

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Palm Beach Kennel Club**

**West Palm Beach, Fla.**

**Event #1**

**No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 421**

**Prize Pool: \$126,300**

**February 4-5, 2016**



## **Bill Scheer Wins the Opening Event of the PBKC Series**

**Bill Scheer's dream of winning a gold ring comes true with his victory in the monster stack event.**

**West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 6, 2016)** -- Bill Scheer has just won the opening event at the WSOP Palm Beach Kennel Club series by defeating 421 players in the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack event. He earned \$27,786 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring for his victory.

"I never thought it could happen. I really am just in shock that I got this far and that it happened," said Scheer about taking down the monster stack. "I am a very casual player, I don't play regularly."

Scheer used to play poker play more regularly. In 2011 Scheer finished in 197th place in the WSOP Las Vegas \$10,000 Main Event for just over \$47,000. According to Scheer, he used to play the Main Event every year, but has since stopped due to serious heart issues. Scheer has cut back on playing extended tournaments, which are bad for his health, and now just plays the local tournaments once a week.

Scheer got himself into the action for this series because it was dream of his to win a gold ring. The days are long and grueling for these ring events and he had to push himself and his health to play. Scheer does some meditation to reduce the amount of stress, but now is going to take a little break from poker to recover from a long two days of poker.

"Once I made it to Day 2, the ring was all I cared about," said Scheer about returning for Day 2 with the second largest chip stack.

Day 2 of the tournament began with 25 players and Scheer was second in chips. His chance of winning the gold ring was real at that point. He fought hard throughout the day to get the win. He made it all the way to heads up play against Wesley Frederick and Frederick would end up being the biggest obstacle between Scheer and his dream of winning a gold ring. The players battled it out for over three and half hours before Scheer was able to collect every chip on the table.

"You don't win these tournaments without getting lucky. I think I played the best poker I have ever played in this tournament, but I got ridiculously lucky a half of dozen times also," said Scheer.

Scheer is a financial advisor. The 66-year-old was born in New York and now splits his time half there and half in West Palm Beach.

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Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, but second to finish. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack tournament attracted 421 players generating a \$126,300 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with 25 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 1:15 a.m. Saturday near the end of Level 32.

Notes on the event:

- Players start with 20,000 chips in the monster stack event instead of the standard 10,000 chip starting stack

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

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 Global Casino 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).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Palm Beach Kennel Club:

EVENT #1: Bill Scheer defeated 421 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$27,786

EVENT #2: David May defeated 85 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$8,161

With two tournaments wrapped up, 10 more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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