

SAPCPGA match report – Jan 17th 2021

We headed off to what seems our annual match versus Marion Park on their own turf, always a difficult task. With a number of members unavailable prior to the matches, and a late withdrawal of our division two captain Peter Norman, who strained his knee playing on Saturday and aggravated the already poorly knee by herding up his Alpaca's later in the day, we were further depleted by two members being unavailable early on Sunday morning. However, we rallied well and the results were as follows:

Division

The team won 7.5 to 0.5. Captain Kong led the way with a 4 and 3 victory, Alex Martinson got to the bar early by defeating his opponent 7 and 5, Ian Scriven 2 and 1, Chris Watson 2 and 1, Steve Darch 1up, Dave Renner 6 and 5 and the evergreen Barry Smith 4 and 3 were the victors. Shane Leathem was the man with the halved match, being two down with two to play, he managed to halve his match. Well done Shane!

Division 2

Many thanks to Greg Forrest for stepping up to 2's from the 3's team due to the late withdrawals. Greg wasn't the only one that lost his game. Indeed the first four games were lost, but thanks to a late victorious rally from Bob Henley 4 and 2, Di Biebrick 3 and 1, Peter Adams 7 and 6 and Damian McGrath (QC MBE and all sorts of other letters after his name) 4 and 2, the team returned a halved match 4 – 4. Damian was making his debut, not only for NAGC, but also in matchplay. He'll soon be wanting more letters after his name!

Division 3

Well, it was expected, after all, in our previous two visits the results were an 8 nil thrashing, a seven one beating and this time a narrow 7.5 to 0.5 loss. All our players were giving a huge number of shots away to their opponents. Over the eight matches we were giving 69 shots away. Dee Bennett was the star of the show, halving her match and giving 13 shots to her opponent. Good work Dee!

In summary, not a bad day. The division one team have won two out of two, the division two team have had two halved matches, both away from home, and the division three team still have hope of qualifying for the final as we have three home games still to play. The finals by the way are on March 7th at Penfield GC. No matches this weekend, as it's the Australia day weekend. Our next matches are on January 31st at home to Mawson Lakes. As ever, all the results and ladders are on the NAGC website. A number of our members are featuring high on the divisional leaderboards, have a look.

And finally, the views looking away from Marion Park are quite stunning, looking along the coastline from Seacliff right up towards North Haven. The next time you are down that way, have a hit and enjoy the views.