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Whispering Pines calls

12th annual tournament is set for July

The 2005 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at Whispering Pines 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 traveling trophy which will have their



18th hole—Par 3

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 **Rick Cruze** at **320-243-4797** 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

The twelfth annual Cruze Family Invitational Golf tournament is scheduled to be held the weekend of July 30th and 31st.

The tournament will be held at the Whispering Pines golf course on the East side of Annandale. Annandale is roughly 30 miles East of Paynesville on Highway 55. The course is approximately ½ mile north of highway 55 on Wright County Road #6. It has a driving range and a putting green.

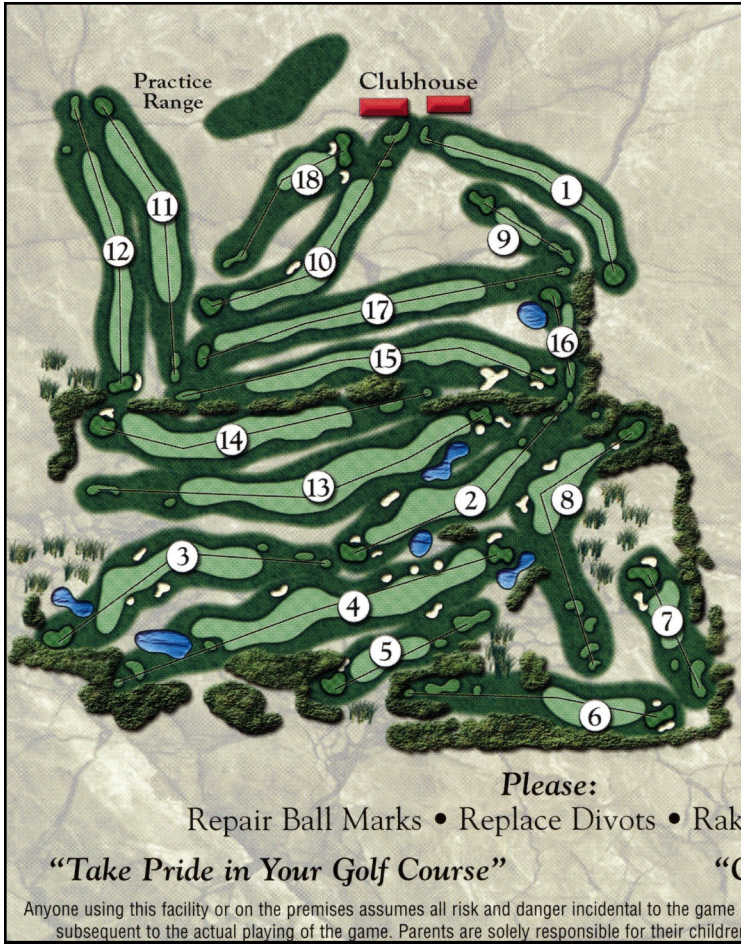
The course is relatively new and several of the holes are still forgiving for those who "spray" their shots. A few of the holes require a long drive in order to get past unplayable conditions. For those who aren't able to hit the ball very far, there are drop areas on the other side of the trouble areas.

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 have 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 may be other prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. The prizes also come with all the bragging rights.



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A crash course on Whispering Pines

The **first hole** is fairly easy to play. It may actually play about 15 yards less than what the card says.

The **second hole** is tough to find if you've never played the course before. Just follow the road and be patient.

The **third hole** has trouble on the left (you really don't want to go there) and it has water in front of the green. If you get into trouble on the left, count on losing at least one stroke.

The **sixth hole** has roughly 150 yards of swamp between the tee and the fairway landing area. If you don't make it, there's a drop area. Probably a third of us will have to use the drop area.

The **eighth hole** has close to 180 yards of swamp between the tee and the fairway landing area (also has a drop area for those who don't make it). Probably more than half of us will be using the drop area. Once you're in the fairway, you still have to shoot to a narrow, elevated green. Par will be a good score on this hole. Be patient getting to the **ninth hole**—it's out there somewhere.

The **thirteenth hole** is the longest hole on the course. It narrows down considerably near the hole and slopes to the right towards a small long pond. Don't get too cute here.

The **fifteenth hole** is difficult because it's long and narrow it has a sand trap just in front of the green. Par will be a good score.

The **sixteenth hole** will be interesting. Although it's short, (about 150 yards), there's a pond in front of the green and a small hill behind the green. If you go short, (well, need we say any more), however, if you go long, you'll be faced with a down hill pitch to a down sloping green (that is, toward the aforementioned pond).

The **eighteenth hole** forces you to shoot out of a "tunnel" toward a long narrow green. If the pin is on the left side of the green, then you'll also have to negotiate a couple of sand bunkers.

Good luck.

The is the view of the sixth tee box from the sixth green.

Notice that there's a swamp just in front of the tee box. In order to get to a playable area in the fairway, you need to hit your ball at least 150 yards. Most of us might say "So, what's the problem?" However, when you stand on the tee and see nothing but trees on the left, trees on the right, and 150 yards of trash in front of you, problems just naturally come to mind.

This hole will claim a few balls.



Sixth hole at Whispering Pines Golf Course



16th Hole at Whispering Pines.

The down sloping hill behind the pin will be more apparent once you're standing in front of your ball.



Tournament dates: July 30th and 31st
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.