Vintner's Golf & Social Club's Newsletter #11

Sixty-six players participated in VGSC event #11 in the excruciating alternate shot format. This format is a true team format where partners must rely on each other every other shot. They are required to clean up their partner's mess or capitalize on their partner's great shots. The stress level is up, while the amount of shots and ability to establish a rhythm is down. In any case, having different formats throughout the year allows are members a chance to experience a variety of formats. Sliding this format in the second to last event of the year was a little dastardly, so I will put it in the schedule a little earlier next year.

The fraudulent four has been set as Jimbo Duncan, Una Bailey, Joe Molina and Lucas Cozitorto will face off in our last VGSC Event of the year. These four have weathered all the formats well and their reward will be to play together in the last event with the low net score becoming the 2026 VGSC Player of the Year. Winston Wallce will be the first alternate and Tom Dinkel will be our second alternate in case one of our four finalists can't make the scheduled date. The scheduled date will be on Sunday, December 6th at 9:00 am. Sean Murray and I would like to congratulate these four players for cracking the VGSC tournament handicap system. Miss you Sean.

In first place in the first flight, Joe Molina and Josh Costella teamed up to shoot a 70 for net 62. These two needed a good finish as Joe made the fraudulent four and Josh has slipped into the top sixteen in points going into the last event of the year. In second place in the first flight was the team of Jayge Campbell and Ale Mantilla who shot a 69 for net 67. These two backed up a double bogey with three birdies in a row, which is quite an accomplishment in this format. Their strategy was authored by Ale who said let's go for everything and let the chips fall where they may. Jared Cato and Jason Loring got third place shooting an 82 for net 68. They came out firing with a 37 on their front, but slowed down on the back with a 45. In fourth place was the team of Blake Murray and Dez Spoor who birdied their very first hole and settled into a 75 for net 69.

In first place in the second flight was Joe and Mei Borden shooting an 84 for net 64. This husband and wife play very similar games and have very similar handicaps which must have helped them in this format. In a tie for second place in the first flight were the teams of Jeff Troendley and John Jacks and Tom Parkinson and Bill Gormand. Jeff and John shot who shot an 82 for net 68. These two were even par after six holes,

which included a natural birdie on hole number two. Then the alternate shot format fought back. Tom and Bill fired a 38 on the front side and a 43 on their back side. It is odd that the white tees played havoc with so many teams, but I believe that as the round goes in this format it get steadily harder.

Low Gross Scores

69	**Mantilla/Campbell**
70	**Molina/Costella**
72	**Bakker/Cozzitorto**
75	**Spoor/Murray**
76	**Gardner/Haubold**
77	**Choyce/Wondergem**