

VINTNERS GOLF AND SOCIAL CLUB'S NEWSLETTER #3

Forty-two teams played on February 20th/21st trying to qualify for the elusive NCGA zone championship. As always the NCGA net winners have to sneak out the backdoor when their score is revealed. In this case, the team of Mike Quinn and Chris Pollistrini posted their score (net 56) and accomplishment on face book all Saturday and did a rain dance for the Sunday competitors. I am a proponent of celebrating when you win because it does not happen all the time, so congrats to Chris and Mike for their excellent play and prowess on face book. The gross winners were Jan Jakovac and Glenn Andrade who shot 63, narrowly beating out Sean Murray and Paul Newman's 64. Karma strikes again as this winning duo lost in a card playoff to the team of Sakai/Winkle in last year's qualifier with a gross score of 61. Have fun in Monterey representing the Vintner's Golf and Social Club in the 44th annual NCGA Zone Championship on August 30th/31st.

In Point Event #3 Justin "Boozy" Ashforth and Dannen Goetze shot a net 57 sharing first place in the first flight with the team of Quinn/Pollistrini. Both teams were shoveling the stuff back in fourth all weekend and remember if you sign up as a friend on face book that is what you get. BTW Mike Quinn shot an even par 68, while his partner Chris shot a 73. Dannen shot a 71 and his partner Justin shot a 76. In third place in the first flight was the team of Ted Johnson (72) and Randy McCullough (73) who shot an eight under par net 60. Their gross score of 65 was only two off and their net NCGA score of 58 was only two off. A late bogey as a team cost them, but this team played great and hammed and egged it nicely. Rounding out the top five in the first flight was the teams of Murray/Newman and Jerich/Pieper who shot net 62's. Sean's 66 and Paul's 71 needed one more stroke in the gross, while Tom's 68 and Pete's 73 were good enough to make some dough. Tom's great play of late has propelled him into third place on our player of the year and first trimester point list.

In the second flight, Ryan Brennan and Ryan Ruhl shot net 58 winning first place honors. Mr. Ruhl has improved as much as anyone in our club and it is impossible to root against him. Mr. Brennan wins a lot and knows how to three putt the last hole to win by a stroke....jk.....great guy new father to a baby lobbist and future Cardinal pitcher. In second place in the second flight was the team of Winston Wallace and Brian Stegner. The wizard just bought some cobra irons from our shop and they sure paid off. Brian just vaulted himself into the lead in our first trimester and player of the year race. In third place in the second flight was the team of Big Daddy and the Little Guy. This odd couple can be viewed by the public on most corner bar stools, but mainly at the Lakeside grill hounding our own Tony Ray. In a three way tie for fourth place were Forbes/Forbes, Yanover/Hanson and Hunter/Kuzdenyi. Jim Forbes shot a natural 73 barely missing out

on the NCGA net qualifier. Bob and Jay played flawlessly for the first seventeen holes and finished with a net triple or they would have advanced. Hunter and the Kooz are always a dangerous team and have always paired well together almost like a vodka and orange juice.

Our next event will be on MARCH 14th and will be the 43rd NCGA two-person net qualifier. We have moved this date to coincide with the NCGA moving their deadline up for this qualifier. We will be taking the two low net teams as our representatives to the NCGA two-person tournament that will be taking place on Thursday, APRIL 1st. After plugging in 84 scores into my VGSC tournament handicaps, doing the in the money results, tallying the points and writing this newsletter your fearless leader will be going to Mexico for one week. I appreciate this club and it is very cool to see this many members participating and rolling with the punches and politics that is a golf club.