

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
The Bicycle Hotel and Casino  
Bell Gardens, Ca.  
Event #11  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 152  
Prize Pool: \$45,600  
March 14-15, 2017**



## **Dave Banerjee Wins Second Ring in \$365 No-Limit Hold'em**

**Entrepreneur improves his game over the last year to win \$12,320 and another Circuit title.**

**Bell Gardens, Ca. (March 15, 2017)** — Dave Banerjee only has three career cashes in World Series of Poker Circuit events. When he gets into the money, however, he generally gets the job done.

Banerjee earned his third career Circuit cash on Wednesday evening at the Bicycle Casino and found a way to outlast the competition and earn his second Circuit ring. He won a \$365 no-limit hold'em event, besting a field of 152 entries and taking home \$12,320.

“It feels great,” said Banerjee after his win. “Poker is such an amazing sport. It feels great to get to the end of these things and it’s such an amazing accomplishment every time you get there now.”

Banerjee won his first ring during last season’s first stop at the Bike. He won the \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack event to earn \$24,265, but since that win, he’s found some new friends that have helped taken his game to another level.

“I’ve been talking hands a lot with David Peters and Sashi Bobba,” said Banerjee. “These guys give the best advice. We have a cool little hand history group where we send each other stuff. These guys are obviously the best in the world, so I’m really just trying to absorb some stuff off of them.”

Banerjee met Peters and Bobba through a mutual friend in poker and the three have become closer over the last year. With over \$15 million in live tournament earnings, Peters is a household name in the tournament world, but Banerjee couldn’t stress enough how much Bobba has helped his game as well.

“There are so many spots that we go over and I just get a clear and concise answer on what to do and how to do it,” said Banerjee. “My technical part of my game came in the last six months. I was a completely different player when I won that last one. I was a fish. If you play enough of them, you’ll get lucky.”

Banerjee isn't a professional. His main source of income comes from flipping real estate. After flipping houses for quite some time, Banerjee had to spend a good chunk of time away from the poker table to flip a gas station. That last deal is closing soon and with this new outlook and advice on poker, he is excited to get back on the felt.

"Hopefully once it closes, I can play poker again," said Banerjee. "I'm really excited to just build some momentum and go with it."

Along with the money and the ring, Banerjee earns 50 points towards the Casino Champion race. With late registration for the final event of the series already closed, Banerjee is drawing dead for the Casino Champion title. Mike Leah has the lead with 70 points, but there are several players that can catch him in the final event of the series. The winner of the Casino Championship will earn an automatic seat into the Global Casino Championship this August in Cherokee, North Carolina.

This was the 11th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. The \$365 no-limit hold'em bounty attracted 152 entries. The total prize pool came to \$45,600 and the top 18 finishers were paid.

The tournament began on Tuesday, March 14 at 3 p.m. and bagged up around midnight with 14 players remaining. They returned on Wednesday, March 15 to play down to a winner. The final hand was reached around 3:00 p.m. and the final hand was dealt around 6:30 p.m., making the total duration of the finale about three and a half 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  
EVENT #3: Danny Illingworth defeated 121 players (\$580 NLH) for \$16,495  
EVENT #4: Joseph Hoffman defeated 123 players (\$365 Omaha H/L) for \$10,330  
EVENT #5: Albert Ng defeated 187 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,585  
EVENT #6: Neil Ho defeated 198 players (\$365 NLH Six-Max) for \$16,345  
EVENT #7: Joe Marcal defeated 183 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,275  
EVENT #8: Dylan Wilkerson defeated 705 players (\$1,675 NLH Main Event) for \$216,790  
EVENT #9: Gal Yifrach defeated 100 players (\$3,250 NLH High Roller) for \$90,005  
EVENT #10: Mike Leah defeated 103 players (\$1,125 NLH Bounty) for \$12,450  
EVENT #11: Dave Banerjee defeated 152 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,320

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 [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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