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Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

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Men's Club News

Men's Club Tournaments and November Events

TURKEY SHOOT

NOVEMBER 18, 2017

POISON BALL AND 3-MAN SCRAMBLE

November's tournament is the ever-popular poison ball format. Each four-man team is given two numbered "poison balls." On each hole a poison ball is played from tee to hole by one player, while the other three players play a 3-man scramble. The scores of the poison ball and the scramble are combined to make the final score.

Why is it a "poison ball?" Well, if you lose one of the poison balls it costs 4 strokes. If you lose two your team is disqualified. Pretty harsh, but that's the rules. Players are allowed to do just about anything to attempt to retrieve lost poison balls, including wading into and through the water hazards. Do try to be careful if you happen to lose one in the monster blackberry vines around the course. I know from experience that it's not worth the four strokes to get cut to ribbons in hopes of finding the ball.

This tournament is a shotgun start, and when everything is over, each team member gets a free frozen turkey. Any turkeys that go unclaimed are donated to the local food bank.

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New President

The Men's Club has a new president to get us through the next year. At the Board meeting in October Phil Levelseller stepped down and **Gary Roadhouse** was elected to his position. Phil will continue to serve on the Board as a Director.

Dues Increase

The cost of obtaining handicaps from GHIN is going up next year, and as a result of that the Board reluctantly voted to increase the Men's club dues to \$70 for next year. This makes it all the more important for you to renew early. If you renew before December 31 the price is only \$65. Be sure to get your application filled out and send in your payment before the end of the year. Payment for Men's Club dues must be in the form of Cash, Check or Money Order. Credit Cards cannot be accepted by the Men's Club. Applications can be found online on the Madrona Links website.

Disqualifications

There have been a number of disqualifications in the past few tournaments, all of them having to do with improper scoring. It is very important that you understand the proper scoring technique for any of our tournaments. The tournament committee will be putting out sample scorecards for any of the non-traditionally scored tournaments (like the poison ball 3-man scramble). As a player, you are responsible to be sure that the score for your round is accurate before it is turned in. If you have questions about scoring, or questions about rules, please talk to the desk personnel to be sure your scorecard is marked correctly.

Another Player Shoots His Age

Steve Minnich, who generally plays four times a week at Madrona, shoot his age on October 25. He has asked that I not reveal his age, so I'll just tell you that he shot a 72 from the whites. This is the third time that Steve has shot his age in the last two years.

If you have a milestone accomplishment like an ace, an eagle, or a round under par, email the editor or tell the folks at the desk to get a note to me and we'll make you famous for a month by putting your name in The Driver.

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WHITE TEES

DEC 8

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 9

**BALL BUSTER
2-MAN SCRAMBLE
RIDICULOUS TEES**