2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Ten **Harveys Lake Tahoe** Stateline, NV **Event #10** No Limit Hold'em Buy-In \$1500 (+175) **Total Entries: 390** 

**Prize Pool: \$585,000** November 1-4, 2013



## Dan Harmetz Wins Main Event at Harveys Lake Tahoe

## Retired Hedge Fund Manager Bags \$128,699 and First Gold Ring

Stateline, NV (November 4, 2013) - After three days of intense competition at Harveys Lake Tahoe, Dan Harmetz is the latest WSOP Circuit Main Event winner. Harmetz earns his first Circuit ring, along with \$128,699 and a free entry in the National Championship, to be held at Caesars Atlantic City in the spring. Along the way, Harmetz knocked out all of his final-table competitors on the last day of the tournament.

Ryan Rinker finishes in 2nd place, earning \$79,531. He also earns Casino Champion honors with 77.5 points and a free entry into the National Championship.

Day 3 action started at noon PST on Monday with only five players returning. Harmetz started the day second in chips behind Ryan Rinker. Action got off to a frenetic start, featuring aggressive play from all players. The first elimination occurred about 45 minutes into the first level of the day when Jorge Walker was busted by Harmetz. Walker earned \$32,538 for his fifth-place finish.

Austin Buchanan was then eliminated in fourth place early in level 4, earning \$43,150. Buchanan entered this tournament atop the WSOP Circuit National Leaderboard. With his final-table performance at Harveys, he earns another 40 points, bringing his total for the year up to 192.5. (Second-place on the leaderboard currently has only 130.)

After Buchanan's bust-out, the pace of play slowed considerably, and three-handed play lasted over four hours. Kevin Fleming, who entered Day 3 with the shortest stack at the table, was able to double-up whenever he got short-stacked and eventually climbed into second place. His luck ran out, however, when he pushed all in with pocket Tens and ran into Harmetz's pocket Kings. He exited in third place, earning \$58,114.

In contrast to the lengthy three-handed battle, heads-up play lasted only a few hands. Ryan Rinker shoved with pocket 5s and Harmetz called with two overcards. The board double-paired, counterfeiting Rinker's fives and securing the Circuit ring for Harmetz.

Harmetz, a retired hedge fund manager, says he doesn't play many tournaments, but he has now joined the ranks of WSOP Circuit ring winners, and he's \$128,699 richer.

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There were no prior WSOP bracelet or Circuit ring winners at the final table. Three bracelet winners made it two Day 2:

- Trevor Pope made a deep run, bowing out just short of the final table in 12th place.
- Joey Weissman, who was the chip leader at the end of Day 1A, finished in 28th.
- Howard "Tahoe" Andrew, who has two bracelets and one ring, failed to make the money
- Michael Souza, owner of four Circuit rings, made it to day two, but also busted out short of the money.

## **Final Table Results**

PLACE	PLAYER	CITY / STATE / COUNTRY	CASH EARNED
1	Daniel Harmetz	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$128,699
2	Ryan Rinker	VACAVILLE, CA, US	\$79,531
3	Kevin Fleming	PLEASANTON, CA, US	\$58,114
4	Austin Buchanan	WINTER PARK, FL, US	\$43,150
5	Jorge Walker	CERRITOS, CA, US	\$32,538
6	Eric Matulis	SHOREWOOD, IL, US	\$24,903
7	Jonathan Neckar	BLUE RIVER, WI, US	\$19,340
8	Grantland Hillman	OAKLAND, CA, US	\$15,233
9	Evan Karcie	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, US	\$12,168

## **Tournament Notes**

- This was a re-entry event with two starting days/flights. Players who were eliminated from Flight A could re-enter Flight B.
- The tournament began at 12 noon PDT Friday with Flight A and 138 entries. They played 15 levels (12 hours) and only 31 remained.
- Flight B began at 12 noon Saturday with 252 entries. After the same 15 levels, only 51 remained.
- Day 2 began at 12 noon PST Sunday with the combined 82 survivors and played 10 levels (12 hours). The official final table began at 10:06pm and played almost two hours before the day ended.
- Day 3 began at 12 noon Monday with the final five players. It was over shortly after 6pm, making the final table duration eight hours over two days.

- Total number of entries was 390, generating total prize money of \$585,000. The final 54 got paid.
- Defending champion Cary Marshall played Flight B and although he went deep, he busted out near the end of day 1.
- Doug 'Rico' Carli, who holds the record for the most WSOP Circuit cashes with 82, played Flight B and busted out shortly before the end of the day.
- The Ladies have been making a strong showing here at Harveys Lake Tahoe. There has been at least one woman at each final table except events 6, 8, and 10.

Event 1: Iris Kuzu won, Justine Roders finished 7th

Event 2: Deva Crouch finished 3rd

Event 3: Elizabeth Tedder finished 2nd

Event 4: Ruth Hagen finished 2nd

Event 5: Carolyn Bermudez finished 8th

Event 6: Last woman was Natasha Barbour, who finished 13th

Event 7: Wendy Freedman finished 3rd

Event 8: Last woman was Brenda Duncan, who finished 12th

Event 9: Shelley Lober finished 8th, Natasha Barbour finished 9th

Event 10: Yen Dang finished 16th

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harveys Lake Tahoe's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City in Spring of 2014.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harveys Lake Tahoe:

EVENT #1: Iris Kuzu defeated 202 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,757

EVENT #2: Chris Swan defeated 284 players (\$365 NLH) for \$20,450

EVENT #3: Ivin Arquiza defeated 537 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$34,637

EVENT #4: Jed Hoffman defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,958

EVENT #5: Barry Raymos defeated 195 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,210

EVENT #6: Jose Esparza defeated 191 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,899

EVENT #7: Austin Apicella defeated 166 players (\$365 Six Max NLH) for \$13,941

EVENT #8: Paul Cookson defeated 145 players (\$580 NLH) for \$20,299

EVENT #9: Cary Marshall defeated 77 players (\$365 PLO) for \$7,853

EVENT #10: Dan Harmetz defeated 390 players (\$1675 NLH Main Event) for \$128,699

Two more ring events remain at Harveys Lake Tahoe.

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