

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino  
Event #9  
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed  
Buy-In: \$580  
Total Entries: 169  
Total Prize Pool: \$84,500  
November 19-20, 2014**

## **Chris LoPresto Wins His First Tournament Event**

**Registered Nurse from Hawaii wins \$580 Six-Max Event at WSOP Circuit Planet Hollywood**

**Las Vegas (November 20, 2014)** – The latest winner on the World Series of Poker Circuit is walking into unfamiliar territory. Chris LoPresto, a registered nurse from Hawaii, won Event #9: 580 No-Limit Hold'em Six Handed at Planet Hollywood. For LoPresto, this is not only his first WSOP Circuit ring, it was also the first tournament he ever played.

For LoPresto, this was the natural next step after success outside the casino environment. "I've done well in our home games," he said after his victory. "And I thought 'maybe I can do good in a tournament.'" Sure enough, he won his first piece of WSOP hardware and \$23,658 in prize money.

Even before winning this tournament, LoPresto had his eyes on a bigger target. He came to Las Vegas just to play the Main Event here at Planet Hollywood, which starts Friday, November 21. The \$580 Six-Max was really just supposed to be a tune-up, since he didn't have experience playing a tournament in a casino. But it went just about as perfectly as a tune-up event possibly could. His winnings will cover his Main Event buy-in and then some.

LoPresto, humble in victory, recognized that his inexperience was a major disadvantage that he'd have to overcome. "Those guys were way better than me," he said. "I definitely didn't want to get involved in certain hands with certain people." His strategy of picking his spots carefully paid off, and he walked as the rarest of poker creatures: the player who has won every tournament he's ever entered.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Wednesday, November 19. Of the 169 entrants, only 7 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Thursday, November 20. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished just before 5:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little less than 3 hours.

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

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At the conclusion of Event #9, 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](http://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.

EVENT #9: Chris LoPresto defeated 169 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$23,658.

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

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