

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #6
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 187
Prize Pool: \$93,500
April 18-19, 2016**



Brandon Allen Wins the PLO Event in Cherokee

Brandon Allen earns a WSOP Circuit gold ring and his first ever WSOP cash.

Cherokee, N.C. (April 20, 2016) -- Brandon Allen has won the Harrah's Cherokee pot-limit omaha tournament for his first ever WSOP cash. Allen earned \$24,312 and a WSOP Circuit gold ring for his victory.

"It's the first one, I am pretty happy," said Allen about winning the gold ring.

Allen is from Port Orange, Florida and sticks to mostly playing cash games in the area. He said he came up to North Carolina to do some hunting and gambling. That gambling has paid off thus far, but the hunting part is unknown. Allen plans to stay for the remainder of the series and play in the Main Event, but mostly play cash games up until then. He said he gets bored with hold'em, but is willing to play higher stakes at hold'em.

"Four cards is better than two," said Allen about PLO.

Allen's WSOP tournament resume was blank up until this tournament, but not his poker resume. In 2014 Allen won the \$5,000 Wynn Classic for \$79,875.

This was the only pot-limit omaha ring event of the series. PLO does not produce as large of fields as the hold'em events, but the prizepool of nearly \$100k shows that there is still a demand for it. The cash games here have been filled all week with big PLO games and that is where Allen can be found most of the time.

There will be a first of its kind PLO event this summer at the 2016 Las Vegas World Series of Poker. Event #12 is the \$565 PLO event with unlimited re-entry's. This event will have the lowest buy-in for a PLO tournament in the history of the WSOP. The low buy-in combined with unlimited re-entry could be a recipe for the largest PLO tournament field ever.

Event #6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The \$580 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament attracted 187 players generating a \$93,500 prizepool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 4 p.m. and lasted 17 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 3 p.m. with 14 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7:35 p.m. Tuesday midway through Level 23.

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.

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

EVENT #1: John Mason Jr. defeated 461 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$29,743
EVENT #2: Stan Weiss defeated 3,067 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$158,768
EVENT #3: Mike Bratovich defeated 559 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$35,224
EVENT #4: Christopher Carey defeated 452 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$29,154
EVENT #5: Kevin Sherrill defeated 431 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$29,739
EVENT #6: Brandon Allen defeated 187 player (\$580 PLO) for \$24,312

With six tournaments wrapped up, six more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

All rings at the Harrah's Cherokee series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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