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#### **Silverstar hosts Educator Buzz for chess teachers**

Learning chess takes focus and concentration, knowledge, understanding, and lots of practice – which means that teaching chess takes all that – together with a great deal of patience and many more skills. Recognising the great value that teachers deliver to Moves for Life Chess learners, the programme (<https://www.tsogosun.com/citizenship/community/sport/chess>) recently hosted Educator Buzz events for participating schools sponsored by Tsogo Sun properties.

Recently the first Educator Buzz event was sponsored by Silverstar (<https://www.tsogosun.com/silverstar-casino>) for 123 foundation phase educators from eight local Mogale City primary schools that participate in the chess programme – Mashudu, Avante, Randfontein, Nooitgedacht 88, Mohlakano, Paardekraal, Hartzstraat, and FJL Wells.

Anneke Potgieter, Director of Operations and GM of Silverstar, explains, “In addition to the ongoing educator training programme, the Educator Buzz events aim to empower, encourage, and uplift the chess educators, motivating them for the school year ahead, and helping them explore new ideas to keep education alive and exciting. They are also a great opportunity for the educators to interact with one another and to exchange ideas and success stories.”

The Educator Buzz event, held at Silverstar, included a short presentation by Moves for Life followed by a series of activities, games, competitions, and discussion sessions – which inspired much creative thinking, laughter and learning, and enthusiastic participation and interaction by the educators.

Adds Potgieter, “Silverstar has been involved in the Moves for Life chess programme with the local community since 2013 – and we are continuously impressed at the dedication, the willingness to keep learning, and the wholehearted involvement by the educators, who are contributing greatly to the learners’ skillsets through the chess programme. The Educator Buzz event was inspiring to us as much as to the educators and the programme facilitators.” She wished all the educators great success in their roles at their respective schools for 2018.

Seven of Tsogo Sun’s properties support the programme nationally in 49 schools, with 18 807 participating learners, 504 educators, and 16 tutors from local communities. The properties are Montecasino in Fourways; Gold Reef City in south Johannesburg; Silverstar on the West Rand; Mykonos on the West Coast and Garden Route Casino in Mossel Bay, both in Western Cape; Blackrock Casino in Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal; and The Ridge in Emalahleni in Mpumalanga.