

Vintner's Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #17

Fifty-six members played in Point Event #17 which was our first ever two-person net scramble format. Take the average handicap of the team and cut it in half is the NCGA recommended two-person scramble formula. After that it is up to the players to separate themselves in the battlefield. Every team looked back at their rounds telling stories of the putt that got away or the scramble bogey that killed their chances. The course conditions were as nice as they have been all year, giving players one less thing to blame their rounds on. As usual, the Saturday buffet was the highlight of the weekend as we served Tri-tip with roasted red potatoes and a butter nut squash ravioli with seasonal vegetables. Forty-five dollars for golf, cart, range, prize fund and all that delicious food is still the best deal in town.

In the first flight Tony Glorioso and Brian Gardner shot net 58 lapping the field and enjoying the spotlight. Our "dawn patrol" plays every weekend morning and their golf games are mostly sharp. Tony is an easy target and his witty responses are much appreciated making the day go faster for our staff. Brian loves golf as much as anyone I know and this Abbot and Costello routine brings out the best in each other. In second place in the first flight Ken Leahy and Drew Kuehl shot net 59. At the turn they were coming off five natural birdies in a row, but the fish that got away cost them the win. In third place was the team of Dougherty/Zipp who shot a net 61. Dan and Bernie are a staple at the Vintner's Golf Club and we love seeing them enter the arena. In a two-way tie for fourth place at net 62's were the teams of Murray/Cozzitorto and Gomez/Gomez. Lucas and Sean are a dream team and anything but first place was a misstep. But don't fret these two always have fun. Larry and Chris hit 17 greens in regulation and made a solid run at the victory, but they need their hot putting buddy Ted Johnson to hit a couple putts down the stretch. This father son team relishes all their rounds together and it is cool to see play against each other, but even cooler to see them as teammates.

In the second flight, the Yanover/Yanover team shot net 61 winning \$25 per person in gift cards. These two brothers work well together sharing the load into the green and then on the green. They made their father Bob proud by not only winning the tournament, but edging out Bob's good buddies Bob and Warren by one stroke. In a tie for second place the teams of Kimbrough /Kimbrough and Monroe/Ackley shot net 62's. Another father son team makes good with Kris hitting some accurate shot shots and Nick bombing it off the tee. Warren and Bob are quite the pair maybe an off-suited 3 and 7 in the poker world....but their our guys and I think they feel the love. Warren is the most-liked Cowboy and Dodger fan I have ever met, while Bob is a thinker who is usually a step ahead. In fourth place in the second flight was the team of Hill/Payne with a score of net 62. The scoreboard had them at net 58, but Jay goes home, checks the cards and the numbers added to 62. Both of these guys are starting to play more and more at the Vintner's Golf Club and they fit in with our relaxed atmosphere perfectly.

Our last event will be an 8:30 am shotgun Saturday, December 9th or straight tee times on Sunday, December 10th. This will be the last event of the 2017 season and will determine the top sixteen point getters, the third trimester champion and the VGSC Player of the year. The top sixteen point getters will gain entry into the infamous VGSC net match play championship. Our third trimester point title is a tightly contested race between Warren Monroe (216) and Brian Gardner

(202). The other three players that have a punchers chance are Drew Kuehl (181), Larry Gomez (178) and Bob Ackley (170). In our 2017 VGSC Player of the Year race Jaime Ponce (751) has a narrow three-point lead over Andy Tarap (748). Drew Kuehl (745) is only six points behind and playing very well of late. Tony Glorioso (710) and Brian Gardner (689) round out the top four. Another fun year at the club. Sign up for next year before January and invite a friend for us to pick on. Happy turkey day to all.