



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harveys Lake Tahoe
Stateline, NV
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 138
Prize Pool: \$41,400
November 18-19, 2012**

Rob “Creekhouse” Pinney Finally Gets the Win

Tournament Grinder Wins Final Gold Ring Event at Lake Tahoe

Record-Setting WSOP Circuit Visit to Northern Nevada Concludes

Stateline, Nevada (November 19, 2012) – Rob "Creekhouse" Pinney, from Live Oak, CA has just won the final gold ring event at the Lake Tahoe series.

He won the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament (Event 12), which ended on Monday night. Pinney is a 46-year-old bus driver and poker pro, making his second final table appearance at this series. In fact, this was his fourth final table appearance overall. Each previous time he finished seventh.

“I was happy to break the seventh-place jinx,” said Pinney moments after the victory. “But I was playing to win. I had no interest in second place or anything other than the victory.

Pinney's ambition was to be commended. While he's enjoyed some success as a tournament player, he admittedly has run bad recently, which normally might shake the confidence of a less determined player. But Pinney remained focused with his eyes on the prize and that dedication paid off in Lake Tahoe's final gold bracelet event of the year.

“I ran terrible up in Canada at the last (WSOP) Circuit stop,” Pinney revealed. “I couldn't catch a break up there. But I stuck with it and got a few days off from work and decided to try and get my win here. And that's what happened.”

Pinney works as a bus driver. But he also plays poker as a semi-pro, mostly in and around his home in the Sacramento Valley.

Pinney picked up his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. First place paid \$11,589.

Ironically, Pinney's win almost wasn't. In fact, it might should have never happened. At one point early in the tournament, Pinney decided to make a very bold move, which ended up being what he would call “the wrong move at the right time.” Pinney had a read on an opponent that turned out to be wrong. He tried to move his opponent off a hand, but as things turned out that player actually had top pair with top kicker and called the all-in raise. Pinney coyly revealed that he got lucky on the hand catching runner-runner to make a flush. That early double-up propelled him to his first victory the following day.

The runner up was Sean Burson, from Santa Ana, CA. He hoped to win his second gold ring. Burson's first win was last year at Harrah's Chester (Philadelphia). But he came up just short..

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

1	Robert Pinney	LIVE OAK	CA	US	\$11,589.00
2	Sean Burson	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE	CA	US	\$7,165.00
3	John Deng	DAVIS	CA	US	\$62,882.00
4	Yuka Goto Burgos	RENO	NV	US	\$3,800.00
5	Jeffery Wakamiya	CARMICHAEL	CA	US	\$2,841.00
6	John Harris	DALLAS	TX	US	\$2,160.00
7	Joel Calcagno	HUNTINGTON BEACH	CA	US	\$1,670.00
8	James Reyes	SACRAMENTO	CA	US	\$1,312.00
9	Firas Bouri	ROSEVILLE	CA	US	\$1,047.00

Tournament Notes

- This was the twelfth (of 12) events at the Harveys Lake Tahoe series.
- This was a two-day tournament. Play began at 3 pm on Sunday and ended at midnight Monday night.
- Gold ring winner Sean Burson finished as the runner up. He collected \$7,165.
- Two-time gold ring winner John Harris finished sixth.
- There were 138 entrants. Only 12 survived the first day. The final table was played out in nine hours.

With his victory, Pinney picked up 50 points in the National Championship points race. However, David Gilmer locked up the Casino Champion title at Harveys Lake Tahoe with 102.5 points.

Gilmer accumulated the most overall points in Lake Tahoe's twelve combined gold ring tournaments and thus earned the title "Casino Champion." He received an automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race 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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