

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

The Bicycle Casino

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,125

Total Entries: 85

Total Prize Pool: \$85,000

March 11-12, 2015

Scott Stewart Wins 3rd WSOP Circuit Ring of the Season

After Quitting his Job Selling Cars, Stewart's Been on a Circuit Hot Streak for 5 Months

Bell Gardens, Calif. (March 12, 2015) – Scott Stewart is having a magical season on the World Series of Poker Circuit. The 27 year old from Lakewood California won the \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em event at the Bicycle Casino on Tuesday, earning \$27,205 in the process. That lone accomplishment is impressive for most Circuit grinders, but for Stewart, it brings his remarkable run of success to new heights. So far this season, Stewart now has 7 cashes, 6 final tables, 3 rings, and over \$100,000 in earnings.

Stewart is a jovial, fun-loving player who constantly keeps both himself and his opponents entertained at the table. He credits this attitude and approach to life with helping him achieve his recent success. Just a few months ago, he was working full-time selling cards. Then he decided it was time for a change. He said after his win, "Now that I've quit my job and just said 'I can do this,' I think when you're traveling and having such a good time doing it, good things happen."

Of course, Stewart's skill, experience, and practice have helped him get to this point, too. When asked what gives him an edge in tournaments like this, he explained, "A lot of people are inexperienced later in tournaments. But I know what I'm doing at every stage of the tournament."

That advantage has served him well. In addition to his three rings, [Stewart also won Casino Champion honors](#) at the Horseshoe Tunica last month. That achievement comes with a free seat into the 2015 National Championship, where Stewart will be able to take a shot at a WSOP bracelet to go along with his rings. On top of that, after his victory today, he's also leading the Casino Champion race here at the Bike this Circuit stop nearly half-way over.

Stewart now joins the three-ring club, in the eleven-year history of the WSOP Circuit, only 18 players have won more than that. One of them, five-time ring winner Valentin Vornicu, was at the final table of this event, but ended up bowing out in sixth place (\$4,710). The last few opponents who stood in Stewart's way have also had their fair share of success on the Circuit. Barry Kay (2nd place, \$16,810) finished in second place in the Main Event at Harvey's Lake Tahoe in November, making this his second runner-up finish this season. And Arthur Boatman, who finished in third place for \$11,765, won a ring in the \$1,125 event at Harrah's New Orleans less than a year ago.

Not surprisingly, Stewart has no plans to stop at three rings. Just after the event, Alex Masek—who holds the record for career WSOP Circuit rings with 8—came by to congratulate Stewart. While they shook hands, Stewart, only half-jokingly told Masek, “I’m coming for you.”

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting Wednesday, March 11. Of the 85 entrants, only 3 returned on Thursday for Day 2. Day 2 started at noon, and Stewart secured his victory at about 12:45 p.m.

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

At the conclusion of this event, Scott Stewart takes lead in the Casino Champion race. He has 72.5 points. Edward Liu is in second place with 60, and Bill Donnelly, Maxwell Lineberger, and AJ Fernandes are tied for 3rd place with 50. 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 The Bicycle Casino 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.

EVENT #4: William Donnelly defeated 185 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,505.

EVENT #5: Scott Stewart defeated 85 players (\$27,205)

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 7 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino concludes on March 18.

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