

Teachers School Each Other at 2008 Teacher Games in Mesquite, Nv.

In a 2008 effort to support teachers, school employees, parents and school volunteers, Mesquite Resort Association in Mesquite, Nevada created the first ever Teacher Games in Mesquite and the event was a home run!

Schools from all over Southern Nevada participated in multiple sporting events in an effort to win up to \$20,000 in cash and prizes for their school organizations, class rooms and sports programs.

The Teacher Games, hosted by the CasaBlanca Resort, Virgin River Hotel, Eureka Hotel, Oasis Resort and the Mesquite Resort Association, offers schools a chance to compete in various sporting events including co-ed softball, bowling, Texas Hold'em and Bunco.

Big Time Bunco

The Bunco competition was a big hit at the 2008 Teacher Games. The Bunco event was for the folks that weren't perhaps as "athletic" as others and it turned out to be the most popular event.

The ladies gathered at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday to learn the rules and for a practice session. At 10:30 a.m. the game began, quietly at first and then with each throw of the dice, the foursomes got louder and louder with shouts of "mini bunco," "come on partner" and of course "BUNCO!" By the end of the first round, all the ladies were smiling and laughing and having a great time.

A quick hour later, the event was complete with Pat Yegge representing St. Francis de Sales Elementary School taking first place gold for the Most Bunco's and Mini Bunco's combined. Patty Blumstrum, principal at Connor Elementary School took silver and Victoria Cleghorn from Connor Elementary School took the bronze.

2008 TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER CHAMPIONS

Gold Medal - JD Evans, St. Francis de Sales

Silver Medal - Raymond Negrete - Tarkanian Academy

Bronze Medal - Josh Sargent - Indian Springs High School



Dates are set for the second annual Teacher Games in Mesquite, make sure you sign up soon to join the fun competition and the chance to help fund your school's programs. The 2009 Teacher Games will be held November 13-15, 2009.

Participants will earn gold, silver and bronze medals for first, second and third place finishes in each sport. A total of \$20,000 will be paid out to the gold medal individuals and teams, based on a full field of entries for each activity. Checks will be paid directly to the school and will be designated for the organization or sports team selected by the winner.



Bowling Tournament

The Bowling Tournament for the 2008 Teacher Games had 14 teams participate in this first time ever event. The winning team that represented J.T. McWilliams Elementary School was Ted Jones and Willy Wilson with a scratch score of 1,172 total pins for 3 games. Second place went to Cookie Balom and Shawna Jonesy from Roy Martin Middle School with 1,090 total pins for their 3 games. Third place went to Ruby Jim and Michelle Yegge representing St. Francis de Sales Elementary School with 1,040 pins.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded along with the \$2,000.00 first prize check after the tournament at the Virgin River Bowling Alley.

We are hoping in 2009 to incorporate an Open and Handicap Divisions and possibly adding a Men's and Women singles event.



Putting Students in Seats

Alyssa Horton of Snyder Elementary School and a member of the gold medal softball team offered this endorsement of the Teacher Games in Mesquite, "We are so excited! We have so many things we could spend the money on for the kids at our school. The first thing we are going to do is buy some new chairs for my classroom because not all of the kids have a chair to sit on." Indian Springs High School won the silver medal.

For more information on the 2009 Teacher Games in Mesquite, Nv. please call 888-711-4653 ext. 22 or visit www.mesquiteteachergames.com today!

