



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	30 March 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Entries:	120
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$24,000

CLAYTON VANDIVER CLAIMS BOUNTY GOLD

Local recreational player bags final bounty for first Circuit gold ring.

The World Series of Poker Circuit deemed another champion Friday evening. It was Clayton Vandiver who claimed his first gold ring while playing at his local casino, Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The 83-year-old meandered through 120 entrants in Event #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty (1 Re-Entry) to take home the golden hardware.

“Feels pretty good. I’ve been playing for years, 70 something years, so... nothing new,” Vandiver said with a cool demeanor. “Since 1939,” he continued. “My stepfather, when I was six years old, taught me how to play.”

Spanning seven decades, Vandiver has enjoyed the game of poker as a pastime. Since retiring from the Air Force, the Kentucky native settled in Omaha, Nebraska.

“I just play here at the Horseshoe. Me and my wife play every Friday and Saturday because relaxation, it’s a hobby is all,” Vandiver said.

Consistent play at a certain casino can harbor familiar faces, and that holds true for Vandiver who claimed, “It’s the usual competition. Most of us here, we all know each other.”

Vandiver was even acquainted with his decorated heads-up adversary, Duane Gerleman, owner of four gold rings. Even in the face of a tough opponent, Vandiver stayed cool till the final card.

“The river is what kills a person,” Vandiver appropriately quoted after his victory.

During the last hand of the tournament, Gerleman was victim to a seven on the river, which gave Vandiver a set and ultimately all the chips in play.

Gerleman narrowly missed out on his fifth, Council Bluffs Circuit title, but took home \$4,450 as runner-up, while Vandiver walked away with \$7,202 and the Bounty honors.

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Name:	Clayton Vandiver	Age:	83
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Retired Air Force
Birthplace:	Kentucky	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Omaha, Nebr.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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