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## Our 2013 Winners

## his year our family golf tournament was held at the Glenwood Minnewaska Golf Club. The course was difficult but it was in great shape.

Saturday's Best Ball contest was close but Jacob's team (Jacob, Pat, Derrick, and Michelle) won it with a 1 over par round. That's a remarkable score because Minnewaska is the most difficult course we've played so far.

On tournament day, Jacob (the eventual winner) started out with a double, another double, and a triple bogie. Greg helped him get his head back on his shoulders, and by the end of the front 9, he was only one stroke out of the lead.

Greg and Paul were leading after the first nine holes. That's when the Cruze sympathy gene kicked in and everyone began to urge Greg to be careful with his back. They knew that he hadn't played in years and that his chiropractor recommended against him playing golf. Art tried to help by saying "Hey, Greg, your back is far more important than any coveted trophy." As it turned out, Paul was the one who needed to take it easy with his back.

On the back nine, Art took charge and Jake was ready to concede the game. Greg talked to Jake again and by the 18th tee, Jake found himself tied with Art for the lead. Then, on the 18th, Jake had a good tee shot but he scuffed his second and found himself still 185 yards away from a fast & down-sloping green.

The front of the 18th green is guarded by an 8 foot deep pit and it shook Jake's confidence. Greg, told him to take his 5 iron, a deep breath, and swing smoothly



Congratulations to both Michelle and Jacob, 2013 Family Golf Champions

through the ball. Jake did just that and placed his third shot on the green, about 15 feet from the pin.

This green is difficult because it's very fast and it slopes severely toward the front. But, with both authority & confidence, Jake took aim and sunk his 15 foot downhill putt for a birdie.

Art's third shot was laying just off the green. It was still possible for him to win the tournament, but he had to sink an almost impossible chip shot. The green sloped so much that he had to play a very large break. He came close, but he missed and Jake won.

Erik Engholm had an interesting game. He recorded a double bogie on the first hole and a 5 over par on the second hole, which put him 7 strokes over par after just two holes. But then he settled down. At the end of the front nine, he

## Next Year's Tournament News

reg and Kari will be hosting next year's Cruze Family Golf tournament and Family Food Fest. Marie and Steve will be hosting the Hold'em poker tournament.

Greg will be hosting the golf tournament at the River Oak golf course right next to his home. It's a shorter, but equally difficult, course than the Glenwood Minnewaska golf course. More trees and out of bound stakes will come into play at River Oaks. The winning score will be at least in the mid 90's. The tournament will be held on the weekend of July 19 & 20.

The costume theme for the 2014 Cruze Family Hold'em poker tournament is the **Wild West**. The date of the poker tournament will be announced in an email from Marie and Steve.

posted a 54.

Then on the back nine, Erik shot an incredible 44. All of his drives were long, straight, and down the middle. His chips were precise and his putter sealed the deal.

This is the second time in a row that Erik has won the most improved player. If he continues to improve, Jacob will have even more competition for next year's tournament.

A final fun observation is that if John and Erik Anderson could have "averaged" their drives, they would have all been long and down the center of the fairway. As it was, one tended to go to the right and the other to the left. Been there, done that, enough said.

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A special thanks to Tony and Sharon for hosting this year's family golf tournament and food fest.



