

## **2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 11**

**Palm Beach Kennel Club**

**West Palm Beach, Fla.**

**Event #10**

**The Main Event**

**Buy-In: \$1500 (+\$175)**

**Total Entries: 537**

**Prize Pool: \$805,500**

**February 13-16, 2015**



## **Darryll Fish Wins the Palm Beach Kennel Club Main Event**

**Darryll Fish rides his final table chip lead to victory to earn himself \$173,189 and his first gold ring.**

**West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 16, 2015)** – Darryll Fish is the latest ring winner on the World Series of Poker Circuit. He emerged victorious from a tough field in Main Event at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, earning over \$173,000 and the first signature win of his career.

It wasn't an easy path to victory for Fish. His heads up opponent—Don Icawat—had been on a hot streak all day. Icawat started the final day of the tournament in a virtual tie for last place, but kept moving up the leaderboard as his opponents busted out, and eventually started heads-up play with only a slight chip deficit to Fish, who had been at or near the top of the chip counts since the end of Day 2. After only about half an hour of play, though, Fish held all the chips, and Icawat had to settle for second place (\$107,075).

The rest of the final table offered more challenges. The third-place finisher, Nancy Nguyen (\$78,222), was fresh off another final table performance. She finished in fourth place at the WSOP Circuit Main Event in Choctaw less than a month ago, and has over \$200,000 in Circuit earnings from those two events. There were also two four-time ring winners in Sam Panzica (4th place, \$57,988) and Maurice Hawkins (7th place, \$25,736). Ninth place was Jonathan Gaviao, who's had his fair share of success on the WSOP Circuit, including Casino Champion honors at Tunica last season and a runner-up finish in the Main Event at Caesars Palace less than a year ago.

Before this tournament, Fish had already amassed an impressive poker resume, including 24 WSOP cashes and over \$1.4 million in live earnings. However, his only live tournament win was a small turbo event, and finally earning a significant victory was a monkey off the back for Fish. "I'm not in the game for the titles," he said after securing his victory, "but taking one down is a really satisfying feeling, and even though I know I'm capable of winning, it's nice to have that reinforced by actually doing it."

Fish also emphasized that even though the ring is personally satisfying, in the big picture, it's not going to change much for him. "I play for my love for the game, and the ability to earn a living doing it is something that I'm really fortunate to be able to do. So I'm gonna keep grinding, keep

doing what I love. Nothing much will change.” This big picture perspective seems typical of Fish, something he emphasized with his choice of attire at the final table. “I’m wearing this shirt, it’s ‘People over politics.’ It’s an organization that’s about activism and revealing corruption, so I try to bring attention to things that help unite people, rather than divide them.”

The tournament started on Friday. There were two starting days. Day 1A attracted 289 entries, and Saturday’s Day 1B drew 248. The 537 total entries generated a prize pool of \$805,500. Day 2 was played Sunday with 99 returning players. The top 54 were paid, with a minimum payout of \$3,093.

The talented final table was a good representation of the field as whole. Players who made the money but were eliminated yesterday include Jason Mercier (30th, \$4,712), 2010 November Niner John Dolan (24th, \$6,267), WSOP bracelet winner Leo Wolpert (23rd, \$6,267), and four-time ring winner Kevin McColgan (33rd, \$4,164).

In addition to Darryll Fish’s prize money and the gold ring, he also receives a free entry into the 2015 WSOP National Championship. The dates and venue for National Championship will be announced soon. He’ll likely be joined in that event by Marshall White, who earned Casino Champion honors here at the Kennel Club.

The Main Event was the 10th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$1,675 no-limit hold’em event attracted 537 entries. The total prize pool came to \$805,500 and the top 54 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday, February 13 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, February 14 at 11 a.m. Flight A drew 289 entries and advanced 51 while Flight B attracted 248 and advanced 48.

Play restarted Sunday at 12 p.m. with 99 players. Day 2 wrapped up at about 11:45 p.m. with 10 players remaining.

Day 3 began Monday at 1 p.m. and concluded at about 7:15 p.m. in the middle of Level 30.

Day 3 seating assignments and chip counts:

*Action began at the beginning of Level 26 – 15,000/30,000 with a 5,000 ante*

Seat 1: Sam Panzica – 1,675,000 (55 BBs)  
Seat 2: Hans Winzeler – 1,990,000 (66 BBs)  
Seat 3: Daren Stabinski – 525,000 (17 BBs)  
Seat 4: Darryll Fish – 2,140,000 (71 BBs)  
Seat 5: Nancy Nguyen – 1,285,000 (42 BBs)  
Seat 6: Don Icawat – 375,000 (12 BBs)  
Seat 7: Joseph Alesna – 370,000 (12 BBs)  
Seat 8: Jonathan Gaviao – 650,000 (21 BBs)  
Seat 9: Maurice Hawkins – 1,310,000 (43 BBs)  
Seat 10: Aaron Rosenthal – 420,000 (14 BBs)

## **About the Final Table:**

1st: Darryll Fish - \$173,189  
Hometown: Cape Coral, Fla.  
Age: 28  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$38,313

2nd: Don Icawat - \$107,075  
Hometown: Austin, Texas  
Age: 50  
Occupation: Former Geophysicist  
Circuit Earnings: \$16,404

3rd: Nancy Nguyen - \$78,222  
Hometown: Denton, Texas  
Age: 49  
Occupation: Poker Dealer  
Circuit Earnings: \$122,722

4th: Sam Panzica - \$57,988  
Hometown: Saline, Mich.  
Age: 22  
Circuit Earnings: \$184,244

5th: Daren Stabinski - \$43,610  
Hometown: Weston, Fla.  
Age: 45  
Occupation: Entrepreneur  
Circuit Earnings: \$3,424

6th: Aaron Rosenthal - \$33,267  
Hometown: Surfside, Fla.  
Age: 35  
Occupation: CPA  
Circuit Earnings: \$0

7th: Maurice Hawkins - \$25,736  
Hometown: West Palm Beach, Fla.  
Age: 35  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$433,744

8th: Hans Winzeler - \$20,194  
Hometown: Miami, Fla.  
Age: 28  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$4,018

9th: Jonathan Gaviao - \$16,070  
Hometown: College Station, Texas  
Age: 24  
Occupation: Investor  
Circuit Earnings: \$362,517

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Resort Atlantic City:

EVENT #1: Juan Restrepo defeated 2,050 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$161,452  
EVENT #2: Mitch Meltzer defeated 114 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$10,261  
EVENT #3: Jeff Charlton defeated 81 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$7,776  
EVENT #4: Scot Masters defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,056  
EVENT #5: John Drikakis defeated 192 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,976  
EVENT #6: Alex Nguyen defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$15,925  
EVENT #7: John O. Matson defeated 196 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,289  
EVENT #8: Marshall White defeated 145 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,181  
EVENT #9: Sam Panzica defeated 147 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$41,162  
MAIN EVNT: Darryll Fish defeated 537 players (\$1,675 NLHE) for \$173,189

Marshall White earned the Casino Champion honors following four cashes, two of which were final tables, and one gold ring performance totaling 92.5 points. He's set to join the Palm Beach Kennel Club Main Event champion at the National Championship. There, they'll play for their share of an up-to \$2 million prize pool and a gold bracelet.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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](http://WSOP.com).

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