



**2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Palm Beach Kennel Club
Event #12
Turbo -- No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+45)
Total Entries: 183
Total Prize Pool: \$53,253
February 27, 2012**

Official Final Results:

1	Mark Kroon	MADISON, WI, US	\$13,847
2	Mark Sykes	HAMDEN, CT, US	\$8,553
3	Thomas Nasuti	Juno Beach, FL, US	\$6,176
4	George Miro	Palm Beach Gardens, FL, US	\$4,536
5	Danny Scotti	Palm Beach Gardens, FL, US	\$3,388
6	Michael Cooper	FORT WORTH, TX, US	\$2,575
7	Mike Beasley	HOLLYWOOD, FL, US	\$1,989
8	Stephen Christy	West Palm Beach, FL, US	\$1,562
9	Chris Tryba	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$1,246
10	Jerry Yang	MADERA, CA, US	\$1,010
11	Edward Emerson	Fort Walton Beach, FL, US	\$1,010
12	David Robbins	COLUMBUS, GA, US	\$1,010
13	Steve Mrozinski	Houston, TX, US	\$832
14	Peter Striano	Parkland, FL, US	\$832
15	Douglas Mackinnon	E Amherst, NY, US	\$832
16	Alan Franco	JACKSONVILLE, FL, US	\$695
17	Bernard Lubitz	Stuart, FL, US	\$695
18	Peter Cohan	Palm Beach Gardens, FL, US	\$695
19	Scott Schwalich	WEST CARROLLTON, OH, US	\$590
20	Matthew Smith	LITHIA, FL, US	\$590
21	John Mccaffrey	ATLANTIS, FL, US	\$590

Tournament Report:

Final Gold Ring at West Palm Beach Goes to “Poker Ho”

Mark Kroon Wins First WSOP Circuit Gold Ring at Palm Beach Kennel Club

2007 World Champion Jerry Yang Finishes Tenth

Florida’s Second Annual “12 Rings in 12 Days” Series Ends on a High Note

West Palm Beach, FL (February 27, 2012) – The World Series of Poker Circuit concluded today at Palm Beach Kennel Club, located in West Palm Beach, FL.

The final tournament champion of Palm Beach Kennel Club series is Mark Kroon, a.k.a. “Poker Ho.”

His victory in the last event here in Florida was fitting, given that Kroon is a long time tournament veteran who has paid his poker dues, in spades. He’s cashed innumerable times over the years, coming close to victory in several majors, including past WSOP Circuit events. But each time Kroon got close to the gold ring in the past, something went amiss. Finally, his payoff came at the stroke of midnight at a nearly deserted greyhound track, except for a few of Kroon’s vocal supporters scattered in the gallery.

Oddly enough, this finale was perhaps the most lively of any of the previous dozen gold ring tournaments which have now completed at PBKC. The finale was filled with constant banter, laughing, and festivities that made the atmosphere resemble a typical Monday night poker game, rather than a major tournament with thousands of dollars and ranking points at stake.

Kroon collected \$13,847 in prize money for his win. He was also presented with the coveted WSOP Circuit gold ring, the top prize awarded to all Circuit event winners.

Also of note was the tenth-place finish of Jerry Yang, the 2007 WSOP Main Event Champion.

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Event #12 was a one-day \$300 (+45) Turbo No-Limit Hold’em tournament, which attracted 183 entrants. The turbo format means that levels are shorter, which accelerates the action. Instead of a two-day tournament, the competition is designed to end within about 12 hours of play.

Play began on Monday at 11 am and played until about midnight.

The total prize pool came to \$53,253. The top 21 finishers were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points – used to qualify for a seat in the season-ending championship, to be played in Las Vegas.

A full list of all players who cashed in Event #12 can be seen at WSOP.COM

With all 12 tournaments now wrapped up, the complete list of winners is as follows:

- EVENT #1 – Anh Lu defeated 2,607 players in NLHE and won \$183,750**
- EVENT #2 – Loni Harwood defeated 500 players in NLHE and won \$30,994**
- EVENT #3 – Jason Reep defeated 247 players in HORSE and won \$17,270**
- EVENT #4 – Adam Cook defeated 413 players in NLHE and won \$26,142**
- EVENT #5 – Jake Schindler defeated 391 players in 6-HANDED NLHE and won \$24,736**
- EVENT #6 – Joseph Casella defeated 353 players and won \$23,315**

