



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee	Date:	28 November 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed	Entries:	607
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$182,100

STEVEN RUIGHAVER WINS ANOTHER IN CHEROKEE

Part-timer picks up his second Circuit victory in as many stops

The last time the WSOP Circuit stopped at Harrah's Cherokee in August, Steven Ruighaver was one of the 12 ring winners, taking down a \$365 Turbo for what was, at the time, a career-best payout. He'll be among the ring winners once again this time, too.

Ruighaver topped a field of 607 entries to win the \$365 six-handed event, adding another ring to his collection and \$36,346 to his bankroll. The event's attendance was a record for the Circuit and the payout a new career-best for the champ.

Ruighaver, 29, is the owner of his own construction company in Sumpter, South Carolina. He's married with two children, an 11-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter.

"I told 'em I was taking it home to the wife and kids," he said after the last river card landed. "Told 'em I was bringing the money home."

This property represents the closest casino in which Ruighaver can play live poker, and he's certainly made the most of his recent trips. He's brought the money (and the ring) home twice in recent months.

"I was running hot," Ruighaver ran through the two-day event in his head. "I couldn't miss a hand."

The field of 607 was reduced to 17 survivors by the time Day 1 ended, and Ruighaver was seventh in chips when the clock ran out. He had worked his way into a big lead by the time the final table was set on Day 2, but the remaining field was not going to let him have it easily.

Three-handed play pitted Ruighaver against multiple ring winners Robert Hankins (8) and Cody Brinn (2). It was lopsided from the start, and the tournament ended in a three-way all in.

Hankins took his stand as the short stack with ace-nine, Brinn did the same with king-jack, and Ruighaver put them both at risk with ace-six. Two more sixes appeared on the flop, and Ruighaver ended up with sixes full to bypass heads-up play and move straight into the winner's circle.

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Name:	Steven Ruighaver	Age:	29
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Business owner
Birthplace:	Germany	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Sumpter, SC	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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