



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino and Resort	Date:	8 January 2018
(Durant, OK)		Entries:	508
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo	Prizepool:	\$152,400
Buy-in:	\$365		

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### **CODY PETTIT WINS \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM TURBO**

*Semi-professional poker player accomplishes more than a decade old poker goal with first ring and \$32,761*

In the early hours of Monday morning, Cody Pettit accomplished a poker goal of his that he's been chasing for over a decade – he won a World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

Pettit defeated a field of 508 entries to win \$32,761 in the \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo single day event. As a former professional poker player and current semi-professional, earning a piece of WSOP gold was something he's always strived to achieve.

"I can't even put it into words yet," said Pettit. "It's everything. I've been dreaming about one of these for a long time and I've finally got it."

The Oklahoma native defeated Vance Wyly heads-up after a back-and-forth heads-up duel. It wasn't a crazy atmosphere by most standards, but Wyly's rail was vocal in their support for their friend.

Pettit's rail was slightly smaller, but just as encouraging. His friend, Homer, wasn't as loud, but helped keep the 38-year-old focused on the task at hand.

"This guy right here was pushing me the whole way," said Pettit about his good buddy. "He kept saying 'Don't give up, man. I know you can do it.' And I thought 'Ok, well, I guess I'll go try and do it. He's my running mate.'"

This is Pettit's first ring, but his second cash of both the series and the day. He busted out of the \$365 no-limit hold'em re-entry event in 296<sup>th</sup> place for \$613 and immediately late registered for the turbo event.

If he had his choice, Pettit would probably rather still be battling in the re-entry for the six-figure score and a ring, but turbos are his favorite poker format and it's only fitting that his first WSOP title came in the quicker structure.

"I love the turbos," said Pettit. "This is probably only the fourth or fifth live one I've ever played. I've played a couple out in Vegas. I play the turbo bracelet event every year. I love the turbos, so it feels good to win it. It's my favorite style – one day and it's over with. Bam."

Pettit used to make his living on the felt, but has transitioned from a full-time to a part-time poker player over the last few years. Now, when he's not grinding it out on the felt, he's grinding it out on a food truck.

Now, he helps his friend run a food truck in the Oklahoma City area. The added income helps him play his best at the table, having taken away the pressure of wining in order to put food in his mouth.

"It's winter time and it's kind of a seasonal deal and part-time thing," said Pettit. "It's a two-income kind of deal, but I don't rely on poker full-time anymore, like I used to. Which is great. I just play when I have the time and it's a lot less stress now, which is better."

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Cody Pettit

Nationality: American

Birthplace: Oklahoma City, OK

Current Residence: Yukon, OK

Age: 38

Profession: Manager

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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