



OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 11, 2008

**\$600
NO-LIMIT
HOLD'EM
SHOOT-OUT**

SUNDAY - 10/26/2008

**FINAL TABLE
\$600 NO-LIMIT SHOOT-OUT**

| Seat # | Name | Chip Count | Final Finish |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Matt Sahagian | 111,500 | 3 |
| 2 | Mohamed Ahmed | 17,300 | 4 |
| 3 | Dennis Couto | 25,000 | 9 |
| 4 | Bobby 'The Bus' Ferdinand | 18,200 | 7 |
| 5 | Rami Taqtaq | 91,000 | 2 |
| 6 | Stephen Lateano | 44,900 | 10 |
| 7 | Jay Morgenstern | 60,400 | 8 |
| 8 | Bernard Lee | 141,700 | 1 |
| 9 | Steve Ryan | 30,400 | 6 |
| 10 | David Lew | 32,500 | 5 |

**BERNARD LEE
IS THE WINNER OF \$22,893!**



The 2008 Foxwoods World Poker Finals \$600 No-Limit Hold'em Shoot-out drew 330 players. Single table sessions were held at 10 am and 1 pm with the top three players at each table advancing to the 4 pm finals. Shortly after midnight, the final table had been reached and would return to play at noon on Monday. It took almost seven hours for **Bernard Lee** of Wayland, MA to become the \$600 Shoot-out Champion as he took the Championship Trophy, and \$22,893!!

The night before, the final 20 players had reached an agreement to award the 5th through 20th positions each \$5,000. **Stephen Lateano** of Suffield, CT was the first to leave the final table as he moved all-in with J's only to be called by Bernard with K's. The board provided no help for Stephen as he took 10th and \$5,000. It took just over an hour before **Dennis Couto** pushed his final \$12k in with A/Q, but he ran into AK from David Lew. The board came-up 9/A/7/K/7 and Dennis headed back to Taunton, MA with \$5,000 and 9th place. After losing the bulk of his chip stack the hand prior, **Jay Morgenstern** of Chestnut Hill, MA went all in with 8/5 only to be called and checked down by Matt and Bernard. Jay rivered a pair of 8's but Matt's pocket 9's left Jay with 8th and \$5,000. **Bobby 'The Bus' Ferdinand** had survived several all-ins, but when he pushed with pocket 7's, Rob Taqtaq called with 10's and hit a 10 on the flop to send Bobby home to Revere, MA in 7th place with \$5,000. **Steve Ryan** brought his efforts for the championship to an end after moving all-in with 2c4c against David Lew's J's. With only a deuce to help him, Steve went back to Brooklyn, NY with \$5,000 for 6th. The 5th place finisher was **David Lew** of Portland, ME. He had pocket 5's and was called by Rob Taqtaq with Ks7s. The board was Js9sQh10h7d giving Rob the straight and David a \$5,000 payday.

Mohamed Ahmed lived the life of a cat, as he started the day with the short stack, and survived 9 called all-in plays. Unfortunately the 10th called all-in effort proved Mohamed only had 9 lives. His 2/3 got no help against Rob's J/9, and Mohamed headed back to the Bronx in 4th with \$14,000 for his hard fought effort. Shortly thereafter **Matt Sahagian** of Acton, MA moved all-in with 6's and was called by Rob and A/J. The board was Q/10/3/J/A and Matt finished in 3rd with \$14,000.

The last two players began heads-up action with Bernard Lee having a slight chip advantage. He was the chip leader at the start of the final table and he never relinquished his lead. On the final hand **Rami 'Rob' Taqtaq**, a resident of Boston, MA pushed in with K6 after the A56 flop. Bernard quickly called with A7. The board turned and rivered A6 to give Bernard A's full and leave Rob with \$14,000 and 2nd place, and the championship for Bernard Lee.

The Final Two

Rami Taqtaq - 2nd!

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FOXWOODS WORLD POKER FINALS - 2008

Tournament Entries: 330 Prize Pool: 169,653
Cumulative Entries: 3269 Cumulative Pool: \$1,324,185

FINAL STANDINGS \$600 NO-LIMIT SHOOTOUT

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| 1 | Bernard Lee, Wayland, MA | \$22,893 |
| 2 | Rami Taqtaq, Boston, MA | \$14,000 |
| 3 | Matt Sahagian, Acton, MA | \$14,000 |
| 4 | Mohamed Ahmed, Bronx, NY | \$14,000 |
| 5 | David Lew, Portland, ME | \$5,000 |
| 6 | Steve Ryan, Brooklyn, NY | \$5,000 |
| 7 | Bobby 'The Bus' Ferdinand, Revere, MA | \$5,000 |
| 8 | Jay Morgenstern, Chestnut Hill, MA | \$5,000 |
| 9 | Dennis Couto, Taunton, MA | \$5,000 |
| 10 | Stephen Lateano, Suffield, CT | \$5,000 |

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| 11 | Ralph Macri, Redding, CT | \$5,000 |
| 12 | Stephen Happas, Braintree, MA | \$5,000 |
| 13 | Thomas Fenton, Stratford, CT | \$5,000 |
| 14 | Luis Rodi, Sharon, MA | \$5,000 |
| 15 | Vincent Cuocci, Newtown, CT | \$5,000 |
| 16 | Raymond Torricelli, New Rochelle, NY | \$5,000 |
| 17 | Christopher Bonita, Winthrop, MA | \$5,000 |
| 18 | Sergey Zimodro, Brooklyn, NY | \$5,000 |
| 19 | Ian Palomo, San Antonio, TX | \$5,000 |
| 20 | David Fox, Coram, NY | \$5,000 |
| 21 | Keiko Lim, Bronx, NY | \$1,442 |
| 22 | Franc Kromholz, Greenfield, MA | \$1,357 |
| 23 | Robert Servidone, Ballston Lake, NY | \$1,357 |
| 24 | Stephen Rivers, North Baldwin, NY | \$1,357 |
| 25 | Joseph Berardi, Groton, MA | \$1,272 |
| 26 | Jason Tynes, Northford, CT | \$1,272 |
| 27 | Peter Gilmore, Kingston, NH | \$1,272 |
| 28 | Robert Vyskocil, Dudley, MA | \$1,187 |
| 29 | Eric Toby, Cambridge, MA | \$1,187 |
| 30 | John Arturi, New Milford, CT | \$1,187 |
| 31 | Christopher Lim, Bronx, NY | \$1,187 |
| 32 | John Sandberg, South Windsor, CT | \$1,187 |
| 33 | Adam Lippert, Brooklyn, NY | \$1,187 |
| 34 | Stephen Ross, Waltham, MA | \$1,187 |
| 35 | Joseph Cutler, Bay Shore, NY | \$1,187 |
| 36 | Mark Bernstein, Bayside, NY | \$1,187 |
| 37 | Michael Connolly, Bronx, NY | \$1,187 |
| 38 | Harry Theodoss, Southbridge, MA | \$1,187 |
| 39 | George Bartlett, Shoemakersville, PA | \$1,187 |
| 40 | Brian Chan, Boston, MA | \$1,187 |

Matt Sahagian - 3rd!

Mohamed Ahmed - 4th!

David Lew - 5th!

Steve Ryan - 6th!

Bobby The Bus - 7th!

Jay Morgenstern - 8th!

Dennis Couto- 9th!

Stephen Lateano- 10th!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

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