was reached late into Day 2 he was the chip leader. Things at the final table would continue to go well for Champlin and when Day 2 finished he had half of the chips in play with three players remaining in the tournament.

Day 3 began Monday and just a few hands into play Brian Powell was eliminated from the tournament in third place. Powell's elimination left Champlin playing heads-up for the gold ring against West Palm Beach local, John Casquilla. Champlin was in a great spot and grew his chip lead to about a 10:1 over Casquilla. As stated earlier, it was a roller coaster ride for Champlin. Shortly after the first break of the day things turned downward for Champlin and they turned downward in a hurry. Champlin doubled up Casquilla three times in a short span to lose the chip lead.

"He doubled up three times. He was dominated three times and he just spiked every hand he needed," said Champlin.

Those three double ups gave Casquilla the chip lead and the momentum. Being a local, Casquilla had a big and energetic rail. The excitement and support for Casquilla continued to grow as he kept winning big pots. Everything was going wrong for Champlin and the gold ring that was almost certainly on his finger when he had 90% of the chips in play was now quickly slipping away. At that point Champlin could have tilted his chips off from frustration of the consecutive bad beats, or even Casquilla's energetic rail. Champlin didn't flinch one bit though. He stayed calm and focused, rethought his game plan and then executed it. Champlin stuck to small ball low variance poker to grind down Casquilla and regain the chip lead and then Champlin eliminated him on a flip.

"It's a pretty amazing feeling. It was a long tournament, but I ran pretty good and I think I played pretty well," said Champlin about winning his first gold ring. "It's a great feeling."

Champlin outlasted some of the best players in the game to win the gold ring. Finishing fourth was Peter Vitantonio. He won the Main Event at this property in August of 2015 and has more than a quarter million in WSOP tournament earnings. Finishing sixth was Neil Scott who has racked up 34 Circuit cashes over his career and finishing in 10th place on the final table bubble was Aaron Massey. Massey has two gold rings and more than \$675,000 in WSOP lifetime earnings.

Champlin is from Scarborough, Maine. He came to West Palm Beach to escape the cold and snow in Maine. He came with intention of playing some poker and hitting the beaches. His beach time was cut short due to the sheer length of the tournament, but he can agree it was well worth it.

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Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament featured four starting flights and allowed unlimited re-entry. It attracted 926 players in total generating a \$463,000 prize pool. The top 99 players were paid.

The first flight began Friday at 12 p.m. and drew 227 entries. Flight B began Friday at 6 p.m. and drew 151 entries, flight C began Saturday at 12 p.m. and drew 331 entries and Flight D began Saturday at 6 p.m. and drew 217 entries. All Day 1's played 15 levels. Day 2 began Sunday at 12 p.m. with 119 players remaining. Day 2 lasted another 15 levels. Day 3 began Monday at 2 p.m. and concluded at about 4:20 p.m. near the end of Level 33.

Notes on the event:

- The tournament featured four starting flights and allowed unlimited re-entry
- The tournament was scheduled to end Sunday, but needed an extra day to finish

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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Palm Beach Kennel Club:

EVENT #1: Bill Scheer defeated 421 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$27,786

EVENT #2: David May defeated 85 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$8,161

EVENT #3: Spencer Champlin defeated 926 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$87,980

With three tournaments wrapped up, nine 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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