

2026 Vintner's Golf Club Newsletter #7

Sixty-players came out for VGSC Event #7 on the second weekend in July for an individual low net format. The course was there for the taking, but there were some obstacles that could stand in the way of a good round. The inner challenge is everyone's cross to bear that is trying to play good golf. Being able to focus is probably the most prevalent characteristic in a really good player. Theoretically, you only have to focus for five minutes over a four-hour round of golf. Seems easy, but trying to get your mind at ease before your shot proves to be very difficult. Visualize your shot with a consistent pre-shot routine, take a deep breath and try to execute basic-fundamentals. If you could not tell, I am presently struggling lately with those exact things.

In the first flight Brian Gardner shot a 68 for net 61 winning \$30 in gift cards and a bunch of points. Brian works a lot on his game and his steady personality and demeanor translates well for his focus. In second place in the first flight was Luke Austen who shot 68 for net 64. Luke had a late night and his voice was hoarse and yes that also can translate into a simple focus on the basic fundamentals. In a tie for third place were Lucas Cozzitorto and Joe Molina with net 65's. Lucas shot a natural five under par 63, but his very accurate and fair plus two handicap turned it into a net 65. Lucas has the ability to turn off all thoughts off except golf. Learned talent from constant gamesmanship by Jeff and I. Joe fired an impressive 69 and his poker discipline no doubt helps his golf game. In fifth place was Conch Beery shooting a gross 72 and although he seems calm out on the course his insides are turning and sometimes that is not a bad thing.

In a four-way tie for first place in the second flight were Justin Carr, Winston Wallace, Bill Rossi and Boston Brandt. Justin shot a 76 and he had to love putting a round together that he can proud of. Winston shot a 79 and he has been waiting for this play in VGSC tournament play for quite a while. Bill shot a 78 and his feast or famine game deserves an examination of exactly what he did the night before and day of to duplicate. Boston shot an 87 and once this guy gets his wedges down he might be dangerous. In a six-way tie for fifth place at net 66 were Chris Brandt, Jeff Telle, Dez Spoor, Bob Figoni, Steve Waller and Steve Payne. That six-way tie diluted the gift card payout, but payout is good nonetheless. Chris shot and 89 and stays ahead of co-worker Lucas in hole-in-ones and VGSC tourney points. Ouch! Jeff misses brother

Merle, but played well representing the Telle brothers well. Dez is the owner of Maggie Pie. Bob finally broke ninety in tournament play and should also be aware of what was different before and during play. Both Steve's played well and seem to be enjoying being in VGSC tournaments.

Our next event will be the first weekend in August and will be our VGSC Club Championship qualifier. Members have a decision to play the Golden Bear and Blue tees and add three strokes to their handicap. They will also be eligible to qualify for the Gross Club Championship if they are one of the low sixteen gross scores. The other choice would be to play the blue-white tee combo and try to have a low net score. Sign up early as it is Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd.