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Non Professional Poker Player, Beatric Stranzixger, competes with some of the Best in the world and drives off in a new Lotus

Attendees and Tournament Participants: Jason Biggs, Doyle Brunson, Annie Duke, Johnny Chan, Shannon Elizabeth, Antonio "The Magician" Esfandiari, Willie Garson, Rebecca Gayheart, Phil Gordon, Carlos Mortensen, Liz Lieu, Phil "The Unabomber" Laak, Chip Reese, Jennifer Tilly, James Van Der Beek

WHEN – Sunday, April 2, 2006 - Official Opening of The Venetian Poker Room with a Cocktail Reception at TAO Nightclub and a Venetian Poker Room Grand Opening Face-Off (Poker Tournament)

The Venetian Poker Room Unveiling: Robin Leach and Venetian executives toasting to the opening of The Venetian Poker Room.

WHERE - The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino
3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South

WHAT - The grand opening of The Venetian Poker Room started with a pre-party at TAO NightClub. Celebrities such as Jason Biggs, Morris Chestnut, Eric Dane, Shannon Elizabeth, Willie Garson, Rebecca Gayheart, Heather McComb, Jonny Lee Miller, Nick Stahl, Jennifer Tilly, and James Van Der Beek mingled with poker greats such as Doyle Brunson, Johnny Chan, Annie Duke, Antonio "The Magician" Esfandiari, Phil Gordon, and Phil "The Unabomber" Laak. However, the socializing was over once tournament play began. James Van Der Beek and Shannon Elizabeth lasted until the wee hours of the morning...but in the end lost all their chips.

After 7 hours of poker play Beatric Stranzixger, a non-professional poker player, emerged the winner of the Venetian Poker Room Grand Opening Face-Off. In a heads up final with Carlos Mortensen, Beatric showed her ability to play in the big leagues as she captured all of his chips. With over 250 people in the tournament; some living legends in the game, this was truly a great accomplishment.

At nearly 11,000 square feet, The Venetian Poker Room is the largest in square-footage on the Strip. This luxurious poker room is exquisitely decorated with rich leathers, cherry wood and custom cabinetry and offers state-of-the-art technology in a smoke-free environment.

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