



2016 SGL Match Play Summary

The match play for 2016 has come to a close. Thanks for all who participated to make this a great year in match play.

This year's winner: Ben Goodwin. Congratulations!

Second place winner: Steve Ballard

Third place winner: Dave Dean

The final three in match play this year came down to Ben Goodwin, Steve Ballard and Dave Dean. Dave Dean and Steve Ballard had to battle from the loser's bracket to play against the final standing winner, Ben Goodwin.

The final loser bracket match play was held at Superstition Springs golf course. Dave had opportunities to win a few holes but his putter let him down. Dave had an Ernie Els moment on the 9th hole. Dave complained to the group about the high 60 mph winds with heavy side rain hitting him in the face but it could not help but go unnoticed it was a sunny day with no wind. Unfortunately his putts cost him the match as Steve went on to win the match 3 and 2.

Ben managed to stay undefeated until the final match against Steve Ballard at the Papago golf course. Steve Ballard dominated the match in the beginning and end of the match play round. Steve ensured his victory with an eagle shot from about 200 yards out on the par 5 15th hole which lead to a 4 and 2 win. That 200 yard shot into the hole for Steve is like winning the lottery. Since it is a double elimination bracket and Ben lost his first match play round, Steve forced a rematch to determine the champion.

A rematch for the match play title was played at Wigwam GC Heritage course. It looked bad for Ben in the start of the rematch as he immediately fell 2 holes down in the 1st two holes. But there was still a lot of golf to play as Ben had proven by winning the next three holes. Steve managed to win the sixth hole to make it all square. Ben then won the next 2 holes and maintained the lead going into the 15th hole 3 up and winning the tie breaker. The final match play champion round will be recorded as a 4 & 2 win as Ben won the 16th hole with 2 holes left to play.

Now onto the 2017 match play. Look for sign-ups to start late in the 2016 year. Again, thanks for all who participated this year and be sure to give Ben Goodwin a pat on the back for his win.

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