***Match Play Tournament 2017* Date: April 4, 2017**

The match play for 2017 is based on a round robin format with each player required to play 3 rounds of golf minimum.

The competition is open to all members of the Golf Society and the participants in the match play must be a current paid up member of the Golf Society.

The number of competitors is limited to 32 and the Sign-up sheet was posted at the Golf Society AGM meeting.

Competitors will be selected from the Sign up sheet in the following priority:

1. Competitors from the previous year
2. Past Finalists – if not included in (1) above
3. If the total number of competitors from (1) and (2) is less than 32, a random draw will be done from the remaining names to complete the list of 32
4. An alternate list of any remaining names will then be created and any withdrawals from the original 32 will be replaced from this list by random draw.

The mission is to enjoy very competitive golf and to win as many holes as possible for each round played, the reason will be self-evident in this notice.

**Group Selection**

Based upon a combination of handicap seeding and random selection to be drawn in the Club.

The competition consists of 8 groups with 4 members each.

Each group will be assigned a captain identified with the letter “C” to ensure the smooth running of the match play competition with regard to meeting schedule.

Golf course selection will be determined by the low handicapper in agreement with their competitor, along with the appropriate date, time, location and the method for recording the score card data.

**Note: Golf Society Tournaments are excluded from the Match Play competition**

The tournament schedule will show the dates by which matches must be completed.

**Note:** While the completion dates are very important to the successful running of the tournament the matches themselves can be arranged in any sequence/order.

The group winner and runner-up from each group will advance to the “Round of 16”.

**Please note the following:**

(1) Competitors are required to complete the 3 rounds of golf

(2) It is essential that all score cards are completed as follows: legible, clearly defining the total number of holes won, tied and lost by each competitor, signed and dated, submitted in a timely manner upon completion of their match.

Failure to submit the card as per the above criteria could result in disqualification

Completed score cards can be deposited in the Golf Box in the Club, or given to Brendan Baragwanath or Jimmy Fay.

**Criteria to determine the round robin group qualifiers and tie breakers**

A maximum of up to 18 holes per match will be played for each round robin match.

Competitors will be awarded a point for each match won.

Matches that finish in a tie after 18 holes will stand and each competitor will be awarded a half point for that match.

Any competitor with 3 points after 3 matches automatically wins the group.

In the event of competitors having equal points after the round robin stage, the order in the table will be determined by a count back of the holes won for each of the 3 matches. See examples 1 and 2 below for the method of calculation

**Example 1:** Lucifer and Angel are in the same “Z” group

Lucifer has one loss 1/2 and 2 winning margins of 3/2 and 7/6, the match scores won will be used to determine the group winner.

Lucifer has 2 wins for a total of 10 holes’ won

Angel has one loss of 3/4 and 2 winning margins of 2/1 and 4/3 for a total of for a total 6 holes’ won

Lucifer finishes above Angel in the “Z” group with a total of 10 holes won.

**Example 2:** Potassium and Samarium are in the same “X” group

Potassium has one loss 2/3 and 2 winning margins of 3/2 and 5/4 for a total of 8 holes won Samarium has one loss 1/2 and 2 winning margins of 2/1 and 6/5 for a total of 8 holes won

To break the “X” group tie there will be a count back on the actual number of holes won by each competitor starting from their 3rd match.

If still a tie, then the total number of holes won for the combined for 2nd and 3rd matches

If still a tie, then the total number of holes won over the 3 matches

If still a tie, then the minimum number of holes lost will be counted, similar to holes won calculation

Situations that may fall outside the above criteria will be reviewed upon as “as needed basis” only.

**Handicaps and Tees**

Handicaps will be determined and provided only by the Golf Society Handicap Committee and they are available on the Golf Society web site and agreed to prior to each match play event.

Matches will be played from the white ties with the exception of designated super seniors and ladies supported with the appropriate adjusted handicap for the relevant golf course and tee box.

Competitors are requested to advise either Brian Hutchinson or Gordie Robertson of the date and golf course you are playing to arrange with the Handicap Committee to provide the current official handicap for the course and tee box being played, including Super Senior status.

The player with the higher handicap will receive the difference of the two handicaps

Competitors have the responsibility to organize their match in accordance with the designated schedule

Any disputes arising from the Match Play will only be addressed by the Match Play Committee if communicated to them in writing/e-mail

**Entrance Fee**

Entrance **fee $10.00** payable to either to Brendan Baragwanath or Jimmy Fay.

The fee must be paid prior to the first match or at your earliest convenience.

**Playing Schedule**

Compliance to the schedule is critical to ensure fair play to all competitors. Requests for an adjustment to the schedule will be reviewed for course of action as agreed by the Committee and competitors.

The match play Committee reserves the right to set a match play location, date and or determine or assign the winner of a match when appropriate.

**The Match Play Committee**