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## Eagle Trace

### 16th annual tournament is set for July

**T**his year, the 2009 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at Eagle Trace near St. Cloud.

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.

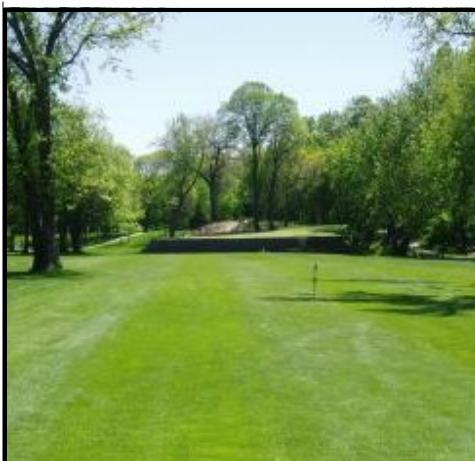
Signing up for the tournament is as easy as dialing a telephone and giving your name to the tournament director. Not calling the director is the only way you can be disappointed.

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



11th hole—Par 4

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.

#### 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 **Patrick** or **John** at **320-290-8032** or **320-253-3757** before June 1st to reserve your spot. **Because of the "Pot Luck" dinner, there won't be a tournament entry fee. See the back for more details.** You will have to pay

for the "green fees", tees, and golf balls. Miss the deadline and you'll miss the tournament.

Staff writer



**T**he sixteenth annual Cruze Family Invitational Golf tournament is scheduled to be held the weekend of July 25th and 26th.

The tournament will be held at the Eagle Trace Golf Club in Clearwater, (on the north side of Interstate 94), near St. Cloud. While the course is fairly open, there are several opportunities to put your ball in the water or in the trees.

If the weather is good, the winning (men's) score will be around 85. This is a course where you can open up a little, however, "position" will be a better friend of yours than "distance."

Their signature hole is the par 4, 11th. (It's pictured just to the left). The fairway is flat, open and appears to be easy. However, the fairway narrows at roughly 220 yards. From there, you have to shoot over water to a small, slightly elevated green. Don't go over the green because you will find yourself shooting downhill to a green that slopes quickly to the water.

Be careful not to slice your drive on the 11th hole because the trees will keep you from even seeing the green and you'll have to waste a shot to get back into the fairway. Also, if you hook your ball, you'll have to waste a shot to get over the trees and back into the fairway.

If the weekend's weather looks good, Saturday will be a lot of fun and Sunday will be "heads down" serious. If Saturday's weather looks bad, Saturday will be the serious day.

Staff writer





The picture below is an aerial view of the signature hole (#11). You can easily see how close the green is to the water. What you can't see is that, not only does the green slope severely towards the water, but also that if you hit your shot long, (as in over the green), it will land on a hill and in the trees. Most shots from the hill, down to the green, will continue on into the water hazard (two strokes). Enough said.

For directions to the course, see the family website (<http://www.cruzefamily.com/Welcome.html>) or last year's edition of the Cruze Chronicle.



The thief who stole a calendar, only got 12 months.

### Saturday Pot luck Dinner

It's too expensive for one family member to purchase all of the food for the Saturday dinner. So, in lieu of an entry fee for the tournament, we are again asking that you volunteer to bring some food and/or supplies to share.

Patrick and John will be sending an email to everyone with a list of the needed food and/or supplies. When you get the list, please consider helping them.

In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

- Tournament dates:** July 25th and 26th
  - Tee times:** Saturday's tee time is around 7:00  
Sunday's tee time is around 7:00
  - Groups reserved:** up to 28 players
  - Green fees:** \$30.00 includes 1/2 cart (per round)
- The course has a full service driving range and two practice putting greens



I wondered why the ball was getting larger, then it hit me.

Our annual family Texas Hold-Em Poker tournament will be held at Rick's new home on Friday evening July 24th. The tournament will start promptly at 6:00 pm and will end promptly at 10:00 pm. Rick will be sending everyone directions, times, and requests for chairs (if necessary).

Snacks and drinks will be available only if you bring them.

