2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 Palm Beach Kennel Club West Palm Beach, Fla. Event #9 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$1,000 (+\$125)

Total Entries: 47 Prize Pool: \$47,000

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Brett Bader Wins the \$1k

The Florida pros continue to clean up in West Palm Beach. Brett Bader becomes the fifth Florida-based pro poker player to win a gold ring at the series.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (November 17, 2016) -- Brett Bader has won his first career Circuit gold ring by taking down Event #9: \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. His victory earned him \$17,625 and 50 Casino Championship points. The victory was Bader's largest ever WSOP cash.

This tournament had an interesting bubble dynamic because of the small field. Only five players were being paid and the bubble was nearly five times the buy-in. Bader said that bubble wasn't too much pressure for him and that it actually went really quickly because of a couple of coolers. With seven players remaining and two from the money, Jake Dollinger pushed all-in with pocket eights into Bader's pocket kings. Bader's kings held and the field was reduced to six and one from the money. Bader said that he then eliminated the next player on the money bubble by making a nice call on the turn to knock him out. After that elimination, Bader had the chip lead with five players remaining.

Bader said that Andre Crooks (3rd) played really well and that he coolered him three-handed. He then ended the tournament by winning a flip against John McCoy (2nd). Bader denied McCoy his second gold ring of the season. McCoy won the \$1k no-limit hold'em event at the Hammond series one month ago for \$41k.

Bader plays poker for a living here in Florida. He grew up in New York and now lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

"I like cash more, but I try to play the medium-sized tournaments," said Bader.

Bader plans to stay and play in this weekend's Main Event before calling it a series. This was Bader's 10th career WSOP cash. Seven of his 10 cashes are at the series in Vegas during the past four summers. Bader said that he plans to return to Vegas next summer to play in more WSOP events. He sticks mainly to no-limit hold'em, but says that he also enjoys 2-7 triple draw and wants to play in more of those events. Bader finished 27th in a 2-7 triple draw event at the 2014 series for \$3,359.

Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 47 players generating a \$47,000 prize pool. The top five players were paid.

The tournament lasted just one day; even know it was scheduled as a 2-day event. The tournament began at noon and finished about 1 a.m. midway through 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

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

EVENT #9: Brett Bader defeated 47 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$17,625

With nine tournaments wrapped up, only three 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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