

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #11

The Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 524

Prize Pool: \$786,000

February 17-20, 2017



Raminder Singh Wins Palm Beach Kennel Club Main Event

South Florida IT consultant destroys a tough final table to earn first ring and almost \$170,000

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (February 20, 2017) — Raminder Singh is the newest WSOP Circuit Main Event Champion, outlasting a field of 524 entries at the Palm Beach Kennel Club to notch a breakthrough victory. He collected his first gold ring, the top prize of \$168,995, and a seat in the 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship courtesy of a dominant final table performance.

Singh is a 42-year-old IT management consultant who was born in New Delhi, India. He comes from a Sikh family, a religious background that entails a large amount of social service and charity work. He's lived in the United States for his entire adult life, and he now makes his home in nearby Delray Beach, Florida. He's been married to his wife, Delia, for 10 years, and the couple has two children, daughter Sonya (age 8) and son Shawn (age 5).

Singh advanced through Day 1B of this Main Event with 116,500 chips, slightly above the average. By the time Day 2 concluded, he was essentially tied for the chip lead with 10 players remaining, just a couple big blinds behind Sam Panzica. After the initial feeling-out period on Day 3, Singh charged to the top and led nearly wire to wire thereafter.

"I got really lucky in a sense," Singh said. "Well, poker players call it lucky, but I just started getting good hands at the right time. It was a good run." A good run, indeed. Singh got run over by the deck, as they say, showing down a myriad of huge hands over the course of the six-hour final table.

He ran good, too. Singh won consecutive coin flips early in the day, eliminating Daniel Letts and Eric Bunch within the span of just a couple minutes in eighth and seventh places, respectively. He eliminated William Kopp in fourth place with ace-queen against king-queen, and he found pocket kings against ace-queen to send Jesus Cabrera off in third.

Steven Stout was the other player who had his hands on the chip lead briefly, and he and Singh ended up heads-up for the ring at the end of the day. Singh began the duel with a big lead that he never relinquished, and although Stout battled valiantly, he could not stop the seemingly inevitable.