EVENT #7 – James Henson defeated 290 players and won \$33,432
EVENT #8 – Brian O’Donoghue defeated 279 players and won \$19,487
EVENT #9 – Joseph Patalano defeated 149 players and won \$40,467
EVENT #10 – Jim Harnden defeated 778 players and won \$226,395
EVENT #11 – Andrew Phillips defeated 219 players and won \$15,931
EVENT #12 – Mark Kroon defeated 183 players and win \$13,847

The WSOP Circuit is next off to Caesars Atlantic City – which runs its tournament series from March 1-12, 2012. After that, the WSOP Circuit shifts to the West Coast again with a stop at Harrah’s Rincon near San Diego. That “12 Rings in 12 Days Series” runs March 15-26, 2012.

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MORE ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT AT PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB

This marks the second consecutive season that the Palm Beach Kennel Club (PBKC) has hosted a WSOP Circuit stop. Last year’s attendance and prize pool figures were so strong, that the decision to return once again to sunny South Florida once again was inevitable.

Indeed, PBKC continues to distance itself from the other dogs in Florida’s highly-competitive poker race. This year, PBKC will be hosting 12 WSOP Circuit gold ring poker tournaments over a two-week period. Tournaments officially began on Thursday, February 16th with Event #1 – which included a one-million dollar guarantee. This marked the first time in history that any tournament of that size (\$500 buy-in) offered a guaranteed million-dollar payout.

The following 12 days are sure to be packed with multiple tournaments and around-the-clock cash-game action. The poker festival concludes on February 28th with the final table of the \$1,600 buy-in Main Event Championship.

“Florida poker has officially arrived and partnering with the World Series of Poker is as special as it gets,” said Noah Carbonne, Director of Poker Operations for the Palm Beach Kennel Club. “We’re thrilled to be involved with the Rolls Royce of poker – which is the WSOP. For all of us here at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, the State of Florida, and most importantly the thousands of poker players here in the southeast as well as those attending from around the country, we are ready to make history – especially with our million-dollar guarantee, which has never been offered before for an event of its size.”

Gold ring tournaments are only a fraction of what’s on the poker menu at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. Second-chance No-Limit Hold’em tournaments will be running from day one. The deep-stack tournaments will cost \$235 to enter and begin nightly at 7 pm. Satellites for all gold ring tournaments will also be going regularly inside the poker room. Several mega-satellites for the Main Event Championship will also be offered.

The PBKC initially opened in 1932, making it one of the oldest pari-mutual racetracks in the country. Owned and operated by the famous Rooney Family (which also owns the NFL’s Pittsburgh Steelers), the track has been a popular attraction and a leisurely way to spend an afternoon for locals and visitors alike. Known for its live greyhound racing and simulcasts from numerous racetracks all over the country, PBKC jettisoned into a new era last year when it expanded its poker facility, which is now one of the largest poker rooms in Florida.

About a year ago, PBKC expanded its poker operations to include 64 tournament tables. PBKC is the first dog track to ever host a WSOP-related tournament. Each final table takes place in a premium location near the main grandstand, which enables everyone close to the poker action to cheer on the greyhounds, as well. Naturally, betting windows will be close by for those who want to mix in some racing action with poker playing. Dog races take place most days starting

at 1 pm. There are also dog races nightly on weekends.

PBKC is conveniently located just steps away from the West Palm Beach international Airport, which offers direct flights from all over the country. Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is also close by. Several hotels are situated near the dog track and poker facility, to accommodate all budgets. The cardroom offers regular shuttle service to and from at least three nearby hotels. Special hotel rate packages for poker players are available.

It's not too late to be part of the biggest poker event in Florida history. West Palm Beach is well-known for its sandy white beaches, luxury hotels, fine restaurants, great shopping, and plenty of sunshine. And now, there will be great poker action around the clock at the PBKC. The complete schedule and structure sheets for all events can be viewed at WSOP.COM

PBKC is the 11th of 17 WSOP Circuit stops this season. All players over age 21 are eligible to compete for a seat in the \$1 million freeroll event which crowns the WSOP Circuit National Championship point race. This season's top 100 players who qualify will compete in the first-ever nationally-televised championship, which will take place in Las Vegas, in May 2012. The winner of that extraordinary event will receive the most coveted prize in all of poker, a WSOP gold bracelet.

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