





## 2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit Harrah's Rincon (San Diego) Event #5

Turbo No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+45) Total Entries: 159

Total Prize Pool: \$46,269 March 18, 2012

## Official Final Results:

| 1  | Delbert Ramos      | MONTEBELLO, CA, US    | \$12,130 |
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| 2  | Katrina Lim        | Las Vegas, NV, US     | \$7,495  |
| 3  | Josh Roberts       | Jackson, CA, US       | \$5,395  |
| 4  | George Hanold      | COSTA MESA, CA, US    | \$3,954  |
| 5  | Jack Converse      | Yorba Linda, CA, US   | \$2,949  |
| 6  | James Particka     | Chula Vista, CA, US   | \$2,238  |
| 7  | John Leon          | MIDDLETOWN, DE, US    | \$1,728  |
| 8  | Alex Ramos         | San Diego, CA, US     | \$1,355  |
| 9  | Eddy Sabat         | LANCASTER, CA, US     | \$1,081  |
| 10 | Casey Berlin       | Lynwood, CA, US       | \$875    |
| 11 | John Mociak III    | Los Angeles, CA, US   | \$875    |
| 12 | Jeff Bagamaspad    | San Diego, CA, US     | \$875    |
| 13 | Jason Huber        | Lake Elsinore, CA, US | \$721    |
| 14 | Donavahn Mcroberts | ANCHORAGE, AK, US     | \$721    |
| 15 | Jaison Jones       | Vista, CA, US         | \$721    |
| 16 | Sam Barnhart       | LITTLE ROCK, AR, US   | \$602    |
| 17 | Julia Lotta        | El Cajon, CA, US      | \$602    |
| 18 | Roger Franco       | AUSTIN, TX, US        | \$602    |

## **Tournament Report:**

**Delbert Ramos Wins Gold Ring in Turbo Event** 

**Defending WSOP Circuit National Champion Sam Barnhart Cashes** 

Poker Action in Southern California Continues through March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Rincon Reservation, CA (March 18, 2012) –** Turbo events usually play out fast. But the latest World Series of Poker Circuit turbo tournament lasted more than 13 hours. It ultimately ended at 6:30 am on a Monday morning, amidst a nearly-empty poker arena that had been filled with bodies hours earlier.

The last man standing – make that *sitting* – was Delbert Ramos, from Hacienda Heights, CA. He collected \$12,130 in prize money. Ramos was also presented with his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Ramos earned the ring and ever dollar. With 20-minute rounds, Turbo events usually go fast in comparison to regular tournaments, since players cannot simply wait around for a hand. But this competition and final table proved to be a waiting game.

Finishing as runner up was Katrina Lim, from Orange, CA. She had a shot to become the first female gold ring winner at San Diego in three years, but fell just short of victory.

Also of note was Sam Barnhart's 16<sup>th</sup>-place finish. He was the 2010-2011 WSOP Circuit National Champion. He's now in the points race, trying to accumulate enough points to defend his title at this year's championship.

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The fifth of a dozen gold ring tournaments began on Sunday with Event #5 – a \$345 buy-in Turbo No-Limit Hold'em competition. The tournament attracted 159 entries, who braved a rainstorm to come and play. The total prize pool came to \$46,269. The top 18 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

A full list of all players who cashed in Event #5 can be seen at WSOP.COM

The tournament was intended as a one-day affair, but it stretched out into two consecutive days – ending early in the morning after it began.

With his victory, Delbert Ramos moves near the top alongside the previous four event winners as the early leaders 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: Dean Buchanan (Kirkland, WA) defeated 155 players in \$555 NLHE EVENT #3: Patrick Schulze (Glendora, CA) defeated 100 players in \$345 NLHE EVENT #4: Dan Natarelli (Simi Valley, CA) defeated 487 players in \$345 NLHE EVENT #5: Delbert Ramos (Hacienda Hts., CA) defeated 159 players in \$345 TURBO

With the fifth tournament wrapped up, there are still seven 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 Luiseno 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>)..

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

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