

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Bicycle Casino and Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 1,000
Prize Pool: \$300,000
December 5-8, 2015**



Stuart Pfeifer Takes Down Ring in Massive Re-Entry Field

Former Los Angeles Times reporter earns first major tournament win, scoring \$55,110 and a Circuit ring in the \$365 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry.

Los Angeles, CA. (December 8, 2015) — Countless hours of studying and learning the game has paid off for Stuart Pfeifer. Pfeifer takes home his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring and \$55,110 after topping 1,000 players in the \$365 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry at the Bicycle Casino on Tuesday afternoon.

Pfeifer had some trouble controlling his emotions after the final card was dealt, admitting that he's been working towards this moment for quite some time.

"The emotion that I'm feeling has to do with the amount of work that I've put into this game seriously for like the last five years," he said after his win. "I fall asleep most nights watching training videos, I belong to a poker study group that includes some of the best players in Los Angeles, I've read virtually every poker book you can imagine, and I've spent countless hours going over hands with my best friends and all of that work culminating in this ring, it almost became too much for me to handle."

The score couldn't have come at a better time for the 51-year-old Southern California native. He had been a reporter in the business section of the Los Angeles Times for 15 years before recently accepting a buy-out.

"The newspaper business is struggling," said Pfeifer. "I went ahead and took the buy-out. With the month of the December being off, I've decided to devote this whole month to playing the whole series at the Bike. It's worked out unbelievably."

Pfeifer has found a job in public relations, so he won't be turning to poker full-time, but he does have a big expense coming up that this money will help out with – a wedding. He is currently engaged and set to be married on December 19th.

"I'm so happy at this time of my life," said Pfeifer. "Starting a new career, getting married and winning my first significant poker tournament. I just couldn't ask for more."

While Pfeifer admits to have put in the work to improve his game, he knows he didn't get here alone. He credits some of his success to having the right players around him.

Nipun Java, who finished third in this very event was a mentor to him and eight-time ring winner Alex Masek coached him.

"I'd like to thank all of my friends who have patiently listened to my hand histories through the years and helped me develop into the player I am today."

Day 2 ended with just three players left and Pfeifer came into the final day with a massive chip lead for the start of three-handed play over David Rich and his aforementioned Mentor, Java.

Java busted in third place to Rich and the chips were almost even at the start of the heads-up battle between Pfeifer and Rich. Pfeifer was able to slowly extend his chip lead and eventually finish the job when his pocket kings held up against Rich's king-jack.

Along with the hardware and the cash, Pfeifer earns 50 points and moves into a tie for second place in the Casino Championship race. Pfeifer is tied with Dave Banerjee, winner of the first event, and Dale Beaudoin, who won the fourth event, with 50 points each. Alan Myerson is currently in the lead with 60 points after a deep run in the \$365 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry event and a win in the \$365 Bounty No Limit Hold'em. The winner of that title, along with the winner of the main event earns an automatic bid into the Global Casino Championship (previously called the National Championship).

This is the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Casino. The \$365 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry attracted 1,000 players. The total prize pool came to \$300,000. The top 108 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Saturday, December 5 with Day 1A starting at 12 p.m. Day 1B started the same day at 5 p.m. and 1C and 1D kicked off at noon and 5 p.m. on Sunday December 6. 155 players came back for Day 2 at noon on Monday, with the final table being reached around 10 p.m. Play wrapped up with 3 players remaining just before 3 a.m. The final three came back at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and action concluded around 2:15 p.m., making the total duration of the finale just over seven hours.

Complete results for this event can be found on WSOP.com.

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

EVENT #1: Dave Banerjee defeated 368 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$24,265

EVENT #2: Alan Myerson defeated 140 players (\$365 NLH Bounty) for \$7,830

EVENT #3: Stuart Pfeifer defeated 1,000 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$55,110

EVENT #4: Dale Beaudoin defeated 153 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,395

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Bicycle Casino's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title of 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 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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