

Vintner's Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #2

Seventy-three players flocked to the four-person scramble format on the weekend of Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th. The weather was shockingly nice for an early February morning. The speed of the greens and hole locations made the greens treacherous even with each group having four putts at it. Last year we saw eighteen straight birdies, but this year all putts were challenged. Our golf course lay out always provides a player with decisions, but in a scramble the options grow. In any case the four-person scramble format allows teams to utilize a player's strength and as the McGovernor says "time to use some strategy."

In the first flight Thompson/Olsen/Yanover/Yanover shot 56 for net 51 grabbing first place like Alshon Jeffery by a single stroke. This team's quarterback was Peter, while Tim was their running back and the Yanovers were spread out wide. In a tie for second place in the first flight were the teams of Murray/Monroe/Ackley/Kuehl and Damato/Wright/Upton with net 52. Sean leads his team like a middle linebacker with Drew on the D-line and Ackley/Monroe on the corners. Fred, Greg and Bryan had the low gross round of the tournament with 54. Fred would likely be a coach with coordinator Greg and the head referee Bryan making things right. I miss football already if you do not notice. The ESPN play of the day was Greg Edwards finishing off his team's round with his second shot flying straight into the hole for eagle on hole eighteen. Their 25 on the back was flawless, but a 30 on the front left them a stroke away from the money.

In first place in the second flight the team of Pieper/ McGovern/Hopkins slid by three teams by a stroke with 61 for net 54. Andrew's game has got range and he actually played center field on a college baseball team. Brian loves the Cubs and would probably play first, while Mike would most likely be behind the plate calling the signals. In a three-way tie for second place Zipp/ Narasky/ Ponce/Norris, Pieper/Banducci/Ornelas/Bowman and Euser/Reka/Frojin/Vanderbeck shot net 55's. Bernie, Tom, Jaime and Kelly combined for 62 and all love the Warriors. Just like the dubs the second half of their round they turned it on pouring in the three's. Just like Brady's late fumble, Tom's team had a late bogey costing them a parade. An overserved heckler from the winning team did not help matters. These guys could easily be in a rugby club. Jack's team was put together with two top draft picks and veteran free agent playing well shooting 61. Their last names scream a Canadian Hockey team. The second flight usually dominates the first flight in net scrambles, but this time the first flight scores were lower.

Our next tournament will be Saturday, February 17th in an 8:00 am shotgun or straight tee times on Sunday, February 18th. This event will be an individual low net format, so you only have two weeks to get your game in shape. Remember to take care of your Valentine on that Wednesday, so you can sneak out of your house on a weekend morning and play some golf. The 2018 VGSC season has started out with a bang and we haven't even gotten to the NCGA qualifiers in March. The first two NCGA qualifiers are two-person team events, so start scouting for a good partner for the March 3rd/4th and the March 24th/25th events.