



2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harvey's Lake Tahoe
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+45)
Total Entries: 521
Total Prize Pool: \$151,611
November 11-13, 2011

Official Results:

1	Josh Roberts	FOLSOM, CA, US	\$32,300
2	Drew Caseri	MERCED, CA, US	\$19,974
3	Jedidiah Hoffman	RENO, NV, US	\$14,592
4	Andrew Barber	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$10,817
5	Bryan Borders	SANTA ROSA, CA, US	\$8,135
6	Matthew Weber	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$6,206
7	Samuel Lee	San Francisco, CA, US	\$4,801
8	Adriano Wise	SAN JOSE, CA, US	\$3,767
9	Robert Gallina	VERO BEACH, FL, US	\$2,998
10	Gerald Shebar	PALO ALTO, CA, US	\$2,418
11	Stephen Katz	VANCOUVER, BC, CA	\$2,418
12	Ryan Rinker	VACAVILLE, CA, US	\$2,418
13	Firhinia Murray	PACIFICA, CA, US	\$1,977
14	Scott Stewart	LAKEWOOD, CA, US	\$1,977
15	Brett Schwertley	OMAHA, NE, US	\$1,977
16	Jesse Balliett	Fortuna, CA, US	\$1,638
17	Nipun Java	NORTHRIDGE, CA, US	\$1,638
18	Sean Riley	LOS ANGELES, CA, US	\$1,638
19	Mark Thompson	CAMPBELL, CA, US	\$1,375
20	Benjamin Blair	GRAND FORKS, ND, US	\$1,375
21	Scott Warren	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$1,375
22	Peter Sullivan	ROSCOE, IL, US	\$1,169
23	Christopher Bibb	O'FALLON, MO	\$1,169
24	Minh Tran	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$1,169
25	Richard Cotham	FAIR OAKS, CA, US	\$1,007
26	William Grubb	VACAVILLE, CA, US	\$1,007
27	Mikel Price	DANVILLE, CA, US	\$1,007
28	Timothy Robledo	Orangevale, CA, US	\$879
29	Patrick Hanson	Sierra Vista, AZ, US	\$879
30	James Marks	EL DORADO HILLS, CA, US	\$879
31	Sean Anderson	S. LAKE TAHOE, CA, US	\$777
32	Christopher Summers	Modesto, CA, US	\$777
33	Ronnie Smith	JACKSBORO, TX, US	\$777
34	Adam Bishop	SPARKS, NV, US	\$696
35	Wardreath Wicks	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, US	\$696
36	Esker Roberts	ROSEVILLE, CA, US	\$696
37	Vongphachanh	Sacramento, CA, US	\$630

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38	Brian Vu	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, US	\$630
39	Amir Khaziri	SAN JOSE, CA, US	\$630
40	Jack Katz	S. LAKE TAHOE, CA, US	\$630
41	Paul Sterling	S.LAKE TAHOE, CA, US	\$630
41	Gregory Weber	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	\$630
43	Dustin Fox	PORTERVILLE, CA, US	\$630
44	Shawn Porter	ELK GROVE, CA, US	\$630
45	Mark Doherty	LAFAYETTE, CA, US	\$630
46	Gary Bush	RENO, NV, US	\$577
47	Gary Kraemer	RENO, NV, US	\$577
48	Bruce Light	Bonney Lake, WA, US	\$577
49	Max Nelson	ROCKLIN, CA, US	\$577
50	Aaron Lamb	Folsom, CA, US	\$577
51	James Atwood	TURLOCK, CA, US	\$577
52	Dylan Mowrey	Lodi, CA, US	\$577
53	Douglas Johnson	Midlothian, TX, US	\$577
54	Alexander Hartsman	Pacifica, CA, US	\$577

Josh Roberts Wins Tahoe's Biggest Poker Tournament in Six Years

Nor Cal Poker Pro Tops 521-Player Field – Highest Turnout Since 2005

WSOP Circuit at Harvey's Lake Tahoe Runs through November 21st

Stateline, NV (November 13, 2011) – If ever there was a tournament that played out much like a World Series of Poker gold bracelet event, it was the most recent WSOP Circuit competition, which recently completed at Harvey's Lake Tahoe.

