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Our 2015 Winners

Next Year's Tournament News

This year our family golf tournament was held at the Oak Hill Golf Course just North of St. Cloud. It's easily the best course our family has ever played on and it was in excellent shape. We had fog early in the morning and then lots of sun for the rest of the day.

On Saturday, Jacob's team (Jacob, Luke, Steve, Stevie) won the team day competition by three strokes. They posted a spectacular 68 on a very difficult course. The team simply "clicked." When three of them had poor shots, the fourth one saved the hole. They had two chip-in eagles, one of them by little Stevie.

Roger's team (Roger, Kathy, Michelle, Brock) shot a one-under round (three strokes over Jacob's team). While it looked close, it really wasn't. Brock simply carried the team. The overwhelming majority of the recorded shots were made by Brock. Had Brock not been there, there's no telling how high the team score would have been.

During Saturday's team day, we had our three contests: Longest drive, Closest to the pin, and longest putt. The longest drive was won by Megan. Seems the other long ball hitters went into "pride overdrive" and sprayed their balls into the trees. (You have to be in the fairway in order to qualify for the longest drive.) The closest to the pin was won by Tony and the longest putt was won by Megan.

The last few years we've given a prize for the most improved. This year it went again to Daniel. Danny has improved a lot over the last few years and he's now



Congratulations to both Megan and Jacob, 2015 Family Golf Champions

at the point where he'll have a hard time improving his game enough to win the prize again.

On Sunday, Megan and Michelle had a see-saw battle. Megan had a good 1st nine, finishing 5 strokes better than Michelle. On the back nine, Michelle finished 5 strokes better than Megan. They ended the tournament in a tie. Since it can't end in a tie, we had to use our tie-breaker system. We looked at who had the best score on the number 1 handicap hole (#17). Megan had the better score and won the women's trophy for 2015.

This year marked the return of Kathy and the debut of Laura and Katelyn. It was the first time for both Laura and Katelyn, yet they did well enough that they could challenge both Megan and Michelle next year.

On Sunday, the battle on the men's side was essentially between Brock, Jacob, and Art. At the end of nine holes, all

Roger and Art will host next year's Cruze Family Golf Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for the weekend of July 30th and 31st.

Next year's family golf tournament will be played at the Koronis Hills Golf Course in Paynesville. The last time we held our tournament there was in 2008.

It's a much easier course than Oak Hill and the winning score will probably be in the low 80's. While the front nine is fairly open, the back nine is "tree lined."

The most unnerving hole is #17. It's only a par three, but it's down hill, just behind a pond, and surrounded by trees. If your ball isn't on the green, you'll find it either in the water or in the trees.

three were within 1 stroke of each other. However, it didn't go that way on the back nine. It wasn't close at all. Jacob was consistent but had a bad hole on the 15th. Art kept pace with Jacob until the 14th hole. When it was over, Jacob posted a 48 for the back nine and Art posted a 53. Brock, on the other hand, recorded four pars and a birdie on the back nine to finish in a class by himself.

While Jacob went on to win the men's tournament, the general consensus is that Brock will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Confronted with the obvious, Jacob simply said, "We'll see."

How much control does Brock have over the ball? Well, on the 13th hole (a narrow par 4, 303 yards), he hit a monster drive and placed his ball just short of the green. From there, it was an easy par.

Staff Writer

News on the back swing



If everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.



Why is it twice as hard to hit a ball over water than over sand?



We should have a prize for "Best Dressed."

In our "Missed it by that much" department, we have:



A special thanks to Pat and Kathy for hosting this year's family golf tournament and family food fest.



Note to self:
When the ball looks like it's getting bigger, it means that it's coming at you.



Today, I had flashes of average.

Yes, it finally went in.

2015

Women's Standings

1. Megan
2. Michelle
3. Katelyn
4. Kathy

Men's Standings

1. Brock
2. Jacob
3. Art
4. Greg
5. Pat
6. Roger
7. Brian
8. Steve R.
9. Derrick
10. Daniel
11. Tony

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. Can't put it down.



Patrick John Tony Brian



Tony won the prize for Closest to the pin.



Anticipation!



The Saturday team prize was won by Jacob, Luke, Steve, and little Stevie.



Our newest Cruze newbie



Practicing his looking for golf balls.



Megan won the prize for longest drive and longest putt.



King bell for service. If there's no answer, do it yourself.

A quick overview of our performance:

Here's the breakdown on how well we have done.

Number		Pct 2015	Pct 2014	Pct 2013	Pct 2012	Pct 2011	Pct 2010	Pct 2009
1	Birdie	1.1	0.5	1.1	.6	.9	.4	.3
17	Pars	10.0	7.9	10.5	7.8	7.4	6.7	6.6
62	Bogies	22.2	28.7	27.7	22.8	27.3	24.1	20.5
59	Double Bogies	20.4	27.3	25.8	28.3	31.9	29.3	28.8
52	Triple Bogies	23.0	24.1	19.5	26.1	16.2	17.8	17.0
25	Others (higher)	23.3	11.6	15.4	14.4	16.2	21.9	26.7



The motley crew.

Black holes are where God divided by zero.



I'm out!



It sure feels good when I win.



Greg slowly grinds Art down!



Future photographer

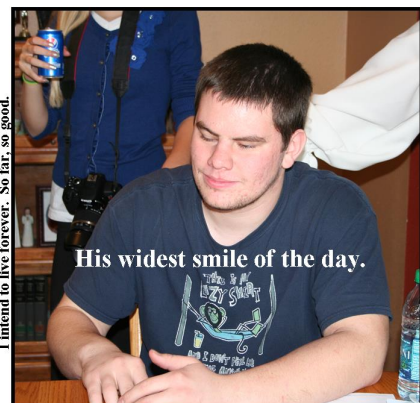


Greg won the 2016 Cruze Family Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Mike won the best dressed pirate costume contest



Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.



I intend to live forever. So far, so good.

His widest smile of the day.

The theme for the Friday July 29th 2016 poker tournament has not been decided yet. Art & Roger are deciding between a "Back to the '50's" theme and a "Be a clown" theme. Help us decide. Send an email to (or simply call) either Art or Roger. - - Duplicate emails from the same address will be ignored. - -