

TEGSA WHIST AND BINGO – FEB. 16, 2024. WRITE UP BY SHERWIN MENDES

TEGSA hosted its ever-popular Whist and Bingo event on Feb. 16th, 2024. This event is a crowd favourite, and well attended.

After registration at the front desk and pick-up of your whist cards, the evening started out with bingo. This was carried out efficiently for two rounds – blue and red cards, and winners declared without any issues. Some winners won more than once, much to the chagrin of other bingo players. However, all thoroughly enjoyed the bingo, even the suspense of not winning despite being short one number on their scratched bingo cards. TEGSA has gained expertise with hosting bingo, as this is always carried out smoothly and with no glitches. Kudos to the callers, coordinators, and other volunteers.

Snack time was next, and patrons were treated to a box of veggie delights, and a custard for dessert. Tea and coffee followed, with the usual accompaniment of cookies.

Following a belly full of food, patrons were ready for the main event of the evening – whist. After 10 rounds of playing, the winner was Theresa, who came out with an incredibly high score of 81. Usually, the winner has a score in the seventies. In the last round, I was particularly happy to get 11 points, and even though I did not win, I helped my partner to get the third-place prize. One of our opponents in that round had a score of 72 before the last game of no-trumps. But, by getting only 2 points in that last round, she could not secure a prize, as third place went to the winner (my partner) with 76 points. Just goes to show how things can change dramatically, even in just 1 game. But all had fun, and thoroughly enjoyed the whist. The organizers even introduced a new twist this time (whist with a twist), awarding small prizes during the course of the evening, instead of handing out all prizes at the end. So, if you had one particular good game during the course and were lucky, you could have won a prize of \$5.

My hat goes out to all the volunteers and committee members of each TEGSA event, as they carry out their duties with enthusiasm and precision. Have not witnessed any major technical or other problems so far, and every event is a resounding success. As testament to that, is the attendance of patrons at each event, and smiles on their faces as they say goodbye to their friends.