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Cold Spring here we come

The 2004 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at Cold Spring's "River Oaks" 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 or children) 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



River Oaks 1st Hole—Par 4

traveling trophy which will have their 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.

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 **Greg Cruze** at **320-685-4034** 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

11th annual tournament is set for July

The eleventh annual Cruze Family Invitational Golf tournament is scheduled to be held the weekend of July 24th and 25th.

Greg has already reserved enough tee times and carts for 20 players. The first tee time is at 10:00.

If the weekend's weather looks questionable, the tournament will continue as it has in the past. That means that Saturday will again be "heads down" serious competition.

However, if both Saturday and Sunday look good, we're going to try something new—a "best ball" tournament on Saturday. That's where each foursome plays their best shot. Each member of the winning team (the foursome with the lowest score) will be awarded a prize. There will also be a prize to whoever is "closest to the pin" on one of the par 3 holes. The prizes will probably be a sleeve of golf balls and the right to brag a little.

Players will be assigned to foursomes so that everyone has an equal chance to win. All foursomes will have both good and average players. The only condition is that every foursome has to use at least three tee shots from each player on their team.

Following last year's tournament, a few women expressed an interest in playing in the tournament. We could have as many as 4 or 5 ladies join us this year.



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A quiet view of the 16th hole

If you look carefully (and you have to look carefully), you will see Greg and Kari's backyard on the left. The 16th hole is a simple, straightaway par 4 unless you hook it into their backyard or slice it into the yard of one of their neighbors on the right. Of course, if you can't hit the ball any further than 50 yards at a time, you don't have to worry about retrieving it from someone's back yard.



This looks like a simple par 5 on the front nine. However, because it's so wide open, golfers tend to swing harder and spray their balls either to the right (out of bounds) or to the left (into the trees for an unplayable ball, if you can find it). A good idea for this hole is to just hit your normal shot and don't try for that extra 50 yards.



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.

This might look very picturesque with Bob's reflection in the water and all, however, you need to know first that this is a simple 150 yard par 3. Secondly, you need to know that Bob only hit his ball 85 yards off the tee. His ball hit right at the water line and bounced forward to where you see it. Had he hit the ball a foot shorter, he would have been hitting "3" and would not have been thinking in such picturesque terms.



The 9th hole is a good finishing hole for the front nine. It teases you with a lot of water on the right and a heavily sloping green. If you do well on this hole, it will build up your confidence for the back nine. However, if you put your ball in the water and then 4 putt the green, you will begin to wonder if you're even up to playing the back nine.

Tournament dates: July 24th and 25th
Tee times: First tee time is at 10:00
Groups reserved: 5 groups scheduled (20 players)
Green fees: \$38 includes 1/2 cart (per round)

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