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Our 2008 Winners

Next Year's Tournament News

This year we returned to Koronis Hills for the Cruze Family Golf Tournament. We had planned to play at a course closer to St. Cloud, but a last minute change brought us back to Paynesville.

The 7:00 tee time worked out very well because we played in the cool part of the day, there were fewer (other) golfers on the course, and everyone was off the course before noon.

This year we only had 4 foursomes competing for "Best Ball". Apparently the groups were well balanced because all of their scores were very close.

The winning team (Pat, Michelle, Greg, Bob) collected 3 birdies along the way to a 74. Their birdie on hole #16, sealed their win.

The second place team would have won if they had not posted a double bogie on hole #3 (an easy par five). That double bogie actually cost them the win. Had they parred that hole, they would have had the same score as Pat's team but they would have won the tie-breaker.

The women's game looked like it was going to be a run away by Megan and Kari. While Megan was the clear leader from the beginning, Kari was close enough behind that if Megan were to stumble, she could win the trophy.

By the 5th hole, Kari was confident enough of her game that she relaxed a little with a rum and coke. Not surprisingly, on the 6th and following holes, she posted her highest scores of the day and



Congratulations to: Daren and Megan!

lost her hold on second place.

After the ninth hole, Kari told this reporter that she was feeling pretty good and wanted to play another nine holes. Hmm, rum & coke, having a good time, wants to play a little more golf? Hmm,

On the men's tour, Art was expected to win again this year. He hadn't played much but got in a practice round just before the game. He said he played really well, scoring in the low 90's.

However, on game day, it turns out that the real game was between Jacob and Daren. It was a tight game and they were dead even after 7 holes.

But the front nine was to belong to Daren. He picked up 5 strokes on Jacob on the remaining two holes. Jacob posted two double bogies, while Daren parred the eighth and birdied the ninth. (Remember that Daren holed his ball from roughly 130 yards off the #9

Pat and John have agreed to host the tournament for 2009.

The word is that the course will be just a few minutes north of St. Cloud and will be the last weekend of July. Full details will appear in the 2009 April edition of the Cruze Chronicle.

It has been suggested that we reinstitute the entry fee for every player to help defray the cost of hosting the tournament. Even with the pot luck, it still costs around \$300 to host the tournament—which is too much for any one family. The Spring Chronicle will let you know if it's going to be \$10, \$15, or something else.

We don't know who will be hosting the Hold'em tournament. More information on that later. Editor

green for his birdie).

Still, the contest wasn't over yet because the back nine belonged to Jacob. He picked up three strokes on the 11th hole when Daren put his drive out of bounds, then put himself behind a tree, and then hit the tree sending his ball bouncing backwards about 100 yards.

Jacob picked up two more strokes on the 15th hole when he posted a bogie and Daren posted a triple bogie. Finally, on the 18th hole, Daren spent more time along the tree line than a logger. Twice he almost went out of bounds and one of his playing partners was heard saying "we're watching the leader take himself out of the game." Daren eventually posted a quadruple bogie on the 18th, but it wasn't enough for Jacob to win.

Staff writer

News on the back swing



Congratulations to the 2008 best ball foursome: Pat, Bob, Greg, Michelle.



Pat shows us his trick shot.



Alex is our Men's Long Ball Champ



Michelle is our Women's Long Ball Champ



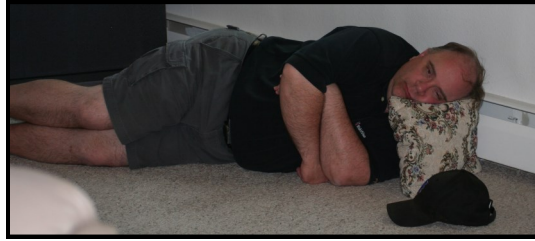
Last year's men's champ presents this year's men's champ with the trophy.



Hey guys, the fairway is over here.



Greg cleaned up with Best Foursome and closest to the pin.



What did you expect? I had to carry the team.

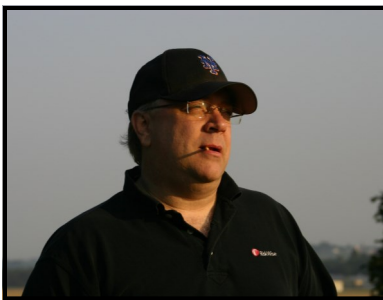
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Women's Standings

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

Men's Standings

1. Daren
2. Jacob
3. Brian
4. Erik
5. Paul
6. Steve
7. Art
8. Roger
9. John
10. Alex
11. Pat
12. Tony
13. Daniel



Let's see, 231½ or maybe just 231....



Somewhere around the ninth hole.



How could I lose?
I should've won.
I threw it away!
Darn! Darn! **Darn!**



Our woman's champion



Enough said.

A quick overview of our performance:

Here's the breakdown on how well we did.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Pct</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
1 Birdie	.4	1.4	0.0	1.5
23 Pars	8.5	8.3	7.6	8.0
56 Bogies	20.7	21.1	22.2	26.5
92 Double Bogies	34.1	23.6	22.8	27.8
50 Triple Bogies	18.5	21.9	17.5	16.0
48 Others (higher)	17.8	23.6	29.8	20.1

This year we saw a terrific improvement in scores.
With a couple exceptions, all of our scores were below 110.
Notice especially the improvement in the bottom two categories.

