

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Harrah's Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 260

Prize Pool: \$78,000

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Monster Stack Title Goes To Nick Bevilacqua

After nearly missing the event, Nick Bevilacqua swoops in to win the Monster Stack and his first Circuit gold ring.

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 13, 2017) – Nick Bevilacqua claimed his first World Series of Poker gold ring at the Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit Monday evening. The 47-year-old took down Event #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack to win \$19,110 and bank 50 Casino Championship points.

Hailing from Yonkers, New York, Bevilacqua makes the manageable trip to Atlantic City to play cards when he can. He has even made his mark at Harrah's before.

"I satellited into the Main Event in Vegas, here, for a \$500 satellite. That was 2010," Bevilacqua stated. "My picture's still on the wall downstairs. He [Harrah's Supervisor] busts my chops about it all the time, says 'when are you going to get a new picture.'"

Well, the new picture is in and it is golden. The road to the top was a steady one for Bevilacqua. He finished Day 1 of the tournament in the middle of the pack. The same was true when starting his final table appearance.

"It was a tough final table. I got some help with the cards" Bevilacqua explained. "I waited for my hands." He found himself in a blind vs. blind situation where his pocket kings held strong against his opponents ace-queen. "That was my big hand to get my chips, to get over one million," said Bevilacqua.

From there, the even-keeled card player cruised to a Circuit title. Leading up to the Monster Stack, which is the tournament Bevilacqua was set on, there was a time where he was on the verge of dropping the ball.

"This is my tournament. I came specifically for this, this year and I actually almost missed it," said Bevilacqua. "I thought it was next week. I checked the schedule Saturday morning. So, I had to get everything together quick to get down here. If I didn't check, I probably would have missed it."

The signature event started at noon on Sunday and Bevilacqua secured his registration around 2:30 pm that day. In the end, it all worked out and the New York native scooped up a debut, WSOP gold ring. He plans to return to Harrah's Atlantic City on Thursday in an effort to win a spot into the Main Event, which begins Friday.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Atlantic City. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack tournament attracted 260 players generating a \$78,000 prizepool. The top 27 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Harrah's Atlantic City series:

EVENT #1: Freddy Ferrell defeated 232 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$17,401

EVENT #2: Phillip Levine defeated 573 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$36,106

EVENT #3: Nick Bevilacqua defeated 260 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$19,110

This was the third gold ring handed out at the Harrah's Atlantic City series. Nine more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harrah's Atlantic City series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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