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Double Digit Distribution

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We have a new winner!

This year the first foursome teed off at 7:30 in the morning while it was still cool. Even with six teams vying for the "Best Ball" championship, the game moved quickly and by 1:00 everyone was off the course and on their way to Tony and Sharon's for dinner.

The winners of the 2007 "Best Ball" contest are Erik, Michelle, Steve, and Jacob. They played the front nine at one under par and the back nine at two under par. They recorded 5 birdies and 9 pars. Their worst score was a bogie. When the dust settled, the next best team was fully 10 strokes away.

This was the first year that the women played 18 holes. After the first nine holes, Michelle was up by four strokes and it was starting to look like a runaway. Then Megan began chipping away at Michelle's lead and by the 18th hole, there was only a two stroke difference. Michelle was able to avoid a big mistake on the 18th and win the title.

Megan was overheard saying that she had a hard time staying even with Michelle because her ball was always landing in some kind of trouble. She said that her ball found every gully, crack, and hole on the course.

Michelle, on the other hand, was getting tired near the end of the game. Around the 14th hole she said that she just wanted the game to be over.

Congratulations Michelle!

On the men's side, everyone was expect-



Well done, Michelle!

ing the contest to be between Art and Jacob, and as it turned out, it was. Before the game, Art and Jake agreed that it was going to take an 88 to win this tournament.

Jacob got a strong start when he birdied the first hole (a par 5). From then on, he maintained at least a two stroke lead over his nearest competitor, Art. With a total of two birdies, Jacob finished the front nine at 45, two full strokes better than Art.

Art found his groove on the back nine with 5 pars. And even though he recorded a double bogie, he finished with a 41.

The back nine wasn't so generous for Jake. He recorded two double bogies and two triple bogies to finish with an even 50. By the 13th hole, Jake had effectively taken himself out of the contest.

Next Year's Tournament News

Art and Roger have agreed to host the tournament for 2008. Neither the course nor the weekend has been selected.

The current courses that are under consideration are: Clearwater, Koronis, and Little Crow. We want the course to be challenging, yet be "family friendly."

The weekend of the tournament will likely be July 26th and 27th. While the weather is usually hotter then, we're less likely to get rained out.

Art and Roger will also be hosting the Hold'em tournament at mom's home on Friday the 25th. Mom has also agreed to let us hold the Saturday afternoon dinner at her home.

Editor

Unknown to Art and Jacob, Patrick also had a strong start. Pat was only 3 over par after four holes (two strokes better than Art). All of his drives were right down the middle and long (witness his winning of the "Longest Drive" contest).

This reporter was beginning to think that Patrick just might be the one to beat. That was, however, before Pat recorded a triple bogie on hole #5 and then another triple on #7.

Congratulations to Art who finished the game with the 88 he predicted. Even though he shot a 47 on the front nine, he got himself back into the game with a 41 on the back nine.

Staff writer

News on the back stroke



Daniel won the Longest Putt contest



Pat won the Longest Drive contest



Art won the men's division of the Cruze Family Golf Tournament for 2007



Michelle won the women's division of the Cruze Family Golf Tournament for 2007



Michelle gave us a sample of her winning form



Bob received his special prize



The winning "Best Ball" team: Jacob, Steve, Erik, Michelle



The gathering

2007

Women's Standings

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

Men's Standings

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



Best buddies!



What candy?



A quick overview of our performance:

Here's the breakdown on how well we did.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Pct</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Pct</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Pct</u> <u>2005</u>
5 Birdie	1.4	0.0	1.5
30 Pars	8.3	7.6	8.0
76 Bogies	21.1	22.2	26.5
85 Double Bogies	23.6	22.8	27.8
79 Triple Bogies	21.9	17.5	16.0
85 Others (higher)	23.6	29.8	20.1

Just under 70% of all our scores were at double bogie or worse. This year we had the most pars.



Just wait until I get a chance.



Sophie showed us how to use the hula hoop.



Last minute check on the food.



Ya wanna help, or are you just watching?



How many kids can fit in one pool?



Who would you say should be more tired, the one who carried the clubs or the one who played the game?