

2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit Harrah's Atlantic City Event #11

No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+45)

Total Entries: 328

Total Prize Pool: \$95,448 December 11-12, 2011

## **Official Final Results:**

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1	Jeremy Stein	Washington, DC, US	\$22,430
2	Thomas Taylor	LA PORTE, IN, US	\$13,869
3	Michael Lippe	Woodbury, NY, US	\$10,073
4	Andrew Dakoski	Stow, OH, US	\$7,440
5	Mitchell Mantin	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$5,586
6	Bryan Trischetta	SCRANTON, PA, US	\$4,260
7	Lori Nunes	FT WORTH, TX, US	\$3,300
8	Martin Smith		\$2,594
9	Dwayne Walker	Leesburg, VA, US	\$2,070
10	Stephen Harris	Jericho, NY, US	\$1,677
11	Steven Jiminez	Staten Island, NY, US	\$1,677
12	Steven Reese	SEWELL, NJ, US	\$1,677
13	Peter Simicic	E Northport, NY, US	\$1,378
14	Yolanda Wade	Forestville, MD, US	\$1,378
15	David Weisberger	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$1,378
16	Jerome Clarke	Longs, SC, US	\$1,149
17	Stuart Nelson	ATLANTIC, NC, US	\$1,149
18	Carlos Aranda	Arlington, VA, US	\$1,149
19	Keiko Lim	BRONX, NY, US	\$972
20	Ricardo Franco	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$972
21	Jack Renaud	Locust Grove, VA, US	\$972
22	Jennifer Shahade	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$833
23	Paul Scaturro	Old Bridge, NJ, US	\$833
24	Michael Sales	HOWELL, NJ, US	\$833
25	Abraham Mevorah	STATEN ISLAND, NY, US	\$724
26	Brigitte Korak	QC, CA	\$724
27	Lee Berkovits	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$724
28	Carla Moebius	Silver Spring, MD, US	\$639
29	Raymond Ricker	Rockville, MD, US	\$639
30	Sanjay Ramamoorthi	North Brunswick, NJ, US	\$639
31	Vasilios Galatsidas	US	\$570
32	Perry Rowan	Carmichaels, PA, US	\$570
33	Jeffrey White	Mechanicsville, VA, US	\$570

Closing Events Draw Sizable Fields – Overall Attendance Up Over Last Year

Hao Le, Main Event Runner Up, Wins "Best All Around Player" Race in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (December 12, 2011) – The World Series of Poker Circuit came to a thrilling conclusion on Monday night at the Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City.

A few hours before Event #11 concluded Tuan Phan won the biggest WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship ever held on the Jersey Shore. He overcame a big field of 618 entrants, which was the largest turnout of any Main Event held during the eight seasons the WSOP Circuit has been played Atlantic City. For his victory, Phan collected \$188,830 in prize money.

Some time later, the 11<sup>th</sup> tournament of 12 was completed when Jeremy Stein, from Washington, DC won the \$345 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event. He collected \$22,430 for first place, plus his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Stein is a 33-years-old and works as an attorney.

The last three events wrap up a hugely successful run of tournaments here in Atlantic City over the past two weeks. Overall attendance and prize money were both up over last year. Three tournaments attracted in excess of 500 players.

Aside from Phan winning the Main Event, some of the other stars of this year's Harrah's Atlantic City series included:

**Jamie Kerstetter** cashing five times -- including her two final table appearances and an in-the-money finish in the Main Event Championship. The tax attorney and part-time poker pro from Monroe, NJ solidified her status as one of the Northeast's top female players at the moment, with multiple impressive performances.

**Doug "Rico" Carli** cashed just once at this series (finishing 35<sup>th</sup> in Event #4), but nonetheless added to his legacy as the player with the most WSOP Circuit cashes in history. Carli now has 53 in-the-money finishes, the most of any player for all eight seasons combined, by far.

Mark "Pegasus" Smith's made a deep run in Event #11 and came close to winning a record sixth WSOP Circuit gold ring in one of the last events, but finished seventh. He still has five gold rings, more than any player in history.

**Manh Nguyen's** phenomenal year in WSOP Circuit events played in Atlantic City. Nguyen, from Pittsburgh, PA played at the WSOP Circuit for the first time last spring. He finished first and second in two events. Nguyen returned to the final table of the Harrah's Main Event Championship, ultimately finishing in fifth place.

**Jeffrey Gurfinkel**, with first- and sixth-place finishes, was on par to win the "Best All Around Player" title for Atlantic City. But Hao Le's runner up finish in the Main Event gave him a second and third place showings, which barely eclipsed Gurfinkel – who outlasted 887 players in one event and 423 players in the other.

Harrah's Atlantic City has a rich history hosting WSOP Circuit events. In fact, it was the very first casino ever to host such a tournament, which occurred back in January 2005 during the Circuit's inaugural season. Since then, Harrah's Atlantic City has been an anchor on the national tour, having hosted a tournament series during each and every season. During most years, Harrah's has been the final event of the year, with its events usually taking place in December. It's one of only four Caesars properties to host a WSOP Circuit stop during all eight seasons – the other casinos being Harrah's Rincon (San Diego), Harrah's New Orleans, and Harvey's Lake Tahoe. Indeed, Harrah's Atlantic City has established itself as

a flagship stop, and this year was no exception based on the heavier than expected turnout for many events.

Perhaps fittingly, the top two finishers from the Main Event Championship automatically qualified for seats in the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. Tuan Phan won his seat via the Main Event Championship, which is an automatic bid. Runner up Hoa Le won his seat by edging out several other players (most notably Jeffrey Gurfinkel) in the point standings.

The next WSOP Circuit stop will be played at the Bicycle Club Casino, in Bell Gardens, CA. This marks the first time ever that a WSOP-related tournament will be played in the Los Angeles area. The 12 gold ring tournaments will be played January 1-12, 2012.

## WSOP Circuit Gold Ring Winners at Harrah's Atlantic City:

Event 1: Richard Smith (Warrenton, VA) defeated 704 players and won \$41,995

Event 2: Jeffrey Gurfinkel (Brooklyn, NY) defeated 888 players and won \$50,446

Event 3: Michael Linster (Levittown, NY) defeated 288 players and won \$35,529

Event 4: Jeffrey Manns (Philadelphia, PA) defeated 555 players and won \$33,922

Event 5: Peter Ippolito (East Meadow, NY) defeated 370 players and won \$37,926

Event 6: Jeremy Burleson (Charlotte, NC) defeated 428 players and won \$28,646

Event 7: Ryan Hall (Newark, DE) defeated 292 players and won \$33,989

Event 8: M. Rosenberg (Atlantic City, NJ) defeated 187 players and won \$14,148

Event 9: Richard Ward (Max Meadows, VA) defeated 195 players and won \$49,178

Event 10: Tuan Phan (Vienna, VA) defeated 618 players and won \$188,830

Event 11: Jeremy Stein (Washington, DC) defeated 328 players and won \$22,430

**Event 12: (Outcome Pending)** 

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