

2026 Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #4

Easter Weekend brought out sixty-members to the VGSC Egg Hunt #4 in an individual low net format. It always starts with our members marking up their eggs with their favorite design. Some of our members hide their eggs better than others and sadly are never found again. Most of the time you can't find all of them, as they are in the most unlikely positions. Maybe you run into them another day, but the fun of hiding and finding the egg has been going on for decades. Some of us leave them in the middle of the grass, some find water but the one you find in the hardest spot after a long look gives you the greatest satisfaction.

In first place in the first flight, Tom Pieper and Joe Wellings shot net 65's earning \$30 per person. Tom won a VGSC Senior Club Championship back in the day, but as all of us age maintaining what you got is all you got. We hope we get smarter or our swings magically get better, but Father-time slowly works on our bodies and minds. With all that said Tom fired a three-over par 71 and says ---- to Father-time. Joe shot a natural 78 and his love for the game and thirst to get better is still growing. In third place with 68 for net 66 was Ricky Wondergem. This a man that has all the strength he needs, so far successfully delaying Father-time. But patience and positive thinking are not one of his glaring strengths. Ricky is learning the Vintner's way, playing a make-up tourney round under what looks like a booth review. In fourth place in the first flight was Ryan Cassidy who shot a 72 for net 67. Although Ryan still has Country Club tendencies we will and are making him into a public course being. Good player and fun guy to have around. In a three-way tie for fifth place Tim Choyce (72), Conch Beery (71) and Lucas Cozzitorto (67) all played well shooting net 67's. I feel very lucky to have a venue to work at that allows me to have a large net of really good friends and these are three of my favorites.

In first place in the second flight Jeff Telle resurrected his golf game shooting a 78 for net 61. In the first event he was crossed up and looked like golf was taking him down. In the second and third event he leaned on friends to help. But in our fourth event he came out of the dark and saw the light once again winning the event by four strokes. In second place was Bill Collins shooting an 82 for net 65. Bill's golf game goes up and down like all of ours, but a little bit of patience in the form of a tall Pacifico can sure help. In a tie for third place were Justin Carr, Winston Wallace and Larry Gomez with net 67's. Justin is and always will be a Golden Bear and support his team he does. Nice 78 and welcome back to the seventies. Winston shot an 83 and in tournament play it has been a long time coming. Looks like getting back to work and

playing less helped? Weird game. Larry shot a 78 and won a \$100 skin in our Thursday skin game. Declaring his tourney make-up round before he teed off was quite refreshing after well...cough Ricky. In a three-way tie for sixth place at net 67's were Chris Brandt, Bruce Ruddick and Merle Telle. Chris shot 92 and his golf game is improving, shown by his first hole-in-one last week. A true Red Sox fan he is teasing good friends Lucas and John who still have zero hole in ones to death. Bruce" back nine" Ruddick shot an 82 and his subtle wit and sense of humor shows up in his facial expressions. Merle Telle shot an 84 and he makes me laugh with his personality that like mine isn't always well received or understood. OK fine we are understood.

Our greens are being punched on this Monday, April 13th. Try to use this time to practice on the range or get some golf lesson from one of our professionals. Justin Tews 707-266-8282 or Jeff Dennis 707-738-1038. If you want to run with Father-time you have to put some work in.