



WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	14 January 2022
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em 6-Handed	Entries:	306
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$100,980

JIM TRABER STRIKES GOLD IN \$400 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM

Sports Radio Host, and former Major League Baseball player, seizes World Series of Poker title at Choctaw Durant.

Event #8: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em drew a field of 600 entries and took two days to deem a champion at Choctaw Durant. In the end, it was Jim Traber collecting every chip in play, securing his first World Series of Poker gold ring and \$36,443.

"It's crazy... You play a lot of poker. You never think you're going to get to this point, but you do, and it's really cool," Traber said after his victory.

Traber had a fruitful Day 1, which led him to a chip-leading position going into the official final table and, coincidentally, Day 2. Nine finalists made it to the finale, which began Friday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m.

Bust outs happened quickly at the start of Day 2. Traber benefited from a stroke of luck when his pocket Jacks took down the pocket Queens of an opponent. From there, he reached heads-up action against gold ring winner Dylan Easley. Their face off took some time, but in the end, Traber got the better of Easley, winning the Event #8 honors.

"I play a lot of events. But, during football season, I can't because I've got a lot of work," explained Traber who works as a Sports Radio Host. "I can't go from like September, October, November... January is when I start back up and look what happens."

What happened was, the 60-year-old out of Oklahoma seized his opportunity at the Choctaw Durant Circuit to win a debut World Series of Poker ring. However, it is not Traber's first World Series ring.

In 1982, Jim Traber was picked up by the Baltimore Orioles during the Major League Baseball draft. After his retirement from professional sports, Traber eventually began his career in sports radio. He worked as a Fox Sports color analyst, covering the Arizona Diamondbacks during their World Series Championship run in 2001. For this, he was awarded an MLB World Series ring.

Now he can pair that ring with his World Series gold ring from the poker realm. Traber plans on playing in the Main Event, but not prior to celebrating his momentous triumph.

“I won a satellite. I was up so late last night and didn’t sleep great. So, I’ll probably play the Main tomorrow,” stated Traber. “Maybe go celebrate with my wife a little bit today.”

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Name:	Jim Traber	Age:	60
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Sports Radio Host
Birthplace:	Columbus, OH	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Edmond, OK	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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