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Double Digit Distribution

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Our 2009 Winners

This year we held our tournament at Eagle Trace Golf Course in Clearwater. Although it is a fairly wide open course, we had an unprecedented number of 10's.

The winners of the best ball contest posted a record 6 under. Jacob, Bob, and Roger cruised to the win without registering a single bogie. Jacob drove the ball so far and chipped the ball so well that they were always on (or near) the green in regulation on every hole. Once on the green, Bob showed everyone how to putt. He routinely sank 25 foot putts for par and birdie. Roger had a chance to drive and putt the ball a few times, but mostly he just kept score.

The trio was in exceptionally good spirits the whole round. Near the end of the game, Bob said "Gee, this is really fun." Well, dah....

On game day, Jacob got some unexpected help from his angel on the 3rd hole. From the tee, he drove his ball into the trash on the left. We looked for a while and found it in the sand and rocks near the turn. He had a terrible stance but that didn't stop him from hitting a line drive, "worm burner." The ball was destined to lodge itself deep in the side of the hill near the cart path. However, the ball rose ever so slightly, hit the side of the cart path, and shot straight up into the air. All we saw was a white flash. We had no idea where it went but when we got near the green, there it was, just waiting for him. Jacob ended up paring a hole that could have easily cost him a double bogie.

Michelle had one of her better games this



Congratulations to both Roger & Michelle!

year. Being able to avoid the dreaded 10's played a key role in her win. Kari's unusually high score may have come from putting too much stress on her back on Saturday.

Kari's frustration with her game was evident in her cell phone call to Megan. She was overheard telling Megan that "next year you're going to have to defend your own title." Maybe next year we'll see both Kari and Megan.

On game day, we had another Cruze memorable moment. On the 7th hole (par 3), Art, Daren, and Roger hit their drives short and right of the green. All three were not only down deep in the gully (about 15 ft), they were also in deep grass. Art was first to chip up to the green. Before he hit, Art said "Okay, let's get this horror movie over with." Well, his second shot went only 1/3 the way up the hill. His third shot went up to about the 2/3 mark. His

Next Year's Tournament News

Greg and Kari have agreed to host the 2010 Cruze Family golf tournament.

The tournament will be held at the River Oaks Country Club. Full details will appear in the 2010 April edition of the Cruze Chronicle.

Visit the family web site at:
<http://www.cruzefamily.com/Welcome.html>
for more information.

Editor's Comment:

If you have ever participated in the annual Cruze family golf tournament, then you know that while we're not great golfers, we fight hard for the best score and fight even harder to avoid the worst score. We love the "Best Ball" game because we know we can make an occasional mistake and the team can still carry us to victory. We love the thrill of the game. We love the food and the chance to see and talk to everyone again.

If you have never played in the tournament or just haven't played recently, consider joining us next year.

fourth shot landed just short of the top of the hill. Then his fifth shot (with some frustration) flew past the flag, over the green, and landed in the sand bunker.

While this was difficult enough to watch, what happened next was even worse. His 6th shot (out of the sand) skipped past the flag, rolled across the green, and all the way back down the hill—yes, to where the horror movie had originally premiered. In a calm cool voice, he was heard saying, "Okay, that's enough, the movie's over, gimme a 10."

Staff writer

News on the back swing



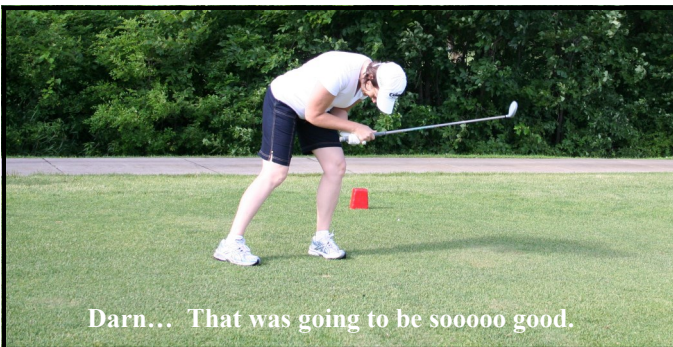
Erik demonstrates how he gets ready to play golf.



Another volunteer



Greg, Alex, Paul, Daniel



Darn... That was going to be sooooo good.



Just one of Jacob's challenges.



Day #2 Hole #11 Par 4
John takes time out to chastise the ball



Yes!



Day #2
Guess who missed the putt.



Day #2 Hole #7 Par 3
Art's 2nd of a "pick up 10"



Day #1 - Anticipation



Kari, Michelle, Erik, Daren

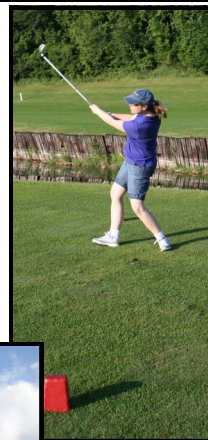
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Women's Standings

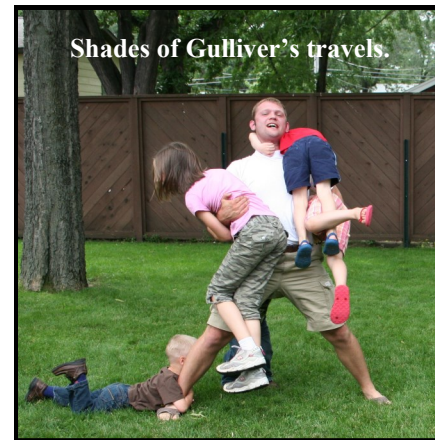
1. Michelle
2. Kari

Men's Standings

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



Day #1 winners.



Shades of Gulliver's travels.

A quick overview of our performance:

Here's the breakdown on how well we did.

Number		Pct 2009	Pct 2008	Pct 2007	Pct 2006	Pct 2005
1	Birdie	.3	.4	1.4	0.0	1.5
19	Pars	6.6	8.5	8.3	7.6	8.0
59	Bogies	20.5	20.7	21.1	22.2	26.5
83	Double Bogies	28.8	34.1	23.6	22.8	27.8
49	Triple Bogies	17.0	18.5	21.9	17.5	16.0
77	Others (higher)	26.7	17.8	23.6	29.8	20.1

"Collapse" doesn't even begin to describe what happened to our scores this year. We reported 34 "pick up 10's". Only two players avoided any 10's: Roger and Shawn.



Did you see that?



Young and curious.



Art quickly put himself in a calm place.



Unpaid photo staff



John, Shawn, Tony, Pat



Tony shows us his world famous pow wow dance.



Another unpaid staff member.

