

## 2023 Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter 9

Fifty-two players came out on Labor Day weekend to play in VGSC Point Event # 9. While some of our members just played in the Point Event others paid \$10 extra to try their luck in the NCGA Zone Qualifier. The low net and the low gross team qualify to go down to Monterey for two days and represent the club. Every year it is a close race, but with the same teams always at the forefront. Last year's net qualifiers Gardner/Tarap fell short, but one of the gross team qualifiers Lucas Cozzitorto grabbed another partner and made it on the net side. The other team that ended up making it on the gross side was the team of Zipp/Gourley who shot a very unlikely gross 60. These two seventeen handicaps carded a net 44 when their NCGA handicaps were put in, so they would have won the net by fifteen strokes. Good luck to our sandbaggers in the NCGA Zone Championships or what most people call the Super Bowl of Sandbaggers.

In the first flight the team of Zipp/Gourley shot net 55 winning \$25 in gift cards. These two are ranked first and second in the points and although their VGSC handicaps have shrunk beyond recognition one of these two might be able to hold on in their last three events for the VGSC Player of the year honors. In second place in the first flight was the team of Cervone/Kelly who shot net 60 and will receive \$20 in gift cards. David shot what must have been a very crafty 77 and partner Matt shot a very easy 76. These two are game for any challenge as shown last month trying the Gold and Blue tees in our gross club championship qualifier. David barely missed and Matt qualified as a fifteen seed. In a third-place tie in the first flight were the teams of Austen/Ruddick and Spiegel/Eierman with net 61's. Team Aussie was led by Luke shooting a 74 and Bruce staying high on the point list with a score of 87. Mike's 69 and Colby's 77 seem good enough to get a little closer to the win, but adding a little scratch to their VGSC winnings isn't the worst thing that could have happened.

In the second flight there was a three-way tie for first place at net 57's. The team of Hill/Payne shot 80 and 81 gross and if both were NCGA members they might have been one the qualifiers. Love to see them play well and get some gift card money to buy Cervone some drinks. The other two teams in the first-place tie were the teams of Stanton/Stanton and Jacks/Williams. Doug was beaming at the opportunity to play with his daughter Natalie and his game was on full display shooting a 75. Natalie has been a great addition to our F & B team and she will turn into a single digit golfer if she puts her mind to it. John and Aaron are great on their own, but when you put them together they are hard to contain. Both these gentlemen play by the rules and I appreciate both of their friendships. In fourth place is another friend of the Vintner's Joe and Mei Borden. They shot net 58 and Joe (86) finally beat Mei (89). Joe has helped the golf course for years and truly cares about the golf course's well-being. Mei fell in love with golf a couple years ago and now plays 3-5 days a week.

Our next event will be on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in an individual low net format. **THIS IS NOT THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF THE MONTH BUT MY ANNIVERSARY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY JOB....ACCORDING TO MY WIFE.** Ask about the Member shootout as we plan on scheduling it in late October or mid-November. There will be limited spots and guests are welcome. We will invite by point list ranking and the pro's will be playing. This will be the last year we use the NCGA handicap for any of our tournaments and other changes will be made to ensure a fair fight in all of our VGSC tournaments.

