

## **2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season Nine**

**River Rock Casino Resort**

**Richmond, BC, CA**

**Event #6**

**No-Limit Hold'em Turbo**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 381**

**Prize Pool: \$114,300**

**November 1, 2012**



## **Victor Chan Outlasts 381 In Season's Largest Turbo Event**

**Sandra Wong comes up short of taking the Casino Champion's lead, finishes third.**

**Richmond, BC (November 2, 2012)** — Victor Chan won Event 6 at River Rock Casino early Friday morning following a 14-hour poker marathon. Played on the eve of the Main Event, the one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted a massive field of 381 entrants making it the largest one-day ring event held in WSOP Circuit history.

"It feels great," Chan said. "The ring is priceless and the money is secondary, actually. Money is nice, but you can't buy (rings)."

Chan pocketed \$25,143, a priceless gold ring and now finds himself right in the mix of the Casino Champion's race, which is currently tied between six different players.

Event 6 is the most recent of a string of events at River Rock to turn heads regarding turnout. Most notably, Event 4, a \$1,125 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament, drew 354 entrants -- almost 60 percent more than the next highest \$1,125 on the 2012-13 Circuit. The Main Event begins Friday, and the attendance bar has been set high by preliminary events.

Sandra Wong was the headline coming into the Event 6 final table. With a first place finish she would break through the then-five-way tie in the Casino Champion's race and take sole possession of the lead heading into the Main Event. Holding ace queen with the blinds reaching nosebleed proportions, Wong moved all-in but was unable to win the pot, finishing in third.

Chan would be crowned champion just a few hands later as his pocket fours held against the ace jack of Terry Chen.

This was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at River Rock Casino. Officially listed as Event #6, the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 381 entries. The total prize pool came to \$114,300. The top 45 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The tournament was played out in its entirety in one day. It took eleven hours and ten minutes to reach the nine-handed final table. The final playing session began at 11:10 p.m. local time. Play finished at 2 a.m. making the total duration of the final table two hours and fifty minutes and the total duration of the tournament 14 hours.

### Notes on the Event

- This was the first turbo tournament of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at River Rock.
- With 381 total entrants, the event drew almost 52 percent more entrants than the next largest turbo tournament of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit season (Event 5, Bossier City, 251).
- Sandra Wong (3rd) and Wipada Butwong (7th) became the fifth and sixth females to make a final table appearance at River Rock.
- Wong was the only player at the final table with a chance of overtaking the Casino Champion's points lead. She needed to win the tournament.

Through six events there is six-way a tie atop the Casino Champion's leaderboard.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in River Rock's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship to take place in New Orleans May 2013, as will the winner of River Rock Main Event. The River Rock Casino Champion will not officially be crowned until the completion of the second of two online ring events to take place November 18 and 25. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National 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 River Rock, so far:

EVENT #1: Mike Kim defeated 410 players (\$365 NLH) for \$27,059

EVENT #2: Flemming Lund defeated 296 players (\$580 NLH) for \$35,523

EVENT #3: Adina Mazzucco defeated 205 players (\$365 PLO) for \$15,989

EVENT #4: Matthew O'Brien defeated 354 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$81,422

EVENT #5: Dean Engemoen defeated 347 entrants (\$580 NLH) for \$39,903

EVENT # 6: Victor Chan defeated 381 entrants (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$25,143

With the sixth tournament now wrapped up, there are still four more gold ring events remaining, as well two online tournaments scheduled to take place November 18 and 25, before the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at River Rock concludes.

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