



## The Petersen Texas Scramble Cup 2016 Friday 15th April on the New Course at Fanling

This year thanks to **Ian Petersen's** connections to the The Hong Kong Golf Club, we were offered a chance to play The Petersen Texas Scramble Cup on the new course at Fanling.

With Fanling being such a prestigious club we had a fantastic turnout of 36 players, consisting of 9 teams of 4 players in each team.

Texas Scrambles involve 4-person teams, with each member of the team playing his or her own ball. Each succeeding shot is played from the spot of the single best preceding shot. At least 4 tee shots were also to be used from each team member. This format allows teams to score par or sub par rounds and this event was no exception especially as each team had also been given a handicap which was calculated by the total teams handicaps and divided by 8. This handicap was then deducted from the teams gross score after 18 holes.

Each team had been carefully selected to ensure fair play and consisted of a low handicapper, a medium

handicapper and high handicapper as well as a lady player where possible.

So the stage was set and apart from a late withdrawal from a very sick **Allan Hay**, everyone was raring to go.

The weather wasn't looking too great but considering the torrential rain we had seen the previous few days, we were all very happy with the light drizzle that was falling on Fanling throughout the day.

Ian Petersen's team consisting of **Ian, Rosemary Hsu, Tony Morgan** and **Ralph Giulianotti** and they were first to tee off. Rosemary was truly the orange dressed rose among the three thorns of this group. She sank two of the four birdie putts, made another crucial save and split the fairway a couple of times after the three thorns had scattered their drives everywhere. Tony stepped up with some booming drives and the shot of the day, a 3 wood from deep rough through trees to pin high on 18. Ralph played his part and had the knee trembling responsibility of having to take the last drive. Captain

Ian anchored the team by providing most of the tee shots on the opening holes and explaining the course layout. But most of all we had fun, encouraged each other and were leaders in the clubhouse until everyone else arrived and overtook us."

Behind them were **Jonny Brock, John Banks, Johnny Lam** and **Angela** 'Jonny for the day' **Koo**. As the group with the highest handicap, matching the Queen of England's age no less, we knew the odds of victory were fairly long (unlike some of our compulsory drives). Nevertheless we all set off with hope in our little hearts, with Angela more concerned about the potential for small, biting insects, regaling herself in a resplendently yellow, full bee-keeping outfit. This stung her straight into action, however, ripping her opening drive to reach the fairway's edge, hammering the long putt (from a 230 yard 5 wood approach) to within 4 feet and sinking it for a par. Game on! Sadly she immediately lost her favourite tee peg on the next, which somewhat dampened her buzz, but in turn

inspired Johnny Lam, whose pirouetting follow-through produced a swarm of excellent fairway-splitting drives and clutch putts with the result that we found ourselves 1 under par after 14 holes and, rather incredibly, still well in contention for the nectar. However, with the normally, big-hitting John Banks unable to control his flight-path, and so being required to hit 2 tee shots with only 4 holes remaining, the pressure resulted in a less than perfect drive, equally 'matched' by his two fellow drones. Fortunately our own queen bee, who had been studying the New Course maze all day, had flown off the 14th to find her favourite tee peg on the 2nd, before scrambling back to the 15th and letting fly another ripper that parted the hitherto virgin fairway, setting up the hive for what was now becoming common-place - a mere 240 yard approach shot = par secured! Another nervy drive into the rough (which the colony now felt compelled to take) a chop out and an excellent recovery with only a 3 footer to sink for par, and, as the sun began to set on a long round, everything appeared honey-coloured. Sadly we somehow contrived to miss that tiddler, despite 4 attempts, but happily that stung Banksy into action who produced two excellent tee shots, which, only because of 4 more tired/bumbled approaches to the last, resulted in our fourth bogey and a gross score of 71. With an 11 shot adjustment we finished 10 under par and in a very

respectable, mid-honeycomb position. Overall a bee-utiful day out with very happy memories for all of the HKFC hive!

Third off were **Duncan Spooner** with **Stephen Bottomley**, **Shuana Davis** and **David Watt**, who reported they rolled in a good 12ft birdie on hole 1. And then fired in to 5ft on hole 2 for another birdie. Plain sailing we thought! Sadly it was a long wait until our next birdie on hole 14! Duncan also took both long drive holes but needing to manage there tee shot allocation neither were used for the competition!

