

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harvey's Lake Tahoe
Stateline, Nevada
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 97
Prize Pool: \$29,100
October 30, 2016**



A Big Win for the Threadgills

Mark Threadgill, after a long chase, won his first career gold ring with his wife supporting him the whole way.

Stateline, Nevada (October 31, 2016) – Mark Threadgill outlasted a field of 97 players to claim his first ever gold ring. His loving wife watched on as he took down Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. When asked how the win felt, Threadgill gave a sigh of relief before answering with, "Unbelievable."

Threadgill started playing poker around 10 to 15 years ago and has been chasing a big victory like this one for a long time. Before this conquest, he had a few final table appearances in his career and WSOP earnings of just over \$4,000. With a top-prize worth \$8,729, this was Threadgill's largest cash to date. However, it was not the money that drove his ambition for a first-place finish.

"The money didn't mean anything. This is what meant something," Threadgill said, referencing the coveted gold ring in his possession.

Him and his wife Brenda, based out of Hallettsville, Texas, travel all over the United States, playing poker as they go. Though it is not only the WSOP Circuit tours they follow, this stop will certainly be their most memorable. Threadgill will look to continue his success here at Harvey's Lake Tahoe.

"I'd hopefully stay here and win another ring and win the Casino Championship."

Both Brenda and Mark have recorded a cash so far. Mark's first cash was only worth 2.5 points, but his recent accomplishment brings him into a contending position. Threadgill now has a total of 52.5 points in the Casino Championship race, but trails Chad DeLanzo's 77.5 benchmark.

Event #5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Jctxg{a}Ncng" Tahoe series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 97 players generating a \$29,100 prizepool. The top 12 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Jctxg{ø'Ncng"Vcj qg series:

EVENT #1: Greg Armand defeated 145 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$12,181

EVENT #2: Julian Galvan defeated 73 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$7,446

EVENT #3: David Cossio defeated 541 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$34,084

EVENT #4: Chad DeLanzo defeated 155 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,555

EVENT #5: Mark Threadgill defeated 97 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,729

This was the fifth gold ring handed qw'c'vj g'Jctxg{ø'Ncng"Vcj qg series. Seven more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Jctxg{ø'Ncng"Vcj qg series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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