

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

Event #2

No-Limit Holdem

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 162

Total Prize Pool: \$100,000

November 15-16, 2014

Craig Gold Wins \$27,000 and his First Circuit Ring

Josh Turner, WSOP Circuit Points Leader, finishes runner up

Las Vegas (November 16, 2014) – The latest winner of a World Series of Poker Circuit ring is Craig Gold. Gold, who hails from Belmont, Cal., won \$27,000 for his victory after a lightning-fast final day that lasted just over two hours at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino.

Gold credited a little luck with speeding up the final table. “It seemed every time someone made a huge bluff against me I had the nuts.” He said after the tournament that, even though the event went quickly, it was a tough field and a tough final table. Some of his opponents agreed, including Gold’s heads-up opponent, Joshua Turner. Soon after they started heads-up play, it was time for a short break, during which he [tweeted](#) to his friends and followers, “He’s not making any mistakes.”

Gold later returned the compliment. “He played really well,” Gold said of Turner. “I played with him yesterday for several hours. He really wasn’t making any missteps, either. Quite honestly, I was hoping I wouldn’t end up heads-up against him. He’s a really good player.”

Turner himself is on quite the hot streak. So far this Circuit season, he has six cashes, including five final tables and one ring. That puts him at the top of the [WSOP Circuit points leaderboard](#), and with his second-place finish today, he very likely will qualify for the 2015 WSOP National Championship. He earned \$16,686 for his runner-up finish.

Gold, Turner, and the other 16 players who finished in the money benefited from an overlay. The tournament had a guaranteed prize pool of \$100,000, but with 162 players, fell short of meeting the guarantee naturally. Of course, Planet Hollywood honored the guarantee, adding \$19,000 to the prize pool.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Saturday, November 15. Of the 162 entrants, only 7 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Sunday, November 16. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished at 4:05 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little more than 2 hours.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](#).

At the conclusion of Event #2, Kheang Tang still has the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang and Craig Gold are tied with 50 points, but Tang holds the tie-breaker (money earned). 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.

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.
EVENT #2: Craig Gold defeated 162 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,000.

With the second tournament now wrapped up, there are still 10 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 24th.

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