

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harveys Lake Tahoe
Stateline, NV
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 168
Prize Pool: \$50,400
Oct. 31- Nov. 1, 2014**



Murphy Wins After a Three Year Hiatus

Tahoe resident wins Event #3

Stateline, NV (November 1, 2014) -- Michael Murphy sure was able to shake the cobwebs off of his poker game quickly. Murphy was able to win Event #3 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em after taking a three year break from poker. Granted, it was not his first tournament of the series, but his second.

Murphy used to be a regular at the poker table but when a friend moved away that he enjoyed playing with, Murphy slowly lost interest in the long grind of poker.

“Once he moved away and I came and played by myself it just wasn’t fun.” said Murphy about his three year hiatus. “It is a lot of hours.”

The 48-year-old lives in the Tahoe area. He is a retired International Trade Consultant and after traveling the globe for 15 years has finally found a spot he can call home in an area that he loves.

“I live in Tahoe for a reason. It’s an outdoor mecca,” said Murphy. “I am involved with all of that [outdoor] stuff.”

Murphy was able to navigate through a tough final table to capture the gold ring. He had a few cards fall in his favor, including on the last hand when Murphy called an all-in bet by his opponent, Dan Casetta. Murphy held 92 of diamonds and was behind Casetta’s KQ on a K98 board. Fortunately for Murphy, runner-runner diamonds came, giving him the best hand and the title as champion. He gave out loud shout and fist pump as the river hit.

Murphy says he plans to play a couple more events at this stop including the Main Event. With this victory, Murphy claims 50 points toward the Harveys Lake Tahoe Casino Championship, putting him at the top of the leaderboard.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harveys Lake Tahoe in Stateline, NV. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 168 players generating a \$50,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Friday at noon and last 21 levels. Day 2 began Saturday at 2 p.m with six player's remaining. The tournament concluded at 4:45 p.m. on the Last hand of Level 24.

Notes on the event:

- Murphy went runner-runner to hit a flush on the last hand of the tournament.
- All 18 players that cashed were from either Nevada or California

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harveys Lake Tahoe twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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: Erle Mankin defeated 133 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,171

EVENT #2: Frankie O'Dell defeated 65 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$6,825

EVENT #3: Michael Murphy defeated 168 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,609

With the third tournament wrapped up, nine more ring events remain at Harveys Lake Tahoe.

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