

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 164
Prize Pool: \$49,200
February 14-15, 2016**



Steve Ramsankar Makes Amazing Comeback in Event #11

Steve Ramsankar comes back from having less than one half of a big blind to win his first career gold ring.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 15, 2016) -- Steve "Quiet Lion" Ramsankar has made an incredible comeback in Event #11 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em to win his first career WSOP gold ring and the top prize of \$13,284. He came back from having less than one half of a big blind to win the gold ring.

Ramsankar was heads up with Jason Gooch and lost a big pot to leave him with just 9,000 chips out of the 1.64 million in play. The blinds were 12,000/24,000 and the ante was 4,000. Ramsankar anted 4,000 and was left with 5,000 in front of him. He put that 5,000 in the pot as his blind and he won the pot to double up. He then doubled up again, and again, and again. Just like that Ramsankar was back in it and had the momentum on his side.

A few more hands went in Ramsankar's favor and then a key hand gave him the chip lead. Ramsankar woke up with pocket queens and slow played them preflop. Gooch hit a jack on the flop and they got all of the chips in the middle. Ramsankar's queens held to take the chip lead. Shortly after that hand Ramsankar completed the comeback and had all 1.6 million chips in front of him.

This was the first WSOP event Ramsankar has ever played in. Ramsankar has mostly played the game online, but now wants to try his luck in more live tournaments. It was a great start to Ramsankar's live tournament career and he said that he intends to play in some Circuit events in the future.

"It feels great. When you play poker getting a ring is like some form of validation. Money comes and goes man, but getting a ring is amazing," said Ramsankar.

It was an extremely tough way for Gooch to lose a tournament. He was just a few chips away from his first career gold ring. It was not all bad for Gooch though. He still earned the runner-up money of \$8,210 and his runner-up finish also earned him Casino Champion honors. Gooch had an incredible series. He reached four final tables. He had two 6th places, a 5th place and now a

2nd place. He was just missing the victory and he will be looking to get that when he heads to the 2016 Global Casino Championship.

Event #11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 164 players generating a \$49,200 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 3 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 1 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7:30 p.m. midway through Level 26.

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 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
EVENT #11: Steve Ramsankar defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,284

With 10 tournaments wrapped up, only two 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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