

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**  
**The Bicycle Casino**  
**Event #3**  
**No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry**  
**Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)**  
**Total Entries: 107**  
**Total Prize Pool: \$51,895**  
**March 9, 2014**

## **Valentin Vornicu Powers Through, Wins Ring #3**

**San Diego native is one, two, three times a winner on the WSOP Circuit**

**Los Angeles, California (March 10, 2014)** – The tenth day of March proved to be an absolute marathon of a day for the players who made the final table of Event 3: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em. After almost seventeen hours of tournament poker, it was Valentin Vornicu who was able to rise above the 107-player field to earn \$18,170 in first-place prize money as well as his third Circuit ring.

Vornicu, who has 15 total cashes on the Circuit, won his first ring back during the 2011/12 season in a \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em at Horseshoe Hammond. The following season he took down a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed at Harrah's Rincon. He's now continued his trend of one ring per season with a victory in LA.

"This feels amazing," said Vornicu after besting Arkady Tsinis during heads up play. "I was just down 2-1 in chips pretty much the whole heads up but I just grinded and grinded and grinded. I did not stop grinding until it got to the point where I flopped a set, finally. He flopped top pair, and we got it in on the turn. He had a flush draw as well. I dodged it and we turned the tables."

From there, Vornicu took the chip lead and began slowly chipping away at Tsinis' stack. Tsinis, who once held a majority of the chips in play, was unable to gain back any momentum.

"I grinded him down to the point where he open-shipped king-ten off suit," said Vornicu about Tsinis. "I snapped him off with ace-three. He had about thirteen bigs and I held!"

While taking the winner's photo, Vornicu seemed overwhelmed by the long journey to victory that took up a majority of his day. The event paid the top 12 players and Vornicu and others endured a bubble that lasted for almost two hours.

"It's been a long day. When we were on the bubble with thirteen people I was just like 'Let's keep doing this. Let's do it.'"

Once the final table was reached, the tournament was scheduled to hard stop for the night, as it was a two-day event. Vornicu and some of his fellow final table members consulted tournaments staff and were allowed the opportunity to play to a winner and

finish the event in one day. Vornicu, who is chasing points, was quite happy with this decision.

“It’s not that I don’t want to drive back, because in San Diego,” said Vornicu. “I wanted to play tomorrow’s [event]. I’m going to be contending for the championship here.”

Vornicu’s victory does indeed give him a leg up in the Casino Championship points race, as he is now tied for second place heading into the fifth day of the series.

Final table results were as follows:

- 1st – Valentin Vornicu - \$18,170
- 2nd – Arkadiy Tsinis - \$9,080
- 3rd – Darren Healy - \$4,670
- 4th – Ryan Rutkowski - \$3,635
- 5th – John Coon - \$2,855
- 6th – Charles Rosenberg - \$2,595
- 7th – Ernest Diaz - \$2,335
- 8th – Christopher Price - \$2,075
- 9th – Steve Chanthabouasy - \$1,815

## Notes on the Event

- This event was originally scheduled as a two-day tournament. It ultimately played out in one day.
- This was Valentin Vornicu’s third WSOP Circuit ring. He has won one ring each season for the past three seasons.
- The marathon of a poker event lasted until about 4:30 a.m.

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.
- EVENT #2: Cory Waaland defeated 773 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$46,410.
- EVENT #3: Valentin Vornicu defeated 107 players (\$580 NLH) for \$18,170

With the first event completed, there are still nine more ring events to go including the \$1,675 Main Event (\$1,000,000 guaranteed prize pool). Vornicu’s win here earns him 50 points toward the Casino championship. He is currently tied for second place with Event 2 winner Cory Waaland.

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