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Art wins big

8th annual tournament is set for August

This year's game was won by the largest margin in the history of the Cruze Family Golf Tournament.



Art led the pack from "wire to wire". The only time the tournament was ever in doubt was on Saturday, (when it didn't count). Four players had scores within spitting distance of each other (97, 98, 99, & 100). The rest of the pack were somewhat higher than that.

Just like last year, one of the younger set (Paul) tried to mount a challenge to the older, more seasoned players. Art and Greg allowed him to stay close on Saturday but once the trophy was on the line, they got serious, hunkered down, and shut him out.

Tragedy struck on the 10th hole for Greg. He pulled a muscle in his back when he accidentally hit the ground during his swing. Although he was leading by a stroke, he knew he had to drop out of the tournament to protect his back. This was doubly unfortunate because he was on his way to an "87".

Once Greg was out of the game, Art was able to relax and wait for the others to come to him. When the dust settled, he won by over 10 strokes.

As always, we saluted Art as the all-round best player for the tournament. On a similar note, at least one of us will be happy to know we don't salute any of the worst players.

Well done! Champions

Most of the this year's golfers are pictured above. As you can see, each brought their own character and quality to the game (some had more character than quality).

The character and quality of the course was extraordinary this year. Everyone attested to its well kept greens, its sand traps, its well placed trees, and the water that seemed to be everywhere.

The weather was challenging on Sunday. It rained so much we actually took our raincoats off. We were more wet with them, than without them.

This year we tried something new with the final pairings. We had the "final four" play the last nine holes together. The contenders always knew where they stood and it worked great.



All of us had a great time.
Staff writer

The eighth annual Cruze Family Golf tournament is scheduled to be held in August next year.

John has agreed to host the tournament in St. Cloud next year. He indicated that it will be played at the "Oak Hill" Country Club.

There are several beautiful holes on this course. However, the 6th is their

"signature" hole. It's a two tiered "Par 3" green where just being on the green may not be good enough.

The green has a four foot slope in it. If you land on the wrong end of it, you have to either hit your ball very hard (so it doesn't come back to you) or gently tap it so that it won't roll off.

It promises to be a great tournament.
(AP)