There was a near record-sized field. There were big crowds of spectators. There were chants. There was intensity. There was a nine-hour final table. And there was a new poker champion staggering across the finish line, feeling as though he had endured the ultimate test of mental and physical endurance.

Just as the clock struck 6 am on Monday morning, Josh Roberts raked in the final pot of what had been a 16-hour day and night. He defeated Drew Casen on a dramatic last hand in the final duel of one of Lake Tahoe's toughest poker battles ever. Roberts' triumph came in the second gold ring event played at this year's World Series of Poker Circuit stop here in Northern Nevada. He collected \$32,300 in prize money.

With his victory, Roberts was presented with the coveted gold ring, his first, which is the ultimate token of achievement for winning a WSOP Circuit tournament.

With 521 entries, this was the biggest turnout for any poker tournament held at Lake Tahoe in six years. The all-time high mark was set on April 27, 2005 when 542 players showed up for the inaugural WSOP Circuit series held in Northern Nevada. Hence, this tournament currently stands as the second-largest poker tournament ever played at Lake Tahoe.

This was the second of 12 gold ring tournaments which are to be played this season (*Note: At time of this report, the first four tournaments have completed*). The three-day \$300 (+45) No-Limit Hold'em event ran long hours, just as expected. The total prize pool came to \$151,611. The top 54 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

A full list of all players that cashed in Event #2 can be seen at WSOP.COM

The first of two “Day One” playing sessions (Day 1-A) began on November 11th and included a Veterans Day tribute to all those who have served. Prior to the “Shuffle Up and Deal” announcement, Veterans were asked to stand and be recognized, which brought a room full of applause.

The re-entry day (called Day 1-B) was played on November 12th. There were 70 survivors from the two first sessions. Day Two resumed on Sunday, November 13th and played down to the final table. After five hours of play resulting in 61 more eliminated players, the nine final survivors were determined as follows:

SEAT 1: Sam Lee (San Francisco, CA) – 363,000 in chips
SEAT 2: Bryan Borders (Granite Bay, CA) – 1,223,000 in chips
SEAT 3: Drew Casen (Merced, CA) – 369,000 in chips
SEAT 4: Jed Hoffman (Reno, NV) – 181,000 in chips
SEAT 5: Andrew Barber (Sacramento, CA) – 1,255,000 in chips
SEAT 6: Josh Roberts (Jackson, CA) – 844,000 in chips
SEAT 7: Adrian Wise (San Jose, CA) – 163,000 in chips
SEAT 8: Matthew Weber (Sacramento, CA) – 730,000 in chips
SEAT 9: Robert Gallina (Carson City, NV) – 88,000 in chips

Final table play began at 8:30 pm. Play ended at 6 am local time – making the total duration of play about 9.5 hours.

9th Place – Robert Gallina was the first player eliminated. He got involved in a big three-way pot that could have put him into contention had he won. Instead, the part-time poker player from Carson City, NV had to settle for ninth place and a payout just short of \$3,000.

8th Place – Adrian Wise, from San Jose, CA played well and outlasted more than 500 players. But he went out in eighth place after taking an early hit and then losing a race to one of the big stacks. Wise, who is a San Francisco State University political science professor, finished in third place in this same event which took place last year. He earned \$3,767 in prize money.

7th Place – Samuel Lee, from San Francisco, went bust about three hours into play. He is a project manager for a high-tech company and a graduate of Cal-Berkley. This was his fourth time to cash in a major poker tournament, and first WSOP-related in-the-money finish. Seventh place paid \$4,801.

6th Place – Matthew Weber, a 23-year-old student from Sacramento, CA finished in sixth place. He bounced out about four hours into play. This was Weber’s tenth time to cash in 2011. He won a WSOP Circuit gold ring last season at Harrah’s Rincon, and had a second-place finish here at Lake Tahoe. Weber added \$6,206 to his poker bankroll for sixth place.

