



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	8 December 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	94
Buy-in:	\$1,125	Prizepool:	\$94,000

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### XIAO RUAN WINS \$1,125 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM

*Cash game pro breaks his personal rule about tournaments to win first ring and \$28,195*

Some rules are meant to be broken. Xiao Ruan broke his own self-imposed rule when it comes to tournaments and it worked out for him on Friday afternoon.

The 31-year-old poker pro focuses mainly on cash games. He only limits himself to one tournament a month. He broke that rule and ended up taking down the \$1,125 no-limit hold'em event for his first ring at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. Ruan defeated a 94-entry field and won \$28,195 in not only his first ring win, but his first live tournament win.

"Two or three months ago, I decided I was really just going to focus on cash games," said Ruan after the win. "I decided that I would play a maximum of one tournament a month and that's it. This one, I didn't plan to play."

Ruan initially came to the Bike to play \$5/\$10 no-limit hold'em. There was no game running, however, with most likely a good chunk of the player base taking a shot in the tournament. Since it would take him over an hour to get into a \$5/\$5 game, he decided to take a shot at the tournament.

"I just hopped in here," said Ruan. "I registered an hour late and that's it. I was going to play the main event this weekend. So, I didn't play to play this one. I'm going to play the main event. I broke my own rule and I'm going to play two tournaments this month."

Ruan immigrated to America from China four years ago and discovered poker on a vacation to Las Vegas in December of 2013. He was working at a bank at the time and was hooked. Just about a year later, Ruan was playing professionally.

“At that time, I won some money and thought ‘Oh, that was really fun,’” said Ruan. “So, I started playing part-time while I was working at the bank and I became obsessed with it like everybody else.

Eventually, Ruan realized that he was leaving money on the table by continuing his career at the bank and started his full-time poker career. Like most people in his position, he enjoys the flexibility that poker gives him to spend time with the people he cares about the most.

“I really enjoy the freedom of time from poker,” said Ruan. “I have two kids, so I could just play two hours of cash games and then head back to pick up my kids at school. If I work at a bank, my wife has to do that job.”

The Monrovia, CA resident still plans to stick mostly to cash games, but the Circuit ring still holds a lot of value to him. When asked what kind of significance the win has on his poker career, he kept his answer short and sweet.

“This really means a lot to me.”

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Xiao Ruan

Nationality: Chinese

Birthplace: China

Current Residence: Monrovia, CA

Age: 31

Profession: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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