



## HKFC vs WAGS Monday 14 May, Macau

Captains turn to shout



Oliver Li longdrive



Stanley Szeto nearpin

Some new faces in both teams since WAGS (Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society) won this contest in May last year. A great day for golf so plenty of smiling faces. The greens at Macau recently cored so a bit slow and bumpy so how would that effect the result?

Leading off for HKFC **Duncan Spooner** and **Ali Murray** found some good form with Duncan managing to par the first 7 holes in a row. Frustratingly that was only good enough to be all square at that stage against **Garry Kemp** and **Nick Helms** who managed to use their shot holes wisely and combine well to get the first point on the board for WAGS with a 3 and 2 win.

In the second flight **JP Cuvelier** and **Jukka Hakli** were dominant with Jukka continuing his good form and the team combining well to be ahead the whole way against **Jonathan Williams** and **Steve Warwick**. The 6 and 5 HKFC win possibly understating how well the WAGS pair had played.

Group 3 saw debutant **Philip Nunn** and Captain **Terry Wright** taking on the WAGS

Aussie pairing of **Duncan Paul** and **Steve Smith**. After a quick check on the first tee for ball tampering devices this game set off. With 8 halved holes in the first 11 this was always going to be tight. Key putts by the WAGS duo and a missed putt by Wright on 17 saw the tide turn and see WAGS go ahead 1up on 17. Some high risk comeback options on 18 saw this extended to a deserved 2up WAGS win.

Another good contest followed with **Dallas Reid** and **Stanley Szeto** taking on **Simon Hague** and big hitting **Oliver Li**. Another tight contest with a highlight being Dallas Reid hitting a 60 ft putt with at least 15 ft of break to have it barely lip out of the hole for a simple tap in par. Unfortunately for Dallas his opponent Simon Hague had a 25 ft putt on exactly the same line and having done his homework on Dallas' putt Simon duly drained his. The injustice of it all was softened when the HKFC pair came in with a 3 and 1 victory.

Overall match tied up at 2 – 2 with two groups still on the course. **Jonny Brock** and **Owen Davis** were able to swing the pendulum back

in HKFC's favour with a solid 3 and 2 win over **Feng Qingxian** and **Seb Hughes**. The reliable chipping and putting of **Owen Davis** was critical to this outcome according to a complimentary partner Brock. Sounds like you need to work on your drives Owen !

Last group in (yes they did eventually get there) saw a battle between **Anatole Le** and **Andy Wood** of HKFC against WAGS captain **Brian Moss** and **David Grimm**. With few shots being given this was a tough balanced match. Le and Wood managed to combine superbly and in the end were just too good despite a strong showing from Moss with the WAGS team not quite striking the same combination as the HKFC pair.

End result a hard fought 4-2 win to HKFC in what is one of our toughest annual fixtures. Superb weather and a very welcoming Macau GCC combined to make it an extremely enjoyable event for all.

Near Pins were won by : Anatole Le, Jonny Brock, Stanley Szeto and Jonathan Williams (WAGS). Long Drive : Oliver Li (WAGS).

## KSC North Outing

Thursday 17th May

Sun is up and shining with 31 degrees today. The weather is definitely a bit hot and humid to play golf but still eleven players have registered to play in this event. To play the North course in this kind of weather is physically challenging!

As usual, we depart from HKFC to Sai Kung at 7.30am and we manage to arrive at Kai Sai Chau at 9am. Plenty of time for the players to warm up and start a good round!

The first to tee off were **Dallas Reid**, **Terry Wright**, **JP Cuvelier** and **Alastair Murray**. Once again, Terry and Dallas went on a match-play with each other. As competitive as usual, Terry has a great start going 2 under through the first 4 holes and then 4 up through the first 5 holes. Dallas fought very hard to decrease the deficit to 2 down. However, Terry is in great form and wins the match with 2 up although at least Dallas dragged the match to the last hole (which Terry birdied as well!).



