



THE DRIVER

Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

April 2020

Men's Club Tournaments and April Events

Field Day, To Be Determined

4-Man Two Best Ball, April 25

Two Big Events This Month

We are operating under the assumption that golf will once again be allowed in April.

Our first event will be the Field Day. It was originally scheduled for April 8, but is being rescheduled, since the Stay at Home order may not be lifted by then. It is tentatively rescheduled to April 15. An announcement will be sent out and signs will be posted when the date is finalized.

Your Men's Club Membership allows you to compete in three field days each year. On field days we have a scramble tournament, followed by a dinner. The scramble has a shotgun start from the white tees. All teams are generated by the computer, and each team will have at least one "A" player. The tournament has a \$5 entry fee, the dinner is supplied by the Men's Club.

The second event is the 4-Man Two Best Ball on April 25. This tournament is a tee time start on the Blue Tees. Get a team together and sign-up after the course re-opens. If you can't find a team, or need an extra golfer or two for your team, Ryan will do his best to find you a team or team mates.

Is Golf an Essential Business?

At the beginning of the Governor's Stay at Home Order, the Washington Golf Association sent a letter to the Governor's Office asking that Golf be declared essential. This seems logical, since the Governor classified getting outdoors and getting exercise as essential. Other states with Stay at Home Orders have exempted Golf due to it's exercise value, and the fact that it is easy to have maintain safe social distancing during your round. Sadly, the Governor's Office denied us the use of golf courses. The Washington Golf Association website (WAGOLF.ORG) has the contents of the original letter and the Governor's response.

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Congratulations

I offer an apology for missing an ace.

Bruce House got a hole-in-one (his first) on hole 17 during the December Ball Buster Tournament.

Sorry it took so long to get that acknowledged. If you have a golf milestone that you would like recognized, have the Pro Shop tell me, or email me at Madronadriver@gmail.com.

New Coronavirus Precautions

In order to minimize contact with common surfaces, the course has modified the cups on the greens. The cups have Insulation foam in them, surrounding the flagstick. If your ball hits the foam, it is considered in the hole. This eliminates the need to reach into the cup to retrieve a ball. The flagsticks are to remain in the holes. This eliminates the need to touch the flagstick.

It is also recommended that you not pick up stray balls or tees on the golf course. You literally do not know where they have been.

If you rent a cart, it is a good idea to bring some disinfectant wipes to go over the surfaces like the key, the steering wheel and the seats.

Finally, if you are concerned about face-to-face contact, or handling money at the course, you can call in your credit or debit card number to the Pro Shop. The desk personnel request that you wait until you are safely parked in the parking lot before you call in your number.

If you rent a cart, the Pro Shop folks can hand the key to you out the side window of the shop so you don't need to go inside.

Here's hoping that we can get back to golf, soon.

**April 8
Field Day
Shotgun Scramble
White Tees**

**April 21
4-Man Two Best Ball
Tee Time Start
Blue Tees**

**May 17
Spring Individual
Tee Time Start
Blue Tees**