

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino
Event #10
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 353
Total Prize Pool: \$105,900
November 20-21, 2014**

Jimmy Hellerer Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

Former Business Owner from Buffalo Moved to Vegas Just 2 Months Ago, Wins Over \$25,000

Las Vegas (November 22, 2014) – Friday was a busy day at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood. While the first starting flight of Main Event got underway, 12 players returned to determine the winner of Event #10: #365 No-Limit Hold'em. When the last cards were dealt and the last chip was won, the only player left was Jimmy Hellerer, who earned his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$25,282.

It wasn't an easy road for Hellerer to get to this point, either in poker or in life. He's owned a number of businesses over the course of his career, and recently moved from Buffalo Las Vegas to escape the snow and cold weather and start a new venture, most likely a restaurant/bar. While Hellerer and his opponents were playing this event, Buffalo was literally buried in snow that ground the city to a halt and even forced an NFL game to relocate, so Hellerer was feeling pretty happy about his move. And on top that, his newly adopted home offers him other opportunities. "I've always played poker," he said after his victory. "And what better place to play than in Vegas."

After moving across the country, though, Hellerer ran into another obstacle before he won his first piece of WSOP hardware: skilled opposition. The twelve players who survived Day 1 of the tournament were fairly quickly whittled down to two, Hellerer and Bashar "Bash" Ramahi. Even though Hellerer started heads-up play with a sizeable chip lead, the two battled for over three hours. Ramahi didn't make it easy for Hellerer, staging a big comeback before Hellerer regained control and eventual won the last of the chips. "We played on 3 tables together over the 2 days," Hellerer said of his heads-up opponent. "He's a great player. Hats off to him."

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Thursday, November 20. Of the 353 entrants, only 12 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Friday, November 21. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished at about 8:30 p.m., making the total duration of the final day about 6 and a half hours.

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

At the conclusion of Event #10, Kheang Tang still holds the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang finished 33rd in this tournament to add to his lead. He now has 90 points. Raney Stanczak is now in second place with 65 points. Vincent Moscati and Jimmy Hellerer are tied for third 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.

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

EVENT #10: James Hellerer defeated 353 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$25,282.

With Event #10 now wrapped up, there are now only two more gold ring events, as well as the conclusion of the Main Event, before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 24th.

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