Fame at last for the HKFC Golf Society



David Chiu, Alastair Murray, Terry Wright, JP Cuvelier, Dallas Reid, Elizabeth Dendle, Jukka Hakli, Dori Dainton

Despite playing in such hot weather, Terry shot 77 and 40 stableford points to win first place in the competition. Dallas shot 81 to claim the best gross. JP also played a great round of golf with 88 Gross and 35 stableford points and gains third place in the competition. Alastair played through 14 holes and had to take a

break due to the hot weather, however he won the nearest to the pin on hole 14 before heading back to the club house.

The second to tee off were **Jukka Hakli, Stephen Bottomley, Nicholas Allen** and **David Chiu**. Jukka once again has a wonderful round with 91 gross and 36 stableford points to claim

second place in the competition. David Chiu won the longest drive on hole 12.

The third to tee off were **Dori Dainton, Elizabeth Dendle** and **Steve Au Yeung**. Dori scored 35 stableford points however, she lost on countback to JP and was fourth overall!

Below is the breakdown of the scoring:

1st	Terry Wright 40 pts
2nd	Jukka Hakli 36 pts
3rd	JP Cuvelier 35 pts
Best Gross	Dallas Reid (81)

NP hole 3:	Terry Wright
NP hole 7:	Nicholas Allen
NP hole 11:	Dallas Reid
NP hole 14:	Alastair Murray
NP 2nd Shot NTP 15:	Jukka Hakli
LDM:	David Chu
LDF:	Elizabeth Dendle

See you all in the next event!

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

## HKFC Golf Society vs HK Club Golf Society

Monday 21st May

Another gorgeous sunny day greeted the golfers as these two traditional foes drew battle lines once again. At stake was one of the more attractive trophies we compete for annually which currently resides in the HKFC cabinet.

Was there tension in the air for a fierce contest? Actually focus was more on ensuring enough suntan lotion was in place and sufficient hydration was available to survive 18 holes. The friendly familiar faces and multiple common members of these two clubs ensure this match would not be reaching the tension levels of The Ryder Cup.

The second group off proved that relaxed approach was well and truly in place with **Andy Wood** on the 7th hole requesting the marshal check the previous green for his pitching wedge. After slightly longer than expected the marshal returned with said wedge which had not even made it beyond the practice area before the 1st hole – nice one Woody! Clearly surplus to requirements as he and partner **Terry Wright** combined for a comfortable win.

Prior to that **JP Cuvelier** and **Anatole Le** had been pushed all the way to 18 to scrape in with a 1 up victory in the first match out.

Soon to depart HK **Duncan Spooner** notched another win in the company of **Owen Davis** in the 3rd flight with **Warren Weener** and **Jukka Hakli** not exactly being perfect gentlemen by extracting the 4th win over the HK Club ladies pairing of **Julie Collins** and **Eileen Riddell**. Manners please gentlemen!

If **David Collins** and **Mike Sanders** of HK Club thought it would be an easy day out **Stanley Szeto** quickly showed his form by holing his 3rd shot on the long par five 2nd hole for an eagle. With **Stephen Bottomley's** help they were never headed in their win.

Down to the last flight and yes HK Club having been the perfect guests to this point finally notched up a solid victory in the last match with

**Craig Chapman** and **Anthony Wood** recording a convincing win over HKFC's **Ali Murray** and **Gilles Bonnier**. Apparently this reversal of fortunes is set to flow through into next year's contest but one thing we do know is that like this year we will have a lot of fun finding out.

Thanks to **Bob Wallace** for leading the HK Club team and as always thanks to Macau GCC for presenting us with a great course and very friendly reception.

Near Pins were won by: **Owen Davis, Stephen Eno** (HK Club), **Woody** (probably not a wedge), **Warren Weener** and **CW Lee** (HK Club).

Long Drive: **Terry Wright** and Ladies – **Eileen Riddell** (HK Club)



Riddell, Cuvelier, Le and Eno



Anyone seen a wedge



The Trophy



# Inaugural Inter-section Cup – Macau Golf and Country Club

Friday 25th May

One of the characteristics of the HKFC which I regret is that in general the members of the various sporting groups have very limited contact with each other. Sometimes a member will play more than one sport, and sometimes there are other reasons why the groups mingle, but by and large this is not the case.

