



Señor Bell and his winning cards.

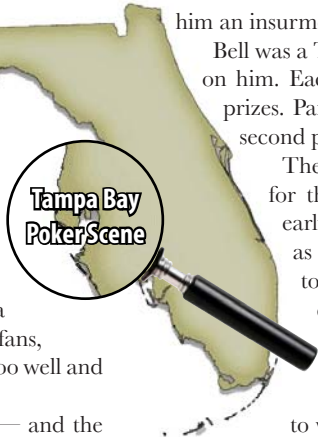
Players from the WDAE Poker Club and WPTAPL flocked to the Silks Poker Room for the Going All-In to Mexico freeroll.

WDAE POKER CLUB GETS OFF TO A GREAT START

To help launch the WDAE-AM 620 Poker Club, Tampa Bay Downs and the local chapter of the WPTAPL got together and held a freeroll on Oct. 26 at the Silks Poker Room in Tampa. The tournament, dubbed Going All-in to Mexico, drew about 140 players and was deemed a success by WDAE's Jeff Liss, who started the club.

"I think it's going over well," Liss said during a break in the action. "We came up with the idea just knowing WDAE really wanted to talk to poker players. We do a great job of talking to football fans, baseball fans, hockey fans, and poker is a great sport and was one we weren't serving too well and thought this was a great way to do it."

David "Fingers" Bell essentially won the tournament — and the trip to Mexico — when his two queens held up vs. AJ offsuit to gave



him an insurmountable chip lead.

Bell was a Team 620 player, which meant there was a bounty on him. Each table had Team 620 players with bounties as prizes. Pam Cohn from Dunedin, a WPTAPL player, took second place and won \$500.

The tournament drew a lot of players to a poker room for the first time, and many who were knocked out early signed up for other tournaments or cash games as they waited for their friends. It was WDAE's fifth tournament and its next event is planned for the first quarter of 2009.

Some content for the WDAE Poker Club's Web site is provided by *Ante Up* and the *Ante Up Magazine* Poker Podcast. To view the site go to www.620wdae.com and click on the POKER link at the top of the page.

Waggoner wins October's Battle of the Bay

Ever wonder which poker rooms have the best players? What about poker rooms that are in the same vicinity?

Well, Lucky's Card Room at Tampa Greyhound Track and One-Eyed Jacks at Sarasota Kennel Club have a way to settle the score: The Battle of the Bay. Each month the two rooms take their top 20 from the Player of the Month standings and pit them in a 40-player freeroll with a \$3,200 prize pool that pays the top-five finishers.

October's winner was Russ Waggoner, who represented One-Eyed Jacks. He pocketed \$1,200 and got his name inscribed on the trophy, which then resides at One-Eyed Jacks for one month.

To qualify for a chance to play in the Battle of the Bay tournament, you need only to place in the top 20 Player of the Month standings at either card room. The location of the tournament alternates monthly between the rooms. For more info contact Lucky's at 813-932-4313 or One-Eyed Jacks at 941-355-5771 x1054.

In other Lucky's news, Will Bleakley won the room's \$200 buy-in, \$10K guaranteed event for October. The tournament is the last Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. The October event had 55 players and Bleakley won the \$3,303 top prize.



Russ Waggoner, representing One-Eyed Jacks in Sarasota, shows off his winning cards and the trophy that now bears his name after taking down October's Battle of the Bay event at Lucky's.

Here are the remaining cashers in Lucky's \$10K guaranteed:

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| 2. Kevin Collins, \$2,302 | 5. Joel Geist, \$800 |
| 3. Lloyd Marks, \$1,401 | 6. Scott Griffin, \$700 |
| 4. Brad Ruben, \$1,001 | 7. Mike Nadeau, \$500 |



Marc Lowe, playing for Tampa's Bilmar Station in the Treasure Chest Poker Battle of the Bars tournament, shows off his winning pocket jacks and the trophy that will reside at Bilmar Station until the next Battle. Lowe beat John Hendrix of Tampa's The Slug for the crown. Marc She-ondoah, who played for Bilmar Station, finished third. Lowe not only wins bragging rights for Bilmar Station, but he also gets a \$50 gas card.

Mazzatta still leads race

Can anyone knock off Mickey Mazzatta from the top spot? He has had a stranglehold on first place in the Silks Poker Room's Player of the Year race for months. The winner gets \$25K at year's end and the rest of the top 10 split \$25K.

