

WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:The Bike (Bell Gardens, Calif.)Event:No-Limit Hold'emBuy-in:\$400

Date:1 December 2019Entries:284Prizepool:\$93,720

MIKE CEAN SEIZES WSOP GOLD RING

Romania native trounces LA field in second-ever poker tournament experience.

Mihalache "Mike" Cean found himself in the World Series of Poker winner's circle on Sunday at The Bicycle Casino Circuit. The 60-year-old took first place in Event #1: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em, topping a field of 284 players.

As far as Circuit winners go, Cean is somewhat of an uncommon case, geographically and experience-wise.

Cean is a native of Romania who immigrated to Canada in 1992 and still resides in the Great White North today. Travel timing and a friendly suggestion were the simple foundations of Cean's appearance at The Bike, near Los Angeles.

"My friend lives here... so I came to visit him, and he told me to come and play with him in the tournament, so that's how I end up here yesterday," said Cean.

As a Business Owner who works on aircraft motor repairs, Cean happened to be visiting a customer/friend in Camarillo, California. The two drove an hour to The Bike on Saturday and late registered for the first ring event of the series.

It was just the second poker tournament Cean had entered in his life. Against all odds, Cean meandered through Day 1 and ended up bagging as chip leader after making some fantastic, "bold" calls late in the day.

"Listen. Everybody got his own style of playing and when you lose everything is upside down... When you lucky and the cards come you win. That's bottom line.

Day 2 of the tournament began with only 10 players remaining. Cean picked up right where he left off and his stack size continued to grow.

"No, no. I play the same because it work before. Why should I change it now?" stated Cean about playing as the big stack at the table.

When it got down to heads-up action, the husband and father had around a 10-1 chip lead against the eventual runner-up Lang Lee. Along with the golden, WSOP memento, Cean walked away with \$21,600.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:Mihalache "Mike" CeanNationality:ROU/CANBirthplace:RomaniaCurrent Residence:King City, Canada

Age:60Occupation:Business OwnerWSOP Bracelets:0Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:0

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