



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley (Lincoln, Cal.)	Date:	13 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	1,522
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$502,260

SAN JOSE'S RYAN GRANT TAKES DOWN "THE OPENER"

Grant wins \$86,644 and first career ring in Event #1 of WSOP Circuit Thunder Valley series.

Ryan Grant, a 27-year-old auto-parts worker at a San Jose car dealership, has earned the largest payday of his poker career by collecting \$86,644 in first-place money in "The Opener", Event #1 \$400 No-Limit Hold'em at WSOP Circuit Thunder Valley. Grant topped a massive 1,522-entry field to earn his first Circuit ring, and it's the second time – and the largest to date – that he's taken down a big poker score in the Sacramento area.

"I'm still soaking it in," said a somewhat stunned Grant after closing out his win. "It's amazing. I can't stop looking at this ring."

Grant, who admitted to honing his poker skills online as well as live, also noted that he'll use at least some of his winnings to pay off his own auto loan. Still, there'll be much more poker in his near future. Work obligations during the coming week will keep from playing a full Circuit slate, but he's planning to return to Thunder Valley for next week's Main Event. And Grant also plans for a summer trip with a poker friend to play at the World Series of Poker.

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Name:	Ryan Grant	Age:	27
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Auto dealership work
Birthplace:	San Jose, Cal.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	San Jose, Cal.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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