

POKERSTARS GUARANTEES \$30 MILLION ACROSS 40 EVENTS FOR 2012 SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP OF ONLINE POKER

LONDON, UK – April 12 – The fourth annual [Spring Championship of Online Poker \(SCOOP\)](#) will take place from May 6-20, featuring 40 events, a total of 120 tournaments and \$30 million in guaranteed prize money, PokerStars announced today.

The 2012 SCOOP will culminate in a No Limit Hold'em Main Event on May 20, featuring buy-ins of \$109 (Low), \$1,050 (Medium) and \$10,300 (High), with guarantees of \$1,000,000, \$1,500,000 and \$2,500,000 respectively. SCOOP is unique among online tournament festivals for offering players three different buy-in levels (Low, Medium and High) for every event, making it affordable for players of all bankrolls.

Team PokerStars Online member Anders 'Donald' Berg, who last year topped the SCOOP 'Player of the Series' Leaderboard after winning an event in HORSE, cashing 23 times and final-tabling four events, can't wait for the new series to start. Berg said: "SCOOP is always one of the highlights of the online poker calendar and I'll be aiming to defend my Player of the Series title by playing as many events as possible. The tournament structures are excellent, the range of games unrivalled – it's going to be an epic tournament series for me and many other players in May."

Fellow Team Online member Mickey 'mement_mori' Petersen, who won EPT Copenhagen this year, pointed out the importance of the annual online festival in his post-final table interview back in February. He said: "I'd really like to win a PokerStars SCOOP title. I have been close a lot of times but always stumbled right before the finish line. Hopefully I can win one this year."

'Steps' satellites

This year, players will be able to buy-into more SCOOP events with 'Steps' tickets as many of the buy-ins have been brought in line with the PokerStars Steps buy-in levels. In total 27 different SCOOP events are accessible using Steps 1-6 tickets (\$7.50, \$27, \$82, \$215, \$700 and \$2,100). This extra qualifying route makes it easier and more accessible than ever for players to satellite into events.

Steps satellites, along with normal multi-table and single-table satellites, are now running in the PokerStars client – log in and click Events > SCOOP > FPP Satellites / Cash Satellites / Steps to see what's coming up. For more details, visit the SCOOP website at www.pokerstars.com/scoop.

SCOOP Leaderboard

This year, SCOOP will feature separate 'Player of the Series' Leaderboards for Low, Medium and High stakes levels, with winners at each level getting a trophy and a PCA 2013 package. A significant number of players will also win tickets to future PokerStars online series like MicroMillions and the World Championship of Online Poker (WCOOP).

In addition, there will be an overall Leaderboard winner, who will win a trophy plus an EPT Grand Final package. In total more than \$100,000 in tournament and ticket prizes will be awarded to Leaderboard players in the 2012 SCOOP tournament series.

SCOOP highlights

Some standout events from 2012 SCOOP include a No Limit Hold'em Heads-Up High Roller with a \$21,000 buy-in (High), which is expected to draw some of the world's best players; a Super Knockout 6-Max Turbo, featuring \$27 (L), \$215 (M) and \$2,100 (H) buy-ins with \$100k, \$200k and \$400k guarantees, where half the buy-in goes to the prize pool and half is used as a bounty on a player's head; and 8-Game and HORSE events, with buy-ins of \$27, \$215 and \$2,100 respectively.

SCOOP also incorporates a huge variety of poker games – Hold'em, Omaha, Stud, Draw, HORSE, 8-Game, Badugi – with variations like Hi/Lo, Lowball, Razz, Triple Draw and many more. There are also a wide variety of tournament formats from freezeouts, to rebuys, big antes, shootouts, heads-up, 2X Chance tourneys, and many more.

For a full schedule of events with buy-in and guarantee information, please see below.

