

## Gentlemen:

We are inviting you to compete in ECMGC's 2024 Match Play Tournament.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any ECMGC "regular member" including all new members who joined the club in 2024 but haven't achieved playing the required "five regular rounds over the past 12 months".

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** ECMGC members who hold an EC Golf "Silver" (i.e. afternoon) annual pass may compete in the first two rounds without paying green fees. However, all subsequent matches will need to be scheduled after 12:00 noon.

**FORMAT:** Like last year, this will be a double-elimination, singles match play competition among golfers in bracketed flights - the number of those flights determined by the quantity of signups (see attached event flier). Again, there will be an optional "Open" (i.e. gross) flight for golfers choosing to play without a handicap – the winner capturing the existing Match Play (Gross) Championship traveling trophy won by Dan Broadley last year. Golfers in the remaining flights will play net matches in brackets based on player handicap indexes. Unlike last year, flight size will be restricted to 8 golfers (i.e. no 16-man or larger brackets) and play-by dates for round completion will be strictly enforced. Flight winners for all brackets should be crowned within a month of the tournament's start date. After this, a single-elimination match play tournament among all flight winners (not to last longer than two weeks) will be used to award a new, season's Match Play Net Champion traveling trophy. Finally, again based on signups, we will set up one or more "Super Senior" flights, for golfers age of 75 or older who chose to drive from more forward tees.

**DATES / TIMES:** The first two rounds of Match Play are scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 (Resort Course, R1 winners' bracket) and June 20 (Ridge Course, R2 winners' bracket, R1 losers' bracket); tee times starting at 11:00 AM. Beyond these two rounds, players moving on are required to setup subsequent matches with their opponent on either the Ridge or Resort Course and complete those matches by the following dates:

- Winners R3, Losers R2 – June 26
- Losers R3 – July 1, Losers R4 – July 10
- Final matches – July 17
- Finishing your matches before these deadlines is strongly encouraged.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$40 (make checks payable to ECMGC)

### TEES:

- Open (Gross) Flight – BLUE tees
- Net Flights – WHITE tees
- Super Seniors – RED/WHITE Combo tees (must be 75 years or older)

**TO SIGNUP:** You can sign up for this tournament by clicking on the "Playing" button below and later dropping off your entry fee at the Ridge Proshop. After clicking on the "Playing" button, click on the "Confirm Playing" in the popup window. Click on "Send a message to the manager" in the next popup and indicate in that message which set of flights you wish to play – Open, Net or Super Senior (must be 75 years or older).

**PAYOUTS:** Proshop credit earnings will be paid out based on match wins starting out as \$10 for the first win. See attachment "2024 Match Play Tournament – example.pdf" for a detailed view.

**PLAYOFFS:** A final set of single-elimination matches among all bracket winners (Open, Net and Super Senior) starting around July 18 and likely extending to the end of July will be held to determine the overall 2024 ECMGC **Net** Match Play Champion. Like last year, this major ECMGC tournament will not include a meal or door prizes. Instead, that portion of the tournament's budget will be reserved to fund another traveling trophy and provide additional payouts currently estimated to be \$100 – 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$75 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> and \$25 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**OTHER DETAILS:**

- The current match play results and next round pairings will be updated daily and displayed on the bulletin board inside the Greenside Café as well as published on the club's website (<http://ecmensgolfclub.com>).
- Scorecards for R3 matches and beyond will be dropped off at the relevant proshop ahead of time.
- Players setting up R3 matches and beyond are **STRONGLY** encouraged to pair up with another match twosome.
- USGA Match Play rules apply including rules for scoring conceded holes where a ball is picked up.
- Course handicaps in all net matches spin off the lower handicap opponent (i.e. the lower handicap golfer plays to 0 whereas his opponent plays with a number of pops equal to difference in their course handicaps).
- All rounds will be posted as Regular Scores – do not put scores in holes not completed (GHIN will fill out these holes based on USGA's 2024 updates to the handicap system).
- Handicap indexes are capped at 36.0.
- Handicaps will be updated daily before each match.
- Signup deadline – June 14th, 5:00 PM

Thanks,

QUESTIONS: contact Tournament Directors **Rob Mahoney** (913-744-8123) and **Reed Sloss** (541-788-8611)