

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #7

Sixty VGSC members came out for Point Event #7 in an individual low net format on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th. The \$5 Margaritas and \$3 Dos Equis were enjoyed by our members on this Cinco de Mayo weekend. The greens had been plugged eleven days before the event and our members took advantage of the slow greens. You would think the scores would be higher with the inconsistency of the roll of the ball on the green. Not the case, as aggressive putters had less three putts and seemed to bang putts right in the middle. Some of our players that die in their putts struggled, filling their scorecards with two putts. But at the end of the day this was one of the best scoring tournaments we have had in a long time.

In a two-way tie for first place in the first flight, Bob Murio and Ken Leahy shot net 63's. Ken snapped out of his slump shooting a natural 68, while Bob kept his solid play going shooting 69. In a two-way tie for third place at net 64 were Dan Sakai and Fred Damato. Dan fired a four under par 64 and had to be happy shooting the lowest gross score of the tournament. Fred shot a two under par 66 and at age 79 his game is one to be proud of. In a four-way tie for fifth place at net 66's were Sean Murray, Mike Quinn, Drew Kuehl and Greg Winkle. Sean fired a two-under par 66 and some new equipment in the bag has helped this classic. Mike shot a natural 72 that was fueled by great ball-striking followed by a couple putts at the end of the day. Drew's two under par 66 started out special getting to four-under quite early, but one stray drive went out of bounds breaking his momentum. Greg Winkle made some putts early getting to three-under par at one time but finished with 71.

In first place in the second flight Tom "Uncle" Edwards shot an 83 for net 62 winning \$30 in gift cards. Tom is practically an institution playing more rounds of golf at the Vintner's Golf Club than anyone except maybe Jeff Dennis in the last fifteen years. The similarity in these two guys is simple....Love for the Game. In a three-way tie for second place were Joe Molina, Jim Hunter and Ross Owen with net 64's. Joe finally got his groove back shooting a 75 and rising up the point list. Jim, like the rest of us, never knows when the good round will come, but certainly enjoys when it does. Ross has been as up and down as anyone in the club and we are always happy when he slides in a happy round. In a four-way tie for fifth place Bernie Zipp, Jaime Ponce, David Cervone and Rob Gulbransen came in with net 66's. Bernie's 76 and Jaime's 80 were respectable and they are in the final eight of our VGSC Net Match Play Championships. David's 83 tells us he is done with the bulk of tax season and the yearly golf pass is paying off. Rob has put a couple of good VGSC tourney rounds together and the players in his group are noticing.

Our next event will be on Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th and will be a NCGA qualifier for the senior two-person net championship. Both players have to be 55 years or older to be eligible to qualify. If you are younger than 55 you can still grab a partner and compete for points and gift cards. There will be one low gross and one low net team that qualify using NCGA handicaps. The greens should be just about fully recovered on this weekend, so get ready for some three putts as the speed will be back. Thank you for your patience and participation through the aerification process of the greens. Trust the process! Go Sixers!