

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

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 319

Total Prize Pool: \$95,700

November 17-18, 2014

Brandon Newsome Wins No-Limit Hold'em Event at Planet Hollywood

Firefighter from Atlanta Caps Stellar Four-Month Hot-Streak with WSOP Circuit Ring

Las Vegas (November 18, 2014) – The latest World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner is Brandon Newsome. Newsome won Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, winning his first ring and \$22,497 in prize money.

Newsome, who works as a battalion chief for the Paulding County Fire/Rescue near Atlanta, Georgia, has been on an impressive hot streak so far this Circuit season. This was his fifth final table, and two months ago he finished in 2nd place in the Main Event at IP Biloxi. Despite his consistent success, he'd been unable to close out a tournament and win a ring. Until today. If you ask Newsome, though, he says the foundation for today's victory goes back much further than the past few months. It feels pretty good. This has been 12 years in the making. I lot of min-cashes and time when I was just getting by. Then a really hot run this season, and finally get the ring.

Oddly enough, this wasn't even in Newsome's original plans. I came all the way out from Atlanta just to play in the seven-game mixed (Dealer's Choice event). I ended up missing it because of this final table. Not surprisingly, though, Newsome was happy with the change in plans. I'll take the ring over the seven-game mixed, he said with a smile.

The second-place finisher has been on a hot streak of his own. Kheang Tang won the opening event here at Planet Hollywood (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry), for over \$70,000. He almost made it two rings in four days, but a lengthy final table that took over seven hours, Newsome ended up on top. The only final table so far this series that's lasted longer was in the event Tang won.

Newsome and Tang might meet again next year at the WSOP National Championship. There's a good chance both players will qualify for free entries. Tang is in the driver's seat in the Casino Champion race here at Planet Hollywood. The player who earns the most points over the course of the 12 ring events at the venue earns the title of Casino Champion and a free entry into the National Championship. After his victory and his runner-up finish, Tang has 87.5 points and a solid lead. Meanwhile, Newsome now has 162.5 points on the year-long leaderboard. The top 50 players at the end of the season earn entries to the National Championship, and Newsome is well on his way to qualifying.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Monday, November 17. Of the 319 entrants, only 11 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Monday, November 18. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished at 10:10 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little more than 8 hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of Event #4, Kheang Tang holds the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang has 87.5 points after winning the first event of the series and finishing second behind Brandon Newsome in Event #4. Vincent Moscati is now in 2nd place with 60 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood will receive 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

- EVENT #1: Kheang Tang defeated 1,387 players (\$365 No-limit Hold'em) for Re-entry) for \$71,749.
- EVENT #2: Craig Gold defeated 162 players (\$580 No-limit Hold'em)
- EVENT #3: Michael Kline defeated 284 players (\$365 No-limit Hold'em)
- EVENT #4: Brandon Newsome defeated 319 Players (\$365 No-limit Hold'em)

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

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