

## POKERSTARS SPIN & GO'S MAKE ONE FESTIVE MILLIONAIRE

Sixteenth Spin & Go millionaire overall is 'jrww86' from Bermuda

ONCHAN, Isle of Man, December 16 - Christmas arrived 10 days early this year for poker player 'jrww86' who became the third Spin & Go millionaire that <u>PokerStars</u>, an Amaya Inc (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, has produced in 2016, and sixteenth since the first \$1M Spin and Go tournament launched in January 2015. The Bermuda-based player started playing a \$100 PokerStars Spin & Go at 3.00pm ET yesterday, December 15, and 12 minutes later was a millionaire.

'jrww86' was up against 'netspider\_by' from Belarus and Russian 'REVELKOF', who both finished with \$100,000 in runner-up prize money.

'netspider\_by' was the first to find themselves short stacked and was the first to go when their Kd 6c lost out to 'REVELKOF's 6s Qc, which hit a club flush to take the chip lead. Over the next 14 hands, 'jrww86' chipped away at the Russian's stack to eke out a lead. The final hand came at the 30/60 level when 'REVELKOF' went all-in with top pair on a Qs Jd 9h flop holding Qd 3h only to find that 'jrww86' had flopped two pair with Qc Jc. The hand held up and won 'jrww86' the \$1,000,000 first prize.

## **SPIN & GO WINNERS**

This year, three players have won one million-dollar Spin & Go tournaments. In February, 'Rainman731' was the fastest-ever Million Dollar Spin & Go winner, claiming the jackpot in just two minutes, followed in March by 'guiemie01' from Brazil. Overall, PokerStars Spin & Go tournaments have created 16 millionaires, including one rich week in October 2015, when six millionaires were made in just seven days.

<u>Spin & Go tournaments</u> are fast-paced, 3-Max Hyper Turbo tournaments that start with 500 chip stacks. Each tournament has a randomly drawn prize pool that awards between two and 10,000 times your buy-in. PokerStars offer Spin & Go tournaments at seven different buy-in levels: \$0.25, \$1, \$3, \$7, \$15, \$30, \$60 and \$100.

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