

## WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: The Bike (Bell Gardens, Calif.) Date: 5 December 2019

Event: No-Limit Hold'em Entries: 73
Buy-in: \$400 Prizepool: \$24,090

## IAN STEINMAN PICKS UP 3RD CIRCUIT TITLE

Poker Pro from Carson City cruises to gold ring number three.

Ian Steinman has earned his third World Series of Poker gold ring Thursday evening at The Bike Circuit series. Steinman cruised to a victory in Event #8: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em, which drew a modest field of 73 entries, causing the two-day tournament to easily finish within 24 hours.

"I mean, it's just really hard to win any poker tournament, so winning a tournament is cool," Steinman attested after his win.

Although the road to victory was not as grueling as some Circuit events, Steinman was faced with a difficult final hurdle.

When play boiled down to heads-up action, Steinman found himself face-to-face with five-time gold ring winner Scott Stewart. The two WSOP regulars carried on with friendly demeanors, but only one could add another first-place finish to their stat sheet.

"It was fun to play heads up and he's like a challenge," said Steinman. "We made the blinds go faster because both of us were like 'whatever, let's just get it over with,' because we were pretty deep."

Cutting the levels in half, from 30 minutes to just 15 minutes propelled Event #8 to the finish line even fast, and Steinman ended up breaking the tape.

"Honestly, I just ran good," he said after his win. "Like I just kept having it when he had the worst hand and I bluffed him in a couple spots where he just couldn't call off."

The Poker Pro's last Circuit title was won last season in an online, Turbo ring event; His debut victory came at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe Circuit in October of 2017; And now the West-Coast kid lays claim to a title at The Bike.

It was an achievement that provided Steinman with the top prize of \$7,735 and, more importantly, 50 Casino Championship points.

"Well, I've been planning on going for points. That's why I came down here," Steinman said. "I knew that when I ended this one, I needed to have about 120."

Entering The Bike Circuit series with 80 points to his name, Steinman now has a total of 130, placing him over his goal and right in the middle of the top 50 competitors on the National Leaderboard.

## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Ian Steinman Age: 30

Nationality: USA Occupation: Poker Pro

Birthplace: Mountain View, Calif. WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Carson City, Nev. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 2

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