

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harvey's Lake Tahoe
Stateline, Nevada
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 163
Prize Pool: \$48,900
November 5, 2016**



Gutsy Call Leads to Turbo Triumph

Dick Sargent takes down the Turbo for his first career gold ring and a win for the old guys.

Stateline, Nevada (November 6, 2016) – Dick Sargent claimed his first Circuit title on Saturday by conquering a field of 163 players in Event #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo. The hasty tournament took only one day and finished on the main stage, at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. This marked Sargent's third cash of the 12-event series in Stateline. He bagged a couple smaller cashes earlier in the week.

Sargent, who has been playing poker since 2004, still sees himself as a bit of a novice who simply plays for the love of the game. There was nothing novice about his final table play though, which came with some support from a longtime pal, and coach.

"Marty and I have been friends for quite a while. He gave me, not only a lot of support, but a lot of behind the scenes help too," said Sargent.

During the last leg of the match, Marty, watched and cheered on Sargent throughout the endeavor. Sargent seemed to be in the zone, playing like no one could stop him, but it was no easy task. When asked if it was a tough final table, Sargent gave a response.

"Yeah, it was. It wasn't all roses," claimed Sargent. "It just meant being patient, and waiting for my opportunities."

One of these opportunities Sargent jumped out and grabbed brought a sense of shock and awe to the group of dedicated spectators railing the event. Sargent made a courageous call against Marcus Laffen, who came into the final table as the chip leader. In a blind versus blind situation, Laffen shoved in the small blind and Sargent called him out from the big blind.

"I remember reading something recently that, the big and small blinds, it's very rare when they have premium hands," Sargent explained. "So, when he shoved I felt like, at that time, he was buying the pot. And I was right on."

Laffen did, in fact, hold a mediocre hand, and no one was in more disbelief than him, when Sargent revealed his queen-eight of clubs. Sargent ended up winning the pot and the instance

proved to be a pivotal point during the final table. The former Navy photographer, and current resident of Hawaii, took over the chip lead and never looked back.

At one point during the final table, his friend and mentor, Marty, made a crack about Sargent sowing the young “wippersnappers” how to play. The 80-year-old did just that and was proud to be representing the older population with an outright victory. Along with the WSOP gold ring, Sargent was also awarded \$13,203 and 50 Casino Championship points.

Event #11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harvey’s Lake Tahoe series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 163 players generating a \$48,900 prizepool. The top 18 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 Harvey’s Lake Tahoe 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
EVENT #6: Robert Zarzycki defeated 187 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$15,428
EVENT #7: Dale Menghe defeated 158 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$12,798
EVENT #8: Matt Betti defeated 322 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$22,705
EVENT #9: Richard Fitzgerald defeated 281 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$33,720
EVENT #11: Dick Sargent defeated 163 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$13,203

This was the tenth gold ring handed out at the Harvey’s Lake Tahoe series. Two more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harvey’s Lake Tahoe series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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