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Phoenix Hill Golf Club

Thursday 21st July

■ **by Phil Head, Event Organiser**

This was my second trip to Phoenix Hill. We organised the same event last year, but the weather was so horrid that when we arrived, the management had no choice but to close the course. Luckily for the 12 of us travelling to Dongguan this year, the sky was blue and the sun was shining, albeit a little too strong for some.

3 groups of 4 players teed off promptly at 9.45am, with the opening hole a tricky par 3. Much to my group's amusement, I had developed a rather groovy shank on a lot of my short irons which had my teammates in hysterics on some of the short par 3s and approach shots.

In contention for winning the best Stableford score were multiple-time winner **Jonathan Li**, legends of the Society including **Owen Davis**, **Andy Ho**, **Desmond Ko** and myself.

As this was the first time on the course for most of us, we needed a lot of guidance from the very helpful caddies as there are numerous blind tee shots leading to undulating fairways. Ball placement is crucial to score well as we all fell foul of losing our fair share of balls.

Water was a part of the course, but only aesthetically as it rarely affected the flight of the ball path. This is a very lush green course and the fairways were wide and well kept. Unfortunately the back 9 greens weren't in such great condition and caused me to 4 putt on 2 occasions.

The final standings were as follows.

1st: **Jonathan Li**
2nd: **Phil Head**
3rd: **Desmond Ko**

Best Gross: **Owen Davis**

Nearest Pins:

B1: **Aldous Leung**
B3: **Desmond Ko**
B8: **Phil Head**
C5: **Jonathan Li**
C8: **Stephen Yeung**

Longest drive: **Phil Head**

It wouldn't be an official HKFC Golf Society event without the customary transport issue, and on our return to the border crossing, our bus broke down. Quick action from our driver and we had a replacement bus arrive within 10 minutes and we were on our way again.

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Thanks Phoenix Hill, we will be back.