

BoomBox BINGO is Trip Down Memory Lane

If you haven't played BoomBox Bingo yet – you don't know what you are missing! I stopped by the Shoemakersville Senior Club meeting this month to find out more about it. Rich Weilacher, TGB Entertainment was running the game that's part DJ, part Bingo, but all fun!

Here's how it works: you get BINGO cards without numbers. Each square has the title of a song. Instead of pulling a ball with a number, the DJ plays a portion of a song and you identify the name of the song and find it on your card. Like number BINGO, you won't have every song on your card but when you do find them in a row or diagonal – you win! The players were tapping their feet, drumming on the table and singing along as the songs played.

The first winner of the afternoon was Shirley who's been involved with the club for 24 years – but this was the first time she played boombox bingo and she thought it was great fun! The next winner won with double bingo (where you have to have 2 rows completed). Anne just retired in September and started coming to the club and she enjoyed hearing some of her favorite songs while playing bingo. Cheryl and her husband have been taking care of older parents and like going on trips with the club, and came out to play music bingo. Everyone agreed they liked it better than regular bingo!

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Games usually last about an hour and Rich tells me he added Boombox Bingo to his DJ service to bring something different to his entertainment services. He can also provide trivia games and karaoke to senior centers and does parties, showers, reunions and picnics in Berks, Lancaster & Montgomery County.

It's not surprising that the combination of music and Bingo is such a big hit. Music has therapeutic qualities by bringing back those good "vibrations" of fond memories. Participants were singing and swaying in their seats



as they recalled the songs of yesteryear. Rich's business card boasts "Let us make your next party or event the one that everyone keeps talking about!" The members at the Shoemakersville Seniors Club were talking about Boombox Bingo even after the games were over.

You can try BoomBox Bingo at the Berks Encore Reading Center on May 21 at 1pm. Contact Rich at 610-781-0682 or rich@TGBentertainment.com.

