

COMMENT

Trivia, food and smelling good at a stag & doe

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A Ted Bit

This past weekend, The Sidekick dragged me out to a stag and doe. It was held for one of her co-workers, at a location in Mississauga.

I'll be honest, by the end of the week, heading out to the south end of Mississauga is not on the top of my to-do list, especially on a cold and damp night. Sitting in front of the television, until I doze off is much more appealing.

The Sidekick can be quite persuasive at times, and this was one of them. We programmed the Garmin GPS, and headed off to our social adventure for the night. We arrived at 7 p.m., on the dot. With my experience, arriving at 7 p.m. is not really cool. One should arrive fashionably late.

But not The Sidekick she might miss something. We sat at our table, with others from her office, and began our evening.

Okay, the food was good, music wasn't too loud it was actually shaping up to be an okay night. After all members of our table arrived, we had some rules for us to review. You see, this was a Trivia Stag and Doe, meaning, we were going to be playing games.

I hate games.

The Sidekick referred to me as something unmentionable, so I had to shut up and participate. The game consisted of three rounds with typical subjects like sports, music, general knowledge, history, etc. We had a pretty sharp table, I must say. We were nailing most questions.

The answers were written on a sheet, and at the end of each round, were passed over to the next table for marking. Some of the questions related to people who I had no clue about, but once in a while, there'd be a question that the rest were stumped by.

Who was a member of the Hollies who later joined CSN&Y? The rest looked at each other, some wondering who CSN&Y actually were.

Graham Nash, I said confidently.

Yesss!

And later, When was the Blue Jays best attendance year? I said 1993, but another said it was 1989, so they chose 89.

Ha ha, it was 93!
There is a certain satisfaction when your group loses the round, yet ya know you were right. The one that I closed in for the kill with was the question, What is the 15th Wedding Anniversary?

My team mates looked at each other, as they said Silver? Golden?

Crystal, I said knowingly.
I tell you, they were incredulous, but when the answers were called out and I was bang-on! It was some kinda wonderful

(I knew the 15th anniversary was Crystal because when my mom and dad celebrated theirs, friends landed in for a surprise party. The group gave my parents a large crystal Cornflower vase, and about two months later, when I had a friend over, we had a pillow fight in the living room and the vase was inadvertently broken.)

Ya don't forget things like that

At the end of the competition, our table finished second. The Sidekick was quick to point out that the first place table had 11 people, while we only had six. I said give it a rest second is pretty good.

I'll admit, I was warming up to this stag and doe thing.

At the end, they drew the silent auction items. I had tossed my tickets into the jars for guy things, and I was the lucky winner of a bottle of Calvin Klein's intense euphoria men's cologne.

(I ask ya, who thinks up these names? And there's no capitals on the name?)

Since my sense of smell has long gone, I'm always cautious about what scent I wear. The new cologne was quickly Sidekick approved and I'm now able to say I'm wearing Calvin Klein whatever that means.

All in all, it was a pretty good night. I was fed, entertained and came home smelling better than when I arrived.

And one really can't ask for more than that on a Friday night.

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