



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	6 December 2018
Event:	HORSE	Entries:	97
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$32,010

SEAN YU WINS \$400 HORSE

One of the Circuit's top players earned his fifth Circuit ring and \$9,600 in his first non-hold'em victory

With four World Series of Poker Circuit titles and a World Series of Poker bracelet from a victory in the 2017 Global Casino Championship, Sean Yu was already one of the most accomplished regulars on the WSOP Circuit.

He added a couple of firsts to his already extensive WSOP resume with just one win. By defeating Paul Hendee heads-up top a field of 97 entries, winning \$9,600 in the process, Yu proved his well-rounded poker skill by scoring his first non-hold'em title, and scoring his first ring in his home city of Los Angeles.

"This is my first title at the Bike," said Yu. "I've had a lot of second and third-place finishes, but never could close it out. It's kind of special because it's a HORSE ring too."

Yu is obviously known for his no-limit hold'em skill after he burst onto the Circuit scene with a main event win at Harrah's Southern California and the subsequent wins that followed. What most don't know is that he has been grinding it out on the felt well before the Moneymaker boom.

He was playing poker before no-limit was popular and has a background playing mixed games.

"When I started playing poker in high school, back then in the '90s, it was all five-card draw," said Yu. "In the early '90s, no-limit wasn't even around. Amongst friends we would just play five-card draw. Then I started playing HORSE tournaments four or five years ago and I used to play stud back in the days when it was popular."

The 43-year-old poker pro cut his teeth playing limit games before making the transition to no-limit in a post-Moneymaker world. He was even a regular in \$40/\$80 limit hold'em games in Southern California.

His only other non-hold'em cash on the Circuit came when he final tabled the \$365 HORSE in Hammond a couple of years ago, finishing eighth. Earlier this year, he won a similar size HORSE tournament at another casino in Southern California before scoring the victory at the Bike on Thursday.

If he keeps up with his current trajectory, it won't be long before he's playing and winning bracelets in mixed games events. He likes to think that's a possibility as well.

"I hope so. I mean, I really enjoy playing mixed games," said Yu. "It's a lot of fun. It's not as grindy as no-limit hold'em. I don't get to play too many of them throughout the year, you know... But I haven't played at the series yet. Hopefully I can do that next year."

Yu even navigated through a final day that included a bracelet winner in a mixed event. Carol Fuchs, who won a bracelet in the 2015 \$1,500 Dealers Choice event, was in the field and busted in 10th place. She was one of the several top pros in the hunt for the first of two non-hold'em titles of the series.

"Coming back today, the field was pretty stacked," said Yu. "I just used some tournament strategy, applying ICM strategy and waiting for good spots."

Yu came into the day second in chips, but took over the chip lead by the time they combined to the final table. He was in control from there and was never short or in danger of busting.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Sean Yu

Nationality: American

Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA

Current Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Age: 43

Profession: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Bracelets: 1

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 4

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