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## Our 2024 Winners

his year our family's golf tournament was held at the Pebble Creek Golf Course. The weather was again truly beautiful—sunny and breezy.

### Team Competition day:

On Saturday's fun day, we had 5 teams. Pat's team (Pat, Jerry, Shawn, Steven) carded a four-under 68. Two teams were close behind them, and two were not. Enough said.

Congratulations to Pat's team.

### Woman's Competition:

This year, the women's championship wasn't ever in doubt after the first hole. Even though Emily recorded a double bogie on the first hole, Michelle had more trouble than that. The best Michelle could do was to get within two strokes later during the game. Emily clearly took control of the game from the first hole and never looked back.

Congratulations to Emily.

#### **Junior Competition:**

This year's junior competition wasn't even close. Steven took the lead on the first hole. He carded a 93, a score second only to Brock. His competition never had a chance. Next year Steven will be competing with the rest of us. Congratulations to Steven.

### **Senior Competition:**

Tony was one of the walking wounded on the course. It was clear he had trouble walking and swinging the club. By the 5th hole, the jokes stopped. Roger complained (to anyone who would listen) about his busted finger. No one seemed to care, the jokes continued. Roger finished the front nine with three 9's and two 8's and three strokes behind Pat. That pretty much sealed his fate. Pat simply played steadily, and won. Congratulations to Patrick.



Brock, Emily, and Steven 2024 Family Golf Champions

#### **Men's Competition:**

Brock clearly brought his "A" game with him on Sunday. All he needed was to challenge himself to play better than the last time he played at Pebble Creek—and he did. He carded 11 pars for an amazing 81. His closest competitor was 12 strokes away.

Congratulations to Brock.

The exciting contest this year was a "behind the scenes" battle between Connor, Caleb, and Daniel. It was a see-saw battle all the way.

Caleb was in the driver's seat for the first three holes. Then Daniel took charge for three holes. Then it was Connor's turn for three holes. On the back nine, Danny won the first hole. However, Connor won the next six straight holes. But then Connor went into a meltdown and coughed up control to both Caleb and Danny. When the dust settled, all three players were tied after the 18th hole.

As you know, we had to determine their ranking using our tie breaker system. We first looked at who had the best score on the #1 handicap hole. That was both Connor and Caleb. Then we looked at who had the best

### Next Year's Tournament News

acob and Leah will be will be hosting the 2025 Cruze Family Golf Tournament at the Minnewaska Golf Club in Glenwood and Food Fest at their home in Alexandria.

The last time we played this course was back in 2017. The best score we had then was a 93. It is not an easy course. More than half of the scores were at triple bogie or worse. Just saying.

If you remember, it's a difficult yet pretty course. There are many trees, a little water, and several dog-legs to keep your attention.

From the white tees, it plays almost 6200 yards (that's long). It has a slope rating of 131. That's really challenging. Lost balls will be a problem, bring a few extra

While the first hole is a long, uphill, challenging par 5, the #1 handicap hole is hole no. 4. It's a long par 4 lined with trees on both sides. The last time we played that hole, the best we carded was a bogie. The <u>average</u> score was over 7.

They have a driving range and a putting green. Arrive early and take advantage of them.

score on the #2 handicap hole. That was Connor. Connor was declared the winner of their see-saw battle.

#### **Contests:**

Greg won the closest to the pin contest.

Brock won the longest putt contest.

Steven won the longest drive contest.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Staff Writer

### News on the back swing











Worked in an orange juice factory but couldn't concentrate.













Not a high percentage shot.



One of only a few missed putts.



Get there. Get there. Come on — get there.





Not the beach he wanted to play in.



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Thanks to Chad, Danny, and Elizabeth for hosting this year's

Family Golf tournament and Family Food Fest. Page 3

Roger





### **Low Gross Winners**

- 1. Brock (Men's)
- 2. Emily (Women's)

### Low Handicap

1. Brock

### Women's Standings 1. Emily

- Michelle

### Men's Standings

- Brock
- Steven
- 3. Jake

always spinning everything.

- Derrick 4.
- Chad 5.
- 6. Erik
- 7. Roger
- 8. Pat
- Connor
- 10. Caleb
- 11. Danny12. Tony

### **Junior Standings**

- Steven
- Caleb



















Connor Teny

### Thanks so much to Megan and Peter for hosting this year's Cruze Family Texas Hold'em tournament in their home.

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The final hand.

### After 20 years.....

**49 players** (played at least one game)

14 winners (won at least one tournament)10 winners with just one win4 winners with multiple wins

5 winners with \$500 or more total dollars

There are **4 players** with \$100 or more in bounties.

(Art is at \$175 in bounties)

**Dawn** is the player with the most times on the "bubble" (just outside the paid players) with 3.

**Babe** is the player who has the most "walks of shame" (first out) with 3.

Michael T. holds the highest number of bounties in a single game @ 15.



Our assistant host on break.



Kari finally conquered "Desperation hill."



Never finished anything—but I do have a black belt in partial arts.



Guess who went out first and yet won more money than most.



