

KSC East

Tuesday 23rd January 2018



At the beginning



Terry and Phil celebrating accumulating 9 birdies



Jonny the Mop

There were only twelve players signed up for the second golf event of 2018. Thankfully the weather was behaving with the temperature in the low twenty degrees and only a few clouds in the sky.

The first 4 ball consisted of myself and **Terry Wright** playing against **Jonny Brock** and **Dallas Reid**, the scene was set for yet another epic battle out on the greens.

Jonny was complaining of a thigh muscle strain but managed to alleviate the problem with a rather fetching compression sock.

I started off with a birdie on the first hole so it was either going to continue on that high note or my game would deteriorate rapidly. Thankfully my birdie run continued and I was able to amass 4 more throughout the round. My playing partner Terry was also on form and shot 4 more birdies to give our team a whopping victory in our Vegas side match. The contest for most stableford points was certainly going to be close.

Second to tee off were **Nick Rickett**, **Nikolaj Schultz**, **Brian MacDougall** and **Jukka Hakli**. All being squash players and good friends there was a lot of good humoured banter with Brian leading the 4 ball with a total of 37 stableford points.

Last to tee off were social partnership **Angela Koo** and **Dominic Ng** and **Johnny Lam** and **David Lindsay**. Johnny managed to card an impressive 4 nett birdies but it wasn't enough to qualify him for a sleeve of balls: – next time Johnny!

Once all back in the club house and the cards had been collated the winning results were as follows.

- 1st Place Phil Head 40 points and Gross 75
- 2nd Place Dallas Reid C/B 39 points and Gross 76
- 3rd Place Terry Wright 39 points and Gross 78
- Best Gross Jonny Brock 81

With the introduction of two new fun prizes, nearest to the pin on 2nd shot on hole 4 and nearest to the pin on 3rd shot on hole 18. The winners of the fun prizes were as follows.

- NP # 3 Nick Rickett
- NP in 2 # 4 Terry Wright
- NP # 5 Jukka Hakli
- NP # 8 Phil Head
- NP # 13 Dallas Reid

- NP # 15 Terry Wright
- NP in 3 # 18 Dallas Reid
- LDM # 14 Phil Head

Well done to Terry and myself for amassing 9 birdies between us.

As is the custom the winner buys the beers on the bus back, unfortunately I was unable to take part in the libations as I was having a dry January.

Jonny Brock kindly drank my share and also managed spill a large portion over the bus floor. Jonny the Mop from now on.

See you all at the next event.

Happy golfing

■ **Phil, Golf Event Organiser**



Lana Woo receiving her trophy for her outstanding performance in the Xmas Cup in December



HKFC vs FCC

Friday 26th January 2018, Kau Sai Chau North Course

Predictions of a cold snap and possible rain thankfully proved to be inaccurate as our golfers assembled at Kau Sai Chau. Our first match of 2018 was against old friends the Foreign Correspondents Club (FCC). Last year's match had seen low temperatures and players scrambling to find thermal gear probably better suited to the ski slopes. HKFC wanting to take advantage of the mild weather and retain possession of the Cup we won in this fixture last year.

The dry winter conditions presented a North Course in good condition with firm fairways, consistent greens but big problems for anyone that overshot these greens with limited winter growth allowing loose shots to run off into major trouble. A constant stream of tractors, mowers, tankers, carts, bunker groomers and course marshals in carts on the course a regular reminder of the amount of work it takes to run this course and the number of people it gainfully employs. Also a test for the concentration at times.

John Banks and **Jonny Brock** first up for HKFC getting to 3 up and seeming in control throughout a large part of this match. A chip in from Banks on the 14th appearing to confirm this dominance – alas it was for a bogey. Strong play from opponents **Au** and **Deardon**

saw them win the 18th hole to seal a strong comeback to halve this match.

The second flight held the Captains with **Terry Wright** and **Brian MacDougall** taking on FCC's captain **Russ Julseth** and **Greg Cornfield**. This match simmered along with the consistency of Cornfield and the experience of Julseth keeping the FCC pair ahead most of the front nine and was all square on 12. The match was decided with Wright's putter holing big putts on both the 15th and 16th to close out this match 3 and 2.

