



## **POKERSTARS ANNOUNCES BIGGEST EVER SCOOP CHAMPIONSHIP WITH \$40 MILLION GUARANTEED**

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – April 16, 2014 – PokerStars today released the official schedule for the [Spring Championship of Online Poker 2014](#), which at 45 events – 135 tournaments across Low, Medium and High stakes – will be the biggest ever.

SCOOP 2014 will run from May 4-18 and guarantee \$40 million. For the first time ever there will be three events every day of the championship, re-entry tournaments, and Progressive Super-Knockouts, which have proved very popular in recent online championships.

The highlight of the championship is the Main Event, which will take place on May 18 at 14.30 ET, with buy-ins of \$109 (Low), \$1,050 (Medium) and \$10,300 (High), and guarantees of \$1m, \$2m and \$3m respectively. In addition, there is a \$21,000 High Roller Heads-Up tournament on May 17 that should attract many of the world's top players and make for a great event to watch.

Last year's SCOOP Leader Board (High) winner, and second in the Overall Leader Board, was Team PokerStars Pro George Danzer (see attached picture). The German player said: "SCOOP is such a great series because the three-tier buy-in championship gives players of all levels the chance to take part in such a prestigious series. This year I'll be aiming to go one better and finish top of the Overall Leader Board and add to my collection of three SCOOP bracelets."

### **KEY SCOOP 2014 FIGURES**

- 18 different games
- 15 different formats
- 13 tournaments with \$1m+ guarantee
- 90 tournaments with \$100k+ guarantee

The full schedule is available to view at <http://psta.rs/1hFnzYW>. Online satellites have already started and are available from just \$1. Log in to the client and click 'Events' >

'SCOOP' > 'All' to view the entire range of upcoming satellites and SCOOP events.

### **RICHEST EVER ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Last year's SCOOP is still the richest online poker championship series ever held, with a total of \$75,585,435.05 awarded to players across 132 tournaments. With three extra tournaments this year, there are high expectations that it will beat last year's total to set a new record.

### **LEADER BOARDS**

There are four Player of the Year Leader Boards to compete in during SCOOP, with prizes awarded for Low, Medium, High and Overall categories. Each of the Low, Medium and High Leader Board winners receives a Trophy + 2015 PCA package, with the Overall Leader Board winner getting a Trophy + EPT Grand Final 2015 package. There are also prizes down to 250 places in the Low Leader Board, to 50 in the Medium, and 10 in the High. For a full breakdown, go to <http://psta.rs/1t5acpy>.

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