



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)	Date:	6 August 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em w/20 min. levels	Entries:	659
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$197,700

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### **Nikhil Gera Earns Second Ring in Single Day Event**

*Gera comes to Cherokee to play Global Casino Championship, earns a ring on second day in town.*

Nikhil Gera only made the trip from Southern California to Cherokee because he automatically qualified for the Global Casino Championship last December, but his trip across the country paid off dividends for him before his quest for a World Series of Poker bracelet even begun.

Gera won his second career Circuit ring and \$40,534 in the \$365 no-limit hold'em single day event with 20-minute levels. He made the final table with his childhood friend, Kenton Payne who finished in seventh, and defeated Ryan Reid heads-up in a grueling heads-up battle that saw the chip lead change hands several times.

"Heads-up was tough," said Gera. "I got really lucky like 10 times in this tournament. I guess you need to do that in turbos. I lost with aces and was down to like four big blinds when we had 40 something people left. I didn't think this would happen. I was very fortunate."

This is Gera's first time playing at the Harrah's Cherokee. After being here for just a few days, however, he's a big fan.

"This place is awesome," said the 39-year-old doctor. "I was telling him yesterday that this is probably my favorite stop I've played at. It's well-run, the room is big, it accommodates a lot of people, all the guarantees got smashed. It's a really good experience here. I like it."

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Nikhil Gera

Age: 39

Nationality: USA

Profession: Psychiatrist

Birthplace: Diamond Bar, CA

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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