



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Harveys Lake Tahoe  
Stateline, NV  
Event #11  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Main Event Championship  
Buy-In \$1,500 (+175)  
Total Entries: 422  
Prize Pool: \$633,000  
November 18-20, 2012**

## **Cary Marshall Triumphs at Tahoe**

## **Alaskan Wins Biggest Main Event Ever Held at Lake Tahoe**

## **WSOP Circuit Concludes Record-Setting Series in Northern Nevada**

**Stateline, Nevada (November 20, 2012)** – We have a winner at Harveys Lake Tahoe.

Cary Marshall, from King Salmon, Alaska won the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event Championship. The victory paid \$139,260. Marshall collected his first WSOP Circuit gold ring as the symbol of victory. He will also play as an automatic qualifier in the season-ending National Championship.

Marshall is a 62-year-old professional poker player. He's previously enjoyed success both online and live, with several big cashes, including two deep runs last year at the WSOP in Las Vegas (13h and 15th).

No doubt, Marshall understands the ups and downs of the game.

“I have a love-hate relationship with poker,” said Marshall, struggling to find words to express his happiness after winning his biggest poker prize ever. “I love it sometimes when you run good, but there's times when you hate it, too. That's what poker is about.”

Marshall undoubtedly loves poker, at least on this night. Following an extraordinary three-day run in the Main Event, Marshall had just about everything go his way.

“I admit I got lucky a few times here to win,” Marshall said. “I hit trips a few times at the right moment. And then on the final hand, I had a straight and I guess I got lucky that Derrick (Yamada) had trips that time and I got the call.”

Indeed, the heads-up match between Marshall and Yamada capped a marathon final table that went more than 12 hours. The heads-up match showed no signs of letting up, at least until the final, fateful, some would say “cooler” hand.

The final pot of the tournament was pushed Marshall's way when he made a straight against Yamada's three jacks.

This tournament wasn't just memorable to Marshall. It will be talked about and ultimately remember for other reasons, too. For instance, the Main Event set a new record as the largest championship event ever in the nine-year-history of WSOP Circuit events played at Lake Tahoe.

The official closing number was 422 players. This was up more than 20 percent over last year's turnout, which was 327 players. The prize pool amounted to \$633,000. The top 45 finishers collected prize money.

### **THE FINAL TABLE:**

When players took seats the final table, the chip counts were as follows:

Seat 1 -- Cary Marshall from King Salmon, AK with 1,162,000 in chips.

Seat 2 -- John Deng from Davis, CA with 786,000 in chips.

Seat 3 -- Shawn Van Asdale from Reno, NV with 284,000 in chips.

Seat 4 -- Jesse Rockowitz from Petaluma, CA with 1,807,000 in chips.

Seat 5 -- Clint "Bruce" Baskin from Linden, CA with 723,000 in chips.

Seat 6 -- Derrick Yamada from Davis, CA with 2,015,000 in chips.

Seat 7 -- Ping Liu from Chicago, IL with 560,000 in chips.

Seat 8 -- John Song from Irving, TX with 718,000 in chips.

Seat 9 -- Dick Hanley from Reno, NV with 394,000 in chips.

Aside from the new champion, the top-nine finishers (final table) finished as follows:

1	Cary Marshall	KING SALMON	AK	\$139,260.00
2	Derrick Yamada	SACRAMENTO	CA	\$86,056.00
3	John Deng	DAVIS	CA	\$62,882.00
4	Clint Baskin	STOCKTON	CA	\$46,690.00

5	Ping Liu	CHICAGO	IL	\$35,207.00
6	Jesse Rockowitz	COLUMBUS	OH	\$26,947.00
7	John Song	FORT WORTH	TX	\$20,927.00
8	Richard G Hanley	ROSEVILLE	CA	\$16,483.00
9	Shawn Van Asdale	RENO	NV	\$13,166.00

2nd Place: Derrick Yamada finished in second place in the Lake Tahoe Main Event Championship. He was eliminated by Cary Marshall on the final hand, holding the losing hand of trip jacks. That hand lost to a straight. Yamada is a 30-year-old poker pro from Davis, CA. He now has five WSOP cashes in his resume. Second place paid \$86,056.

