

# 2020 EC Men's Golf Club Match Play Tournament - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>

For the first time, the [Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club](#) Match Play Tournament this year will produce a "Match Play Champion". Another first this year will be inclusion in the field of afternoon golfers (i.e. Diamond and Silver annual pass holders), now also "Regular Members" of the EC Men's Club. The road to crowning a champion runs thru two separate "phases": a "Round Robin" phase and a "Championship Phase".

The Round Robin phase is identical to last year's Match Play tournament. The field is split into 4-man brackets, each bracket member driving off the same tees, each with very similar handicaps. Members play each other over three days, Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Ridge), Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> (Resort) and Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> (Resort) earning 1 point for a match win and a half point for a draw. The player with the most points moves onto the Championship Phase; additional in-bracket play may be required to determine a winner.

We understand that schedules can interfere with play on the scheduled days and or times of play. For the Round Robin phase, if you cannot play during our scheduled events, coordination with your opponent is allowed to find a mutually agreed upon time. In the event you are scheduling your own times, you must ensure that all three rounds in your group must be completed by Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> and each round must be played on that round's designated course. NOTE: Golf Genius scorecards will be provided and must be used for all matches during this tournament.

Bracket winners compete in single elimination rounds to determine the Match Play Champion in the Championship Phase. Given the number of golfers already signed up, the number of rounds in this phase will be four. All matches must be coordinated and scheduled by opponents; matches can be held on either the Ridge or Resort course and results will be displayed (almost) in real time on the [club website](#). All rounds comprising the Championship phase must be completed by June 30. Unresolvable issues regarding scheduling are to be forwarded to the [tournament director](#).

## **Brackets and Signups and Feedback Requested**

Currently, we have 53 golfers signed up to participate in the 2020 EC Men's Golf Club Match Play Tournament. The current roster and bracket assignments are posted (almost) in real time on the [club website](#). We need a tournament roster count that is a multiple of four to ensure all brackets are full. Further, rules of this tournament require members of a bracket tee off from the same set of tees – BLUE, B/W Combo, WHITE and WHITE-or-RED. Thus, we need a multiple of four for seeding brackets within each tee-off group. Finally, we have afternoon-only players and morning players mixed in groups as required for minimizing handicap differences between top and bottom seeds within a bracket and the general principle that afternoon golfers are full members of our club. With regard to "Feedback Requested", please respond to this message (or email the [tournament director](#)) your flexibility with regard to:

- The tees you prefer to play in this tournament. For example: Rich Fitterer would be OK if he played White, or Combo or Blue tees. That's wonderful!
- If you are a Platinum or Gold member and wouldn't mind playing in the afternoon. For example, I (Reed Sloss) am a Platinum member but will play all rounds in the afternoon if it makes bracket definition easier.
- If you are a Diamond/Silver member but also a punch pass holder and walker and wouldn't mind using a single punch to play in the AM after 10:30 but before 12 noon. NOTE: the cutoff date for a single punch getting you morning play on either the Ridge or Resort is June 10. There is an extra charge for tee times before 10:30 am and for carts.

As mentioned above, we are currently at 53, assuming we can get to 56 and hoping we could get 60 players signed up to play in this tournament. 64 players would mean 16 bracket winners and nirvana for a Championship Phase (i.e. no byes). At this moment (Thursday, 7:00 PM) we will likely close signups on Saturday or as soon as we hit 56 or 60 players. Signups after that will be placed on a wait list and enter into the tournament pending cancellations.

## **Schedule & Allocated Tee Times**

Reserved tee times for Round Robin play are as follows:

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (RIDGE Course)

AM Play: ten tee times starting at 8:30 (on 12 minute intervals)

PM Play: tee times at 12:05, 12:18, 12:30

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> (Resort Course)

AM Play: 11 tee times starting at 8:33 (on 11 minute intervals)

PM Play: 12:02, 12:13, 12:24, 12:35 12:46

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (Resort Course)

AM Play: 11 tee times starting at 8:33 (on 11 minute intervals)

PM Play: 12:02, 12:13, 12:24, 12:35

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Ridge Course Pavilion -- 6:00 PM

Championship Seeding Party (i.e. “who gets a bye”)

### **Round Robin Phase – Payouts – Determining a Bracket Winner**

Players submit a \$25 entry fee to play in this tournament - \$20 of this is paid out within the bracket after the Round Robin Phase is completed as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$30
- Ties split award (regardless of subsequent tie-breaking action)
- NOTE: all credits are in dollars toward merchandise purchases thru the EC Golf Proshop.

If members of a bracket tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, they decide how best to determine a winner. One or more members may voluntarily back out, two tied for first may flip a coin, have a chip-off, whatever. Two tied for first may play another 18-hole match that decides who goes onto the Championship phase. A three-player tie for first might be settled via a front/back single round competition – each 9 holes being a match for points. **IMPORTANT:** if a bracket winner is unable to participate in the Championship Phase, no one moves forward from that bracket.

### **Championship Phase, Seeding, Payouts**

Brackets are both named AND seeded A thru some letter later in the alphabet based on low to high, handicap indexes of among the bracket members. Depending on the number of brackets, there may be byes in the first round. These byes will be determined by blind draw during the “Championship Seeding Party”.

The payouts for the Championship Phase will be based on the number of flights. For example if we get 60 players (i.e. 15 flights), the payouts would be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$125
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$40
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: \$20 (assumes consolation match –losers in semi’s may choose to split 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> winnings)
- 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> place: \$10 each

### **Match Play Rules**

- NOTE: We will not be posting these rounds for various reasons including uncertainty regarding rules for assigning scores to unfinished holes.
- We follow [USGA Match Play](#) rules. For example, be careful to follow order of play rules – know who has honors off the tee; especially who putts first on greens.
- Be sure to follow our local Eagle Crest Golf rules – see website under Club [Management->View Handicap & Local Rules](#)

- Special Rule: Due to dry areas on Resort Course (e.g. left on #2) if ball is clearly in the fairway but NOT on grass, player is allowed relief – one club from nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. You must check with your opponent before taking relief.