

# SAPCPGA match report – Feb 28th 2021

Some of you oldies out there may remember the Lou Reed song Perfect day, well North Adelaide GC had one today. We played Sandy Creek at home and all of our teams made it through to the finals of the SA Public Courses Pennant Golf Association. Even more, two of our members have won the Player of the Year for the Association as well, read on for more details.

## Division 1

With finals qualification already guaranteed, our team recorded a 4-4 draw. Victors were Alex Martinson (1 up), Corey Fawkes (6 and 5), Barry Smith (3 and 1) and Steve Darch (3 and 2). Many thanks are in order to John Filmalter, who was a last minute replacement, and also to Barry Smith who was originally named as a reserve also got a guernsey due to a late withdrawal. Corey Fawkes got the call up on Saturday evening and didn't disappoint with a fine 6 and 5 victory. Shaun Dawson, Captain Kong and Dave Renner made up the team.

## Division 2

They won 6-2! Absolutely marvellous! meaning qualification for the final. Word had spread around the course that other results around the state had meant that the 2's would qualify regardless of the result. Nonetheless, the team performed exceptionally to win. Stars were: Jonathan Gravenor (7 and 6), John Rowe (3 and 2), Di Biebrick (4 and 3) and the wonderful magnificently wonderful Anthony Clapp (4 and 3), Bob Henley (3 and 1) and Peter Stolz (I made hard work of that – 1 up). Making up the team and both contributed during the season, were Captain Norman and Chris (Watto) Watson.

## Division 3

So, it was left to our 3's to make up the hat-trick of finalists, and so they did, jumping from fourth to second on the ladder. I was on BBQ duties at the time and then heard a huge roar of delight from the vast assembled gallery. I thought it was from Adelaide Oval, had Robbie Gray kicked a winning goal? had Tex Walker taken a great mark (no chance)? no, it was our man Dave Harrington holing a putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> green to win his match 1 up. Some tell me it was a two foot tap in, others tell me it was 16 foot double breaking putt; the man himself tells me it was a 32 foot quadruple breaking putt! Who cares, it was a match winning putt as the team won 4.5 to 3.5. Others who wallowed in triumph, were, Anton Holmes (3 and 2), Frank Ballard (1 up) and Dee Bennett (5 and 3). The all-important halved match was from Dave Carr. Making up the team were, Captain Dave Holmes, John O'Connor and Kevin Naughton.

All this means that all of our teams all face Sandy Creek in the finals next Sunday at Penfield from 9am with a multi-tee start. Please check our website for all the results and ladders. It would be great to see as many members supporting the team as possible; caddies are always welcome.

This is a team event, but I am delighted to report that both Steve Darch (Division 1) and Di Biebrick (Division 2) are crowned as the SAPCPGA Players of the Year. Both are a credit to our club and their awards are well deserved. Regardless of the team results next Sunday, they will both be presented with their coveted trophies and prizes. A good reason to be there.

Thanks for all the members that showed up today to offer their support.

And finally .... Lou Reed's words: "just a perfect a perfect day, drink Sangria in the park and later when it gets dark we go home, oh it's such a perfect day I'm glad I spent it with you".

I'm going to have a large glass of red and say "CHEERS NAGC".