

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harveys Lake Tahoe
Stateline, Nev.
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 178
Prize Pool: \$53,400
November 2-3, 2015**



Scott Stewart Wins Ring #4

Scott Stewart's Circuit heater continues with another gold ring victory.

Stateline, Nev. (November 3, 2015) -- Scott Stewart is starting to make it look like winning a gold ring is an easy thing to do. He has just won his fourth career WSOP Circuit gold ring, and astonishingly, they have come since December of last year.

"I quit my job and took a shot in San Diego, and from there it's just been a killer year," said Stewart.

Stewart won his first WSOP Circuit gold ring at Harrah's California in San Diego, last December. He then went on to win ring at Harrah's Tunica, the Bicycle Casino in L.A. and now one here in Tahoe.

"This is my favorite stop. This is the fifth year I have been here and I have gotten a second, a third and a fourth," said Stewart.

The win for Stewart here at this stop was a little bit of redemption after coming so close to his first gold ring several times here in the past.

Six max final tables are always tough and this one was no different. Beside Stewart, the final table featured Dan Stir (4th place) and Craig Gold (5th place). Both Stir and Gold have seen a good amount of success on the Circuit as of late. Stir has reached two Circuit Main Event final tables in the past year, including last year's Tahoe Main Event and Gold is a gold ring winner with already three cashes and two final tables at this series.

Stewart beat Ralph Kellagher heads-up for the title. Kellagher would have to settle for second place in this event for the second time in his career. He finished runner-up in the Harveys Lake Tahoe six max event in 2013.

Stewart has a busy poker schedule ahead of him and he will be going hard for a fifth gold ring. Stewart plans to stay in Tahoe for the remainder of the series and then head to Las Vegas for the Planet Hollywood series. After PH he intends head to L.A. for the Bicycle Casino series.

This marked Stewart's 11th career Circuit cash and 9th final table. Only twice in his career has Stewart cashed and not reached the final table. He is the 22nd player in Circuit history to earn four WSOP Circuit gold rings and he is halfway to catching all-time Circuit gold ring leader, Alex Masek, who has eight gold rings. Masek denied Stewart a gold ring here in Tahoe in 2011. He beat him heads-up in a \$345 NLHE event. At the time it was Masek's fourth career gold ring.

This is the first gold ring Stewart has won in the six-handed format.

Event #5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harveys Lake Tahoe. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 178 players generating a \$53,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with five players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 5 p.m. midway through Level 25.

Notes on the event:

- Stewart becomes the 22nd player in WSOP Circuit history to win four gold rings. There are nine players with five or more gold rings.
- The most recent player on the Circuit to win their fifth gold ring is Cory Waaland. He picked up his fifth gold ring at Horseshoe Hammond in mid October.

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 Global Casino 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 Global Casino 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: Tom Masinter defeated 145 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$12,181

EVENT #2: Shawn Van Asdale defeated 665 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$40,898

EVENT #3: Bill Davis defeated 111 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$9,989

EVENT #4: Steve Foutty defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,284

EVENT #5: Scott Stewart defeated 178 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Max) for \$14,953

With the fifth tournament wrapped up, seven more ring events remain at the Harveys Lake Tahoe series.

All rings at Harveys Lake Tahoe are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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