



Match Play format fun for all

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A good time was had by all at the Stone Creek event on Memorial Day, May 30. Everyone got a chance to try out playing fourball, a match play format where two in the group play against the other two, each playing their own ball, with the hole awarded to the lowest scoring team on that hole -- after adjusting for "pops" (the way you take into account differences in skill levels).

While it may sound like advanced mathematics, once you get out there and try it, it gets easier to figure the whole thing out. Once everyone got the hang of it, everyone agreed it was a fun format that can be extremely forgiving. Got a 9 on that hole? Don't worry, your opponents got a 10! And your team takes that hole. Believe me, it happens.

As a result of our event, there is talk of yet another Portland EWGA match play team of eight forming to head down to Napa Valley to compete in the Regional EWGA Cup competition. As some of you may know, we had three teams from Portland compete at the national competition last year in Orlando, and our very own Green Gang won the 2015 EWGA Cup, beating 36 other teams from around the nation to come out on top!

If you want to find out about forming a team, contact Debbie Benschling, my co-coordinator of the Stone Creek event, at debbenschling@comcast.net. She will put you in touch with others who played at Stone Creek and might also be interested. You can also contact our Match Play co-chairs, Suzy Off and Janet Orzechowski if you have questions about match play in general at matchplay@ewgapdx.com.