POY leaders as of 11/1/08

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| 1. Mickey Mazzatta | 1,539 |
| 2. Vincent Griffo | 1,369 |
| 3. Steve Darr | 1,137 |
| 4. Jim Larsen | 999 |
| 5. Henry Symulevich | 943 |
| 6. Muriel Yantiss | 853 |
| 7. Andre Papangelou | 806 |
| 8. Andrea Bauer | 780 |
| 9. Gil Tai | 694 |
| 10. Rich O'Hearn | 670 |

SILKS TO HOST PAR AND POKER CHARITY EVENT

By Christopher Cosenza

"The golf is show, but the poker is dough," said Leonard Walker, chief marketing officer for the Par and Poker Celebrity Challenge for Charity, which will be in Tampa on Jan. 29. "That's what's going to make money for the charities. ... Poker is something that's very important to us and hopefully we will be able to provide the only professional poker tournament during Super Bowl week."

The event, which benefits the Joyner-Walker Foundation, will hold its poker tournament at Tampa Bay Downs' Silks Poker Room in Tampa, while TPC Tampa Bay in Lutz will host the golf festivities.

Greg Raymer, the 2004 World Series of Poker Main Event champ, participated in last year's golf and poker tournaments. This year, says Walker, the charity is looking to lure a few more poker pros to play in the event. But you can't forget about the other celebrities who will be out in full force. Committed to play: Ozzie Smith, Clyde Drexler, Joe Carter, Lawrence Taylor, Ed Moses and Alfonso Ribeiro. Plus Walker is trying to get Bill Cosby, or as he said, "The guy with the pudding pops."

"Here's the thing about it," Walker said, "during Super Bowl week we have access to celebrities who are already going to be here. So once they hear about our event they'll already be able to come by. Our problem is being able to have enough space because we try to get 25 celebrities but we end up getting 35 that show up (like last year)."

And Walker couldn't be happier with Tampa Bay Downs as host.

"My first overall impression with Tampa Bay Downs is their openness and wanting that exclusivity and partnership," he said. "That is something we never got from anyone else (in the Tampa Bay area). Tampa Bay Downs looked at this as a partnership ... they cared about the charity ... so they looked at this as a partnership and not just another client."

"After meeting with the co-founders of the Par

and Poker Celebrity Challenge for Charity, I understand the great commitment of the Joyner-Walker Foundation to our community and the tournament in particular," said Patrick Murphy, director of poker operations for Tampa Bay Downs. "We are thrilled to be hosting a poker event that gives back so much in a fun and entertaining way."

So what is the Joyner-Walker Foundation?

"Our No. 1 goal, obviously, is financial literacy, youth education and personal money management," said Walker, who is the brother of the charity's co-founder Andy Walker, an NCAA golf champ. Ex-NFL great Seth Joyner is the other co-founder. "Our own little life-skill programs are interviewing, resume building, mentoring and dress for success. Those are the other life-skill programs we are looking to do. We actually

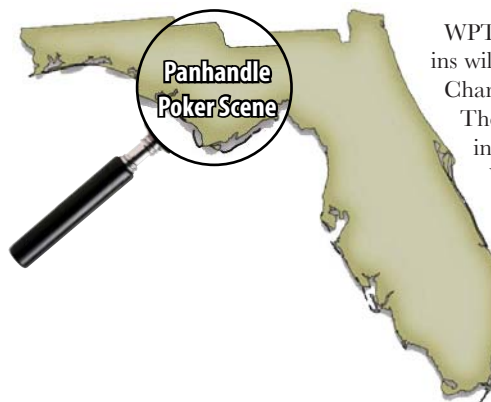
want to embody the whole youth, from financial ways, from the way they present themselves and just to make a better person out of them. We really believe that our primary goal, especially with the way the economy is, is to push that financial education."

Last year the event raised nearly \$350,000.

"I know the economic times are a little bit difficult," he said, "but we feel more than confident we will raise that and exceed that amount. ... We're never going to forget where we came from and what we're providing the host city, so it needs to be a community event. All of the volunteers will come from the host city, the 200 volunteers. This year we're doing a Taste of Tampa and have 10 restaurants on the course for the community to come out and enjoy food. We'll have a network tent with a lot of business entrepreneurs. ... So we want to create that community feel for someone coming from the outside in to Tampa. We feel that's only fair that the money we raise goes back into that community, if that's through volunteerism, or if that's through monetary in looking at non-profits in the area to give money from the event. That's what we want to do."

For more information visit parandpoker.com.

WPT champion Hoyt Corkins to play in Ebro charity event Dec. 9



WPT and WSOP champ Hoyt Corkins will play in Ebro Greyhound Park's Charity Poker Challenge on Dec. 9. The event will have a \$275 buy-in. First place wins a seat into the WPT Celebrity Invitational at the Commerce Casino in Los Angeles

on Feb. 28-March 2, plus airfare and hotel accommodations. For more information on the Ebro tournament please call 850-234-3943.

If you're traveling to Ebro, special room rates are available at the Shores of Panama. Call 850-249-0109 for details.

