

Gentlemen,

Thanks as always for your interest in Match Play.

We have some exciting stuff planned and we are thrilled to give you a heads-up as to what is coming.

This year we are pleased to elevate the friendly competition by introducing a team component to the season long race to the Match Play Championship. In short, players will be competing in head to head matches against 10 opponents from the other team. Individually, nothing changes. You'll still play 10 matches and your 7 best will count towards the championship. However, the winner of the match will earn 1 point for their team (0.5 points for a tie).

In one corner, **Team Hogan**, captained by Graham Tolfree & Brandon Ridding. In the other corner, **Team Snead**, captained by Anthony Doran & Shawn Plain. Here is how things are going to unfold:

- * Once we have final numbers confirmed, players will be sorted according to their Handicap Factor.
- * Based on that sorting, a draft will be held to allocate players to their respective teams.
- * For example, players will be sorted into Group 1, Group 2, Group 3. Equal numbers of players from each Group will be selected by the teams.
- * Players from Team Hogan will then compete against players from Team Snead

What is at stake? In addition to the individual match play competition, the winning team (based on points) will raise the Match Play Cup as 2017 Champions. All players on the winning team will have their name inscribed and this will be prominently on display in the Clubhouse. We also envision a few bottles of champagne in play.

Why are we adding this? It's simple - winning an event as an individual is great but winning as a team is even better. This added competition will make every match and every hole matter right until the final putt drops on #18. It will enhance our spirit of competition and we are very confident in saying that there will be excitement and friendly banter on display at the course throughout the summer.

More information will be coming as we move closer to the start of the season. Because the Committee needs some time to get things organized, we are asking that all **registrations be confirmed by March 31, 2017**. All players must have a valid **GAO handicap in place by May 1, 2017**.

Finally, our **Opening Day** will take place on **Saturday May 6, 2017**. Our **Closing Day/Championship** will be played on **Sunday September 24, 2017**.

This will be an exciting season. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Anthony, Graham, Shawn & Brandon