



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harveys Lake Tahoe
Stateline, NV
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$500 (+80)
Total Entries: 246
Prize Pool: \$73,800
November 14-15, 2012**

Three Gold Rings for Brett Schwertley

Poker Pro from Omaha Wins Number Three at Harveys Lake Tahoe

Schwertley Becomes 19th Player in History with Three or More WSOP Circuit Victories

Stateline, Nevada (November 17, 2012) – Brett Schwertley is all business when he's playing poker.

Not that he doesn't enjoy the game. He does.

Not that he doesn't appreciate the major tournament victory and the accolades that go along with winning. He does.

But Schwertley is motivated by money. He plays poker to make a living. The poker table is his “office.”

Alas, if the poker table is his office, then Schwertley has just opened up a new branch at Harveys Lake Tahoe. Only this branch only takes deposits.

The 29-year-old poker pro from Omaha, NE won the latest WSOP Circuit event, which was a \$580 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament. First place paid \$28,627 in prize money.

Schwertley also slipped on this third gold ring. His previous victories took place at Choctaw (Oklahoma) and Hammond (Indiana).

With this victory, he became only the 19th player in history to win three or more gold rings in the nine-year history of the WSOP Circuit (see list below).

Schwertley estimates that he plays about half of the WSO Circuit stops on the schedule. He's been playing poker full time for about seven years.

“When I play, I try to get into a zone,” Schwertley said after his win. “I think I have gotten better over the last several years since I started in this business. But then, so has everyone else.”

Here are the top 19 gold ring winners all-time:

Last	First	Rings
Smith	Mark	5
Cartwright	Kyle	5
Jewell	Kurt	4
Nguyen	Men	4
Masek	Alexandru	4
Reslock	Chris	4
Keller	Brent	3
Ferguson	Chris	3
Nguyen	Huy	3
Gardenhire	Justin	3
Pilgrim	Dwyte	3
Hawkins	Maurice	3
Rosenbach	Michael	3
Engel	Alan	3
Ippolito	Peter	3
Souza	Michael	3
Sengphet	La	3
Castoire	Robert	3

**Add Brett Schwertley as the 19th player with three or more gold ring wins.*

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

1	Brett Schwertley	OMAHA	NE	US	\$28,627.00
2	Todd Machado	MERCED	CA	US	\$17,693.00
3	David Washburn	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE	CA	US	\$12,877.00
4	Vincent Rimmel	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE	CA	US	\$9,523.00
5	Shawn Daniels	WAYNE	PA	US	\$7,153.00
6	Haixia Zhang	LOS GATOS	CA	US	\$5,456.00
7	Joshua Vandever	RENO	NV	US	\$4,225.00
8	Erkut Yilmaz	SACRAMENTO	CA	US	\$3,321.00
9	Peter Shekeloff	OAKLAND	CA	US	\$2,648.00

Tournament Notes

- This was the ninth (of 12) events at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series.
- Day One began with 229 entries. Only nine players survived Day One. The survivors returned for Day Two and played the final table session.
- When the final table began, Shawn Daniels had the chip lead. He ended up coming in fifth place. This was his first WSOP Circuit tournament.
- The runner up was Todd Machado, from Merced, CA. He earned \$17,693.
- Haixia Zhang finished 6th. This was her second final table appearance at this series.
- Two-time gold ring winner David Clark finished 16th.
- WSOP gold bracelet winner Jason DeWitt finished 24th.
- The final table went about eight hours, slightly longer than usual. Heads-up play lasted about two hours.

With his victory, Schwertley earned 50 points in the Casino Champion race for the Harveys Lake Tahoe series. But double gold ring winner David Gilmer currently stands way ahead of all players with 102.5 points – with only two gold ring events still to play.

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.

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The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harveys Lake Tahoe runs through November 20, 2012.

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