

**2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
The Lodge Casino  
Black Hawk, CO  
Event #12  
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 145  
Prize Pool: \$43,500  
March 25, 2013**



## **Steven Cohen Wins 12th and Final Ring Event**

**Chris Parsons nabs Casino Champion honors for The Lodge Casino with a ninth-place finish.**

**Black Hawk, Colo. (March 26, 2013)** — Steven Cohen was the last champion crowned at the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit series at The Lodge Casino. Cohen won Event 12, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em turbo tournament, in less than 12 hours.

The victory awarded Cohen \$12,181 and a WSOP Circuit gold ring.

“Words can’t even describe [this feeling],” Cohen said. “Never in my wildest dreams did I think I’d end up with a ring.”

Stealing a bit of Cohen’s fire was Chris Parsons, who needed a ninth-place finish or better to overtake Casino Champion honors from Krzysztof Stybaniewicz who took the lead with a sixth-place finish in Event 11.

Parsons did what he had to -- no more, no less. He finished ninth and earned 15 points, bringing his total to 87.5, 2.5 ahead of Stybaniewicz.

“It was miserable. There were four all-ins and no one would bust,” Parsons said about being at a 10-handed table and needing to finish ninth.

Parsons was a deserving recipient of the honor. He recorded three final table appearances at The Lodge Casino, including his first WSOP gold ring victory and sixth and ninth place finishes. Additionally, he is now a two-time qualifier for the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

“I played pretty well last year,” Parsons said. “I would love to win. Even a final table would be cool.”

The Lodge Casino was a first-time host of the WSOP Circuit and turnout as well as player feedback was tremendous. Event 3 drew a field of greater than 500 and the Main Event drew a solid 421 entrants. Seemingly each and every winner went out of their way to tell the WSOP how great the property was and how courteous staff were. If 2012-2013 is telling, The Lodge Casino will be a stop on the WSOP Circuit for some time.

Event 12 was the 12th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at The Lodge Casino. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em turbo event attracted 145 entries. The total prize pool came to \$43,500 and the top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 11 a.m. and the tournament played out in its entirety in one day. Play finished at about 10:30 p.m. making the total duration of the tournament less than 12 hours.

### **Notes on the Event**

- Allan Farber (third) and Thomas Beckstead (fifth) enjoyed each other's company at a final table for the second time during the series at The Lodge Casino. Beckstead previously bested Farber, finishing fourth to his seventh in Event 3.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from The Lodge Casino:

EVENT #1: Bryan Campanello defeated 301 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,223

EVENT #2: Jonathan Alfonso defeated 272 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,586

EVENT #3: Mitch Schock defeated 516 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$33,284

EVENT #4: Ryan Lenaghan defeated 219 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,426

EVENT #5: Chris Parsons defeated 188 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,661

EVENT #6: Eric Varnado defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434

EVENT #7: Jason Tulloss defeated 196 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,289

EVENT #8: Ray Henson defeated 215 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,128

EVENT #9: Michael Sanders defeated 187 players (\$580 NLH) for \$24,312

MAIN EVENT: Jonathan Taylor defeated 421 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$138,938

EVENT #11: Allen Kessler defeated 149 players (\$580 NLH) for \$20,859

EVENT #12: Steven Cohen defeated 145 players (\$356 NLH Turbo) for \$12,181

With the conclusion of Event 12 the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit series at The Lodge Casino is over. WSOP Circuit Action starts up again at Foxwoods Resort and Casino March 27.

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