

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, OK
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 316
Prize Pool: \$94,800
January 14-15, 2013**



Michael Hahn Scores \$22,276 in Event 5

Indianapolis-based poker professional records wire-to-wire victory in \$365 No-Limit Hold'em.

Durant, Okla. (January 16, 2013) — Michael Hahn brought 717,000 chips to Day 2 of Event 5, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. Morey Green trailed him closely with 640,000 but the pair set themselves apart from the rest of the field, as the next closest stack belonging to Weldon Hyman who held 364,000.

Hahn rode his lead stack to the final table and began the tournament's finale with almost 900,000 chips, or more than 100 big blinds. Green remained close behind, holding 777,000.

The pair embarked on a roller-coaster ride that saw Hahn relinquish the chip lead, but keep his cool and close the book on his first Circuit victory. Green finished third, recording his first WSOP-related cash.

Hahn won \$22,276, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

"It changed pretty quickly," Hahn said of the dynamic at the final table. "[Austin Buchanan] kind of got some chips early so it changed a little bit. Once the short stacks busted it was always changing and I went up and down quite a bit."

The ups far outweighed the downs and Hahn donned his first WSOP Circuit ring with his friend, railbird and four-time Circuit champion, Kurt Jewell by his side.

The tournament's second place finisher was Lynn Achey. Achey was the only player at the final table to have won a WSOP Circuit gold ring. He first won gold in 2008 at Grand Casino Tunica in a \$500 buy-in event.

Achey began the heads-up battle Tuesday night with the chip advantage but eventually succumbed to Hahn's solid play. He was awarded \$13,774 for second.

Hahn is a 27-year-old poker professional from Indianapolis. He attended Indiana University and received a degree in marketing management and entrepreneurship.

Event 5 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 316 entries. The total prize pool came to \$94,800 and the top 33 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with 13 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 2:45 p.m. Play finished at about 9:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six hours and 45 minutes.

Notes on the Event

- Lynn Achey (second) was the only WSOP Circuit champion at the final table.
- Deborah Phillips (ninth) became the third female to make a final table appearance at the 2012-2013 series at Choctaw Resort.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Choctaw Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Choctaw Resort:

EVENT #1: James Henson defeated 481 players (\$365 NLH) for \$31,021
EVENT #2: Ross Bybee defeated 2,209 players (\$580 NLH Re-Entry) for \$168,433
EVENT #3: Erin Slaughter defeated 343 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,660
EVENT #4: Aaron Ruppert defeated 338 players (\$365 NLH) for \$23,326
EVENT #5: Michael Hahn defeated 316 players (\$365 NLH) for \$22,276

With the fifth tournament wrapped, seven more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino.

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