



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	30 March 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	Entries:	144
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$43,200

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### JON MARAS CAPTURES 1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCUIT TITLE

*Recreational player drives chip lead and competitive nature into debut gold-ring victory.*

Jon Maras decisively captured his first World Series of Poker gold ring while competing at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit series. The 48-year-old from Hartford, South Dakota defeated a field of 144 entrants in Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry, a tournament that took two days to complete.

Maras had a successful Day 1, ultimately bagging as the chip leader after 21 levels of poker. A small group of seven players advanced to Day 2. During the final stretch, Maras maintained his position and continued to dominate.

“I applied the pressure where I could. Where the guys, I knew, were opening up light,” Maras explained “And I had good cards too. It wasn’t all just playing.”

Maras' run of good cards and competitive nature could not be stopped. Going into heads-up action against Dan Klein, Maras held majority of the chips in play and it did not take long before his moment of triumph was reached.

It was great time for Maras to prevail in a poker tournament. His opportunity to hit the felt is limited to the winter season, which is on the way out.

“I have my own construction company, so winter time is my slow time, so that’s when I play,” said Maras, who also spearheads a second career. “This is my last one because I coach baseball. I coach two teams... so pretty busy. We start playing games next week.”

Maras has a history with baseball, being a longtime player himself. The sport was even a stepping stone into the world of poker.

“I played baseball in college... I played amateur baseball till I was 38, so I’ve always had that competitive nature in me,” Maras mentioned. “It [poker] is just a way to compete... That’s the fun of it,” he continued. “I actually compare it to baseball a lot. It’s a game of failure. You fail a lot and that’s the way baseball is.”

A competitive drive boosted Maras to a momentous WSOP achievement. The husband and father of three will be returning home with \$12,095, a Circuit gold ring, and good news to share with his family.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Jon Maras	Age:	48
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Business Owner
Birthplace:	Redwood Falls, Minn.		/Baseball Coach
Current Residence:	Hartford, S.D.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
		Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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