

WHIST DRIVE & BINGO COMMUNITY EVENT (Feb 2014)

The Goan Overseas Association (GOA) NSW organized a Whist Drive competition for the card playing community on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at the Reg Byrne Community Centre, Wentworthville. The event was open to all and was well patronized by the Goan community and their friends. A total of 52 participants took part in the competition and it was encouraging to see not only young but also some elderly well into their eighties horn up their card playing acumen and bring out some old card tricks from their repertoire.



Whist drive is a game of cards where one pair comprising of a Blue card holder and a Pink card holder, compete with another pair to make maximum tricks consisting of 13 tricks in a game. Each player is given a score sheet and the number of tricks made is recorded for each game. At the end of each game, the winning Pink card holder moves to a higher numbered table and partners with the losing Blue card holder on that table and the winning Blue card holder moves to a lower numbered table and partners the losing Pink card holder on that table for the next game. The losing Pink card holder remains at the same position and the losing Blue card holder moves to the right of the losing Pink card holder on that table. The competition comprised of two sessions of 10 games each.

Enthusiastic Participants



The GOA NSW, Community & Welfare Director Yvette McKinnon



Braganza officially welcomed all the participants and spoke about the various events earmarked for the year especially the Berrima trip scheduled in March.

The Social Director Ralph Vaz then took over as the MC for the event and read out the rules for the competition.



A total of 9 prizes were up for grabs and the game was keenly contested as the results suggest. The top 3 honors for the Blue card holders were claimed by Arlene Crouch with 149 points, Rob D'Silva with 146 points and Tony Azavedo with 141 points. The top 3 honors for the Pink card holders were claimed by Nelita Fernandes with 147 points, Yvonne Silveira with 143 points and Cynthia Peres Da Costa with 142 points. Tony Azavedo claimed the prize for the person with maximum games won by making 10 tricks or more. On a lighter note, boogie prizes' were also given for least scores in each colored card group. Where players' game card was '

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collected for our records, as at the end of the Whist program for 2014, a rolling trophy, donated by GOA NSW, will be presented to the one person who has accumulated the total highest score.

During the break lunch was served with home-made Karachi chicken biryani, salad and raita followed by 3 varieties of mouth watering home-baked cakes catered by one of our very own committee member Paul & Daphne Dias.

After the break the much awaited game of bingo was conducted by the event co-Director & Treasurer Abel Do Rosario. Generous cash prizes were claimed by Yvette McKinnon for the quick five, Patrick Fernandes claimed the top line, Sandra Bates & Max French shared the middle line, Sabrina Gonsalves took away the bottom line, and the full house was claimed by Patsy Mascarenhas. A Raffle draw was also conducted and the lucky winners were Colleen D'Silva, Anne Lopez and Thecla Fernandez.

The President of the GOA, Tony Colaco thanked all the participants for patronizing this event and assured that this committee will bring many more such events during the course of the year.

At the end of the day, it was a well organized event which was enjoyed by all who basically came to meet and mingle with friends and catch up with each other.

The Proud Winners!



More proud winners!

