

Planning for the **FIRST ANNUAL GACC MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** is complete and we are ready to go!

Here is everything you need to know:

1. The initial pairings have been determined and have been entered onto a master Tournament Board located in the Pro Shop. Due to the number of signups, there will be five (5) initial “play-in” rounds for the Mens bracket and one for the Ladies bracket. For the Men, these “play-in” rounds **MUST BE** played by March 16, and the winners will advance to complete the initial 32-player field. For the Ladies, both the “play-in” round and the first round matches will begin on or about April 27 and must be completed by May 16. The pairings for the “play-in” rounds are as follows:

- a. Matthews vs. Sabol
- b. Baughman vs. Huey
- c. Jett vs. Horne
- d. Berseth vs. Naramore
- e. McLaughlin vs. Groesch
- f. Ann Marie Cox vs. Ann Schneider

2. Following completion of the “play-in” rounds, the next round of matchups in the Mens bracket must be played by April 3, and in the Ladies bracket by May 16. Winners will remain in the WINNERS bracket and advance to the next level, and the master Tournament Board will identify their next opponent. First round losers (including losers in the “play-in” rounds) will be relegated to a LOSERS bracket where they will be paired for their next match. This is a DOUBLE ELIMINATION tournament, so a second loss will remove a player from the competition. All subsequent matches must be played by the dates indicated on the master Tournament Board.

3. The championship matches for the Mens, Ladies and Ladies Loser brackets will take place on or about June 29 and the winners will be crowned champions at that time. The championship match for the Mens Losers bracket will be held on or about August 3.

4. The master Tournament Board has been set up so that all players can track their progress (or lack thereof) and that of their golfing buddies. Bragging rights are at the discretion of each participant but will not be compensated.

5. Contact information for each player has been posted next to the master Tournament Board. It is each player’s responsibility to arrange a mutually agreeable time to play their match. Please advise Mike D when matches have been scheduled.

6. At the conclusion of their match, each player must sign his/her scorecard as well as their opponent’s scorecard, and both scorecards must be turned in to the Pro Shop for verification and recording onto the master Tournament Board.

7. The Rules of Play applicable to all GACC-sponsored events will be in effect for this event. These will include the “Local Rules” at Cedar Creek Golf Club, a copy of which is posted next to the master Tournament Board and can also be found on the GACC website (gaccgolf.org). In addition:

- a. “Lift, clean & place” will be allowed, but **ONLY** in closely mown areas. Balls picked up and cleaned may be replaced within one club length of their original position, no closer to the hole, keeping the same general condition as the original lie. Errant shots in the rough or in bunkers are **NOT** subject to this relief and **MUST** be played “down”.

b. Players CANNOT ground their club while playing shots from bunkers; however, grounding your club in waste areas is permissible. Bunkers are distinguished from waste areas by the presence of rakes.

c. Any questionable lies encountered during play that are not covered herein should be resolved between the two competitors.

8. Eight participants will receive payouts for this event as follows:
- a. 1st Place Men's Winner Bracket - \$100 and a Trophy
 - b. 1st Place Men's Loser Bracket - \$75 and a Trophy
 - c. 1st Place Women's Winner Bracket - \$100 and a Trophy
 - d. 1st Place Women's Loser Bracket - \$75 and a Trophy
 - e. 2nd Place Men's Winner Bracket - \$50
 - f. 2nd Place Men's Loser Bracket - \$25
 - g. 2nd Place Women's Winner Bracket - \$50
 - h. 2nd Place Women's Loser Bracket - \$25

Tie Breaker Rule

If a match is tied after the final 18th hole the match will be extended one hole at a time, starting on Hole #1, until there is a winner.

GOOD LUCK to all participants. The GACC Board hopes you will enjoy this event. Please direct any questions to Mike D in the Pro Shop.