

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 12  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Cherokee, N.C.  
Event #2  
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 396  
Prize Pool: \$118,800  
November 28, 2015**



## **Stuart Moody Takes the Turbo Ring**

**The first gold ring of the series goes to 53-year-old, Stuart Moody.**

**Cherokee, N.C. (November 29, 2015)** -- Saturday at Cherokee saw players fill the entire room for the final starting flight of Event #1 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry, but also Event #2 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo. This turbo event had a \$25,000 guarantee, but that was easily surpassed when the final number of players came to astounding 396, creating a prizepool of nearly 5x the guarantee.

The man on top by then end of the night was Stuart Moody. Moody maneuvered his way through the large field and a tough final table to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and the top prize of \$26,135. As far as turbos go, this was a long one due to the sheer size of the tournament. The tournament didn't finish until the early morning hours of Sunday.

"I was playing for the ring. I wasn't caring about the money. I was short stacked and I was pushing in with lesser hands than normal," said Moody.

It was that mentality that was needed to take down the gold ring with so many others at the final table with the exact same game plan. The final table featured two multi-gold ring winners, plus Robert Hankins, who went out on the final table bubble. Finishing in 8th place was Tripp Kirk. Kirk is a two-time gold ring winner and has more than a half a million dollars in earnings on the Circuit. His most recent gold ring came in 2012 when he won the Harrah's St. Louis Main Event for \$190,961.

The other gold ring winner at the final table would end up competing against Moody heads up for the title. Michael Schneider is a two-time gold ring winner. He came to the final table 8th in chips and was able to work his way all the way to second place before being eliminated by Moody.

Moody is a salesman from Cary, N.C. He sells heating and air conditioning equipment for large buildings. This marks Moody's third career WSOP cash and is also his largest. He intends to play more events while he is here in Cherokee to go after the Casino Championship title. As the first winner of the series, he is at the top of leaderboard and in a good spot to make a run at the title.

Moody has two children and is transitioning into playing more poker now that his kids are off in college. Over time he plans to follow the Circuit on the east coast in search of a second gold ring.

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Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 396 players generating a \$118,800 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.

This was a one-day tournament. It began Saturday at 4 p.m. and finished midway through Level 31, just a few minutes before 4 a.m. Sunday.

Notes on the event:

- This event saw a huge increase of attendance over the past couple stops here. In April this event drew 280 entries and last November this event drew 305 entries.
- This event of the series to begin, but first to finish. The first event is still underway and may extend to Monday.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Cherokee twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Cherokee:

EVENT #2: Stuart Moody defeated 396 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$26,135.

With the first tournament wrapped up, 11 more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

All rings at Harrah's Cherokee are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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