



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Rincon
Valley Center, CA (North San Diego)
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 141
Prize Pool: \$42,300
December 9-10, 2012**

Donna Delfin Makes Poker History

Latest Champion Becomes First Female WSOP Circuit Winner Ever at Harrah's Rincon

Valley Center, CA (December 10, 2012) – Donna Delfin finally managed to do what no other female poker player has done in the nine-season history of WSOP Circuit event at Harrah's Rincon.

Despite more than 100 gold ring events played since 2005, no female had ever won a gold ring up to this point. Delfin, fresh off two previous final table appearances which took place last month at Harvey's Lake Tahoe, arrived at this finale with even more determination. She overcame a formidable lineup en route to what was not just a personal triumph as a poker player, but a historic achievement as well.

“It's really amazing,” Delfin said moment after winning. “This is great. It was real grind. I can't believe this. I wanted this so much.”

Delfin is a 50-year-old part-time poker player from Folsom, CA. She says she's been playing for about five years. Although she's made some serious strides as a player, nothing quite compares to the thrill of winning what was a first WSOP-related victory, and going down in history as the first female to win a title here in San Diego after so many other have come close, but short.

Delfin demonstrated an extraordinary mix of patience mixed with aggression. She seemed to allow others to bust as she slowly picked her spot and began to accumulate chips. Although she was in danger of busting on a few occasions, especially when things got heads up with eventual runner-up Todd Davis, Delfin usually had the best of it and managed to gradually put herself in a position to win.

The victory came at 2 pm. Despite the late hour, several well-wishers came back into the tournament room and celebrated. Delfin also received a number of phone calls and text messages. It seemed the members of “Team Donna” were watching.

Delfin collected \$11,844 in prize money. But the WSOP Circuit gold ring and the prestige of victory were of greater importance.

Interestingly, Delfin's WSOP resume reveals a steady stream of progress. Each and every time she's cashed, Delfin has ultimately performed better than on the previous occasion. In fact, she's now made three final tables including three top-five finishes during her last two WSOP Circuit stops.

Here's a look at Delfin's WSOP record:

2012/2013 WSOP Circuit Events - Harrah's Rincon

Event #5: No-Limit Hold'em 12/9/2012 1st \$11,844
\$365 buy-in

2012/2013 WSOP Circuit Events - Harveys Lake Tahoe

Event #7: No-Limit Hold'em Six Handed 11/13/2012 2nd \$10,960
\$365 buy-in

2012/2013 WSOP Circuit Events - Harveys Lake Tahoe

Event #2: No-Limit Hold'em Turbo 11/9/2012 5th \$4,104
\$365 buy-in

2008 39th Annual World Series of Poker

Ladies No-Limit Hold'em World Championship (Event 15) 6/8/2008 27th \$5,848
\$1,000 buy-in

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

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| 1 | Donna Delfin | FOLSOM | CA | \$11,844.00 |
| 2 | Todd Davis | JACKSONVILLE | FL | \$7,320.00 |
| 3 | John Meekhael | ANAHEIM | CA | \$5,284.00 |
| 4 | Raymond Padgett | SANTA PAULA | CA | \$3,883.00 |
| 5 | Connor Cronkhite | ERIE | PA | \$2,903.00 |
| 6 | Jack Converse | YORBA LINDA | CA | \$2,207.00 |
| 7 | Adam Laskey | FARGO | ND | \$1,706.00 |
| 8 | Chad Thyzel | TEMECULA | CA | \$1,340.00 |
| 9 | Eric Revak | SANTEE | CA | \$1,070.00 |

Tournament Notes

- This was the fifth gold ring event (of 12) at the Harrah's Rincon series.

- Day One began with 141 starters for the noon start. By the end of 14 hours of play at 2 am, only 18 remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another three hours before the final table session began.
- Todd Davis finished as the runner up to Delfin. He is a 29-year-old poker pro from Jacksonville, FL.
- The final table went about six hours, which is about the average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

Donna Delfin picked up 50 points in the Casino Champion race for the Harrah's Rincon series. She currently ranks in a second-place tie with three other players. Michael Souza is the current leader.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in San Diego'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 (Dec. 14-17), 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 Harrah's Rincon 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 Harrah's Rincon runs through December 17th, 2012.

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