

VINTNER'S GOLF & SOCIAL CLUB'S NEWLETTER #1

The first VGSC event of the year came quick as the first weekend of the month was New Year's Day. After a week of wet-weather our members gladly waited through frost delays to get out and play some Holiday golf with friends. The golf course has been a mental life line for many of us, but especially over the last two years. Having some quality social time with your friends has been more important than playing great golf of late. Although that is hard for me to get used to, it sure is easier to do consistently. With that said.... I hope you had fun with your friends because the play was a little rusty with only one player shooting under their VGSC handicap.

In a tie for first place in the first flight were Sean Murray, Andy Tarap and Michael Bianco with net 68's. Sean is moving on up in 2022 picking the blue/white tee combo and going through the VGSC handicap transition. His one-under par 67 for net 68 was the low gross round of the tournament by a lot. Andy shot a 78 and this past VGSC Player of the Year's statement round brought back memories of the Tony Glorioso days. Michael Bianco also fired a 78 and he definitely enjoyed his group with his brother and Nick along his side. In fourth place Rick Estes shot a 76 for net 69 and always enjoys playing with son Matt and beating good buddy and lifetime rival Brent Randol. Howard Mattfield shot 83 for net 71 and it looks like he will be all in this year completing a group that is quite frosty already. In a two-way tie for sixth place were Bill Haubold and Randy Gourley with net 72's. I'm not sure the last time net 72 won money, but these two golfers grinded out mid seventy rounds in some Chicago type weather that made Bill feel right at home.

In first place in the second flight was Nick Eberhardt who shot an 86 for net 67. Nick played the majority of VGSC events last year and is growing comfortable in tournament play. In his maiden voyage Leon Glowinski survived the tough conditions coming in second place by shooting 92 for net 69. In a tie for third place with net 70's Mike Hopkins and Tom Narasky again enjoyed the cast of characters that they choose to play with. In a three-way tie for fifth place at net 71's were Bill Gormand, Matt Estes and Josh Costella. Wild Bill is one of our home members and is quite likable outside of the fact he shoots in the eighties at ninety-two years old. Matt has fallen in love with the game the last two years replacing his competitive thirst while pitching at the University of Hawaii with VGSC tournament golf in Yountville. Welcome to getting old....it is just the start....as my good friend Sean Murray likes to remind me on a daily basis. Josh Costella bought a whole bunch of clubs and all he got for Christmas was the driver. No but seriously this guy will be fully loaded soon with his new fitted Titleist irons, wedges, fairway woods and Scotty Cameron putter.

Our next event will be a four-person scramble on yes the first weekend in February. Try to create a foursome that includes a long drive specialist, an accurate iron player and a good green reader that can make some putts. Never mind.... sounds difficult. Just invite your friends and come ready to have some fun. That way when your team hits it out of bounds, misses a green with a wedge and then three putts the hole for a scramble triple bogey you can have a good laugh. Never forget you are not what you shoot, but you are how you act. Thank you for being patient with our frost delays.