

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 363
Prize Pool: \$181,500
April 21-22, 2016**



Sal DiCarlo Gets the Monkey off His Back

Sal DiCarlo takes down Event #9 for nearly \$40k.

Cherokee, N.C. (April 23, 2016) -- Sal DiCarlo has won Event #9 - \$580 No-Limit Hold'em to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and the top prize of \$39,938. The poker pro from Las Vegas added his first victory to his impressive WSOP resume full of close calls and deep runs.

"It feels good man. It feels like a monkey off of my back you know," said DiCarlo.

DiCarlo had reached five WSOP final tables before this one, but had never been able to find the luck to come out on top. This season alone, DiCarlo has a second place finish and a third place finish on the Circuit.

DiCarlo only plays a limited schedule on the Circuit, but is still going to finish as one of the highest point earners on the season because of all of his deep runs. He currently has 195 points, which puts him in 5th on the season standings. He plays the Vegas events and Los Angeles events because they are close to home. He also plays some of the bigger events on the Circuit schedule such as Choctaw, Hammond and Cherokee. He pretty much skips everything else.

One of DiCarlo's most notable cashes was a final table finish in the 2013 World Series of Poker. DiCarlo finished 3rd out 1,731 entries in a \$1,500 WSOP event in Las Vegas for his largest score ever of \$184,914. DiCarlo will be back at the series this summer to play a full slate of events.

"I plan on playing a lot. I feel like I'm in a nice little groove right now," said DiCarlo.

He will try to keep the momentum going from this year's Circuit to the summer series and try to win his first bracelet and earn a second career six-figure score. Maybe his first seven-figure score too if things go really well.

Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 363 players generating a \$181,500 prizepool. The top 45 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with 15 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 10:15 p.m. Friday at the end of Level 29.

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 Global Casino 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 Global Casino 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 Harrah's Cherokee series:

EVENT #1: John Mason Jr. defeated 461 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$29,743
EVENT #2: Stan Weiss defeated 3,067 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$158,768
EVENT #3: Mike Bratovich defeated 559 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$35,224
EVENT #4: Christopher Carey defeated 452 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$29,154
EVENT #5: Kevin Sherrill defeated 431 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$29,739
EVENT #6: Brandon Allen defeated 187 players (\$580 PLO) for \$24,312
EVENT #7: Joseph Mattingly defeated 331 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$22,840
EVENT #8: Donovan Dean defeated 961 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$54,777
EVENT #9: Sal DiCarlo defeated 363 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$39,938

With nine tournaments wrapped up, only three more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

All rings at the Harrah's Cherokee series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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