

The highlight of the Family Day long weekend was the February 19th Sunday afternoon bowling event for those lucky TEGSA members who registered. This is a very popular event. Every year a few members are disappointed as the event fills up quickly.

Kudos to the organizing committee who work behind the scenes to make this a well organized fun event. As members pour into the Markham Bowling Centre, they are registered, lunch tickets handed-out, and then guided to find their pre-assigned 6 member teams across 12 lanes numbered from 9 to 20. After the usual exchange of greetings, and fitting into bowling shoes, participants squeeze in a few practice shots before the event starts at 3:00 p.m

People enjoy this event as they acquaint themselves with the assigned Captain and team. It affords a chance for regular bowlers to show their skill and the rest of us to bowl in a friendly environment. During the games team members cheer on one another and high-fives are given all-round. There are the constant excited shouts of victory after a strike or a high score. Under the friendly banter there is undoubtedly a healthy competitive spirit as teams unabashedly check the scores of other teams during games.

Everyone was given a snack packet of peas after game 1 and then resumed game 2 with renewed energy. The lunch was a delicious chicken wrap, a bottle of water and a ladoo for dessert. A no mess packaged wholesome meal before we resumed game 3 with enthusiasm.

Following game 3 there was a flurry of activity around the score board on the wall. Competitors and spectators gathering around and speculating as to who the best team and scorers may be. All eyes scanning and some serious bowlers mentally double-checking the calculations as the scores are tallied and recorded. The total scores soon reveal the winners.

Paul Madeira closed the event by thanking his fellow committee members and the assistant at the Bowling Centre for their help and distributed the prizes to the winners. Captain Anthony DeSouza led his team on lane 10 to victory with a total score of 2289. His team composed of Jeswyn Devas, Sherwin Mendes, Colin Fonseca, Elizabeth D'Souza and Laura Madeira who filled in for an absent player, and had a personal score of 430. Way to go Laura! Lucky lane 10. The top Female scorer was Philomena D'Souza with a total score of 380 and the top Male scorer was Vitus Gones with a score of 549.

Lucky lane 13 came in second, with Captain Carlyle Dean and his team of Kathie McMerty, Michael Gonsalves, Theresa D'Souza, Edmund Pereira and Delphine Gonsalves with a total score of 2207

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Paul Madeira and the rest of his committee members for a great job.

Well done!

Angie Petersen