

## Vintner's Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #14

The VGSC Member Shootout was played on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in 8:00 am shotguns. The traditional shootout format of two-person teams playing four 9-hole matches ending with a Sunday afternoon horserace has its' charm. This year we had one large flight with the top eight teams and a wildcard team making up the horserace field. The one large flight allowed teams like Tews/Boldt to play some of the boys....Stegner/Wallace, Gulbransen/Gurgone, Gardner/Glorioso. We had a great time and I hope all participants enjoyed this year's mix up.

One of the hottest teams in the match portion of the event was Ackley/Monroe who won all four matches totaling 26.5 points. The team with the second highest point total with 25 points were Murray/Cozzitorto. Their only loss was on Saturday afternoon two-down to Ackley/Monroe. Both the teams of Narasky/Ponce and Boldt/Tews won three close matches and tied one to advance to the second hole of the horserace. Banducci/McGovern (23.5 points) won three of their four matches none sweeter than their opener, beating Ornelas/Pieper. Gardner/Glorioso and Gomez/Murio cruised into the horserace pretty-comfortably with four good match play performances. Moore/McCullough (19.5) made it a little more exciting losing their first three matches one-down, but winning their last match four-up. The team of Kuehl/Hargrove came out with vengeance on Sunday capturing the wildcard and completing the nine-team field. Teams that just missed out were: Gulbransen/Gurgone (18.5), Tarap/Glenn (18.5) and Edwards/Davis (18).

The horserace is where we all start over and none of those points really mean anything. The free beer all weekend and a full belly makes the alternate shot a little harder. The first hole saw the miracle team of McCullough/Moore lose in a chip off. The second hole we lost two more good teams Gomez/Murio and Banducci/McGovern. On the third hole we lost Tews/Boldt and Glorioso/Gardner who at least made it to the beer tee. On hole four Ackley/Monroe made a 3 for 2 advancing them straight to the finals. The teams of Murray/Cozzitorto, Hargrove/Kuehl and Narasky/Ponce went to a chip off. The chip had to go under a tree to a down slope with rough and not much green to work with. Our wildcard team of Hargrove/Kuehl hit a great shot to about 15 feet. Jaime needed a miracle and came just a few feet short of perfect on his valiant attempt. Sean Murray took an eight iron and somehow ran it through the rough rolling it to four feet. The finals were set Ackley/Monroe the point leaders against Murray/Cozzitorto whose only loss of the weekend was soon to be avenged. The famous shot from the black tee to the ninth green framed up our finale. Warren and Bob played the hole pretty-well, but when their putt lipped out for par the stage was set. Lucas hit it on...Murray putted it by....Lucas made a three footer for the win. Congrats to the 2017 VGSC Member Shootout Champions.

Our next event will be on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in an 8:00 am shotgun start or you can make a tee time on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be VGSC event #15 and will be an individual low net format. The year had flown by and the club continues to gain new fun members. Our VGSC Club Championship quarter finals was played this last weekend. Glenn Andrade beat Fred Damato....Greg Edwards beat Dan Sakai....Andrew Pieper beat Sean Murray....Drew Kuehl beat Lucas Cozzitorto. Three of the four remaining players have never gone this far in our Club Championship, while Glenn looks to stay on top of the mountain. Any of these four players can win this event, but the 36-hole final puts a player's patience and perseverance to the test.