



THE DRIVER



Newsletter of the Madrona Links Men's Club

May 2022

Men's Club Tournaments and May Events

Member/Guest, May 7

Match Play Starts, May 9

Spring Individual, May 22

Three Things To Do This Month

How great is it that we have three separate events going on now that Spring is here?

The first event is the 2nd Annual Member/Guest Tournament. This is tee time event, played from the white tees. As the name indicates, Men's Club members are allowed to invite a guest to this tournament. The only stipulation is that the guest MUST NOT be a current member of the Men's Club. Guests that have a GHIN handicap will play using that handicap, while those without a handicap must play to a zero handicap.

Get out and get your friends over to our course to show them how great our events can be. Sign up sheets are in the Pro Shop.

Event two is the beginning of the Spring into Summer Match Play Tournament. There is still time to qualify for the event. Simply sign up at the Pro Shop and invest a \$5 qualifying fee, then play three qualifying rounds before May 8. The top 64 qualifiers will be posted on May 9, along with the pairings. In order to continue playing, pay your \$30 entry fee in the Pro Shop, then contact your opponent to arrange a match time.

There will be 20 places paid in this tournament, so there's a good chance to get a payday here. All players are guaranteed two matches.

Finally, we have the Spring Individual. This is one of the few individual tournaments that we have, so it's a chance to win based on your own abilities, without relying on partners. The play will be from the Blue tees, and this is a tee time event. Sign-up in the Pro Shop. You may form your own foursome, or sign up as an individual.

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Congratulations

I have a few things of note for you:

Gary Roadhouse eagled #8 from the Blue tees.

Pete Mitchell eagled #16 from the white tees. He also shot below his age.

Les Barnett shot his age on four separate occasions last month. The older he gets, the easier it becomes.

Phil McMullen once again shot his age (85).

Course Maintenance

It's Spring! The greens have been punched and sanded, and the rain and sun are helping to bring the fairways back to life. Let's do our best to help keep things as playable as possible.

Over the winter we seem to ignore the divots we take, hoping that they'll fill in when the grass starts to grow. To an extent they will grow, but they need your help. If you take a divot there are two ways to fix it. If the grass you scoop out is intact, you can simply put it back in place and tap it level with your foot. If the divot is in pieces, don't try to put it back, simply fill the hole with sand up to the level of the grass, then gently step it down. It is amazing how much this helps the fairways recover, and it prevents you and others from being stuck in that hole, later on. Keeping the greens in shape is also easy. If you make a ball mark on the green, there are again two ways to fix it, depending on the type of mark. If it is just a dimple, just insert a green repair tool or a tee under the dimple and pry it up to the level of the green. If your mark is a divot, you should first use your finger to push any raised area into the divot, then use the tool or tee around the edge of the divot to pry the grass towards the divot, then tamp it level with your putter. DO NOT try to lift the bottom of the divot, this will exaggerate the damage to the green, not help it. While your at it, take the time to fix one other ball mark or divot as well.

**MAY 7
MEMBER/GUEST
WHITE TEES**

**MAY 22
SPRING INDIVIDUAL
BLUE TEES**

**JUNE 18
2 MAN BEST BALL
INVITATIONAL
7 STROKE MAX SPREAD
WHITE TEES**