

WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Harrah's Cherokee Date: 1 December 2017

Event: Monster Stack Entries: 1,291 Buy-in: \$365 Prizepool: \$387,300

JANET FITZGERALD WINS THE MONSTER STACK

Florida pro collects her third gold ring and nearly \$70k in Cherokee

Janet Fitzgerald is the WSOP Circuit's newest three-time winner. Fitzgerald outlasted a huge field of 1,291 entries in the Monster Stack event, winning her third ring and the top prize of \$68,746. The result is her largest on record.

Fitzgerald is a former construction professional from West Palm Beach, Florida. It was there, upon her retirement, that she picked up the game of poker in a serious way.

"I just used to play at the track," she said. "It wasn't until three or four years ago that I started to think...," she trailed off.

In 2015, Fitzgerald finished in fourth place in a ring event at the kennel club, and the five-figure payout was the first of her Circuit career.

She found a backer to help mitigate the expenses of a traveling tournament pro, and she's gone on to make some good money for both her and her financial supporters. Two years later, she's already approaching \$200,000 in career tournament earnings, with nearly all of that coming on the WSOP Circuit.

This run was a slow burn that kept getting hotter as the event progressed. After a sluggish start, she rallied to end Day 1 in 28th place with 85 players remaining. By the time the field reached the final table, she was fifth of ten, still hovering near the middle of the pack.

The rest of the day belonged to Fitzgerald, though, outlasting a tough group that included fivetime ring winner Cody Pack. The only lady at the final table was too much for the guys to handle, and she stormed her way to the title right around midnight local time.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Janet Fitzgerald Age: 61

Nationality: USA Profession: Business owner

Birthplace: Birmingham, Mich. WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: West Palm Bch, Fla. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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