



THE DRIVER

Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

February 2018

Men's Club Tournaments and February Events

SCREWDRIVER OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

This month's tournament is put on by Madrona Links, not the Men's Club. As the name says, it is an "OPEN" so non-members can play. The 4-man teams can be any combination of Men's Club members or non-members. All that is required is a recognized handicap. It's a good chance to introduce new folks to the course. If you have a friend who hasn't joined the club, invite him to join your team, maybe you can convince him to join our club. Entry forms are available at the Pro Shop or online at www.madronalinks.com.

Posting Winter Scores

As most of you know, our handicaps are "frozen" during the winter months. Between November 15 and March 1 our scores at Madrona do not affect our handicap index. Don't let that stop you from posting your scores, though. During the frozen period any posted scores will be used to change your "trend." The trend is an indicator of what your handicap index might be when it is next changed.

During the winter many of our competition groups use the trend as the basis for computing handicap, so it is important to post all of your Madrona scores. When the course gets sloppy, scores tend to suffer, so even though your index is a 15, your trend may end up being a 17 or higher. Of course it is also possible that the preferred lies that we get with winter rules can improve your scores. In that case your trend may get lower.

In the interest of making sure that your handicap reflects your current level of play, please continue to post Madrona scores during the winter months. Make sure that you post them on the Men's Club computer, not through the GHIN app for your phone or from your home computer.

If you travel to an area that is still open for posting—like California or Florida—you should **NOT** post your scores on the Men's Club computer. Post at the course you played, or use your GHIN app or your home computer.

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Match Play is Coming

Our Club President (Gary Roadhouse) is working to organize a match play tournament. It will be a season long match play tournament for men's club members.

The tentative plan is to start in mid May allowing 2 weeks to complete each round of matches. If you are interested, notify the Pro Shop as soon as possible so we can get started on the organization of the matches. Players must sign up by April 30th to be assured of being included. Pairings and flights will be determined after that date based on the number of players. Seeding will be determined by sign-in date first and handicap second so please get your name on the list early if you desire to participate.

For those not familiar with Match Play, it is a head-to-head competition over eighteen holes. The winner is determined by the number of holes won, not by the lowest stroke score. The winner of a hole is the player that holed out with the fewest strokes for gross play, or the player with the lower score (strokes minus handicap) in net scoring. If players have the same score the hole is halved.

This is the same type of play that is used in the President's Cup and Ryder Cup tournaments.

There are a few rules specific to match play, and some of the penalties are different for rules infractions. For instance, most of us are familiar with the two stroke penalty for hitting the flagstick with a putt. In match play the penalty is loss of the hole! The penalties specific to match play will be in an information sheet for all match play entrants.

More information will be available in the near future. It's going to take some work to get this tournament set up, so the earlier people sign up the better.

Feb 17
Screwdriver Open
4 person scramble
Blue Tees

March 17
2-man Chapman
(7 stroke differential max.)
White Tees

Apr 14
4-Man 2 Best Ball
Blue Tees