

VINTNER'S GOLF AND SOCIAL CLUB'S NEWSLETTER #4

Sixty-six members came out on Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th for the first NCGA qualifier of the year. The two-person net ball format can often drive friends apart and strangers together. The two low net teams that qualified were good friends Sean Murray and Lucas Cozzitorto and Andy Tarap and Cary McDermott that met the day of the tournament. Congratulations and good luck at the NCGA net four-ball championship. Thirty-eight of our members played on Saturday experiencing some light sprinkles. The other twenty-eight played on Sunday in the wildest weather day the Vintner's Golf Club has ever seen. The forecast said no to very light rain and the pro shop was echoing the sentiment. There was some sun in small spurts, but heavy down pours, sideways rain and a hail storm that covered the greens will be what our brave members will remember of that day.

In the first flight Sean and Lucas did some ham and then some egging shooting net 60 with very little strokes on their card. Sean shot 70 and Lucas shot 69 combining for six natural birdies on different holes. Sean brought his covered cart with propane heaters warming the inside....that should be some sort of rules violation. In second place in the first flight was Mike Quinn and Chris Pollistrini who shot net 63. These two have been good teammates for a long time... Mike's 72 and Chris' 75 shows you why. In a third-place tie Gomez/Gomez and Winkle/Thompson shot net 64's on the DREADED SUNDAY. Chris could not be stopped, shooting 73 with some of his best holes in the worst conditions. Larry survived the day with class, finishing with a glass of red wine by the Lakeside fireplace.....smooth. Greg and Peter battled the weather like it was the fourth round of the British Open. Greg shot 75 parring four of his five stroke holes and birdying the par 5, while Peter shot a 70 that included a birdie for eagle to start the round and two naturals on the backside.

In the second flight there was a log jam at the top with teams with combined handicaps over fifteen dominating the tournament. In a first place tie in the second flight were the teams of Couch/Templeton, Stegner/Wallace and Stewart/Ready with net 60's. Gordy is the conductor and has a very steady game, while Brian belts out the high notes on their way to a cool gig. Winston and Brian always have fun and this time they also played some good golf. Bill and Rodney seem to pair well together and both these guys know how to make pars for birdies. In fourth place in the second flight was the team of Ponce/Fleckenstein with net 61's. This group played on Sunday and weathered the storm quite well. Jaime's 85 must have felt like a 75, while Rick backed up his 11 on hole #9 with two net 1's on hole #11 and Hole #13. In a three way tie for fifth place the teams of Tarap/McDermott, Edwards/Berry and Gulbransen/Gurgone shot net 62's. Cary made six par for birdies, while Andy threw two natural birdies at the field. Tom played some solid golf and has found a good playing partner in Bob Berry. Rob and Ken are hot, moving up the point list with Ken gaining some consistency of late.

Our next event (VGSC Event #5) will be the NCGA Zone Championship qualifier. One low gross team and one low net team will go straight down to Monterey for two days of great golf. The event will be on Saturday, March 25th in an 8:00 am shotgun or Sunday, March 26th straight tee times between 7:30 am-9:00 am. This will be a two-person team format, so find a partner or sign up as a single and I will create another winning team.