

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

The Bicycle Casino

Event #2

No-Limit Holdem

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 92

Total Prize Pool: \$46,000

March 9, 2015

Edward Liu Wins Second WSOP Circuit Ring at the Bicycle Casino

Liu won his first ring almost exactly one year ago.

Bell Gardens, Calif. (March 10, 2015) – For Edward Liu, there's just something magical about the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Bike. On Monday, Liu won the second Circuit ring of his career in Event #2: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em. His victory came almost exactly one year after he earned his first ring here last season. His two rings are the biggest tournament cashes of his career.

It seemed like kismet for Liu. His last ring was almost exactly a year ago in an event with exactly the same number of entrants, 92. And to add to the sense of destiny, heads-up play lasted only one hand. Liu was heads up against David Tuchman, a poker commentator known for his work on the WSOP live streams and often here on the Bicycle Casino's "Live at the Bike" broadcast. Liu was dealt pocket kings, and Tuchman held pocket aces. At that point in the tournament, it wasn't a surprise that all the chips went in the middle. After Liu's kings held up, he was \$13,800 richer and became the proud owner of a second Circuit ring.

Liu had nothing but praise for Tuchman. Even though their heads-up match didn't last long, Liu spoke admiringly of his opponent's earlier play, especially right before the heads-up cooler. "He [Tuchman] made an amazing hero call the hand before," he said. "We were talking about his crazy call. Meanwhile, the first hand of heads up play, I had pocket kings and he had ace-king. There was a little bit of Hollywood here and there, but it was going in, no doubt."

While Liu may have seemed fated to win at the end, the tournament wasn't always that easy for him. He recalled a particular hand early at the final table when he had pocket jacks on the button on a 4-3-2-2-9 board. He just called his opponent's bets on the turn and river, despite being tempted to raise. It turned out he was up against pocket fours, and likely would have gone broke if he played the hand differently. "For sure, I saved my stack, and I kept myself in it to make a comeback later on."

The event Liu won last year—the \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament—is being held here on Wednesday. If another 92 players buy in, Liu may just win a third ring.

The tournament was played to conclusion in one day on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

This was the first event to conclude, so Edward Liu jumps to the lead in the Casino Champion competition. 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.

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

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 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino concludes on March 18.

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