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Art wins second in a row

Next Year's Tournament News

The weather for the tournament was fantastic. Both days were partly cloudy, cool, and breezy.

Sunday was a gorgeous day. The temperature topped out at 80° just about the time we were finishing the 18th hole. The breeze was just strong enough to keep the bugs down and yet light enough to not distract anyone.

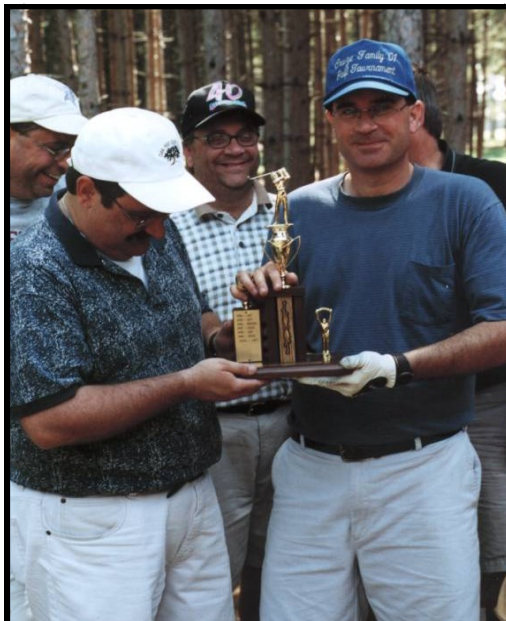
It was the kind of day that makes you feel like you are going to have your best game ever. Yet as optimistic as we were, in the back of our minds we understood the threat that Art posed. Still, somehow we knew we had a chance to win if we could just be "consistent."

But when it was all over, it was Art who won the tournament for the second time in a row and he did it with a comfortable score of 88.

His score could have been even lower if he had been able to make an easy birdie putt on the 4th green and had he been able to find his ball on the 6th hole (lost ball cost him two strokes). He could have easily have had an 85.

Greg came in a close second with a score of 95. John came in third and Roger took fourth place.

This year we presented a cap in addition to the traveling trophy. Notice in the picture that the cap is royal blue with light gold lettering. It says "Cruze Family Golf Tournament '01." It's all the proof one needs to let everyone know who's the champ.



Art is wearing the new cap

This year, the tournament fielded the largest number of players ever. Twelve players engaged their talents in their bid to win the coveted trophy and cap.

Staff writer

Patrick has already taken on the task of hosting next year's tournament.

Reservations have already been made and the plan for the evening of entertainment is set.

The 2002 Cruze Family Golf Tournament will be held the weekend of August 10th and 11th, at the Wapicada Golf Course in Sauk Rapids, near St. Cloud.

Four tee times have been reserved. That means that only the first 16 registered players will be able to compete for the coveted traveling trophy and the Cruze Family Golf Championship cap. The 17th player will have to be on standby in case someone gets sick, doesn't wake up in time, etc.

Registration instructions will appear in the Spring 2002 Cruze Chronicle.

CNN



News on the back stroke



A quiet, out of the way, moment at the party.

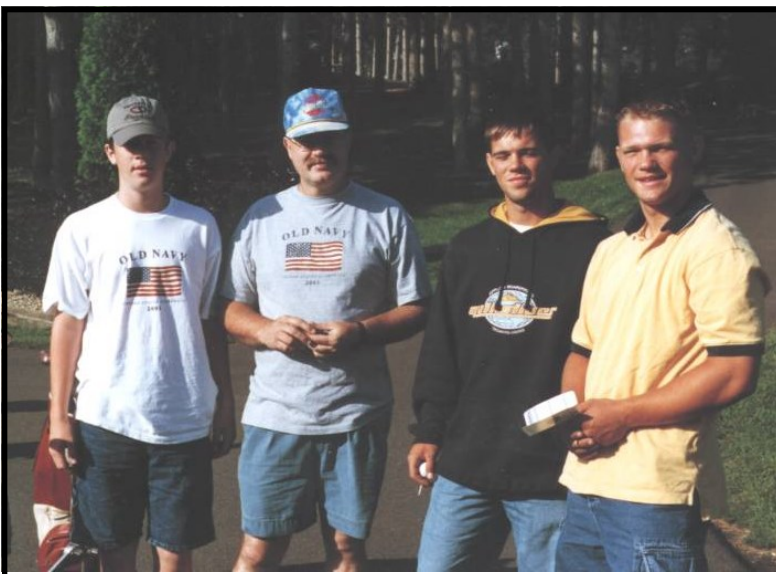
Greg faced down the BIG 40 with grace:

Greg was so unsuspecting of his surprise party that even with nine cars parked in front of his house, he only wondered why they were there—as if to say “Hmmm, that’s odd.” Even when he walked into his home (he was told that he had a telephone call) and had to duck under some of the streamers, he still didn’t understand. It was only after he saw Kari with the camcorder and all the people around the corner in the dining room that he realized what had happened and finally put it all together.

Kari had ordered twice as much pizza as we could eat. She had veggie dips, chips, fruit salads, candy & pretzel mixes, cake & ice cream, pop, and beer.

Approximately 30 people showed up to wish Greg a happy birthday. He received his share of novelty gifts, along with a couple of really nice gifts.

It was a great party and it lasted until about 8:00 (way past our bed time).



A job well done!

A final acknowledgement of the excellent job John did as tournament director.

“Kudos” to John for picking an excellent course for us to have our tournament and for confirming the reservations well in advance.

The course was beautiful, challenging, and the tee times were fabulous.

John also did an excellent job in keeping Greg from discovering anything about his surprise 40th birthday party. His perfect “misdirection” kept Greg from even suspecting that there was a surprise party. It wasn’t easy but he did it par excellence!

Thanks for a job well done!

2001 Player Standings:

1. Art Cruze
2. Greg Cruze
3. John Cruze
4. Roger Cruze
5. Patrick Cruze
6. Alex Cruze (Tied with Derrick Cruze)
8. Jacob Cruze
9. Erik Engholm
10. Shawn Cruze
11. Tony Cruze
12. Rick Cruze

The title of “Most Improved” goes to

Rick dropped nearly 30 strokes off of his last year’s score and is clearly the most improved player. He indicated that his strokes started coming down once he relaxed a little and slowed down his swing.

This year, a few of the golfers had to keep a close eye on his score because they were in danger of taking his place. As Rick finished the 18th hole, they were asking “What did he get? What did he get?” A huge sigh of relief came over their faces when they learned they were safe for another year.

This reporter figures that if Rick drops off another 15 strokes next year, there will be more than enough other players eligible for the honor of being footnoted as having the highest score.

One thing Rick can brag about is that he had the lowest cost per stroke of the whole field (\$.159), while players like Art had to endure a cost per stroke of \$.25.



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Shawn, Patrick, Derrick, Jacob