



THE DRIVER



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Lots of news to send out this month. First and foremost, we now have an official space on the porch bulletin board for Men's Club equipment sales or swaps. If you have any GOLF RELATED items to sell, trade, or give away, please post a note on the cork board near the entrance to the Pro Shop. This is supposed to be for members only, and is only for golf equipment.

Beginning this month The Driver is available on the Madrona Links website (<http://www.madronalinks.com>). In addition to that you will find the tournament schedule, and our relatively new **Men's Club Handbook**.

In the Handbook you will find information about the club itself, as well as an explanation of the Saturday and Sunday Men's Club tee times and game formats.

The handbook also lists some of the rules and regulations adopted by the Men's Club. Of particular interest while we still suffer under the winter weather is the local rule concerning "preferred lies." When you pick, clean and place your ball, you are allowed a club length from the original spot. Many of us have been playing with a 6 inch rule. The extra distance can make life much more pleasant in the winter conditions.

Finally, the Board has determined that all scores from tournaments will be posted to the GHIN database. They will be using the normal equitable stroke posting method, and when no score is recorded for a hole they will enter the hole par plus handicap strokes allowed, in accordance with USGA recommendations. Of course this will not apply to Scrambles or Chapmans where no individual scores are recorded. The scores from the 3 clubs and a putter tournament are also not posted.

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TIRED OF GOLFING ALONE?

For those of you looking for playing partners, there are a number of groups with regular tee times. Most are more than happy to have new members join, though be aware that many of the groups play a money game of one form or another. Part of being able to get a regular tee time, and reliable playing partners is joining the game. Entry fees are often as low as \$5.00.

As an example, on Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM the Simmons Group has several tee times. The competition is a team competition and pays for KPs and the low team score on front, back, and overall. All that is required is a handicap, a sense of humor, and \$5.00. Call the Pro Shop (253-851-5193) any time before 8:15 to get assigned to a team.

Saturday mornings the Men's Club has a block of tee times starting at 7:30 AM. The competition is individual and again, the entry is \$5.00. The payouts are for low net. The number of payouts depends on the number of participants. If more than 12 play, there is a pay out for low gross, as well. Call the Pro Shop Friday afternoon or very early Saturday to get on the list.

Wednesday at 10:00 AM is the "Vintage Group." Competition is team, and payouts are for KPs, team front, back, and overall, and individual low net payouts for two flights. A Men's Club membership, \$5.00, and a handicap makes you eligible. Call the Pro Shop early on Wednesday to get assigned to a team.

These are just a few examples of regular groups, there are many more. Check with the Pro Shop to see if there is a group that fits your schedule. It's a great way to meet the Men's Club members, and who knows, you could walk away with a couple of extra dollars.

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BLUE TEES

JUNE 11

2 MAN BEST BALL

INVITATIONAL

July 9

3 Men and a Lady

(Men-White Ladies-Red)