3rd Place: John Deng played a great tournament and earned his biggest cash prize ever. Towards the final day, he was low on chips and tried to steal a pot with 6-6 with two overcards on the flop. Unfortunately his opponent held a jack which matched the jack on board, leaving Deng drawing to just two outs. He missed, and therefore had to settle for third place, which paid a nice sum -- \$62,882. Deng is a 32-year-old poker floor supervisor from Davis, CA. He works at Casino Royale, in Sacramento. He often plays shoeless while sitting at the poker table, as he does not like wearing shoes while playing.

4th Place: Clint Baskin's dream of becoming the first player ever to repeat as a WSOP Circuit champion at the same location came to a disappointing end when he was knocked out in fourth place. Baskin was all-in with A-5 and was behind all the way to a flop of 4-5-7. Chip leader Cary Marshall held 6-6 and completed a straight when an 8 fell on the river. That put Baskin on the rail. He earned a nice consolation prize amounting to \$46,690. Clint "Bruce" Baskin is a 38-year-old plumber from Linden, CA. He won the 2006 Main Event Championship at Lake Tahoe.

5th Place: Ping Lui busted just before the dinner break. He was low on chips and hoped to double up with K-8 offsuit. Lui was in a coin flip against pocket fours, but failed to make a pair. Fifth place paid \$35,207. Lui is a 23-year-old poker pro from Chicago, IL. He is primarily a cash-game player, who plays regularly at Horseshoe Hammond. Lui has just started playing tournaments.

6th Place: Jesse Rockowitz, a 27-year-old professional poker player from Petaluma, took seventh. He won a WSOP gold bracelet in 2010, in a \$1,500 buy-in NLHE event.

7th Place: John Song finished in 7th place, which paid \$20,927. Song exited when he was low in chips and tried to steal a round of blinds and antes with K-5. He got called by A-3 which held up as the winning hand (ace high). Song is a 32-year-old pilot who mostly plays in cash games. He lives in Irving, TX.

8th Place: Dick Hanley – He came in as one of the lowest stacks, but managed to last nearly three full hours. Hanley finally went bust with A-Q suited against pocket tens. Hanley was drawing very live on the final card, needed an ace, queen or any spade to double up. But he blanked. Eighth place paid \$16,483. Dick Hanley is a retired health care executive and CEO. He is 66-years-old and resides in Reno, NV. Hanley cashed in this event last year (31st). He's also gone deep in some Heartland Poker Tour events.

9th Place: Shawn Van Asdale – He was eliminated as a short stack, holding A-J on his final hand, which ran into pocket queens. The queens spiked another lady on the turn. But that card also gave Van Asdale a straight draw. Unfortunately, he missed a four-outer on the river and was forced to settle for 9th place. The spot paid a very respectable \$13,166 in prize money. Van Asdale is a 40-yr-old attorney and poker player from Reno, NV. This marks his third final table appearance of this series. He's also won the Sunday Million in the past, one of the biggest online tournaments in the world.

## **TOURNAMENT NOTES:**

This was the 11th (of 12) events at the Harveys Lake Tahoe series.

The first day included two playing sessions. The starting field of 422 entrants was trimmed down to just 162 survivors (three more players registered the next day, which meant 165 resumed play on Day Two). Second day action played down to 13 survivors. The final 13 played on Monday for Day Three, which included the final table.

Mark “Bonsai” Bonsack was eliminated late on Day Two. However, his cash in the Main Event marked his fifth time in the money at this series – more than any other player.

-- Gold bracelet winner David Williams decided to fly from Las Vegas to Reno at the last minute after having “a feeling,” according to his Twitter account. Unfortunately, the felling turnout out to be nothing more than an itch. Williams was eliminated during the middle of the first session.

-- The terrific trio of WSOP Circuit females fared poorly in the Main Event. Three-time gold ring winner La Sengphet went broke on Day One. Two-time title holder Loni Harwood busted in the first session, then did no better in the second, failing to cash. Kristin (Ting) Ho, fresh off her first WSOP-related final table appearance a few days ago also went out during Day One.

-- Former November and WSOP gold bracelet winner Niner Ylon Schwartz was one of those players who made his Lake Tahoe debut. Schwartz managed to cash in the Main Event (42nd place), and was most impressed with the casino and the area, vowing to return again. He was quoted as saying it had been hot at his home and wanted to come someplace cooler for a few days – so he chose Lake Tahoe.

