



**2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Rincon (San Diego)**

Event #3

H.O.R.S.E.

Buy-In: \$300 (+45)

Total Entries: 100

Total Prize Pool: \$29,100

March 16-17, 2012

Official Final Results:

1	Patrick Schulze	Glendora, CA, US	\$8,324
2	Sirous Baghchehsaraie	CERRITOS, CA, US	\$5,145
3	Roderick Pahl	MISSOULA, MT, US	\$3,664
4	Justin Downing	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$2,661
5	Brent Carter	OAK PARK, IL, US	\$1,971
6	Kenneth Morey	San Diego, CA, US	\$1,488
7	Steven Pineault	Poway, CA, US	\$1,145
8	Matthew Ardo	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$897
9	Edward Hansen	SANTA ANA, CA, US	\$715
10	Frank Lin	LOS ANGELES, CA, US	\$580
11	Frankie Odell	HENDERSON, NV, US	\$580
12	James Seely	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$580

Tournament Report:

Patrick Schulze Wins HORSE Championship at Harrah's Rincon

Retiree Victorious in St. Patrick's Day Competition

Poker Action in Southern California Continues through March 26th

Rincon Reservation, CA (March 17, 2012) – In many ways, poker has become a young person's game. Look around inside most poker rooms. Players in their 20s not only constitute the majority of players, they also tend to be the majority of winning players.

But not on this day.

The most recent H.O.R.S.E. tournament which took place at the Harrah's Rincon Casino was a throwback to an earlier era when *experience* actually meant something. The top three finishers were senior citizens by today's standards.

At one point during three-handed play, longtime poker pro Sirous Baghchehsaraie looked over at his two frosty-haired colleagues accompanying him at the final table and proudly declared he was the baby of the group, at age 57.

The silver foxes taught the young lions a thing or two in this event, which was a mix of five popular poker games – Hold'em, Omaha, Razz, Stud, and Eight-or-Better.

The winner was Patrick Schulze, a 66-year-old part-time poker player from Glendora, CA. He overcame some tough competition, besting not only Baghchehsaraie heads up, but two former multiple WSOP gold bracelet winners who also went deep – including Brent Carter and Frankie Odell.

Schulze was awarded with \$8,324 in prize money along with his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

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The third of a dozen gold ring tournaments began on Friday with Event #3 – a \$345 buy-in H.O.R.S.E. competition. The tournament attracted a modest field size of 100 entries. The total prize pool came to \$29,100. The top 12 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

A full list of all players who cashed in Event #3 can be seen at WSOP.COM

The tournament was played over two consecutive days. There were 29 survivors who took seats on the second day of action, played on a rainy Saturday.

Following several hours of play on Day Two, the final table was set. Patrick Schulze arrived among the final eight as the chip leader – and ended up as the champion.

The final table featured two former WSOP Circuit gold ring winners – Brent Carter and Matthew Ardo.

The final playing session began at 8 pm local time. Play finished at close to midnight making the total duration about four hours. The official order of finish was as follows:

8th Place – Matthew Ardo came in eighth. He is a 25-year-old engineer from San Diego, who is originally from Honolulu. Ardo won a gold ring last year in the Omaha High-Low Split tournament, at the WSOP Circuit event here at Harrah's Rincon.

7th Place – Steve Pineault finished in seventh place. He is a 42-year-old operations manager from Poway, CA. This was Pineault's first-ever WSOP-related tournament. Not many players can say they made it all the way to the final table in this first try in a WSOP event.

6th Place – Ken Morey ended up in sixth place. He is from San Diego.

5th Place – Brent Carter took fifth place. He is a longtime professional poker player from Oak Park, IL. Carter owns two WSOP gold bracelets, a WSOP Circuit gold ring, and has amassed more than \$3 million in career tournament winnings.

4th Place – Justin Downing finished fourth. He is a 23-year-old business owner from San Diego. He has only played in two major tournaments, yet has cashed in both. This was the first time he'd played in a HORSE tournament, so his performance was indeed impressive.

3rd Place – Roderick A. Pahl took third place. He is a 72-year-old retiree from Missoula, MT.

