

## Couples Weekend at Fox Valley GC

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The first cold temperatures of fall  $oldsymbol{\perp}$  could not dampen the mood of the attendees at this year's couple's weekend. Old friends and new acquaintances gathered at the Lazy Dog Sports Bar in Kaukauna, WI on Friday evening October 2nd. The hospitality gathering has been a long time favorite of the attendees. This vear 12 Affiliate Companies were again gracious enough to sponsor the first evening's activities. Great conversation, a fearsome game of "spoons", and several memorable renditions of Karaoke made for many laughs throughout the evening.

Saturday's weather was cloudy and cool, but we were still excited to play golf. Fox Valley GC lies just west of Kaukauna in the still rural and gently rolling farm country. The first golf layout was a nine hole course in Combined Locks which opened in 1946. In 1966 the club moved to its present location. Today's 18 hole course has underwent two separate renovations by Lohmnann Golf Designs which included work to green banks, bunkers and tee additions.

Some of the participants warmed up on the driving range but the majority of us cheered the Badgers football team and planned our strategies for the round from the confines of the clubhouse. Our hosts Scott Bushman and his wife Lisa left the field in the dust with an impressive score of 39. I was witness to Scott's almost always straight and long drives and Lisa's remarkable putting. In fact, she was able to sink her first putt of the day from 25 feet, and then started to play even better! My wife and I did not fare nearly as well on the scorecard but had a great time playing with the eventual cham-



Hosts and winners of the coveted Mr. and Mrs. Mow Trophy, Scott and Lisa Bushman

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pions. The course conditions were fantastic with the fall colors enhancing a very scenic and manicured golf course.

After golf we met back at the clubhouse for a fantastic steak dinner with DJ entertainment and a few brave souls did some dancing. Hostess Lisa Bushman was gracious enough to create several themed gift baskets which were awarded in a raffle. The flag event winners were Scott Bushman (long drive, closest to pin), Bev Quast (long drive-women, closest from off the green), Karen Kienert. (farthest from pin on the green) and Cheryl Schmidt (closest to pin-

women) The highly coveted Mr. and Mrs. Mow travelling trophy was awarded to our hosts Scott and Lisa Bushman with Tim and Jessica Schmidt taking second with a very respectable score of 44. Greg and Lynn Kallenberg finished third just a stroke back at 45.

Please consider attending next fall's couples outing! We have already secured Saddle Ridge GC in Portage on October 8th and 9th, please mark your calendars. Those that attend always have fun and it is great for our spouses to spend some time together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

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