



## ***First Fifty Honors* Hands Out Seven Awards to Commemorate 50 Years of the World Series of Poker**

### **Brunson-Hellmuth-Moneymaker-Negreanu Named to WSOP's Mt. Rushmore**

**LAS VEGAS (June 29, 2019)** – Seven awards were doled out tonight to some of poker's biggest names during a special evening hosted by the World Series of Poker (WSOP) at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The “*First Fifty Honors*” was a memorable night put together by the WSOP to honor and celebrate the WSOP's fiftieth year and those that have left an indelible mark on it.

The WSOP came up with the list of seven categories and the public used an online voting mechanism to cast votes and determine who their favorites were across the categories. Here are the results:

1. **Most Memorable TV Hand:** [Sammy Farha vs. Chris Moneymaker](#) “Bluff of the Century” 2003 WSOP
2. **Best Overall WSOP Performance:** (Single Year) **DANIEL NEGREANU:** 2013 2 bracelets/4 final tables
3. **Most Likely to Succeed:** (Most Bracelets 2020-2070) – **JUSTIN BONOMO**
4. **Fan Favorite:** **DANIEL NEGREANU**
5. **WSOP's Favorite Bad Boy:** **PHIL HELLMUTH**
6. **Most Impressive WSOP Main Event Win:** **CHRIS MONEYMAKER**, 2003 WSOP Main Event
7. **Four Most Important Players in WSOP History:**
  - **DOYLE BRUNSON**
  - **PHIL HELLMUTH**
  - **CHRIS MONEYMAKER**
  - **DANIEL NEGREANU**

The WSOP received thousands of electronic votes from the public from May 15 to June 15, and those tabulated votes reflected the above winners in the *First Fifty Honors*.

The Saturday night special evening was attended by WSOP gold bracelet winners and other VIP's who showed up to the Brasilia Ballroom at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, with the evening hosted by legendary WSOP broadcasters **Lon McEachern** and **Norman Chad**.

“We are appreciative for all who came out tonight to help us mark this special milestone and pay homage to the founders of the WSOP and all those who played a role in blazing a trail to where we are today,” said WSOP Executive Director Ty Stewart. “It was a tremendous evening and we congratulate all the winners and for all those that came out to support them.”

A few images from the evening are available with this announcement, and those in attendance can find their photos here:

<https://www.pokerphotoarchive.com/gallery/2019-WSOP-First-Fifty-Honors-Dinner/G0000JhTfAruGcYM/C0000Zn6fRKiiA0Q>

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The World Series of Poker® is the largest, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world, having awarded more than \$2.99 billion in prize money and the prestigious gold bracelet, globally recognized as the sport's top prize. Featuring a comprehensive slate of tournaments in every major poker variation, the WSOP is poker's longest-running tournament in the world, dating back to 1970. In 2018, the event attracted 123,865 entrants from 104 different countries to the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, and awarded more than \$266 million in prize money. In addition, the WSOP has formed groundbreaking alliances in broadcasting, digital media and corporate sponsorships, while successfully expanding the brand internationally with the advent of the World Series of Poker Europe in 2007 and the World Series of Poker Asia-Pacific in 2013 and the WSOP International Circuit Series in 2015. For more information on the World Series of Poker, please visit [www.wsop.com](http://www.wsop.com).

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