



THE DRIVER



Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

March 2018

Men's Club Tournaments and March Events

2-Man Chapman

7 stroke maximum differential

March 17

It's Chapman Time

This month's tournament uses a format that's a little like a scramble, but only a little. Two player teams can have a maximum 7 strokes difference in handicap. If the gap is larger than that, then the high handicapper will lose strokes to bring it down to the 7 strokes.

The format is simple, but confusing to some. Player A and Player B both tee off from the white tees. For the second shot Player A plays Player B's drive, while Player B plays Player A's drive. The players then decide which of the shots is better, and they ALTERNATE hitting THAT ball until it is holed out. If you've followed along, you can see that after the two second shots, there will be only one ball left in play, and only one player gets to hit it.

Let's give Player "A" a Titleist and Player "B" a Calloway. Then for order of play on a par 5:

"A" tees off with the Titleist, "B" tees off with the Calloway. Second shot, "A" hits the Calloway, "B" hits the Titleist. They decide the Calloway is in the best position for a shot to the green, so they pick up the Titleist. "A" was the last to hit the Calloway, so now "B" must hit it. It lands on the green. "A" now putts the Calloway. If it is not holed out, "B" putts from wherever the ball came to rest. If it's still not holed out, "A" putts again from wherever the ball came to rest.

The biggest thing to remember is that, except at the tee box, the players will not play from the same spot. In the past players have been disqualified for playing this tournament as a scramble.

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A Change for the April Tournament

In the interest of introducing more people to our course and our Men's Club, the April **4-Man Two Best Ball Tournament** will allow one guest per team. There must be at least three Madrona members, and all players on the team must have a recognized handicap. With luck we can get some new folks to join the club as a result of this tournament.

This Month's Highlights

February was a bit frosty, but we still had golfers out there.

Monty Waggoner was the man of the month.

Early in the month he shot a 73 from the whites, that's below his age.

Later, with snow flying all around, he used his driver to ace number 2 from the blues. Even though it was snowing, it was the regular green. Even more amazing was the fact that he had three other guys playing in the snow with him.

Handicaps are "Thawed"

Handicaps were "frozen" in November, but beginning March 1 you should once again be posting scores from any course that you play. Any scores that you posted at Madrona between November 15 and March 1 will be erased and you will go back to your November index.

More information about Match Play

Current plans call for the first two match play games to be contested from the white tees, and all other matches from the blues.

Field Days are coming

The next Field Day is April 11. The format is a scramble with the teams put together by the computer. Dinner follows the match.

March 17
Two-Man Chapman
White Tees

April 11
Field Day Scramble
White Tees

April 14
4-Man 2-Best Ball
1 Guest permitted per team
Blue Tees