

## **2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 13**

**Palm Beach Kennel Club**

**West Palm Beach, Fla.**

**Event #9**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125)**

**Total Entries: 147**

**Prize Pool: \$147,000**

**February 16-17, 2017**



## **Peter Vitantonio Does it Again at PBKC**

**Former Circuit Main Event champ wins second-career ring, both in West Palm Beach**

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (February 17, 2017)** — Peter Vitantonio just keeps adding to his record at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The 2015 WSOP Circuit Main Event Champion took down the lone \$1,125 event on the calendar for this stop, winning his second ring and the top prize of \$41,162. Both of his rings have been won in this building.

Vitantonio is a 33-year-old professional poker player from Cleveland, Ohio. He's been playing the game for about 15 years, and it quickly became his full-time occupation. "I don't know," he said. "I just kind of stuck with it. Just never stopped, really." He now makes his home in Fort Lauderdale for most of the year, and he's been enjoying some significant success in South Florida of late.

Vitantonio's results at the Palm Beach Kennel Club includes six cashes, two wins, and more than \$200,000 in combined earnings. When asked to pinpoint the reasons for his impressive stats here, Vitantonio didn't have much of an answer. "I don't know," he said with a laugh. "I honestly don't know. I have no idea." He said he does feel especially comfortable playing in this venue, and this victory was particularly easy, as far as victories go.

"It was really smooth," Vitantonio said in his postgame interview. "Really smooth. I'm pretty sure I was never all in, and I never really had a short stack. It was super un-stressful." He was second in chips behind Gediminas Uselis when the final table began, and the two were in the same positions when Day 1 concluded with four players left.

Uselis was the first one eliminated on Day 2, though, and his exit left room at the top for Vitantonio. The champ was soon heads-up with Steve Duncker, and for the first time in two days, he was challenged. Duncker fought for more than three hours before Vitantonio finally collected the last of his chips to seal the title.

After the last hand was dealt, Vitantonio quickly posed for photos, then jumped straight into Day 1A of the Main Event to try to repeat his title from two years ago.

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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 event drew a field of 147 entries, generating a prize pool worth \$147,000. The final 15 players finished in the money.

The tournament began on Thursday, February 16 at 12 p.m., and play was suspended with four players remaining at the end of Level 21. Day 2 was held Friday, February 17 beginning at 1 p.m., and the last hand was dealt around 5 p.m.

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The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club's 12 ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016/2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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