



Saturday Golf League - Match Play 2014

Updates

Round #5 Update: 2/9/2014

We had two matches on Saturday at the ASU Karsten Golf Course eliminating two more players, Jim Bieleniewicz and Kim Snyder. Val LaChuga and Dave Dean were the winners and now move on to the FINAL FOUR. Kim didn't put up much of a fight against the straight and accurate Val (down the middle) LaChuga. The match was over by the middle of the back nine. In the other match on Saturday, Dave got off to a fast lead that Jim just could not overcome - there weren't enough holes left to make up the difference.

At Falcon Dunes next Saturday we will have Dave and Val going up against each other with winner advancing into at least third place. The winner will have to take on Bob Owen who has been patiently waiting for his next opponent. Also waiting in the wings is Dan Gallegos who is undefeated to this point. Dan is guaranteed no less than second place (check out the brackets).

It would appear that drawing a bye in first round is very beneficial as three of the four finalists drew first round byes. Val LaChuga is the only exception.

The match play rounds being played in conjunction with the normal SGL events have created a new form of competition that we all can look forward to each year. Good luck to the remaining contestants and thank you to all who have participated.

Round #3 Update: 1/26/2014

We had a beautiful weather for our match play on Saturday at the Eagles Nest Golf Club at Pebble Creek. We started in a shotgun format, which got us all going at the same time. By the end of the day we had lost four players through elimination, Joe Pilewicz, Richard Perry, Jean Frasier and Richard Pilewicz. In the Winner's Bracket we had Dave Dean going up against Dan Gallegos. Dan squeaked out a win putting Dave into the Loser's Bracket and in the other match in the Winner's Bracket we had Val LaChuga taking on Bob Owen in a game of "no you take it" with Bob coming out on top sending Val down for the first time. Staying alive in the Loser's Bracket were Mick Mickela, Kim Snyder, Don Lucas and Jim Bieleniewicz.

Next week at Coldwater (home of the painted greens) we will have Dan Gallegos going up against Bob Owen. The winner of this match will be guaranteed at least a third place finish. In the Loser's Bracket we will have Mick Mickela and Kim Snyder in one of the matches with Don Lucas and Jim Bieleniewicz in the other match. Val LaChuga and Dave Dean will have to wait one week to see who they will face off against at ASU Karsten.

To date we have lost 5 players through elimination with 8 remaining in competition. The format is fun and the competition fierce proving that we can fit this modified version of match play into our normal stroke play schedule and format. As we move forward in this event I welcome any and all ideas, concerns and suggestions that would make next year's match play even bigger and better. To those who have been eliminated, thank you and to those who remain in competition, good luck.

Round #2 Update: 1/20/2014

We had five matches contested at Ahwatukee Country Club last Saturday and we have had our first player, Steve Oliva, eliminated from competition. This coming Saturday at Eagles Nest we will have a total of six different matches, four matches in the Loser's Bracket and two matches in the Winners Bracket. In the Winner's Bracket we have Dave Dean going up against Dan Gallegos, both players were idle in the first round drawing first round byes and we will have Val LeChuga taking on Bob Owen another player who drew a first round bye. In the Loser's Bracket we have Mick Mickela pairing up against Joe Pilewicz, Richard Perry going up against Kim Snyder, Don Lucas taking on Jean Frasier and Jim Bieleniewicz doing his best to stay alive against fellow competitor, Richard Pilewicz. Unfortunately, this will be the final round for all who lose in the losers in the Loser's Bracket as this will be the second loss in the double elimination tournament. The players in the Winner's Bracket do have an advantage at this point, but this tournament is long from over. It's not over until we get to Round 8 or until the fat lady sings. Play hard, good luck to all.

Clarification on Match Play Rules: 1/18/2014

#1- Tournament Handicap

We will be using the Tournament Handicap that Dave calculates for each of our tournaments. It is usually the same as the Course Handicap, however we have one female player in the Match Play Tournament and she will either receive additional strokes or give strokes based on the tee box calculations.

#2- Men's and Women's Handicaps will be used

The men's handicap will be used to for all matches with the exception of matches that include our female participant, we will be using the women's handicap for that match. If you are scheduled to play Jean in a match, pay particular attention to the strokes that she will get. She will be receiving strokes based on HER hardest holes dictated by the women's handicap. Additionally, if we have to go to a tie breaker, it will be the women's number one handicapped hole, not the number one men's handicapped hole that will be used. All tie breaks are done by calculating the best net score on the number one handicapped hole.

Round #1 Update: 1/12/2014

The opening matches were played on a gorgeous day at the Silverado Golf Club in Scottsdale. Two of the matches went to a tie break to determine the eventual winner and the others were very close. A few of the players drew a first round bye and are now scheduled to play in their first match play round while some of the others who were first round loser's will now wait until the third round to see who they will face. A couple of the first round loser's will play their second matches at Ahwatukee Country Club along with all of the first round winners. Please see the bracket link on the web site to see exactly who you will be playing and where that match will take place. Just a note, all match play participants will be playing at Eagle's Nest except for one. Again, please see the match play bracket on the web site and follow along.

Next week at Ahwatukee Country Club we will have Dave Dean going up against Kim Snyder, Mick Mickela will take on Dan Gallegos, first round winners Richard Pilewicz and Val LaChuga will go up against each other and Jean Frasier will test Bob Owen. Joe Pilewicz will challenge Steve Oliva in the first elimination match of the tournament. Good luck to all players.

Match Play Update: 1/5/2014

The drawing for bracket positions took place after our round at Rio Verde. In all we had 13 players sign up for the event. The bracket is now posted on the web site with the starting positions based on the blind draw. I know it looks like it was fixed with brothers going after one another in the first round, but keep in mind that the drawing for starting positions was fair and square. Also, be mindful that it is a double elimination tournament.

There are three players that drew first round byes so they will not be participating in the event at Silverado, they will begin match play in round 2 at Ahwatukee Country Club. Those players are Dave Dean, Dan Gallegos and Bob Owen. As for the rest of us we start our match play on Saturday at Silverado in conjunction with the normal SGL event and the Ringers event, it should prove interesting.

In the first round we will have Don Lucas taking on Kim Snyder with Kim getting 1 stroke on the number one handicapped hole. Jim Bieleniewicz will be playing Paul "Mick" Mickela, Jim will be giving Mick 11 strokes on the 11 hardest holes. Brothers Richard and Joe Pilewicz will be going head to head with Joe giving brother Richard 1 stroke on the hardest hole. We also have Val LeChuga getting 9 strokes on the 9 hardest holes from Steve Oliva and in our final match we will have Richard Perry going up against Jean Frasier with Jean getting 7 strokes from Richard.

We will be using the Tournament Handicap to determine your match play handicap for the event. If you were to look on the web site and check your handicap, you may find that the Tournament Handicap is different than your handicap index, this is normal. Your Tournament Handicap should not be more than 2 strokes different than your handicap index, most likely a one stroke differential.

If for some reason someone fails to show up for a particular match play round, that person will be forfeit the match and head directly to the loser's bracket or be eliminated if he or she already has one loss. If, in the event both players are no shows for a specified match, a coin toss will be used to determine the outcome of the match. The top of the bracket has been designated "Heads" and the bottom "Tails". If the coin toss results in a "Tails" then the person occupying the lower position on the bracket will advance as the winner and the person who was in the upper half of that match will go to the loser's bracket or be eliminated if he/she already has one previous loss.