



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
The Bicycle Casino  
Bell Gardens, CA  
Event #11  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 211  
Prize Pool: \$63,300  
January 13-14, 2013**

## **David Lavin Wins Gold Ring in First Attempt**

### **CBS Television Executive Stars in His Own Hit Show at The Bike**

**Bell Gardens, CA (January 14, 2013)** – David Lavin seems to have a pretty cool life.

He's a television producer by day, and a poker player by night.

Most of Lavin's daily routine consists of managing the business affairs of the network which produces hit television shows like NCIS, Vegas, Undercover Boss, 48-Hours, and a string of other popular programs watched weekly by millions.

But many nights are spent in an environment which can be just as intimidating and challenging when it comes to success. Indeed, Lavin plays poker about once a week, both here at the Bicycle Casino and other major clubs in the Los Angeles area. By his estimation, he enters about four poker tournaments a month.

But until yesterday, Lavin has never entered a WSOP-related tournament of any kind. He stepped up to the cashier and paid his \$365 entry fee, along with 211 aspirants. Lavin was a rookie when it came to gold ring events.

Some 36 hours later, Lavin was wearing the gold ring – his first. He was also paid the handsome sum of \$15,810 in prize money.

“To be honest, I started entering more tournaments because I was getting beat up in cash games,” Lavin confided with a chuckle. “For whatever reason, I’ve done better in tournaments than cash games, and so here I am.”

This was Lavin's third major tournament score within the past year. He won a tourney last year held at the “Stars and Stripes.” He took second-place in another event there, but nothing tops the prestige of becoming part of history and winning a prize associated with the most coveted accomplishment in poker –gold bracelets and gold rings.

Lavin is 52-years-old. He lives in Los Angeles. He is married with three children. Lavin noted that his wife is very supportive of his poker playing. He dedicated the victory to her for allowing him the time to play in as many tournaments as he wants. Lavin said he was most proud of being

able to return home and show her the gold ring, a coveted token of his time spent at the poker tables.

“I can't wait to show this to her,” Lavin said. “I'm so lucky to have a wife that lets me do this. I guess you might say that no matter what happens at the tables, I'm already a huge winner.”

Kingsley Shum finished as the runner-up. Third place went to longtime WSOP veteran Tom McCormick, aka “The Shamrock Kid.”

The final table finishers were as follows:

1. David Lavin – \$15,810
2. Kingsly Shum – \$9,780
3. Tom McCormick – \$7,120
4. Kenneth Huber – \$5,265
5. Stephen Fields – \$3,955
6. Joshua Huelsel – \$3,015
7. Michael Christiansen – \$2,335
8. Carlos Licon – \$1,835
9. McCray Rickey Lee – \$1,465

### **Tournament Notes**

K Day One began with 211 starters for the noon start. By the end of 14 hours of play, ten remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another six hours before the final table session began.

K Third place went to Tom McCormick, a.k.a. “The Shamrock Kid.” He's enjoyed many accomplishments during his long career, including 11 WSOP final table appearances.

K The final table included no previous gold ring winners, which guaranteed a first-time champion.

K The final table went about seven hours, a longer than average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

All players who cash in gold ring events this season receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race at each stop and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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