

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125)
Total Entries: 167
Prize Pool: \$167,000
February 11-12, 2016**



Spencer Champlin Wins Second Ring of the Series

Spencer Champlin wins the PBKC \$1k to pocket \$45,090 and bring his series total to \$133,070.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 13, 2016) -- Spencer Champlin has done it again. He has won his second gold ring of the Palm Beach Kennel Club series. To make things even more impressive he has won the two largest first place prizes of the series up to this point. The only prizes that will award more this series will be the top couple spots of the Main Event. His win in Event #9 - \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em earned him his second career gold ring and \$45,090, bringing his series total earnings to an astounding \$133,070.

His two final table victories were very different from each other. His first victory of the series came in Event #3 - \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry. At that final table he entered as the chip leader and remained as the chip leader for most of the final table. The Event #3 final table included gold ring winner, Peter Vitantonio and WSOP Circuit grinder, Neil Scott, but the rest of the final table had a only a few WSOP Circuit cashes between them.

In Event #9 Champlin rode the short stack for most of the final table. It was also an extremely tough final table that included gold bracelet winners, Phil Hui (5th) and Tristan Wade (6th). Also at the final table were Chad Eveslage (3rd), Ian O'Hara (4th), and Ting Ho (8th). Those three players have a combined 58 WSOP cashes for a total of \$584,063 in WSOP tournament earnings.

"Tristan Wade, Phil [Hui], and O'Hara were all of the big stacks, so that's why I wasn't expecting much," said Champlin about entering Day 2 as a short stack. "I just knew they were really good players and they would dominate the table. I got lucky and got a double with sixes against tens and that propelled me into a better position," said Champlin.

Champlin has proven this series that he belonged at that final table. It's been a breakout series for Champlin and he can credit it to all of the hard work he has put in off of the felt in the past year.

"I put in a lot of work since last summer and I am pretty happy with my play so far," said Champlin.

Champlin's two victories give him 100 points in the Casino Championship standings. That is good enough to hold the top spot with just three events remaining. The next closest person to Champlin in the Casino Championship standings is Event #8 winner, Austin Peck, who has 77.5 points. If Champlin's lead holds and he wins the Casino Championship he will be invited to play in the 2016 Global Casino Championship.

"My plan is to go to the WSOP during the summer and in the meantime just try to study and get better," said Champlin.

Champlin has bagged an above average stack in Flight A of the Main Event. He will return Sunday for Day 2 of the tournament in hopes of making a third deep run this series and adding to his already impressive Palm Beach Kennel Club resume.

Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 167 players generating a \$167,000 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 19 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 12 p.m. with nine players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 5:15 p.m.

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 Palacio 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
EVENT #8: Austin Peck defeated 195 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,210
EVENT #9: Spencer Champlin defeated 167 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$45,090

With nine tournaments wrapped up, only three 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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