

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Cherokee
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em - Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 353
Total Prize Pool: \$105,900
April 10, 2014**

Osagyefo Green Seizes Gold in Event 9

Cash game player defeats ring-winner Joseph Hebda heads up to win over \$24K.

Cherokee, North Carolina (April 10, 2014) – After just twelve hours of play, Osagyefo Greene was crowned the champion of Event 9: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo for \$24,355 and his first gold Circuit ring. That's over \$2,029 per hour – not bad for a day of work.

The event kicked off at 12 pm and wrapped up right around midnight. A total of 353 runners took to the felt with hopes of becoming the next Circuit champion. A final table was reached by roughly 10 pm and the play continued at a rapid pace until a champion was crowned.

While Greene held the chip lead going into the final table, he was surrounded by a handful of notable faces. Last year's Casino Champion, Juan Mendoza was present at his second final table of the series. This means that Mendoza has been present at an incredible 5 of the 22 WSOP Circuit final tables ever held at the Harrah's Cherokee property. Ring winner Joseph Hebda was also seated at that table and looking for a second piece of jewelry.

"It was pretty exciting to play with those guys," said Greene after his win. "It was a bunch of really good guys, really exciting, really tough to play. I just tried to continue to play my game and stay aggressive. I got lucky a few times, but I played good. It was a combination of playing good and running good at the same time."

Eliminations at the final table came at a breakneck pace, each player having to make crucial decisions often due to the quick structure of the turbo event. Menoda was one of those players, eventually falling in sixth place for \$4,695.

"I've played so many tournaments that aren't the turbo structure," said Greene. "They're so slow sometimes. To be able to go through one day and win a tournament? That's some instant gratification right there."

Eventually, Greene found himself heads up with Hebda and holding the chip lead. Despite Hebda putting up a fight, Green took the chance to lean on his opponent and eventually he was awarded the title.

“I’m very comfortable with heads up play,” said Green. “I do a lot of heads up online. When I had the chip lead coming into it I felt like I was going to win. Gauging from him I could tell he was confident but still concerned about his chip deficit. I felt that it was going to go my way – which it did – and I’m grateful for that.”

Greene, mostly a cash game player, only plays poker on the side. When he’s not seated at the felt, he owns a trucking company. Interestingly enough, Greene has the game of poker to thank for his professional success.

“I can say I’m so grateful to poker because poker is what put me in a position to own my own trucking company” said Green. “I actually made a pretty good cash in a tournament before. That put me in a financial situation where I can both work and play. I’m very thankful for both the WSOP and Harrah’s Casino.”

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Osagyefo Greene - \$24,355
2nd – Joseph Hebda - \$15,058
3rd – Kenneth Davis - \$10,985
4th – Kendall Frazier - \$8,148
5th – William Buckmaster - \$6,138
6th – Juan Mendoza - \$4,695
7th – Benjamin Mintz - \$3,643
8th – Jon Pless - \$ 2,868
9th – Keith Clonch - \$2,290

Notes on the Event

- Osagyefo Greene denied Joseph Hebda his second gold Circuit ring. Hebda finished runner up for \$15,058.

- This turbo event crowned a champion in right around 12 hours time from the announcement of ‘Shuffle up and Deal’ to the river card of the final hand.

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. Greene earned 50 points for his win, putting him in contention for the Casino Championship.

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
EVENT #7: Chris Shaw defeated 433 players (\$365 NLH) for \$28,578.
EVENT #8: Nilesh Choudhary defeated 446 players (\$365 NLH) for \$29,429
EVENT #9: Osagyefo Greene defeated 353 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$24,355

The completion of this event means that just three more events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee stop. The Main Event kicks off Friday, April 11 at 12 pm.

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