

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Rio  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Event #12  
N0-Limit Hold'em (30-minute levels)  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 228  
Prize Pool: \$68,400  
Feb. 27, 2017**



## **Daniel Pearlman's Heater Leads to a Gold Ring**

**Daniel Pearlman wins his first career WSOP gold ring and \$17k.**

**LAS VEGAS (February 28, 2017)** -- South Florida poker pro Daniel Pearlman has won Monday's one-day event at the Rio Circuit for his first career WSOP cash and first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Pearlman defeated a 228-player field in just under 16 hours to take home the top prize of \$17,103.

Pearlman is a cash game grinder from Hollywood, Florida. His main game is Pot-Limit [Omaha](#) cash, but sometimes dabbles in daily tournaments or a few bigger ones when a series is in town. Until recently, Pearlman's main focus was cash [games](#). A recent tournament heater has gotten him focusing a lot more on tournaments.

Pearlman's tournament heater began from him staking a friend. Two months ago Pearlman put his friend into a \$150 tournament. His friend went on to win the tournament and Pearlman received half of the \$20k top prize. Then last month in the same tournament he staked his friend again, but this time bought himself into the tournament too. He ended up chopping the tournament for about \$11k and caught the tournament bug in the process.

Pearlman's heater continued as he went on to chop another tournament five ways about a week later. The heater moved from Florida to Las Vegas. Pearlman has been playing all week around town in Vegas and this WSOP victory was the second win of the week for him. Pearlman said he won a PLO tournament earlier in the week.

"For me to just recently jump into the tournament scene and to win a ring in one of the first ring events I have ever played is very exciting," said Pearlman.

The Rio Circuit is coming to a close, but Pearlman is not ready to end the heater. Pearlman is planning to head to Horseshoe Hammond with fellow south Florida pro and six-time Circuit gold ring winner John Holley for the Chicago Poker Classic, which begins in early March. He does not know where he is headed to after that, but would like to continue to pursue the tournament scene somewhere along the east coast.

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Event #12 was the twelfth of 13 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Rio. The \$365 no-limit hold'em (30-minute levels) tournament attracted 228 players generating a \$68,400 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

The tournament was a one-day event. Cards went in the air at 11 a.m. on Monday and the last river card hit at about 2:50 a.m. Tuesday midway through Level 27.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Rio twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 Rio series:

EVENT #1: Nate Bandy defeated 1,498 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$75,364

EVENT #2: James Alexander defeated 255 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,744

EVENT #3: Mordechai Kirschenbaum defeated 180 players (\$365 NLHE/PLO 6 max) for \$15,124

EVENT #4: Chris Papastratis defeated 418 players (\$250 Seniors) for \$18,395

EVENT #5: Adam Ross defeated 300 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$21,595

EVENT #6: Kenny Nguyen defeated 329 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$23,196

EVENT #7: Seth Foster defeated 151 players (\$365 PLO) for \$12,231

EVENT #8: Chris Leong defeated 376 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$24,812

EVENT #9: Kyle Loman defeated 213 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$16,617

EVENT #10: Eric Blair defeated 780 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$46,803

EVENT #12: Daniel Pearlman defeated 228 players (\$365 NLHE 30-minute) for \$17,103

With 11 tournaments wrapped up, only two more ring events remain yet to finish at the Rio series.

All rings at the Rio series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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