

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em One Day
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 233
Total Prize Pool: \$69,900
August 15, 2016**

Mel Lyon Wins First Circuit Ring in Last Event of the Series

Cherokee, NC (16 Aug 2016) – Mel Lyon has been a long time Circuit regular, and today he did what he set out to do three years ago, win himself a Circuit ring.

Lyon is a former Facility Manager, and this past January he went full time poker pro. Over the course of the last three years though, Lyon has had a myriad of cashes at many Circuit stops all across the country. From Choctaw, to Baltimore, to Tunica, Lyon has pretty much seen them all. And not only has he pretty much seen them all, he has cashed them all too. Lyon said that he has been traveling the Circuit for three years now and has never once blanked a stop, he has cashed in at least one event at every stop he has played.

“It’s kind of a neat story. In the past three years of playing, I have not blanked a stop. And I was fixin’ to blank this stop. This was the first stop that I was on the edge of not getting a cash, it was my last chance to get a cash. Pretty cool...,” Lyon trails off.

Not only did he cash his last event, he won it. And that’s a pretty great story indeed.

Going forward, Lyon plans to continue playing as many stops as he can manage, and his ultimate goal is to play the Main Event in Vegas this next summer.

“I played events in Vegas this past summer, I played all of June. I didn’t try the Main, but hopefully if the world treats me right I will play the Main for the first time too.”

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

At the conclusion of this last event of the Series, Michael Warrington became the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Champion with 67.5 points after taking second.

Kevin Davis was leading all the way until the end of this last event. [Davis won Event #3](#), and then cashed 13th in Event #6 (\$365 PLO), propelling him to the top of the leaderboard with 60 points. Marco Palacios actually tied Davis earning 60 points total when he finished 6th in the High Roller event, but Davis had more earnings for the stop, and that broke the tie.

Warrington was the player that accumulated the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's Cherokee earning the title of Casino Champion and he 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 Steven Snyder](#) earned an automatic

entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events received points that applied 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.

EVENT #10: Steven Snyder defeated 804 entries (\$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$241,198.

EVENT #11: Brian Senie defeated 107 entries (\$2,200 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$64,200.

EVENT #12: Mel Lyon defeated 233 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$17,475

With this tournament now wrapped up, there is still 1 more gold ring event before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee concludes on August 15, 2016.

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

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