WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18
EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)		Date:	13 August 2017
			Entries:	524
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo		Prizepool:	$157,120
Buy-in:	$365			

STEVEN RUIGHAVER WINS $365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM SINGLE DAY TURBO

Construction company owner defeats a field of 524 entries to make back his down payment on a house.

Steven Ruighaver's first ring victory came at the perfect time.

He defeated a field of 524 entries in the $365 no-limit hold'em single day event with 20-minute levels to take home $33,792 and the money more than recoups what he just spent on a rather large purchase.

"Last week, we spent right around $30,000 on a down payment on our house and we just made it all back," said Ruighaver after the win.

With his wife in attendance, Ruighaver defeated Ethan Gilbert heads-up to take down the title. The Sumter, SC native owns a construction company and a landscaping company which takes up most of his time and spending time at the poker table isn't something he gets to do very often.

"I work about 100 hours a week," said Ruighaver. "This is like the 22nd day off I've had all year. Not much time to play, but I guess it's worth it."

At one point during the final table, he was down to just over one big blind. With a big blind of 80,000, Ruighaver's entire stack was only 90,000. The epic comeback is what cuased the final table to last longer than some would've originally anticipated, but Ruighaver is just grateful.

"I'm amazed, shocked, mind blown. It's crazy," he said. "It was a chip and a chair. A chip and a chair and the grace of god."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Steven Ruighaver
Nationality: USA
Birthplace: Sumter, SC
Current Residence: Sumter, SC

Age: N/A
Profession: Entrepreneur
WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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RUIGHAVER'S OFFICIAL WSOP PLAYER PROFILE
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