



2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit

Caesars Atlantic City

Event #12

Turbo No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+45)

Total Entries: 240

Total Prize Pool: \$69,840

March 12, 2012

Official Final Results:

1	Joseph Liberta	BERLIN, NJ, US	\$17,460
2	Demetrios Georgous	Little Falls, NJ, US	\$10,792
3	Glenn Cole	CUMBERLAND, MD, US	\$7,854
4	Charles Cox	STEM, NC, US	\$5,809
5	Terry Davis	MURRELLS INLET, SC, US	\$4,363
6	Bill Eitze	Ellicott City, MD, US	\$3,328
7	Harry White	Hughesville, PA, US	\$2,577
8	Sung Kim	San Diego, CA, US	\$2,025
9	Matthew Finn	Bronx, NY, US	\$1,615
10	Arkadiy Tsinis	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$1,307
11	Samuel Elderfield	Nanaimo, BC, CA	\$1,307
12	Attilio Bitondo	Great Neck, NY, US	\$1,307
13	Samuel Elderfield	Nanaimo, BC, CA	\$1,307
14	John Koliner	NORTHPORT, NY, US	\$1,073
15	Timothy Little	Cheverly, MD, US	\$1,073
16	Ronald Wilson	Wake Forest, NC, US	\$893
17	Christopher Bonn	East Lansdowne, PA, US	\$893
18	Wooyang Lin	MORRISTOWN, NJ, US	\$893
19	James Gilbert	Bensalem, PA, US	\$893
20	Steven Perullo	Levittown, NY, US	\$754
21	Michael Bonita	NEW CITY, NY, US	\$754
22	Patrick Paris	POLAND, OH, US	\$645
23	Emmanuil Digilov	STATEN ISLAND, NY, US	\$645
24	Patrice Maurov	MONTREAL, QC, CA	\$645

Tournament Report:

Joseph Liberta Wins Caesars Atlantic City's Final Event

Turbo Championship Goes to Ascending 23-Year-Old Poker Pro

WSOP Circuit at Caesars Atlantic City Concludes Successful Two-Week Run

Atlantic City, NJ (March 12, 2012) – The World Series of Poker Circuit ended at Caesars Atlantic City tonight, with the conclusion of the final gold ring tournament.

The last champion of the season in Atlantic City is Joseph Liberta. He won the \$345 buy-in Turbo No-Limit Hold'em title.

Liberta is from Berlin, NJ. He collected \$17,460 in prize money, plus his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

However, Liberta is no stranger to success in poker. He is a 23-year-old full-time pro and has enjoyed numerous major scores in tournaments, mostly in and around Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Liberta has now cashed three times this season, and five times overall on the WSOP Circuit. He also has wins at the Borgata, in Atlantic City.

This was the 12th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Caesars Atlantic City. Officially listed as Event #12 -- the \$300 (+45) buy-in Turbo No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 240 entries. The total prize pool came to \$69,840. The top 24 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

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

This tournament caps a hugely-successful two-week run at Caesars Atlantic City. Among the many highlights were:

Big Numbers For Most Events – Atlantic City may be taking a beating when it comes to recent tourism and casino visits, but the poker market is doing just fine. Attendance for the 12 gold ring events averaged 408 players per event, which is up from the previous two years. Three events attracted 600-plus players, including the Main Event Championship. Moreover, the championship was the largest of any Main Event in the seven years the WSOPC has been coming to the New Jersey Shore. Atlantic City is the only destination which includes two WSOP Circuit stops each year. The series held at Harrah's Atlantic City in December also performed very well, averaging nearly 400 players per event.

