



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Ok.)	Date:	July 23, 2019
Event:	Event #8 NLHE	Entries:	167
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$55,110

IMRAN SABZALI WINS 1ST WSOP CIRCUIT RING

One year after learning to play poker, Sabzali earns WSOP gold

In just 12-months Imran Sabzali learned how to play No-Limit Hold'em poker, formulate game strategy and gain the confidence to play in a competitive WSOP event. The 38-year-old has accomplished what some players dedicate their life to, winning a WSOP gold ring. Sabzali defeated 167 entries Tuesday night to win his first career ring and \$14,129.

The cell phone repair business owner sees himself as a recreational player but jokingly added, "I was looking for a way to make easy money" to help his company.

Not only did Sabzali earn his first WSOP cash and subsequently his first ring, he bested two-time ring earner Paul Sokoloff, who has 112 cashes himself. In a captivating heads-up match between the two, Sabzali was not shy with his 2-1 chip lead, consistently shoving pre-flop. In the final hand of the event, Sabzali's K-3 was far behind London resident Sokoloff's Q-Q. Before the flop was tabled, Sokoloff proclaimed, "I caught his hand in the cookie jar" to his rail. Unfortunately for him, Sabzali came up with the goods – rivering three-of-a-kind, leaving the Pakistan born Sabzali the winner of Event #8.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Imran Sabzali	Age:	38
Nationality:	Pakistan	Profession:	Cell Phone Repair
Birthplace:	Karalhi, Pakistan	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Carrollton, TX	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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