

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Rincon

Valley Center, CA

Event #11

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 106

Prize Pool: \$31,800

December 15-16, 2013



Brian Strey Uses Aggression To Win First Circuit Ring

Valley Center, CA (December 16, 2013) -- Brian Strey began the final table as the chip leader and although he did not hold the lead the entire time, he had it when it counted. On the final hand, his flopped pair of Aces held up against Ron Segni's open-ended straight-draw for the win. Strey earned \$9,542 for 1st place and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Segni collected \$5,896 for second place.

Heads-up play began with Brian Strey holding a very slight chip lead over Ron Segni, 555k to 505k. Each time Strey made some headway against Segni, Segni would get all-in and double-up, getting back to even. Segni managed to take the chip lead away on one double-up, but then Strey shoved several hands in a row to reclaim the lead before the final hand played out.

The next-to-last ring event of the Harrah's Rincon Circuit series began on Sunday with a total of 106 runners. The prize pool of \$31,800 was distributed to the final 12 players. No women cashed in this event. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

Day 1 was "slow and steady" for Strey. He recalled a hand where he got all in with KJ and was dominated, but turned a Jack to win. That hand propelled him toward the end of the night, when he held the chip lead. The first hour of Day 2 he said he was "card dead" but then caught KK, AK suited, and from there it was "up and down".

The fourth place finisher, Kenny Morey, is Strey's cousin and they were sitting next to each other at the final table. Strey kept getting big hands under the gun when it was Morey's big blind and was getting under his skin. Strey says he's got a lot of respect for Morey, who recently finished 11th in the Legends of Poker Mega Million VII.

Strey used to be in Medial Sales, but gave that up. For now, he's just playing poker. "It's my passion" he said.

Final Table Results

PLACE	PLAYER	CITY / STATE / COUNTRY	CASH EARNED
1	Brian Strey	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$9,542
2	Ronald Segni	EL CAJON, CA, US	\$5,896
3	David McNeiece	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$4,198
4	Kenneth Morey	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$3,050
5	Erik Hansen	LA MESA, CA, US	\$2,259
6	Patrick Wolff	Canyon Country, CA, US	\$1,705
7	Michael Morfeld	La Quinta, CA, US	\$1,312
8	Bryan Peterson	PALM DESERT, CA, US	\$1,027
9	Richard Lanes	LAKESIDE, CA, US	\$819

Drew Merrick accumulated the most overall points during Harrah's Rincon's twelve gold ring tournaments and earned the title Casino Champion. He receives an automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City in Spring of 2014.

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 Harrah's Rincon:

- EVENT #1: Drew Merrick defeated 221 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,576
- EVENT #2: Mark Alag defeated 155 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,555
- EVENT #3: Jorge Walker defeated 444 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,302
- EVENT #4: Josh Reichard defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,589
- EVENT #5: Nyle Rock defeated 135 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,341
- EVENT #6: Ted Woolridge defeated 141 players (\$365 Six-Handed NLH) for \$12,054
- EVENT #7: Mitch Schock defeated 74 players (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$7,548
- EVENT #8: Alexandru Masek defeated 151 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,231
- EVENT #9: Drew Merrick defeated 126 players (\$580 NLH) for \$17,639
- EVENT #10: Shahin Edalatdju defeated 330 players (\$1,675 NLH Re-Entry) for \$116,325
- EVENT #11: Brian Strey defeated 106 players (\$365 NLH) for \$9,542
- EVENT #12: Tim Campbell defeated 89 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$8,545

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