



THE DRIVER



Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

May 2018

Men's Club Tournaments and May Events

Spring Individual, May 19

Match Play Starts

Match Play is Here

The Summer-long Match Play Tournament begins this month. We have 64 players and a number of alternates. There have been a few changes and developments since the April edition of The Driver. The biggest and most exciting development is the addition of money to the prize fund. Madrona Links and Hacker's Restaurant have combined to add more than \$1200. Cheers to both of them for their generosity. Let's try to reward their efforts by patronizing the Pro Shop and the Restaurant.

Matches are now supposed to be played within a three week time frame. That means players have three weeks to agree on a time for the match. It is the responsibility of the low handicapper to contact the high handicapper with two possible dates for the match. If those dates don't work the high handicapper must propose two dates. In order for players to be contacted, it is vital that you have a phone number and/or e-mail address on file at the desk and with Gary Roadhouse, the man working his tail off to get this thing to work. Once a match is played the results should be given to the desk, and the winner should also notify Gary by phone (253-666-3361) or email (g.roadhouse@comcast.net).

The matches will be posted in the clubhouse, but a place has not yet been designated. Look around or ask at the desk. The deadline for finishing the first match is May 26th.

Congratulations to:

Bob Carey for shooting a 69 from the blue tees. Not only is that under par, it's under his age.

Monty Waggoner for shooting 74 from the whites again! Under his age for the second time.

David Allen for a hole-in-one on number 12, at least his second one there.

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When is a putt not a putt?

An interesting question was brought up in a recent round. Player A played a putt from the putting green, and it rolled past the hole and off of the putting surface. He requested that the flagstick be replaced in the hole for his next stroke. Since he had already started putting, and he was going to use his putter for the next stroke, his opponent challenged the request. Would he be right? Did Player A have the right to use the flagstick on his next shot?

Rule 17-3 of the 2016 Rules of Golf states, in part: "The ball must not strike: . . . c. The *flagstick* in the *hole*, unattended, when the *stroke* has been made on the *putting green*."

Since Player A was making his next stroke from off of the putting green, he is entitled to use the flagstick without penalty if he hits it. The fact that he had been on the putting green earlier has no bearing on his next shot.

When the 2019 Rules of Golf is published, this will not be an issue. There will be no penalty for hitting the flagstick even if the stroke is made on the putting green. This rule was changed to help speed up play.

The Spring Individual

This tournament will be played from the blue tees, and it is one of the few tournaments that you rely totally on your own skill. If you win this one, you can know that you weren't carried by your team members. You will also not have to worry about dragging down your team. Be sure to sign up soon

MAY 19
SPRING INDIVIDUAL
BLUE TEES

JUNE 17
2 MAN BEST BALL
INVITATIONAL
WHITE TEES
7 STROKE DIFFERENTIAL MAX.

JULY 15
3 MEN AND A LADY
SHAMBLE
Men- white tees
Ladies- red tees