



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Atlantic City (Atlantic City, N.J.)	Date:	14 March 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Six Max	Entries:	163
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$48,900

RICK AUSTIN CAPTURES GOLD RING NUMBER TWO

Six Max title for Rick Austin adds second Circuit gold ring to his trophy case.

Rick Austin doubled up on World Series of Poker titles Wednesday afternoon at the Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit stop. The 60-year-old Pennsylvanian defeated 163 entrants in Event #5; \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry to claim \$13,694 and a second gold ring.

"It's even better," Austin replied when asked to compare the win to his debut gold-ring victory. "The first one, you feel like it's a fluke. And now, when you win two you feel like you really did something."

Winning number two was even more special for Austin because it provided a sense of validation for the first. The recreational poker player struck gold on the WSOP stage for the first time in 2015 at the Planet Hollywood Circuit stop in Las Vegas.

"I play maybe five, or six, poker trips every year. It's a part time thing for me," said Austin, who owns two retail stores specializing in paint, one in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey.

Although he is only a part-time player Austin has accumulated some impressive stats over the years. He boasts over \$200,000 in WSOP earnings, with cashes dating back to 2006.

Austin's final opponent in Event #5, Gregory Fishberg, was a player on par with Austin's accolades. Fishberg too, was going for his second Circuit gold ring.

"Greg's a great player, so I feel really good to beat him," Austin mentioned.

There was plenty of tough competition in the six-handed arena, especially when play was down to two tables. However, Austin's road to victory proved to be a relatively smooth one.

"I have to admit, I just got great cards," said Austin. "They just kept coming... I really didn't have to do much work. Things just went my way. That's all I can say."

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Name:	Rick Austin	Age:	60
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Retail Store Owner
Birthplace:	Philadelphia, Pa.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Lansdale, Pa.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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