



## Kau Sai Chau North Course, Monday 29th February

The winter weather was clearly behind us as 3 flights of 4 players teed off on a glorious crisp Monday morning, for our first event of 2016 on the toughest of the KSC golf courses.

True to fashion, **Jonny Brock** insisted that our 4 ball consisting of myself, **Terry Wright** and **James Riordan** play from the blue tees, as if this game on KSC North isn't hard enough!

As our high scores indicated, KSC north really is a tough test of golf, with all four of us losing an abundance of balls throughout the round.

Jonny managed to secure the best gross score with a far from impressive 86.

The second flight consisted of **Dave Watt**, **Brian MacDougall**, **Stephen Bottomley** and **David Lindsay**. Some memorable putting from Mr. Watt was

mentioned with every putt over 25 feet finding the back of the cup as well as a 45 yard chip in, nice shooting Dave.

Last to tee off were **Johnny Lam**, **Lina Adrianse**, **Cathy Neish** and **Lily Chan**. Lily, being very familiar with the course, managed two birdies and four pars to help secure the day's best score with 32 Stableford points.

Shot of the day was shared between **James Riordan**'s chip in from the drop zone on hole No. 14 and an accurate 3 wood from yours truly landing 5 feet from the hole on No. 11.

Final standings were as follows:

### Best Stableford

**Lily Chan** (32 points)

2nd: **Brian MacDougall** (30 points)

3rd: **Stephen Bottomley** (29 points)

### Best Gross

**Jonny Brock** (86)

### Nearest Pin Hole 3

**Lily Chan**

### Nearest Pin Hole 7

**Brian MacDougall**

### Nearest Pin Hole 11

**Phil Head**

### Nearest Pin Hole 14

**Phil Head**

### Longest Drive Women Hole 9

**Cathy Neish**

### Longest Drive Men Hole 9

**Terry Wright**

See you all at the next event.

■ **Phil Head, Events Organiser**

## HKFC Golf Society vs RHKYC Golf Society Macau Golf & Country Club, Monday 22nd February



After a convincing win against FCC in January, we were keen to remain unbeaten in 2016. Our record against the salty sea dogs was a reassuring 'Played 2, Won 2'. Maybe the biggest threat was complacency?!

A draw having taken place beforehand by Skype, we were led off by **Terry Wright** and **Jenny Chapman**, a fine pair of long straight hitters. This pairing was, to the Captain's mind, an absolute banker. And so it came as a bit of a surprise to hear on the course that they were trailing 1-down. The next flight was hockey combo, **Jonny Brock** and **Gordon Marsden**, looking to rekindle the chemistry that saw them win in the FCC match. They didn't disgrace themselves but came up against a good pairing including RHKYC's captain, Pat Sherriff, and HKFC would get nothing from this match.

**Captain Spooner** had chosen to pair up with another regular he hadn't yet partnered, **Andrew Wood**. Whilst not quite firing on all cylinders they felt they were cruising and that another gear was there, should it be needed. And then 2-up very swiftly became all square and that extra gear was very much needed! HKFC weren't having it all their own way today. And then came news that the Senior Scots (see below) were 6 down in their match.

The unthinkable wasn't going to happen, was it?

Well, Spooner and Wood dug deep, winning a couple of crucial holes, eventually closing out their win on the 16th. And Wright and Chapman ultimately justified the captain's faith turning their match around late on for another victory. And in the fourth flight, squash combo **Dallas Reid** and **Kien Ng** were very much in charge, closing out another safe victory. Things were looking up despite the Senior Scots, **Iain Valentine** and **Bob McKirdy**, uninspired by the Scottish weather we had laid on (mist rolling in from the sea...), being on the receiving end of a sound thrashing.

And so, at 3-2 up, with one match still out on the course, we were guaranteed at least a draw but naturally were hoping for greater things. The result hung in the balance and it all came down to our final pairing, the rhyming couplet of **Le** and **Bottomley**. According to the grapevine, it was all square coming down the last.

I would like to paint a picture for you of a gallery of enthusiastic teammates gathered around the 18th green enthusiastically cheering on their colleagues. As it was, it was a bit chilly in the fog and everyone had retreated to the open fire in the clubhouse and left them to it. Unfazed, the HKFC boys held firm on the 18th as their opponents wavered and the hole was won, and with it their rubber. And the overall match!

Played in a tremendous spirit as ever, this was without doubt the closest of our matches with sailors of the RHKYC. Based on this form, the 2017 match should be another gripping encounter!!

■ *Duncan Spooner, Captain*



Henry Luy,  
BIG Chairman

## Note from the BIG Chairman

On the evening of 28th February 2016, BIG hoisted a New Year Spring Dinner with our coach Catherine joining the event. All participating BIG members enjoyed the great selection of Chinese dishes that **Raymond Chan** picked out and the evening was enhanced with the red wines offered by **Margaret Tsai**. With our coach Catherine being in Hong Kong for some time, it would surely be a big boost to our team spirit!

BIG had the eighth game of the HKICTB league on 3rd March 2016. This time our team captain **Emy** took a break, and lined up 3 males and 3 females to face the Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC) team at our Club's bowling alley. BIG won the first and second round of the match as our visitors were still adjusting to our lane conditions. KCC had a strong comeback and won the last round. Among the pairing of our BIG teams, it was the team of **Semon Cheung** and **Gordon Chow** that won all 3 straight games with both scoring 475 each scratch. The BIG team managed to win 13 to 9 against KCC on the overall score, so we are still at good standing being in 1st position in the League. Keep up the good work!