



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	The Bike (Bell Gardens, Calif.)	Date:	4 December 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	53
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$17,490

MARK HAMILTON CLAIMS 1ST WSOP CIRCUIT TITLE

After twice falling one spot short, Mark Hamilton earns debut gold ring.

A new World Series of Poker champ was crowned Wednesday evening at The Bike Circuit series. It was Mark Hamilton who raked in the final pot of Event #6: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em. The 49-year-old defeated a 53-entry field to win \$6,190 and his first Circuit gold ring, capping off a scheduled two-day tournament in less than 12 hours.

Turned out, third time was a charm for Hamilton who had been heads up for a gold ring on two previous occasions at The Bike.

The Los Angeles resident, originally from England, first found himself heads up for a Circuit ring in March of 2017. Then, his most recent shot at a WSOP title was in March of this year, in the massive Multi-Flight Monster Stack tournament where he took second for \$58,100.

"This was a lot more relaxed because of the lower prizepool," stated Hamilton, comparing two heads-up experiences. "The Monster Stack was tough because I was chip leader with three left and then I lost a big flip."

"But this was just relaxed," he went on "The Bike is my favorite casino to play at. Most of my good cashes have been at The Bike.

Although the prize money was significantly less for his Event #6 achievement, Hamilton did pull some satisfaction in a first-place finish as oppose to runner-up. It was a difference that Hamilton attributes to prior experience.

“I think just playing a lot of tournaments has helped,” Hamilton explained “And I play a lot of heads up with friends, so that makes a difference.”

Hamilton does not claim poker as a full-time vocation, but he has implemented an increase in his time on the felt in recent years and has now successfully placed himself in the pool of WSOP title holders.

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Name:	Mark Hamilton	Age:	49
Nationality:	GBR/USA	Occupation:	Businessman
Birthplace:	London, England	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Los Angeles, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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