

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 428
Prize Pool: \$128,400
April 23, 2016**



Jennifer Patterson Skips the Ladies Event and Wins the Turbo

Jennifer Patterson wins her first gold ring and denies Alex Masek his 10th.

Cherokee, N.C. (April 24, 2016) -- Jennifer Patterson has defeated a 428 player field in the second turbo event of the Harrah's Cherokee series to earn \$28,251 and her first WSOP Circuit gold ring. On her way to victory she knocked out all-time gold ring winner, Alex Masek, in third place.

"It's surreal, it's all a dream," said Patterson about winning the gold ring.

Patterson entered the final table as the chip leader and stayed at the top of the counts for most of the final table. She was chip leader with three players remaining, including nine-time gold ring winner Alex Masek. On Masek's bust out hand he shoved the button, followed by an all-in for more from Patterson in the small blind. After second place finisher, Christopher Collins, folded the hands were tabled. Masek had pocket kings and Patterson had pocket sevens. A seven came on the flop to give Patterson the lead and then she rivered quads to send Masek to the payout desk just short of his 10th gold ring. Just a few orbits earlier Masek doubled through Patterson with a dominated ace.

Saturday morning featured the ladies event and she decided to choose the gold ring turbo event over it.

"I didn't want to play in the women's tournament today. This one had a little bit more at stake," said Patterson.

The turbo had a lot more at stake for Patterson. The buy-in for the turbo was \$230 more than the ladies event and the first place prize ended up being over \$20,000 more. She said that she plans to use some of her big winnings to pay off some bills and also treat her rail to Ruth's Chris tomorrow night.

According to Patterson, this was only the second time she had ever played in WSOP event. The first time she played was about eight years ago. She has found more time in her schedule as of late and is slowly getting back into the game.

"I used to play a lot of cash games at Biloxi, but tournaments kind of are where I love to play," said Patterson.

Event #11 was the 11th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 428 players generating a \$128,400 prizepool, which more than doubled the \$50,000 guarantee. The top 45 players were paid.

This was a one-day event. The tournament began at 4 p.m. Saturday and ended at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday midway through Level 31.

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 players (\$580 PLO) for \$24,312
EVENT #7: Joseph Mattingly defeated 331 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$22,840
EVENT #8: Donovan Dean defeated 961 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$54,777
EVENT #9: Sal DiCarlo defeated 363 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$39,938
EVENT #11: Jennifer Patterson defeated 428 player(\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$28,251

Ten tournaments are now complete at the series; only the Main Event and Event #12 are yet to finish.

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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