

Karaoke champs score at Yorkshire Arms

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On the 10th of October Yorkshire Arms in Blairgowrie handed out prizes to four singers at a fun-filled karaoke competition. The evening was hosted by Liz Matthysen of Pink Panther, who made sure that the entrants, their friends and bar regulars had a good time from the start of the competition.



Kicking off at 8pm, the eight entrants each sang a few 'warm-up' songs to get their vocal chords ready for the big show-down.

"Competitors' ages ranged from 20 to 70," said Liz. "And songs ranged from Frank Sinatra to Metallica."

Entrants were each required to pay R50, which was collected as a prize award for the first-place winner.

Audience appreciation was amazing and everyone displayed their enjoyment through loud clapping, whistling and screaming.

Prize-giving

Fourth place went to Kyle Tim who sang a lovely rendition of Hotel California by The Eagles. The audience encouraged him by energetically singing along.

Third Prize was awarded to Christy Nicky for her version of Annie Lennox's Little Bird - her soulful voice challenged many to keep a dry eye.

Second Prize went to Chris Campbell who belted out Tribute by Tenacious D - a good singer with an enthusiastic and dramatic stage presence.

The overall winner of the evening was Morgan Roddy who charmed judges with Live's Lightning Crashes, and got to walk away with the generous cash-prize of R900.

According to Liz, "Like any singing competition, we had talents galore! I just love them all and believe me, they all sang well."

The judges consisted of randomly chosen members of the audience scattered around the room. Prizes were sponsored by Yorkshire Arms and SA Breweries, and the evening was organised by the pub owners, Karin and Tony.

Ending off

After the prize-giving, the floor was opened to anyone at Yorkshire Arms to try their hand at singing. I even got up to do a Grease Mega-Mix duet with second-place winner, Chris. Fun was had by all, and the crowd only began petering out well after midnight.

Long live karaoke!

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