



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit**  
**Season Nine**  
**Caesars Atlantic City**  
**Atlantic City, NJ**  
**Event #2**  
**No-Limit Hold'em (Re-Entry)**  
**Buy-In \$300 (+65)**  
**Total Entries: 809**  
**Prize Pool: \$242,700**  
**March 1-4, 2013**

### **Christopher Wins the Leongest Tournament**

### **New Yorker Chris Leong Takes Gold Ring and \$48,540**

### **Poker Action Continues on the Jersey Shore Through March 11th**

**Atlantic City, NJ (March 4, 2013)** – Christopher Leong earned a well-deserved first WSOP Circuit victory this afternoon, topping a huge field of 809 players in the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament. First place paid \$48,540 in prize money. Leong also collected his first gold ring.

The (scheduled) three-day tournament held at Caesars Atlantic City ran into proverbial overtime, extending into an unscheduled fourth day of play. That was because Day Three ran so long and had such little movement late in the night, that players bagged and tagged at 4 am.

The ten finalists returned at 2 pm on Monday and it was like an entirely new lineup had taken their seats. Leong demolished the field in a relatively rocket-fast four hours, surprising everyone with the pace of the victory.

Leong, age 24, is a college graduate with a degree in communications. He lives in New York City. He hopes to eventually start his own business and called running his own investments a “dream job.” In the meantime, Leong is satisfied to be playing poker, quite successfully.

John Hirsch finished as the runner up. The Leesburg, VA-based USPS worker collected a nice consolation prize amounting to \$29,925.

Among the other notable names that cashed were – gold ring winner Daniel Marcus (6<sup>th</sup>), two-time WSOP gold bracelet winner Carter Phillips (7<sup>th</sup>) and Dean Schultz (43<sup>rd</sup>) – now with 32 WSOPC cashes.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Christopher Leong	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$48,540
2	John Hirsch	LEESBURG, VA, US	\$29,925

3	Byung Yoo	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$22,061
4	Josephine Alexander	BUDD LAKE, NJ, US	\$16,443
5	Bryan Kessler	CHERRY HILL, NJ, US	\$12,419
6	Daniel Marcus	MERRICK, NY, US	\$9,502
7	William Phillips	CHARLOTTE, NC, US	\$7,361
8	Matthew Croker	WARRINGTON, PA, US	\$5,774
9	Silvio Mantuano	FLUSHING, NY, US	\$4,585

### **Tournament Notes**

- This was the second gold ring event of this year's WSOP Circuit being played at Caesars Atlantic City.
- The three-day tournament began with 809 players. There were two starting days. After 9 hours of play on the Day Ones, only 137 survivors remained. Day Two was a much lengthier session, with play lasting 14 hours and playing down to ten. Day Four played from ten to a winner and lasted just four hours.
- The final table included one gold ring winner – Daniel Marcus.
- The final table included one gold bracelet winner – Carter Phillips (with two WSOP wins).

As the second gold ring winner, Christopher Leong joins the Event 1 winner in the Casino Champion race for the Caesars Atlantic City series. He accumulated 50 points for his victory.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Caesars Atlantic City's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (March 9-11), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Caesars Atlantic City events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Caesars Atlantic City runs through March 1, 2013.

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