

## Bay 101 Shooting Star

Casino: Bay 101  
Location: San Jose, CA  
Buy-in: \$10,000  
Entry Fee: \$250  
# of Players: 437  
Prize Pool: \$4,070,000  
Final Table Date: Mar. 11, 2005

### Results:

1. Danny Nguyen \$1,025,000
2. Jay Martens \$600,000
3. Gus Hansen \$320,000
4. Shandor Szentkuti \$280,000
5. Corey Cheresnick \$240,000
6. Men Nguyen \$200,000

A bounty, by definition is a reward that is given by a government for acts such as killing predatory animals (Dictionary.com). In the case of the WPT Bay 101 Shooting Star Tournament, it wasn't the killing of animals that was rewarded, but instead, sharks. Many of the top pros had this bounty on their head as they along with over 400 players took a shot at the \$1 million 1<sup>st</sup> place prize.

Men "The Master" Nguyen and Gus Hansen were the two big name pros at the final table. Jay Martens, Shandor Szentkuti, Corey Cheresnick, and local favorite Danny Nguyen, however, all wanted to make their names known throughout the poker community.

Danny Nguyen was the first to get into the mix as he knocked out Men Nguyen and received the \$5,000 bounty. With 3 left, Nguyen took the role again of bounty hunter and knocked out Gus Hansen for another \$5,000. Going into heads-up play, Nguyen and Martens were almost even in chips. Nguyen, with the crowd and cards behind him, felt unstoppable. He continued to throw chips into the pot and let the cards fall in his favor. Eliminating Martens in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Nguyen incredibly had knocked out every person at the final table and became another WPT millionaire.