Duncan Spooner and **Warren Weener** ambitiously started their match with **Choi** and **Feng** attempting to also play a HKFC Matchplay match with each other as well as their match against FCC. After going 1 down on the first hole they persevered until the 4th hole before realising this was never going to work. Abandoning their match with each other allowed them to concentrate and beat their FCC opponents 4 and 3 with the only distraction from then on apparently being Dallas Reid spraying balls around in the group behind them.

Dallas and **Don Roberts** proved it's not the size of the dog in the fight that's important in

beating **Chung** and **York** from FCC 4 and 2. Don's strong play on the front nine allowing Dallas time to warm up and kick in on the back nine.

The 5th flight saw debutant **Henry Lai** teamed with **Anatole** (I can play 72 holes in one day) **Le** up against **Tracy Kwan** and **Paul Nazer**. Tracy very happy to be playing having survived a serious car accident in Canada in the New Year. Unfortunately for Tracy the new pairing of Lai and Le clicked straight away for another solid 4 and 2 win to HKFC.

Last but certainly not least the final pairing for HKFC saw seasoned campaigners **Andy Wood** and **Ian Petersen** against FCC's **Mike Tinworth** and **Peter Barrett**. One up after the first hole the HKFC pair never looked back ham and egging well with Ian parring all the par 3 holes and Woody chipping stone dead a couple of times the FCC pair never had a chance. The final score being a 6 and 5 win to Wood and Petersen.

A convincing win, a trophy retained but more importantly a very enjoyable mid-winter round of golf played in great company with our good friends from FCC. Thanks to Russ for your efforts organising the match and we will see you same time next year.



Xili Golf Club

Friday 2nd February 2018

Braving the cold weather of Shenzhen, sixteen players set out in temperatures recorded as low as 7 degrees Celsius.

Drama ensued from the start with **Owen** and **Shauna** having trouble finding a taxi to make the courtesy shuttle bus to and from Xili Golf Club which departed Island Shangri-La hotel at a very respectable 9.30am.

Various other players had opted to drive directly to Xili Golf Club and with Shauna and Owen now taking the bus from Wanchai to Huanggang border and then a taxi to Xili, we were all on the tee box just in time.

I have to say that Xili is one of the most well manicured course I have ever played and boasts 4 separate 9 holes, A/B/C/D. In previous years we had only played A/D layout so I had requested we play B/C this year and I am very pleased to say that they too were spectacular.

The first group to tee off were myself, **Jonny Brock**, **Nick Rickett** and **Don Roberts**. Myself and Don paired up to take on the formidable duo and with Jonny shooting 1 under on the front 9, we knew we were in trouble. Well done Jonny for a total round of 78 and 36 points to set the standard for the rest of the field.

Second off were **Margaret Man** and husband **Man Shu Bor** playing with **Kenneth** and **Rosemary Hsu**. Rosemary was still under a 2.5 stroke penalty after her last win but this wasn't deterring her from shooting a solid 36

stableford points, making sure there was at least a count back to challenge Jonny.

Off third were **Henry Lai**, **Ricky Chan**, **Peter Nie** and **Mary Soo**, but for some reason Peter and Ricky decided they wanted out of our event altogether and raced off in their golf carts alone and were never seen again, poor show chaps!

Last but no means least were **Johnny Lam**, **Allan Homering** and Owen and Shauna Davis, the latter pair only just making the tee time but raring to go nonetheless. Solid performances all round but not enough to compete with the days winning score from home course favourite Mary Soo, shooting 38 points to win the event.

