

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Cherokee
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em – Six Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 427
Total Prize Pool: \$145,200
April 7-8, 2014

John Feore Jr. Wins First Gold Ring in Event 6

Former online grinder finds his way back to poker and wins over \$29K

Ring winner Charles "Woody" Moore finishes fifth.

Cherokee, North Carolina (April 8, 2014) – On Tuesday, John Feore Jr. became the World Series of Poker's latest champion by taking down Event 6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed for \$29,462 in first-place prize money.

Feore, a former online grinder who was forced to switch gears after the events of Black Friday, made a triumphant return to the game just a few months ago. Though he currently runs an eBay store that sells footwear and apparel, his love for the game brought him back to the felt.

"Poker was my life for a long time," said Feore. "It was all poker from 2007-2011. Then Black Friday came and a bunch of my friends moved to Costa Rica. I had young children – a 10-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son – so moving to Costa Rica was not an option for me. I've actually just got back into playing the last four or five months."

Feore could not have had better timing. He made the trip to Harrah's Cherokee and ponied up the \$365 entry fee. One of 427 runners, Feore battled his way through Day 1 and became one of the 12 players to return for the second day of play.

Previous Circuit ring winner Charles "Woody" Moore also made Day 2 and ultimately the final table. Moore was eliminated in fifth place and collected \$6,593 in tournament winnings.

After making the final table, Feore actually saw his tournament life flash before his eyes. In a crucial situation, Feore found himself all in and at risk before the flop against eventual third-place finisher Dustin Goldklang. Feore showed ace-queen but was crushed by Goldklang's pocket aces. A fortunate run out T-9-4-J-K gave Feore a straight and the chips necessary to take down the title.

"[Goldklang] was the best player, besides me I'm going to say, at the table," said Feore. "On that particular hand, [Janie][Bowman] raised under the gun and he had three-bet it. He had played a couple hands prior with me where he had queens, jacks, and didn't three-bet it. I put him on ace-king and thought I could get him to lay ace-king down. I was wrong, but I hit runner-runner and the rest is history."

From there, Feore eliminated Goldklang from play and took on last-woman-standing Bowman heads up. Bowman took an early lead, but a fortunate double up kept Feore alive. Ultimately, Bowman open-shipped all in with queen-five from the button and Feore snapped her off with ace-king. His big slick held up and he was awarded the title.

"I've played a lot of tournaments in my life," said Feore. "Not too many of them live, but I know how hard it is to get through. So to win this one actually feels great."

Final table results were as follows:

1st – John Feore Jr – \$29,462
2nd – Janie Bowman – \$18,321
3rd – Dustin Goldklang – \$12,964
4th – Mark Neal – \$9,178
5th – Charles "Woody" Moore – \$6,593
6th – David Black – \$4,782

Notes on the Event

- This final table marked Charles "Woody" Moore's 38th cash on the WSOP Circuit.

- A total of 12 players returned for Day 2. It took about two and a half hours to reach the unofficial final table of six.

-This event was John Feore Jr's third cash on the Circuit and his first final table appearance.

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. Feore earned 50 points for his win, which ties him in the Casino Championship race with the rest of the winners from this series.

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 Harrah's Cherokee:

EVENT #1: Mark Saporito defeated 700 players (\$365 NLH) for \$43,048.
EVENT #2: Kevin Sherrill defeated 894 players (\$365 NLE) for \$52,295
EVENT #3: Harold Mahaffey defeated 257 players (\$365 PLO) for \$18,888
EVENT #4: Kaivon Hakimi defeated 1,665 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$85,185
EVENT #5: Bruce Nguyen defeated 484 players (\$365 NLH) for \$31,216
EVENT #6: John Feore defeated 427 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$29,462

This event marks the halfway point in the series at Harrah's Cherokee. Six rings have been awarded and just six more events remain. The \$1,675 Main Event kicks off Friday, April 11.

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