

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
River Rock Resort and Casino
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,000 (\$125)
Total Entries: 106
Total Prize Pool: \$106,000
November 5, 2013**

Chi Tsun Chan Powers Through to Win First Gold Ring

First-place finish for Vancouver native closes the gap in the Casino Championship points race

Vancouver, BC (November 5, 2013) – Chi Tsun Chan has become the latest player to claim gold here at the River Rock Casino and Resort, as he was able to rise to the top of a field of 107 players and lay claim to \$31,800 in first-place prize money. Chan also received his first gold Circuit ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship race. These points put him in true contention for the lead, as he is now second behind Sukhpaul Dhaliwal.

It took just over ten hours to crown a champion in the River Rock Theatre. After battling through the field and being one of the top 12 players to make the money, Chan continued to grind until he made the unofficial final table of ten. Chan took a seat at this table in seventh overall chip position out of the ten remaining players. As time wore on, Chan was able to find a few key double ups to propel him to victory.

“I started off pretty bad,” said Chan. “I started off losing half my stack early and then battled back up. I was getting lucky, so I kind of felt that I was going to win this one.”

As the quick structure of the tournament allowed for the eliminations to come at a rapid pace, Chan continued to jump up spots on the pay ladder. Eventually, Chan found himself heads up with the experienced Edmonton, Alberta native Jaspal Brar. Brar, who most notably scored a third place finish at the 2013 World Series of Poker in Event #12 - \$1,500 Pot-Limit Hold'em, held about a 2 to 1 chip lead going into heads up play.

A key hand occurred between the two where Chan moved all-in before the flop. After thinking on a decision for over a minute, Brar decided to call. Brar showed ace-eight, which was slightly ahead of Chan's king-queen. The flop paired Brar's ace and the two thought the deal was sealed right there. The turn and river, however, were not kind to Brar, as they brought a jack and then a ten, giving

Chan a Broadway straight and a sudden chip lead. It was not long after that Chan would flop two pair after a preflop all-in to take the tournament.

“The equity in that hand was either 60-40,” Chan recounted. “Either I’m 60 or he’s 40. I wasn’t afraid that he was going to call, but once I saw the flop and saw that he hit the ace, I was pretty sure I was dead. But it ran out ten-jack so it ended up being perfect.”

A gold Circuit ring and a \$31,800 prize in less than 11 hours? Perfection indeed.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Chi Tsun Chan - \$31,800
2nd – Jaspal Brar - \$19,655
3rd – Ryan Snyder - \$13,994
4th – Allan Berger - \$10,165
5th – Theodore Timmermans - \$7,530
6th – Michael McFadgen - \$5,685
7th – Zhiran Chen - \$4,373
8th – Joshua Langton - \$3,425
9th – Romulus Baran - \$2,731

Notes on the Event

- The tournament played from 106 entrants down to a champion in less than 11 hours.

- This marks Chi Tsun Chan’s third cash at this year’s WSOP Circuit River Rock Casino and Resort. Chan came in 32nd in Event 2 - \$580 No-Limit Hold’em and 7th place in Event 4 - \$1,125 No-Limit Hold’em.

For his win, Chi Tsun Chan earns 50 points toward the River Rock Casino Champion standings. This gives him 72.5 total points and places him behind current leader Sukhpaul Dhaliwal (87.5 points). The player who accumulates the most overall points during River Rock’s gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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 Resort and Casino:

EVENT #1: Vincent Wong defeated 511 players (\$365 NLH) for \$32,956

EVENT #2: Chris Back defeated 343 players (\$580 NLH) for \$39,439
EVENT #3: Eric Kim defeated 328 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,123
EVENT #4: Jordan Hamilton defeated 275 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$65,995
EVENT #5: Lorne Willment defeated 419 players (\$365 NLH) for \$27,650
EVENT #6: Sukhpaul Dhaliwal defeated 159 players (\$580 PLO) for \$21,467
EVENT #8: Chi Tsun Chan defeated 106 players (\$1,125 NLH Turbo) for \$31,800

With this event in the books, just two more live gold ring events remain as WSOP Circuit at River Rock Casino and Resort continues through November 7th. The \$1,675 Main Event is also currently in progress. Two additional rings will be available through online tournaments hosted by PlayNow.com.

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