

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #2
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 242
Prize Pool: \$72,600
April 16-17, 2015**



John Morris Wins the PLO Ring

John Morris makes back-to-back Pot-Limit Omaha final tables at Harrah's Cherokee. He finished in fourth place back in November, but wins the gold ring this time around.

Cherokee, N.C. (April 17, 2015) -- Casino dealer turned actor, John Morris, has won the Pot-Limit Omaha event at the WSOP Circuit series at Harrah's Cherokee. He defeated a field of 242 players to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and the first place prize of \$17,787.

"This is amazing. I have been playing poker since I was 19 years old and it's always been a dream to win a big one," said Morris. "I am not much for jewelry, but I am going to wear the hell out of this [ring]."

Morris described poker as one of his strongest passions. According to Morris, he worked in the casino industry so that he could play cards as much as possible. Just this summer he left the casino industry and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. He is now pursuing a career in acting.

According to Morris, acting was just a pipe dream, but so far it is going well and he is getting steady work. He has done mostly extra work, but has done some features that have included speaking roles. Morris likes that acting gives him the freedom to do things like travel and to play poker.

This is Morris' second career WSOP cash. His first came back in November at this same property when he finished in fourth place in the Pot-Limit Omaha event. This makes back-to-back Pot-Limit Omaha final tables for Morris at the Cherokee stop. He even says that PLO is not his strongest game, but it is one that he has worked really hard on to improve.

Event #2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee in Cherokee, N.C. The \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament attracted 242 players generating a \$72,600 prize pool. The top 27 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 5 p.m. and lasted 17 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 3 p.m. with 17 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7:30 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- Both of Morris' WSOP cashes have been Pot-Limit Omaha final tables at Harrah's Cherokee.
- Three-time gold ring winner, Robert Hankins (8th place), was at his 11th career WSOP final table.

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: Tony Sewell defeated 466 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$30,050

EVENT #2: John Morris defeated 242 players (\$365 PLO) for \$17,787

With the second tournament wrapped up, 10 more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

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