

VINTNER'S GOLF AND SOCIAL CLUB'S NEWSLETTER #13

Forty VGSC members came out on an absolutely sizzling Labor Day weekend. On both days it reached about 110 degrees and there was no breeze to help. The format was made to take it easy on the field and give our members a break from the monotony of the same formats used in every golf club year to year. The format made members choose six gold tees, six white tees and six blue tees to start their holes. The members had to do a little more thinking than usual and while it helped some it did not help all. The format was raved about by all members and if you missed it play a make-up in the next week. We will use this format again this trimester when we play the four-person count two low net team format. In that format the whole team will have to decide the tee their team plays and it will be the black, blue and white tees.

In the first flight there Larry Gomez, Dan Dougherty and Ken Leahy came in a three-way tie for first place with net 63's. Larry has posted back to back 68's and his game has shown some resurgence since he has adopted the Michelle Wie putting stroke. Dan chose his tees wisely and took advantage of the short stuff shooting a 66. Ken Leahy overpowered the format birdying holes 14, 15 and 16 completing the hat trick in route to his 68. In a fourth place tie with net 64's were Brian Gardner and Bernie Zipp. Brian shot 74 and going back to school has not hurt his game any. Bernie shot 72 and would love to keep this format all year round.

In the second flight with net 59 was Bill Stewart who shot a 77 with an 18 handicap. This format allows a play the chance to putt for more birdies and Bill definitely did that. In second place with net 61 was Mike Hill who made three birdies and always enjoys beating good buddy David Cervone in any format. In a third place tie with net 62's were Ken Gurgone, Gordy Templeton and Matt Booth. Ken loves the unusual and was made for this format playing the gold tees at even par while firing an 82. Gordy is known for his accuracy and ability to think his way around the course, so shooting 75 was no big surprise. While moving ceremony chairs, I saw Matt knock in a twenty-footer for birdie on the last hole shooting a 77 for the day. Joe Borden shot a 78 and is always a pleasure to have around the club.

Our next event (VGSC Event #14) will be the infamous VGSC Member-Shootout on Saturday, September 30th and on Sunday, October 1st in 8:00 am shotguns. This is a two-day event and if you have not played in it put it on your schedule and get a partner. The cost is \$110 for two days of green fees, cart, range and our delicious Lakeside grill lunch. There will be plenty of prizes and a free keg of beer flowing on both days. This year we plan on having new instructor Chandler Hemholtz stationed on the ninth hole giving live stat and swing feedback. Do not miss this event as it fills up quickly and there are no make-ups. Another reason to schedule and play in this event is we plan on a much-needed plugging of the greens on Monday, October 2nd. Thanks as always for your patience with the schedule changes and upcoming "open the hood" maintenance on the course.

