

## **2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 13**

**Harrah's Cherokee**

**Cherokee, North Carolina**

**Event #1**

**No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 3,196**

**Prize Pool: \$958,800**

**April 12, 2016**



## **Bryan Carter Wins First WSOP Ring In Re-Entry**

**Harrah's Cherokee regular wins massive, Re-Entry event, earning debut gold ring and bountiful payout.**

**Cherokee, North Carolina (April 16, 2016)** – After enduring three days of tournament poker at the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit stop, Bryan Carter came away with his first World Series of Poker title. The Warehouse Manager navigated through a mammoth field of 3,196 entrants in Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry, winning \$165,400 and a debut WSOP gold ring.

The extensive event, which featured five different starting flights, began on Wednesday, and concluded Easter Sunday on the Harrah's Cherokee main stage. In the end, it was Carter who basked in the overwhelming satisfaction.

"Feels great. It's been a long time in the making," stated Carter. "I've been playing here for 10 years. It finally paid off."

Carter resides in Black Mountain, near Ashville, and spends most of his weekends grinding cash games Harrah's Cherokee. Although he plays a lot of cash-style poker, Carter prefers tournaments when they come around, which is a good thing because the number of hours he needed to spend in order to achieve his recent tourney triumph was great.

On top of the three, full days of poker, Carter's last corridor before the finish line was a nearly four-hour, heads-up match against a tough opponent. Eli Loewenthal, a Circuit regular with much experience, had Carter on the ropes at one point.

"I had to suck out to win it. I had ace-seven versus ace-king. I rivered a seven," said Carter.

After narrowly surviving, it was Carter who eventually scooped up all the chips in play. During the home stretch he had some support close by, in his soon-to-be wife.

"It's great. She hasn't came here in the last two years, and I play here every weekend. You have to win \$100,000 to get her in a casino," Carter said with a laugh.

Carter's fiancé shed some tears of joy once the final moment of victory was had. Along with an upcoming marriage, the happy couple is also expecting a newborn child.

The enormous first-place prize is sure to go a long way for Carter. When asked what his plans for the money were, the 31-year-old gave a response.

"I'm probably going to buy a house. I just won a house man," exclaimed Carter.

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Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 3,196 players generating a \$958,800 prizepool. The top 324 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 the Harrah's Cherokee series:

EVENT #1: Bryan Carter defeated 3,196 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$165,400

EVENT #2: John Nelson defeated 612 players (\$365 NLHE Double Stack Turbo) for \$38,560

This was the second gold ring handed out at the Harrah's Cherokee series. Ten more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harrah's Cherokee series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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