

Public Course Pennants report – Feb 27th 2022

The penultimate round of the season saw our teams playing must win matches to have chances of making the finals, that's the way it turned out. All four of our teams won, details as follows:

The Division 1 team, without Captain Barry Smith, John Filmalter and Shaun Dawson, won their match 5-3 versus Playford Lakes at Mawson Lakes. This now means that the team are guaranteed to be in the final. The winners were Peter Stolz (2 and 1), Simon Welsh (3 and 2), Steve Darch (4 and 3) and Atila Koca (3 and 2). The all-important halved matches came from Chantha Kong and Chris Watson. Alex Martinson lost unluckily on the last green as did the promoted Bob Henley.

The Division 2 team took on Playford Lakes at home and produced a commanding victory 7-1. Captain Norman, leading from the front and playing at number one produced one of the best second shots I have seen on the 17th. After a good drive that was slightly too long, Peter produced a slight drawing 180 metre shot that finished about 15 feet from the pin to set up a tap in par and a one shot lead. Peter held on to the lead on the 18th by putting a tricky left to right putt from the back edge of the green stone dead for a 1 up victory, much to the delight of the massed gathering that had assembled. Other victors were: Luke Montgomery (5 and 3), Anthony Clapp (5 and 4), Jonathan Gravenor (6 and 4), Tristin Knight (6 and 4), Frank Kong (4 and 3) and Tony Guiducci (3 and 2). Paul Haines was unlucky to lose to someone who was holing monster putts from everywhere.

The Division 3A team defeated Playford Lakes 5-3. With Captain O'Neill rallying the troops from his cart, the team didn't let him down and produced a commanding performance. Peter Adams (5 and 3), Luis Madriz 2 up, Sarah Russell (2 and 1), Neville Stone (4 and 3) and Brett Heaven (3 and 2) came first in their matches, whilst Ian Probst, Peter Mayboroda and Taj Darch made up the team. Taj lost his unbeaten record in the event and afterwards was consoled by the wonderful words of Jonathan Gravenor, "you have to lose to learn how to win big". Well said Jonathan.

Dave Holmes's 3B team defeated Marion Park 5.5 -2.5, in what turned out to be a very tight match. 1 up wins for Tim Haskett, Matt Anderson, making his debut for the club and Dee Bennett along with Jason Yap (3 and 1) and Dave Holmes himself (4 and 3) were enough for victory. A special mention for Dee, three down after six holes and giving her opponent nine (9) shots, Dee put on a

great show for her victory. Gareth Bridges got the halved match and Andy Carmody and Dave Harrington made up the team.

All this means that our Division 2 and both Division 3 teams have a chance of making the finals. Victories in the final round this Sunday are a must and we will still need other results to go our way. All the results and ladders are on our website along the fixtures for next Sunday. Please have a look and come out and support the teams, you could make the difference.