



THE DRIVER

Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

MARCH, 2023

Men's Club Tournaments and March Events

2 Cup Tournament, March 5

2 Man Chapman Tournament, March 18

Two Events in March

Thanks to the weather we get an extra event this month. The 2 Cup Tournament has been carried over from February to this month. It's very early in the month, so sign up soon. No partner are needed since this is an individual tournament.

Each green will have two cups, and neither will have a flagstick. You will be shooting blind to the green. Once on the green, you may use either hole. Walking or driving ahead to see where the holes are located is not allowed, and will result in disqualification.

This will be a **10 AM** shotgun start from the white tees.

Our second event is the 2-Man Chapman Tournament. Picking the proper partner can be crucial. There is a 9 stroke maximum differential allowed. If your partner has a handicap more than 9 strokes higher than yours, it will be adjusted downwards.

The Chapman format requires both players to tee off. After the tee shot Player A will go to Player B's ball and play it, while Player B will go to Player A's ball and play it. Once the second shot has been made, the Players will decide which of the two balls they will use to finish the hole. If they choose the ball last struck by Player B, it will be Player A's turn to hit that ball. The next shot will be taken by Player B, and the players will alternate strokes until the hole is completed. The process is repeated on the next hole, with both players hitting a tee shot.

Hitting the ball out-of-turn will result in a penalty. For example, if Player B putts the ball to within an inch of the hole, then walks over and taps it in, he has played out-of-turn and the team will be assessed a penalty. Be sure to check the rules sheet before you tee off. **THIS IS NOT A SCRAMBLE!**

Sign up in the Pro Shop as a team or as an individual. They will find a partner for you.

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Posting Begins March 1

We are finally able to post scores for handicap as of March 1. Any score for 9 holes or 18 holes MUST be posted. You may post using the Men's Club computer in the Clubhouse, or you can post using your home computer, or the GHIN app on your phone.

Handicaps are no longer frozen, and they are recomputed by GHIN every day, so check you index every time you golf to be sure you are using the correct handicap.

New Rules for 2023-2024

There have been a a few changes made, here are a few of them:

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.

Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief. When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.

There are other rules changes as well. You can find them at www.USGA.org

Congratulations

Karl Dennison shot 69 from the white tees.

Kevin Cooper shot a personal best 74 from the white tees. It was a net 57.

David Allen shot a 67 from the whites.

Don Oliver shot 74 and **John Ellickson** shot 78, both from the whites and both one stroke under their age.

MARCH 5
2 CUP TOURNAMENT
WHITE TEES

MARCH 18
2-MAN CHAPMAN
9 STROKE MAX
DIFFERENTIAL
WHITE TEES

APRIL 15
4-MAN 2 BEST BALL
BLUE/WHITE COMBO
TEES