12 Winners in 12 Days -- Here is the complete list of gold ring winners from Caesars Atlantic City:

EVENT #1: Michael McGuiness defeated 667 players (\$345 NLHE) and won \$39,790

EVENT #2: Sarah Dygert defeated 887 players (\$345 NLHE) and won \$50,333

EVENT #3: Brandon Croft defeated 253 players (\$555 NLHE) and won \$30,062

EVENT #4: Ali Navid defeated 495 players (\$345 NLHE) and won \$30,969

EVENT #5: Brandon Croft defeated 263 players (\$555 NLHE) and won \$31,250

EVENT #6: Keith Binder defeated 369 players (\$345 6-NLHE) and won \$23,623

EVENT #7: Abe Araya defeated 286 players (\$555 NLHE) and won \$33,290

EVENT #8: David Key defeated 160 players (\$345 OHL) and won \$12,571

EVENT #9: Dan Blakeman defeated 145 players (\$1,080 NLHE) and won \$39,382
EVENT #10: Ryan Eriquezzo defeated 641 players (\$1,600 NLHE) and won \$191,194
EVENT #11: John Nelson defeated 286 players (\$345 NLHE) and won \$19,974
EVENT #12: Joseph Liberta defeated 240 players (\$345 TURBO) and won \$17,460

Brandon Croft, “Best All-Around” Player – Winning one gold ring is tough. Winning two gold rings is tougher. Winning two gold rings in three days is nearly unprecedented. Brandon Croft, from Sumter, SC won two events at this poker series – collecting more than \$60,000 in prize money. Croft all but locked up the “Best All-Around Player” honors before the Circuit had even reached the midway point. He became the third player this season to win two gold rings at one WSOP Circuit stop.

Chris Reslock Enjoys Another Strong Series – Former taxi-driver Chris Reslock is one of poker’s most low-key players. But he has gradually established a well-deserved reputation as one of the region’s top tournament players. Reslock, from Atlantic City, is tied for second in career gold ring victories, with four. He nearly won his fifth title in the Omaha High-Low event, but ended up finishing second. Reslock was one of only two players to cash three times at this series – including two final table appearances.

Coming next, the WSOP Circuit crosses the country to the West Coast, where the 13th stop of the season will take place. Harrah’s Rincon, located 40 miles north of San Diego will be hosting the next dozen gold ring events, from March 15-26.

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MORE ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT AT CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY

The World Series of Poker Circuit is taking place at Caesars Atlantic City, one of the East Coast’s premier gaming and entertainment destinations.

Indeed, this marks the seventh consecutive season that Caesars Atlantic City has hosted a WSOP Circuit stop. The luxurious casino resort has been a flagship of poker action since the first WSOP tournament took place, back in 2006.

This year’s “12 Rings in 12 Days” series is taking place March 1-12. As has been the case for all previous major poker events, all action is held inside an expansive grand ballroom located on the second floor, adjacent to the main casino. In past years, the entire ballroom has been packed to capacity with players, as many of Caesars Atlantic City’s events have sold out. Attendance for Atlantic City’s WSOP tournaments has consistently remained high, despite the spread of poker and tournaments to other venues in nearby states and plenty of healthy competition throughout the Northeast.

This will be the 12th of 17 stops of the 2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit season. Just three months ago, Harrah’s Atlantic City hosted the first of two New Jersey appearances by the WSOP Circuit and its players. Attendance surpassed what many observers were projecting, which leads one to believe a repeat of a successful tournament series is inevitable.

Aside from great poker tournament action and live games, there’s plenty to do on the Jersey Shore during March. The casino-resort is located adjacent to the world most famous Boardwalk on the Atlantic Ocean. While the WSOP is in town, Atlantic City is hosting its famous “Restaurant Week,” which is a seven-day celebration of great cuisine. Atlantic City Restaurant Week takes place March 3-10. Many restaurants within a short distance of Caesars Atlantic City are participating in the food and wine festival.

There's a lot at stake for poker players who will make their way to the Jersey Shore. 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, around the time of the World Series of Poker.

To see the complete Caesars Atlantic City tournament schedule, please visit WSOP.com.

Stay tuned to WSOP.com for the latest reports and updates from Caesars Atlantic City. WSOP.com will carry a LIVE VIDEO STREAM of every final table, starting most afternoons.

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