



# THE DRIVER

Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

February 2020

## Men's Club Tournaments and February Events Events

### Screwdriver Open, February 15

#### If it's February it must be Screwdriver Season

There is only one event on tap, but bear in mind that we are in the middle of winter. The Screwdriver Open is a Madrona Links tournament, not a Men's Club tournament. As the name says, it is an Open tournament, so anyone can play. It's your opportunity to reach out to someone that isn't a member yet and show them how we do things at Madrona. Even if they are a member somewhere else, they can join our club as a social member and be eligible to play in Men's Club tournaments, not just the Opens and Invitationals.

The format is a four person Scramble and it will be played from the blue tees. The entry fee is \$80 per person, and that entry will get you a buffet breakfast AND a buffet lunch. You'll be entered into the prize fund and the cash skins pot. Don't forget the early morning Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys that are available before the round starts. It doesn't get much better than this.

Breakfast starts at 7:00 AM, followed by a 9:00AM shotgun start. Lunch will immediately follow golf.

Entry forms are available at the Pro Shop desk or online at the Madrona Links website ([www.madronalinks.com](http://www.madronalinks.com)).

As always, if you need a player or two for your team, or if you are looking for a team to join, tell the guys at the Pro Shop desk and they will do their best to help complete your team.

#### Congratulations

It must be the winter that is doing it, but I haven't heard much about personal bests or other accomplishments. The two that I do have are:

**Phil McMullen**—One day after turning 83, he shot his age from the white tees.

**Don Oliver**—Eagled hole 18 from the white tees.

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**The World Handicap System**

If you played in the 3 Clubs and a Putter tournament last month, you may have been surprised at the handicap number on your scorecard. Many people found that they had gone from handicaps in the teens to handicaps in single digits.

There was no mistake about the change. As of January 1 the USGA has started using the new World Handicap System. The result is a change in the way that the course handicap is computed. In prior years the course handicap was computed by multiplying your handicap index by the slope rating divided by 113. For example, if you had an index of 13.6 and wanted to play from the blue tees (slope rating 116) your course handicap would be:

$$13.6 \times (116/113) \text{ which translates to a 14 handicap}$$

Under the new system there is another factor added in. Not only do you do the original index times slope divided by 113, you also have to add to that result the difference of the course rating minus par.

The same player with a 13.6 index playing the blues now has to use the blue tee course rating (66.8) minus par (71). The result is:

$$13.6 \times (116/113) + (66.8 - 71) \text{ which translates to a 10 handicap}$$

The calculations for the white tees are done the same way, but the slope rating is 108 and the course rating is 64.7. Calculations for that same 13.6 golfer are:

$$13.6 \times (108/113) + (64.7 - 71) \text{ which translates to a 7 handicap}$$

Quite a change from the "old way." There's more to it than I have written here. I recommend you read the handicap information on the USGA website ([www.USGA.org/handicapping.html](http://www.USGA.org/handicapping.html))

**FEBRUARY 15  
SCREWDRIVER OPEN  
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE  
BLUE TEES**

**MARCH 21  
2-MAN CHAPMAN  
7 STROKE MAX DIFFERENTIAL  
WHITE TEES**

**APRIL 25  
4-MAN TWO BEST BALL  
BLUE TEES**