

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Harveys Lake Tahoe

Stateline, Nev.

Event #10

The Main Event

Buy-In: \$1500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 476

Prize Pool: \$714,000

Nov. 6-9, 2015



Robert Georato Wins the Harveys Lake Tahoe Main Event

Robert Georato wins his third WSOP Circuit gold ring in the Harveys Lake Tahoe Main Event.


Stateline Nev. (November 9, 2015) – Robert Georato is the official World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event Winner of Harveys Lake Tahoe. Georato won the Main Event Monday evening, earning his third WSOP Circuit ring and \$153,505. This is the biggest live tournament cash of Georato's career.


Georato is a retired math teacher that now plays poker professionally. Georato says his first WSOP Circuit ring that he earned in 2010 at Council Bluffs, IA was special because it was his first. His second ring was special because it was first six figure score, obtained in Hammond, IN in 2013. Georato says this ring is special because it's his first ever Main Event ring.

Speaking of the power of threes, the seat into the Casino Global Championship that he won playing this event will mark the third time he will have played in the Championship event. He qualified once as a Casino Champion, amassing the most points in a single casino series, once as an at-large bid, and this time by winning the Main Event.

The final day of play started on Monday with 10 players remaining out of a field of 476 entries. Georato started the day first in chips with Steve Brecher in second, and Patrick Rhamey in third.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the final table is that six of the final 10 players started out Day 2 with top 10 chip stacks. Greg Guth came into Day 2 1st in chips with 340,500. Joey Brown came in 2nd with 302,000, Robert Georato came in 4th with 267,500, Phong "Turbo" Nguyen came in 6th with 232,000, and George Saca came into Day 2 in 8th with 216,000.

Greg Guth was the [first to be eliminated](#) after a very up and down start to Day 3. He [chopped a pot](#) for his tournament life, and then a few hands later was left crippled after flopping top pair holding  when his opponent flopped the nut flush draw and hit it on the river.

Later in the same level the last female standing, Janet Fitzgerald, was [eliminated in 9th place](#). Fitzgerald had been very quiet the first few orbits, telling the table after she moved all in that it was the best cards she had seen all day. She shoved with  and was called by Robert

Georato holding . Fitzgerald was unable to improve and was eliminated from play, after Georato hit a set on the flop.

The next three levels each saw one player eliminated. George Saca was [eliminated in 8th place](#) (\$17,900) by Phong “Turbo” Nguyen after he shoved and was called by Nguyen’s , and failed to improve. Sean Drake was [eliminated in 7th place](#) (\$22,812) after shoving all in pre-flop and getting called by Jacob Dahl holding . The flop came ace high and Drake failed to improve. The next level saw the elimination of [Steve Brecher](#) in 6th place (\$29,488) after he shoved pocket tens into an open-raise from Patrick Rhamey, who held pocket kings. This cash pushed Brecher over the \$3 million lifetime career poker tournament earnings mark, a very impressive feat to say the least.

WSOP Poker Dealer Joey Brown was [eliminated in 5th place](#) (\$38,656). Robert Georato had open shoved on the button with pocket 3s and Brown called with less than 10 big blinds holding . Brown was unable to improve, and after he stood up from the table applause erupted from his rail full of friends and fellow dealers.

Phong “Turbo” Nguyen was [eliminated in 4th](#) after shoving all-in to a button raise by Jacob Dahl. Nguyen said that he didn’t believe Dahl actually had a hand as he had been shoving on Nguyen’s big blind for the last few rounds.

Jacob Dahl was [sent home in 3rd place](#) after flopping a pair of aces, holding on a flop, and Robert Georato turned the flush holding . It wasn’t until the turn card was dealt that Dahl questioned if Georato had diamonds, and indeed, the flush signaled the end of Dahl’s tournament life.

At that point, only Georato and Patrick Rhamey remained. And it only took a few hands until Georato held [all the chips](#).

The tournament started with Day 1A on Friday, which garnered a total of 186 entries. Another 290 took their seats on Saturday for Day 1B. Only 90 survived their Day 1 flights to advance to Day 2.

The top 54 finishers out of the 476 entries made the money. The money bubble burst early on Day 2. Those finishing in the money, include Charles “Woody” Moore (50th place), Neil Scott (47th place), Ellen Lambeth (18th place), and Kathy Stahl (12th place).

In addition to the first-place prize money and WSOP Circuit ring, Robert Georato also earns his seat into the 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. That invitation-only tournament has a minimum prize pool of \$1,000,000, and free seats are given to Circuit Main Event winners, Casino Champion winners, and the top players on the season-long [leaderboard](#).

Final table seating assignments:

Final table action began with 25 minutes left Level 26 – 15,000/30,000 with a 5,000 ante

Seat 1: Joseph Brown – 940,000 (31 BBs)

Seat 2: Jacob Dahl – 1,410,000 (47 BBs)

Seat 3: Patrick Rhamey – 1,025,000 (34 BBs)

Seat 4: Sean Drake – 815,000 (27 BBs)
Seat 5: Janet Fitzgerald – 450,000 (15 BBs)
Seat 6: George Saca – 1,340,000 (44 BBs)
Seat 7: Steve Brecher – 1,755,000 (58 BBs)
Seat 8: Phong “Turbo” Nguyen – 415,000 (13 BBs)
Seat 9: Robert Georato – 1,395,000 (46 BBs)

About the Final Table:

1st: Robert Georato - \$153,505
Hometown: Naples, Fla.
Age: 47
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$207,599

2nd: Patrick Rhamey - \$94,912
Hometown: Stateline, Nev.
Age: 50
Occupation: Real Estate Developer
Circuit Earnings: \$0

3rd: Jacob Dahl - \$69,337
Hometown: Portland, Ore.
Age: 29
Occupation: Muscician/Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$0

4th: Phong “Turbo” Nguyen - \$51,401
Hometown: Los Angeles, Cali.
Age: 41
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$750

5th: Joey Brown - \$38,656
Hometown: Springfield, Mo.
Age: 30
Occupation: Poker/Poker Dealer
Circuit Earnings: \$25,164

6th: Steve Brecher - \$29,488
Hometown: Reno, Nev.
Age: 69
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$95,573

7th: Sean Drake - \$22,812
Hometown: Citrus Heights, Cali.
Age: 31
Circuit Earnings: \$27,123

8th: George Saca - \$17,900
Hometown: Sacramento, Cali.
Occupation: Acct. Tech
Circuit Earnings: \$116,423

9th: Janet Fitzgerald - \$14,244
Hometown: West Palm Beach, Fla.
Age: 59
Occupation: Poker
Circuit Earnings: \$22,308

Steve Foutty accumulated the most overall points during the Harveys Lake Tahoe twelve combined gold ring tournaments and earns the title Casino Champion. He receives automatic entry into the 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year. This is the second consecutive year Foutty has won this title at Harveys Lake Tahoe.

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
EVENT #6: Pete Uhl defeated 191 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,899
EVENT #7: Daniel Evans defeated 346 players (\$365 NLHE Monster) for \$23,874
EVENT #8: Woody Moore defeated 226 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$28,252
EVENT #9: David Miller defeated 92 players (\$365 PLO) for \$8,277
MAIN EVENT: Robert Georato defeated 476 (\$1,675 NLHE) for \$153,505
EVENT #11: David Diiorio defeated 126 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,583
EVENT #12: Ting Ho defeated 122 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,249

The 2015 Harveys Lake Tahoe series is now complete.

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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