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ROONEY'S GOLF FOUNDATION POKER TOURNAMENT IS A SUCCESS 1st Poker Tournament raised \$6,825.00 for local charities

West Palm Beach, FL, September 20, 2010 – This year the Rooney's Golf Foundation added a poker tournament to its fundraising efforts. Ninety-seven poker players participated in the tournament on Saturday at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. For a \$50 buy-in, that included a buffet and drink, players of all levels faced off in a friendly game of Texas Hold'em. After 16 levels of play, the final four players agreed to split the pot.

“Our Director of the Card Room, Noah Carbone, came up with the idea of a charitable poker tournament a few months ago. We were hoping to get 40 or 50 people to participate in this inaugural year,” said Pat Rooney, founder of the Rooney's Golf Foundation. “To get double that is a testament to the hard work of our foundation committee that really made this happen, and be successful.”

The evening also included several silent auction prizes that consisted of a ‘Sports Lovers’ basket filled with game tickets to the Panthers, Dolphins, Marlins, and FAU, and a ‘Year of Dining Out’ with 12 gift certificates to local restaurants and 4 oil changes from Tire Kingdom. All in attendance also received a raffle ticket with items given away every ten minutes and a chance to have their picture taken with Ace the Poker Bear.

Proceeds from the event will benefit: Autism Project of Palm Beach County, FAU Honors College, Elite Greyhound Adoption, and Potentia Academy.

(Pictured are the final four winners that split the pot amongst them. Left – Veronica Cuellar, J-Mart from ESPN 760 AM, Bob Smith, and David Lauck.)

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