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## It wasn't even close!

## Next Year's Tournament News

**O**ur first annual "Best Ball" tournament was a huge success. Everyone loved it and asked to do it again next year.

The winners of this year's "Best Ball" tournament were Bob, Tony, Pat, and Jacob. It was one of those wins where everything "clicked" for them. When they needed a good shot, one of them stepped up to the plate and delivered it. Congratulations!

This year, we had 20 golfers in the Cruze Family Golf tournament and, for the first time, two were women.

Three women had signed up to play. However, Elizabeth had to withdraw because her baby wasn't feeling well. She was heavily favored to win the women's division.

Everyone felt sorry that Elizabeth's baby wasn't feeling well. But, you could sense the relief of Kathy and Dawn when they learned that Elizabeth wouldn't be playing on Sunday.

Both Kathy and Dawn got their taste of tournament stress. Like the rest of us, they worried about all of their bad strokes and if they still had a chance to win. However, by the end of the game, they were separated by only two strokes. Kathy held on to be the first to win the trophy for the women's division. Congratulations!

Everyone wanted to play well enough to unseat Art from his throne. But that was going to be difficult because anyone who has played with Art knows that when he gets into his "zone" he can score phenomenally well.



### And the winner is .....

When Art started playing on Sunday he was anywhere but in his zone. Brian shook him up on the front nine by staying even with him (both shot a 44).

As Art tells it, "I finally got into Brian's head on the 9th hole and that's when his wheels came off." Once Art got ahead, he slipped into his zone and coasted to an 83.

Some of us improved quite a bit from last year. Here's a short list of the shining stars.

The following improved the most.

Player	improved by	% improved
Paul	22 strokes	19.0 %
Art	14 strokes	14.4%
Rick	24 strokes	14.4%
Erik	17 strokes	13.7%
Jacob	18 strokes	13.5%

It will be interesting to see if they can maintain their improvement game next year. Stay tuned.

Staff writer

**R**ick has agreed to host the 2005 tournament. He is already making arrangements to hold it at Whispering Pines (just East of Annandale).

Annandale is roughly 30 miles East of Paynesville on Highway 55. The course is less than 1/2 north of highway 55 (between Annandale and Maple Lake) on Wright County Road #6. It has a driving range and a putting green.

The course is relatively new and several of the holes are still forgiving for those who "spray" their shots.

There's already a group of players planning on playing the course before the end of this year.

The tournament will likely be held the last weekend of July. Watch for further announcements in the Spring edition of the 2005 Cruze Chronicle.

### A quick overview of our performance:

Considering only the seasoned players, 16 golfers played 288 holes.

Here's the breakdown on how we did.

1 Birdie	0.3% (John)
45 Pars	15.6%
66 Bogies	22.9%
70 Double Bogies	24.3%
106 Others (higher)	36.8%

Guess that says it all.

# News on the back stroke

## 2004 Player Standings:

1. Art
2. Paul
3. Greg
4. Roger
5. John
6. Brian
7. Pat
8. Eric
9. Tony
10. Steve
11. Derrick
12. Shawn
13. Jake
14. Bob
15. Jeremy
16. Rick
17. Kathy
18. Dawn

### Special thanks to both Kari and Greg!

Both of you did a wonderful job in preparing dinner for everyone. Everyone ate until it hurt.

Greg & Kari hosted two parties: a wedding shower and a dinner for golf tournament players. More than two dozen people enjoyed hamburgers, brats, wieners, salads, pop, and dessert.

Thanks for a job well done!



Andrew learns to never criticize Art's game



The two winners: Art won the overall family tournament. Kathy won the women's division.



Just a few of the group.

### Special note on our tie breaker rules:

A few years ago, we instituted a tie breaking process. If two or more players come in with the same score, the following tie breaker system will be used to rank them and determine the winner of the tournament.

Whoever had the lowest score on the #1 handicap hole wins the tie breaker. If both tied on the #1 handicap hole, then we look at who won the #2 handicap hole—and so on, until there's a winner.



Seems that a few didn't get their fill of competition on the course.



Bob, Tony, Pat, Jacob  
The winning team for Saturday's "Best Ball"