

## Vintners Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #17

Sixty players tried their hand at the two-person scramble format that turned out to be one of the most well-liked formats of the year. It is no surprise that having a little help from your friend makes things better in the golf world just like in other parts of our lives. The weather was a little chilly at first, but all considered made us again appreciative that we live in California. On that note let's all take a moment to appreciate our friends and family. Life can go by very fast and there are so many positive things that can go unnoticed. Slowing down and giving loved one hugs seems to be the best way to halt time and appreciate what you do have. With all that said a hug from your partner after a team scramble three putt does not have the curing power you might think it would.

In the first flight the team of Hargrove/Bakker shot an amazing 59 for net 57. Bob set the mood and order going first, while Keith watched learned and closed. One of Bob's mood setting shots was when he walked up to the hardest hole on the course (black tee on #4) and stuffed it. Keith's contributions were many as he watched his partner's putts carefully and then preceded to make a mile of putts. In second place in the first flight was the team of Goetze/Johnson who shot an equally amazing 60 for net 58. Both players have to play well in a two-person scramble and this was no exception. Dannon and Chuck made eight birdies without a bogey and had to be happy with their ball striking and putting. In third place the team of Quinn/Pallistrini shot 62 for net 60. These guys had six birdies and no bogies which means they picked each other up when the other fell down. In fourth place Larry Gomez and Bob Murio teamed up well shooting 64 for net 61 enjoying the format and their playing partners Kent and Austin.

In the second flight the teams of Harty/Harty and Glenn/Cervone shot net 61's winning first place and some Holiday drinking money. The Harty boys are a Father and Son team that really enjoy each other's company and it doesn't hurt when they perform like that. Gary and David are both early morning golfers that love the game. We love having them around the Vintner's Golf Club and enjoyed hearing about this team being created. In a tie for third place in the second flight the team of Borden/Lopez and Hill/Payne shot net 62's. Both team's makeups are similar in that they have been buddies for a while and rarely play a game of golf without each other. I would not go so far and say they actively root for each other, but in this format they found themselves doing exactly that. We all want to be the hero, but after you mess up a shot you do find yourself wholeheartedly rooting for your nemesis. Golf is an individual sport and now this format is over we can all get back to rooting against are friends. Let's be real there are no hugs given after your best friend beats you on the last hole in golf.

Our last event will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in an individual low net format. This will be a double point event and will finish up our 2018 VGSC Season. Drew Kuehl has seemingly wrapped up the 2018 VGSC Player of the Year honors. We will pair up his closest competitor "Senior Bully" Warren Monroe as he tries to sabotage Drew with a banana in the tailpipe. The top sixteen point getters do qualify for the VGSC Net Match Play Championship. All year there has been some shuffling around the bubble, but now going down the stretch there will be a hand full of members making a dash to the finish line. There will be no makeups for this event, so if you are in shouting distance clear your weekend and be ready to play in any and all conditions. Happy Holiday.