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## River Oaks

### 21st annual tournament is set for July

**T**his year, the 2014 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at the River Oaks golf course.

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 miss the fun.

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. It's also your chance to join in fun of the team competition.

There are no "gimmies" in this tournament and you can stop swinging only after your ball is in the cup.



**9th hole**— 2227 37th St. S., St. Cloud, Minn.

The winner will be presented with a traveling trophy which will have their 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, call **Greg** at **320-249-2920** before July 5th to reserve your place. Telling someone else in the hopes they will remember to tell the director has not worked well in the past.

Because of the "Pot Luck" dinner, there won't be a tournament entry fee. See the back for more details on how to help with the potluck. You'll have to pay for your "green fees", tees, and golf balls. Miss the deadline and you'll miss the tournament.

Staff writer



**T**he twenty first annual Cruze Family Invitational Golf tournament is scheduled to be held the weekend of July 19th and 20th.

Note that this is the **third** weekend in July, not the **fourth** weekend, when we normally hold the tournament.

This year, the family golf tournament will be played at the River Oaks golf course in Cold Spring. The course is

located just down the street from Greg's home.

We've played there before and it's still a challenge. There are precious few holes without either water or trees.

The winning score this year will likely be about 90. Jake had a remarkable "come from behind" win last year, but don't count on it happening for anyone on this course. This course will challenge you right through the 18th hole.

The 9th hole seems easy enough but a tee shot that comes up short will likely be wet. The temptation will be to hit the ball too hard, just to be sure that it makes it over the water. However, if you do hit it too hard you can easily drive it over the green and give yourself a difficult down hill chip.

Notice that most of the slope of this green is from the middle to the front. If you drive it over the green, you will have to negotiate a "soft" downhill chip.



Then, if you get on in two, and if the pin is near the middle of the green, you could easily three putt.

Staff writer



Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

If you don't remember this hole, you will when you play it. The long hitters will find themselves in the "square" water hole, the slicers will find themselves testing the width of the creek on the right, and the hookers will find themselves apologizing for the broken windows.

It's a relatively easy par 5, if you play it short of the water, then short of the green with just enough distance for an easy chip to the green. Few will play the hole that way, so plan on picking up a stroke or two on this hole by playing it safe.

One day, health nuts are going to feel stupid, lying in the hospital dying of nothing.

### Saturday Pot luck Dinner

It's too expensive for the host to purchase all of the food for the Saturday pot luck dinner. So, in lieu of an entry fee for the tournament, Greg and Kari will be furnishing the main dish - probably burgers and dogs on the grill.



Plan on bringing a dish or two, to share. In the past, we've had around 35 people for the potluck. You might consider bringing a few chairs (or folding tables) with you, just in case.

More to follow from Greg via emails.

Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

**Tournament dates:** July 19th and 20th  
**Tee times:** Saturday's tee time is 7:00am  
 Sunday's tee time is 7:00am  
**Groups reserved:** up to 24 players  
**Green fees:** \$25.00 includes 1/2 cart (per round)

There is no driving range but there is a small putting green.

Note that the poker tournament is in **JUNE, not JULY**. If you show up for the poker tournament in **JULY**, you will be late.



Emails will follow with more details.

Our annual family Texas Hold-Em Poker tournament will be held at **Marie and Steve's** home on **Sunday June 22nd**. The tournament will start promptly at **1:00 pm** and will end when the last player has been corralled.

**NOTE THE NEW DAY! IT'S SUNDAY NOT SATURDAY!**

The theme this year is the Wild, Wild West. There will be a special \$10 bounty for the cowpoke who brings last year's biggest outlaw to justice.



Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.