



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	9 January 2022
Event:	NLH The Gargantuan	Entries:	2,130
Buy-in:	\$600	Prizepool:	\$1,096,950

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### JOHN FAGG TOPS THE GARGANTUAN FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> RING

*Carpenter out of Indiana tops massive, multi-flight field to earn sizable cash prize from over \$1,000,000 prizepool.*

John Fagg was the contender to take down The Gargantuan at the World Series of Poker Circuit series at Choctaw Durant. The Carpenter from Terre Haute, Indiana ultimately topped a massive field of 2,130 entrants in the \$600 buy-in, No-Limit Hold'em tournament to win \$156,041 and his second WSOP Circuit gold ring.

“Oh, this one is bigger... This one’s bigger for sure,” said Fagg, comparing his recent triumph to his debut gold ring run. “It’s just been a while. I haven’t been playing live poker at all, in the last several years; Been playing online mostly.”

May of 2012 is when Fagg claimed his first Circuit title, in a 320-entry field at Harrah’s New Orleans. This time around, the path to victory was much more convoluted and grueling.

Fagg earned his bid to Day 2 of The Gargantuan during the third, and final, starting flight, Day 1C. Coming into Day 2 among 125 survivors, with a stack of 470,000, Fagg spun it up to nearly 10 million by the time he entered the final table.

“Just do it,” Fagg replied when asked how he stayed focused over such an extensive period poker play. “I mean, the money, the ring, the win,” he continued, referencing the prolific incentives tied to a first-place finish.

The final table redraw was prompted by simultaneous knockouts from the last two tables, including a double knockout, which left just eight players to relocate to the Choctaw Durant feature table.

From there, the home stretch took three hours to run its course. The short stack, Curtis Connors (8<sup>th</sup> - \$19,535) and Scott Mikesell (7<sup>th</sup> - \$24,815) were the first to exit. Later, followed the two females at the final table Ruth "Ruthless" Hall (6<sup>th</sup> - 31,869) and Jael Lewis (5<sup>th</sup> - \$41,371).

Fourth place was claimed by Dave Hamilton (\$54,282). Three-handed play was hard fought, then the Frenchman Vincent Chauve (\$71,976) was eliminated in 3<sup>rd</sup> place when his pocket eights did not hold against Fagg's jack-ten. Chauve's score only further boosted his impressive WSOP earnings that already stood around \$700,000 before The Gargantuan.

This left Brent Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> - \$96,439) and Fagg heads up for the title. Fagg made quick work of the matchup, eliminating Jones within the first ten minutes of action. The 38-year-old's momentous victory provide him with over \$150,000 and another piece of WSOP hardware for his trophy case.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	John Fagg	Age:	38
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Carpenter
Birthplace:	Terre Haute, IN	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Evansville, IN	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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