

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
The Bicycle Casino  
Event #1  
No-Limit Holdem  
Buy-In: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry  
Total Entries: 1,177  
Total Prize Pool: \$353,100  
March 7-10, 2015**

## **Maxwell Lineberger Wins His First Circuit Ring at the Bike**

**Lineberger won the re-entry event with over 1,000 entries for \$62,685**

**Bell Gardens, Calif. (March 10, 2015)** – After a long and arduous competition that was so protracted it extended into an extra, unscheduled day, Maxwell Lineberger won the first event at the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Bicycle Casino. It was a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry tournament with four starting flights, and it garnered an astounding 1,177 entries. When the last card was dealt, the 28-year old Lineberger had earned his first WSOP Circuit ring and the largest live tournament cash of his career (\$62,685).

As is natural in such a long event with such a big field, Lineberger had his share of ups and downs throughout the tourney, a pattern which continued at the final table. "The final table was tough," Lineberger said afterward. "I grinded in through. It was a roller coaster. When it was eight handed I was down to about 20 big blinds. I doubled up with Aces, and it was home free after that."

This event had a guaranteed prize pool of \$200,000, but with 1,177 entries, the actual prize pool far exceeded the guarantee. A total of \$353,100 was paid out to players who made the money.

Lineberger works as an adjuster, but he has aspirations to be a professional poker player one day, and he says he plays four or five days a week despite having a full-time job.

This is by far Lineberger's biggest win. According to hendonmob, his previous total live earnings was just over \$11,600. This win alone is worth more than five times that amount. For Lineberger, this win is a validation of his work on his game, and it will give him the opportunity to earn even bigger wins in the future. "Hard work pays off. I'll be in more tournaments. Larger bankroll, larger tournaments."

The tournament was played over four consecutive days, starting Saturday, March 7. There were two starting flights each on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, 134 players returned at 2 p.m. They played until 3:30 a.m., and three players bagged chips to return on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Lineberger secured his victory in a little more than an hour on the final day.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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At the conclusion of this event, Maxwell Lineberger joins Edward Liu atop the Casino Champion leaderboard. Both players have 50 points. The tiebreaker is money earned, and Lineberger holds that edge. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at the Bicycle Casino earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Bicycle Casino Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Southern California so far:

EVENT #1: Maxwell Lineberger defeated 1,177 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$62,685.

EVENT #2: Edward Liu defeated 92 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$13,800.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 10 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino concludes on March 18.

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