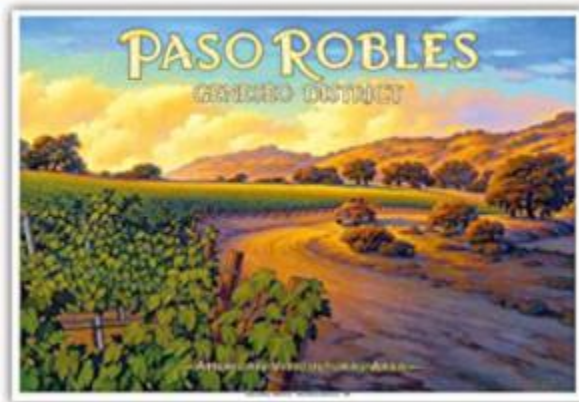


2020 Western Hickory Match Play
Paso Robles, California
May 22nd - 24th



The third installment of the West Coast roaming event finds its way to California's spectacular Central Coast. Halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, Paso Robles is known for its wineries, popular wine tasting rooms, as well as a full menu of fantastic restaurants waiting to be discovered as showcased in the movie "Sideways". If Santa Maria style tri-tip, baked beans and a cold beer might be more your speed, there are no shortage of local BBQ's. Just follow your nose.

The famous 90 mile stretch of rugged highway 1 North is California's pride and joy and a drive everyone should experience at least once. Hearst Castle and the magnificence that is the Big Sur Coast await those wishing to take the longer scenic route to Carmel and Monterey.



One of the many pools of Hearst Castle and a typical Paso Robles wine tasting room.

Three golf courses have been selected to test the seasoned hickory player and will make for exciting matches.

Friday May 22nd Paso Robles CC

A flat golf course, and possibly the easiest of the three, the included skins game is expected to be overflowing with great scores. A complete renovation of both course and clubhouse was just completed so expect fantastic playing conditions.

Saturday May 23rd Hunter Ranch GC

Set among rolling hills, Hunter Ranch makes for an exciting match play venue due to its many strategic doglegs and go-for-broke heroic challenges. Century-old oak trees, natural lakes, native grasses, and a panoramic vista that includes some of San Luis Obispo County's finest vineyards await your tee shots.

Sunday May 24th Morro Bay GC

Rolling terrain, tree lined fairways and putts that can be tricky to read, Morro Bay with its spectacular ocean views makes for a memorable finish for our match play finals. As you play, notice the many species of birds that call Morro Bay home, where Audubon International has bestowed Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary status on the course. Like many hickory era courses, Morro Bay's roots began as a 9 hole course in the 1920's and has become a staple of this quaint seaside community. A brief history can be read here:

<https://golfmorrobay.com/history/>

Format - Match Play

- * 18 hole elimination rounds to determine champion for each bracket.
- * Consolation bracket for eliminated players.
- * Dreaded Stymie rule in effect.

- * Matches will be straight up with the exception of any matchup that is separated by more than 5 strokes. In these cases the player with higher handicap will receive remaining strokes. I.e. an 18 facing a 10 would receive 3 strokes. $18-10=8-5 = 3$. A 9 handicap facing a 3 would receive 1 stroke. $9-3=6-5 = 1$

Costs

All green fees to be payed at golf courses. Total green fees for all three courses is around \$200. Some courses may have discounts for seniors/juniors/veterans and some green fees may cover carts.

A small tournament fee (\$25) to be collected to cover skins game + awards and prizes.

We typically get together for group dinners, but no formal social event is planned.

IMPORTANT

Unlike a medal play tournament where last minute entrants and dropouts can relatively easily be accommodated for, a single change in a match play roster can throw a monkey wrench into the process. We ask that you sign up for this with the intention of playing.

HOW TO SIGN UP

A simple phone call, text, or email of your desired participation is all that is needed.

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Hope to see you on the Central Coast!



Hunter Ranch Clubhouse and bird's eye view of Morro Bay. Golf Course in foreground.