



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	2 December 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Entries:	125
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$37,500

William Collins Wins \$365 NLH Bounty Event

General Contractor and regular at the Bike earns \$7,000 and first ring of the series.

William Collins snagged his first World Series of Poker cash on Saturday afternoon and he made it count. The 57-year-old contractor from Southern California won the first ring of the WSOP Circuit series at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino.

The Toluca Lake, CA native defeated 125 entries to earn \$7,000 the title in the \$365 no-limit hold'em bounty event.

"It feels fantastic," said Collins after the tournament. "I was way shortstacked when it got down to heads-up. I was about a five-to-one underdog, but a few good hands came in, I got lucky on a couple things and it wound up great."

Collins made his heads-up comeback against Robert Miller, who finished second for \$4,325. Miller was the chip leader coming into Saturday, which returned the final four players. He extended his lead as Huy Nguyen and Sung Baek were eliminated in fourth and third, respectively, but Collins was able to pull off the comeback in the end.

Along with the \$7,000, Collins added another \$1,000 to his win thanks to the bounties. The format gave \$100 to each player who scored a knockout. Collins knocked out nine other players and gets to cash in his own bounty since he was the last man standing.

"I liked the bounties," said Collins. "I got nine of them, so that adds to the excitement of it. Some interesting plays came from the bounty. They would go for the bounty more than the short stack."

Collins also takes the early lead in the Casino Championship race. He earned 50 points for the win and sits atop the leaderboard. The potential of a free seat into the Global Casino Championship may slightly alter the way Collins approaches the rest of the series.

“I am going to do whatever I was going to do, but it’s a bonus and I may end up playing a couple more tournaments than I might otherwise have, but I plan to play a few of the tournaments throughout the 12-day series.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: William Collins

Age: 57

Nationality: American

Profession: General Contractor

Birthplace: Toluca Lake, CA

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Toluca Lake, CA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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