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As a competition, trophies were awarded for the top two teams in three flights of golf. In addition, prizes were given for “Closest to the Pin,” men’s longest drive and women’s longest drive.

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