

## **2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino**

**Event #1**

**No-Limit Holdem Re-entry**

**Buy-In: \$365**

**Total Entries: 1,387**

**Total Prize Pool: \$416,100**

**November 13-15, 2014**

## **Kheang Tang Wins First Event at Planet Hollywood**

### **Longtime Poker Player Wins First Circuit Ring, Promises a Vacation for his Mother**

**Las Vegas (August 15, 2014)** – The first of 12 events at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood is over, and Kheang Tang from Portland, Ore., emerged victorious to win \$71,749 and his first Circuit ring.

Just a matter of hours after Tang won his ring, a constant stream of runners passed the front of Planet Hollywood for the Las Vegas marathon. But for Tang and his fellow poker players, the marathon had just ended. The final day of this tournament started at 2 p.m. on November 15th, and the players battled for over 16 hours until finally, Tang held all the chips at about 6:30 a.m. When there were ten players left, the tournament staff offered players the option of halting play and returning to finish the following afternoon. However, several players had flights to catch on Sunday, so they played through the night.

Tang bested a tough final table that included Charles “Woody” Moore (3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$32,626) and Robert Cheung (2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$44,523). Cheung has a WSOP bracelet on his resume, and his payout from this event pushes over \$1,000,000 in career WSOP-related earnings. Moore recently won Casino Champion honors at the WSOP Circuit Southern Indiana. That earns him a free entry into the 2015 WSOP National Championship, the fifth consecutive year he’s earned an entry. He’s the only player in history to accomplish that feat.

After the tournament was over, Tang said he felt the long day may have worked to his advantage. “I’m used to the long hours,” he said. “Poker is a grind, especially if you want to play your optimal game. It’s about experience.”

Tang also already has plans for the money. When there were still six players left, he said he wanted to win so his mother could take the winter off work. She’s an interpreter who is fluent in seven languages. Tang explained that the work could be strenuous. “She has to drive everywhere, and Oregon right now is really cold. I told her if I do well, I’d pay for her time off. So she has a vacation,” he said with a smile.

This is the first time in the 10-year history of the WSOP Circuit that it’s come to Planet Hollywood, and if the first event is any indication, the tournaments will see a huge turnout. The first event attracted a massive field of 1,387 entries. There were four starting flights, two each on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 196 players survived the starting flights to advance to Day

2. That's much more than typically make Day 2 of a Circuit event, and it was a major factor in the 16-hour day.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

### **Notes on the Event**

-This is the 50th career Circuit cash for third-place finisher Charles "Woody" Moore. He is second on the all-time list behind Doug "Rico" Carli.

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At the conclusion of Event #1, Kheang Tang jumps into the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title "Casino Champion" and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large National 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 Foxwoods so far:

EVENT #1: James Watt defeated 1,387 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$71,749.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 24th.

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