

Vintner's Golf and Social Club's Newsletter #14

The greens were rolled and the weather could not have been better for the VGSC Member Shootout. The format of playing four two-person teams in a match play format lets our members get to know each other a little better. The match play team format is also unique to our schedule and the members look forward to the Ryder Cup format. Although the goal is to get as many points as you can, qualifying by any means necessary is all you really need to do. The top two teams in each flight or the most points on the second day were the goal. The taco stand was a big hit and the four-hole par three challenge on the range was a nice add on to our tournament.

In our championship flight Deuce and Murray finished up top with 21.5 point relying on their 13.5 first day total. In second place Joe Aldridge and Bob Bakker tied both their matches on Sunday tallying their weekend total to 20.5 points. They made the horserace by a half point after a hard charging Johnson/Delaney came up limp in their final match. Gary Glenn and Ted Johnson also tied both their matches on Sunday and missed qualifying by one point. The teams at the bottom Murio/Gomez and Cozzitorto/Kuehl went 1-2-1 missing the horserace because of their Saturday mistakes.

In flight "B" Ornelas/Pieper went 3-1 totaling 22 points and making every match exciting with one-up decisions. Goetze/Molina also played close matches going 2-2 and making it into the horserace by a .5. Moore/McCullough went 1-2-1 and were on the outside looking in by just that half a point. Both Tarap/Gardner and Olsen/Stoddard made runs on Sunday, but came up a little short. The team of Monroe/Ackley scored a feeble 7.5 points on Saturday, but took care of both their Sunday matches one-up, totaling 12 points and qualifying as the most points on last day.

In Flight "C" we had eight teams with three qualifying for the race. Oscar Healer and Jim Lewis went 3-0-1 running away with 24.5 points. In a three way second place tie were Dougerty/Gourley, Panek/Case and Flowers/Huizinga with 21.5 points. Flower/Huizinga went 2-0-2 but had to leave before the race. They did leave undefeated. After that the teams were spread out with Borden/Lopez tallying 19.5 points, Reisley/Reisley 17.5, Zipp/Narasky 17.5 points and Cervone/Hill with 14.5 points. Borden/Lopez had 13.5 points on Sunday, but tapped out because of injury. Warren and Bob must have kicked them in the knee opening up an opportunity for Monroe/Ackley.

In flight "D" Mike Hopkins and Brian McGovern dominated winning all four matches totaling 27 points. In second the team of Wallace/Steger went 3-1 totaling 23.5 points and giving the above a good battle. In third place with 21 points Rossi/Laidlaw went 2-2 with two big wins and two big losses. In fourth place with 18.5 points Edwards/Davis played four close matches. In fifth place with 17 points Parkinson/Booker went 2-2, but their losses were damaging. Gulbransen/Gurgone are usually tough to beat but this week not so much totaling 13 points.

Lights camera action: The first hole saw Panek/Case and Stegner/Wallace fall flat with the hazard swallowing up their chances. The second hole curse stayed alive with Pieper/Ornelas and Hopkins/McGovern getting eliminated after dominating the match play portion. The third hole

got a little tight with Healer and Lewis finding the water to the left of the green. Bakker and Aldridge made a nice up and down to stay alive, but their chip in the chip off fell short by inches. The fourth hole saw Gourley/Dougherty get caught in the sand, while the other three teams made par. Goetze started the chip off with a good one, but Ackley almost made it and Sean did just enough to advance to the last hole. Ackley hit the infamous shot over the water to about 3 feet from the hole. His partner in crime Warren Monroe embraced the pressure making the clinching putt to beat good buddies Justin Tews and Sean Murray. The weekend of golf saw over half of the matches end with a one up or halved result. Camarderie and competition combined with food and drink turns into a memorable weekend with stories to be told until next year. Thanks for the participation.