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# ❖ The Cruze Chronicle ❖

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## *Congratulations Greg*

**T**he results are in from the 1997 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament.

Greg Cruze won the golf tournament “hands down” with a blistering “86” and has been awarded the travelling trophy until next year’s tournament.

Only three golfers accepted the Cruze Invitational. The tournament was held the weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup> at the River Oaks Golf Course in Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Thunder showers had been predicted for the whole weekend, but they missed us. During Friday’s practice round, the temperature and humidity topped out at 90° & 90%. Saturday and Sunday were only cloudy and warm, no rain.

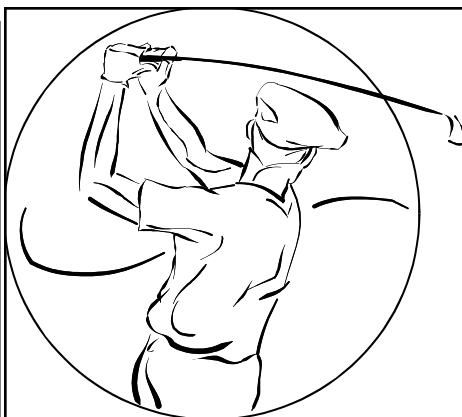
We had a great weekend! When we weren’t golfing, we were watching T.V. in cool air conditioned comfort, feeding our faces with munchies, surfing the internet, arguing about this or that, and spending time at a near-by Casino.

***Congratulations to Greg.  
Great game!***

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**Tournament footnote:** whoever has hosted a tournament, has won it.

We suspect the host has had a slight advantage by being more familiar with the course. Both Greg and Roger will be trying to change that next year.



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***Greg was relentless.  
Once he took the lead,  
he never looked back.***

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Two “lost balls” forced Roger to take chances he normally wouldn’t have taken. Instead of getting back into the game, he only fell further from it.

Roger said that the worst part of his crushing loss was having to watch his dance of victory turn into a dance for a miracle, and then into a dance of resignation.

Greg eventually won by 7 strokes over his nearest competitor, Art. Roger finished one stroke behind Art.

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Art Cruze has already agreed to host the 1998 Cruze Family Invitational Golf Tournament. It’s expected to be held in the Willmar area.

More information on the event will be sent out sometime next Spring.

## **Last Year’s Leader Left in Lurch**

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**D**uring Friday’s practice round, Roger recorded an incredible 82.

Even though Friday was exceptionally hot and humid, his adrenaline was flowing so strong, it just didn’t seem to matter.

Friday’s heat and humidity forced one of the challengers to give up after only 13 holes. The only thing keeping the remaining two going was their high level of unspoken “personal competition”. A level of competition that requires one of them to be carried off the course before they ever concede a game.

Last year’s champion, (Roger), took an early lead and by the end of the day, it looked like the whole tournament was going to be a “blow out”.

With a birdie on the 18th hole (an easy par 5), Roger would have posted an outstanding 79, however, water on the far right and another errant shot gave him a double bogey, and an 82. Still, images of a runaway victory in Saturday’s championship game danced in his head.

Saturday’s championship game was indeed a “blow out”, but Roger had little to do with it. The former champ kept to within a stroke or two for about 4 holes, and then the only thing he could see was the “writing on the wall”. At the turn, Greg was offering encouraging words, but no mercy.

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