5th Place -- Bryan Borders, a 49-year-old commercial lender from Granite Bay, CA could have used a loan himself, about five hours into play. He ran out of chips and ended up in fifth place. Borders was cheered on to his best tournament finish ever by his wife, who was in attendance along with a large crowd of spectators. He ended up with a nice payout totaling \$8,135.

4th Place – Andrew Barber, a 28-year-old professional poker player from Sacramento, CA ended up in fourth place. He previously worked as an engineer before deciding to play full time. This was Barber’s 20th major cash, including three WSOP in-the-money finishes as well as three additional Circuit showings. He enjoyed wins at the Pot of Gold and World Poker Challenge, both held in Reno.

3rd Place – Jed Hoffman, a.k.a. “The Human,” an investor from Reno, NV took third place. This was his 22nd major tournament cash – which includes four second-place and three third-place finishes, mostly at tournaments played in Northern Nevada. Hoffman added \$14,692 to his poker bankroll.

2nd Place – Drew Casen, from Merced, CA finished as the runner up. This was his highest tournament finish ever. He collected \$19,974 in prize money. Casen previously finished fifth in last year's WSOP Circuit Main Event championship, held here at Harvey's Lake Tahoe.

When heads-up play began, Josh Roberts enjoyed a sizable chip lead. It took nearly an hour for the final dramatic hand to be dealt, which came as follows:

Roberts: Ks 5s
Casen: Ah 9s
Flop: Jh Ts 2c
Turn: As
River: Qd

"That was a sick turn card and a worse river" was all the runner up could say after staring at a bad beat board. Indeed, it was an ugly ending for Casen. He was all-in pre-flop and holding the best hand, and then flopped top pair. But the turn gave Roberts a huge number of outs – with straight and flush draws. Then, the river was the final nail in Casen's tournament coffin. Roberts ended up dragging the pot with an ace-high straight.

1st Place – Josh Roberts, a 26-year-old poker pro from Jackson, CA won his first live poker tournament and first career WSOP Circuit gold ring following several other impressive showings. He collected \$32,300 in prize money. His victory was cheered on by several friends in the crowd. This was his third time to cash on the WSOP Circuit. Robert also has three WSOP cashes in Las Vegas.

With his victory, Roberts joins three previous champions who now have gold rings at the 2011 Lake Tahoe series:

Event #1: David Clark (Dallas, TX) defeated 260 players and won \$18,208
Event #2: Josh Roberts (Jackson, CA) defeated 521 players and won \$32,300
Event #3: Mark Bonsack (Maple Valley, CA) defeated 85 players and won \$7,484
Event #4: Michael Rosenbach (San Francisco, CA) defeated 101 players and won \$13,874

Through the first four events, Michael Rosenbach (San Francisco, CA) leads in the WSOP Circuit's "Best All-Around Player" standings for Lake Tahoe. His lead stems from two final table appearances, so far – including a fifth and a first.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Lake Tahoe's twelve combined gold ring tournaments receives a pre-paid entry into the \$1 million 2011-2012 WSOP Circuit National Championship, to be held in Las Vegas, next May. At least two players from this tournament series will qualify for the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. The other automatic qualifier will be the winner of Lake Tahoe's Main Event championship – coming on Nov. 19th.

With the first four tournaments now wrapped up (Events 3 and 4 have also been completed), there are still eight more gold ring events remaining in what is being billed as a "12 rings in 12 days" poker series. The WSOP Circuit at Harvey's Lake Tahoe continues through November 21st. This year's schedule includes not only all the gold ring events, but multiple second-chance tournaments (at 5 pm and 7 pm most days), single table and mega satellites, plus cash games going around the clock inside the Harvey's Poker Room.

For further information, please visit WSOP.COM.

