

2026 Vintner's Golf Social Club's Letter #8

Sixty-four members came out to play in VGSC Event #8 on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday August 2nd. The format was individual low net, but within the tournament was the qualifying for the Gross VGSC Club Championship. The low gross twelve scores will enter the match play portion of the event alongside the final four from the year before. This VGSC Club Championship has been going on for twenty-six years and we feel that it is one of the harder Club Championships to win in Northern California. Winning a net event can really be as simple as I don't post my low scores and played OK.....the winning on the first tee model. But in a gross event you have the same starting line as your opponent, you get similar weapons and the better player that day wins. An individual sport like Golf will test your inter-fortitude by challenging your focus, patience and execution of fundamentals. You hate it you love it. It cheats on you, you cheat on it. It is the worst thing in your life and then it is the best thing in your life. An abusive relationship at its core.

In first place in the first-flight Jimbo Duncan shot a gross 69 for net 62. Jimbo will be the sixth seed in our VGSC Match Play Club Championship as he had the 2nd low round of the qualifier. In a four-way tie for 2nd place at net 64's were Luke Austen, Blake Murray, David Garcia and Lucas Cozzitorto. Luke shot a gross 71 and has the type of game that can beat anyone on any given day. Blake and David shot gross 72's and they have a short game that will definitely-translate to good match-play results. Lucas's villain-story started when Jacob Duncan ended his three-year run as VGSC Club Champion. He won't be the same until he has it back. In sixth place with a 71 for net 66 was Randy Gourley who hates to see his handicap go down, but continues to shoot low scores.

In first place in the second flight was Desmond Spoor shooting a 78 for net 63. Dirty Dez is the rare individual that comes off nice and intimidates the bleep out of you. His golf game has improved since he got the annual pass...just saying. In second place in the second flight but number one in our hearts was Tom Dinkle with 81 for 64. If you do not know Tom you should check out his influencer page. Dive deep into Dinkelism, it is a way of life. In a two-way tie for third place were Colby Eierman and Bernie Zipp who shot 73 for net 65. Colby will move onto the match play, while Bernie chose the safe path and moves up the VGSC Player of the Year standings. In a tie for

fiftrth place at net 66's were Johnathan Eastman and Josh Costella. Jonathan has moved into the coveted top sixteen in points and is enjoying retirement. Josh recovered from a triple bogey start shooting an 83 and some gift card money.

Our next event will be the NCGA Zone Qualifier and will be played on Saturday, September 12th and Sunday September 13th. This is our SHOWCASE event of the year as the entry fees are \$1000 for the four-person team that gets to go to Monterey. This year will be a little different as we want to make it as fair as Vintner's tournaments can be. We will be using our VGSC handicaps and if members want to attempt to qualify they need to sign up with Jason (707-312-0900) by text or phone. We will be pairing each two-some with another random two-some. You have to be a NCGA member with a VGSC handicap. If you want to play with your same buddies and just play for points and gift cards you can. But if you want to qualify it will be up to you to tell me the times and days you want to play and I'll do the rest. The NCGA Zone Championships will be played in 2027 in April. Let the competition begin to see who grabs this awesome opportunity. Make-ups will be allowed and you can be eligible to qualify as long as you talk to me and I can find another team for you to play with.