

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
The Bicycle Casino
Event #3
Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 131
Total Prize Pool: \$39,300
March 9-10, 2015

AJ Fernandes Wins His First Circuit Ring at the Bike

Fernandes, an Omaha Hi-Lo Specialist, Bested a Field of 131 to earn \$11,005

Bell Gardens, Calif. (March 11, 2015) – After a long, hard-fought heads-up battle, AJ Fernandes became the latest WSOP Circuit ring winner at the Bicycle Casino. Fernandes won the \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or better event, winning his first ring and \$11,005.

It wasn't an easy path to victory for Fernandes. The final day of action lasted about seven hours, and almost half of it was heads-up play against runner-up Michael Garner. "We battled for probably about three hours," Fernandes said after the tournament was over. "I had him down, and he won a couple pots, and we ended up back even. [...] It was a battle of small pots and post-flop play."

Fernandes is an Omaha hi-lo specialist who also plays stud games and mixed games, but very little hold'em.

The tournament drew 131 entrants, generating a prize pool of \$39,300. It is the first of two non-hold'em events at this Circuit stop. The other one is Event #11: \$365 Pot Limit Omaha, which begins on Tuesday, March 17.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting Monday, March 9. Of the 131 entrants, 20 returned on Tuesday for Day 2. The top 15 made the money. Day 2 started at 2 p.m., and Fernandes secured his victory just after 9 p.m.

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

At the conclusion of this event, AJ Fernandes joins Maxwell Lineberger and Edward Liu atop the Casino Champion leaderboard. All three 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.

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.

EVENT #3: AJ Fernandes defeated 131 players (\$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better) for \$11,005.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 9 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino concludes on March 18.

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