



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Harveys Lake Tahoe
Event: No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-in: \$365

Date: 6 November 2017
Entries: 162
Prizepool: \$48,600

MIKE FERNANDEZ WINS \$13,122, FIRST RING

Fernandez scores another win for the California part-timers in Lake Tahoe

Mike Fernandez added his name to the WSOP Circuit's list of winners on Saturday in Lake Tahoe. Fernandez took down a \$365 one-day event at Harveys, winning his first gold ring and \$13,122 in cash.

Fernandez, 40, is a data collection manager for the Federal Reserve Bank. That's the day job, but he does play a fair amount of poker on the side. He's been dabbling in the game for 10 years or so, during which he's recorded about \$40,000 in tournament earnings.

Fernandez's work schedule restricts his ability to play often, so the Circuit's new single-day format is perfect for people like him. "I don't get a lot of time to play tournaments," he said. "Especially big ones. So most of the events I do get a chance to play are one-day [events]."

He and his wife, Maria, spend most of their free time traveling, and this trip brought them to Lake Tahoe for a poker vacation. Maria was on the rail as Mike won the tournament.

"I was actually cruising along pretty well, but I took some hits at the final table," Fernandez recalled. "It was such a grind."

The grind culminated in a heads-up duel against the gregarious Duy Ho, an accomplished tournament grinder. Fernandez put a beat or two on him during the run to the win, including a suckout with ace-deuce against ace-three.

"When I got the deuce against Duy, I knew it was my ring," he said. All's fair in poker, and Fernandez ended up as the winner after less than 12 hours of play.

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Name:	Mike Fernandez	Age:	40
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	bank manager
Birthplace:	Rodeo, Calif.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Martinez, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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