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## The King is dead, long live the King

Once again our Saturday tournament was a huge success. The teams were evenly divided, everyone had a great time, and the best team won.

The winners of this year's "Best Ball" tournament were Paul, Greg, Roger, and Jacob (yes, Jacob also won it last year). Their only bogies were on par 3's. Apparently, the par 4's and 5's offered enough of a chance to recover where the par 3's didn't. Congratulations!

This year the women played together on both Saturday and Sunday. Because Whispering Pines is a long and difficult course, they limited their tournament to 9 holes each day.

Megan had a chance to play the course a couple of weeks before the tournament. With that and some middle-school golf experience, (which she didn't like) she finished 11 strokes ahead of her nearest competitor. Congratulations Megan!

It will be interesting to see if Megan can do as well next year when she has to defend her title and she can hear the footsteps behind her.

As usual, Art was the man to beat on the men's side. During the game, this reporter got a glimpse of what Art thinks about while he's playing. Twice he asked "Has anyone heard how Daren is doing?" Art was not only watching the competition he knew, but also the competition he didn't know. Apparently he was right to do so.

Art's game started out well, but it took a terrible turn for the worse on the third hole. He had a chance to put some dis-



**Well done, Daren!**

tance between himself and the field when he put his second shot just inches off the third green (a difficult par 4).

Even though he was on the fringe of the green, he had to be careful with his third shot. He had to putt from the fringe of the lower tier up to the upper tier of the green. It was an important putt because if he came up short, he'd be faced with putting up-hill for par.

Art did make it to the upper tier, but he went well past the hole. That meant that he now had to keep his par putt from going past the hole as it would then roll down the hill and his problems would only be beginning. The pressure must have been too great because he three putted the green from there and walked away with a double bogie.

That double bogie, coupled with not being able to capitalize on an easy par 5, may have turned his thoughts to "next year" (like the rest of us) and he started wondering out loud who was going to win the trophy this year.

Staff writer

## Next Year's Tournament News

**R**oger has agreed to host the 2006 tournament. He has already arranged for it to be played at the Koronis Hills Golf Course in Paynesville.

The Koronis Hills Golf Course is on the West side of Paynesville. It has a driving range and a putting green to help everyone get ready.

While the course looks wide open, there are many blind shots and players have been known to lose their ball in the fairway. This is a course where you will need to watch where your ball goes, and not just expect it to be waiting for you in the fairway.

The tournament will be held the weekend of July 29th & 30th. Watch for further details in the 2006 Spring Edition of the Cruze Chronicle.



Koronis Hills Golf Course Par 3 17th

The 17th hole may be a pretty sight, but it's packed with problems. Going left, right, or long are all bad ideas. If you're afraid to go for the green, your best bet is to stay short and left.

Editor

# News on the back stroke



The traveling trophy and those chasing after it.



Megan demonstrated her winning form (barefooted).

## An open letter of appreciation

The Jennings' Inn located in Richmond, Minnesota is an excellent Bed and Breakfast. The staff is friendly and personable. The Jennings' Inn offers private single rooms with queen size beds with optional turn down service and a mint upon request. The entertainment room offers a large color TV/VCR with hundreds of movie titles to choose from for all ages. Cozy up in one of their couches or love seats with your favorite book or choose from the many hard covered books free for loos- ing yourself within the pages. If for some reason you can't get away from your computer, high speed internet is available. The Jennings' Inn provides a variety of delicious snacks and beverages always fresh and cold for your enjoyment. Each morning wake up to the tasteful aroma of fresh brewed coffee, fruit, fresh squeezed orange juice, cereal and warm muffins.

While the Jennings' Inn has a lot to offer, they are expanding their services to include massages, yoga and a full exercise room to meet the demands of travelers and vacationers alike. The Inn Keeper (Babe) Jennings says "We love what we do and want to keep up with the needs of our guest." If you are in town or coming to town for a family golf tournament, look up the Jennings' Inn. They also offer complimentary shuttle services to and from the golf course.

Dawn & Michelle



The 2005 winner  
Congratulations Megan!



Apparently, Daren was assessing his competition more than we realized.



You can only imagine the free advice Pat was being offered.



**Patrick again agreed to be the workhorse and do all the cooking (34 1/3lb hamburgers and 54 hot dogs). He didn't get a chance to eat until everyone else was already complaining about how full they were. It was a long and hot task. Thanks, Pat.**

**2005  
Men's Standings**

1. Daren
2. Derrick
3. Roger
4. Greg
5. Art
6. John
7. Paul
8. Brian
9. Jacob
10. Alex
11. Eric
12. Tony
13. Shawn
14. Pat
15. Rick
16. Danny

**Women's Standings**

1. Megan
2. Michelle
3. Sharon
4. Kathy
5. Dawn

Note:  
We used our standard tie-breaking system to rank all players.

**A quick overview of our performance:**

Here's the breakdown on how well we did (considering only those who played all 18 holes).

<u>Number</u>		<u>Percent</u>
5	Birdie	1.5%
26	Pars	8.0%
86	Bogies	26.5%
90	Double Bogies	27.8%
52	Triple Bogies	16.0%
65	Others (higher)	20.1%

Roughly 64% of all our scores were at double bogie or worse. Good thing we don't have to be good at something in order to have fun.

**Comments heard from the gallery...**

- Rick did a great job this year as the host of the 2005 Cruze Family Golf Tournament.
- He picked out a difficult, yet pretty golf course to play.
- The special gifts he gave us at tee time will be remembered for a long time.
- All the food was great (with Pat's help of course)
- The thought he put into the prizes for the contests was above and beyond our expectations.

Thanks for a job well done. All of us had a great time. The tournament won't be topped for quite a while.

Reporter at large



**Daren and Derrick tried to impress Sveta on their golfing. She didn't buy any of it—neither did John.**



**Everyone seemed really happy during the dinner, but then the tournament was still a day away.**



**Art re-adds all the scores in disbelief while John continued to brag about how far he can hit his ball out of bounds.**



**Michelle Engholm was the winner of the Closest to the Pin contest**



**The winners of the Best Ball foursome are:  
(l to r) Paul, Greg, Roger, Jacob**



**Derrick was the winner of the Longest drive and the Longest putt contests**

**Editor's note:**

We owe considerable thanks to Jan Cruze for the time and effort she put into making the beautiful towels for the winners of the Best Ball foursome, the Longest ball, the Longest putt, and the Closest to the pin contests.

Thanks Jan.



Picture courtesy of Greg

**All twenty two of us are here in the picture (one of us is a little hard to see)**