

SAPCPGA Finals match report – March 7th

Today we took on Sandy Creek in all three of the grade finals; we all had a good day at Penfield GC with mixed results, details as follows:

Division 1

The team lost 6-2, the winners were Steve Darch (1 up) and Dave Renner (3 and 1), making up our team were: Alex Martinson, Ian Scriven, Shane Leathem, Shaun Dawson, Chantha Kong and Barry Smith. A special mention for Steve Darch, after being four down after eight holes, Steve turned it around to win on the final green. A fitting end to the season for Steve who was later crowned as POTY for division one for the SAPCPGA.

Division 2

The glorious 2's won 5-3, and so ensured there will be a trophy to display in our clubroom. Leading the way were Peter Stolz (5 and 4), Bob Henley (3 and 1), Anthony Clapp (7 and 6), Di Biebrick (1 up), John Rowe (6 and 4). Our team was made up with Raja Jamaledine, Captain Norman and Jonathan Gravenor. The fantastically gloriously fantastic and marvellous Anthony Clapp continued his unbeaten run with a fantastically marvellous 7 and 6 win. But a very modest mention for Di Biebrick who also continued her unbeaten run, winning one up after holing a 20 foot putt on the final green to win her match. Just like Steve, who was king of division one, Di was the queen of division 2, and was later crowned as such at the presentation ceremony.

Division 3

Our division three team went down 6-2. Winners were Dave Harrington (6 and 5) and Captain Dave Holmes (6 and 5). Our runners up were: Anton Holmes, Dave Carr, John O'Connor, Frank Ballard, Kevin Naughton and Dee Bennett. Our division three team had a good season and making the final was a great achievement, a credit to all of our players.

So, in summary, it was the first season in five years of trying where more than one of our teams reached the finals; this year all of our teams made the finals. Division two team won their final and it was the first time they had made the final. A great achievement.

Our very own Peter Norman was the Master of Ceremonies for the presentations after golf. NAGC is at the forefront of running this competition and as a club we should be very proud of that.

And finally.... when I was a young boy back in the UK way back in the last century, Santa left me a Wolverhampton Wanderers shirt as a Christmas present. Today I have a runners up medal for division three: I had to turn out once as an emergency player at Marion Park, I lost 1 down (or was it 6 and 5)? I don't care. The medal is cherished just as much as that shirt was.

If you represented NAGC this season you too should be proud, whether it be gold or silver.

Many thanks to all of our members who turned out and supported the players today and during the season, it really is appreciated. Bring on next season.