

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 11  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Cherokee, N.C.  
Event #11  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 359  
Prize Pool: \$107,700  
April 25-26, 2015**



## **Paul Lutz Caps His Series with a Ring**

**Paul Lutz finishes the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit with a bang. He wins Event #11 for \$24,774.**

**Cherokee, N.C. (April 27, 2015)** -- Paul Lutz has won Event #11 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em to earn his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and collect his largest WSOP score of his career. Lutz finished the WSOP Circuit series with two deep runs, including this ring winning performance.

Lutz played several events during the series, but started out really slow. He grinded hard and stayed patient and success finally came.

“Up until the \$580, I was having a really rough go. Busted out before second break in just about every tournament,” said Lutz.

In the re-entry he made it a little deeper, but still missed out on Day 2. Things started to turn around for Lutz in Event #9 – \$580 No-Hold'em. He finally made it to a Day 2 and earned himself his first cash of the series. Unfortunately for Lutz, he busted just short of the final table. However, that deep run sparked some confidence and a little run good for the 39-year-old.

Lutz rode his momentum from Event #9 into Event #11 and all the way to the gold ring. He left Cherokee on a high note and found some redemption from his struggles early on.

“I had two big suck outs. In my nine days here, my two suck outs were today,” said Lutz. “It was my turn. I was due. I had the luck, when I needed the luck.”

Lutz was happy with his play in the Main Event. He made the right calls, the right folds, but still found himself on the rail. His bustout in the Main lead him to this tournament where luck would be much more on his side.

“It takes luck, but it takes skill [too],” said Lutz.

This marks Lutz's sixth ever WSOP cash and first final table. Lutz said that he plans to use the prize money to help buy a new house.

“I told the wife, I win this one, we’re moving,” said Lutz.

Event #11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah’s Cherokee in Cherokee, N.C. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 359 players, generating a \$107,700 prize pool. The top 36 players were paid.

Day 1 began Saturday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Sunday at 2 p.m. with 46 players remaining.

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](http://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  
EVENT #9: Steve Nussrallah defeated 334 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$38,412  
MAIN EVNET: Ryan Jones defeated 786 players (\$1,675 NLEH) for \$235,804  
EVENT #11: Paul Lutz defeated 359 players (\$365 NLEH) for \$24,774

With the eleventh tournament wrapped up, only one more ring event remains at the Harrah’s Cherokee series.

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