

## Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #11

Fifty-VGSC members played on the weekend of Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in an individual low net format. The weather was brisk with some sunshine making the crystal-clear day something we could all embrace. I am the pint of beer is half-full kind of guy and always wondered why the half-empty choice is made. Search out the positive and do what is in your control. Oh yeah and run away from people talking about politics or religion. Well this year has sure helped me sharpen these necessary life skills. As long and rocky as this year has been, I hope it has provided you an opportunity to appreciate the positives and reflect on what is important to you. In my simple life... I appreciate to be up on matches with Jeff Dennis and that is what is important to me....just kidding.... friends and family duh.

In a tie for first place in the first flight Kelly Norris and Mike Hill broke the code in Chinese checkers shooting a net two under par 66. Kelly has plenty to appreciate continuing to play good golf with a 77, while his work has stayed busy. Mike cruised up in chilly temperatures for his 6:30 am Saturday tee off on his motor cycle that has a side car. The only thing that could have been better is if playing partner David Cervone was in the side car with some euro-goggles. In third place, Brian Stegner recovered from an eight on hole #1 to shoot 85 for net 68. This guy's positivity level is off the charts deserved of a slo-mo walk-in theme song. In fourth place was Rob Cattalini shooting an impressive 72 for net 68. Just like all of us or maybe more Rob is a momentum player and three birdies on Saturday kept him focused. In fifth place in the first flight was my friend Sean Murray shooting a 69 for net 69. During the beginning of the pandemic when everything was closed and I was just a security guy I appreciated our putting matches in the empty clubhouse.

In first place in the second flight Jim Hunter shot an 81 for net 65 that included a 36 on his backside. Jim plays a lot of golf at the Vintner's and has always done a great job with our starters and we appreciate that. Jim has also stepped in more than once in emergency situations at our club with a calmness that makes us remember he was and always will be a first responder. In a tie for second place at net 67's were Mei Borden and Mike O'Toole who have just started playing in the club events. Mei always shows up with a smile and husband Joe has done a lot for the Vintner's Golf Club. Mike plays on "Tools of Love" in our night leagues and is fitting into our culture quite well. In a tie for fourth place were Jaime Ponce (76) and Jack O'Connell (83) shooting a net 68. Both of these guys have focused on what is in their control on and off the course making positives in life easy to find. Newsflash working hard at whatever you do pays off.

Our last event of the 2020 season will be a double point event on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual this year, members will make a tee time for their group or sign up as a single and we will join them with a group. The format will be an individual low net format with one caveat...the player picks six black, six blue and six white tees to play from. If your VGSC handicap has been established from the blue and white you will pick six blue, six white and six gold tees. They don't have to be picked in order and I will stretch out the tees where they are normally close together. Another crack the code moment on our loveable little nine-hole course in the heart of Napa Valley. I'm so excited about 2021 and am rooting for all of us to work hard on what we can control and stay positive.