A great social group of **Jessica Lam**, **Owen Davis**, **Chris Meecham** and **Simon Cox** were 4th to tee off. Simon showed great captaincy by motivating Jessica to carry the entire team for the first 4 holes whilst the 3 boys variously hooked, sliced and duffed the ball towards the hole. On the 18th, thinking we may be in the running for silverware, Owen over-ruled the captain by selecting the ball in the bunker, only to see the first player dribble back into the bunker with the next two thinning the ball over the green into the practice range. Again, Jessica stepped forward to save the team, keeping our position securely in 9th place.

The 5th team in the "low handicap" group of **Chris Burley**, **David Gilmour**, **Gordon Marsden** and **Steve Lee** not only combined brilliantly, but also fuelled well with

Heinekens at all on-course refreshment stops. Great contributions throughout from all: Steve's super drives; Chris's pin-point pitches; David's clinching putts (several); and that 230-yard 3-wood and subsequent birdie by Gordon on the long 10th Hole. With a bogey-free 5-under gross we thought we'd be in with a shout ...

6th to tee off were **Man Bor**, **William Tsui**, **Angie Dickinson** and captained by **JP Cuvelier**. Apparently nothing at all to report from this team apart from the accuracy of William's tee shot on the par 3 earned him the nearest the pin award on hole number 3.

Captain **Bob McKirdy** tells the story of his fabled foursome. Once upon a time a Scotsman, an Englishman, an Irishman and a Chinese lady were thrown together to produce the most formidable team ever seen in a Texas Scramble. Unfortunately the Englishman wimped out feigning flu, leaving captain Bob to lead with the big hitting Irishman **James Riordan** and diminutive **Margaret Tsai** making up a magic threesome. Rules and team handicaps were amended accordingly, to make sure that this team had absolutely no chance, but without fear or hesitation this intrepid 3-group went out to assault the course.

James was long but a wee bit erratic, Margaret was a short hitter but kept it in play and Bob was halfway in between being both short and erratic.





This team however were not to be daunted. Margaret hit a sweet 160 yard drive to the middle on the first hole, so we discarded the other 2 and Bob hit a 5 wood to the green and after Margaret took both her putts thus showing the boys the line, the captain stroked in a 14 footer to claim birdie on hole 1. Margaret and James were a wee bit off-line on 2 leaving Bob's tee shot to the upper apron some 25 feet from the flag and just off the green to be the choice. After 2 puts to test the line, Captain Bob stroked in from green side to be 2 under after 2 - a magnificent start!!

The threesome went on to scramble pars, 2 more birdies and only 2 bogies throughout the 18 holes to record a magnificent 68 and with handicap of 10 coming off the final score, we thought we must be in with a jolly good show at net 58. But it was not to be. Other teams packed to the gunnels with pros and snakes and a full compliment of 4 hits to choose from, pipped us at the post and we had to settle for 3rd place. A tad unfair, just think how many under par we could have been if flu had not claimed the intrepid Allan Hay our 4th man.

In summation however - what a glorious team. Margaret always in play and hitting putts bang on line as directed as well as sinking one birdie and saving par twice, James on song with the big stick putting us well within reach on some of the longer holes as well as making his share of putts and of course captain

Bob occasionally knocking approach shots into the greens and sinking ridiculous putts. I would put money on this team any day of the week - tip top magnificent!

Being the event organiser I positioned our team of myself, **David Lindsay**, **YP Soo** and **Kenneth Hsu** on the penultimate tee off to give us plenty of time for a hearty breakfast and to hit some balls on the range before ripping the course apart, which is exactly what we did. As a team we could not have gelled any better. A birdie on the 2nd from me started the ball rolling and a chip in on the 3rd from YP further extended our lead to what was going to be a magical round of golf. Our team had worked out a great putting strategy with Kenneth going first followed by David then YP and throughout the round we all managed to sink clutch 30ft par putts to 10 feet birdies. Some great up and downs helped us keep a bogey free round and with 3 additional birdies from the team we handed Ian the scorecard with 5 under par, definitely in contention for the Cup.

Last to tee off were **Dallas Reid**, **Don Rider**, **Peter Nie** and **Dominic Ng**, with Dallas reporting the only incident of note was waiting to hit my approach shot to a blind green. After thinking I had waited long enough, I hit in a 3 wood to the edge of the green only to find the group in front still on the green taking self-congratulatory selfies on yet another one of their many birdies!

So with everyone showered and

changed we were treated to a sumptuous buffet and free flow wine and beers by the Fanling catering team which really was spectacular.

The scorecards checked and double-checked and Ian took to the stage to make the prize presentations.

Men's longest drives on hole's 3 and 14 both went to **Duncan Spooner** and to **Angie Dickinson** on the same holes for the women's longest drive.

