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Double Digit Distribution

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Art wins third in a row

It was a long time in coming, but he finally did it. Art won the tournament three times in a row. Congratulations on being the first to three-peat.

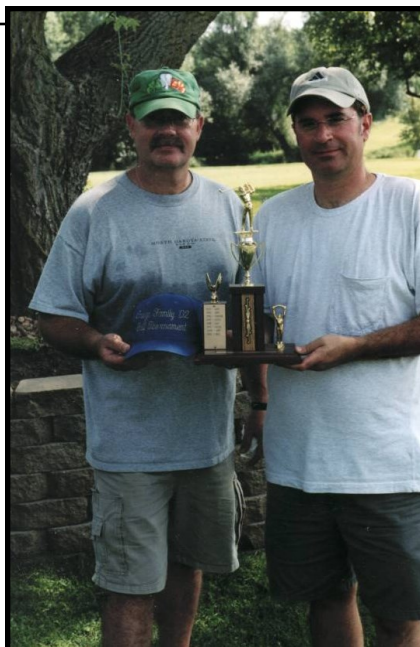
Art may have deserved getting his three-peat sooner, but in our family, you sometimes have to earn what's rightfully yours. Greg spoiled Art's efforts twice and Roger spoiled them once.

On Saturday, it looked like Art was headed for an upset. Three players were well within striking distance. The first hole set the tone for his game. He got in trouble right off the tee when he barely made it over the creek. His trouble didn't end there, witness the "13" he posted on hole #4 (par 4). He finished the day with a lackluster 100.

On Sunday the weather was wonderful with only a slight breeze. On the first hole, Art "chipped in" from about 20 yards off the green for a bogey. It was truly an amazing shot because he had to shoot through several trees onto a small corner of the green. Anyone else would have posted a triple bogey. On the second hole, he did post a triple.

Art's most amazing shot was on the 6th hole when he hit the handrail of the bridge from 200 yards. It was a line drive that broke not only the tension but also the silence with a loud "twang." The ball was not to be found.

Art gave us other chances to beat him. On the 10th hole (par 5), he was on the



Pat is holding Art's new cap

green in 3. However, after 4 putting, he had to post a disappointing "7."

When no one seized the opportunity, Art coasted to his win.



Left to right:
John, Art, Pat, Steven, Roger, Erik, Paul, Alex, Shawn, Rick

Next Year's Tournament News

Tony has agreed to host next year's tournament. As of press time, the date and location of next year's tournament is unknown.

Watch for the Spring edition of the Cruze Chronicle for the date, location, and registration instructions for the 2003 Cruze Family Golf Tournament.

Unexpected changes in the lineup:

Greg was unable to play in this year's tournament because of an ailing back. John was unable to finish the game because of a prior commitment. We missed both of you.

News on the back stroke

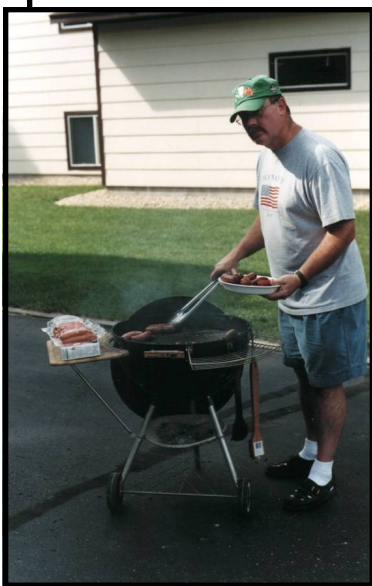


In a quiet moment, Rick demonstrated how he intimidates the ball before he swings.

A Cruze Believe it or not:

This year Roger set a record that few will ever be able to match. On the sixth hole he hit his ball into a tree which was slightly in front of the tee box. The ball ricocheted off a branch and went straight up into the air and then came straight down and hit the cart path just in front of the tee box.

It bounced up almost as high as the first time and then came down and hit the cart path almost exactly where it hit the first time. Again it bounced straight up and again it came down in almost the same spot.



Look, you don't like hairy legs, go watch Martha Stewart!

By this time the other players began counting out loud; three, four, five, six, seven, eight. By the time it bounced the eighth time, everyone had joined in with vigor except for Roger, who seemed to be thinking of other things.

Why would someone want to admit to such a record? We're not sure, but we're confident that few, if any, have had their ball hit on the cart path so many times and not go any more than 20 feet.

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And now for something totally different.

A quick glance at the layout of the course reveals how tight the fairways are.



Another job well done!

Everyone had a great time at the Saturday cook-out held at Pat & Kathy's. We had so much good food and most of us said "yes" to seconds of beer, brats, corn, salads, and desserts.

Thanks for picking a fun course for the tournament. The tee times were excellent. Everyone had a great time.

Thanks for a job well done!

2002 Player Standings:

1. Art Cruze
2. Roger Cruze
3. Shawn Cruze
4. Paul Cruze
5. Erik Engholm
6. Alex Cruze
7. Patrick Cruze
8. Rick Cruze
9. John Cruze

The title of "Most Improved" goes to

Almost everyone improved on their game from last year. However, Shawn needs to be recognized as the one who improved the most. Shawn shaved off 13 strokes from last year's game when he posted a tournament score of 109.

Clearly, the most improved part of his game was his driving from the tee. Most of his drives were straight down the middle. Congratulations to Shawn.

Yet on the other hand

We also need to know that the player with the cheapest game (on a "per stroke" basis) is still Rick. For three years running, Rick has maintained a firm grip on his title of being the cheapest golfer of the family. When he posted his tournament score of 135, he again locked in the lowest per stroke cost, this time at \$.2852.

Because of Rick's dramatic drop in strokes last year, several players had to watch his score this year. They had to know how he was doing because of the ever present danger that they might take Rick's hard earned title away from him.