



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harvey's Lake Tahoe
Stateline, NV
Event #3
HORSE
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 104
Prize Pool: \$31,200
November 9-10, 2012**

David Di Iorio Hauls in Quite a Catch at Lake Tahoe

Former Alaska Fisherman Reels in WSOP Circuit Gold Ring

Stateline, Nevada (November 9, 2012) – David Di Iorio has lived an unusual life for someone still in his twenties. He's worked as a fisherman, sailed the high seas, experienced extraordinary danger, appeared on national television – and now, he's won a World Series of Poker Circuit title, his first.

Di Iorio topped a modest field-size of 104 players in winning the \$365 buy-in HORSE tournament, played at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. This is the third of 12 gold ring events on this year's schedule.

Di Iorio pocketed \$9,360 in prize money. But the real satisfaction was the victory of earning a first-time WSOP-related victory. Di Iorio also admitted that he had a number of wagers with fellow poker professionals as to who would be the first to win either a gold ring or a gold bracelet. He picked up a little extra cash from winning that bet, as well.

The new champion's road to victory took a most unusual path. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Di Iorio came up the hard way, doing one of the toughest physical jobs imaginable. He worked as a fisherman (mostly for lobsters) in Alaska for three full years. He went out on the small boats typically seen on shows like *The Deadliest Catch*, and braved bitter cold and ocean waves to make a living. He was even featured on a few episodes.

Di Iorio has been playing poker part-time since he was 21. He started playing at Foxwoods. Di Iorio began working as a commercial fisherman off the East Coast for awhile, and then went north to the bitter cold of Alaska, before settling down in Placerville, CA – where he now resides.

This was Di Iorio's second time to cash in a WSOP Circuit event. He took 12th place in an event here at Harvey's Lake Tahoe three years ago. However, Di Iorio did previously win an event at the Reno Poker Classic.

Justin Haller, from Turlock, CA was the runner up. In fact, the top two chip leaders entering the final table ended up finishing 1-2.

Also among those that cashed was gold ring winner Mark Bonsack, who came in 10th, to go along with his fourth-place finish in the previous event.

Note: Di Iorio's last name is spelled as follows – “d-i i-o-r-i-o”

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The top finishers were as follows:

1	David Diiorio	PLACERVILLE	CA	US	\$9,360.00
2	Justin Haller	TURLOCK	CA	US	\$5,785.00
3	Robert Theobald	RENO	NV	US	\$4,119.00
4	Fernando Ortiz	SAN DIEGO	CA	US	\$2,992.00
5	Nathan Fitzgerald	FAIRFIELD	CA	US	\$2,216.00
6	Gabriel Baumgartner	LEIPZIG		DE	\$1,673.00
7	Wendy Freedman	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	US	\$1,287.00
8	Travis Wolfe	ALTON	IL	US	\$1,008.00
9	Shawn Van Asdale	RENO	NV	US	\$804.00
10	Mark Bonsack	CLE ELUM	WA	US	\$652.00
11	Yossi Azulay	CHICAGO	IL	US	\$652.00
12	Valentin Vornicu	SAN DIEGO	CA	US	\$652.00

Tournament Notes

- This was the third (of 12) events at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series.
- Day One began with a modest-sized field of 104 entries. By the end of 10 hours of play at 2 am, only 29 remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another five hours before the final table session began.
- Attendance was up slightly from the same event last year, which drew 88 entrants.
- When the final table began, Di Iorio and Haller were ranked 1-2 in chips and ended up finishing in that order.
- This tournament was played during a record-setting day. Event 4, which began during the second day of play set a record as the biggest poker tournament ever held in Northern Nevada.
- The final table went about four hours.

With his victory, Di Iorio jumped into serious contention the Casino Champion race for the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series, with 50 points. At present, David Gilmer leads all players with 52.5 ints.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Lake Tahoe's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (Nov. 18-20), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Lake Tahoe events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harvey's Lake Tahoe runs through November 20, 2012.

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