

Get to know the Player:

Sammi Chan



Favourite tennis player?

Mr. Rafael Nadal. Nadal plays very unique tennis. His 'brick wall' defensive skills and famous banana shot are the most remarkable. He also has a great sportsmanship that he never throws his racquet on court and never blames anyone else but himself for the loss.

French Open, Wimbledon, US Open or Australian Open?

Wimbledon, the most traditional grand slam. When I was studying in England, going to Wimbledon was one of the highlights. Great atmosphere and everyone is decently dressed for the event.

Weapon of Choice?

I am depending on my drive volley a lot during the game. Moving from baseline to volley, it is a mighty shot that keeps me out of danger.

Best tennis memory?

It was such a dream come true for an 11 year-old girl to have an opportunity to have a hit with Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova at Victoria Park.

Favourite hangout at HKFC?

The Restaurant, Kobe beef!! I do not have any words that can describe how good it is!

Hong Kong Football Club vs Hong Kong Country Club

Kau Sai Chau, East Course

Friday 11th December, 2015

HKFC GS entered this match, our last of 2015, on a bit of a roll having cleaned up at the Palm Island Invitational and recaptured the Reunification Cup. There was a palpably steely determination to close out the year on a high.

We couldn't have wished for a more glorious day for this, our inaugural match against HK Country Club. Whilst this was the first meeting, they are familiar foes from the annual Reunification Cup and so there were a number of familiar faces on show.

We were led off by a Tennis Society pairing of **Anatole Le** and yours truly. HKFC sprang from the traps and were 4 up after 5 holes. Thereafter, the lead remained fairly steady until the victory was closed out 4 and 2 on 16.

Our 2nd flight was a leftie pairing of **Dallas Reid** and **Gilles Bonnier**.

The deliberate ploy to disorientate their opponents came good as the cackhanders won their match 4 and 3. Then came the hockey pair, **Stephen Bottomley** and **Gordon**

Marsden. Up against a brother and sister team from Country Club, these guys were full of yuletide generosity and gave the oppo their only win of the day.

Our penultimate pair was the 'ever-competitive' **Terry Wright** and the 'back from injury' **Fiaz Magdoo**. No Christmas charity here as these guys romped to another convincing win. The last flight was an anchor pairing of stalwarts **Jonny Brock** and **Andrew Wood**. It wasn't a fast round and these guys needed head torches to play the 18th. Fortunately, their match had been settled a hole or 2 earlier with another HKFC win.

Having secured a convincing victory, we repaired to a seafood restaurant in Sai Kung. We had a great day out against noble opponents with the match played in a great spirit.

Another victory capped a very successful year in which we won 12 of 14 events, drawing one and suffering a single defeat.

■ *Duncan Spooner*



Christmas 4 Club Challenge

Deep Water Bay Golf Club



This year we had a special appearance from **Dawn Puels**, an avid golfer from Melbourne who was visiting her son and grandchildren over the Christmas period.

Choosing the 4 most suitable clubs for your game and the course is key to winning this event, with **Darren Measures** proving his club selection was not up to scratch when his 7 iron soared past the first 89 yard hole and landed on the next tee box.

A special mention should go to **Dallas Reid** for making a remarkable 8 on the short par 4. Impressive!

After all the cards were handed in and the handicaps adjusted, the winners of this year's event were as follows:

- 1st: **Joseph Wong** (#56)
 2nd: **Rebecca Wong** (#58)
 3rd: **KK Law** (#59)

Best Gross

Jim Suttie, although **Phil Head** abused his position and assigned himself winner despite a clear 70 from the Scotsman.

Thanks again to Deep Water Bay Golf Club for hosting us.

Look forward to seeing you again next year.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**

There was a full capacity turnout again for this year's Christmas gathering at the short but very tricky Deep Water Bay 9-hole course.

The format once again was stroke play with adjusted handicap, using a maximum of four clubs.

The weather was gorgeous, bright and

sunny albeit a tad chilly with a little wind as we first teed off — perfect golfing conditions.

Customary Santa hats were worn by all players to get us into the festive mood and to double up as ear warmers, although we were stripping off our multiple layers by 11.30am as the weather was so glorious.

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GOLF EVENTS - 2016 SCHEDULE

(As of 27th January 2016 – Subject to change when required)

JANUARY

- 12 Jan (Tue) KSC South
- 25 Jan (Mon) Match vs FCC at KSC North
- 26 Jan (Tue) KSC East

FEBRUARY

- 04 Feb (Thu) Mission Hills - Vijay Course
- 22 Feb (Mon) Match vs RHKYC at Macau
- 29 Feb (Mon) KSC North

MARCH

- 12 Mar (Sat) HKFC v RBSC Interport Match in Bangkok
- 14 Mar (Mon) Match vs HK Seniors at KSC South
- 22 Mar (Tue) Hillview Golf Club, Dongguan, China

APRIL

- 15 Apr (Fri) HKGC Fanling (New Course)
Petersen Texas Scramble
- 16/17 Apr (Sat/Sun) Match vs HK Cricket Club at Lotus Hill
- 26 Apr (Tue) Clearwater Bay

MAY

- 09 May (Mon) Match vs HK Club at Macau
- 12 May (Thu) Walmsley Cup at KSC South/Annual General Meeting
- 30 May (Mon) Match vs WAGS at Macau
- 31 May (Tue) Palm Island, China

JUNE

- 04 Jun (Sat) Annual Club Champs at KSC North/Annual Dinner
- 22 Jun (Wed) Match vs Little Sai Wan at KSC East
- 20 Jun (Mon) KSC North Team Stableford Challenge

JULY

- 09 Jul (Sat) Summer Cup at KSC East
- Jul Match vs USRC at KSC East TBC
- 22 Jul (Fri) Phoenix Hill, Dongguan, China

AUGUST

- 09 Aug (Tue) Clearwater Bay Golf Club
- 27 Aug (Sat) President vs Chairman at KSC South

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Sep (Thu) Xili Golf Club
- Sep Match vs DBRGS at DB TBC
- 13 Sep (Tue) KSC North Four Ball Better Ball Competition
- Sep Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club - Lotus Hill TBC

OCTOBER

- 10 Oct (Mon) KSC East
- Oct (Thu/Fri) Mission Hills, Shenzhen Dates TBC
- 18 Oct (Tue) KSC North

NOVEMBER

- 01 Nov (Tue) Yinli, Dongguan, China
- Nov Reunification Match at Lotus Hill TBC
- 26-27 Nov (Sat/Sun) Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

DECEMBER

- Dec Match vs Country Club at KSC TBC
- 15 Dec (Thu) Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay

Ten Pin Bowling News



Emy Clarke, BIG Treasurer



Before Christmas, Bowling Interest Group (BIG) held a Christmas gathering where our former coach Catherine surprised us with her presence. This was also a celebratory dinner as we are currently at the top of the Hong Kong Inter Club Ten Pin Bowling (HKICTB) league. We hope to maintain this position for the rest of the bowling season!

The 2015-16 HKICTB league season started in October 2015 and will end in June 2016. The league matches occur every two weeks with seven clubs participating, namely: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), Hong Kong Club (HKC), Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCrC), Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC), Kowloon Tong Club (KTC), Ladies' Recreation Club (LRC) and the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC). So far we have completed six matches and we are proud to announce that HKFC team started the new year with a win against Hong Kong Club with a 13 to 9 points. It was an exciting night for players and supporters alike due to the competitive games!

For those interested to join in the fun, please do come for a practice on alternate Thursdays (when there is no league), the schedule is posted at the bowling alley. ■

