

Match vs WAGS

Monday 23rd May, Macau Golf and Country Club

Having been convincing winners over WAGS in our first match last year, this was never going to be an easy match. The rivalry, as usual, fuelled by members in common, we were well aware WAGS were fielding a far stronger side this year.

The HKFC team was lead off by new Captain **Terry Wright** and his partner **Jenny Chapman**. Last time these two were paired Jenny carried the bulk of the load and it looked to be a rerun at 2 down after 2 holes with Terry yet to show up. Thankfully he turned up soon after, and the match against **David Law** and **Karl Davies** was won convincingly 4 and 3 with **Jenny** landing a killer blow chipping in on the #1 stroke hole for a net eagle.

One game locked away and **JP Cuvelier** and **Anatole Le** looking a sure bet in the second game 4 holes up with 6 to play (more on that later).

Our third group of **Duncan Spooner** and **Warren Weener** were steady and controlled all the way through the round for a very assured 3 and 2 win over **Tim Johns** and **Robert Pegg**. The total commitment of the pairing demonstrated by **Warren** on the last hole even with the game won backing his way into a nasty spikey bush to improve his shot. Pleasure or pain, we ask?

At this stage, two confirmed wins looking good for three and **Jonny Brock** and **Fiaz Magdoom** coming in with a strong 4 and 3 win over **Feng Qingxian** and **Seb Hughes**. 4 up after 4 holes this game was always controlled by HKFC but it took strong play by **Fiaz** and an excellent 3 under par round from **Jonny** to make the result look far easier than it actually was.

Driving back through the field, the news took a turn for the worse as **Ian Petersen** and **Stephen Bottomley** had been taken out by the ultra-steady WAGS captain **Brian Moss** and his very high handicap partner **Steve Warwick** 6 and 5.

So Captain **Wright** gets to the last group, **Dallas Reid** and **Kien Ng** with 3 confirmed wins against 1 confirmed loss and a highly likely win for **JP** and **Anatole**. All square with 5 to go, this was a real battle with Dallas giving the shots and anything possible in the last few holes.

Leaving them to their battle and returning to the clubhouse, all the relaxed confidence disappeared when greeted by news that 4 up with 6 to play had evaporated to a 2 down loss for **JP** and **Anatole** after a beer fuelled comeback by **Carter** and **Helms** from WAGS. Score now HKFC 3- WAGS 2.

A short wait to hear the final result as



Dallas and **Kien** came in with heads down succumbing to the pressure and going down 3 and 2 eventually to **Torsten Ehlers** and **Garry Kemp**.

A rare 3 – 3 draw snatched from the jaws of victory but plenty of good banter afterwards and keen anticipation of the next edition of this newly rekindled strong rivalry to happen next year.

Fortunately as current holders of the trophy, the silverware gets to reside in the HKFC cabinet for another year. Well done team! ■



HKFC Golf Society vs Little Sai Wan Golf Society

Wednesday 22nd June, KSC East

This hotly awaited contest was greeted by stunning clear blue skies and the amazing panoramas that the cliffs of Kau Sai Chau East Course provide. It was extremely hot but where else would you be on a day like this?

Another contest with many GS members in common, or traitors as **JP**, the heavily accented Belgian captain of LSW preferred to refer to them as. Ironically he himself falls into this category.

The course was in good condition so very few excuses existed with the exception of the soaring temperature. A rare one on one match play event and the heat was on.

The first group featured the two captains leading from the front and two tight matches played out, both going all the way to the 17th hole where **Terry Wright** prevailed 2 and 1 over **Barry Jones**, and the Belgian traitor **JP Cuvelier** edged a gallant **Nick Allen** by the same score. (HKFC 1- LSW 1)

Group 2 saw **Jonny Brock** use his seven shots wisely to score a predictable 5 and 4 win over **Malko Schraner**, which was promptly cancelled out by **Andrew Orr's** 5 and 3 win over **Chris Burley**, a self-confessed East Course sceptic who had graciously stepped in as a last minute injury replacement. (HKFC 2 – LSW 2)

Group 3 and the reliable **Dallas Reid** brings in a 3 and 2 win over **Phil Carter**, only to see **Patrick Watts** succumb to **Lorenz Zimmerman** by an identical 3 and 2 margin. (HKFC 3 – LSW 3)

Next group featured **Duncan Spooner** who was off to a blazing start with a 1 over par front nine, until he realised what this might do to his handicap but still managed to peel off a 5 and 4 win over **Craig Chapman** under a late flurry of bogeys. **John Banks** in the same group seemingly inspired by **Spooner's** play, built a good lead over **Kalu Ghale**, a late secret weapon LSW entry, only to see Kalu whittle that down by the 18th hole to an honourable All Square result. (HKFC 4.5 – LSW 3.5)

The excitement of having a lead was short lived with **Eugene Lai** prevailing for LSW 2 and 1 over **Anatole Le** in a very tight match. However, not as tight as **Pater Aherne** and **Martin Rindernecht** who also took it all the way to the 18th without getting a result, another match all square (HKFC 5–LSW 5).

