

## 2026 Vintner's Golf Club's Newsletter #5

Sixty-players participated in VGSC Event #5 with the majority of the players playing on the first weekend in May. The individual low net format had a caveat to it this time as you could only bring four-clubs. Any individual low net format allows a player that plays well to finish well. While many sports are either team sports or individual sports that you play against another person, golf is just you and your craft. Your performance turns directly into the results and is not affected by your teammates or opponent's play. That is the good and the bad part of golf and players either embrace and maximize or beat themselves up and crumble. The challenge is real and oh what a game to experience with friends.

In the first flight Dan Sakai shot a 67 for net 66, busting out of his VGSC tourney slump and making his way up the point list from the back just like Golden Tempo. In a four-way tie for second place in the first flight, were Joe Valenzuela, Joe Molina, David Garcia and Bernie Zipp with net 68's. Joe V shot a four bogey fourteen par gross 72 which means he picked the right four clubs. Joe M shot a gross 73 that included six bogies and a birdie. David Garcia continued his good golf shooting a gross 74. These three players avoided blow-up holes which is the primary recipe to play well with four club only tournaments. Bernie Zipp however, started the first two holes with a double bogey and a triple bogey, but finished the round well shooting a gross 76. In sixth place in the first flight Lucas Cozzitorto shot an even par 68 and it might seem to him someone is playing defense against his game as he gets a plus one handicap. Lol.

In first place in the second flight was Doug Stanton with a very impressive 76 for net 63. I always get a kick out of the player that shoots their low round of the year with four clubs. This player hopefully learns a lot about his game and maybe discovers he plays defense against himself when he has all his clubs. In second place in the second flight was Tom Parkinson with a 78 for net 65. Tom is one of the nicest and most caring people I have ever met and he has some game. Love you Tom. In third place was Josh Costella who shot an 82 for net 67. Josh will have to do some analysis on why it was so easy to shoot an 82 without ten of his clubs in his bag. Justin Carr came in fourth place shooting 81 for net 68 and will also have to show some accountability. In a tie for fifth place in the second flight with net 69's were Bob Murio and Steve Payne. Bob's last four VGSC tourney scores (81,82,80,81) have been incredibly consistent no matter what format. Steve is usually a little more volatile in behavior and golf scores shooting

**an 86....this time. I'm just kidding about his behavior this guy is consistently funny and entertaining to be around.**

**Our next event will be on the first weekend in June and will be a two-person scramble format. The men will play the Golden Bear tees on the front side and the blue tees on the back side, while the ladies will play the white tees on the front side and the red tees on the back side. There will be a minimum of six drives per player on each team that must be used. Find partner or give me a call at 707-312-0900 and I'll try to find you a partner.**