

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
The Bicycle Casino
Event #8
No Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 167
Total Prize Pool: \$50,100
March 12-13, 2014

Shahen 'Shawn' Martirosian Seizes Gold in Event 8

Five-time WSOP bracelet winner Allen Cunningham eliminated in ninth, John Zentner in sixth, Brian O'Donoghue in fourth.

Los Angeles, California (March 13, 2014) – On Thursday, the final nine players in Event 8: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em returned to the felt to vie for the \$13,535 in first-place prize money and the gold Circuit ring that accompanies it. In the end, Shahen "Shawn" Martirosian defeated Brian Horowitz heads up and was able to claim the title.

"This feels great," Martirosian said after his win. "It was a long day yesterday and finally I made it to Day 2 so I am happy with the result."

The real estate broker from Woodland Hills, California bested a final table filled with notable names. Five-time WSOP bracelet and two-time Circuit ring winner Allen Cunningham was present at the final table and looked to add a third ring to his collection. Cunningham was the victim of a massive cooler early on, running his pocket kings into Brian O'Donoghue's pocket aces before the flop. Cunningham was eliminated from play and became the first victim of the final table.

John Zentner was also present at the table but ultimately came up short of winning his first gold ring. Zentner was eliminated from play in sixth place and collected \$2,495 for his winnings.

Three-time Circuit ring winner Brian O'Donoghue was denied his fourth ring when he fell at the hands of Horowitz. O'Donoghue took home \$4,410 for his fourth-place finish.

The final table took much longer to complete than most of the other \$365 events this series and much of the play occurred three-handed. The final three players battled on the felt for over two hours before Jeff Massey, who began the day as the chip lead, was eliminated from play. In his final hand, Massey flopped two pair but was bested by Martirosian's Broadway straight. Massey failed to fill up on the subsequent streets and he was sent to the rail.

"Three-handed was a long time," said Martirosian. "I was short stacked for some point but I kept my cool and tried to make a comeback and it worked out."

Martirosian and Horowitz then battled for over an hour before the match came to a head. In the end it was Martirosian's pocket aces that sealed the deal and awarded him the championship.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Shahen Martirosian - \$13,535
2nd – Brian Horowitz - \$8,360
3rd – Jeff Massey - \$6,020
4th – Brian O'Donoghue - \$4,410
5th – Chris Arcidiacono - \$3,290
6th – John Zentner - \$2,495
7th – Amir Dehghan - \$1,925
8th – Warren Suggs - \$1,510
9th – Allen Cunningham - \$1,205

Notes on the Event

- This was Allen Cunningham's sixth cash on the Circuit and his third final table appearance.

- A victory in this event propelled Shahen Martirosian to over \$366,000 in career live tournament earnings.

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.
EVENT #4: Nguyen Tran defeated 171 players (\$365 LO8) for \$13,835.
EVENT #5: Art Cadena defeated 174 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,110.
EVENT #6: Zeke Ramirez defeated 149 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,520.
EVENT #7: William Wolf defeated 170 players (\$365 NLH Six Max) for \$14,285.
EVENT #8: Shahen Martirosian defeated 167 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,535

The conclusion of this event means that there are just four more events on the menu in Los Angeles 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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