

## MORE THAN \$10 MILLION AWARDED IN POKERSTARS SUNDAY MILLION 9TH ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – March 16, 2015 – [‘BRAYDEN93’](#), an American player who now lives in Mexico, was this morning crowned winner of the Sunday Million 9th Anniversary tournament, winning nearly \$600k at PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (TSX: AYA) company.

In a heads-up battle that swung back and forth, ‘BRAYDEN93’ was able to overcome a big chip deficit to claim the extra \$100,000 that was set aside for the winner. However, as a result of a seven-handed deal, runner-up ‘kelly\_koulis’, from Greece, emerged as the biggest winner, pocketing \$725,267.11. Eight countries were represented at the nine-handed final table, with the top eight players each pocketing a six-figure sum.

The special tournament, which commemorated the ninth anniversary of the first PokerStars Sunday Million, garnered 50,432 entries and a total prize pool of \$10,086,400, making it the eighth richest online poker tournament of all time. It is only bettered by five World Championship of Online Poker (WCOOP) Main Events and two previous Sunday Million special anniversary tournaments.

### KEY FACTS

#### Sunday Million 9th Anniversary (\$215 NL Hold'em)

**Entries:** 50,432

**Prize pool:** \$10,086,400

**Places paid:** 8,397

1. BRAYDEN93 (Mexico)	\$597,719.60*
2. kelly_koulis (Greece)	\$725,267.11*
3. tiltinha (Brazil)	\$567,978.95*
4. PSMozak (Bulgaria)	\$542,539.85*
5. sonmonedas (Argentina)	\$413,610.60*
6. salalitto (Finland)	\$394,207.12*
7. ModzillaPL (Canada)	\$336,550.72*
8. bari_nikolov (Bulgaria)	\$119,523.84
9. Kokli_1 (Czech Republic)	\$87,247.36

\* reflects seven-way deal

For a full report on the tournament, which lasted 15 hours and 22 minutes, check out the PokerStars Blog: <http://psta.rs/1BJ33Pv>.

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