

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #6
No-Limit Hold em Six Max (1 Re-Entry)
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 168
Prize Pool: \$50,400
Nov. 15, 2016**



Michael LaRocca Wins the Six Max in West Palm Beach

Michael LaRocca steamrolls the final table to capture his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (November 16, 2016) -- Michael LaRocca has won the Palm Beach Kennel Club six max event. He defeated a field of 168 players to win \$14,113 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. He is the second straight Palm Beach Kennel Club cash game grinder to win a gold ring. Tim Seidensticker won Event #5: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha 8 or Better and both consider the PBKC their home casino.

LaRocca put on a dominating performance throughout the entire tournament. With seven players left, LaRocca had 40% of the chips in play. He used his huge chip advantage going into the final table to put pressure on his opponents. The cards kept coming for LaRocca and he ended up with the victory after a final table that lasted just one hour long. The tournament was scheduled as a 2-day event, but only needed one day to finish with such a speedy final table.

"I ran like God," said LaRocca.

LaRocca said that he eliminated Andrew Lauer in 5th place with pocket aces versus pocket kings all-in preflop. It was Lauer's second final table of the day. He finished second in Event #4, which finished Tuesday afternoon. Then three hands later Richard Zisser shoved all-in with ace-king and LaRocca woke up with aces again. He called Zisser's shove and the aces held for a second time.

"It's pretty easy when you get aces versus kings." said LaRocca.

This was the first six max event LaRocca has ever played in. He said he enjoyed the fast-paced nature of the tournament. Prior to this tournament he was debating if he was going to play in the series' Main Event this weekend. He said after the tournament that this victory makes it more likely he'll play since he ran so hot in this event.

LaRocca is from Boca Raton, Florida. This marked LaRocca's second career Circuit cash. His first came in 2013 here at the Kennel Club when he finished in 10th place in a \$365 full-ring no-

limit hold'em event. Away from the WSOP LaRocca has over \$150k in live tournament earnings including a 6th place finish in a WPT Deepstacks event for \$56k.

Event #6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 168 players generating a \$50,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. The tournament was scheduled for a 2-day event, but the tournament finished in just one day. The tournament ended at about 1 a.m. Wednesday at the beginning of Level 20.

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
EVENT #3: Eddie Salaga defeated 92 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,210
EVENT #4: Steven Bennett defeated 109 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,810
EVENT #5: Tim Seidensticker defeated 129 players (\$365 PLO) for \$10,838
EVENT #6: Michael LaRocca defeated 168 players (\$365 NLE 6 max) for \$14,113

With six tournaments wrapped up, six 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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