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End of Day One Standings:

Gerald Shebar	Palo Alto, CA	144,000	40-1
Doug Johnson	Midlothian, TX	32,000	40-2
Adam Bishop	Reno, NV	17,500	40-3
Pete Sullivan	Roscoe, IL	95,500	40-4
Peter Knutson	Duvall, WA	36,500	40-5
Ben Blair	East Grand Forks, MN	127,500	40-6
Eric Nelson	Reno, NV	31,500	40-7
Greg Weber	Sacramento, CA	39,000	40-8
Brett Schertley	Omaha, NE	92,500	40-9
Bill Watchman	Reno, NV	21,500	41-1
Wardroath Wicks	Prunedale, CA	68,500	41-2
William G.	Vacaville, CA	98,000	41-3
Gary Kraemer	Reno, NV	54,000	41-4
Samuel Lee	San Francisco, CA	112,500	41-5
Shawn Roberts	Antelope, CA	49,500	41-6
Manh Tran	Sacramento, CA	69,000	41-7
Mark Thompson	Campbell, CA	220,500	41-8
Jay Zetz	Sacramento, CA	140,500	41-9
Sean Whelan	Clifton, VA	42,500	42-1
R. Smith	Jackson, TX	123,500	42-2
Nidun Java	Northridge, CA	262,000	42-3
Aaron Lamb	Folsom, CA	55,500	42-4
Lirhinia Murray	London, UK	167,000	42-5
Gary Bush	Reno, NV	61,000	42-7
Shawn Porter	Elk Grove, CA	105,500	42-8
Alex Hartsman	San Francisco, CA	23,000	42-9
Joe Sanouvang	Sacramento, CA	124,000	43-1
Jed Hoffman	Reno, NV	19,500	43-2
Ken Strickland	Raleigh, NC	68,000	43-3
Dustin Fox	South Lake Tahoe, CA	149,500	43-4
Alex Geche	Stockton, CA	21,500	43-5
Drew Caseri	Merced, CA	95,500	43-7
Adrian Wise	San Jose, CA	49,500	43-8
Brian Vu	San Ramon, CA	51,000	43-9

Patrick Hanson	Monterey, CA	39,500	44-1
Bryan Borders	Granite Bay, CA	96,000	44-2
Max Nelson	Rocklin, CA	29,000	44-3
Scott Stewart	Lakewood, CA	147,000	44-4
Paul Sterling	South Lake Tahoe, CA	82,500	44-6
Richard Rinker	Vacaville, CA	226,500	44-7
Josh Roberts	Jackson, CA	252,500	44-8
Kevin Fitzgibbons	Morgan Hill, CA	48,000	44-9
Scott Warren	Sacramento, CA	48,500	45-1
Dylan Mowrey	Pioneer, CA	56,500	45-2
Mark Doherty	Moraga, CA	39,000	45-3
James Atwood	NA	44,500	45-5
Jesse Balliett	Fortuna, CA	91,500	45-6
Amir Khaziri	San Jose, CA	49,000	45-7
Sean Riley	Long Beach, CA	29,500	45-8
Mike Price	Danville, CA	NA	45-9
Bruce Light	Seattle, WA	7,000	46-2
Bryan Schultz	Carpenterville, IL	32,500	46-3
James Marks	El Dorado Hills, CA	194,500	46-4
Stev Kats	Omaha, NE	78,000	46-5
Andrew Barber	Sacramento, CA	70,500	46-6
Robert Gallina	Carson City, NV	84,500	46-7
Peter Nash	St. Louis, MO	40,000	46-8
Sean Anderson	Gardnerville, NV	129,000	47-2
Matthew Weber	Sacramento, CA	77,500	47-3
Christine Summers	Modesto, CA	73,500	47-4
Tim Robredo	Orangevale, CA	38,000	47-5
Chris Bibb	O'Fallon, MO	31,000	47-6
Rich Cotham	Fair Oaks, CA	47,500	47-7
Jack Katz	NA	56,500	47-8
Chris Townsend	Santa Rosa, CA	29,000	47-9