

HKFC vs HK Cricket Club

Monday 16th April, Macau GCC

A snap of cool weather preceded this match with golfers arriving armed with long pants and wet weather gear that had been tucked away in storage a few weeks earlier. Fortunately a small spattering of rain and a little wind would have little bearing on the outcome with the course and greens in good condition. HK Cricket Club went into this game with confidence having won back this trophy for the first time in a few years in 2017.

Jonny Brock and **Mike Button** led off for HKFC hoping to capitalise on recent golf form from Phuket but found the pairing of **Andrew Orr** and **Justin Pearce** a tough nut to crack. Despite a late resurgence from 4 down they had left themselves too much to do and went down 2 and 1. Not the start we were after.

Terry Wright and **Jukka Hakli** were next off the tee for the HKFC. This match stumbled along all square until the 5th hole where Cricket Club's **David Collins** and **Matt Davies** went 1 up. This was clearly the trigger needed as 3 holes were quickly won by the HKFC pair before the turn. This edge was maintained through the back nine until the 16th hole where Terry finally managed to roll in a birdie putt from off the green to close the match out 3 and 2.

Dallas Reid and **Owen Davis** had the misfortune to strike the HKCC pairing of **Greg**



Paul and **Phil Elliott** in hot form. Despite playing reasonably well themselves they had no answer in particular to Phil Elliott who was having a round to remember playing well under his handicap and helping to win this contest 3 and 2 to HKCC.

Duncan Spooner and **Jenny Chapman** had the challenge of taking on **Adrian Waters** (HKCC Teaching Professional) and **Robert Barber** a frequent seasoned opponent who like many HK golfers represents several of the local golf societies. This was a very good contest in which Duncan and Jenny played well and gave themselves lots of opportunities but unfortunately the putts just would not drop. The match ended in a hard fought draw after Adrian played some great golf to come home in even par over the back nine.



Alas at two and a half matches to one and a half any chance of regaining the trophy was gone but could **Phil Head** and **Matt Burke** pull out a win to restore some pride. Their match against **Jeremy Platts** and **Ray Kennedy** was a ding dong battle which ebbed and flowed with the lead changing hands throughout. It was all up for grabs still on the 18th tee but unfortunately that was also the way it ended with 18 holes not enough to decide this one and another hard fought draw on the scoresheet.

A win to HK Cricket Club 3 points to 2 and another year to wait before we get a crack at this piece of silverware.

Long Drive was won by Andrew Orr (HKCC) and Nearest Pin prizes by Owen Davis (HKFC), Greg Paul (HKCC), Andrew Orr (HKCC), Mike Button (HKFC) and Jonny Brock (HKFC).

KSC South Outing

Monday 23rd April

Another wonderful day for golf, 28 degrees with warm sunshine. We thought it is going to be very hot and humid on the day, however it turned out just fine. As usual, the coach departure from HKFC to Sai Kung was at 7.30am and we managed to arrive at Kai Sai Chau at 9am. We had two players join the Golf Society event for the very first time and they were **David Chiu** and **Irene Muk**. Welcome to the Golf Society and we are looking forward to play more golf with you.

The first to tee off were **Allan Homeming**, **David Chu**, **David Watt** and **Allan Hay**. Allan played a wonderful round of golf with a score of 88 and 38 stableford points winning



David giving his ball a severe talking to before launch!



Why is this man not on the PGA tour?

second place in the event. To celebrate this wonderful round of golf, he was going to challenge the North Course the next day! I hope he posted another low score!

The second to tee off were **Jukka Hakli, David Lindsay** and myself. Jukka did not play very well on the front nine with 45 strokes but he posted a very low score of 39 on the back nine. In total, he scored 84 and won the first place with 40 stableford points. David and I witnessed one of the greatest saves ever on hole 2 which is a 149 yards par 3 hole with a hazard down the left side. Jukka hit a high draw to the hazard with tough stance and could barely place his club on the rough. He chipped it out and left him a 40 foot long putt and he made the putt. How on earth did he do that! Then he kept his momentum going and scored 4 pars for the remaining 7 holes to post a 23 stableford points on the back nine.

The third to tee off were **Helen Hayward, Irene Muk** and **Melanie Watt**. Helen won 3 NP 3s and 2 shots nearest the pin in par 4. Melanie managed to win the NP on hole 11. The last group won all the nearest to the pin! Helen posted one of the lowest rounds with 80 and won third place with 34 stableford points. Congratulations to all winners!

Below is the breakdown of the scoring

1st Place Jukka Hakli 40 points
 2nd Place Allan Hay 38 points
 3rd Place Helen Hayward 34 points
 Best Gross Ted Li (91) points

NP hole 2: Helen Hayward
 NP hole 5: Helen Hayward
 NP hole 11: Melanie Watt
 NP hole 16: Helen Hayward
 NP 2nd Shot NTP A6: Helen Hayward
 LDM: Ted Li
 LDF: Helen Hayward

So we all get back to the Club at 5.30pm. We will see you the next event in KSC North on the 17th of May!

Happy Golfing

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