



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Event #7  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 378  
Prize Pool: \$113,400  
April 10-11, 2013**

### **Dave Moersdorf Wins Second Tournament at Harrah's Cherokee**

### **Seniors Champion Now Adds a Gold Ring to His Collection**

### **North Carolina's First-Ever WSOP Circuit Stop Reaches Halfway Point**

**Cherokee, NC (April 10, 2013)** – Of the many thousands of poker players who have come to Harrah's Cherokee over the past week, so far – one player undoubtedly stands out if there were to be a “Most Valuable Player” award.

That player is Dave Moersdorf. He's a 66-year-old retiree from Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Moersdorf won Event 7, which ended tonight. He collected \$27,216 for first place, plus his first-ever WSOP Circuit gold ring. The winner also earned a big chunk of points which apply to the Casino Champion running, and the WSOP National Champion race.

What's most impressive is this is Moersdorf's second victory in three days. It's also his third time to cash at this series.

A few nights ago, Moersdorf won the Seniors Championship. That event was open to players age 50 and up. Although it's not a gold ring event, and points are not awarded for making the money, the victory in that special event was impressive nonetheless. Moersdorf managed to beat out 648 players in that tournament, making it the largest seniors-related poker tournament ever held outside Las Vegas.

Moersdorf proved he could also play with the younger crowd. This tournament, a \$365 buy-in Six-Handed No-Limit Hold'em event included a large number of aggressive younger players, many who learned their trade by playing online. However, they were no match for the seasoned poker veteran who loves to play and has no fear.

“I'm very competitive in whatever I do,” Moersdorf said afterward. “If it's sports or games or even with my business, I want to win, and if I can't win I want to do the best that I can. It's just the way I am.”

Moersdorf was more than the best he could be in this tournament, which was played over a two-day stretch. He was the chip leader entering the final table and never appeared to be in serious

danger of elimination. His victory wasn't so much a surprise as a coronation for the player who was undoubtedly the most aggressive and tough to defeat.

“If you would have told me I'd come here and win two events, I'm not sure I would have believed it,” Moersdorf admitted. “But I felt really good here and the cards certainly went my way, too.”

Moersdorf was far too modest about his skill and accomplishment. The two victories came after he managed to take tenth place in the opening event here at Harrah's Cherokee, which included 872 players. So for those keeping track, he's outlasted 861 players in Event 1, won the Seniors Championship with 642 players, and then won Event 7, which had 378 entries. That's an amazing performance.

Moersdorf knows a thing or two about being tough and survival. He's a proud Vietnam veteran. After his military service, Moersdorf returned to his native Tennessee where he worked in the hotel business for a while. Later, he started his own construction company building houses, where he worked for 15 years. Moersdorf had some health problems a few years ago. So, he decided to quit working and enjoy his life in retirement, which included playing more poker. And now, he's won two tournament, including a gold ring.

The runner up was Kevin Sherrill, from Conover, NC. Also of note was Mark “Pegasus” Smith's second cash here in two days. He ranks second on the all-time cashes list in WSOP Circuit history, with 35.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$113,400. The top 42 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	David Moersdorf	Gatlinburg, TN, US	\$27,216
2nd	Kevin Sherrill	Conover, NC, US	\$16,809
3rd	Marshall White	Garner, NC, US	\$11,764
4th	James Lindsay	Hayesville, NC, US	\$8,319
5th	Tony Miles	Jacksonville, FL, US	\$5,948
6th	Juan Mendoza	Wilmington, NC, US	\$4,298
7th	Ryan Eldridge	Knoxville, TN, US	\$3,139
8th	Paul Mattioda	Knoxville, TN, US	\$3,139
9th	Joshua Snodgrass	Catlettsburg, KY, US	\$2,317

### **Tournament Notes**

- Mark “Pegasus” Smith (Georgetown, KY) cashed. This was his second in-the-money appearance here at Harrah's Cherokee. He currently ranks second all-time in WSOP Circuit cashes.
- The two-day tournament began with 378 players – a strong number for a Tuesday-Wednesday feature. After 14 hours of play on Day One, 26 survivors remained.

- There were 26 players that started Day Two. It took about three hours to play down to the final table of seven.
- The final table included no gold ring winners, which guaranteed a first-time champion.
- The final table lasted about six hours and ended at 11 pm.

Dave Moersdorf picked up 50 player points for his victory. He's now the point leader with his tenth place finished added, for Event 1.

The top 42 finishers all received points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Cherokee's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (April 12-15), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Harrah's Cherokee gold ring events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee runs through April 15, 2013.  
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