



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas	Date:	1 April 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em High Roller	Entries:	109
Buy-in:	\$2,200	Prizepool:	\$218,000

JOSEPH CHEONG WINS HIGH ROLLER AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD

Cheong replaces his recently lost Circuit ring.

2 April 2018 (Las Vegas) – It was a long day of poker for Joseph Cheong. To begin he started off the Planet Hollywood Main Event, eventually busting in 8th place for \$22,436. Immediately after he registered for the \$2,200 High Roller where he very quickly got to work building a stack from the starting stack of 25,000 chips. By the end of the first level of play today, Cheong had already built up to nearly 100,000. From there, it was all uphill. By the time the final table was reached, Cheong was right in the middle of the pack, sporting a stack of right around 400,000.

This is the second ring of Cheong's career. Oddly enough, he recently lost his first one, but now earned another to replace it. "It feels good," he said. "Like redemption."

Hyon Kim led the way as the final table started and he did much of the work eliminating Ankush Mandavia, Dylan Wilkerson (who also made two final tables today), and Michael Benko with ease, being the first player to breach 1,000,000 chips. Cheong got short for a bit but eventually got most of his stack in against Patrick Colceri holding pocket kings against Colceri's tens. Cheong held and was able to nearly double to right around 250,000. He then took a massive pot from Eric Baldwin when Baldwin missed a straight draw and Cheong shoved the river.

Steve Foutty was eliminated just after dinner break bringing the field down to four players and from there it was The Joseph Cheong show. Cheong dominated four-handed play with some very aggressive moves, constantly putting pressure on his three opponents. He was able to climb over 1,000,000 chips and he wouldn't fall back below that mark. After several hours of four handed play, Cheong sprung and dispatched of his final three opponents in quick fashion.

"I had a decent stack at the beginning of the final table," Cheong recalled. "Enough that I just sat there and played patiently. And I just got a little heater started. And when I got chips I just started pushing the action."

Eric Baldwin was the first of the final four to fall. He ran pocket nines into Cheong pocket aces. Next to go was Hassan Tahsildar who called Cheong's under the gun shove with king-eight, but Cheong was holding ace-queen and spiked an ace to eliminate Tahsildar. Hyon Kim was able to survive until heads-up play, but was at a severe chip disadvantage. Kim doubled early when Cheong shoved on the button with ten-five of diamonds and Kim held with king-queen, but just a few hands later, Cheong and Kim got it in again and Kim was holding the worst of it with queen-jack while Cheong had king-ten. Cheong held on through the flop and turn and spiked a king for good measure on the river to take down the pot and to win the tournament. For his victory, Cheong wins \$65,399 and a WSOP Circuit ring.

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Name:	Joseph Cheong	Profession:	Poker Player
Nationality:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	La Mirada, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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