

Congratulations, you are in our first ever match play tournament that we expect to start Mar 2 & finish as early as July 13.

Match play is a head-to-head format (w/handicaps & you choose which tees to play from), where players strive to win each hole, the player with the most holes won after 18, wins the match.

- There will be a \$10 entry fee; cash in "Match Play" envelope with your name, Venmo @rschaef07, or Zelle 415-717-2583
- We have 36 players, so will create 3 flights (A, B & C) of 12 players each flight.

Each flight starts with 2 groups of 6, & each golfer will play 5 matches in their group. 1 point for a win, 1/2 point for a tie. If you can't play your match in the 3-week time period, it's considered a tie.

The top 2 finishers in each group will go to a single elimination playoff. Tiebreakers will be head-to-head record; most holes won in the group matches, etc.

Matches will be Mondays, & if you play 3 Buck Chuck, both will be played concurrently. So, you may need to keep 2 scorecards, 1 for 3BC & 1 for match play. More on scorecards later.

However, if you cannot play on your scheduled Monday, there is a 3-week window to complete your match before your next scheduled match. You may play on any day & any course in between those 3 weeks, including playing on Art's Wednesday Challenge at Diablo Creek.

We will not play on Memorial Day, or the 3rd Monday, March - August, as regular club tournaments are scheduled then.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES :

-You will be responsible for verifying yours & your opponent's handicaps. Mike Toth posts the list on the senior board above the scorecard dropbox; or use Handicap Lookup in the USGA GHIN app (using the CH for course handicap). If you need help, please first download the USGA GHIN app (& if possible, create a profile using your GHIN number, also posted by Mike Toth with the handicap list).

-You will be responsible for identifying the hardest holes where the higher handicap opponent gets their strokes.

-You, or your opponent, will be responsible for getting you & your opponent a tee time on TeeTimeHelper (this way I avoid having to adjust players and tee times to correspond to that day's match play pairings).

-Drop scorecard in DCSGC dropbox & also take a photo and send to me. I need to keep track of all the holes won in every match. (How to score email coming soon).

**** it's not difficult, but for me to manage this I need to be able to easily read the scorecards***

-In general, NCGA match play rules will apply, but we don't want to be overly strict - we want to have fun. Players should review rules about how match play is different from stroke play (there is some strategy involved, so please look over). Visit <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/topics/match-play.html>.

** this is our first time trying this, and if it's successful or needs tweaking, I welcome suggestions for next year's match play competition.

*** if you have questions, please ask: about this format; how to use TeeTimeHelper; how to score. All questions are good questions.

Group Play Schedule for A, B & C flights (2 groups of 6 players in each flight)

Each group of 6 players plays 5 matches, spaced 3 weeks apart.

Detailed opponent schedule to come.

Group Match	Monday
Group Match 1	March 2
Group Match 2	March 23
Group Match 3	April 13
Group Match 4	May 4
Group Match 5	June 1

*June 21, 2026 is last day for all group flights. Top 2 in each group move on to single elimination bracket.

Elimination Bracket (same for each flight)

4 players → 2 rounds, still on a 3-week buffer.

Elimination Round	Date
Semifinals	June 22
Final	July 13

Tournament End Date

Monday, July 13 - August 2

- **A Flight Champion**
- **B Flight Champion**
- **C Flight Champion**