2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 12 Bicycle Casino and Hotel Los Angeles, CA Event #2 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 140 Prize Pool: \$42,000 December 4-5, 2015



Alan Myerson Takes Home Bike Bounty Ring

Entertainment lawyer crosses seven figure mark in career tournament earnings with his first career WSOP Circuit ring.

Los Angeles, CA. (**December 4, 2015**) — Los Angeles is synonymous with show business. Most of the country's television and movie networks have headquarters in the area and Hollywood is filled with stars of screens big and small.

It only seems fitting that on Saturday afternoon, an entertainment lawyer and poker enthusiast takes home the second WSOP Circuit ring awarded at the Bicycle Casino and Hotel. Alan Myerson topped a field of 140 players to take home \$7,830 and his first career Circuit title in the \$365 Bounty No Limit Hold'em.

While the score was only four-figures, but it's significant to Myerson as it moves him over the \$1 million mark in career tournament earnings. The Sherman Oaks, CA native has been playing tournament poker over the last decade, accumulating results mostly in the Southern California area.

He's amassed seven figures in tournament earnings without a single six-figure score.

"I've been playing poker for 10 years," said Myerson after the tournament. "It's always nice to win a tournament and it's nice to go over the million mark. I'm heading on a trip next week, so it's a good way to end the year."

In this format, each player picked up \$100 for every knockout they scored, but Myerson didn't let the extra cash affect his play.

"I didn't get my second bounty until the final hand," said Myerson. "I basically only had one bounty the whole tournament until the final table."

Myerson picked up one bounty prior to the final table and then earned his second when he defeated Circuit regular Wendy Freedman for the title. He also gets to cash in on his own bounty, bringing his bounty total to three and giving him an extra \$300 in prize money.

The tournament got cards in the air on Friday at noon and at the completion of the scheduled 21 levels, there were only four players remaining. In order to continue play down to a winner, finishing the event in a single day, it required a unanimous vote from the players. Myerson was the only one who objected to continue play.

"I always want to play," said Myerson. "But last night I was feeling a little off and I think [the extra rest] helped. I felt better today and I didn't feel like playing last night. It's very rare for me. Usually, I'm the one that is begging everyone to stay and play all night."

When play concluded at the end of Day 1, it was Myerson and Freedman neck and neck at the top of the chip counts. They were joined by Jim Jarvis and accomplished professional poker player Timothy Cramer.

When play resumed on Saturday, Cramer was the first player hit the rail, finishing in fourth place for \$2,570 and Jarvis followed him to the cage in third place for \$3,500. Both players lost their stacks to Freedman, who took a chip lead into heads-up play against Myerson.

Myerson was able to gradually overcome the chip deficit and deny Freedman of her second career Circuit ring.

Along with the hardware and the cash, Myerson earns 50 points and moves into a tie for first place in the Casino Championship race. Myerson is tied with Dave Banerjee, winner of the first event here, with 50 points each. The winner of that title, along with the winner of the main event earns an automatic bid into the Global Casino Championship (previously called the National Championship).

This is the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Casino. The \$365 Bounty No Limit Hold'em attracted 368 players. The total prize pool came to \$42,000 plus the bounties that were handed out for each knockout. The top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Thursday, December 4 at 12 p.m. Day 1 wrapped following Level 21 with 4 players remaining. Day 2 resumed Friday at 1 p.m. Action concluded around 3:30 p.m. making the total duration of the finale about two and a half hours.

Complete results for this event can be found on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Bicycle Casino:

EVENT #1: Dave Banerjee defeated 368 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,265 EVENT #2: Alan Myerson defeated 140 players (\$365 NLH Bounty) for \$7,830

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Bicycle Casino's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 60 expected at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

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