Event #	Date	Time (ET)	Event title and guarantee	Step Ticket?
01-L	6-May	11:00	SCOOP-01-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$250K Gtd	Step 2
01-M	6-May	11:00	SCOOP-01-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$500K Gtd	Step 4
01-H	6-May	11:00	SCOOP-01-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$750K Gtd	Step 6
02-L	6-May	14:30	SCOOP-02-L: \$27 NL Hold'em, \$400K Gtd	Step 2
02-M	6-May	14:30	SCOOP-02-M: \$215 NL Hold'em, \$1M Gtd	Step 4
02-H	6-May	14:30	SCOOP-02-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em, \$1M Gtd	Step 6
03-L	7-May	11:00	SCOOP-03-L: \$5.50 NL Hold'em [6-Max, Action Hour, Rebuys], \$150K Gtd	
03-M	7-May	11:00	SCOOP-03-M: \$55 NL Hold'em [6-Max, Action Hour, Rebuys], \$300K Gtd	
03-H	7-May	11:00	SCOOP-03-H: \$530 NL Hold'em [6-Max, Action Hour, Rebuys], \$400K Gtd	
04-L	7-May	14:00	SCOOP-04-L: \$27 FL Badugi, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
04-M	7-May	14:00	SCOOP-04-M: \$215 FL Badugi, \$50K Gtd	Step 4
04-H	7-May	14:00	SCOOP-04-H: \$2,100 FL Badugi, \$75K Gtd	Step 6
05-L	7-May	17:00	SCOOP-05-L: \$11 NL Hold'em [Rebuys, Turbo], \$200K Gtd	
05-M	7-May	17:00	SCOOP-05-M: \$109 NL Hold'em [Rebuys, Turbo], \$350K Gtd	
05-H	7-May	17:00	SCOOP-05-H: \$1,050 NL Hold'em [Rebuys, Turbo], \$500K Gtd	
06-L	8-May	11:00	SCOOP-06-L: \$11 NL Draw, \$25K Gtd	
06-M	8-May	11:00	SCOOP-06-M: \$109 NL Draw, \$25K Gtd	
06-H	8-May	11:00	SCOOP-06-H: \$1,050 NL Draw, \$50K Gtd	
07-L	8-May	14:00	SCOOP-07-L: \$7.50 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up], \$50K Gtd	Step 1
07-M	8-May	14:00	SCOOP-07-M: \$82 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up], \$75K Gtd	Step 3
07-H	8-May	14:00	SCOOP-07-H: \$700 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up], \$125K Gtd	Step 5
08-L	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-08-L: \$11 NL Hold'em, \$100K Gtd	
08-M	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-08-M: \$109 NL Hold'em, \$300K Gtd	
08-H	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-08-H: \$1,050 NL Hold'em, \$600K Gtd	
09-L	9-May	11:00	SCOOP-09-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout], \$100K Gtd	Step 2
09-M	9-May	11:00	SCOOP-09-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout], \$200K Gtd	Step 4
09-H	9-May	11:00	SCOOP-09-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout], \$400K Gtd	Step 6
10-L	9-May	14:00	SCOOP-10-L: \$27 Stud, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
10-M	9-May	14:00	SCOOP-10-M: \$215 Stud, \$25K Gtd	Step 4
10-H	9-May	14:00	SCOOP-10-H: \$2,100 Stud, \$25K Gtd	Step 6
11-L	9-May	17:00	SCOOP-11-L: \$7.50 PL Omaha Hi/Lo [6-Max], \$25K Gtd	Step 1
11-M	9-May	17:00	SCOOP-11-M: \$82 PL Omaha Hi/Lo [6-Max], \$50K Gtd	Step 3

