



New Bingo Player Hits the Grand Slam Jackpot at Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Lone Butte

CHANDLER, Ariz. (July 12, 2019) – Brenda Gajiola was enjoying a fun night out with friends on June 21 at Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Lone Butte when things started to get serious. She looked down at her bingo board and noticed six numbers together in a diamond shape. She needed just two more balls, then one...then she saw ball i-22 drawn on the screen and she screamed “Bingo!” She had just won \$136,350 in Lone Butte’s Grand Slam Jackpot.

“I was in shock. I was shaking as I tried to find my ticket,” Gajiola said, adding that she never won a large prize before.

In fact, this was her fourth time playing bingo, and just her second time playing the game at Lone Butte.

“My friends and I normally do a ‘paint and wine night,’ and we were looking for something different to do,” she said. “We had gone to Lone Butte the week before, and two of us won twice. It was a fun atmosphere and there were people around us winning \$300 prizes. We received a coupon to use on another day, and that’s why we returned on Friday night.”

Her initial investment was just \$45 for three hours of play. “Had I not had that coupon, it would have cost \$65,” she said.

“In the past, I thought Bingo was boring, but now that the technology has changed, my friends and I can spend time catching up while the machines do the work for us,” she said. “For us, it’s really about being together and having a fun girl’s day or night out.”

A Mesa resident, Gajiola is a single mother who works in the finance department of a private university. On the night she won, she immediately took \$5,000 cash and gave \$2,000 each to her best friend Linda and Linda’s sister, Ruby.

“They are my lucky charms,” she said. “I wanted them to feel like they won as well.”

Within a week of winning, she bought a new car and helped one of her sons put a down payment on a car.

“It was great timing for us,” she said. “Just a few weeks prior, my mother had asked me if I thought I could ever buy a new car again. I raised both of my boys on my own, and it has been challenging to save money. I didn’t think it would be possible.”

After a few days of car shopping, she paid cash for a 2018 Nissan Rogue and helped her son purchase a 2016 Kia Optima. She plans to help her other son with some expenses and she will use the rest of her winnings towards paying off her mortgage.

She and her friends will continue to play bingo and they may try some new games.

“I’m a believer now that anyone can win,” she said. “Overall, it’s a fun experience and a great way to socialize.”

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