

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #12

The last event of the 2022 VGSC season was our infamous Member Shootout which sported three six-hole matches versus three different teams in an alternate shot format. There were six four team flights with the winner of each flight and the highest non division winning point getter qualifying for the always exciting horserace. The 2022 VGSC Player of the Year was up for grabs along with the top 16-point getters cementing their spots into the VGSC Net Match Play Championships. We will talk about the Horserace and then what moves were made at the witching hour. The Horserace was made up of seven teams that experienced success the whole day eliminating teams and ending member's dreams, so let's not feel too bad for them.

On the first hole the team of Hopkins/Ornelas were first to be eliminated scoring a 7 for 6. Both players were on the bubble of the top 16 in points needing to win their flight and they did. Although their day ended a bit too early, good work was done. The team of Pieper/Pieper were also eliminated on the first hole in a chip off with Jacks/Troendly. Tom and Andrew won their flight by the closest of margins with Tom sneaking by point leader Andy Tarap with their half-point victory; seemingly securing the Player of the Year honors. Tom ended up second in the Player of the Year race by only three points, but will be one of the favorites in the VGSC Net Match Play Championship.

On our second hole the teams of Costella/Cambell and Wallace/Stegner lost in a chip-off to Jacks/Troendly. Josh made an improbable jump from 21st place to a tie for 16th place in the points and will play Bernie Zipp in a nine-hole battle Royale for the 16th seed. His partner Jayge got enlisted in the early AM when Josh's partner Joe Molina came down with a bug. Jayge's putter got hot and Josh loved every minute as they destroyed the teams in their division and he got into the top 16 in points. Winston solidified a fourth seed and is always a low handicapper killer in our net Match Play Championship. Partner Brian climbed from tenth to fifth on the point list and will be a dangerous match up for anyone as he is a past champion.

On the third hole the team of Reisenberg/Bain were eliminated in a chip-off by the team of Dennis/Haubold. Both Felix and Jeff had short putts to advance, but not all good putts go in as these two lipped out from close range back to back. Nothing to be ashamed of as these two teams crushed everyone else in sight their whole day. Three holes and three chip offs felt like when the World Cup gets down to penalty kicks after a four-hour game. Bill hit a solid chip picking up his pro and clinching the 2022 VGSC Player of the Year crown by only three points over Tom Pieper. Felix and Lance had a lot of good moments as teammates all year and should be very proud of their team's performance.

On the fourth and last hole the two teams left were Jacks/Troendly and Haubold/Dennis. John and Jeff had survived two chip offs and seemed to be the Cinderella story of the day. Bill had carried his partner all day and needed him to hit a great shot from the black tees as they were giving Jacks/Troendly from the white tees a stroke. He certainly did just that hitting a hybrid about fifteen feet from the hole. John hit his barely over the water line hitting the cement and bouncing back in the water. It looked like the clock struck twelve, but Troendly hit a beautiful flop shot and John made the twenty-footer for bogey for par. When Bill's putt missed left a chip-off was to decide the tourney. The team of Jacks/Troendly won their third chip-off in four holes when John hit a stellar chip that

rolled closer than Bill's. Congratulations to Bill Haubold for winning the 2022 VGSC Player of the Year and the team of Jacks/Troendly for winning the 2022 VGSC Member Shootout. Both victories will get their names immortalized on the plaques on the Vintner's Golf Club Wall of Fame. What a finish!