

## 2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

### The Bicycle Casino

#### Event #8

#### No-Limit Hold'em Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,675

Total Entries: 669

Total Prize Pool: \$1,003,500

March 14-17, 2015

## Gevork Kasabyan Wins Main Event at the Bike

**Bell Gardens, Calif. (March 18, 2015)** – It took 10 and a half hours to crown a winner on the final day of the Main Event at the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Bicycle Casino. When the last card was dealt, Gevork Kasabyan had all the chips in front of him. The Los Angeles resident wins his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and \$205,720.

Kasabyan entered Day 3 fifth in chips out of 14 players. When they combined to a single table, Kasabyan was 8th out of ten players. But a single key hand shifted his fortunes. On the 61st hand of the final table, he was all in on a  $Q\clubsuit J\heartsuit 5\heartsuit$  flop holding  $J\spadesuit 10\clubsuit$ . He was up against Marty Cohen's king-queen. The  $10\clubsuit$  on the turn gave Kasabyan the pot. He actually tripled up on the hand. It catapulted him into the lead, and he stayed at or near the top of the chip counts until the end of the tournament.

Kasabyan's heads-up opponent already didn't have to build his stack at the final table. Adam Weinraub accomplished yesterday during Day 2 play. He finished yesterday with the chip lead and over 25% of the chips in play even though there were 14 players remaining. He still held the lead when the final table began. The final table was a rollercoaster ride for him, though, and when Marty Cohen was eliminated in 3rd place, Weinraub was at a severe chip disadvantage to Kasabyan. He had just over 600,000 in chips, and Kasabyan had about 13 million. But a few hands and a few double-ups later, Weinraub had almost 5 million to Kasabyan's 8.5 million. The comeback fell short, though, as Kasabyan won the next all in and earned the ring.

The tournament featured two starting days, held on Saturday and Sunday, and those days attracted 661 entries. Players were also able to register on Day 2 before cards went in the air, and another 8 players took advantage of that option, even though it meant entering the event with only seven big blinds. For some players, that approach is a recipe for success. Ashton Griffin entered on Day 2, quickly built up his stack, and ended up busting out in 41st place (\$3,715). Another Day 2 entrant didn't fare quite so well. WSOP bracelet winner Dan Heimiller still wasn't in his seat when play began on Monday. He reportedly had been driving to the Bike from a WPT event in northern California, and wasn't able to make it for the start of play. By the time he arrived, his stack had been blinded down to 5,000, and he was unfortunately eliminated on his first hand.

The 669 entries produced a prize pool of \$1,003,500. The top 72 places were paid, and Kasabyan won \$205,720 for first place. The money bubble was reached early on Day 2, and after Jesse Capps was eliminated in 73rd place, all remaining players were guaranteed a minimum payout of \$2,810.

Three of the top four finishers in the 2014 version of this event finished in the money this year: Shane Schleger (19th place, \$8,650), David Chase (24th, \$7,295), and Danny Illingworth (72nd, \$2,810). Other in-the-money finishers include Chris DeMaci (53rd, \$3,350) and Maria Ho (52nd, \$3,350).

In addition to his WSOP Circuit ring and the prize money, Gevork Kasabyan earns a free entry into the 2015 WSOP National Championship, which will feature a minimum prize pool of \$1,000,000.

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

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After this event, Scott Stewart retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. He has 72.5 points. Edward Liu is in second place with 60, and several players are tied for third with 50 points. 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 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 (\$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,205.

EVENT #6: Jeff Murphy defeated 164 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$13,280.

EVENT #7: Steve Foutty defeated 173 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$14,525.

EVENT #8 (MAIN EVENT): Gevork Kasabyan defeated 669 entries (\$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event) for \$205,720.

EVENT #9: David Zarrin defeated 162 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$13,135.

EVENT #10: Sara Elwood defeated 127 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$10,665.

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 3 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino concludes on March 18.

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