

## Vintner's Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #11

Sixty-two members played in VGSC event in a 7:30 am shotgun on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The members had a choice to play the black/blue tees in the club championship qualifier or the blue/white tees and just play in the VGSC event. To make the choice a little tougher we offered two strokes for those who wanted to play the black/blue combo. Most of our members challenged themselves with the longer set up that included the fifth hole played from the fourth tee. In any case, our members got to their comfortable tee and enjoyed a little fun on the links. Talking about fun on the links Jordan Speith's finish was one of the best finishes in Major history. Is it just me or is this guy becoming as easy to like as Arnold Palmer was in his day. Fire, grit and class.

In the first flight Mike Spiegel shot a 71 for net 64 winning \$30 in gift cards. Mike cruised in the qualifier and will be looking to make a dent in the match play portion of the championship. In second place in the first flight was Cary McDermott who net 76 for net 65. Cary tried the longer set up took the strokes and get into match play. In a tie for third place were Randy McCullough and Chris Gomez with net 66's. Randy shot 74 from the longer set up and this past Senior Club Champion showed he has still got fuel in the tank. Chris shot 72 and if he can string a couple good rounds in the match play portion could win it all. In a five-way tie for fifth place were Drew Kuehl, Dan Sakai, Lucas Cozzitorto, Tom Pieper and Bob Yanover with net 68's. Drew (69), Dan (70) and Lucas (70) had the three lowest gross scores so will be playing the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> seed. Watch out for this triad of players. Tom Pieper is also a past Senior Club Champion and he made a smart choice jumping on the blue/white tee combo cashing in with three late birdies in a row in route to a 72. Bob Yanover had a late night, but his score looked like it went to bed early shooting a 76.

In the second flight Ross Owen shot an 80 for net 62 winning \$30 in gift cards. Ross came off the course with a big smile wondering to himself how he made all those putts. In a three-way tie for second place in the second flight with net 66's were Gordy Templeton, James Hardee and Rick Fleckenstein. Gordy's game has always been consistent and this finish vaults him to 11<sup>th</sup> place in player of year race. James tried the longer set up and played so well he was floating through the pro shop with pride. That is a cool feeling. Rick was doing the same thing shooting 87, while also suffering from a late night. In a three-way tie for fifth place were Rodney Ready, Jim Hunter and Jaime Ponce with net 67's. Rodney and Jim have been having good years, while Jaime is making a run at this trimester's point title. In an eighth-place tie were Bill Rossi, Matt Booth and Brian Stegner with net 68's. Bill and Matt are starting to find grip in a game of slip, while Brian Stegner is quietly making a run at the VGSC Player of the Year.

Our next event (point event #12) will be the last event of the second trimester which means someone will win a free month of golf for winning the trimester points. There are easily ten members who are in reach with the double point finale coming up. The event will be on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in an individual low net format. The VGSC Club Championship Match Play brackets will come out next week as we finalize our qualifier's seeds and abilities to participate in the matches. Right-now whoever shot 76 or under from black/blue tee are in the match play portion of the championship.