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Double Digit Distribution

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## The new champs, And deservedly so!

**O**ur Saturday's best ball challenge was again great fun. The teams were evenly divided with the talent, everyone had an exciting time, and again, the best team won.

The winners of this year's "Best Ball" tournament were Paul, Roger, Brian, Tony, and Jeremy. They birdied the first and fourth holes and never looked back. Congratulations!

The women had a great time golfing and catching up on what's going on in each others lives, until a kid (young enough to be any one of their sons) told them that they had to either talk faster or play faster. Imagine the nerve of a 12 year old.

The women's game was close and exciting. Megan kept herself focused on her game enough to defend her championship. Although some wonder whether or not her weekend partying had kept her from her best game. (Hmmm, sounds like an interesting, untold story lurking there.) If she does that again next year, Michelle said that the game could be even "closer." (If ya know what I mean.)

Where Megan deserves the win, Dawn also deserves an award for being the most improved. On the 13th hole, (a Par 3), she said she wasn't feeling good, so she hit the ball a little harder than she normally would have and put it less than 3 feet from the hole.

For the men, Art almost lost the tournament on the last hole. Art explained that his ball came to rest on a tree root and he had to somehow hit the ball without hitting the root and get it up over a ridge and back into play. A miss-hit would



**Well done, Champs!**

have added two strokes to his score and cost him the tournament. So he carefully adjusted his white cap, concentrated on getting the blade on the ball, (and only the ball), and then took his best swing. It worked. He kept the ball in play and gave himself a chance for a winning score.

Greg told this reporter that he had a great time at the tournament. He said it went much smoother than he had expected and, considering the course, everyone played better than he expected. He said the course was plenty challenging (especially the back nine) and that he had a lot of fun jawing with everyone.

His only regret was that he didn't know that he was as close to Arty as he was and didn't know that the wheels were going to come off of Roger's game. If he had known that, he would have tried harder to win.

Staff writer

## Next Year's Tournament News

**T**ony has agreed to host the 2007 tournament. He has already arranged for it to be played at the Willmar Eagle Creek Golf Course the weekend of July 28th and 29th.

We played our tournament at Eagle Creek a few years ago. The front side is relatively wide open while the back side has many more trees and the long hitters will have to play more defensively.

The 11th hole is a picturesque par four, reachable in one, if you have the courage. It's a narrow hole bounded by water on the left, and by a hill with trees on the right. However, putting the ball on the green or just short of it will easily gain you a stroke on the rest of the field.

Editor

### Special Giant's Ridge Notice:

For the last two years, some of us have gone up to northern Minnesota, around mid May, to play golf at a resort. The course is easily one of the prettiest and yet most difficult you'll ever play on.

We're planning on doing it again next year. If you're interested in knowing more about what it costs, what we do, and what happens when, visit Greg's web site at:

<http://www.cruzefamily.com/giantsridge/Site/Welcome.html>

Feel free to talk to any of us who's been there. Early next year, we'll be checking to see if anyone else is interested in going with us. Check out the web site, think about it, make a decision, and then wait until we start asking.



# News on the back stroke



Why is twice as difficult to hit over water than over sand?



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





Many thanks to mom for letting me use her home to host the tournament. And to Rick for helping me with the LP tank.

Many thanks to Diane and Bob for helping me get the food set out for everyone and for helping me clean up afterwards.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who helped me host the tournament but I never thanked personally.



Everyone took turns explaining how they let the win get away. Art only listened.



Sveta did her best to hide behind two fingers.



Notice the bottle of Ibuprofen.

2006

Women's Standings

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

Men's Standings

1. Steve
2. Art
3. Brian
4. Greg
5. Jacob
6. Roger
7. Derrick
8. Pat
9. Tony
10. Erik
11. Jeremy
12. John
13. Paul
14. Danny
15. Bob

A "gimme" is an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt very well.



Three amigos

A quick overview of our performance:

Here's the breakdown on how well we did (remember, we only played 9 holes).

<u>Number</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>(2005%)</u>
0	Birdie	0.0%	1.5%
13	Pars	7.6%	8.0%
38	Bogies	22.2%	26.5%
39	Double Bogies	22.8%	27.8%
30	Triple Bogies	17.5%	16.0%
51	Others (higher)	29.8%	20.1%

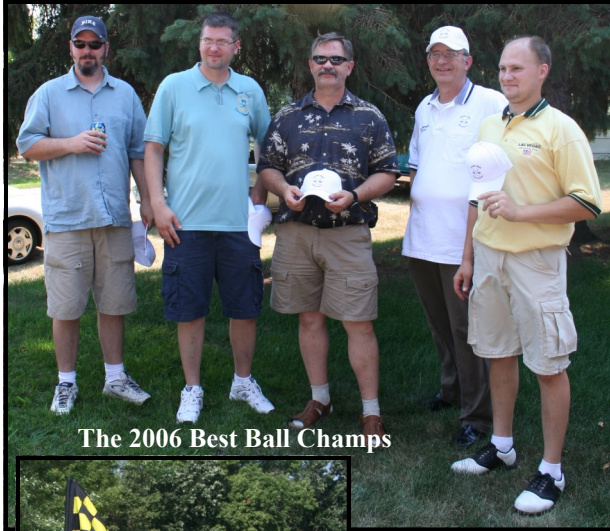
Slightly over 70% of all our scores were at double bogie or worse. It was 65% last year.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up, you swing left and the ball goes right, the lowest score wins, and the winner has to buy drinks!

A special thanks to Patrick.

Patrick agreed to do all the barbecuing for me. He prepared (34 1/3lb hamburgers and 54 hot dogs) and didn't get a chance to eat until everyone else was complaining about how full they were. At 105°, it was a long and hot task. Pat also found a great place to take our family picture, set everything up, and then took the pictures. Thanks for your help Pat.



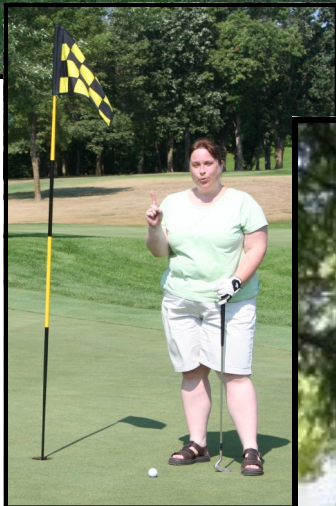


The 2006 Best Ball Champs



The best wood in my bag is my pencil.

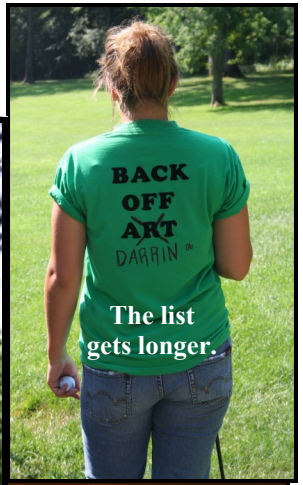
I beat John?!  
No Way!



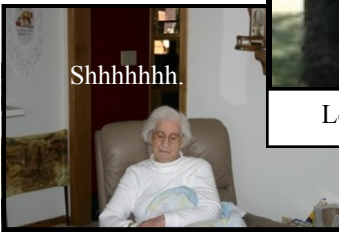
Just that close to a hole in one!



Look closely and you'll see why we shortened the tournament to just 9 holes.



The list gets longer.



Shhhhhh.



What donut?  
Where?

Finally, I got my score below the temperature.



You're not going to print that, are you?