



WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley Casino	Date:	19 January 2022
Event:	NLH Knockout Bounty	Entries:	153
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$50,290

KRISTI NGUYEN GRABS FIRST WSOP RING

Kristi Nguyen wins first ring after beating Erica Bryan heads-up

The ladies stole the show in the \$400 Knockout Bounty event at the Thunder Valley Casino World Series of Poker Circuit. Erica Bryan and Kristi Nguyen battled heads-up for over two hours before Nguyen could seal the deal and become WSOP Circuit Champion.

The one-day event held a good pace throughout the day, as the \$100 knockout bounties incentivized more aggressive play. The event reach a Final Table after seven hours, with Nguyen in the middle of the pack with her 229,000 in chips. Her soon-to-be heads-up opponent, Erica Bryan, sat on a massive stack of 449,000 for the chip lead.

Bryan continued to crush the Final Table, collecting five knockout bounties before the battle between the two ladies could begin.

“Once we starting playing heads-up I felt like I had a good chance. I had played with her all day and felt like I had a good read on her. I tried not to think about the ring or the \$1 million freeroll, I just tried to play my game and focus on what I could control, and it worked out,” Nguyen said.

Bryan seemed to cruise to victory, but Nguyen fought back and eventually left Bryan with dust after her pocket-kings held up for a double-up. Bryan was able to stay alive for another half hour, but Nguyen could eventually close out the \$400 Knockout Bounty to earn her first WSOP gold ring.

Nguyen outlasted a field of 153 entrants to earn \$9,326 and for the win. She also earns a seat in the Tournament of Champions, that will be held in Las Vegas in the summer of 2022.

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Name:	Kristi Nguyen	Age:	
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Poker Player
Current Residence:	San Jose, CA.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Birthplace:	San Jose, CA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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