2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 12 Bicycle Hotel and Casino Bell Gardens, Ca. Event #8 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 413 Prize Pool: \$123,900 March 25-26, 2016



Bert Beavers Takes Down Bike Monster Stack

Arizona native earns biggest cash of career with his first ring

Bell Gardens, Ca. (March 26, 2016) — The \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack event at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino was about giving players more chips than normal for a tournament with a \$365 buy-in. Bert Beavers took the bigger starting stack and turned it into the biggest payday he's ever had in his poker career.

Beavers won the \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack to take home his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and an extra \$27,275 in his pocket after besting a field of 413 players.

"It feels great," said Beavers. "I came over from Phoenix yesterday to play in a couple of events and this is the one that I came for."

Beavers works construction in the Phoenix area, but has found time to make poker a priority. He's been playing poker in the local casinos for 15 years and has recently started to put more work into his tournament game.

"I've been focusing on some tournaments over the last six months or so," he said. "I've put a lot of time and effort into that part of it and it looks like it worked."

Brian Perzinski, a cash game pro from Arizona, has also been taking tournaments more seriously over the last year and was an integral part in the development of Beaver's tournament success. Both Perzinski and Beaver both found success in Los Angeles with Perzinski finishing third in a \$365 no-limit hold'em.

"We go out on road trips probably once a month at least," said Beavers of his friendship with Perzinski. "We just talk about hands and the whole aspect of the poker game."

For the last two decades, Beavers has been living in Arizona. But at the moment, he's enjoying the Southern California poker scene.

"I've been working in construction out in Phoenix for the last 20 years," said Beavers. "But right now I like it at the Bike, though."

This was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. The \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack event attracted 413 players. The total prize pool came to \$123,900 and the top 45 finishers were paid.

The tournament began on Friday, March 25 at noon and Day 1 finished with 26 players. They came back on Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. and the final table was reached at 4:40 p.m. Beavers had amassed all of the chips in play at 10:30 p.m. The entire duration of the final table lasted about six hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Bicycle Hotel and Casino:

EVENT #1: Truong Nguyen defeated 995 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$55,200

EVENT #2: Jose Ramirez defeated 158 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,795

EVENT #3: Eshed Hadaya defeated 130 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,915

EVENT #4: Susie Genard defeated 125 players (\$365 Omaha 8 or Better) for \$10,490

EVENT #5: Zahi Bahar defeated 117 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,520

EVENT #6: Bob Bounahra defeated 83 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$26,555

EVENT #7: Robert Gil defeated 145 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,255

EVENT #8: Bert Beavers defeated 413 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$27,275

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Bicycle Hotel and Casino's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the 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.

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