



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	7 December 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	159
Buy-in:	\$1,125	Prizepool:	\$159,000

NANCY MATSON WINS \$1,125 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM

Los Angeles video editor entered with hopes of just cashing, but earned first ring and \$42,940

Nancy Matson has a very specific poker goal. Finish in the top 100 women for the year in the GPI tournament rankings. With time running out on 2018, she decided to hop into the \$1,125 no-limit hold'em.

Her original plan was to cash. With the buy-in as big as it was that should give her enough points to squeak into the top 100. Or at least make it close. She did much better than that. She took down the whole thing.

She defeated a field of 159 entries and netted \$42,940 to score her first Circuit ring in her first-ever cash in a WSOP-branded event.

"It's crazy. I literally entered this event hoping to get more points for the year because I had a pretty good cash over the summer in Vegas," said Matson. "It's a sad little dream of mine to crack the top 100 women."

The field was made up of multiple players with Circuit rings and WSOP bracelets, which tempered Matson's expectations when she handed over the money to play the event.

"I obviously did not expect to win it, but I was just hoping to get a few more GPI points," said Matson. "Honestly, I'm just like 'Oh, I got to enter a \$1k because it's there. There's not a lot of points if you don't enter. I only play a couple \$1k's a year. I was very surprised and totally delighted."

Matson is a video editor for a non-profit organization on the west side of Los Angeles. She took a day off from work on Friday to play the first day and at the end of the day's action, she achieved the first step. Making the money.

When she returned on Saturday for the second and final day, she still didn't have the highest of hopes, but she slowly picked up chips. And some confidence came with it.

"I started to get a little momentum going, you know, once we got to the final table," said Matson. "I'm the dark horse. Nobody knows me. There's a bunch of these people who are really good, but nobody knows me and I have the advantage of doing things like when I three-bet them, people think I have it. Because look at me."

Matson is the definition of a 'weekend warrior.' With her work schedule, she is usually only able to play on Saturdays and with time running out on 2018, this is likely Matson's last significant cash of the year. She is ending the year on a high note with her second five-figure cash of both the year and her career.

As far as her goal of cracking the top 100 women in the GPI rankings, she'll have to wait and see how the rest of the year goes for the rest of the poker playing women in the world, but she did as much as she could to get there.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Nancy Matson

Nationality: American

Birthplace: Santa Monica, CA

Current Residence: Santa Monica, CA

Age: 50

Profession: Video Editor

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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