



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Southern Indiana (Elizabeth, Ind.)	Date:	3 October 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	127
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$38,096

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### MARK "PEGASUS" SMITH CLAIMES 6<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT TITLE

*Circuit legend adds to long list of accolades after nearly retiring from poker.*

Mark "Pegasus" Smith claimed his sixth World Series of Poker gold ring, and \$10,668, late in day five of the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Circuit. The 65-year-old conquered Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em, which registered a field of 127 players.

The tournament was scheduled as a two-day endeavor, but Smith got the job done in less than 24 hours. Only three players remained when the clock hit zero on Level 21, the preconceived, last level of the night. Being so close to an outright victor, the three competitors agreed to carry on until a Champion was crowned, a decision that ultimately led Smith into the winner's circle once more.

"It's been a long time since I've won one, but... obviously the old boys still got it," Smith stated with a smile on his face. "The last one I won was in 2011."

During his many excursions in the world of poker, Smith has racked up a long list of WSOP accolades and just over \$630,000 in earnings. His largest score to date came in 2006 at the Grand Casino Tunica Main Event, where Smith bagged \$306,0003 and his debut gold ring. From there, the prior horse breeder went on to collect more golden hardware.

"I tied the world record in 2009, then got it by myself. Then, held the world record till January 2013 with five [gold rings]," Smith recollected.

Usually wearing his signature "Pegasus" hat, Smith graced the WSOP Circuit for many over a decade. However, he did contemplate a cease to it all in recent years.

“Well, I had almost retired from the Circuit,” said Smith. “I’ve been doing a lot of public service, kind of getting on with life.”

The resident of Georgetown, Kentucky may one day hang up his hat when it comes to poker, but for now he is going strong and can bask in his recent achievement. Smith plans to continue his positive run in Southern Indiana.

Four of the six gold rings highlighting Smith's résumé were won at a Southern Indiana Circuit stop, which is why it comes as no surprise that it is his self-proclaimed, favorite location on the annual tour.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Mark “Pegasus” Smith	Age:	65
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Public Servant
Birthplace:	Georgetown, Ky.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Georgetown, Ky.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	5

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