



# Elkhart Lake: "A Couples Weekend to Remember"

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Those couples who were not in attendance at last fall's Couples Weekend may have missed the best event ever! Superintendents and vendors I've run into are still talking about how much fun they had in Elkhart Lake. And how about Joe and Patty Deschler, claiming their first Mr. and Mrs. Mow title. Wow!

The weekend kicked off on Friday night with the vendor hospitality room at the Victorian Village Resort in Elkhart Lake. Pat and Debbie Staehler along with Bill and Joyce Vogel of Spring Valley Turf Products hosted the vendor-sponsored event. Drinks, enough hors d'oeuvres to feed an army and a lot of good conversation helped to get the weekend kicked off.

Tom and Lynn Wiese, owners of Quit-Qui-Oc Golf Club, along with superintendent Troy Conrad,



Vendor Hosts Bill and Joyce Vogel.

played hosts for this year's golf event. The Wieses' were very gracious in allowing our 19 couples to play the new Glacial Nine. Troy and his staff had the golf course in excellent condition. With the natural glacial outcroppings and



Vendor Hosts Pat and Debbie Staehler.

scenic views, this is a definite must see! True to tradition, the couples had a few challenges such as long drive using the opposite club, longest putt with a pool stick or my son Hunter's rather short putter and longest putt with a two handed pendulum putter.

After the couples were all rounded up, Joe and Patty Deschler emerged as the champions of the coveted Mr. and Mrs. Mow traveling trophy and title. Joe claimed that Mark and Bonnie Grundman somehow fudged the scorecard. But after interviewing those involved, it was clear that both Joe and Patty had brought their "A" game! Congratulations!

On Saturday evening, everyone gathered back at the Victorian Village Resort for their choice of Prime Rib, Sea Bass or Chicken dinners. Commemorative frames with photos of the couples taken earlier at the golf course along with WGCSA embroidered club bags were presented to each of the couples. Also, in response to the very generous donations from the



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vendors, Bill Vogel and Pat Staehler did some shopping! Door prizes were drawn, with each couple receiving a very nice gift. The very talented "Menagerie" entertained our group as we danced the night away. If I'm not mistaken, it was one of the few times I've seen just about all the couples stay to the last set! Everyone loved the band and the special guest appearances! (see photos) While the band was on break, Pat drew the ticket for the grand prize of a 32" Color TV. Guess who! For the Deschlers, it was their lucky day!

Special thanks go to Pat and Debbie Staehler, Bill and Joyce Vogel and their staff for all their hard work in helping to organize and host the weekend events. Special thanks also to Tom and Lynn Wiese and their staff for providing a wonderful golf experience. And last but not least, thank you to our wives and significant others for a special weekend away from our own courses.

Plans for the 2003 Couples Weekend are well underway with host Scott and Melissa Sann offering the event at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau. We hope to see you all there! 🌿



WGCSA Couples, "gettin' down!"



Mr. & Mrs. Mow-Joe and Patty Deschler with their new 32" color television.



"Menagerie" with special guests Janell Johnson, (center right) and Dawn Lyons, (center left) aka "Spark Plug".

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