

From the Kitsap Sun. Not sure of the date. (A link was emailed to your webmaster on January 27, 2010. Rather than insert a link to the Kitsap Sun that would eventually no longer work, I am inserting this article as a pdf file.) Felicia King is WSWPLA trophy chairman. She lives on the course at Whitehorse and if any of you have played in Whitehorse events you would have been invited to her house after the round. She invites everyone, the etiquette perfect guest, the ill-mannered, the inebriated, the tee totalers. If you don't know Felicia you should introduce yourself soon!

Felicia King described it as "pretty amazing." Larry Hurley called it "pretty unusual." Darryl Dawkins, a former NBA player who claimed to be an alien from the planet Lovetron, would have described it as "a double dip on a single trip." King and Hurley, a pair of passionate golfers from Kingston, defied the odds on Sunday when both scored hole-in-ones at the Westin Mission Hills — a Pete Dye-designed resort course in Palm Desert, Calif.

It was the perfect ending to a golf vacation that didn't get off to the best start because of the torrential downpour that hit the Palm Desert-area earlier in the week.

"It didn't look like we were going to get much golf in," Hurley said. "But Sunday was beautiful." Of course, knocking in a pair of aces while playing together with friends Taryn and John Hutchins of Spokane only added to the pleasure of the longtime engaged couple.

Making it even better, Hurley's hole-in-one — the second of his career — came just after entering a hole-in-one contest on the par-3, 177-yard, No. 3 hole. It was a fundraiser for junior golf.

Hurley's prize? Two tickets to the June 14-20 U.S. Open at storied Pebble Beach.

"None of us could believe it," King said of the double aces.

And none of the people at the course had heard of anything like it.

"Believe it or not, a couple from your area actually had holes-in-one in the same round at our course," said Paul Cox from Mission Hills.

King has submitted the information to Golf Digest, which has tracked "acer odds" since the 1950s and has come up with some pretty interesting numbers.

The odds of an average player getting an ace is 12,000 to 1.

The odds of two players from the same foursome acing the the same hole is 17 million to 1.

What King and Hurley did falls somewhere in between.

King waited until hole No. 16 to get her ace, which was her first. The yardage was 111 yards and she hit a 7 iron.

"His was a beautiful shot," King said. "It landed on the green and just rolled in the hole. Mine was not as pretty. I kind of hit it thin. It took a couple of bounces hit the flag stick. It was kind of hot."

But like her fiancé's shot, it ended up in the bottom of the cup.

"It was exciting," she said. "Even today I can't believe it happened."

Both were back at work on Monday. King, 45, is the chief financial officer at Applied Technical Systems in Silverdale. Hurley, 53, is part of the Bremerton accounting firm: Hurley, Williams, Schuessler, Cook, and Bryan.

They live at the White Horse Golf Community. Hurley carries a 6-handicap; King a 16.

And for the rest of their lives, they also get to carry around a pretty cool and unique golf story.