



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

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| Circuit Stop: | Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA) | Date: | 3 December 2018 |
| Event: | No-Limit Hold'em One-Day | Entries: | 458 |
| Buy-in: | \$250 | Prizepool: | \$91,600 |

JONATHAN SHERFY WINS \$250 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM ONE-DAY

Top ranked online tournament player wins first ring and \$19,675

Jonathan Sherfy only had two World Series of Poker cashes before the \$250 no-limit hold'em single day started on Sunday morning at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. In the early hours of Monday morning, he picked up his third and it came with a Circuit ring.

The poker pro from San Diego defeated Andrew Cha heads-up to secure his first Circuit ring and \$19,675. He bested a field of 458 entries in the process.

"I'm feeling pretty happy about it," said the 31-year-old after his win. "I went into the late reg break with about 7,000 and ran it up from there."

Despite the shallow live tournament resume, Sherfy has a ton of poker talent. He was one of the top ranked online sit n' go players in the world. After Black Friday hit, he hopped in his car, headed 20 minutes south and crossed the border to play online in Mexico.

About two years ago, he moved back to San Diego and is transitioning to online cash games instead of tournaments. With the abrupt complete restructuring of a rewards system by one of the game's biggest providers, he is happy to play on some U.S.-facing sites.

"I'm still renting my condo in Mexico, but I just hardly use it," said Sherfy. "I might not have it in a month or two since PokerStars went to shit."

Sherfy took down his first live event with his father on his rail for the entirety of the final table and most of the day. It's fitting since Sherfy worked for his father while he honed his poker skills on the virtual felt.

“I worked for him doing accounting before that and playing online poker making five times as much money every night as I was at the office,” said Sherfy. “So, I was like ‘Huh. I think I can do this for a living.’ So I’ve been playing for a living for about 10 years now.”

With the thrill of a live win under his belt, and his time spent in Mexico rapidly declining, Sherfy may become a familiar face at some of Southern California’s live events. If not in the long run, he will definitely be around more often the rest of the series.

“I’m going to come back and play a couple more events,” he said. “I’m going home and going to a birthday event on Wednesday. I’m kind of sad about not being able to play.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Jonathan Sherfy

Age: 31

Nationality: American

Profession: Professional Poker Player

Birthplace: San Diego, CA

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: San Diego, CA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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