

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 12  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Cherokee, N.C.  
Event #12  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 248  
Prize Pool: \$74,400  
December 6-7, 2015**



## **Michael Schneider Wins His Third Gold Ring**

**Michael Schneider records a win and a runner-up finish this series to win the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Championship**

**Cherokee, N.C. (December 7, 2015)** -- Just over one week after finishing in second place in the turbo event, Michael Schneider redeems himself with a victory in the final event of the series. The first and second place finishes give Schneider enough points to win the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Championship.

A full report on Schneider's Casino Championship victory will be posted on WSOP.com within the next few days.

Schneider lost to Stuart Moody heads up in Event #2 of the series. It was a one day turbo event and in Cherokee turbos last a long time due to the number of entries. The tournament lasted 12 hours and didn't end until about four in the morning the next day. Schneider said that he was dead tired by the time heads up play was reached and instead of trying to grind down Moody, he played a reckless style to try to end it quickly. Unfortunately for Schneider, it didn't work and it potentially cost him what would have been his third career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Schneider got redemption on the final day of the series. He returned for Day 2 of Event #12 as the chip leader with 14 players remaining. Not only did he have a good shot at winning a third gold ring, but also a shot at winning the Casino Championship. He accomplished both feats by defeating James Song in a brief heads up battle.

This is Schneider's first WSOP Circuit gold ring since 2013, and third overall. He won his first gold ring in 2012 at the Harrah's New Orleans property. He won the second at Choctaw Durant. All three of Schneider's gold rings have come in No-Limit Hold'em.

Schneider is from Covington, Georgia. He is married and has three children. He was also proud to announce that he is a brand new uncle. His niece, Fauna, was born just a few days ago.

Schneider is one of three multiple gold ring winners to win another gold ring at Harrah's Cherokee. Cody Pack won his fourth gold ring in Event #1 and Andrew Robinson won his fourth gold ring in Event #6.

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Event #12 was the final gold ring event on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 248 players generating a \$74,400 prize pool. The top 27 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 3 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 1 p.m. with 14 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7:45 p.m Monday.

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 #1: Cody Pack defeated 2,712 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$117,991  
EVENT #2: Stuart Moody defeated 396 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$26,135  
EVENT #3: Roongsak Griffeth defeated 358 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$41,169  
EVENT #4: Mike Kaczmarek defeated 427 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$29,462  
EVENT #5: Brian McDaniel defeated 212 players (\$365 PLO) for \$15,900  
EVENT #6: Andrew Robinson defeated 380 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$25,078  
EVENT #7: Derek Updegraff defeated 941 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$53,641  
EVENT #8: Clayton Jiang defeated 319 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$37,486  
EVENT #9: James McAuley defeated 368 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$24,286  
EVENT #11: Sean Small defeated 381 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$25,143  
EVENT #12: Michael Schneider defeated 248 player (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,229

Event #12 was the 11th of 12 tournaments to finish at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The Main Event will conclude shortly and with that the series will be over.

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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