

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Harrah's Cherokee**

**Event #2**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

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

**Total Entries: 894**

**Total Prize Pool: \$268,200**

**April 4-5, 2014**

## **Kevin Sherrill Takes Wins Event 2 For Over \$52,000**

**Cash game player rises to the top of 894-player tournament field for first Circuit ring**

**Cherokee, North Carolina (April 5, 2014)** – Late Saturday night, Kevin Sherrill claimed the second gold ring of the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit stop by besting Richard Bolden during heads up play. Sherrill earned \$52,295 for his efforts as well as a piece of WSOP jewelry and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

Event 2 marked the second straight \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event of the series and the turnout was impressive. A total of 894 entrants hit the felt – 194 more than the event that kicked off just a day prior. One of these entrants was eventual champion Sherrill, who defied the large field size and fought his way to victory.

"This feels great," said Sherrill as he and his enthusiastic one-person rail exchanged celebratory gestures. He later said "I had a second in the six-max last year, so yeah, this definitely feels good."

Sherrill was indeed forced to settle for runner-up just one year ago, as he was defeated during heads up play by David Moersdorf in the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event. Today however, redemption belonged to Sherrill as he seized a chip lead roughly halfway through the final table and never let go.

"I actually came in probably below average," said Sherrill. "We were eight-handed and I got it all in with two kings against a flush draw. I won that and from there I ran good. I got the gentleman who finished third to put it in dead with ace-seven on an ace-eight high flop. I had ace-eight. It just went my way and heads up I had such a huge chip lead that it was anti-climactic."

Despite a self-diagnosed lack of flair in his victory, the moment was still filled with excitement as Sherrill claimed the most coveted prize on the Circuit: a gold ring. Sherrill, a professional cash game player, rarely takes the time to participate in tournaments.

"I mainly play cash games," Sherrill said. "For the last 18 months I haven't played any tournaments except for here. I've played now in April and back in December. Outside of that just not a ton of tournaments."

It seems that Sherill made the correct choice in deciding to play this series, as he is now the Circuit's newest champion.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Kevin Sherill - \$52,295  
2nd – Richard Bolden - \$32,318  
3rd – Rafiq Teiro - \$23,805  
4th – Brian Walsingham - \$17,776  
5th – Jeremy Brown - \$13,431  
6th – Bernard Denny - \$10,285  
7th – Andrew McLaughlin - \$7,976  
8th – Andrew Still - \$6,262  
9th – Eric Thomas - \$4,978

## Notes on the Event

- The two-day tournament began with 894 entries. This bested last year's Event 2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em by 22 total entries. (The 2012/13 event had 872 entries).

- There were 26 players who returned for Day 2. The second day of play lasted roughly ten hours.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Cherokee gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place on May 22-24 at Caesars Atlantic City this spring. Sherill earned 50 points for his win, which puts him in an early three-way tie for first place in the Casino Champion race.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National 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 Bicycle Casino:

EVENT #1: Mark Saporito defeated 700 players (\$365 NLH) for \$43,048.  
EVENT #2: Kevin Sherrill defeated 894 players (\$365 NLH) for \$52,295  
EVENT #3: Harold Mahaffey defeated 257 players (\$365 PLO) for \$18,888

With the completion of this event, there are still eight more rings to be awarded including the \$1,675 Main Event that kicks off Friday, April 11, 2014.

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