

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach Kennel Club

Event #10

The Main Event

Buy-In: \$1500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 613

Prize Pool: \$919,500

February 12-15, 2016



Mukul Pahuja Wins the PBKC Main Event

Mukul Pahuja Wins His third career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 15, 2016) – The third and final day of the Palm Beach Kennel Club Main Event got underway at noon with nine players gunning for the title. After seven levels of action and multiple lead changes Mukul Pahuja won his second Circuit Main Event, a seat in the Global Casino Championship and \$193,095.

Pahuja came to the final table middle of the pack in chips against a final table that featured Adam Levy, Tristan Wade and Daniel Weinman. “It feels good, I’m still in a bit of shock though,” Pahuja said moments after winning.

“I just kind of sat back and watched the action. There were a lot big pots right from the get go today and then I got lucky at some point,” Pahuja said. “It was swingy here and there, got a little short and picked off a few bluffs.”

“(The table) Had some pros but the guys that didn’t have much tournament earnings were really tricky and really tough. They clearly played cash games and provided different challenges that I’m not used to seeing everyday playing tournaments. It was hard to pick spots because they wanted to play big pots from the start.”

The first casualty of the final table was Juan Mendoza after he shoved on the button holding pocket nines. Dalton Mills called with ace-jack, he spiked an ace on the river and ended Mendoza’s day.

Weinman, fresh off a win in the Cherokee Main Event in November, was the next to go. He moved his short stack all in with pocket sixes, Levy called with ace-king and paired his ace on the flop. Weinman didn’t improve but added back-to-back final tables to his growing resume of tournament scores.

Less than an hour later, a short-stacked Wade three-bet shipped in the small blind holding pocket fours and Pahuja called from the big, tabling pocket nines. The board ran queen-high, neither player improved and Wade was eliminated.

Racing horse trainer Staffan Lind locked horns with Eric Bunch on a flop of Ac10s6s. Lind check-called his way to the river with 8s3s completing the board. Lind moved all in on the fourth spade and Bunch snap-called holding the As for the nut flush. Staffan tabled the Ks the second-best flush and bowed out in sixth place.

Josh Lowing grew short as the table went five-handed and he shoved preflop holding Ace-King. Levy snapped him off holding pocket jacks and the board ran out in Levy's favor. Lowing came up empty and was sent to the cashier's cage.

The table would play another two hours before losing another player. Pahuja and Mills went to a flop of 9c3h2s, Pahuja bet and Mills shoved. Pahuja called with top pair and Mills had 6d3c. The board completed 8s,Ah, Mills luck ran out and he was out in fourth place.

The final three players went on a dinner break and 30 minutes after returning Bunch went to a flop of KhQd3d, moved all in holding Qh5d and Pahuja called with Ah10c. Almost as if Pahuja planned it, the board completed 10hAs and Bunch was eliminated.

Pahuja and Levy began heads-up play with Pahuja holding 9.8 million to Levy's 2.8 million. The championship match-up was a short, friendly affair with Levy and Pahuja casually talking between hands. Levy doubled up once but couldn't gain any more traction against Pahuja's mountain of chips.

Twenty minutes after they started Pahuja opened on the button, Levy moved all in and Pahuja called. Levy tabled Ah6s, Pahuja had two tens and the board ran in Pahuja's favor. Pahuja's tens held as the best hand, Levy was eliminated and Pahuja clinched his third career WSOPC ring.

The next stop up on the WSOPC schedule is Bally's Las Vegas kicking off February 25 and running through March 7.

Final table seating assignments:

Final table action began with 35 minutes left Level 25 – 12,000/24,000 with a 4,000 ante

Seat 1: Daniel Weinman – 464,000 (19 BBs)

Seat 2: Tristan Wade – 752,000 (31 BBs)

Seat 3: Mukul Pahuja – 1,256,000 (52 BBs)

Seat 4: Juan Mendoza – 562,000 (23 BBs)

Seat 5: Adam Levy – 1,163,000 (48 BBs)

Seat 6: Dalton Mills – 2,200,000 (91 BBs)

Seat 7: Josh Lowing – 2,900,000 (120 BBs)

Seat 8: Staffan Lind – 1,047,000 (43 BBs)

Seat 9: Eric Bunch – 1,916,000 (79 BBs)

About the Final Table:

1st: Mukul Pahuja - \$193,095

Hometown: Coconut Creek, Fla.

Age: 30

Occupation: Poker

Circuit Earnings: \$313,269

2nd: Adam Levy - \$119,434
Hometown: Coral Springs, Fla.
Age: 33
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$28,903

3rd: Eric Bunch - \$87,334
Hometown: Tulsa, Okla.
Age: 31
Occupation: Contractor
Circuit Earnings: \$0

4th: Dalton Mills - \$64,806
Hometown: Jacksonville Beach, Fla.
Age: 39
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$26,302

5th: Josh Lowing - \$48,761
Hometown: Pensacola Fla.
Age: 25
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$14,042

6th: Staffan Lind - \$37,194
Hometown: Vero Beach, Fla.
Age: 51
Occupation: Horse Trainer
Circuit Earnings: \$13,132

7th: Tristan Wade - \$28,762
Hometown: Boynton Beach, Fla.
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$115,128

8th: Daniel Weinman - \$22,546
Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.
Age: 28
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$571,604

9th: Juan Mendoza - \$17,912
Hometown: Wilmington, N.C.
Age: 28
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$97,795

Jason Gooch accumulated the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club twelve combined gold ring tournaments and earns the title Casino Champion. He receives automatic entry into the 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year. Gooch reached four final tables to earn the title. He finished sixth twice, fifth once, and second once.

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 Series:

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 Palacio defeated 194 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,132
EVENT #6: Vincent Renzo defeated 143 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$12,014
EVENT #7: Steve Mermelstein defeated 214 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$17,334
EVENT #8: Austin Peck defeated 195 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,210
EVENT #9: Spencer Champlin defeated 167 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$45,090
MAIN EVENT: Mukul Pahuja defeated 613 players (\$1,675 NLHE) for \$193,095
EVENT #11: Steve Ramsankar defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,284

With 11 tournaments wrapped up, only one more ring event remains 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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