

## DSSD's Konya Loses to Her Husband in Golf Final

At least one person in the Konya household would be part of the two-person Census Golf League championship.

While her husband, Matt, had been part of the Census Golf League for several years, **Sarah Konya** (Decennial Statistical Studies Division) decided to join the league this year. Matt had an established partner in Dave Adams (Demographic Surveys Division), so Sarah teamed up with Kim Wortman (Demographic Surveys Division).



**Matt Konya, Sarah Konya, Kim Wortman, and Dave Adams played in the Census Golf Club's championship.**

The two women earned the sixth seed in the 16-team league playoffs at Enterprise Golf Course in Mitchellville, Maryland. They advanced to the final match in early September, only to face the team of Matt Konya (Demographic Statistical Methods Division) and Adams. The two men beat the women to win their second title in four seasons.



“I did not particularly enjoy playing my husband in the championship because we are both very competitive,” said Sarah Konya, who is Chief of the Census Testing and Implementation Branch. “Obviously, we’re ‘teammates’ in life, and I didn’t like the idea that one of us would walk away victorious and the other person would face defeat. There was a little bit of trash-talking before the match, but that was kept to a minimum.”

Konya said she was happy to team up with Wortman this year because of their shared love of snacks.

“She and I both enjoyed planning our menu for the matches each week,” Konya said. “I think snacking while socializing helped me relax and play well. Unfortunately, I crumbled under the pressure during the championship match [plus Dave had an amazing round!]”

Other Census Golf Club champions included Adams teaming up with Jeff Smith to win the Four-Ball Tournament, and Bill Ricciardi (Economic Statistical Methods Division) winning five straight matches to take home the Director’s Cup.

The Men’s Club Championship is down to the finals between 15-time champion **Jack Leidich** (Decennial Contracts Execution Office) and Ryan Grube (Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division). The final match ended in a tie at Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia, so the



**Srenivas Gogulap, Cathy Ayoob, Curtis Myhand, Frank Fisiorek, and Justin Alston on the green.**

two still have to play a tiebreaking match. The two met in the 2015 finals, with Leidich winning. Leidich has placed first or second every year except once (2006) since 1997.

Leidich also teamed up with Adley Kloth (Information Systems Support and Review Office) to win a Maryland State Golf Association two-player mixed partners tournament at Hillendale Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland, on September 8.

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Directorate team of **David Chafin, Doug Curtner, Tami Curtner, and Curtis Myhand** placed second in the Census Golf League’s final outing of the year on October 19 at Oak Creek Golf Club in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A team from the IT Directorate (featuring Roy Ashley, Ken Boyd, Tina Severson, and Darrin Stolba) placed first. Leidich had the individual low score of the day with a 76. Cathy Ayoob (Applications Development and Services Division) followed with an 80, and **Brian Beck** (Decennial IT Division) and Don Dalzell each shot an 82. **Chip Tyler** and **Trong Bui**, both of the Decennial Contracts Execution Office, earned closest-to-the-pin awards.

**Soheil Jahed, Ricky Ruiz,** and Beck (all from the Decennial IT Division) teamed with Adams to win the Census Golf Club’s four-person, two-net best-ball outing at The Timbers at Troy in Elkridge, Maryland, on August 28.

To find out more about the Census Golf Club, go to <http://censusgolf.org>.



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