

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #8

Forty VGSC members enjoyed the "pick your tee" format that demanded some decision making out of our members that usually aimlessly follow the same old tees. The players had to pick six blue tees, six white tees and six gold tees in no particular order. Most played the hole #6 from the gold tees, hole #9 from the white tees and hole #5 from the blue tees. Other than that there was not much consistency in our members tee choices. I imagine there was tee choice regret and everyone finally figured out the hole does not get any bigger in any format. The members response to the format was very positive and the scores on an average were about four strokes lower.

In the first flight Phil Stoddard shot a 69 for net 60 enjoying every bit of this format. Phil played like a scratch golfer making three birdies and only four bogies on his card. In a tie for second place in the first flight were Jim Duncan Jr and Warren Monroe shooting net 61's. Jim finished with a two under par 66 that included six birdies as the highlight and two bogies and a double bogey as the lowlight. Warren's impressive round of 73 included a run of nine natural pars in a row. In fourth place Joe Molina shot his lowest score at Vintner's a natural 70 for net 62. In a tie for fifth place were Bernie Zipp and Sean Murray shooting net 63. Bernie shot a 74 that included a 34 on his backside. Sean Murray shot a five birdie no bogey 63. Sean just beat Glenn Andrade in our 36-hole club championship finals where he threw eight birdies at our three-time club champion in thirty-two holes winning four-up.

In first place in our second flight was Jim Hunter who silently shot a 78 for net 57. Jim's eyes lit up when he heard we would not be using these scores in our VGSC tourney handicaps. Some time off really helped Jim appreciate being on the course again. In a tie for second place in the second flight were Rob Gulbransen and Ken Gurgone shooting net 59's. The format helped the scores, but an 85 for Rob and 77 for Ken showed these two players their games are on the rise. In a tie for fourth place Bill Stewart and Francis Barnes shot net 61's earning \$15 in gift cards. Bill broke eighty for the first time in VGSC play shooting a 79, while Francis' 38 on the backside makes him feel he is on the right path. In sixth place with net 63 was Bruce Cunigan who had a 39 on his frontside. The second flight took advantage of the up tees by reaching greens in regulation and not overswinging on the long holes.

Our next event will be on Saturday, June 15th in a 7:30 am shotgun. This will be the qualifier for the NCGA Individual low net amateur. The low two NCGA scores will qualify for the championship with entry fees paid. The warm weather is coming and teeing off early will not only get us home early, but keep us out of that heat. If you can't wake up that early, sleep in and play on Sundays. We will get back to the black and blue tee combo and recording our VGSC tourney scores.

Low Gross Scores

63	Murray
66	Duncan J
69	Stoddard
70	Molina, Rodgers, Winkle
73	Monroe
74	Mounts, Zipp