

2021 Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Letter #1

Fifty-two players came out on the first weekend in January to play in VGSC Point Event #1. The individual low net format made our members start their engines a little early on some pretty chilly mornings. Getting out of the blocks well helps you get the lead, but as we have seen the race is won down the stretch. This season we will have six individual events, four two-person team events and two four-person team events all on the first weekends of each month. Our individual low events will have a four-club and a pick six format that should make a nice mix of events. To take a closer look and plan for perspective teammates look at the VGSC schedule on the Vintners Golf Club Website under members. Our next event will be the FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE, so find your team or sign up as a single and let me create the winning team.

In the first flight, Bill Haubold and Sean Murray shot net 65's showing that they might be the players to beat in 2021. Bill was the low gross with a natural 63 in the pick six finale and now followed it up with a 68 from the black and blue tee set up. Sean's natural 65 was the low gross in our first event of 2021 and last year's VGSC Player of the Year continues to play great golf. In third place with a quick start was Randy Gourley with a 74 for net 66. Randy beat both Bernie and Kelly for bragging rights within his group. In a tie for fourth place were Tom Pieper, Kelly Norris and David Deem with net 68's. Tom fired an impressive 74 showing Andrew that Myles' grandpa has still got game. Kelly shot his third straight 77 in VGSC tourney play and if he plays in all twelve-events he will make a run at the title. David Deem comes back to VGSC tourney play like he never left, shooting a 76 for net 68.

In a tie for first place in the second flight Matt Estes and Brian Stegner shot net 64's winning \$28 in gift cards. Matt beat Dad for the first time the other day and although he did not beat him gross this-time, he did win this net event. Brian fired an 82 and I have a feeling this past Player of the Year is bringing his "A" game to 2021. In third place Jim Hunter shot an 82 for net 65 and he continues to show class on and off the course. In fourth place was Bill Gormand who shot an 86 for net 67. Bill shoots lower than his age all the time and this event was no different. Congratulations lefty. In a tie for fifth place were Scott Coleman and Ross Owen shooting net 68's. Scott has been steady in VGSC tournament play shooting two 87's and an 89 in three ties. Ross's game is choppy like the sea, but looks like he has steadied his ship shooting an 87.

The first-round match ups in our VGSC Net Match Play Championships are set for this weekend starting at 8:30 am. Some handicaps got jostled around this weekend just in time for the matches. Nothing like a little rub to get things interesting. If we learned anything last year it is lean into a tough situation and find some positives. I miss those simple days, simple weeks, simple months and yes simple years. Let's have a great 2021!

VGSC NET MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Murray
16. Cattalini

8. Gourley
9. Payne

4. Randol
13. Yanover

5. Ackley
12. Cervone

2. Zipp
15. Tarap

7. Gomez
10. Gurgone

3. Norris
14. Hunter

6. Ponce
11. Cozzitorto