

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #7

Seventy-six players participated in the two-person net better ball event on Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th. The team format combined husband-wife, brother-brother, Father-Son, Mother-Daughter, Mother-in-Law-Daughter in law, boyfriend-girlfriend and friend-friend mixtures. The teams that are familiar with each other have the most fun and usually score the best. The Saturday player's patience was tested with pace of play being a serious issue. The first couple of our public groups played unbelievably slow and it never sped up. Our Sunday play was business as normal and had to be a more enjoyable and scorable round. In any case, the hole locations were challenging and tees were put a little further back causing difficult scoring.

In the first flight Andy Tarap and Brian Gardner beat the field by shooting net 59 winning \$28 in gift cards per person. Both players have been in a mini-slump and it was nice to see them score well individually and as a team. In second place was the team of Bernie Zipp and Kelly Norris who are teammates in our Thursday Night League. They shot net 61 and have played the net better-ball format every other week all year. In a third-place tie were the teams of Pieper/Collins, Estes/Coleman and Ponce/Hunter. Tom and Mike had a great front side and were poised to win it all, but slowed down on the back side. Both of these guys are single digit handicaps and had to enjoy their rounds. Matt and Scott finished second and qualified for the NCGA Net Batter-ball championship at Haggin Oaks earlier in the year. Jaime and Jim play a couple days a week together and have steadily improved their games the last couple of years. Jaime just got his fourth hole in one a couple weeks ago on hole number four. Congrats to our 2019 NCGA Net Match Play Champion.

In a first-place tie in the second flight the teams of Hill/Payne and Stewart/Ready shot net 58's. Mike and Steve love to hang out at the bar and bull shit with everyone that will listen. I'm not gonna lie I love to do the same thing and these guys are entertaining. Bill and Rodney have been playing together in these events for a long time and winding up in the winner circle this time must feel sweet. In a second-place tie in the second flight the Yanover's and the Maguire's shot net 60, torching their back side. The Father and Son team of David and Bob shot 34-26, while the future husband and wife team of Mark and Julie shot 36-24. Mark's 67 steadied the team, but Julie provided all the spark on the back. In fifth place Portia and Kathy who also team up in our Thursday Night League shot net 61's. These two are thick as thieves and they are a pleasure to have as members and friends of the Vintner's Golf Club. In sixth place Tim Horton and Becki Hanson shot 63 and love grabbing some of that VGSC gift card money. These two are starting to become one of the teams to beat.

Our next event will on Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th in a four-club only format. This is one of the most fun events of the year and the hardest to figure out. Our members will be playing with four clubs all month trying to find the best four clubs to use in this devilish format. The punch line at the end of the tournament for me is when a player shoots his best round of the year with just four clubs. Not having to make decisions on which club to hit and having low expectations always help players score better. Hitting your favorite club all day also helps. Don't forget your putter as I have never seen the winner of this event not take a putter. Prove me wrong if you dare.