

VINTNER'S GOLF & SOCIAL CLUB'S NEWSLETTER #3

Fifty-six players came out for the NCGA two-person better ball qualifier on Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th. The tournament weekend's weather was a bit cold and wet compared to the incredibly warm and dry February we just experienced. Our members aren't easily deterred and they show up ready to have a good time. Although it is easier to have a good time when you play well, if you can have fun playing poorly in cold weather you have a lifelong friend in golf. Golf is a lot like any relationship, understanding all days are not perfect can really help the journey.

In the first flight, Justin Carr and Rob Cattalini came in first place shooting net 57 while earning \$25 per person. This team was put together on the morning of their round and Rob's 74 and Justin's consistent play made this team growl all the way to first place. Go Bears! In a tie for second place in the first flight were the teams of Pieper/Ornelas, Gomez/Gomez and Gardner/Tarap with net 59's. Tom watched his partner Rudy play one of his best rounds in a long time and Tom's 34 on the backside did not hurt either. Unfortunately, this team's net 57 with NCGA handicaps missed out by one stroke from qualifying. Larry and Chris both shot impressive 71's and made a late Sunday run at qualifying for the NCGA championship with net 58. The team that edged these teams out were Brian and Andy shooting a net 56 once NCGA handicaps were plugged in. Brian dodged a pre-round call from his better half, while Andy's 75 and their team's net 56 was a nice surprise.

In the second flight the team of Gourley/Zipp shot the low VGSC round of net 56 and the low NCGA round of net 53. This team has proven to be a dangerous team with Randy shooting a 38 on the front side and Bernie shooting a 34 on the back side. They have qualified for the last two NCGA events and their will be an audit. In second place in the second flight was the team of Templeton/Stewart shooting a net 57. Both Gordy and Bill played well on this cold morning with only their NCGA handicaps being higher than their VGSC handicaps getting in their way of qualifying. In a third-place tie were the teams of Gurgone/Gulbransen and Owen/Lyon with net 58's. Ken does not like the cold but his game stood up, while Rob was hot as pistol breaking 90 and missing out on qualifying by only one stroke. Ross had some good holes, but let partner John "the glove" Lyon carry most of the load. In fifth place was the team of Jack O'Connell and Tom Parkinson who came in with net 59. These two generous men also missed out qualifying by only one stroke, but enjoyed their round as Jack "the donut man" O'Connell made his VGSC tourney debut.

Our next event will be Saturday, April 4th in a 7:30 am shotgun or Sunday, April 5th with straight tee times. The second weekend in April is Master's weekend and we plan on having one of our specialty events that weekend. I know some crazy things are going on this year, but let's stick together and never stop living our best life. I would be remised if I did not say something about losing one of VGSC dearest friends Tom Edwards. We loved Tom and can't believe he is gone. I know he is with good friend Al Meriano hitting that low drive and drinking Miller Genuine Drafts. We miss you and will not forget you and your friendship.