

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 194
Prize Pool: \$58,200
February 8-9, 2016**



Pedro Palacio Wins His First Gold Ring and \$15k

A well-timed bluff leads to good cards and a gold ring victory for Pedro Palacio.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 9, 2016) -- Pedro Palacio was one of five players returning for Day 2 of Event #5 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. He had the chip lead and was in a good spot to take home the gold ring. Eliminations on Day 2 were quick and the day only ended up lasting 90 minutes long before the tournament was over. Nobody expected such a quick finish, but Palacio played well and ran well to win the tournament in quick fashion.

According to Palacio, there was a key hand on Day 2 that really swung the momentum in his favor. He made a well-timed bluff where he knew his opponent was bluffing to win a large pot and extend his chip lead. Palacio started picking up good cards from that point forward and by the time Palacio was heads up he had a 12:1 chip lead over his opponent, David DiBernardi. Heads up play only lasted a couple of hands and just like that the tournament was over.

"It's more than just the money, now I have bragging rights," said Palacio about winning the gold ring.

Palacio was born in the Philippines. He used to work as a technical support person for Intel in Dallas, Texas. He now lives in Delray Beach, Florida and spends his days watching his kids and his evenings playing poker. This victory marked Palacio's first career WSOP cash. He has over \$100,000 in career tournament earnings, but hasn't played many WSOP Circuit events. He said that he played in a few Circuit events at Choctaw when he lived in Dallas and that this was only the second or third event he has ever played at the Kennel Club.

Palacio plans to play in the upcoming \$1,675 Main Event.

Event #5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 194 players generating a \$58,200 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with five players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 3:30 p.m. near the end of Level 23.

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:

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

EVENT #4: David Poces defeated 133 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,172

EVENT #5: Pedro defeated 194 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,132

With five tournaments wrapped up, seven 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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