2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 The Bicycle Hotel and Casino Bell Gardnes, Ca. Event #2 No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 127 Prize Pool: \$38,100 March 6-7, 2017



## William Wolf Wins \$365 No-Limit Hold'em

Online grinder and aspiring real estate mogul earns second career ring in Bike's second event of the series.

**Bell Gardens, Ca. (March 7, 2017)** — William Wolf doesn't play a ton of live poker, but when he does, he makes it count. The 28-year-old professional poker player won his second career ring on Tuesday afternoon at the Bicycle Casino by besting a field of 127 entries and taking home \$10,665.

His first ring came in 2011, just before Black Friday. He won a \$365 no-limit hold'em six-max event here at the Bike for \$14,285.

"It's a good feeling. The rings seem to get nicer as they go on," joked Wolf about his second ring. "This one is definitely nicer than the first. But it's a great feeling to have two."

About a month after his first win, Black Friday hit the U.S. and he has spent most of his time over the last six years outside the country, playing online in both Mexico and Canada.

"I'd say 90% of my poker tournaments are all online," said Wolf. "I'm just now getting more into live games."

After living outside the U.S. border for several years, Wolf made his way back to Southern California to start his venture into the real estate market.

"I'm getting into real estate investing as well," said the San Diego native. "I'm playing poker, while I'm getting into real estate investing on the side. I've started learning and reading a lot of books."

When Wolf came back for the final day, there were seven players remaining and Wolf was the short stack. After a few well-time double ups, he was back in the middle of the pack, and really began to take control of the final table as they got short-handed.

"I came in with 12 big blind and seven players left," said Wolf. "I was kind of thinking 'I don't really have a chance to win, but maybe I have a chance ot get fifth or so.' I needed quite a bit to happen to have a chance [to win] and that's exactly what happened."

Wolf got to heads-up play against Nick Guggino with about even chip stacks. The two players got all in preflop with Guggino holding pocket eights and in trouble against Wolf's pocket queens. Wolf's pair held up to secure the win, the ring, and the prize money.

Along with the money and the ring, Wolf earned 50 points in the Casino Championship race. He takes an early lead and is tied with Monster stack winner Fredrick Arni atop the leaderboard. The early lead gives Wolf incentive to play more events to try and win the Casino Champion title, which will get him an automatic bid into the Global Casino Championship.

"Now I'm pretty much going to play every event that I can," said Wolf. "At least until I can't possibly win anymore. The plan is to play as many events as I can and hopefully get enough points to win that."

This was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. The \$365 no-limit hold'em attracted 127 entries. The total prize pool came to \$38,100 and the top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began on Monday, March 6 at noon and reached a final table around 10:30 p.m. Day 1 wrapped up around midnight with seven players remaining. They all bagged up and came back at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7 at 1 p.m. to play down to a winner. The final hand was dealt around 3:30 p.m, making the total duration of the finale about four hours.

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

EVENT #1: Fredrick Arni defeated 1,472 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$87,010 EVENT #2: William Wolf defeated 127 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,665.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Bike'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 60 expected at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on <a href="https://www.wsop.nc.nc.">wsop.com</a>.

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