-- WSOP gold bracelet winner J.C. Tran has been a regular here at Lake Tahoe just about every year. The Sacramento-based poker pro played in the Main Event this year, as well, but he was eliminated.

-- Two-time gold ring winner and WSOP gold bracelet champ Nick Jivkov traveled to Harveys for the first time from his home in Chicago. There would be no third gold ring for Jivkov. He came up short of the final table in each of his attempts here at this stop.

-- Two-time gold bracelet winner and longtime WSOP Circuit regular Howard "Tahoe" Andrew hoped to give headline writers a bonus with what could have been scribed, "Tahoe Wins at Tahoe." Unfortunately, the super senior was eliminated during Day Two of the Main Event.

-- Last year's Main Event champion Bryan Schultz did not cash this year. However, 2006 Lake Tahoe champion Clint Baskin is still very much alive in the final 13.

### **OVERALL TOURNAMENT NOTES:**

This year's World Series of Poker Circuit at the Harveys Resort and Casino was unlike any other. It was the largest tournament series in the nine-season history of WSOP Circuit visits to Northern Nevada. In fact, several all-time attendance records were shattered.

Here are the most memorable developments from the Harveys Lake Tahoe series, which ran November 8-19, 2012:

1. **EVENT 4 SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD:** No tournament ever held anywhere in Northern Nevada topped the record-smashing field that turned out for the latest World Series of Poker Circuit event, played at Harveys Lake Tahoe. That's a pretty amazing statistic given the big numbers from the poker boom days (2004-2007), when sell outs were the norm just about everywhere. But no single event ever held either in Reno or Lake Tahoe has ever reached the high plateau set in the latest gold ring event, which was a \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em competition (Event 4).

2. **EVENT 11 BECOMES LARGEST MAIN EVENT EVER HELD IN NORTHERN NEVADA:** The Main Event set a new record as the largest championship event ever in the nine-year-history of WSOP Circuit events played at Lake Tahoe. The official closing number was 422 players. This was up more than 20 percent over last year's turnout, which was 327 players.

3. **OVERALL ATTENDANCE UP MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR:** Who says this is a soft economy? For no apparent reason (dates were the same and the schedule was identical) poker players flooded into Stateline, NV in record numbers. Virtually all events saw an attendance increase. Even the nightly tourney and cash games were way up over last year.

4. **DANIEL GILMER WINS TWO GOLD RINGS:** Daniel Gilmer, a 24-year-old poker pro from Ashland, OH locked up the Casino Champion title for Harveys Lake Tahoe. This came as no surprise to those who have been following the latest WSOP Circuit results from Northern Nevada. Gilmer won two gold rings here at Lake Tahoe, topping the first Turbo No-Limit tournament

(Event 2) as well as an open No-Limit tourney (Event 6). Gilmer also had a min-cash in the opening No-Limit competition (Event 1). His point total tallied 102.5 points.

5. MAIN EVENT CHAMPIONSHIP BROADCAST LIVE ON ESPN3: This championship finale was likely seen by more viewers than any final table since the first year of coverage by ESPN. Final day action was broadcast on ESPN3 from start to finish, with hole cards shown to viewers.

6. A POKER HOLIDAY AT LAKE TAHOE: The Lake Tahoe area has plenty of things to do. Aside from poker, there's the great outdoors with ample activities around the lake and the surrounding mountains. Ski season opened while the WSOP Circuit was in town, as many skiers and snowboarders hit the slopes for the first time this season. There was also plenty of nightlife to keep visitors entertained.

No doubt, next year should be a blast at Harveys Lake Tahoe. Look for the 2012-2014 WSOP Circuit schedule to be released during the 2013 WSOP. Be sure and make plans to attend. Everyone agrees -- it was a blast.

#### **WHAT'S AHEAD:**

With his victory, Marshall earns a seat into the WSOP Circuit National Championship. The Casino Champions race for Lake Tahoe was won by David Gilmer (Ashland, OH), who accumulated 102.5 points.

Both players receive automatic entries into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Next, the WSOP Circuit heads East to Harrah's Atlantic City. The next series runs November 29 through December 10.

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