

# HVGA NEWS

3 Match Play Events | New C-flight Trophy | Limited Field in April

## Winners - Flights

Andrew Nguyễn	A-Gross	74
Phillip Tran	A-Net	76/75.4
Mike Ta	B-Gross	88
Calvin Nguyễn	B-Net	90/78.2
Thai Nguyễn	Sr-Gross	83
Michael Dang	Sr-Net	86/77.5

## Closest to Pin

#2 (151y)	Tung Kieu	6'5"
#6 (198y)	Minh Do	10'9"
#8 (195y)	Phillip Tran	5'0"
#11(204y)	Kevin Dang	24'0"

## Event Dates

March 16-17  
Match Play vs MAGA  
@ Wildcat GC

April 6 AM  
Mock Up Group Tournament @  
Wilderness GC, Lake Jackson

April (TBA)  
Annual Crawfish Boil  
@ HotSpot Cajun Seafood II

September 28 or 29  
Houston Cup  
@ Wildcat GC

October (TBA)  
TexCal Cup  
@ Golf Course in San Jose, CA



Congrats to all the winners of our February Daniel & Co. tournament at Quail Valley. 2 of our Young Guns, Andrew Nguyen and Phillip Tran, must have known something, judging from the big smiles on their faces, as they took home A-flight Gross and Net, respectively.

## Upcoming Events

*Mock Up Group Tournament April 6 Saturday 11:00am @ Wilderness GC, Lake Jackson*

We will Co-Host this event with the Chinese Golf Assoc. of Houston (CGA). Due to the long drive, they requested a later Shotgun Start time, which will be 11:00am Saturday 4/6/24. HVGA will alternate groups with CGA on the golf course, but **there will only be 60 slots available for HVGA**. So if you want to compete in April, **register and pay early to secure your spot**. Latecomers will be waitlisted, not likely be added on as easily as in the past. The 2 organizations will compete in 2 separate tournaments, one for HVGA and one for CGA. Hope you are as excited as we are to play with CGA!

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Houston Cup Captains-  
Justin Vu vs Andrew Nguyen

Co-Captains:  
Tommy Huynh/anh Ha vs  
Jimmy Nguyen/Angelo

We are organizing a tailgate party following the April tournament. BYOB + grilled food. Plan to stay after for this one!

### *Match Play vs MAGA March 16-17 Sat-Sun @ Wildcat GC*

Our Match Play tournament versus our VNmese brothers from the NE is set. Sat is 2-Man Best Ball, Sun is Singles.

Saturday night 3/16/24: Dinner at Kim Son Buffet at 6:30pm, limited seating

Qualifications for 24 member team:

Top 16 in Houston Cup points- automatically qualified

Next 8 players are Captain's Pick

Must have played in Feb and/or Mar HVGA tournaments

Must be paid member of HVGA in good standing

Cost:

Thanks to our new Platinum Donor Lavalion Roofing & Home Services, the cost for the 2-day event to our players is reduced from \$250 to \$100/pp, including shirts, green fees, buffet dinner.



I've dealt personally with Linh, head of Lavalion, and can attest to their expertise and professionalism. I encourage you to get a quote from them should the need arises.

### *Houston Cup September 28th or 29th @ WildCat GC*

HVGA North vs HVGA South, all members (including non-Viet) can qualify to make the team, as long as you are ranked in the top 80 in Houston Cup points. 36 holes in one day. Congrats to our 2 Young Guns Captains: Andrew Nguyen & Justin Vu.

We are planning a Draft Day where the Captains will pick their team members. All HVGA members will be selected, so pay your dues. Hoping to make it a fun event for everyone.

Houston Cup Sponsors will be announced in next newsletter.

## Platinum Sponsors

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Daniel & Co.  
3mA Audio  
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HotSpot Cajun Seafood House

## Gold Sponsors

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Property and Income Tax  
Mock Up Group

## Silver Sponsors

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Priority Insurance- Sandra Tran  
MMA

### *TexCal Cup vs California VGA Oct in SoCal*

We are in the final stages of negotiations with VNmese golfers from California. Stay tuned for more details, but I suggest you accrue as many points as possible, as we will likely only have 24-36 players to make the traveling team. Preliminary details:

- up to 5 Non-Viets can make the team
- Plan to travel Wed-Sun tournament week
- Cost is approx. \$2000/pp, will likely be lower with Sponsor help
- Cost includes: 4 rounds of golf, 5 days/4 nights, airfare

### *Annual Crawfish Boil in April*

#### *@ HotSpot Cajun Seafood House II*

We will host our popular Crawfish Boil at a restaurant for the 1st time. If you've helped out with the setup, cooking, serving, and cleaning up for the past 20 years, you know what a relief this is for the volunteers. Thanks to Andrew Tran, co-owner of HotSpot, we will all have more quality time with each other while enjoying great food from one of our own member's businesses. Final date to be announced. Get your tastebuds ready!

## **New C-Flight Gross Trophy**

In response to membership feedback to include the our higher handicap members, we are bringing back the C-Flight Gross trophy, starting with April Mock Up Group Tournament at Wilderness.

As of now, we have 70 A-Flight, 30 B-Flight, and 12 C-Flight if brackets are A<9<B<15<C. Handicaps limits will be adjusted for each flight to make sure no flight is too small, which affects competitiveness. Senior Gross flight will go away. Players may be moved from A to B flight, or B to C, after recalibration. Stay tuned more details.

### *New Membership Discount Card*

Our tournament coordinator, Jimmy Nguyen, is working on an HVGA Membership Benefits program where we will get discounts at restaurants and businesses around Houston. Stay tuned.

### *New Website Page for all HVGA businesses (TBA)*

## *Sponsor Highlight*

Dr. Andrew Tran of 5 Star Dental, bought the 1st crawfish restaurant in Cypress in 2018. Its success led to the opening of HotSpot Cajun Seafood House II in Missouri City.



HVGA: How did you get started in golf?

HotSpot Cajun: *I worked as a software engineer at Motorola 30 years ago. Golf was good for business in the corporate world and it was great for stress relief.*

HVGA: your son, BaoLong Tran, is one of our Young Guns members, when and why did you get him started in golf?

HotSpot Cajun: *I like the prestige and elegance of the sport. It's great for his future, good for business, easy to connect with people. I started him in the 1st Tee program at 12 y.o. Besides high school, swimming, and Kung Fu, he loves golf. And he's good at it, too.*

HVGA: What's the difference between playing golf before joining HVGA vs after you joined?

HotSpot Cajun: *The friendship is amazing! HVGA is perfect for golf and VNmese culture. As a proud VNmese American, it's extra special because of the intimacy and kinship.*

HVGA: What inspired you to sponsor HVGA?

HotSpot Cajun: *I wanted to help make the club more fun and also more prominent in the community. Leo, the ex-HVGA President, invited me to the year end banquet and I saw how well organized and impressive the club had become under his leadership. I wanted to be a part of it.*

HVGA: What would you like us to know about HotSpot Cajun Seafood House?

HotSpot Cajun: *We have the highest quality crawfish and the best Viet Cajun flavor out there. It's our 2nd location and we are better than ever. Come and enjoy other VNmese seafood favorites such as Muc Chien Don, Cua Rang Me or Cua Rang Mui, and Seafood Fried Rice (Crispy Fried Squid, Tamarind Crab or Salt & Pepper Crab).*

HVGA: Thank you, Dr Andrew. See at the afterparty!