

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
The Bicycle Casino
Event #5
No Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 174
Total Prize Pool: \$52,200
March 11, 2014

Art Cadena Tops Event 5 Field For First Ring Win

Real estate agent seizes victory and over \$14,000 in first-place prize money

Los Angeles, California (March 11, 2014) – “This is a relief.”

Those were the first words spoken by Event 5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em champion Art Cadena after besting Steve Firestone in heads up play to take down the title. Cadena, a local who works in real estate, pocketed \$14,110 for his victory, which is his largest tournament cash to date.

“It’s been a long time waiting to get something like this,” said Cadena as he closely examined his new Circuit ring. “I’ve won other tournaments but nothing as big as this.”

The event saw a total of 174 entrants take to the felt with the dream of becoming the next WSOP Circuit champion. The first day of play whittled the field down to a final table of nine and in the process lost notable players in the money such as Event 1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em champion Huy Quach, Jose Serratos, and final table bubble boy Rex Clinkscapes.

Cadena came into the final table in the second chip position and was only a few chips behind his eventual heads up opponent, Firestone. Cadena was able to sit on his large stack and pick his spots carefully as the day progressed.

“I never got into big trouble,” said Cadena. “I pretty much played tight. When I had a big hand I went aggressive. That’s pretty much it.”

Despite holding a big stack for a majority of the tournament, Cadena found himself at a chip disadvantage moving into heads up play. Firestone began the match with the lead and it seemed like all of the momentum was in his favor. Cadena hung on, though, and battled back over the course of the almost two-hour heads up battle.

“I think both of us were playing somewhat tight,” he said. “I thought if I’m going to move up then I have to be more aggressive. That’s when I started playing aggressive.”

Aggression seemed to pay off in spades, as Cadena eventually gained the chip lead for the first time in heads up play and never let go. On the final hand, he had Firestone down to just five big blinds. Cadena moved him in with jack-eight against Firestone’s

ace-king. Cadena paired his eight on the flop and made jacks up on the turn, sealing the deal and allowing him to claim the title of Event 5 champion.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Art Cadena - \$14,110
2nd – Steven Firestone - \$8,710
3rd – Frank Lin - \$6,270
4th – Benjamin Keeline - \$4,595
5th – Irv Warsaw - \$3,425
6th – Robert Reinst - \$2,600
7th – Nyle Rock - \$2,010
8th – Paul Kozusko - \$1,575
9th – Jason Tulloss - \$1,255

Notes on the Event

- This victory was Art Cadena's first WSOP cash.
- Benjamin Keeline, a past ring winner, finished in fourth place in this event for \$4,595.
- This tournament proceeded at a remarkably rapid pace. A final table was reached by the end of Day 1 and Day 2 lasted roughly six and a half hours.

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 completion of this event, there are seven more rings events on the schedule including the \$1,675 Main Event (\$1,000,000 guaranteed prize pool). The Main Event is a five-day event with three starting flights. Each player is allowed a maximum of two entries into the Main Event.

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