



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, North Carolina
Event #3
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 265
Prize Pool: \$79,500
April 6-7, 2013**

Alan Neubauer Wins Pot-Limit Omaha Title at Harrah's Cherokee

Asheville Property Manager Tops Five-Time Gold Ring Winner Kyle Cartwright in Heads-Up Match

Big Numbers Continue at North Carolina's First WSOP Circuit Stop Ever

Cherokee, NC (April 7, 2013) – Alan Neubauer had never played in a Pot-Limit Omaha tournament before. That didn't matter. The 33-year-old poker player and property manager from Asheville, NC ended up winning his first World Series of Poker Circuit victory, which took place at Harrah's Cherokee.

Neubauer overcame a field of 265 players – one of the larger turnouts of the season for a non-Hold'em event – and took first place. He collected \$19,477 in prize money. Neubauer was also presented with his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Despite relatively little experience in live Pot-Limit Omaha play, Neubauer is no stranger to success in big-time poker events. He chopped a major online poker tournament a few years ago, which paid six-figures. Naeubauer also made a deep run in the 2010 WSOP Main Event, finishing 164th out of more than 6,000 players.

Neubauer's victory was made all the sweeter by sharing the moment of triumph with his wife and several friends who were present to celebrate the victory. The happy crowd surrounded Neubauer following his victory, which was the perfect way to cap off a fun Saturday night.

Kyle Cartwright was the runner-up. During much of the second of two playing days, it appeared Cartwright might win what would have been a sixth gold bracelet victory. He had the chip lead most of Day Two. Had Cartwright won, he would have moved into a tie with Alexandru Masek for the most career wins in WSOP Circuit history. At age 25, that would have been an incredible accomplishment. Cartwright's sixth victory will probably come at some point, but it wasn't to be on this night.

The tournament played at Harrah's Cherokee as part of the first-ever WSOP Circuit stop in North Carolina. The series of events is drawing record crowds.

The tournament generated a nice-sized prize pool totaling \$79,500. The top 27 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Alan Neubauer	ASHEVILLE, NC, US	\$19,477
2nd	Kyle Cartwright	BARTLETT, TN, US	\$12,035
3rd	Harry Baldwin	CLINTON, SC, US	\$8,695
4th	Derek McClinton	TUCKER, GA, US	\$6,399
5th	Norman Merritt	ROCK HILL, SC, US	\$4,794
6th	Randell Hersom	MORGNATOWN, NC, US	\$3,653
7th	Tyler Wells	NOLENSVILLE, TN, US	\$2,830
8th	Samuel Brown	SALEM, NC, US	\$2,228
9th	Kelly Butler	SAINT PAULS, NC, US	\$1,782

Tournament Notes

- This was the second gold ring event ever played at Harrah's Cherokee and in the state of North Carolina.
- North Carolina amended its gaming laws last year, which allowed for the addition of live poker tables for the first time. That also enabled the WSOP to stage its first-ever event in the state.
- This region has never hosted any tournament of this size or stature. Most of the surrounding states do not offer poker – including South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Virginia. This contributed to a huge opening day turnout.
- The two-day tournament began with 265 players – a nice number considering this was a non-Hold'em event. After 10 hours of play on Day One, only 29 survivors remained.
- There were 29 players that started Day Two played on Saturday. It took about four hours to play down to the final table of nine.
- The final table included one gold ring winner – Kyle Cartwright (5 wins).
- The final table lasted about five hours and ended at 11 pm.

Alan Neubauer picked up 50 player points for his victory. The top 27 finishers all received points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Cherokee's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (April 12-15), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Harrah's Cherokee gold ring events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point

earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee runs through April 15, 2013.

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