



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Casino (Bell Gardens, Calif.)	Date:	10 March 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	224
Buy-in:	\$600	Prizepool:	\$115,360

MIKE ESKANDARI WINS \$600 NO-LIMIT HOLDE'M

It is all about the money for Mike Eskandari who procures first Circuit title.

Mike Eskandari picked up \$28,835 and his first World Series of Poker gold ring by taking down Event #9: \$600 No-Limit Hold'em at the Bicycle Casino Circuit series. The tournament, which brought in 224 entries, took two days to complete.

Eskandari made it through Day 1 with the third-largest chip stack in play. Upon reaching the final two players, Eskandari found himself up against a poker acquaintance, Shan Jing.

"We know each other because we play together all the time... poker buddies," said Eskandari. He was then asked if it was a fun heads-up match and responded "Yeah, yeah; poker is always fun for me."

Although the two had a lighthearted faceoff, it did take over two hours to determine a winner. When Eskandari finally secured the final pot to take first-place, he was surprised when handed the WSOP gold ring.

The Business Owner from California was not necessarily focused on winning a ring, rather, he was on cashing in on the payout and moving on.

"Honestly, no," said Eskandari on whether the ring was a significant piece for him. "Not that it doesn't mean anything because it's still an accomplishment. But, bracelet is the name of the game. The rest is all about money for me," he continued. "But I'm very happy about it. So, it's not like I don't care, I do."

With the \$28k top prize, Eskandari increases his WSOP earnings to nearly \$200,000. However, his career, live tournament earnings stand much taller, over \$2.2 million.

Eskandari frequents the annual WSOP in Las Vegas every summer, still striving for that gold bracelet. In the meantime, the 58-year-old, originally from Iran, plans on hoping in the Bike Main Event tomorrow in search of another big score.

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Name:	Mike Eskandari	Age:	58
Nationality:	IRN/USA	Occupation:	Business Owner
Birthplace:	Iran	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Mission Viejo, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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