

Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #3

Sixty-four members played in the two-person net better ball format on Saturday, March 1st and Sunday, March 2nd. This event was also the NCGA qualifier for the NCGA two-person better ball Championship. The low two net teams qualify and represent the Vintner's Golf Club at the NCGA sectional championships. The low net score of 57 was shot by the teams of Whaley/Wondergem, Ornelas/Hopkins and Riesenbergs/Bain. There will be a 9-hole playoff between these three teams to determine the two teams that go to the sectionals. There is nothing worse than a card playoff determining a winner, so Vintner's likes to turn up the fun by letting the players not the refs decide the winner.

In first place in the first flight was the team of Ricky Wondergem and Jim Whaley who shot a net 57. Ricky who is now leading the points after three events shot a 71, while his partner Jim fired a 75. Jim started out playing in our skins game and night league, then decided to join the VGSC this year. We wish them luck in the play-off and look forward to the addition of both of these characters in our club this year. In a second-place tie were the teams of Wilings/Kelly and Murray/Gormand with net 59. Joe has been another excellent addition to the club, while Matt looks like his VGSC tournament-game is coming alive as he is second in our point race thus far. Sean knows how to pick his partners (among other things) with Bill Gormand shooting a natural 76 at age 93. Shooting your age is quite an accomplishment but shooting seventeen strokes under your age is truly remarkable. In a two-way tie for fourth place were the teams of Cervone/Sakai and Cozzitorto/Rossi shooting net 60's. We already knew that this team was dangerous as David and Dan will be representing our club down in Monterey in the infamous Zone Championship. Lucas our back-to-back Club Champion shot a round of 69, while Christina had two birdies for eagles on her last four holes

In a tie for first place in the second flight at net 57 were the previously mentioned teams of Bain/ Riesenbergs and Ornelas/Hopkins. Lance shot a natural 73, while Felix chimed in on holes 6,7,10,12 and 13. A team net bogey on hole sixteen was the only thing in the way of these guys avoiding a playoff and winning the tournament outright. Rudy shot a smooth 39 on the back nine, while his partner Mike made a birdie for net eagle on the par five the second time around. This team knows how to close shooting a net 26 on their backside. In third place was the team of Joe Borden and Robert Burns with net 58. Robert carried the team most of the way with Joe chiming in when needed. But the highlight of the day was when Robert holed out from fifty yards away on the last hole for a birdie for eagle. In fourth place was Joe and Mei Borden with net 59's. Joe picked his partners well as his wife Mei shot her tournament best 86 helping their team also finish in the money. Joe does a lot of tree work on our golf course and cares about the place as much as any customer we have. Thank you.

Our next event will be an individual low net format on Saturday, April 5th or Sunday, April 6th. We plan on aerifying the greens the Monday after the scheduled tournament, so if you have a schedule conflict plan your tournament make-up before.

