

Gentlemen:

This is the 2nd and final invitation to ECMGC's Match Play Tournament. The tournament starts a month from now and follows a flighted, double-elimination format (see attachment). It will end sometime in June or early July after all flight winners are crowned.

Some details relating to tournament setup and rules are still being worked out.

We currently have a 40-player roster, a nice even number for 8 and 16-man brackets - succeeding entries will be placed on the waitlist. Members on the waitlist will be used to fill vacancies left by cancellations on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, if numbers on that list reach multiples of 8 players, those golfers will be added to the roster by expanding or adding flights.

Gross Flight

Golfers in this flight play all matches from the BLUE tees and without a handicap. This flight's winner will be the first to have his name and photo affixed to a traveling trophy as the season's ECMGC Match Play Champion (for a time, this award will be on display in our trophy case). As indicated in the attached flier, entry fees for golfers in this flight are higher, thereby increasing the stakes and payouts to the top three golfers. Participation is optional and the size of this flight will likely stay at 8. The final eight golfers will be selected from the list of golfers who 1) chose to play in matches without a handicap and 2) have one of the eight lowest handicap indexes on the signup deadline, May 3rd.

Tees for Net Flights

Our current plan has golfers in both Net flights playing from the WHITE (Low Net) or WHITE and RED tees (Higher Net). Though unlikely, a flight's tee assignments may change depending on changes in its composition.

Schedule

- Tournament directors anticipate using both Mens Day May 10th (Resort Course) and 17th (Ridge Course) exclusively for rounds 1 and 2. Players are expected to play their first two matches on these days.
- To expedite this tournament's completion, individual matches in rounds 3 and beyond will need to be played on non-Wednesday weekdays (or weekends) before and during the Eagle Crest Cup (i.e. between May 18 and June 6). After the Eagle Crest Cup, matches may be scheduled by tournament directors on the back end of Men's Day Wednesday games. Tournament directors will facilitate reserving tee times and setting up these later bracket matches.
- 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 (ecmensgolfclub.com).
- Scorecards for round 3 matches and beyond will be dropped off at the relevant proshop ahead of time.

Additional details:

- USGA Match Play rules apply.
- 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 – holes not recorded during a match will be assigned a score of net par.

- Handicap indexes are capped at 36.0.
- Handicaps will be updated daily before each match.
- Match Play rounds are restricted to the Resort and Ridge Courses.
- Signup deadline – May 3rd, 5:00 PM
- Entry Fees / Payouts:
 1. \$50 entry fee for Gross and \$30 for Net Flights – please drop check made out to ECMGC at the Ridge proshop by May 8.
 2. **Question:** What should I pay as an entry fee if I prefer to play in the gross flight but not sure if I'll be selected?
 3. **Answer:** Drop off a \$30 check for now, and \$20 before May 9 if assigned to play in the gross flight. Final flight assignments should be announced after the Mixer (May 3).
 4. Gross Flight payout – top three places: 1st \$250, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50
 5. Net Flight payouts – 40% of 16-man field 1st \$170, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th–6th \$35
 6. All collected entry fees will be paid out to the field in Golf Shop credits.
 7. A traveling trophy for the Gross Flight will be awarded. Individual, personalized plaques for Net Flight winners will be awarded at the ECMGC season-ending banquet.