In an attempt to rectify this situation, the Golf Society decided that we would initiate an Inter-Section Golf Challenge so that primarily there would be a great opportunity for members of different sections/societies to mingle in a friendly sporting environment, and also to give official bragging rights for the following year to the winning sports group to claim that fundamentally their sporting prowess transcends the mastery of a mere single sport!

Accordingly, 16 representatives of four sports (namely squash, tennis, rugby and hockey) gathered in Macau to demonstrate their sporting virtuosity.

The weather was glorious, if somewhat warm, and the views from the golf course were spectacular. As expected there was a lot of beef shown by the rugby team, strong wrists from the Hockey players, and impressive hand-eye co-ordination from the tennis and squash players. Equally well demonstrated were impressive abilities to down huge volumes of lager from members of every sport!

After a highly enjoyable day on the course, it was time to do the sums, and after the details had been recorded the results were:

In the handicap competition, the Tennis Society triumphed with a phenomenal total of 151 stableford points. All players scored very well but **Duncan Spooner** (ironically the outgoing handicap secretary for his main Golf Society) scored a staggering 44 points with a lifetime low score of 3 over par.

In the non-handicapped version, the Squash Section pipped the Rugby Section (clearly not all brawn and no brains!) by a single point to win 92 to 91.

In the individual skills section the following showed their moments of brilliance:

Long drive: **Jonny Brock**

Near Pins: **Koen Pijpers/JP Cuvelier** (x 3) / **Stan Szeto** (x 2)

The two most outstanding individual performance were from Duncan (mentioned above) and JP Cuvelier (who in an attempt to relive his youth turned out for the Rugby Section) who also shot an amazing 44 stableford points to win the handicap individual prize on a countback over the last 9.

Following the match and prize-giving at the MGCC, those players whose schedules permitted carried on to a delicious meal in the Old Town in Taipa where discussions on the unreasonably small size of the golf hole, the wonders of how far pros hit the ball nowadays, and other general golf babble continued happily into the wee hours.

Hopefully this event will continue to be fiercely contested for many years to come.



The handicap winners (Tennis) - Steve Bottomely of the Hockey team (pretending to be Jim Suttie who was in the showers!), Duncan "the Sandbagger" Spooner, Jenny Chapman, and Captain Anatole



The gross (real) winners - Phil Head, Dallas Reid (Squash), Stan Szeto, and Jukka Hakli



The Captains' Flight. Anatole Le (Tennis), Terry Wright (Rugby), Dallas Reid (Squash), and Jonny Brock (Hockey)



A delighted (and finally clean) Jim Suttie who announced "This is the first golf trophy I have ever won". Better late than never Jim! Well done!



Anatole bombing one down the 18th



"Survivors" dinner in Taipa

# Annual Club Champ

Saturday 16th June KSC East

What perfect weather for the Annual Club Championship! All of us had been worried about the terrible weather last week which might affect today's event. In the event it was 30 degrees with sun up and shining, and a gentle breeze; a very comfortable to start a round of golf. Twenty-three people were registered for the event with sixteen gents and seven ladies. As usual, we arrived at KSC at around 8.32am with plenty of time to warm up and have breakfast.

The first to tee off were **Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid, Phil Head** and **Terry Wright**. All of them had their good and bad moments in their respective rounds but, in the end, Phil won the second runner up by shooting 83 while Terry won the second place with 82 with a disastrous last three holes. Dallas took full advantage of this by paring his way home to scrape an 80 and claim the annual Club Champ title. Congrats to Dallas!

The second to tee off were **Bill King, Duncan Spooner, Camille Jojo** and myself. Bill had a terrific start with his precision iron play and short game which left him 3 over through 10 holes. However, things went bad after a mishit on hole 10, where he drove his ball into a bush and mishit the second shot which resulted in a 7 on hole 10. Golf is a mental game, so he did the same thing again on hole 11 dropped from +3 to +10 through 11 holes. However, Bill still managed to shoot 84 to claim the best net!

