

Match Report - February 23

The fifth and penultimate round of the Public Course Pennant took place on Sunday Feb 23rd with all of teams playing away at Regency Park GC. Prior to the round all of our teams were still in with a chance of making the finals. I'm glad to report that after Sunday's round and after suffering a loss our Division 1 team, due to other results, have guaranteed a place in the final. Our Division 2 team also lost but still have a chance of reaching the final. Our Division 3 team, needing to win to have any chance of reaching the final, triumphed in a very closely fought contest. The match details are as follows:

Division 1

Our team suffered their first defeat of the season, 4.5 games to 3.5. Victors were, Alex Martinson (7 and 5), Jason Mylroie (3 and 1), Barry Smith (4 and 3), John Filmalter halved his match, while Chris Watson, Steve Darch, Chantha Kong, Luke Montgomery all suffered defeats. Chris was playing Stuart Kopania, an ex SA amateur champion; Steve played an ex NAGC member Sudeera Botejue, a very good golfer; Chantha, playing with a sore back, succumbed, only losing 2 and 1 and Luke, who was again promoted from 'the 2's', lost 5 and 4. As previously mentioned, the team have already qualified for the final with one round still to go.

Division 2

The team were beaten 5-3, but still have a chance of reaching the final. Winners were Bob Henley (4 and 3), Ruben Wyld (1 up), halved matches from El Presidente Peter Sahb and Anthony Clapp. Runners up in matches were Jasmin Kantic, Jonathan Gravenor, Anton Holmes and Greg Forrest. Jonathan had been away in the USA all week, not his own country by the way, only got back on Saturday lunchtime but still managed to turn out for us, a great effort. Other excuses were Jasmin had been scanning bags all week at the airport; Greg had been counting the money at the bank and Anton had been working very hard all week and also had to attend a NAGC finance meeting which made him very tired.

Division 3

Needing to win to have any chance of reaching the final, the team won 4.5 matches to 3.5. With the match tied at 3.5 to 3.5 Raja Jamaledine was left out on the course needing to win his game, supported by his watching teammates. Raja won 3 and 1. A brilliant 3 wood to the heart of the 16th green from 200m set up the victory. Another win on the 17th clinched his and his team's victory. Captain Dave Holmes (3 and 1), Murray O'Neill (2 and 1) and Frank Ballard (7 and 5) were the other victors, while Tony Guiducci got the all important halved match. Other members of the team that didn't win were Peter Adams, Peter Mayboroda and Kevin Naughton.

Thanks to John Rowe, Peter Norman and Josh DeBoar for turning up as reserves and generally supporting the teams.

So we move on to the last round next Sunday (March 1st). Divisions 1 and 3 are away to Marion Park, and Division 2 are away to Playford Lakes. Both Division 2 and 3 must win their matches and have other results to go their way to reach the final of their respective divisions. A full results service is on the NAGC website. The finals are being held at Penfield GC on March 8th with a multi-tee shotgun start at 9am.

We are in the throes of planning a Public Course Pennant season presentation night to be held on Saturday, March 21st, venue to be advised and all are welcome to attend. Please see a member of the committee for further information.