Early news of the last group was not good but it was early! After winning the first hole in commanding fashion, Chairman **Ian Petersen** quickly succumbed to the heat and the overwhelming play of **Alex MacKintosh** to lose 10 straight and go down 9 and 7. Clearly in a rush, he did not even have time to hydrate in the bar afterwards. Fatal mistake clearly – hydration is the key to success! (HKFC 5 – LSW 6)

That news left us very vulnerable with LSW one point in front with the final match yet to finish. In a finish befitting the spectacular weather, **Will Glover** managed to fight **David Collins** all the way to the 18th hole and with the final roll of the final putt, on the final green, in the final match of the last group **Will Glover** dragged the result back from the precipice to give HKFC the final point they needed by winning 1 up to halve the Match and retain the trophy. (HKFC 6 – LSW 6)

Great weather, great golf, great drama, good camaraderie and after all that, a nice cold well deserved beer. Well done guys, can't wait for next year! ■

Golf Events Schedule

from Aug - Dec 2016

August

11 Aug (Thu)	Clearwater Bay Golf Club
27 Aug (Sat)	President vs Chairman at KSC South
28 Aug (Sun)	Summer Brunch in the Restaurant/ Golf Simulator Challenge

September

1 Sep (Thu)	Xili Golf Club
5 Sep (Mon)	Match vs DBRGS at Macau
20 Sep (Tue)	KSC North Four Ball Better Ball Competition
24/25 (Sat/Sun)	Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club at Lotus Hill

October

11 Oct (Tue)	KSC East
18 Oct (Tues)	KSC North

November

01 Nov (Tue)	Nansha, Dongguan, China
5/6 Nov (Sat/Sun)	Reunification Match at Lotus Hill
26-27 Nov (Sat/Sun)	Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

December

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





Summer Cup at KSC East Course

Saturday 9th July, KSC East

With temperatures reaching 37°C and statistics saying that this was the hottest day in almost half a century in Hong Kong, we knew we were going to be in for a long and hot day on the golf course.

■ *by Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser*

Only 12 players has signed up for this year's event, but the competition was fierce to be the winner of this year's Summer Cup.

Defending champions **James Riordan** (2015) and **Jonathan Li** (2014) were in the line up as well as hopefuls **Nick Rickett**, **JP Cuvelier**, **Anatole Le** and myself, all vying to have our names engraved on the celebrated challis.

The first group (consisting of myself, **Nick Rickett**, **KK** and **Darren Measures**) set to battle the oddities of the East course. An early birdie from **Nick** and myself had us both in good stead for challenging the defending champions, but half way through the round, Nick started to show signs of heat stroke and the lack of concentration cost him a few shots on several holes. Quick thinking from the event organiser and Nick was dousing himself head to toe with cold water which brought his core temperature drastically down, and Nick was quickly back in the game.

Second to tee off were **James Riordan**, **JP Cuvelier**, **Anatole Le** and his guest **Doen Le**.

JP had his sights firmly set on taking the trophy away from **James** this year by shooting 89 for 33 points, very respectable under the severe weather conditions.

Doen made his mark by rocket launching his drive on the 17th, a good 100 yards past everyone else's longest drive attempt to claim the sleeve of balls.

Last off were **Albert Lam**, **Jonathan Li**, **Johnny Lam** and **Lana Woo**, the only lady playing in this year's event. Johnny had a shocker and no score was recorded for him at the 19th hole, and Lana was in contention with 30 points, but it was **Jonathan Li** that took the limelight with his incredible score of 85 for a whopping 41 Stableford points, 6 under his handicap! Well done **Jonathan**.

Results were as follows:

Nearest Pins Winners:

Hole 3: Phil Head
Hole 5: James Riordan
Hole 8: Lana Woo
Hole 13: Nick Rickett
Hole 15: JP Cuvelier

Longest Drive Winners:

Hole 17: (Men's) Doen Le
Hole 17: (Women's) Lana Woo

Summer Cup Champion:

Jonathan Li (41 points)

Runner Up:

JP Cuvelier (33 points)

3rd Place

Phil Head (31 points)

Best Gross (after 3 player count back)

Nick Rickett (91 points)

Well done to everyone who took part and for all completing the round under such hot weather conditions.

See you all at the next Golf Society event.

Happy golfing. ■