



Early start on Day 2

## Reunification Cup

### Lotus Hills Golf Resort

2015 champions HKFC arrived at Lotus Hills determined to put up a strong performance defending our title against the Chinese Recreation Club, American Club and Hong Kong Country Club. The team of 10 contained 8 of last year's victorious squad so were confident but wary.

The individual Stableford format over 2 days requires consistency across the team and the experienced heads calculated a 32 point average should be enough to win.

Great weather saw the early groups in with good scores. **Jonny Brock** shooting 71 off the stick for an excellent 41 points was pretty pleased with himself until **Dallas Reid** with the round of his life rode a birdie run in the back nine to card a career best 69. 44 points ensured this score would not affect the team result as the highest and lowest scores are discarded each day under tournament rules. Good scores kept flowing as was the beer on the 18th for those who had finished in the early groups.

As the final groups stuck to the task and finished under lights it was clear we had surpassed our target with **Nick Allen** (38), **Terry Wright** (37) and **Duncan Spooner** and **Lee Wainwright** (both 36) all recording very good scores. Such was the consistency that our discarded low score was a very strong

29 meaning our target average of 32 was easily surpassed.

After a very social dinner and some good wine the 4 teams' results were disclosed to reveal HKFC in front with a commanding lead. An average of close to 36 points for the 8 counting scores very difficult to top.

Sunday dawned a little misty on the course and through most golfers' bleary eyes. A very early shotgun start over 6 holes giving no-one the luxury of a sleep-in - at least so we thought! It became apparent just before the 7am start as people moved to their various tees that the hero of Day 1 **Dallas Reid** was missing. Frantic calls to his phone unfortunately produced only vibrations in his golf bag. With Dallas joining us after 6 holes we were effectively down to 9 scores to choose from.

Gone were the 40 point scores from Saturday with 35 being the top score but again consistency was with us, with our lowest score after discarding **Dallas** (for the 2nd day running but this time at the

opposite end) being a creditable 28 points. **Nick Allen** proved to be "Mr Consistent" with a day 2 high of 35 points matched by **Anatole Le** and **Duncan Spooner**. **Warren Weener**, **Andy Ho** and **JP Cuvelier** all playing consistently good golf over the weekend to help build our formidable total.

A rushed tabulation of the scores over lunch revealed the HKFC Day 1 lead had not been overhauled but had been stretched to a 102 point margin over 2 days. The Reunification Cup had been defended in fine style. Well done team you represented HKFC proudly with some excellent golf for a resounding victory for the overall team prize.

Best Aggregate Gross score over the 2 days was Nick Hioe of Hong Kong Country Club.

Best Aggregate Net score over the 2 days was Philip Lee of the Chinese Recreation Club.

Special thanks to **Lotus Hill Golf Resort** for their assistance and a course in great condition. Also to **Duncan Spooner** for his invaluable assistance in tabulating the scores and getting the results back to the golfers so promptly. Last but not least thanks to **Shirley Lo** at HKFC for all her hard work and persistence, over a long period helping to organise this four club, 40 golfer tournament. ■ **Terry Wright**





## Christmas Cup

Lotus Hills Golf Resort, Saturday and Sunday 26th/27th November

**W**ith only an eight strong field, the chance of everyone winning a prize was pretty high. Or so we thought. Little did we realise there were a few cowboys in the field.

Saturday started off with myself, **Richard Neish, Owen** and **Shauna Davis** teeing off in the pouring rain and a mere 12 degrees Celsius. And with the weather deteriorating, our 4 ball only lasted 3 holes before we all agreed to head for the shelter of the clubhouse and the warmth of our centrally heated rooms.

The hardened second flight consisting of **Peggy Chan, Mary Soo, Margaret** and **Jeffery Man**, all managed to push through the inclement weather and finished the round. Well done all and a sleeve of balls was duly awarded for such bravery.

Saturday dinner was arranged by Peggy at a restaurant near the ferry pier, and how super special it was. Lady Gaga lookalike with the neck tattoo took great care of us and the food ordering was exceptional, and all for a bargain

price of HK\$90 a head including lashings of ice cold Pearl River Delta lager.

