2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 Palm Beach Kennel Club West Palm Beach, Fla. Event #7 No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 60 Prize Pool: \$18,000 Nov. 15-16, 2016



## **Bob Beck Wins His Second Career Gold Ring**

Bob Beck picks up his eighth cash and first ring of the season.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (November 16, 2016) -- Bob Beck has been hitting it hard on the Circuit this season and quickly becoming one of the best players on the tour. Coming into this event Beck had already recorded seven Circuit cashes and the season isn't even to its halfway point yet. Only Woody Moore has more cashes than Beck with 10. Today Beck's victory in Event #7 earned him his first gold ring of the season and second one of his career. Beck's first career gold ring was won this January in Choctaw.

Winning this event was an uphill battle for Beck. He lost half of his stack to four-time gold ring winner Cody Pack on his first hand of the tournament. He chipped down all the way to 4,000 from his 10,000 chip starting stack before turning it around. He was able to survive being a short stack early in the tournament and chip up all the way to being the tournament's chip leader at the end of Day 1.

He came back for Day 2 with six other players remaining and only one more elimination from the money.

"I felt pretty comfortable coming back as chip leader. Then on the first hand I run queens into kings, so I go from chip leader to I don't know if I am going to make it," said Beck. "I had to sweat it out forever."

The money bubble lasted nearly two hours on Day 2. Beck said that there were several all-ins, but the all-in player would always win and nobody was going out. Eventually JP Kolb was the unlucky bubble boy and he was eliminated in 7th place.

Beck hung tough at the final table and played his way down to a heads up battle against Gunnar Rabe from Sweden. By the time the players got heads up they both had shallow chip stacks. Beck beat Rabe heads up in just a few hands to end the tournament. Rabe's runner-up cash amounted to \$4,176.

Now it's back to more poker for Beck. He missed out playing Wednesday's \$580 because of the long Day 2, but will be back at the Kennel Club Thursday for the \$1k and then he'll also play the Main Event this weekend.

Beck earned 50 Global Casino Championship points for this win and he now has 127.5 on the season. He is now in 4th place and only 37.5 points behind the current leader Andrew Lauer. Beck will need about 150 points to feel secure about earning one of the at-large bids handed out at the end of the season to the season's top 50 point earners. He is in great shape to earn an atlarge bid with this over 125 points this early in the season, especially since he plans to continue to hit the Circuit hard. After the Main Event here in Palm Beach, Beck plans to go play in the Cherokee series, which begins next week. He also plans to play the Choctaw, Tunica and West Palm Beach series' in early 2017.

Beck said that winning a second gold ring helps validate some of his skills at the table. He said that Circuit Main Events have eluded him so far and he needs to win a Circuit Main for his own validation.

Beck is the CEO of Sales Builders. His company trains corporate sales forces his sales methodology that he wrote 17 years ago. Beck is also the author of three books including one best seller - Winning in the 5th Quarter: Applying the Secrets of Football to your Life-Strategy Playbook.

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Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 60 players generating a \$18,000 prize pool. The top six players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 3 p.m. with seven players remaining. The tournament concluded a few minutes after 8 p.m. Wednesday midway through Level 22.

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 EVENT #7: Bob Beck defeated 60 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$6,750

With seven tournaments wrapped up, only five more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

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

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