Nearest pins were awarded as follows.

Hole 2 **Duncan Spooner**

Hole 4 **William Tsu**

Hole 8 **Jonny Brock**

Hole 13 **Simon Cox**

Hole 17 **David Gilmour**

With the fun prizes handed out, the presentation for the Cup was eagerly awaited by the players.

There was a tie for 2nd and 3rd place with Bob McKirdy's and Chris Burley's team both on -12 but after a second countback it's was Bob's team that succumbed to 3rd place, leaving Chris and his. Team to take the runners up prizes.

This years winners of the Petersen Texas Scramble by a 3 shot lead at 15 under par was Myself, David Lindsay, YP Soo and Kenneth Hsu. Well done team and thoroughly deserved.

A quick collection of drinks was gathered immediately after the presentation as libations for the hour-long bus ride back to the club.

What a fantastic day of golf, great format and company and thanks again to Fanling for being such a wonderful host. ■

*Phil,  
Golf Event Organiser*





## Clearwater Bay Golf Event, Tuesday 26th April

We were 2 x 4 balls consisting of myself, **Dallas Reid, Jonny Brock** and **Duncan Spooner**.

Having decided to play a pairs, better ball worse ball competition between ourselves, we proceeded to throw our balls in the air leaving myself and Duncan to pair up against the formidable duo of Dallas and Jonny, and off we teed.

Having substituted the driving range for a hearty breakfast I was a tad unprepared to say the least as my first tee shot bobbled a mere 25 yards into the rough, with the rest of the group nicely positioned on the green it took me 6 to get into the hole, much to the disgust of my partner, 2 down straight away.

The second hole wasn't much better as my green side fats and thins scored another triple bogey. It was going to be a long day!

Luckily my partner Duncan was on form and was able to keep at least 1 point alive per hole to keep us in the match.

Fortunately I found my form on the signature 3rd hole and never looked back. By the turn we were 2 up on the better ball and 3 down on the worse ball.

Duncan had made a fantastic job of keeping us on track on the front 9 and we then switched places with me shooting 2 under on the back 9 to secure victory over the despondent duo of Jonny and Dallas.

**Terry and Lindsay Wright, Johnny Lam** and **Patrick Watt's** were the second group to play and from all accounts they had a fun round playing

for individual Stableford points.

Patrick managed to snap his putter in half while trying to bend it back into shape on a tree and then used a variety of clubs to putt with, and still managed to score 33 points.

Back in the clubhouse, there was an amazing lunch buffet waiting with lashings of beer to wash it down with.

A big **THANK YOU** to Clearwater Bay for their hospitality and we look forward to returning later in the year. ■

***Phil, Golf Event Organiser***





## Walmsley Cup KSC South Course and Golf Society AGM Thursday 12th May

What a gorgeous day we had in store for us all, the sun was shining and although the temperature was a tad on the high side there was no sign of the thunderous rain clouds that had been plaguing Hong Kong over the past few days.

Five groups of 4 balls and a 3 ball teed off on the quirky but still challenging KSC South Course, to fight for the Walmsley Cup trophy which is one of the oldest and lesser known trinkets in the Golf Society (GS) trophy cabinet, the origins of which are still unknown to most of the stalwarts at the Club.

Last year's champion **Cathy Neish** was not around to defend her title but that said the competition was as fierce as ever with several past Club champions all vying for the trophy.

The course wasn't in the best of condition with most of the greens being sanded or just lacking grass to putt on and the waterlogged fairways from the torrential rain made the tricky approach shots even more troublesome.

As we had a quorum of women players this year we were able to hold both mens' and women's titles with **Malou Waldie** and **Lindsay Wright** battling out for 1st and 2nd positions. Well done to Lindsay as she scored a fantastic 37 stable ford points in her first GS event to win by 6 clear points over Malou.

In the men's event **Jonny Brock** was outright 3rd position with 36 points and there was a count back for 2nd and 1st position between **Dallas Reid** and **Terry Wright** with Terry narrowly taking the championship.

Nearest pins and Longest Drives prizes went to the following players.

**Nearest Pin Hole 2 Mary Soo**

**Nearest Pin Hole 5 Mary Soo**

**Nearest Pin Hole 11 Dallas Reid**

**Nearest Pin Hole 16 Dallas Reid**

**Longest Drive Men Hole 14 Jonny Brock**

**Longest Drive Women Hole 14 Malou Waldie**

We all headed back to the Club after the golf to witness the Golf Society AGM and for the prize presentation which took place after a great spread of food and drinks. ■

*Phil, Golf Event Organiser*



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