

Public Course Pennants – Round 1 / Sunday 14 January 2024.

Firstly thanks to all the members who have put their hands up to represent the North Adelaide Golf Club in this year's Public Course Pennants competition as we embark on a journey to not only defend the 3 titles won last year but also field a team in the Division 3 South with high hopes for success from that group as well. There was a great response from the Women and Men playing group to ensure we had good numbers to select players from for the 4 teams with additional players in each squad over and above the playing team numbers to make selection difficult for the relevant captains.

The first round was at home with all divisions playing on the South Course with nearly perfect conditions and it turned out to be a successful day for the club. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 (Red) played against the strong field from Sandy Creek and the Division 3 (Blue) team were up against North Haven.

Division 1 headed up by Shaun Dawson got the ball rolling for the local team and were able to control the match winning 6 of the games, halving 1 and losing 1. The team for this round 1 match was Alex Martinson, Shaun Dawson, Chantha Kong, Alice Cho, Henry Park, Yung Bok Kim, Steven Darch and Paul Haines with Toby Maddern who was the attending reserve.

Division 2 lead by Anthony Clapp followed the lead from Shaun's group and secured a win with same result from the match, 6 wins, 1 halved and 1 loss. Rumour had it that in this group Ian George managed a hole in one on the course, sadly, for the author, this Ian George is from Sandy Creek, well done Ian. Team members for the round 1 match were Chris Watson, John Filmlter, Barry Smith, Bob Henley, Brenton Jemson, Anthony Clapp, Jasmin Kantic, Frank Kong and Dudley Ah Chee the non-playing reserve.

Division 3 (Red) skippered by Ian George managed to keep the positive vibe going and won their match with 7 wins and 1 halved game. The team for the match was Ian George, Johnathan Gravenor, Greg Forrest, John O'Connor, James Abierio, Frank Ballard, Di Cocks, Deidree Bennett and Natalie Potter was the reserve for the day.

Division 3 (Blue) fronted up by "rookie" skipper Merrilyn Middleton, thanks for taking the reins, rounded out what was a great day for the club by winning their match 6 up, 1 halved and 1 loss, well done team. The playing team was Luciano DeGuia, Rory Cho, Merrilyn Middleton, Carolyn Coleman, Brad Snape, Zac Baig, Jason Yap, Luis Plaza and Andrew Carmody stood in as reserve.

Thanks to all those that represented North Adelaide Golf Club for these round 1 matches including those on the reserve list and those that have put their hands up but did not get a game, your turn will come to shine for the club.

Special thanks to the those that organised the post match delights and even more special thanks to those that cooked and served up the food for not only the North Adelaide players but the opposing teams as well, your efforts were greatly appreciated by all in attendance, thanks.

Also thanks to Helen Silvy, our roving referee, for her time watching over us, even spying on us, and being there to answer those queries that arise whilst we play this simple game of golf.

Looking forward with high expectation to round 2 January 21st again at home where Div 1 and 2 will be taking on Mawson Lakes on the South Course starting at 11.30, Div 3 (Red) will tackle Mawson Lakes on the North and Div 3 (Blue) will battle it out against Regency Park on the North as well from 11.30.

Regards,

Ian George.