

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine Harveys Lake Tahoe Stateline, NV Event #5 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In \$300 (+65) Total Entries: 241 Prize Pool: \$72,300 November 11-12, 2012

## Welcome Back Carter: Myers Wins First Gold Ring

## 24-Year-Old Poker Pro Finally Earns WSOP Circuit Victory

## Big Holiday Weekend at Harveys Lake Tahoe Continues

**Stateline, Nevada (November 12, 2012)** – This seemed to be Carter Myers' tournament victory from the start. He took control of the tournament midway through the first day and then arrived at the final table as chip leader.

Everything he did seemed to work. Every move was successful. At one point, it seemed like a foregone conclusion that Myers would finally win his first WSOP Circuit title.

But if there's one word used to describe tournament poker, that would be unpredictable.

When heads-up play began, Myers had his last opponent (Will Chao) all-in three times. On each occasion, Chao managed to spike a miracle card or split the pot, thus resulting in a deadlocked match that went long than many were anticipating.

Then, Myers encountered a scare. He ran cold for nearly 45 minutes, during which time Chao was able to make a stunning comeback and seize the chip lead. As the rail swelled with the followers of both players, sparked by Chao's instinct for survival and big comeback, it looked like the match might go long into the night.

But then, Myers decided he's had enough. The player who most would agree was the dominant force out of the initial field of 241 entrants regained his advantage and the proceeded to put Chao away during the next 15 minutes. Just before the hour struck midnight, Chao's dreams of completing his comeback turned into a pumpkin. Meanwhile, Myers got the glass slipper and the role of poker Cinderella for a day.

The poker pro from Breckenridge, MI pocketed \$17,711 in prize money for taking down first place. He was also presented with his first gold ring. The victory comes after many tries. This was Myers' eighth time to cash in a WSOP Circuit event.

The action took place over a busy Veterans Day holiday weekend, at Harveys Lake Tahoe.

The top-nine finishers (final table) were as follows:

1 Carter Myers	BRECKENRIDGE	MI	US	\$17,711.00
2 William Chao	FOLSOM	CA	US	\$10,945.00
3 Stephen Knapp	RANCHO CORDOVA	CA	US	\$7,907.00
4 Todd Davis	JACKSONVILLE	FL	US	\$5,819.00
5 James Casement	SAINT CHARLES	IL	US	\$4,360.00
6 Erle Mankin	SACRAMENTO	CA	US	\$3,322.00
7 Shawn Van Asdale	RENO	NV	US	\$2,574.00
8 Dustin Fox	ZEPHYR COVE	NV	US	\$2,027.00
9 Nathan Fitzgerald	FAIRFIELD	CA	US	\$1,621.00

## **Tournament Notes**

- This was the fifth (of 12) events at the Harveys Lake Tahoe series.
- This tournament was played the day after the largest WSOP Circuit event ever held at Harveys Lake Tahoe, which drew 651 players. No doubt, had so many players not been active in the other tournament, this event would have drawn a larger number.
- The tournament was played on a Sunday-Monday over the Veterans Day holiday weekend.

- Day One began with 241 entries. By the end of the first ten-hour session of play at 2:30 am, only 29 remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another four hours before the final table session began.
- When the final table began, Carter Myers enjoyed the chip lead. He held the advantage the entire way, except for a brief time during heads-up play.
- Dustin Fox, who previously has 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in WSOP Circuit events, took 8<sup>th</sup> place.
- The final table went about five hours, which is about the average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

With his victory, Carter Myers jumped into serious contention the Casino Champion race for the Harveys Lake Tahoe series, with 50 points. At present, David Gilmer still leads all players with 52.5 points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harveys 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 Harveys Lake Tahoe runs through November 20, 2012.

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