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A FUN NIGHT

Men lose again. Is the record for them 2 and 88?

Tonight, the team got together with their significant others for a night of good food, wonderful fellowship, fun darts and a chance to renew old friendships. This was the first dinner we've been able to have since February 2020. After dinner the games began. The first game consisted of men and women on both teams. The wife was on 1 team and the respective husband sat opposite her, with boy/girl in alternating chairs. The second game consisted of the women on one team and the men on the other. The men had to shoot with the hand opposite the one they normally shoot with. The teams were named Team Carol and Team Rod. Team Rod won the 1st game and Team Carol won the second.

Game Re-caps

Game 1: Team Rod won this game 5-3. Team Carol started the scoring in this game, during the top of the 4th inning. Kathy led off the inning with a Home Run, to take a 1 run lead. During the bottom half of that inning, Team Rod responded with 2 runs of their own. John got a single and came home on Rick's triple. Rick scored when Ken hit the single. Team Carol tied the game up in the 7th inning when another home run hitter came up to bat. Jan got the dinger tying the game at 2 apiece. However, team Rod was not to be out done as they took a 2-run lead in the bottom of that inning. John and Rick combined to get the 1st run. John led off with a single and Rick brought him home with the triple. The second run came in off of Rod's single. The top of the next inning had Ed lead off with a single for team Carol. Kathy brought him home to bring team Carol within one run at 3-4. But team Rod was not done. In the 10th inning Rick led off with a single and scored when Ken hit a triple. Ending the game at 5-3. (Note: extra innings were necessary to have everyone get the same number of AB's. *Box score: Team Rod, 5 runs on 12 hits; Team Carol 3 runs on 6 hits.*

Game 2: Team Carol won this game 1-0. Not much action in this game. Neither team scored until the top of the 8th inning, when Team Carol took a 1-0 lead. Janet led off with a triple and was brought home when Mary S. got the single. Prior to that team Carol managed only 2 hits. A triple by Mary. S. and a 2-base single by Mary M. Meanwhile, Team Rod was scuffling trying to get a run in. They had lots of opportunities, as they put a runner on in every inning from the 2nd through the 7th. They had a lot of near misses (and some not so near) on the triple, but as usual the men fell to the women once again. *Box Score: Team Carol: 1 run on 4 hits; Team Rod; 0 runs on 6 hits.*

Player of Night

It is always difficult to name the player of the night, when playing the spouses, so I decided to do two categories, one for the men and one for the women.

Ken is the player of the night for the men. He hit at a 0.556 clip which was 5 hits in 9 at bats. He almost hit for the cycle as he hit 3 singles, a double and a triple (He came close to hitting the homer in the 2nd game. Ken also drove in 2 runs.

There was a tie for the women. Kathy, Mary M. and Mary S. each had 2 hits in 9 At Bats, which is a 0.222 average. Kathy had a double and a Home Run, driving in 2 runs. Mary M. had 2 singles, one of which was a 2-base single and Mary S. had a single and a triple, driving in the game winning run in the 2nd game.

Home Run Derby

As is the norm, we finished the night with a home run derby. Every one who participates through a quarter into the kitty, and gets 6 chances at hitting the home run. In the 1st round Ed and Rick each hit a home run. Since it is 2-tie all tie, everyone throughs in another quarter and tries again. This time Jim was the only one who got a homer, and He took home the spoils.

Memorable At-Bat of the Night

There are several memorable at bats for the night. Mary M., the rookie of the bunch, hit the single in her very first AB.

She probably wondered why, if it was so easy, did Ray complain all the time about not getting a hit.

Another Memorable at bat was Kathy's Home Run in the 4th inning of game 1. The shot was a high arcing shot that came down almost perpendicular to the board, and was nestled next to the wire.

The 3^d memorable at bat was Jan's Home run in the 6th inning of the 1st game. Hers was almost dead center in the diamond.

Statistics

Poker Hands won by: Janet, Janet, Rick and Ed.

Game winning hits by: Rod and Mary S.

Manager's Musings

I always look forward to this night. I find it to be a fun and enjoyable evening, and I hope all of the participants enjoyed themselves. The food was delicious and the desserts were exceptional, as usual. I am afraid to weigh myself, as I ate way too much.

A special Thank You to all of you, especially the wives, for the wonderful food and the great friendships that were on display last night.

To those of you who were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you at this special night next year.