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Gentlemen,

It's time again, fellas! NCGA Team Match Play! I am sure most of you have heard of it and many of you have played in some of the events over the years. It is fun and a good experience playing in a different format than stroke play, and this year we are playing some pretty familiar courses.

To summarize the competition, we play three other men's clubs in a "home and home" course rotation that has us playing in a match-play format at Santa Teresa as well as the other courses. This year, our bracket includes **DeLaveaga**, **Spring Hills** and **Aptos Seascape** for a total of 6 matches. This should be a fun year as we played Spring Hills and DeLaveaga last year. Spring Hills smoked us at their place, 34-2 (!!), so we need some payback, and we won at DeLaveaga so I am sure they have the date their place circled. These courses are all much tighter than ours but they are fair and fun courses to play. In each event, we have 12 STMGC members playing both individual matches and four-ball matches against members from the other club.

All full-time members of the Santa Teresa Men's Club are eligible to compete with the only caveat being that they have to play to a handicap index not greater than 18.4. The competitions are handicapped, so you may get strokes, or give strokes, depending on who you play against. Please see the [Match Play web page](#) on the STMGC web site for more information. We are probably going to have all our players wear a common Santa Teresa logo shirt from the pro Shop and look like a team on the course. We are working with the pro shop to finalize the shirts and the cost, but it should be between \$35-50 per player.

This year we are looking at trying something new. We are trying to work out a "play in" match play tournament during the June STMGC event, and the winners of those matches will play in the match against DeLaveaga. More news on that to come. Winners of matches will get priority to play in additional matches (but no one will be left out). We are also going to arrange group outings at each of the away courses before those matches so people have a better understanding of the courses. No one wants to be surprised by a hole during a real match.

We encourage you all to consider representing the STMGC and playing in these events. The competition is serious but still enjoyable and you'll meet some great people along the way. Please look over the schedule below and let us know the dates that you are willing to play. The more dates you are available to play in increases your chances of playing.

Date	Opponent	Location	Note:
June 16th	DeLaveaga	Santa Teresa [not firm yet]	The cost is \$80 per player per match, even the away matches.
June 23rd	Seascape	Santa Teresa	
June 30th	Spring Hills	Spring Hills (Watsonville)	
July 14th	Seascape	Seascape (Aptos)	
July 28th	DeLaveaga	DeLaveaga (Santa Cruz)	
August 4th	Spring Hills	Santa Teresa	

Since our first match is not too far away, **please respond by Saturday, May 19th**, via email to teamcaptain@stmgc.com with your availability to play in any, or all, of the matches.

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