

# Polk Wins One Drop High Roller Tournament



Last week, in the Mojave Desert, One Drop raised over half a million dollars to help provide safe, sustainable access to water for people around the globe. The \$111,111 buy-in One Drop High Roller poker tournament at the World Series of Poker generated \$3,889 from each of the 130 entrants.

When the WSOP final table began, it looked like play could go on until the early morning hours. The chips at the final table of the tournament were evenly distributed and there was plenty of time on the tournament clock, with no clear favorite. The soon-to-be champion, Doug Polk, had a more direct route in mind. In just under 90 minutes, Polk went from playing at a 6-handed final table to being the last player standing. For his victory at the Rio, Polk earned \$3,686,865 and his third WSOP bracelet.

This was not Polk's first foray into One Drop events. We spoke to One Drop's Senior Director of Special Initiatives, Alexandre

Meunier, about their most recent winner, "Doug has played in every large buy in One Drop event since 2013, including the \$1,000,000 buy in Big One for One Drop in 2014. We truly appreciate his support and that of the poker community." One Drop hopes to see Polk again soon at the upcoming €111,111 buy-in One Drop High Roller tournament in Europe. The WSOP Europe event will play out in Rozvadov, Czech Republic on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Polk, who is known for his confidence and vigor at the tables, talked about the skills needed to win poker tournaments "I think that most players play too conservatively. Players worry about pay jumps, they want to make sure they have the best hand, but you have to fight tooth and nail for pots. Tournaments have antes and you need to win them. Every pot matters! You want to make sure you are playing loose and aggressive because you want to win all of the chips. If you want to win a poker tournament, you have to win all of the chips."

One Drop takes a vigorous and integrative approach to providing access to safe water, which is one of the most efficient ways to support individual and collective development. "All of the pieces need to be in place; design, maintenance, community education and buy in" Meunier explained, "100% of the money we raised in this tournament will help fund these projects thanks to Guy Laliberté's contribution which fully covers administrative costs."

One thing is for certain; both Polk and the people who gain access to safe water are the true winners.

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