

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #8

Double Stack No-Limit Hold'em (1 Re-Entry)

Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)

Total Entries: 193

Prize Pool: \$96,500

Nov. 16-17, 2016



TJ Shulman Wins One for Dad

TJ Shulman dedicates his first gold ring to his late father.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (November 17, 2016) -- South Florida poker pro TJ Shulman defeated 193 players, including a tough final table, to win Event #8: \$580 Double Stack No-Limit Hold'em. Shulman pocketed \$25,092 and earned his first career Circuit gold ring for the victory.

It was an emotional victory for Shulman. His father passed not too long ago and he said that the ring is for him, but also wants to dedicate the victory to his friend Jonathan Ablá. Ablá passed away earlier this year leaving the poker community saddened by the loss of a fellow grinder. On breaks Shulman was on the phone with Ablá's mother, who was Ablá's biggest fan, and Shulman was keeping her posted on the tournament. Ablá won his second of two career gold rings here in West Palm Beach just over one year ago.

"I thank God and my dad for looking over me," said Shulman. "The [ring] is for both of them."

Shulman had to get through a tough final table to earn the victory. The final table included poker pros Jason Brauda (8th), Andrew Touchette (5th) and Marcus Stein (4th). He also had to outmaneuver Event #2 winner, Carlos Loving (3rd), and the last opponent Shulman had to overcome was Daren Stabinski (2nd), who has over \$500k in live tournament earnings.

There is no doubt that Shulman belonged at this highly skilled final table. Shulman is a professional poker player with over \$500k in live tournament earnings. That number may be significantly deflated too, due to the Seminole Hard Rock not reporting results of poker tournaments to the poker tracking websites for several years. Shulman hinted that his true tournament earnings is in the seven figure range.

Shulman had a nice score at the [World Series of Poker](#) in Las Vegas this summer. He finished in 5th place with teammate and two-time gold bracelet winner John Gale in the \$1,000 No-Limit Hold'em Tag Team event.

Shulman really enjoyed the event and getting to share the experience with his longtime friend. He said that their strategy was simple. Whoever was getting the cards would be the one at the

table playing. If the cards went cold they would tag the other person in. Shulman and Gale each took home just over \$17,000 for their final table finish.

This marked Shulman's 11th career WSOP cash. He plans to continue playing a full slate of events, including the Harrah's Cherokee series, which begins next week.

"We did it dad," said Shulman to end the interview.

Event #8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$580 Double Stack No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 193 players generating a \$96,500 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The tournament concluded a few minutes before 9 p.m. Thursday midway through Level 28.

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
EVENT #8: TJ Shulman defeated 193 players (\$580 Double Stack NLHE) for \$25,092

With eight tournaments wrapped up, only four 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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