

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 703
Prize Pool: \$210,900
April 22-23, 2015**



Troy Thornton Takes Down the Monster Stack

Troy Thornton wins the first ever WSOP monster stack tournament ever held at Harrah's Cherokee.

Cherokee, N.C. (April 24, 2015) -- Harrah's Cherokee rolled out a brand new event for this series and that was the monster stack. The monster stack event had a \$365 buy-in and was exactly the same as any other \$365 Circuit event, except for one key difference. Players started the tournament with twice as many chips. The deep stacks allowed some of the top players to rise to the top.

The monster stack turned out to be a hit, drawing 703 players to create a \$210,900. It was the largest single-entry tournament of the entire series. Troy Thornton worked his way through the large field to become Cherokee's first ever monster stack winner. He earned \$43,240 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring for his first place performance.

Thornton has found himself on a bit of a heater now. He finished in 8th place in the six max event on Tuesday and then followed it up with a victory in the monster stack yesterday. His two deep runs have put him in the lead for the Casino Championship race with four events remaining. If he can hold on to the lead, he will win a seat to the National Championship, which is being held at this property in late July. Thornton said that he plans to play in the Main Event, in hopes of picking up a few more points, which he will most likely need to secure his lead with so many competitors one final table away from passing him.

Event #8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee in Cherokee, N.C. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack tournament attracted 703 players, generating a \$210,900 prize pool. The top 72 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with 50 players remaining. The tournament concluded Friday at about 3:30 a.m.

Notes on the event:

- This was the first monster stack event Harrah's Cherokee has ever hosted.
- The final table lasted eight hours long. Seven-handed play lasted for over two hours long.
- All five of Thornton's WSOP cashes have come at the Harrah's Cherokee property.

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 56 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

EVENT #3: Matthew Lee defeated 581 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$36,598

EVENT #4: Chris Russell defeated 2,937 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$125,559

EVENT #5: Ed Willis defeated 451 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$29,079

EVENT #6: Tyler Morris defeated 400 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Max) for \$28,794

EVENT #7: Kyle Cadman defeated 349 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$24,084

EVENT #8: Troy Thornton defeated 703 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$43,240

With the eighth tournament wrapped up, only four more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

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