

Vintners Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #2

Seventy-two VGSC members played in VGSC point event #2 on Saturday, January 26th and Sunday, January 27th. The format was a four-person net scramble with two minimum drives per player. That definitely-does allow room for a team to ride a hot hand from the tee box to the bottom of the cup. However, to win this event you need to get help from everyone on the team. Having a long driver, accurate iron player and good putter would seem to be the recipe for success. But often-times it is more about a team spreading out their good shots and putts on different holes. Everyone likes to win, some more than others, but having fun with your friends and great food after every VGSC round is where a member finds consistent value.

In the first flight the team of Murray/Kuehl/Cattalini/Duncan Jr shot fifteen under par which was the low round of the event. They made fifteen birdies and only three pars. In a scramble format putting is paramount and this team totaled fourteen one putts and a chip in. My guess is Sean and Drew got this team to the green and Rob and Jim did the rest. In second place in the first flight was the team of Andrade/Mason/Torres/Boldt with net 54. This group's downfall was too many pars on the par threes and not enough one putts. In a tie for third place were the teams of Bakker/ Hargrove/ Duncan/ Dennis and Quinn/Pallistrini/Goetze/Johnson with net 55. The Bakker team had 11 birdies and an eagle, while the Quinn group had 12 birdies. All three of these bridesmaid teams played very well, but as competitors go they will focus on which putt or shot cost them and they will lose some sleep because of it.

Winning the second flight was the team of Olsen/Thompson/Yanover/Yanover shooting net 55. Nine birdies and no bogies with a four for their team handicap did the trick. Michael Yanover was the secret weapon as they used ten of his drives. Bob's two drives resulted in birdies highlighted by their only par three birdie on hole #8. I imagine Tim and Peter were responsible for the between shots and putts that make good drives birdies. In a four-way tie for second place in the second flight with net 56's were the teams of Seavey/Parkinson/Eastman/Treadway, Pieper/Ornelas/Hopkins /McGovern, Hess/ Healer/Blanc/Cairns and Mattfield/Gonzales/Cervone/Payne. These groups limited their bogies and made some birdies, while enjoying s great day of golf with friends.

The four-person scramble format is well liked by our members, but golf is not a team sport. We will get back to real golf in little less than four weeks in our next event where you are forced to play your own shot. We then do have more team relief with some NCGA qualifiers in March that are two-person team formats. Embrace the team format and find your best partner or sign up as single and I will try to work some magic. There are only four NCGA qualifiers, so give them your best shot.

VGSC EVENT #3	Sat, Feb 23 rd /Sun, Feb 24 th	Individual low net format
VGSC EVENT #4	Sat, Mar 9 th /Sun, Mar 10 th	NCGA qualifier (two-person)
VGSC EVENT #5	Sat, Mar 23 rd /Sun, Mar 24 th	NCGA qualifier (senior two-person)
VGSC EVENT #6	Sat, April 13 th / Sun April 14 th	Individual low net format