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## Willmar Revisited

### 10th annual tournament is set for July

**T**he 2003 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at Willmar's Eagle Creek golf course.

The rules for the tournament are simple - in order to win, you have to be eligible, you have to sign up, you have to show up, and you have to have the lowest score.

Only a select few are eligible to play in this tournament. If you are one of the few who are direct descendants of Carl and Leona Cruze, (or are one of their spouses) you are invited to play in this year's Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament.

Signing up for the tournament is as easy as dialing a telephone and giving your name to the tournament director. Not calling the director is the only way you can be disappointed.

The tournament begins on Saturday and ends on Sunday. The best score from Sunday's game wins the tournament. However, if Sunday's game cannot be completed, then the best score from Saturday's game wins the tournament.

Although Saturday's game is not required, it's your chance to become familiar with the course, that is, find the traps, trees, water, blind shots, and observe the pin placements.

There are no "gimmies" in this tournament and you can stop swinging only after your ball is in the cup.

The winner will be presented with a traveling trophy which will have their



View from the 16th green.

name engraved on it for all time and will receive a stylish cap with the tournament name and year on it.

A special feature of the tournament is that the player with the highest score gets to have their picture taken while presenting the trophy to the winner of the tournament. We suggest that you don't waste any strokes.

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#### Registration Instructions:

If you want to play in this year's tournament, then you need to call this year's director to get your name on the list. Telling someone else in the hopes they will remember to tell the director has not worked well in the past.

Call **Tony Cruze** at **320-231-2305** before May 10th to reserve your spot. There's no entry fee for the tournament, only "green fees", tees, and golf balls. Miss the deadline and you'll miss the tournament.



Staff writer

**T**he tenth annual Cruze Family Invitational Golf tournament is scheduled to be held the weekend of July 19th & 20th.

The long awaited return of the tournament to Willmar is about to happen. The course was exciting when we played it years ago and it promises to be nothing less than exciting this year.

Eagle Creek's front nine is almost wide open so if you need a few "warm up" holes to get your swing down pat, its layout will certainly help you. However, once you get to the back nine, you'd better have your swing grooved because its trees and bunkers will quickly take the careless out of the game. You'll need to be much more accurate on the back nine.

Special note: Although the 16th hole is only a par 3, it has a particularly difficult tee shot. From the tee, you can see the road that runs along the left (and is out of bounds), the creek that crosses the fairway roughly 25 yards in front of the hole, the water on the right of the green, and the bunkers on the left and in front of the green. This is a tough one to look at.

If the scores are close on tournament day, the 16th hole promises to set up well for some exciting competition. The question will come down to who will go for the green and who will choose to play it safe? If you make the wrong choice it could cost you one or two strokes and the game.



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**Par 4 11th hole at Eagle Creek**

At the right is the view from the 11th tee box. Although it's a short hole, danger lies just out of sight for the unsuspecting.

The tee box is elevated about 25 feet above the fairway so the average golfer can expect to get a little extra distance out of their drive. However, unless the ball is kept straight at the hole, that extra distance will simply put the ball farther into the creek on the left, or farther into the trees on the right.

The fairway looks so inviting that most players give in to the urge to "go for the green" on their drive. It's true that if you're able to drive the ball close to the green, you'll have a real shot at a birdie or at least at a slam dunk par, however, if you miss the fairway, that "slam dunk" par could easily turn into a shaky double bogey.

This will be an interesting hole on tournament day.

For some golfers, the best wood in their bag is their pencil.



A "gimme" can be best defined as an agreement between two golfers - neither of whom can putt very well.



At left is an overhead diagram of the Eagle Creek golf course.

Although it looks like there's a lot of water on the course, there are actually only four holes where it comes into play, (the 5th, 8th, 11th, and 16th holes).

I wish I could play my normal game, just once.

**Tournament dates:**

July 19th & 20th

**Tee times:**

Start at 7:00

4 groups scheduled (16 players)

**Green fees:**

\$38 includes 1/2 cart (per round)

The course has a full service driving range and practice putting green.

The Cruze Chronicle is sent only to the children of Carl & Leona Cruze. If any of your children and/or their spouses are interested in participating in the tournament, please pass this notice on to them.



**6,342 yards**  
**Par 72**  
**3 sets of tees**