



# 2017 Match Play Final Results

The league would like to thank all that participated in the match play this season. Congratulations to the match play champion Elmer Schmidt who won in the rematch round against last year's defending champion Ben Goodwin. The final standings are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place winner: Elmer Schmidt (\$300)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner: Ben Goodwin (\$50)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner: Nolan Murphy (\$30)

Ben Goodwin put up a good fight to the last hole to the last putt. The match was mostly all square between the two players. Ben managed to get 1 up on Elmer with 4 holes left. Elmer then made it all square on the next hole and then managed another win on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

Elmer Schmidt was 1 up going into the last hole but Ben Goodwin had the tie break winner hole. Elmer had to at least halve the last hole to win the match. On the final hole both players had driven the ball to the left side of the fairway into the desert. Elmer had a tree in his back swing where Ben had a good lie on the dirt. Elmer made an amazing punch shot from about 140 yards to put the ball onto the green. Ben also hit a nice shot from the dirt onto the green. I have to admit, with Elmer's lie I thought Ben was a shoo-in, A SHOO-IN for the win.

Elmer was left with about a 33 foot putt and Ben had about a 30 foot putt. Elmer, going first, left his winning birdie putt about 5 feet short. Ben now has the winning putt from 30 feet out and almost putts the ball in the hole for the win. After Ben taps his ball in for par, it is now up to Elmer to make a knee knocker putt for the win. Elmer keeps his nerves in check and putts the ball in for the win.

Please give Elmer a pat on the back (not too hard of a pat) for his match play win next time you see him on the course.

I look forward to next season's match play and thanks again for all who participated in this seasons match play.

Note: There will be a rule change for next season's match play tie breaker.

The tie break will no longer be determine based on handicap holes. There will be a putt off on the 19<sup>th</sup> green to determine the winner. The putt off will determine the winner by the first player to miss putting the ball into the hole starting from 3 feet, 6 feet, 9 feet, 12 feet, 15 feet, etc.... The opponent player will not be allowed to see the line of the putt when putting second to keep it an equal playing field. The next putt will not be pushed back 3 feet until both players hole their shot.

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