



# THE DRIVER



Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

January, 2023

## Men's Club Tournaments and January Events

### Three Clubs and Putter, January 14

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#### Happy New Year

The old year ended up with snow, ice, high tides and wind. Here's hoping that the New Year comes with better weather.

We only have one event this month, but it is definitely a good one. On January 14 we have the annual Three Clubs and a Putter tournament. This format has been very popular in the past, and the results are often a surprise. This is an individual tournament, and play is from the white tees.

The rules of the format state that you may only carry four clubs, and that one of them MUST be putter. Many players find that they get surprisingly good scores. It probably has something to do with making fewer decisions about club choice.

There is no need to form a team for this competition since it is scored individually, but if you have a group that you would prefer to play with, please let the ProShop folks know when you sign up. Sign-up sheets should be available soon. This will be a shotgun start, and will be played from the white tees.

#### A Sad Note

Many of the guys that play in the early Wednesday game may remember Bill Kelley. He was a great team mate as well as a pretty fair golfer. He was a member of the Men's Club for almost 30 years, but was sidelined a few years back by a stroke. Sadly he passed away in early December.

#### New USGA Rules

The USGA has made a few rules changes for 2023-2024. These changes can be found at the USGA website, [www.USGA.org](http://www.USGA.org). I will try to explain the changes next month.

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## Congratulations?

I have absolutely no information about anyone's accomplishments in December. If you did something that I didn't hear about, send me an email and I'll put it in next month.

## Time to Renew

Now that January is here, it's time to renew your membership. Applications can be found online at [www.madronalinks.com](http://www.madronalinks.com), or you can get one at the ProShop desk. Remember that your membership fee must be paid with cash or check, we have no way to process credit or debit cards.

Your continuing membership keeps your GHIN handicap number active and allows you to enter all Men's Club tournaments. Your dues are used to help finance the field day and Christmas party dinners, as well as added prize money for the tournaments.

Men's Club dues also allowed us to put in the new boundry fence on hole 13.

Don't wait around, renew now!

## Additional Attachments

Along with this month's Driver, you are getting the 2023 edition of The Men's Club Handbook, and the Schedule for many of the weekly games at the club.

These can also be found on the Madrona Website,  
[www.madronalinks.com](http://www.madronalinks.com).

## No Posting

Even though it is 2023, posting of scores is still not allowed for rounds played in our part of the country. Any scores in other areas that allow winter posting MUST be posted, though.

Posting will resume on March 1, 2023.

JANUARY 14  
3 CLUBS AND A PUTTER  
WHITE TEES

FEBRUARY 18  
SCREWDRIVER OPEN  
4-MAN SCRAMBLE  
BLUE TEES

FEBRUARY 26  
TWO CUP  
INDIVIDUAL  
BLUE TEES