

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

### **The Bicycle Casino**

#### **Event #1**

#### **No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 245**

**Total Prize Pool: \$73,500**

**March 6-7, 2014**

## **Huy Quach Dominates Event 1, Wins Second Gold Ring**

**Stock trader adds another piece of jewelry to his already impressive poker resume**

**Los Angeles, California (March 7, 2014)** – During the 2011/12 Circuit season Huy Quach rose to the top of a 748-player field and laid claim to the first ever World Series of Poker Circuit ring offered at the Bicycle Casino in Los Angeles, California. Fast-forward two years later and Quach was able to once again rise to the top of the first event on the schedule to earn his second Circuit ring and \$18,000 in first-place prize money.

The first event offered at this year's Circuit stop at The Bike drew 245 players, one of which was eventual champion Quach. Quach amassed a large amount of chips on the first day of play and had built up the largest stack in the room by the time the final table bagged up at the end of the day.

"There were several short stacks," Quach recalled about the final table after his victory. "It was fun. It was fun but it was not easy."

There were indeed several short-stacked players who returned for the second day of play. These short stacks fell one after the other, allowing the final table to wrap up in around four and a half hours. Before he knew it, Quach was heads up with the chip lead against Mike Maarup. It was here, however, where the pace of the final table would slow down.

Maarup dealt a severe blow to Quach about forty-five minutes into heads up play. Maarup found himself all in with ace-queen before the flop against Quach's pocket sevens. A queen on the flop allowed Maarup to double up and assume the chip lead.

"He sucked out!" said Quach with a smile after the match. "The total chip count was two and a half million and when he won that hand he had over 1.8 million. I had to grind back slower and slower. One hand I had a set of tens and disguised my hand – didn't even raise it. Then in another hand I had pocket kings and disguised it as well."

On the final hand, the two players found themselves in the ultimate preflop race situation with Quach holding ace-king to Maarup's pocket queens. An ace came on the flop and sealed the deal for Quach. That said, his disdain toward the hand ace-king left him feeling nervous heading to the community cards.

"I was at the WSOP at the Rio in a \$1,500 buy-in. I came into the final table as the chip leader and had ace-king six times. I lost every hand. I hate that hand. I even told [Maarup] I hate that hand! But now I like that hand!"

Despite any previous hatred, Quach will now be immortalized as a two-time WSOP champion while holding the ace-king. Not a bad redemption story for big-slick.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Huy Quach - \$18,000  
2nd – Mike Maarup - \$11,125  
3rd – Alexander Greenblatt - \$8,040  
4th – Anthony Nguyen - \$5,915  
5th – Jesus Sanchez - \$4,430  
6th – Kirt Suihkonen - \$3,375  
7th – Cludo Georgiadis - \$2,615  
8th – Thomas Bochynski - \$2,060  
9th – Robert Gau - \$1,650

## Notes on the Event

- This event kicked off the 2013/14 Circuit series at the Bicycle Casino
- Huy Quach is now a two-time ring winner, winning both opening events at 2011/12 and 2013/14 Bicycle Casino stops.
- IP Biloxi ring winner and Main Event final table member Nolan Burton bubbled the official final table with a 10th place finish.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during The Bicycle Casino's gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place on May 22-24 at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

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 The Bicycle Casino:

EVENT #1: Huy Quach defeated 245 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,000.

With the first event completed, there are still eleven more ring events to go including the currently running \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry (\$100,000 guaranteed prize pool) and the \$1,675 Main Event (\$1,000,000 guaranteed prize pool).

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