

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$580
Total Entries: 276
Total Prize Pool: \$138,000
November 18-19, 2014**

Stephanie Chung Wins First-Ever WSOP Circuit Dealer's Choice Tournament

Chung Wins her First Circuit Ring and Over \$10,000

Las Vegas (November 19, 2014) – For the first time ever, the World Series of Poker Circuit offered a Dealer's Choice event. The historic tournament took place Tuesday and Wednesday at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, and the winner was Stephanie Chung from Cleveland, Ohio.

This event came on the heels of a successful experiment at the WSOP at the Rio this past summer. The Dealer's Choice format was introduced as an official bracelet event, and it was won by Robert Mizrachi.

Now, the success of that experiment has filtered down to the Circuit, and with another successful showing here at Planet Hollywood, this likely won't be the last time we'll see a Dealer's Choice event. The tournament drew 113 entries, and everyone in the room seemed to enjoy the format, both because it's fun to play and because it adds a new strategic element to the game. "I absolutely love it," Chung, the winner, said after the event. "I got a lot of experience throughout the event. I think it worked to my advantage to be able to pay attention to what other people were picking."

Chung faced a tough final table that included J.J. Liu, three-time Circuit ring winner John Holley, another Circuit ring winner in David Tarbet, and Greg Kolo, who won a pot-limit Omaha bracelet in June. Confronted with such talented opposition, Chung took advantage of the Dealer's Choice format to help propel her to victory.

"I paid a lot of attention to what people were picking. I just tried to avoid the games that they were really comfortable with." She noted in particular that Holley had an advantage at 2-7 triple draw, so she avoided that game. After Holley's elimination, though, she felt that game gave her an edge, and it ended up being the game in which she secured her victory.

Chung also said that the variety of games offered a great learning experience. "This is actually my first stud tournament, my first stud/8 tournament, my first stud of any kind tournament, my first 2-7 triple draw tournament, my first dealer's choice event. I'm mainly a PLO and PLO/8 player. But I did my homework, and I learned a lot throughout the tournament. I was fortunate that stud high was almost never picked," she said with a smile.

This unusual tournament format offered seven different varieties of poker: no-limit hold'em, pot-limit Omaha, Omaha hi-lo 8-or-better, seven card stud, seven card stud hi-lo 8-or-better, razz, and 2-7 triple draw lowball. Players take turns choosing a game, which is played for six hands before the next player chooses a game.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Tuesday, November 18. Of the 113 entrants, only 16 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Wednesday, November 19. The final playing session began at 3 p.m. local time. Play finished just before 10:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little less than 7 hours.

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

At the conclusion of Event #6, Kheang Tang still 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 in Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. Vincent Moscati is in 2nd place with 60 points. 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Kheang Tang 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.

EVENT #3: Michael Kline defeated 284 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,450.

EVENT #4: Brandon Newsome defeated 319 Players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$22,497.

EVENT #5: Vincent Moscati defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589.

EVENT #6: Raney Stanczak defeated 276 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$33,118.

EVENT #7: Stephanie Chung defeated 113 players (\$365 Dealer's Choice) for \$10,171.

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

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