



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	6 April 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	Entries:	83
Buy-in:	\$1,125	Prizepool:	\$83,000

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### ERIK CHRISTENSEN WINS \$1,125 BUY-IN EVENT

*Lawyer turned Poker Pro takes down stacked final table for first gold ring.*

Erik Christensen is the newest member of the World Series of Poker's gold ring club. While participating in the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit series, the 39-year-old Poker Pro defeated a field of 83 entrants in Event #9: \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry to capture his first career gold ring and \$26,559.

"Feels excellent," Christensen expressed after his victory "I was heads up for a ring in... Florida and I came in second, so it feels good to win my first WSOP Circuit."

Back in September at Seminole Hard Rock Circuit series, Christensen placed second in a tournament similar to Event #9.

"I like the \$1K fields," mentioned Christensen "They're small, but they have the better structure than some of the smaller buy-in tournaments."

Falling one spot shy of a debut gold ring, left Christensen with a fire in his belly. This time around, the New York City native would not be stopped, even up against a stacked final table.

When the field was cut to ten finalists, over half of the remaining players already had at least one gold ring to their name. Christensen was not one of those players. Nonetheless, Christensen was in command of the chip lead and maintained the position through to the end of Day 1.

Day 2 of the \$1,125 buy-in event began with six players, but quickly boiled down to three. After fighting to stay alive, Glen Goldsmith eventually busted in third place. Goldsmith's exit left Christensen and local poker player Ryan Phan to duke it out for the title.

Both players were going for their first Circuit gold ring. Christensen started with majority of the chips in play. Phan scored a clutch double up early in the match. From there, the two faced off for nearly two more hours. It was a hard-fought battle, but Christensen held strong and ultimately scooped the final pot.

Christensen decided to make trip to Council Bluffs with two things on his agenda. Along with playing in a few WSOP events, Christensen is visiting with some of his extended family living in Omaha, Nebraska. In any case, the trip has turned out to be an great success so far. Christensen walks away with his first career gold ring and plans to enter the Main Event tomorrow, looking for another big score.

The achievement marked Christensen's 13<sup>th</sup> WSOP cash and upped his earnings to just over \$80,000. It has been around four years since Christensen has been a professional poker player.

"I was working at a law firm and just went on a sabbatical... I just wanted to sort of relax for a couple of months," Christensen explained "Then, I did well enough at it [poker] that I realized I could make a living, and be my own boss, and have a little bit more freedom, and do something that I was enjoying."

A career change for Christensen dropped him in the world of poker. He now spends his time playing a mix of cash and tournaments. Christensen mostly plays in his home state, but does embark on a trip when he can.

"I live in Florida, but my dad is originally from Omaha. So, I'm always looking for new places to play and I thought I'd meet up with some of my extended family," said Christensen "So, I sort of combined a poker trip with visiting with family."

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Erik Christensen	Age:	39
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	New York City, N.Y.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Hallandale, Fla.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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