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MERCURY MILLION DOLLAR HOLE-IN-ONE SHOOTOUT SEES FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE

(5/16/11)- The Mercury Million Dollar Hole-In-One Shootout got its first big winner this weekend at South Hills Golf & Country Club. Tony Demos sunk a hole-in-one on Saturday, May 14, and as the big winner for the day, received \$100 cash and a foursome of golf with cart at one of the sponsoring golf courses. Demos also automatically qualified for his shot in the final round at Walleye Weekend.

“It is always thrilling to see someone get a hole-in-one, especially so early in the qualifying rounds,” said Mary Ann Dilling, executive director of Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. “With such great talent showing up already, the final round at Walleye Weekend will definitely be an exciting event.”

In addition to sending Demos to the final round, there was another daily qualifier who got the chance to move on to the final round. Jeff Berenz was the closest to the pin for the day at 1/16”. As the daily qualifier, Berenz won a golf package good for a foursome of golf with cart at one of the sponsoring golf courses.

Also moving onto the final round are the qualifiers from Wednesday, May 11, which kicked off with the media and sponsor shootout in the morning. Qualifiers were Gary Deitte with a shot that landed 15 7/8” away from the pin, and Tommy Fox with a shot just 6’ 1-11/16” from the pin.

After the media and sponsor shootout came to a close, the event opened to the public. Anyone hoping for their shot at qualifying could purchase a ball for \$1 or 11 balls for \$10. The qualifier for the day was Jeff Lehner at 1' 1-13/16" from the pin. On Thursday, May 12, Scott Stettbacher came closest to the pin at 8 5/8" and will be moving onto the final round.

All qualifiers at the final round will get their shot to try to sink a hole-in-one for one of three great prizes including a 2011 Buick LaCrosse CXL, 2011 Cadillac SRX and \$1,000,000 cash.

If no one sinks a hole-in-one in the final round, qualifiers still have a chance to win. The closest to the pin of all finalists will receive a Lowe Boats FM165 Deep-V Fishing Machine equipped with a Mercury 60 hp engine both provided by Mercury Marine. The second closest to the pin of all finalists will receive a Cancun Getaway for 2 including Airfare and Hotel from Travel Leaders and Funjet Vacations.

Qualifying rounds are continuing throughout the month of May and early June at Whispering Springs Golf Course, May 20, 21 and 22, The Golf Club at Camelot, May 26, 28 and 29, Rolling Meadows Golf Course, June 2, 4 and 5 and at Walleye Weekend, June 10, 11 and 12. Don't miss your chance to show off your golf skills and win some excellent prizes! For times and details and to keep up with the latest qualifiers, please visit www.iwalleyeweekend.com.

The Mercury Million Dollar Hole-In-One Shootout is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Muza Sheet Metal, Michels Corporation, Travel Leaders/Funjet Vacations, Trotter's Glen, Holiday Automotive and KFIZ/ESPN. Proceeds from the event help benefit the Blue Line Family Ice Center.

Walleye Weekend, June 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Michels Corporation, Miller Lite, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and Charter Communications. For more information please visit www.iwalleyeweekend.com.

Fond du Lac Festivals Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac area community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City and Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit almost 200 local non-profit organizations.

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