

# SGA Individual Match Play Tournament

The 2015 **SGA Individual Match Play Tournament** will be a single elimination tournament played with handicaps in flights of up to eight golfers. We will have as many flights as necessary to accommodate all SGA members who want to participate. The tournament will be open to all North Ridge SGA members. Competitors who sign up to play in the tournament will be charged \$10 on their North Ridge account to establish the cash purse. Flight winners will receive 60% of the purse and the runners-up will receive 40%.

The competition brackets will be posted by April 10 and play will start as early as April 14. Competitors will schedule their own matches within a window of dates. First round – April 14 thru May 4. Second round – May 5 through May 25. Third Round – May 26 through June 15. Following Flight play, Flight winners will be invited to compete to earn the title “2015 SGA Individual Match Play Champion.”

## **Guidelines for Arranging Matches**

The following guidelines are offered to provide guidance on how matches should be arranged, to help ensure that matches are played by the due date, and to advise competitors about how unplayed matches will be dealt with in an equitable and consistent manner.

- The golfer named on the top line in the bracket is asked to assume primary responsibility for contacting his opponent to set up the next match. Use the club directory to located phone numbers or email addresses.
- An initial contact should be made within the first three days of the brackets being posted and no more than three days after passing the previous round's deadline.
- The players should make every effort to find a mutually convenient date and time to play. Weekend dates are permitted, but only by mutual agreement of both players.
- If the competitors fail to complete a match by the last day for that round because one player cannot offer at least 6 of the 12 weekdays allotted for that round or because he has otherwise caused the match to not be played, he will be disqualified.
- If the competitors cannot agree on which golf course to play (Lakes or Oaks), it should be decided by a coin flip.
- Please indicate your scheduled dates of play and the results of matches on the copy of the bracket located on the bulletin board in the locker room.

## **Handicapping the Individual Matches**

In short, use the USGA handicapping rules as outlined below.

Each player chooses the tees on which he will play each match – black, white, or blue. The player is solely responsible for choosing his tees without regard to age, handicap, etc. Competitors may play the match from different tees or the same tees as each other.

Each player uses his most recently revised USGA Handicap Index to determine the Course Handicap on the course being played and using the tees from which he will play on that day. Use your full Course Handicap (not a percentage thereof).

The competition will be a “white tee competition.” Those playing from the white tees will use their full white tee Course Handicap calculated on the day of play. Those playing from the black tees will reduce their full black tee Course Handicap by two strokes. Those playing from the blue tees will increase their full blue tee course handicap by two strokes.

The lower handicapped golfer will play the match at scratch. The other golfer gets the full difference between his and his opponent’s Course Handicaps. He gets those strokes on the lowest handicap holes designated on the scorecard of the course played.

There will be no tied matches. If tied after 18 holes, play extra holes until one player wins by one up. Check with the Golf Staff before proceeding to the first hole.

Play the ball down unless the pro shop issues different directions on the date of play. Play continues until the ball is holed unless the opponent concedes the hole or a putt.

Return your scorecard to the golf shop and post your scores, using ESC for any unfinished holes.

Post the result on the copy of the tournament bracket on the bulletin board in the men’s locker room.

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