

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 101

Total Prize Pool: \$50,500

August 24-25, 2016

'Newspaper Dan' Chalifour Wins First Circuit Ring in Foxwoods Event #8

Mashantucket, Connecticut (August 25, 2016) – After a long three hour heads up battle, business owner Dan Chalifour has just won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring after taking down the final \$580 tournament of the Foxwoods series. Chalifour owns Eastern Architectural Representatives roofing company, and loves to play poker as a hobby when he has time. He makes it clear that he is not a professional poker player, and while he enjoys the game, he says that it can sometimes be a bit boring. Perhaps if you understand his reasons for playing, the boring comment will make more sense.

"I am very competitive. I play poker to feed my competitive fire and for stress relief," he said with a giggle, "Poker can be stressful, but it's a different kind of stress...like when you get involved in a big hand. Otherwise 90% of poker is boring."

Chalifour's nickname is "Newspaper Dan," because he can almost always be found reading a newspaper at the poker table. Even today he had his paper with him for heads up play, which is surprising given the roller coaster that heads up seemed to be between the final two players.

"At one point heads up he had me ten to one in chips. And then I had him five to one, and then after the second to last hand of the night, we ended closer to even. This morning he had me ten to one at one point again early on, and then I just fought back. There was one big hand where I had [10s][9s] on the button, I raised pre, he called. The flop was [10x][10x][5x]. The turn was a nine, so I had the full house, and then the river was a ten, so I had quads. He bet out on the river, I raised and he called. He had [Qx][9x]. That was a big hand that got me back in the game, and I had him three to one."

Heads up play lasted over three hours total between last night and this afternoon. The second to last hand of the night that Chalifour referenced occurred at 3:45 this morning when Robert Gilbert got it all in with [Ad][3c] against Chalifour's [6c][6s]. Gilbert turned an ace to double up, and leave it close to even when they bagged up for the night one hand later. Today they returned and played almost another full level before the final hand when Chalifour raised all in holding [Kc][9c] on a [Kh][Qc][6s] flop, and Gilbert called holding [Qh][Jh]. Chalifour improved to trips when the river came the [ks], and [Gilbert was eliminated in 2nd place](#) (\$9,363).

Below are the results of the final table. Full results from this event are available on WSOP.com.

1 – Dan Chalifour – \$15,150

2 – Robert Gilbert – \$9,363

- 3 – Thomas Hoglund – \$6,666
- 4 – Laurel Hilton – \$4,843
- 5 – Melisa Singh – \$3,586
- 6 – Frank Tighe – \$2,706
- 7 – Ronald Miller – \$2,086
- 8 – Arthur Senowitz – \$1,631
- 9 – Gannadiy Kostrov – \$1,304

Chris Leong is still leading the Foxwoods Casino Champion race. Leong placed [5th in Event #1](#) - \$365 NLH (\$4,369), he [won Event #4](#) - \$580 NLH Six Max (\$19,665), and took [2nd Place in Event #5](#) - \$365 NLH Monster Stack (\$18,279) giving him a total of 112.5 points.

Andrew Heckman is in second place with 110 points total. Heckman [won Event #7](#) - \$365 Omaha Hi/Lo 8+ yesterday, took [2nd place in Event #1](#) - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (\$10,800), and took [6th place in Event #4](#) - \$580 NLH Six Max (\$3,366), putting him within three points of taking the lead from Leong.

Andrew Lauer is now in third place with 102.5 points. Lauer [won Event #1](#) (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) on Friday, [took down Event #3](#) (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) on Saturday, and then cashed 142nd in the Re-Entry event on Sunday.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Foxwoods Casino earns the title of Casino Champion, and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Foxwoods Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino 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 Global Casino 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: Andrew Lauer defeated 233 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$17,475

EVENT #2: Soheb Porbandarwala defeated 1,443 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$124,456.

EVENT #3: Andrew Lauer defeated 174 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$14,094

EVENT #4: Christopher Leong defeated 138 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max) for \$19,665.

EVENT #5: Eugene Roemischer defeated 448 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack) for \$29,568.

EVENT #6: Andrew Dubuque defeated 145 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,000.

EVENT #7: Andrew Heckman defeated 120 entries (\$365 Omaha Hi/Lo 8+) for \$11,256.

EVENT #8 – Dan Chalifour defeated 101 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$15,150

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 4 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods concludes on August 29, 2016.

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