

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Bicycle Casino and Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 124
Prize Pool: \$37,200
December 8-9, 2015**



Phillip Penn Takes Down \$365 Omaha 8 or Better

California native wins only non-hold'em event on the schedule and earns \$10,400 along with ring.

Los Angeles, CA. (December 8, 2015) — Phillip Penn's poker resume is filled mostly with mixed game cashes. On Wednesday evening, Penn added another mixed game cash to his resume by winning his first ring in the \$365 Omaha 8 or Better event at the Bicycle Casino.

"It's cool man," said Penn after his win. "I like this Omaha game and it's cool to be able to make it through this field of tough players and make it all the way to the end and get the ring."

Penn topped a field of 124 players to take home \$10,400 along with his first Circuit ring and another title in a non-hold'em event.

The Southern California native prefers playing other games because he feels there is more skill in those games than in No Limit Hold'em.

"It's more of a skill game," said Penn. "There's more of a luck factor involved. So I like playing this."

With more skill, however, comes better players in the field.

"Usually you get the same core group of players who know how to play the game," he said. "So it's always a tough field. There's hardly any dead money in the mixed games. You're always going to have to deal with a tough field."

Tough fields and good players don't deter Penn, however. He still can be found anywhere where there is a game running.

"I play both live and tournaments," said Penn. "I play here, Vegas, Arizona, or Minnesota. Wherever the poker room is."

Phillip Penn entered the final day third in chips of the remaining 22 players who survived Day 1. When the final table was reached, however, he was neck and neck with Daniel Netzer for the chip lead, having more than tripled the stack that he started the day with.

He put on a dominant showing during the final table, taking the chip lead with four players left and eventually getting heads-up against Robert Durant. Penn held a chip lead at the beginning of the heads-up match and finished off his opponent in just under 20 minutes before officially taking home the title.

Penn also takes home 50 points and jumps into the mix for the Casino Championship. Wendy Freedman currently leads the race with 75 points and Alan Myerson is on her heels with 60 points. Penn moves into a tie for third with Nadim Shabou, Dave Banerjee, Dale Beaudoin and Stuart Pfeifer, who all won events earlier on the stop. 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 sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Casino. The \$365 Omaha 8 or Better attracted 115 players. The total prize pool came to \$37,200. The top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Tuesday, December 8 at 12 p.m. and after 16 scheduled levels of play, the field was trimmed down to the final 22 players. Those players came back on Wednesday at 2 p.m. to play down to a winner. They reached the final table at about 4:15 and the final card was dealt at about 8:30, making the total duration of the finale table just over four 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 Monster Stack) for \$24,265

EVENT #2: Alan Myerson defeated 140 players (\$365 NLH Bounty) for \$7,830

EVENT #3: Stuart Pfeifer defeated 1,000 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$55,110

EVENT #4: Dale Beaudoin defeated 153 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,395

EVENT #5: Nadim Shabou defeated 115 players (\$580 NLH) for \$17,255

EVENT #6: Phillip Penn defeated 124 players (\$365 Omaha 8 or Better) for \$10,400

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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