2nd Place – Sirous Baghchehsaraie finished as the runner up. He has been playing poker professionally for nearly 20 years. Born in Iran and now living in Cerritos, CA, "Sirous B" has been a regular on the Los Angeles poker scene ever since tournaments began being spread. He's earned well in excess of \$2 million for his career and owns several odd records – including arguably the greatest comeback in any major poker tournament in history when he once overcame an 82-1 chip disadvantage. But Sirous B. couldn't pull off the trick in this event and had to settle for second place.

1st Place – Patrick Schulze was the victor. He is a 66-year-old part-time poker player from Glendora, CA. Schulze is originally from Newport News, VA. He is a collector of old license plates.

He became the third WSOP Circuit champion crowned this year at Harrah's Rincon. He won \$8,324 for the victory. He was also presented with his first gold ring.

With his victory, Schulze moves into the top spot alongside the previous two events winners (#1 and #2) as the early leader in this WSOP Circuit's "Best All-Around Player" standings. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Rincon's twelve combined gold ring tournaments receives a pre-paid entry into the \$1 million 2011-2012 WSOP Circuit National Championship. At least two players from this tournament series will qualify for the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. The other automatic qualifier will be the winner of Main Event championship (to be held March 24-26).

Here is the list of winners from Harrah's Rincon, so far:

- EVENT #1: Randy Paguio (San Diego, CA) defeated 331 players in \$345 NLHE**
- EVENT #2: TBD (Still Pending)**
- EVENT #3: Patrick Schulze (Glendora, CA) defeated 100 players in \$345 NLHE**

With the third tournament wrapped up, there are still nine more gold ring events remaining in what is being billed as a "12 rings in 12 days" poker series. The WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Rincon continues through March 26th. This year's schedule includes not only all the gold ring events, but multiple second-chance tournaments, single table and mega satellites, plus cash games going around the clock inside the action-packed poker room

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MORE ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT AT HARRAH'S RINCON

The Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort, nestled in the cool mountains 45-miles away from sunny San Diego, is jointly owned and operated by the Rincon San Leandro Band of Indians and Caesars Entertainment.

Harrah's Rincon has been one of only three flagship Caesars Entertainment properties which have hosted a tour stop during each and every season, since the WSOP Circuit was launched back in 2005.

This year's "12 Rings in 12 Days" series is taking place March 15-26. As has been the case for all previous major poker events, all action is held inside an expansive grand ballroom located on the first floor, adjacent to the main casino.

Harrah's Rincon is widely considered to be one of most upscale properties on the WSOP Circuit. The casino and poker room draws mostly from the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. The hotel has 662 rooms and a 21-story tower. The casino has 1,600 slot machines and 51 gaming tables – including a poker room located on the second floor. The hotel and resort includes a health spa and the Woods Valley Golf Club.

This will be the 14th out of 17 stops of the 2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit season. Just two months ago, The Bicycle Casino (Los Angeles) became the second California casino to partner with the WSOP Circuit, following Harrah's Rincon's lead, years earlier.

Harrah's Rincon is an easy drive from just about anywhere in Southern California. The luxury resort is located north of San Diego off of Interstate 15 and is about a two-hour drive from Downtown Los Angeles. Las Vegas is about a four-hour drive. The casino is located close to the cities of Temecula and Escondido (CA). Harrah's Rincon is about an hour away from the San Diego International Airport. Multiple direct flights are available from just about anywhere in the country. As a major hub of Southwest Airlines, San Diego offers many bargain airfares.

Poker players with spouses and friends are encouraged to consider Harrah's Rincon as the ideal destination to mix poker with many leisurely resort activities. San Diego, with 70-degree weather, is one of America's most popular tourist destinations.

With the current season now winding down, there's a lot at stake for poker players who make their way to Harrah's Rincon. Not only are a dozen gold rings up for grabs, lots of prize money will also be awarded to those who cash. All players who finish in the money will also earn ranking points, which are used to determine finalists for the season-ending WSOP Circuit National Championship.

Since the season began in September, all tournament players have been in the running for 100 guaranteed pre-paid seats in the \$1 million WSOP Circuit National Championship finale – which will be a WSOP gold bracelet event to be played in Las Vegas – July 6-7 (final table to be played July 11th)..

To see the complete Harrah's Rincon tournament schedule, please visit WSOP.com.

Stay tuned to WSOP.com for the latest reports and updates from Harrah's Rincon. WSOP.com will carry a LIVE VIDEO STREAM of every final table, starting most afternoons.

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