

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #9

Eighty-players participated in our NCGA Zone Qualifier which takes the low gross and the low net team straight down to Monterey for two days for the infamous NCGA Zone Championships. The 2-person net better ball format with NCGA handicaps always sets the stage for a shootout that leaves only one team standing. Then you add "who is the best team out there" gross team challenge and you have our most coveted VGSC tourney win of our season. The low net team was Andy Tarap and Brian Gardner with net 52 and the low gross team was Drew Kuehl and Lucas Cozzitorto with a natural 61. Andy shot the low net score of the tournament and Drew shot the low gross score of the event with their partners making sure their efforts counted. Here are the results with VGSC handicaps.

In first place in the first flight Rick Estes and Matt Estes shot net 57 winning \$30 in gift cards and making a nice run at qualifying. Rick shot a natural 68 and his game is looking ready for our VGSC Club Championship match play. Son Matt shot an 83 with a different strategy once his driver broke on the range. Hmmm. In second place was the team of Tarap/Gardner who shot net 58. Andy's 69 was his best round by five strokes and what a time to do it getting he and Brian into the Super Bowl of Sandbaggers. Do wives listen when we tell them we shot our best round ever? Ask them what that score is and you will get the answer. Jeff Dennis's wife said 67. In a three-way tie for third place were the teams of Randol/Coleman, Zipp/Norris and Kuehl/Cozzitorto with net 60's. Brent led the team with a natural 74 and he also seems ready to create chaos in our VGSC Club Championship. Bernie and Kelly ham and egged as usual in this event and made the best run with a NCGA fueled net 54. Drew shot a 67 and Lucas had a 68 but spread their seven birdies on different holes. Mike Spiegel (69) and Bill Haubold (70) teamed up for a gross 63, which was only two strokes away from qualifying as the gross team.

In first place in the second flight was the team of Wallace/Stegner with net 55. The Wizard shot a very respectful 83, while Brian's game is starting to get back to the eighties also. Their NCGA handicaps are a little higher than their VGSC handicaps or they would have won this tournament. In other words.....they are honest and post their scores. Said no one that qualified in the net portion of this event. In a tie for second place in the second flight were the teams of Reisenberg/Bain and Hardee/Rossi who shot net 58. Felix shot a 78 and has improved so quickly that he has had to deal with a little golf backlash of late. Lucky he is patient because it looks like he has made it through to the other side. Lance is competitive and fights hard which is what you want in a partner. James and Bill are just a good team. They get along and root for each all the time on and off the course. The mother and daughter team of Laura and Heather Highshoe shot net 59 earning a fourth-place finish. Both players contributed and these two were born to compete. In a two-way tie for fifth place were the teams of Lyon/Owen and Gourley/Harry with net 60's. John is the author of the "hair on fire" Bloody Mary and his golf game can get on fire one day and bleed the next. Ross getting healthy playing well and we love it. Randy shot a pretty steady 78, while his partner's birdie for net double eagle on hole #1 was sure a nice way to start this tournament.

Our next event will be on the first weekend in October and will be back to the low individual low net format. I cannot believe it is already this late in the year, but I find myself looking forward to some cool weather and rain, said no golf professional ever, but it is too hot!