



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley (Lincoln, Cal.)	Date:	15 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	113
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$37,290

ERLE MANKIN CLAIMS SIX-MAX RING

Sacramento-area player wins second career Circuit ring and \$11,184 in Event #5 win

The fewer, the merrier” – a saying that worked two ways for Sacramento micro-brewery owner Erle Mankin on Tuesday at Circuit Thunder Valley. Mankin, already an accomplished tourney player with one previous Circuit ring and 47 total WSOP and Circuit cashes, found the time to play some poker, then walked away a winner.

“I don't play many tournaments any more,” Mankin explained. “But they're very fun and I enjoy them.” In the past couple of years, Mankin has been pouring his time into his local micro-brewery business. He showed up at Thunder Valley to rail a friend at the final table in another event, then decided at the very last moment to enter the six-handed NLHE event.

“I started with eight big blinds,” he said, as he was the last player to join before the late-registration period closed. “I got lucky.” From there he climbed due north, climbing into contention and arriving at the final table in a virtual tie for the lead with several other players, many of whom were his friends from the Sacramento poker scene. Mankin's own skills were as sharp as ever, and in just four more hours, he'd secured an unexpected second Circuit ring.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Erle Mankin	Age:	39
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Brewery owner
Birthplace:	-n/a-	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Davis, Cal.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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