



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 MAIN EVENT REPORT

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| Circuit Stop: | Harrah's Cherokee | Date: | 10 August 2017 |
| Event: | Global Casino Championship | Entries: | 124 |
| Buy-in: | \$10,000 | Prizepool: | \$1,090,000 |

SEAN YU CAPTURES GLOBAL CASINO CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Two-time ring winner adds bracelet and \$296,941 to his resume with GCC victory.

Sean Yu, a two-time World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner, added a more prestigious piece of WSOP jewelry to his collection on Thursday afternoon.

Yu won his first WSOP bracelet by taking down the 2017 Global Casino Championship at Harrah's Cherokee. He defeated Alexander Lakhov heads-up to win \$294,941 in the Championship event that wraps up the 2016/2017 Circuit season.

It's a great feeling to be back at the Global Casino Championship for the second time. The first time was better [than a regular Circuit win]. I mean, to be back at the Global Casino Championship for the second time. The first time I was super happy. I have my amazing friends from the circuit season.

Nikhil Gera and Sohale Khalil finished ninth and 18th, respectively. Gera earned \$31,189 and Khalili netted \$14,084.

Gera qualified after winning the Circuit main event at the Bicycle Casino and Khalili amassed enough points throughout the season to finish in the top 50 on the leaderboard and get an automatic seat. Being able to go through this experience with his friends from home made the victory even sweeter for Yu.

Yu was an automatic qualifier for this event and got a free seat after winning the main event at the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood. He qualified for this event two seasons ago

Having had the experience of playing this event once before, Yu had a better idea of what to expect this time around.

The Global Championship draws a smaller, more elite field than other events.

Players can earn an automatic seat into the event by winning the main event or casino champion title at any Circuit stop or by finishing in the top 50 of the Circuit leaderboard by accumulating points at Circuit stops all year long. By finishing in the top 100 of the previous Circuit season, players can have the option to buy-in for \$10,000.

Over the last two years, the Circuit expanded and had more international stops, allowing

The Russian was never able to expand on his chip lead. His chip stack was mostly static throughout most of the final table, while Josh Reichard were doing all of the heavy lifting at the final table. They traded off scoring knockouts until Reichard was eliminated in third.

Dylan Linde, who qualified for the event via a main event win at the Horseshoe in Hammond, hit the rail in sixth at the hands of Reichard when his ace-

Jason Mercier, the lone player at the final table who bought in for \$10,000, was eliminated by the eventual champion. They got all the chips into the middle preflop with Yu in the lead

Jesse Cohen, the casino champ in fourth at the hands of Reichard. Cohen moved all in on the button with pocket sevens

At the outset of three-handed play, Reichard, Lakhov and Yu were all fairly close in chips, > ±°³ ²j a · - ± - Ysj Y « C&j YeS RÝ ° - ²²j - barrel bluff to send him home in third, it looked like it was all but over.

Reichard three-bet preflop, bet the flop, bet the turn, and bet the river with king-high on an 8-6-3-3-4 runout. Yu called him down with a Ah6h and sent the casino champion from Council Bluffs home in third.

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That pot gave Yu a nearly 3-to-1 chip advantage going into heads-up play with Lakhov. It Y Yª ° ° š Š j · © ± ²³ « C š ²³ j · š Y · - up battle for Yu to secure the win. Of the seven hands that were played heads-up, Yu won six of them.

In the final hand, Yu check-called a flop bet with bottom pair and turned a flush draw. He check-called again and check-raised all in on the river when he made his flush. Lakhov snap-called with top pair and top kicker to finish in second.

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| Name: | Sean Yu | Age: | 42 |
| Nationality: | USA | Profession: | Sales |
| Birthplace: | Los Angeles, CA | WSOP Bracelets: | 1 |
| Current Residence: | Los Angeles, CA | Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: | 2 |

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