

Food, Fun and Friends at the Couples Outing

By Brett Grams, WGCSA Chapter Manager

The annual couples weekend was held Oct 7th and 8th in Minocqua. Near record high temperatures, fair skies and the beautiful fall foliage made the longer travel to the Northwood's of Wisconsin pleasurable Friday afternoon.

Friday evening was a simple hospitality gathering at the AmericInn Hotel in downtown Minocqua. Thanks to the generous support of the Company Members we were able to cater in some excellent appetizers, sandwiches, and deserts for Friday evening. The reception is always a great way to see old friends meet new members and their spouses. Like in past years the ladies were able to play cards and join in the laughter. A special thank you to Dean Musbach and John Jensen of Reinders who helped with bartending and hosting the Friday evening gathering.

Saturday morning was a bit cooler but still a fantastic day for fall golf. This year's event was again a 9 hole couples alternate shot format at the Minocqua CC. Host superintendent Bill Stein and his staff had the course in excellent condition for the very last event of the season for the club. My wife and I had an enjoyable round as we

were paired with Asst. Superintendent Andy Brownlow. I wish we could have used all of the "inside knowledge" that Andy provided during the round to improve our score.

It has been approximately 10 years since Minocqua CC was completely renovated from a 9 hole to 18 hole championship layout. Ron Garl was the architect for the renovation and utilized the beautiful trees, sandy soil, and hilly topography to make an impressive but fair course. Minocqua CC is a private club with a shorter season than most Wisconsin courses and is a combination of a modern and challenging course and the tradition of the nostalgic clubhouse which has the feel of the old Northwoods.

The results of the fun event were impressive and close. This year winners were 1st, 3rd, and 5th place receiving pro shop credit. Winners of this year's Mr. and Mrs. Mow traveling trophy was Jeff and Nicole Millies with a score of 43. Taking second was Mark and Karen Kienert (score card playoff), 3rd place winner was Jay Pritzl & Heidi Karns with scores of 44. Fourth place was Steve & Cheryl Schmidt (45), and 5th place winner were Greg & Lynn Kallenberg (46). The rest of the field had fun and were fairly close behind except for my wife and I who finished dead last with a 55 but still had a great time!

Participation was up from last year but we hope to grow the numbers even more. If you have never attended the event before or have skipped several years please join us next year! You do not have to be a good golfer to enjoy this relaxing event and we have condensed things to just Friday evening and Saturday. Pencil the dates of October 5th and 6th, 2012 when our host will be defending champions Jeff and Nicole Millies at Edgewood Golf Course in Big Bend, WI.



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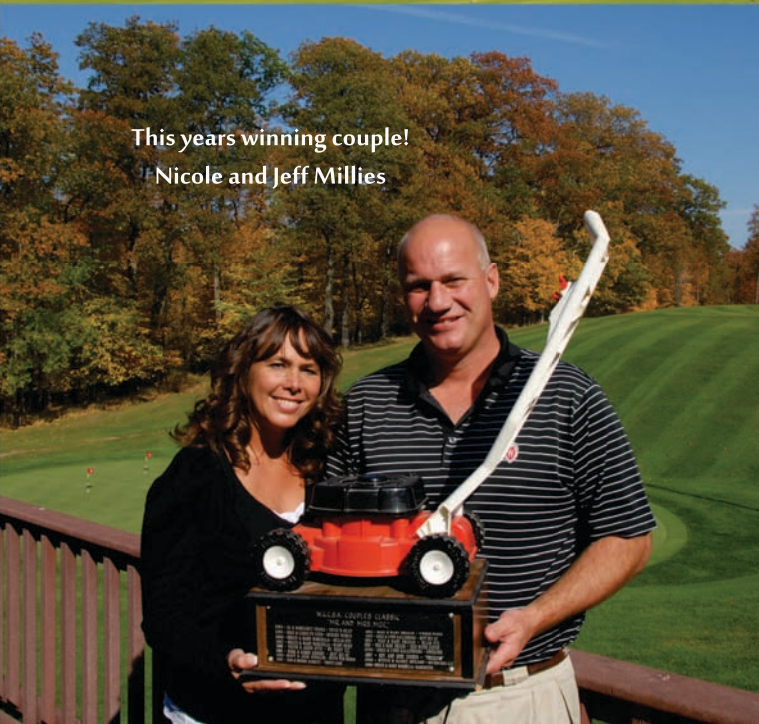
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This years winning couple!
Nicole and Jeff Millies



Thanks to our hosts (below)
Michelle and Bill Stein!

