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Dear OCGC 2025 Match Play Tournament Participants:

The 30th (mostly) annual contest for the winner of the **OCGC Match Play Tournament Championship** was played and decided yesterday at the Stanford Golf Course. Tournament finalists Jack Schram and Cliff Tong competed on the 5771-yard Par 70 course in beautiful weather and superb course conditions.

The result -- **Cliff Tong won the match over Jack Schram by winning the 15th hole to go up by 4 holes with 3 holes to play.** Congratulations to Cliff for a well-played match, but not without some superb putting and timely saves from Jack. Playing to an 18.5 handicap (versus Cliff's 11.5 index), Jack needed most of the 7



strokes he was given to stay in the match. Due to his opponent's problematic driver, Cliff won 5 holes on the front 9 with consistent tee and approach shots. Jack fought back with dramatic one – putts to birdie the par 3 4th hole and score a net birdie on the 9th hole, to limit Cliff's lead to just 3 holes at the turn.

Play on the back 9 seemed to signal a possible momentum shift when Jack won the short Par 4 11th hole with a dramatic 50-foot pitch to 4 feet and then tie the next two holes by making good use of his "stroke holes". Still up by 2 on the 14th hole, Cliff's putting and driver consistency were displayed with deadly accuracy as he won the next two holes (#14 and #15) --- and the Championship – to finish the match up 4 with 3 holes to play!

(Tournament Director's note: It was then that winner Cliff threatened to pull out his CAL Berkeley gear (1982 Computer Science and Economics grad) to celebrate his triumph at Stanford. I advised him that he risked instant disqualification under my "special rules". Fortunately, he did not proceed with this rules infraction!)

Please join me in congratulating the finalist Jack Schram and welcoming Cliff Tong to the "pantheon of OCGC Match Play Champions".



Tournament Summary

We had another successful year of match play with 18 participants and 4 rounds of tournament play leading up to the finals. As is our tradition, all players receive a cash prize for each match won. Prizes are paid from your tournament signup fees as well as generous support from the OCGC Board, without whose support this tournament would not be possible.

Attached is a summary of the winnings. Our OCGC Treasurer Judy Hyunh will be paying out these winnings over the next week or so.



Lastly, thank you to all who participated in this tournament – especially the newcomers to OCGC match play. We trust that you had fun and look forward to seeing you again next year. Most importantly, tell your friends about this experience and get them to join OCGC and sign up for match play next season.

Next Spring, be on the lookout for new tournament details on ***The Road to Stanford!***

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HANDICAP INDEX**	ROUND 1 PAIRINGS	ROUND 1 SCORES	ROUND 2 SCORES	ROUND 3 SCORES and FINAL FOUR PAIRINGS	FINALISTS	TOURNAMENT CHAMPION
5.0	Meredith, Evan	Meredith, Evan				
12.5	Lorenzo, Jesmer	(4&3)				
5.4	Deng, Douglas	Deng, Douglas	Meredith, Evan			
12.8	Lum, Stuart	Lum, Stuart	(2&0)			
7.7	Tong, William	(1&0 - 19 holes)		Meredith, Evan		
13.7	Ni, Bin	(4&2)	Ni, Bin	(4&3)		
7.6	Liu, Yao					
14.2	Lam, Alan	Liu, Yao				
8.1	Liu, Hank	(6&4)	Liu, Hank		Schram, Jack	
15.8	Chiang, Frank	(4&3)	(2 & 0)		(4&3)	
10.1	Jeung, Ray*			Liu, Hank		
18.5	Schram, Jack	Schram, Jack		(1&0)		
11.7	Hodge, Mark	(3&2)	Schram, Jack		Tong, Cliff	
19.7	Seto, Perry	(8&7)	(4&3)		(2&1)	
11.1	Tchoi, Allen			Tong, Cliff		
23.4	Lee, Stephen	Lee, Stephen		(2&0)		
11.6	Tong, Cliff	(6&4)	Tong, Cliff			
34.3	Huynh, Judy	(3&1)				

* Defending Champion

****Handicaps may not be up to date (NCGA now updates regularly). Please check before playing.**