11-H	9-May	17:00	SCOOP-11-H: \$700 PL Omaha Hi/Lo [6-Max], \$75K Gtd	Step 5
12-L	10-May	11:00	SCOOP-12-L: \$27 PL Omaha [Heads-Up], \$50K Gtd	Step 2
12-M	10-May	11:00	SCOOP-12-M: \$215 PL Omaha [Heads-Up], \$100K Gtd	Step 4
12-H	10-May	11:00	SCOOP-12-H: \$2,100 PL Omaha [Heads-Up], \$200K Gtd	Step 6
13-L	10-May	14:00	SCOOP-13-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [Knockout], \$200K Gtd	Step 2
13-M	10-May	14:00	SCOOP-13-M: \$265 NL Hold'em [Knockout], \$300K Gtd	
13-H	10-May	14:00	SCOOP-13-H: \$2,600 NL Hold'em [Knockout], \$400K Gtd	
14-L	11-May	11:00	SCOOP-14-L: \$7.50 NL Hold'em [Ante Up], \$25K Gtd	Step 1
14-M	11-May	11:00	SCOOP-14-M: \$82 NL Hold'em [Ante Up], \$50K Gtd	Step 3
14-H	11-May	11:00	SCOOP-14-H: \$700 NL Hold'em [Ante Up], \$75K Gtd	Step 5
15-L	11-May	14:00	SCOOP-15-L: \$27 FL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
15-M	11-May	14:00	SCOOP-15-M: \$215 FL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$25K Gtd	Step 4
15-H	11-May	14:00	SCOOP-15-H: \$2,100 FL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$50K Gtd	Step 6
16-L	11-May	17:00	SCOOP-16-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [2X Chance, Turbo], \$250K Gtd	Step 2
16-M	11-May	17:00	SCOOP-16-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [2X Chance, Turbo], \$400K Gtd	Step 4
16-H	11-May	17:00	SCOOP-16-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [2X Chance, Turbo], \$750K Gtd	Step 6
17-L	12-May	11:00	SCOOP-17-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [10-Max, Shootout], \$75K Gtd	Step 2
17-M	12-May	11:00	SCOOP-17-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [10-Max, Shootout], \$100K Gtd	Step 4
17-H	12-May	11:00	SCOOP-17-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [10-Max, Shootout], \$150K Gtd	Step 6
18-L	12-May	14:00	SCOOP-18-L: \$11 PL Omaha [6-Max, Rebuys], \$75K Gtd	
18-M	12-May	14:00	SCOOP-18-M: \$109 PL Omaha [6-Max, Rebuys], \$125K Gtd	
18-H	12-May	14:00	SCOOP-18-H: \$1,050 PL Omaha [6-Max, Rebuys], \$200K Gtd	
19-L	12-May	17:00	SCOOP-19-L: \$27 Triple Stud, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
19-M	12-May	17:00	SCOOP-19-M: \$215 Triple Stud, \$25K Gtd	Step 4
19-H	12-May	17:00	SCOOP-19-H: \$2,100 Triple Stud, \$50K Gtd	Step 6
20-L	13-May	11:00	SCOOP-20-L: \$27 NL Hold'em, \$250K Gtd	Step 2
20-M	13-May	11:00	SCOOP-20-M: \$215 NL Hold'em, \$500K Gtd	Step 4
20-H	13-May	11:00	SCOOP-20-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em, \$750K Gtd	Step 6
21-L	13-May	14:30	SCOOP-21-L: \$27 NL Hold'em, \$400K Gtd	Step 2
21-M	13-May	14:30	SCOOP-21-M: \$215 NL Hold'em, \$1M Gtd	Step 4
21-H	13-May	14:30	SCOOP-21-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em, \$1M Gtd	Step 6
22-L	14-May	11:00	SCOOP-22-L: \$11 Mixed NLHE/PLO, \$25K Gtd	
22-M	14-May	11:00	SCOOP-22-M: \$109 Mixed NLHE/PLO, \$75K Gtd	
22-H	14-May	11:00	SCOOP-22-H: \$1,050 Mixed NLHE/PLO, \$150K Gtd	
23-L	14-May	14:00	SCOOP-23-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [4-Max], \$100K Gtd	Step 2
23-M	14-May	14:00	SCOOP-23-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [4-Max], \$200K Gtd	Step 4
23-H	14-May	14:00	SCOOP-23-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [4-Max], \$300K Gtd	Step 6
24-L	14-May	17:00	SCOOP-24-L: \$11 PL Omaha [1R1A, Turbo], \$75K Gtd	
24-M	14-May	17:00	SCOOP-24-M: \$109 PL Omaha [1R1A, Turbo], \$150K Gtd	
24-H	14-May	17:00	SCOOP-24-H: \$1,050 PL Omaha [1R1A, Turbo], \$250K Gtd	
25-L	15-May	11:00	SCOOP-25-L: \$11 Triple Draw 2-7, \$25K Gtd	
25-M	15-May	11:00	SCOOP-25-M: \$109 Triple Draw 2-7, \$25K Gtd	
25-H	15-May	11:00	SCOOP-25-H: \$1,050 Triple Draw 2-7, \$50K Gtd	
26-L	15-May	14:00	SCOOP-26-L: \$27 Stud Hi/Lo, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
26-M	15-May	14:00	SCOOP-26-M: \$215 Stud Hi/Lo, \$50K Gtd	Step 4
26-H	15-May	14:00	SCOOP-26-H: \$2,100 Stud Hi/Lo, \$75K Gtd	Step 6
27-L	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-27-L: \$11 NL Hold'em, \$100K Gtd	
27-M	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-27-M: \$109 NL Hold'em, \$200K Gtd	
27-H	8-May	17:00	SCOOP-27-H: \$1,050 NL Hold'em, \$500K Gtd	
28-L	16-May	11:00	SCOOP-28-L: \$27 Razz, \$25K Gtd	Step 2

