



THE DRIVER



Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

January 2019

Men's Club Tournaments and January Events

Three Clubs and a Putter

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2019. This month brings two important things. The first, and probably most important, is the implementation of the New Rules of Golf. There have been several changes to the rules, some minor, some major and they all go into effect on January 1, 2019. Changes include a new rule for dropping a ball, no penalty for accidentally moving a ball, no penalty for hitting the flagstick when putting, no penalty for grounding your club in a hazard, and the ability to move loose impediments in bunkers. In order to see a full explanation of the new Rules of Golf, go to the USGA website. They have a number of videos to explain the new rules, and you can download a free app for your phone so that you will have a copy of the rules available to read at your leisure.

The second important thing is the Men's Club's first tournament of the year.

Our January tournament is the 3 Clubs and a Putter. As the name says, players are able to use only 3 clubs and a putter to complete 18 holes from the white tees. This is an individual event, and the scoring is a modified Stableford format. That means you will be awarded points for any score below a double bogey. The lower your score, the more points you get.

One of the frequent questions is, "Can I putt with a club other than my putter?" Players that ask this are usually trying to sneak in an extra club in place of the putter. The answer is, "Yes, you can putt with any club, but you still have to have a putter in your bag." So, no extra club.

Be sure to sign up at the desk, and be sure that you are a paid-up member of the Men's Club. Membership is required to play in Men's Club events. Be sure to fill out a membership application (available at the Madrona Links website) and bring cash or a check to pay your dues. The Men's Club is not able to accept credit cards.

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Changes to the Board

This year we have a new President. Phil Levenseller was elected to serve as President, an office he has held before. We have a new board member, as well. Truhan (Tru) Brown was elected at the October field Day.

Congratulations

John Olson used an 8 iron from the white tees to ace number 17.

Les Barnett once again shot below his age. This time it was a **70** from the whites. Obviously this game is no longer a challenge for him.

Tournament Schedule—2019

January 12—3 Clubs and a Putter

February 16—Screwdriver Open—4 man Scramble

March 16—2-Man Chapman

April 13— 4-Man Two Best Ball—Blue tees

May 19—Spring Individual—Blue tees

June 16—2-Man Best Ball Invitational

July 14—3 Men and a Lady Shamble

July 29 and 30—Senior Club Championship

August 24 and 25—Club Championship

Sept 14—2 Man 6-6-6 Medley

October 12—Tyson Open—4-Man Scramble

Oct 26—Tombstone

Nov 16—Turkey Shoot/Poison Ball

Dec 7—Ball Buster

Jan 12

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White tees

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7 stroke differential max