



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, OK)	Date:	8 November 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Entries:	224
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$73,290 (\$22,400 towards bounties)

REX WORRELL WINS \$400 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY

78-year-old golf pro earns his first ring and \$12,879 with a bounty victory.

Since the modern poker boom, no-limit hold'em became dominated by a younger generation of players. Rex Worrell didn't get that memo as the 78-year-old earned his first Circuit ring on Thursday evening.

The golf pro from Texas defeated 224 entries and won \$12,879, along with \$100 for every knockout he scored along the way in the \$400 no-limit hold'em bounty event.

"I'm surprised, quite frankly," said Worrell after his win. "These guys up here are better players than I am. I got good cards talked them out of some stuff."

Worrell made his living in the golf industry. He carries around his PGA card and was what he called a 'working pro.'

"I ran golf courses and built golf courses and stuff like that," said Worrell.

The most famous course he developed is Hidden Oaks Golf Course in Granbury, TX, which he built just over two decades ago. On the course, one of his notable victories was when him and a partner defeated Lee Trevino and Ben Kern in a match.

It's no surprise that a man who made his living in golf would become a poker player. The sport is synonymous with gambling. However, it was growing up on a farm in Clovis, New Mexico where he learned the game.

"My brothers and dad and uncles used to play a lot," said Worrell.

Eventually Worrell left New Mexico and moved to Texas, where he continued to grow his golf and poker career. With Choctaw just a couple hours away, he began coming up here more often to play the tournament series that would come through town.

“Down in my area, everybody plays cards,” said Worrell. “It’s kind of a community get together. And we just play. Several of them from down there come up here with me. We just party.”

He can do a lot of partying with his first-place money. It’s money that he earned the hard way. He battled back from the short-stack three-handed and defeated Andre Stelling heads-up.

Worrell refused to take the bulk of the responsibility for the victory. In his mind, Lady Luck did most of the heavy lifting.

“I got good cards,” said Worrell. “That’s all I can say. I was way the dog in it.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Rex Worrell

Age: 78

Nationality: American

Profession: Golf Course Developer

Birthplace: Clovis, NM

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Dublin, TX

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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