For Camille it was the first time to join a HKFC Golf Society outing after 38 years of membership of the Club and he plans to play more with the Society soon. Welcome aboard Jojo!

The last two groups were the ladies group. As competitive as ever, **Lily** shot a 91 to claim the first place, **Marilou** shot 95 to claim the second place and **Agatha** shot 104 to claim third place.



*Trophy Winners: left to right Agatha Hay, Marilou Waldie, Lily Chan, Phil Head and Dallas Reid*

*Prize Winners: left to right Bill King, Terry Wright, Jean Louis Desgouttes, Dallas Reid, Eric Desgouttes, Koen Pijpers, Duncan Spooner and Phil Head*

Below is the breakdown of the scoring:

*Annual Club Champ winners (Men):*

1st-Dallas Reid, 2nd-Terry Wright, 3rd-Phil Head

*Annual Club Champ winners (Ladies):*

1st-Lily Chan, 2nd-Marilou Waldie,

3rd-Agatha Hay

*Best Net:* 1st-Bill King, 2nd-Duncan Spooner,

3rd-Koen Pijpers

Congratulation to all winners and we hope to see you in the coming event!

Happy Golfing!

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

# Walmsley Cup 2018

Thursday 28th June KSC South

We were greeted at Kau Sai Chau by blinding blue skies, and even though playing out of buggies on the South course it was obvious that conditions were going to be demanding.

With no **Phil Head** in the field, and **Terry Wright** accompanying his wife **Lindsay** in the second flight, the low handicap flight comprised **Tom McColl** and **Nick Allen** as well as the regular members **Dallas Reid** and **Jonny Brock**. In their internal battle which included 8 birdies the honours fell to the Reid/Allen combination, and would have been more costly for the opposition if Jonny had not rolled in a 30 foot breaking putt on the last hole to win the back nine.

In the heat **Owen Davis** decided to sit out a couple of holes, and **Andrew Perrett** withdrew after 4 holes either because of the heat or because of back issues. Basically the event was becoming a matter of survival in 36 degree temperatures.

Luckily a breeze blew up and some cloud cover arrived so the back nine was not so brutal and we were better able to focus on golf.

Clearly Terry Wright was not focussing enough as on a short par four he decided to tee off while the previous group were still on the

green and from about 280 yards away landed the ball in the middle of the flight ahead who were still putting out. Luckily no-one was injured, but as Jonny Brock had been narrowly missed by a stray ball earlier in the round, he was getting understandably nervous at that point. Terry kindly bought his "targets" a beer later to apologise.

Hopefully life was safer in the following groups, and despite the heat some great scores were recorded.

For the men, Tom McColl blasted his way to an impressive 38 points (gross 74) for third place behind the ever competitive Terry Wright on 39 points (gross 74). Tom's round included smashing a three wood over the back of a par 4. At least he waited for a clear green first!

However no-one could beat Nick Allen who managed 40 points (gross 79) who despite the lack of wind went with his usual strategy of hitting the ball a few feet off the ground and then chipping the ball dead at every opportunity.

On the ladies side, there was a small but high quality field with **Lily Chan, Cathy Neish**, and **Lindsay Wright**. Lily was not quite her deadly self, but Cathy came in with 35 points narrowly losing to Lindsay on 38 points.



*Nick Allen proudly hoists the trophy*



*The proud lady victor Lindsay Wright*

Things went so smoothly we were able to get an earlier ferry back and **Lawrence Chong** kindly volunteered to buy beers for the bus on the way home so all in all a very pleasant trip back! Thank you Lawrence!

Fun prize winners were:

Near pins: **Cathy, Tom** x 2, **Terry** x 2 and **Jonathan Li** who shot an excellent 84

Long drives: the usual suspects of **Terry Wright** for the men and **Cathy Neish** for the ladies.

Lowest gross (who had not won another prize was Jonny Brock)

Congratulations to everyone for surviving the heat and especially to our two 2018 champions Lindsay and Nick.

■ **Dallas Reid**