

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Foxwoods Casino
Mashantucket, CT
Event #11
No Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 166
Prize Pool: \$49,916
August 17, 2015**



First Canadian WSOP-C Ring Winner of 2015-2016 Season

Mashantucket, CT (August 18, 2015) — Not to be overshadowed by the \$1,675 Main Event that started the day before, 166 players showed up to play Event #11, the last non-turbo ring event of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods Resort & Casino.

Day 1 began at noon and reached the money just after 9pm. By 11:30pm, a final table was set, with Gary Lucci leading the pack. By the end of the day, only five players remained, and Lucci was still in the lead.

Day 2 resumed at 1pm, and it wasn't long before Raymond Gollahan exited in fifth. Carl Fenske entered the day 2nd in chips, but was out in fourth when he ran his pocket sixes into James Karos's pocket jacks. Karos knocked out another player in Michael Merriam when his ace-eight bested Merriam's king-six.

On the final hand of play, Gary Lucci caught James Karos bluffing when his king-nine had turned trips and James just had king high. Lucci will take home \$13,478 and his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

Lucci drove ten hours from his hometown of Amherst, New Brunswick, and now holds the distinction of being the first Canadian to be awarded a WSOP-C ring on the 2015-2016 season. Along with his earlier cash in a \$580 event, this will certainly be a profitable trip for Lucci, who is 66 years old and is a retiree. Lucci has been playing poker since he was five or six years old.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Foxwoods Casinos's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 60 expected 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.

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