

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em Six Max
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 381
Prize Pool: \$114,300
Dec. 1-2, 2014**



Snyder Emerges Victorious in the Six Max

Steven Snyder outlasts one of the toughest fields of the series and earns his first gold ring.

Cherokee, N.C. (December 2, 2014) -- The six max event is always one of the toughest events to win at any of the WSOP Circuit stops. The nature of the tournament is fast and only the best players can keep up. It is not uncommon for a professional poker to win this event and that was case in this year's six max event at Harrah's Cherokee.

Professional poker player, Steven Snyder, won his first WSOP Circuit gold ring by winning Event #4 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max. He defeated a field of 381 players to take home the top prize of \$27,430.

“This is my game, six max. The ranges are just really tight nine-handed and a lot of times you are not in the action. With this you are just in there all the time, at least I am anyway,” said Snyder about six-handed tournaments. “This is my game. I always felt comfortable and it worked out great.”

The 34-year-old Charlotte, N.C. native plays poker professionally and he plays six-handed poker regularly. His experience playing six-handed poker helped him throughout tournament and final table. Snyder said that he was never all-in for his tournament life and that he was never below 30 big blinds until heads-up play. That mixed with some good fortune was how he was able to go on to win the tournament.

Snyder was enthusiastic about winning the event. As soon he had defeated his heads-up opponent he stood up, fist pumped and headed over to hug his fiancé. The victory was what he was solely after.

“Just like everyone always say's, words really can't describe it. It's what you play for, is first place. Any other spot is disappointing to some level,” said Snyder about his excitement for winning. “It's gratifying, it's validating, it's everything. It feels good to win. Obviously everyone likes the money, but the win is just feels really good.”

This victory marks Snyder's seventh WSOP Circuit career cash and is his second of this series. He min cashed in Event #1 for \$764. His winning performance plus his min cash will give him enough points to be the current leader in the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Championship race with eight more events to go. It is still early and he will most likely need to add more points to his total to take down the title, but Snyder has put himself as the early favorite to win it. Snyder says he plans to play as many events as he can in pursuit of the title of Casino Champion and the National Championship seat that comes along with it.

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee in Cherokee, N.C. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 381 players generating a \$114,300 prize pool. The top 42 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at noon and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with 15 players remaining. The tournament concluded at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday in the middle of Level 28.

Notes on the event:

- Steven Snyder takes the lead in the Casino Championship race with this win. He added 50 points to his total and now sits with 52.5 points with eight events remaining.
- Brandon Newsome (13th place) added 10 National Championship points to his total. He moved from second to first place on the leaderboard and now sits with 177.5 points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Cherokee twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

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 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: Karthik Ramakrishnan defeated 1,930 players (\$365 NLHE Re-entry) for \$91,166
EVENT #2: Nhat Truong defeated 183 players (\$365 PLO) for \$14,275
EVENT #3: Jonathan Abla defeated 404 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$26,660
EVENT #4: Steven Snyder defeated 381 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$27,430

With the fourth tournament wrapped up, eight more ring events remain at Harrah's Cherokee.

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