

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Bicycle Casino and Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
Event #10
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 357
Prize Pool: \$107,100
December 11-12, 2015**



Mark Peckham Wins \$365 Monster Stack No Limit Hold'em

Local realtor wins final preliminary event of the series and takes home \$24,625 along with his first Circuit ring.

Los Angeles, CA. (December 13, 2015) — Mark Peckham earned his second five-figure score of his poker career and won his first Circuit ring on Saturday night by taking down the \$365 Monster Stack No Limit Hold'em.

He topped a field of 357 over two days over No Limit Hold'em and defeated Mark Nasser heads-up to win the final preliminary event of the WSOP Circuit at the Bicycle Casino and take home \$24,625.

“It feels great right now,” said Peckham after the win. “I can’t complain at all.”

Peckham doesn’t play a ton of live tournaments. Most of his time spent on the felt is playing both online cash games and tournaments, as well as live cash games in the Los Angeles area. Given his background, it isn’t surprising that his two major tournament scores both came in Monster Stack events.

Peckham’s first major score came at the 2014 WSOP \$1,500 Monster Stack when he finished 19th for \$50,202. The 30-year-old Upland, CA native feels the deeper stacks in the monster stack events give him an edge over the field.

“I think with all the cash games I play, I think that comes into play,” said Peckham. “I like the deeper stack and the idea of having more play throughout the tournament.”

Peckham came into the unofficial final table of 10 in the middle of the pack and quickly picked up a big hand.

“I got really lucky 10-handed,” said Peckham. “I picked up a kings and there was a raise and a re-raise. A guy moved all in and he had jacks, so that put me up to 1.5 million.”

Sending home Dmitry Kim in 10th place put Peckham near the top of the leaderboard with Wendy Freedman. He was able to ride that momentum all the way to a ring.

“I knew my ICM [Independent Chip Model] based on the table was really strong,” said Peckham. “I think Wendy had like 2.2 [million] at the time, so I just kind of sat there and let everybody else knock each other out and it wasn’t until the final five that I started making some moves.”

As the table got shorter, Peckham continued to chip up and he got heads-up with Mark Nasser. Their heads-up battle was a see-saw battle that watched the chip lead sway back and forth for over two hours before Peckham could finish the job.

“It was a grind with that guy,” said Peckham about Nasser. “I had him on the ropes like three times and all three times he came back.”

Along with the first place prize money, Peckham earns 50 points in the Casino Championship. Unfortunately for Peckham, Wendy Freedman currently leads with 102.5 points after her fourth place finish in this event and Alan Myerson is in second place with 60 points. Myerson is the only player at this stop who can catch her, and it will take an impressive finish to do so. Myerson needs to either win the High Roller event or finish second in the Main Event to overtake her in the Casino Championship race. 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 10th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Casino. The \$365 Monster Stack No Limit Hold’em attracted 357 players. The total prize pool came to \$107,100. The top 36 finishers were paid.

The tournament began on Friday, December 11 at noon and at the end of 21 levels, 22 players remained. Those 22 came back on Saturday, December 12 and the final table was reached at about 4:30 p.m. The final card was dealt just 11 p.m., making the total duration of the finale table about 6.5 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
EVENT #5: Nadim Shabou defeated 115 players (\$580 NLH) for \$17,255
EVENT #6: Phillip Penn defeated 124 players (\$365 Omaha 8 or Better) for \$10,400
EVENT #7: Alex Masek defeated 143 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,000
EVENT #8: Erkut Yilmaz defeated 81 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$25,915
EVENT #9: Steven Curran defeated 120 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$10,810
EVENT #10: Mark Peckham defeated 357 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$24,625

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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