

SAPCPGA match report – Jan 10th 2021

On a blisteringly hot day at Playford Lakes, we began our quest for success in the Public Course Pennant golf season. This year, we have again entered three teams, one in each division. We have 37 members registered to play, and today we had seven of the 24 representing the club making their Pennant debuts, which included four ladies. The results are as follows:

Division 1

Against a strong team playing on their own track, the team came away with a fine five and half to two and a half victory. Team captain, Chantha Kong, led the way with a fine 3 and 1 victory; other winners were Alex Martinson (1 up), Shane Leathem (2 up), Oscar Moss (4 and 3), Steve Darch (2 up). A special mention for Ian Scriven, who was one of our debutantes, despite being four down at one stage and two down with two to play, managed to halve his match. Dave Renner and Barry Smith made up the team.

Division 2

Led by captain, Stormin' Norman, the team managed an excellent 4-4 result. After losing four of the first five matches, with only Chris Watson recording a 5 and 4 victory, the team rallied to win the last three matches. Di Biebrick (2 and 1), Peter Norman (3 and 2) and Anthony Clapp brought the team home with a, in his words, a magnificent 4 and 3 victory. Other team members were Jas Kantic, Raja Jamaledine, Bob Henley and Se Young Jung.

Division 3

The team followed the 2s, with a fine halved match 4-4. As mentioned previously, it was hot, so Dave Carr demolished his opponent 7 and 6 and after a quick rehydration at the bar went on to support his fellow team mates. John O'Connor (2 and 1) and Dee Bennett (2 up) won their matches, Jonathan Gravenor, Dave Holmes, Frank Ballard and Peter Mayboroda had all lost their matches. It was left to Merylyn Middleton, who at one stage was four down but had to all square on the 18th tee, to clinch victory and halve the match. Merylyn had two putts from 5m on the green to win the match, but only needed one, much to the delight of the vast gallery that had assembled.

In summary, a great day for NAGC in very testing conditions. Next up is another away tie at Marion Park next Sunday (Jan 17th). All the fixtures, results and ladders are available on the NAGC website, if you would like to have a look. We always need help and support for our home matches; if you like to help, please get in touch.