

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em Six Max
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 214
Prize Pool: \$64,200
February 9-10, 2016**



Steve Mermelstein Wins the Six Max

Steve Mermelstein takes down a tough final table to win the six max event at the Palm Beach Kennel Club.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 10, 2016) -- Steve Mermelstein has won his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring by defeating one of the toughest final tables of the Palm Beach Kennel Club series. It isn't uncommon for the best final tables to come from the six-max event because there is so much action, and waiting around for good cards isn't an option.

The final table that Mermelstein defeated included two gold ring winners, a player with more than \$1 million in online earnings and two other players that had WSOP final table experience. Mermelstein, with a total of zero WSOP Circuit cashes entering the tournament, defeated them all to take home the gold ring and top prize of \$17,334.

The two gold ring winners at the final table were Jason Bolton (3rd place) and Sean Small (4th place). Both Bolton and Small picked up their first career gold rings earlier this season - Bolton at Foxwood's and Small at Cherokee. Small was arguably the most experienced player at the final table with 31 Circuit cashes and 12 Circuit final tables coming into this event.

Second place finisher, Michael Wojcieszek, has more than \$1 million in online cashes. Finishing in 5th and 6th place were Bryce McVay and Jason Gooch respectively. Those two had a combined six WSOP Circuit cashes and three WSOP Circuit final tables between the two of them entering this tournament.

"Unbelievable, it is humbling playing with those guys," said Mermelstein. "It was an honor to play with those guys and it made me realize that I have a lot to learn still."

Mermelstein is from Houston, Texas. He is in West Palm Beach for a poker getaway. The first thing on Mermelstein's to-do list after winning was share his good news with family and friends.

Mermelstein's WSOP record now shows one WSOP cash, one final table and one Circuit gold ring. Mermelstein intends to stay for the remainder of the series and play in the series' Main Event this weekend. He will be looking to double those numbers by the time this series is finished.

"I am very pleased and honored," said Mermelstein about winning the gold ring.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 214 players generating a \$64,200 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with seven players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 6:30 p.m. midway through Level 26.

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.

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

EVENT #3: Spencer Champlin defeated 926 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$87,980

EVENT #4: David Poces defeated 133 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,172

EVENT #5: Pedro defeated 194 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,132

EVENT #6: Vincent Renzo defeated 143 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$12,014

EVENT #7: Steve Mermelstein defeated 214 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$17,334

With seven tournaments wrapped up, only five more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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