28-M	16-May	11:00	SCOOP-28-M: \$215 Razz, \$50K Gtd	Step 4
28-H	16-May	11:00	SCOOP-28-H: \$2,100 Razz, \$100K Gtd	Step 6
29-L	16-May	14:00	SCOOP-29-L: \$11 NL Hold'em [Big Antes, Rebuys], \$200K Gtd	
29-M	16-May	14:00	SCOOP-29-M: \$109 NL Hold'em [Big Antes, Rebuys], \$300K Gtd	
29-H	16-May	14:00	SCOOP-29-H: \$1,050 NL Hold'em [Big Antes, Rebuys], \$400K Gtd	
30-L	16-May	17:00	SCOOP-30-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout, 6-Max, Turbo], \$100K Gtd	Step 2
30-M	16-May	17:00	SCOOP-30-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout, 6-Max, Turbo], \$200K Gtd	Step 4
30-H	16-May	17:00	SCOOP-30-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [SuperKnockout, 6-Max, Turbo], \$400K Gtd	Step 6
31-L	17-May	11:00	SCOOP-31-L: \$27 8-Game, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
31-M	17-May	11:00	SCOOP-31-M: \$215 8-Game, \$50K Gtd	Step 4
31-H	17-May	11:00	SCOOP-31-H: \$2,100 8-Game, \$75K Gtd	Step 6
32-L	17-May	14:00	SCOOP-32-L: \$27 PL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$75K Gtd	Step 2
32-M	17-May	14:00	SCOOP-32-M: \$215 PL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$150K Gtd	Step 4
32-H	17-May	14:00	SCOOP-32-H: \$2,100 PL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$250K Gtd	Step 6
33-L	18-May	11:00	SCOOP-33-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [1R1A], \$250K Gtd	Step 2
33-M	18-May	11:00	SCOOP-33-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [1R1A], \$325K Gtd	Step 4
33-H	18-May	11:00	SCOOP-33-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [1R1A], \$400K Gtd	Step 6
34-L	18-May	14:00	SCOOP-34-L: \$55 FL Hold'em [6-Max], \$75K Gtd	
34-M	18-May	14:00	SCOOP-34-M: \$530 FL Hold'em [6-Max], \$75K Gtd	
34-H	18-May	14:00	SCOOP-34-H: \$5,200 FL Hold'em [6-Max], \$125K Gtd	
35-L	18-May	17:00	SCOOP-35-L: \$27 NL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$25K Gtd	Step 2
35-M	18-May	17:00	SCOOP-35-M: \$215 NL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$50K Gtd	Step 4
35-H	18-May	17:00	SCOOP-35-H: \$2,100 NL Omaha Hi/Lo, \$100K Gtd	Step 6
36-L	19-May	11:00	SCOOP-36-L: \$55 PL Omaha [6-Max], \$100K Gtd	
36-M	19-May	11:00	SCOOP-36-M: \$530 PL Omaha [6-Max], \$150K Gtd	
36-H	19-May	11:00	SCOOP-36-H: \$5,200 PL Omaha [6-Max], \$250K Gtd	
37-L	19-May	12:30	SCOOP-37-L: \$215 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, High-Roller], \$125K Gtd	Step 4
37-M	19-May	12:30	SCOOP-37-M: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, High-Roller], \$150K Gtd	Step 6
37-H	19-May	12:30	SCOOP-37-H: \$21,000 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, High-Roller], \$150K Gtd	
38-L	19-May	14:00	SCOOP-38-L: \$27 HORSE, \$50K Gtd	Step 2
38-M	19-May	14:00	SCOOP-38-M: \$215 HORSE, \$75K Gtd	Step 4
38-H	19-May	14:00	SCOOP-38-H: \$2,100 HORSE, \$100K Gtd	Step 6
39-L	20-May	11:00	SCOOP-39-L: \$27 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$250K Gtd	Step 2
39-M	20-May	11:00	SCOOP-39-M: \$215 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$500K Gtd	Step 4
39-H	20-May	11:00	SCOOP-39-H: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$750K Gtd	Step 6
40-L	20-May	14:30	SCOOP-40-L: \$109 Main Event - L, \$1M Gtd	
40-M	20-May	14:30	SCOOP-40-M: \$1,050 Main Event - M, \$1.5M Gtd	
40-H	20-May	14:30	SCOOP-40-H: \$10,300 Main Event - H, \$2.5M Gtd	

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