Public Course Pennants Round 5 / Sunday 05 March 2023

Today’s results have set the scene for an intriguing final round in all three divisions ahead of the finals series starting 19 March, with all North Adelaide sides well in the hunt.

A welcome cooler change and some slightly less welcome rain set the scene for round 5 at Mawson Lakes.

NAGC Division 1 emerged both victorious and top-of-the-ladder today with a valuable away win, 5.5 to 2.5.

Alex Martinson (6&4), John Filmalter (2&1 over Claudio Sequeira), Dave Renner (2up), Steve Darch (3&2) and Henry Park (6&4) comfortably stitched up the maximum 3 points. Chantha Kong squared his match, while Shaun Dawson and Will Phelan were unsuccessful.

Competition for second spot is fierce and Regency Park will be in no mood for favours when they host NAGC in the final round of Div 1 fixtures next week.

Our Division 2 side suffered its first loss of the competition, falling 5.5 to 2.5, but remains 2 points clear at the top of the ladder and well ahead on averages going into the last round.

Skipper Anthony Clapp toughed out a 1up win, with Jonathan Gravenor home comfortably 5&3.

Tony Guiducci squared his match, with Alice Cho, Atila Koca, Paul Haines, Toby Maddern and James Abiero battling hard but unsuccessfully.

Both North Adelaide and Mawson Lakes play away next Sunday with the latter facing an uphill battle to seize top spot ahead of the finals.

Division 3 has all the work ahead of it at Playford Lakes next Sunday to hold top spot before the finals. Today they were shaken down 5.5 to 2.5 by Mawson Lakes, who were fourth on the ladder up until this match.

Luis Madriz (2up) and Brett Heaven (5&4) were the only winners, while Peter Mayboroda squared his match. Jason Yap, Peter Adams, Greg Forrest, Tim Haskett and Laifong Cheong all finished out of the points.

Going into the final round, Sandy Creek remains our biggest threat. They enjoy a home game next week to see out the regular fixtures, while we travel to Playford Lakes in what is always a tough assignment on a course where the premium is on power and length.

Big thanks to our gallery today for the moral support: Peter Norman, Ian George, Wally Majko, Rory Cho and Karen Forrest.

Good luck to all teams next week.