2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee

Event #9

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 269

Total Prize Pool: \$134,500

August 11-12, 2016

Brett Reichard Wins First Ring in Event #9, After Son Josh Takes 3rd In Monster Stack Event the Day Prior

Cherokee, NC (12 Aug 2016) — Brett Reichard has just taken down his first World Series of Poker Circuit Ring, after winning the second \$580 No-Limit Hold'em event of the Harrah's Cherokee series. Reichard is the father of Josh Reichard, winner of four Circuit rings, and the Casino Champion for Hammond Casino last Circuit season. In addition to last year's accomplishments, Josh is off to a great start this season, having taken third in yesterday's Monster Stack event for \$19,957. But today it was Brett's turn to shine, and Josh was here supporting him the whole way. In fact, Josh only took breaks away from watching his dad to run and check on his little brother Charlie who was waiting by the entrance to the casino. Charlie is not allowed on the casino floor as he is only 16 years old, but that didn't deter him from getting as close as possible to the action. Charlie sat patiently all day at the entrance waiting for Josh to deliver updates.

After the official photographs with the chips and the ring had been taken, Brett requested that the WSOP.com staff follow him to just outside the casino entrance, where Charlie had been patiently waiting for hours, because he wanted a photograph with both of his sons. A non-conventional request, but one we were more than happy to oblige.

"Charlie Reichard has now earned himself a trip to every single poker stop we go to from this point forward," Brett said with a big smile as the three pose for a picture together. "Charlie comes along, Josh gets third yesterday and I win a ring today...," he trails off as they all smile for the camera.

Throughout Day 1, Brett had one of the larger stacks in the field. In one of the first levels of the tournament, he rivered a straight flush against Elise Moscati's full house to win a monster pot. Moscati had flopped a set of fives on an [ax,6c,5c] board. The turn was the [ac], and the river the [9c]. That pot helped Reichard chip up early in the day, and he consistently built as the day moved on. According to Reichard, he also flopped a set of nines against Charles 'Woody' Moore's set of twos to win another big pot on Day 1.

At the very end of the night, the unofficial final table of ten was reached, and the players bagged up shortly thereafter. Reichard ended the day with the 2nd biggest chip stack (421,000), just under Marco Palacios' 476,000. Jason Bolton rounded out the top three, ending with 420,000, just one thousand less than Reichard.

Early on at the final table, Reichard said that he went on a heater. "It was unreal, I sat down and I went on a heater that was crazy. The first two hands I played were aces and aces. Next I have [ad,qd], and there's a [kd] and a [10d] on the flop. The guy made two pair, and I hit the jack

of clubs on the river for Broadway, and got paid. What else was there...," Brett trails off. His son Josh intervenes, "He's made like eight final tables, and he always gets sixth through tenth, so he was just due to win one."

Reichard went on to eliminate seven of the nine players at the final table, ultimately getting heads up with Marco Palacios. The final hand occurred when Reichard called Palacios' preflop shove with [ac,3s] and flopped trip aces against Palacios' pocket jacks, eliminating him in 2nd place (\$20,361) and securing the win.

"I am just ecstatic. The truth of the matter is, Josh has helped me big time...," Reichard says as he looks away and tears begin to form in his eyes. He pauses for a few seconds before concluding, "I'm just ecstatic".

Full results from this event are available on WSOP.com.

Kevin Davis (winner of Event #3) is now in the lead of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Champion race with 60 points. Davis won Event #3, and then cashed 13th in Event #6 (\$365 PLO), propelling him to the top of the leaderboard with 60 points. Tied for second are Christopher Churchwell (winner of Event #8, who also cashed 229th in the Re-Entry Event #2), John Bailey (winner of Event #1 who also cashed 66th in the Monster Stack event), and Justin Warf (winner of Event #5 who also cashed 44th in the Monster Stack – Event #8). All three of these players currently have 52.5 points in the 2016/2017 Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's Cherokee earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship (valued at \$10,000). The winner of the Harrah's Cherokee Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Harrah's Cherokee so far:

EVENT #1: John Bailey defeated 377 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$24,882.

EVENT #2: Austin Reilly defeated 2,447 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry) for \$108,270

EVENT #3: Kevin Davis defeated 528 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$34,055.

EVENT #4: Christopher Fisher defeated 277 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$33,242.

EVENT #5: Justin Warf defeated 300 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max) for \$23,400

EVENT #6: Mike Leah defeated 247 entries (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$18,156

EVENT #7: Rob Stephens defeated 326 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Eight Max) for \$23,473

EVENT #8: Chris Churchwell defeated 715 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack) for \$43,971

EVENT #9: Brett Reichard defeated 269 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$32,956.

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 6 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee concludes on August 15, 2016.

All rings at Harrah's Cherokee are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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