Sunday started with 7am tee offs and the promise of fairer weather as the sun pushed through the rain clouds.

Same grouping saw **Owen** get off to a great start with 21 points on the front 9, and close behind was **Richard** with 17 points. A few good scores on the shot holes would see **Owen** amass 41 points after 18 holes, although it should have been 44 points, had it not been for a disastrous 8 on the risk reward 18th hole.

The second group didn't fair as well in the slightly warmer balmy conditions and **Margaret** was only able to compete for 2nd place with 37 stableford points.

Owen nearly celebrated his first hole in 1 with an excellent tee shot on the 17th, which landed easily within the white circle giving him a gimme birdie and enough points to secure his first Christmas Cup Championship. Results are as follow:

**Christmas Cup Winner**  
**Owen Davis (41 pts)**

**Christmas Cup Runner Up**  
**Margaret Man (37 pts)**

**Nearest pins and longest drive winners were:**

**Hole 2: Margaret Man**

**Hole 5: Mary Soo**

**Hole 11: Margaret Man**

**Hole 14: Mary Soo**

**Hole 17: Owen Davis**

**Longest Drive Men (Hole 12): Owen Davis**

**Longest Drive Women (Hole 12): Peggy Chan**

We also introduced a new award for 2nd shot closest to the pin on hole 10 which Owen also won. He was on fire.

Thanks to Lotus Hill for turning the central heating on so we could thaw out after each day of golfing.

See you all at the next event.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**



## Christmas Gathering

Deepwater Bay Golf Club,  
Thursday 1st December

**T**his year's event was held slightly earlier than previous years as the venue was fully booked prior to Christmas. The popularity of a morning round of golf followed by a fantastic lunch in the restaurant has obviously caught on amongst other golfing societies in Hong Kong.

Luckily we were able to secure the first Thursday in December and what a cracking day we had, as the temperatures reached 25 degrees and with the sun shining down on us, there was no need for the warm Santa hats to keep our ears nice and toasty.







The format for this annual event is a 4 club challenge, 3 clubs of your choice and a putter.

This year I noticed a lot more rescue clubs being used than before, probably because a few of the longer par 3 holes are unreachable with long irons. A must in everyone's bag was a reliable sand wedge as the greens are notoriously well guarded by bunkers and hitting the greens in regulation is very tricky.

The scoring system for the event is very simple, your gross score minus your handicap to give you your nett score, it couldn't be simpler but with the course slope rating literally halving your handicap, it made it tough going if you weren't on form.

There was a full compliment of 24 players in the field with 3 players in each tee time, so off we went promptly at 9.30am with the hope that we would all be in the clubhouse sipping eggnog by 1.30pm.

Thankfully only the last group were asked to keep the pace of play as one of the group

was seen scrummaging around in the shallow waters of the brook crossing the fairway on the 6th hole looking for her ball, but this distraction didn't stop **Rebecca Wong** from shooting 78 to give her a net 63, placing her in 3rd place overall on a count back.

Coming in second was **Terry Wright**, shooting a 67 also for a net 63, but he scored slightly better on his last 9 holes.

This year's winner by 2 shots was **Declan McDaid**, shooting a 70 for a net 61 points to take the Christmas Gathering title.

Lunch was again a sumptuous 3-course affair with coffee, located at the Deepwater Bay Golf Club's restaurant. It really is a fantastic deal.

Thanks to the Deepwater Bay Golf Club for hosting us again and to all the players who took part in yet another very successful 4-club challenge event.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**

## KSC South Outing Thursday 15th December

This was the last Golf Society (GS) outing in 2016 and it was only fitting for the weather to play along too, which it did with clear blue skies and the sun shining warm and bright.

Three groups teed off with myself, **Jonny Brock, Darren Measures** and **David Lindsay** in the first group. As normal we were all playing for the best, second and third stableford points scored from the field, as well as longest drives on hole 14 for both men and women and nearest the pins on all par 3's.

