

# Gowanie's 2024 Men's Match Play Tournament

Open to all Class 1 male members with an existing GHIN handicap.

This is a standard 64-man bracket, single elimination match play format utilizing 100% of your lowest GHIN handicap over a 12 month period from the date of each match ("Low 12"). Any matches tied after 18 holes proceed to sudden death extra holes starting back on the first hole applying Low 12 handicaps.

There is a \$40 entry fee. Winnings are paid in pro shop credits to the final 16 participants.

There will be a mandatory qualifier held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with a rainout date of Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a stroke play qualifier using Low 12 handicaps. There is no limit to the number of entries. If the mandatory qualifier includes more than 64 entries the lowest 64 net scores in the mandatory qualifier will make up the field of 64 otherwise the results of the mandatory qualifier will be used for seeding purposes (see below). All those playing in the qualifier must pay the \$40 entry fee.

The results of the mandatory qualifier shall be used to "seed" the bracket, with lowest qualifying net scores playing the highest qualifying net scores. Except that the bracket will have two sides with all the 32 golfers with the lowest Low 12 handicaps on one side of the bracket and the 32 golfers with the highest Low 12 handicaps on the other side.

In the unlikely event that less than 64 members sign up to play in the qualifier, then the entire field qualifies and everyone's scores will be used to "seed" the bracket. In addition, the lowest net scores will have earned a bye through the first round. An example will explain this more clearly. Suppose only 60 members show up to play in the qualifier. Then there would be 4 open spots on the 64 man bracket. Those 4 byes would go to the 4 lowest net scores from the qualifier.

The deadline to sign up for this tournament is Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> which is the first Tuesday of league play. Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> is also the last day to withdraw from the tournament and receive a refund.

In the event we have to use the rainout date, members who are already signed up will be allowed to withdraw with your entry fee refunded. Also, new members will be allowed to sign up.

The 64 man bracket should be posted in the locker room by Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to have your first round matches completed by will be Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified of subsequent deadlines as the summer progresses but typically 3 weeks is allotted for each round. All matches not completed by the deadline shall be subject to a coin flip to determine the winner. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Sign up with Paul in the Pro Shop.

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