In addition to the nearest pin prizes on all par 3's we also had prizes for nearest pin with 2nd shot on par 4 hole B7, as well as nearest the pin with 3rd shot on par 5 hole C9. The results were as follows:

NP B3	Jonny Brock
NP B5	Phil Head
NP C4	Margaret Man
NP C8	Phil Head
NP 2nd shot B7	Jonny Brock
NP 3rd shot C9	Phil Head
LD M B8	Ricky Chan
LD W B8	Rosemary Hsu

Stableford Winners:

1st	Mary Soo 38
2nd	Rosemary Hsu C/B 36
3Rd	Jonny Brock 36
Best Gross	Phil Head 81



Thanks again to Mary Soo for facilitating the use of their Xili Golf Club membership and to all the excellent staff and a special note to the caddies who in my opinion were Top Draw.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Golf Society for giving me the opportunity to act as GEO for the past more than three years, but it is time for me to pass on the reins, so I would like to welcome into the role, my successor **Ted Li**, who will be taking over from me in the coming months.

Wishing you a very successful tenure as GEO Ted.

Happy golfing

■ **Phil, Golf Event Organiser**

HKFC vs Royal HK Yacht Club

Monday 5th February, Macau



Clem Hill, Gordon Marsden, Stefan Fischer and Jonny Brock



Dallas Reid, Matt Burke, David Leung and Simon Wong



A relieved Dallas not having to explain to Terry that he managed to be the first losing Captain in the RHKYC match!



Owen Davis, Anatole Le, Gary Chin and Steve Rockowitz



Peter Cheung, Gilles Bonnier, Ian Petersen and Eric Martin

Last year's match against the RHKYC had been scrapped as they were unable to field a team in the period close to Chinese New Year which we had selected. Accordingly we were delighted when we were able to reanimate this excellent fixture for the fourth meeting against this very sociable opposition. Our enthusiasm for this event was also partly fuelled by the fact that we had managed to win it on each of the previous three occasions!

That enthusiasm was however somewhat diminished by the weather forecast which projected strong winds and temperatures down around 8 degrees for the day of the match. Much preparation was made and tips exchanged by email for how to compete in these rather demanding conditions. Top tips included thermal underwear, wooly hats, gloves, tomato soup, and hip flasks full of whiskey. As you can see from the pictures at the tee off, most of these tips were taken.

We had had a couple of team crises in the days leading up to the event with one player having to go to hospital, and another unable to get a passport out of the British authorities

so **Matt Burke** and **Nick Rickett** stepped in at late notice to ensure we had a full team. Unfortunately Matt then got stuck in a massive tailback behind a car crash in Sai Kung on Monday morning and so missed the ferry but still managed to make it to Macau in time for his flight.

Nick possibly wished he was stuck in a traffic jam as his match did not go so well and he and **John Banks** went down a whopping 9 and 7 to a very sharp pairing of **Vance Lee** and **Chris Li**. Luckily the other flights were not aware of this catastrophe, and all managed to emerge victorious, with a few big margins on our side too.

The match was followed by a very pleasant lunch in the Macau GCC clubhouse where we also ran the prize presentation.

We had a few fun prizes going and these were evenly split between the two teams with Vance Lee and **Steve Rockowitz** winning on the RHKYC side and **Andrew Wood** and myself winning on our side. Highlight of the prize giving was undoubtedly the look on **Jonny Brock's**

face when he realised that I had beaten him in the long drive event! The other highlight, was of course hoisting the trophy for the fourth consecutive time on behalf of the Club.

Thanks are due to **Terry Wright** who did most of the organisation of our team before he headed off on a trip to New Zealand, to **Pat Sherriff** for organising for RHKYC even though thanks to a boating incident he had an incapacitated shoulder and could not play, and to Macau GCC for presenting a course in excellent condition with super fast and true greens.

Well done to all the HKFC participants, and thanks to all the RHKYC players for being good sports and good company as usual.

Match results:

Nick Rickett/John Banks	9 and 7 Down-oops!
Dallas Reid/ Matt Burke	3 and 2 Up
Andrew Wood/Jenny Chapman	5 and 4 Up
Jonny Brock/Gordon Marsden	3 and 2 Up
Anatole Le/Owen Davis	7 and 5 Up
Gilles Bonnier/Ian Petersen	6 and 5 Up