

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 855
Prize Pool: \$256,500
Nov. 11-13, 2016**



Carlos Loving Scores \$50k in Event #2

Carlos Loving defeats an 855 player field to pocket \$50,017 and earn his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (November 14, 2016) -- The multi-flight re-entry event is always a big hit on the Circuit, especially in south Florida where the players love their big prizepools. Event #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry featured four starting flights and drew 855 players to generate a prizepool of over a quarter million dollars. At the top of the prizepool was \$50,017 reserved for the first place finisher.

The tournament lasted three full days and when the dust settled Tampa Bay native Carlos Loving had locked up the top spot, \$50,017, and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

"It feels amazing. It happened really quickly because I felt like I wasn't going to win and then I did," said Loving.

Loving is referring to being one of the three short stacks with four players remaining when he said the victory happened really quickly. Eventual runner-up finisher Michael Warrington had a stronghold on the tournament with four players remaining. He had over half of the chips in play and the remaining chips were dispensed evenly between the other three players, including Loving. It was looking like Warrington would win and the others were playing for second place.

According to Loving, he battled his way to heads up play against Warrington by sticking with an aggressive strategy. Once he got heads up he won two big pots off of Warrington and the tournament was over after just a few hands of heads up play. Warrington had to settle for his third career Circuit second place finish. He took home a payday of \$30,908.

Loving is a professional poker player and has an extensive WSOP resume dating back to 2011. He has cashed in 16 WSOP events in Vegas and now adds a third Circuit cash to his stats. This victory bumped Loving's career WSOP earnings well over the \$100k mark. Away from the WSOP Loving has found success too. In 2014 Loving finished runner-up in a Daytona Beach HPT event for \$79,000.

Gold ring winners cashing in this event included Robert Zarzycki (3rd), David MacDonald (4th), Jason Seitz (9th), Janet Fitzgerald (10th), Cody Pack (11th), Jonathan Hilton (12th), Brandon Newsome (23rd), Peter Vitantonio (33rd), Josh Beckley (42nd), A.J. Kelsall (46th), and Maurice Hawkins (65th).

Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 855 players generating a \$256,500 prize pool. The top 90 players were paid.

The tournament had four starting flights, two on Friday and two on Saturday. Day 2 began Sunday at noon with 97 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 2:00 a.m. Monday midway through Level 30.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 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 the Palm Beach Kennel Club series:

EVENT #1: Matthew Wright defeated 322 players (\$365 NLHE Monster) for \$22,705

EVENT #2: Carlos Loving defeated 855 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$50,017

With two tournaments wrapped up, 10 more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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