Jonny, being as competitive as ever, suggested a side game within our 4 ball so the balls were thrown into the air to decide who was partnering who. Luckily the golf gods decided that David and I were to play

together and so started a very exciting front 9 with either team only leading by 1 hole at any given time. The back 9 however was a very different tale, with 2 birdies in the first 5 holes giving us a 3 shot lead due to accurate tee shots by myself on both par 3's. David then secured the match with a par on the 6th to give a very pleasing end to the year's golf.

The remaining players in the main competition were battling it out feverishly, and by the 18th, there were 4 players all on 35 stableford points. So the count back between **Joseph Wong, Marilou Waldie, Deacon Manu** and **Rebecca Wong** would decide the top 3.

Thanks to Jonny for helping me count back the stableford scores for all 4 players from the last 9 holes played, then 6 holes then 3 holes

to decide the winners, which were.....

- 1st: Marilou Waldie 35 points C/B**
- 2nd: Joseph Wong 35 points C/B**
- 3rd: Deacon Manu 35 points C/B**

- Nearest pin hole 2: Phil Head**
- Nearest pin hole 5: Phil Head**
- Nearest pin hole 11: Joseph Wong**
- Nearest pin hole 16: N/A**

- Longest drive men hole 14: Joseph Wong**
- Longest drive women hole 14: Diana Li**

Many thanks to everyone who has participated in the GS events this year, and I look forward to seeing you all at next year's events.

Happy Golfing.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**



## GOLF EVENTS - 2017 SCHEDULE

*(Subject to change when required)*

### JANUARY

- 05 Jan (Thur) KSC South
- 17 Jan (Tue) KSC East
- 20 Jan (Fri) Match vs FCC at KSC North

### FEBRUARY

- 02 Feb (Thu) Palm Island, China
- 13 Feb (Mon) Match vs RHKYC at Macau
- 20 Feb (Mon) KSC North

### MARCH

- 10 Mar (Fri) Nansha - Valley Course
- 13 Mar (Mon) Match vs HK Seniors at Macau
- 21 Mar (Tue) KSC East

### APRIL

- 07-09 Apr (Fri-Sun) Angkor 4 Ball Championship *TBC*
- 24 Apr (Mon) Match vs HK Cricket Club at Macau
- 25 Apr (Tue) Phoenix Hill, Dongguan, China

### MAY

- 04 May (Thu) HKGC Fanling (New Course) Petersen Texas Scramble
- 08 May (Mon) Match vs HK Club at Macau
- 11 May (Thu) KSC North Team Stableford challenge
- 15 May (Mon) Clearwater Bay
- 22 May (Mon) Match vs WAGS at Macau

### JUNE

- 10 Jun (Sat) Annual Club Champs at KSC North/Annual Dinner
- 19 Jun (Mon) Match vs Little Sai Wan at Macau
- 29 Jun (Thur) Walmsley Cup at KSC South/Annual General Meeting

### JULY

- 08 Jul (Sat) Summer Cup at KSC East
- 18 Jul (Tue) Clearwater Bay

### AUGUST

- 10 Aug (Thur) China Golf Club *TBC*
- 26 Aug (Sat) President vs Chairman at KSC South
- 27 Aug (Sun) Summer Brunch in the Restaurant/Golf Sim

### SEPTEMBER

- 05 Sep (Tue) Xili Golf Club
- Date TBC* Match vs DBRGS at Macau *TBC*
- 23/24 (Sat/Sun) Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club -Lotus Hill
- Date / Event TBC*
- 28 Sep (Thur) KSC East Pairs Two Ball Stableford with Handicap Competition

### OCTOBER

- 09 Oct (Mon) China Golf Club *TBC*
- 23 Oct (Mon) Match vs Country Club at Macau *TBC*
- 26 Oct (Thur) KSC North

### NOVEMBER

- 4/5 Nov (Sat/Sun) Reunification Match at Lotus Hill *TBC*
- 10 Nov (Fri) KSC South
- 25/26 Nov (Sat/Sun) Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

### DECEMBER

- 14 Dec (Thur) Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay