



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 HIGH ROLLER EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley	Date:	21 January 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	56
Buy-in:	\$2,200	Prizepool:	\$112,000

STEVEN TABB WINS 2ND CIRCUIT RING IN HIGH ROLLER

Online high stakes cash pro takes down his second career Circuit ring

Steven Tabb has taken down the final ring event at Thunder Valley in the High Roller for \$42,000 and his second career Circuit ring. The online high stakes cash game pro defeated start-of-day chip leader Todd Sladek after coming in to heads-up play with almost a four-to-one chip lead.

The poker pro was definitely happy about his win and it happened at a good time as he is about to take a vacation to South East Asia with his girlfriend.

Not only is he a successful online high stakes cash game player, but he also only plays about 15 live events a year and has had much success. "I haven't been able to play that many ring events. I play mostly online – high stakes cash" explained Tabb. "Since I started this strategy of only playing 15-20 tournaments a year, I only play main events, I only play the higher buy-ins. And over a sample size of maybe 70 or 80 tournaments, I've cashed in 35 to 40% of them. Something ridiculous like that. I've obviously run well too. Tabb made the final table of the \$1,675 Main Event at Thunder Valley in September also, finishing in 8th place.

The two-time Circuit champion explained that he didn't have to study much in his earlier years. "I just naturally understood the game." But now he admits poker has become much tougher. "The last few years have been a huge dedication to just staying above the field. In the last few years I've really had to boggle down, number crunch, and room with some incredibly smart and successful poker players who have made millions playing poker and see the game completely in a different way. It gives me the confidence to play against literally anyone. Now I feel confident that I can play literally anyone and I would either

have an edge against them or if they're the best in the world I'd be able to hold my own against them."

Tabb used to live in Boston but moved to San Mateo in 2016 for many reasons. Poker was one of them, along with wanting a change in lifestyle.

It's clear that Tabb has come a long way as a poker pro and understands the highs and lows of the game. "I see a lot of younger players now and they remind me of myself when I was younger. Just kind of insecure, and wanting this win so badly. Wanting the results to come so badly, and I've been there. I'm very detached from the results. Obviously I want to win, but I'm able to control the pain when things don't go my way and that's been huge." This was most definitely the case in the High Roller today, as Tabb took some big hits but rallied back and things went his way in the end. He admits that if that happened back in the day, it would affect him enough to cause him to play badly.

Final Results:

1st: Steven Tabb - \$42,000
2nd: Todd Sladek - \$25,984
3rd: Thomas Zanot - \$17,024
4th: Alan Bittikofer - \$11,760
5th: Ben Keeline - \$8,624
6th: Michael Huang - \$6,608

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Steven Tabb	Age: 30
Nationality: USA	Profession: Poker player
Birthplace: USA	WSOP Bracelets: 0
Current Residence: San Mateo, CA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

Personal Facts: Poker player and coach

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