

President vs Chairman Cup

25th October 2018

Perfect weather to start off this competition. And, once again, we chose the North course for this once a year event. This year we had eight players enrol to the competition. Dallas as the chairman sent out four elites to represent him, namely **JP Cuvelier, Jonny Brock, Jim Suttie** and **David Lindsay** while **Ian Petersen**, as the President, sent out **Tom McColl, Terry Wright, Helen Hayward** and himself to compete for the title. The format for this year was better ball with stableford points.

The first group to tee off were Jonny Brock and JP Cuvelier up against Tom McColl and Terry Wright. They had a fierce competition over the front 9 with pars and birdies and they were all square at 9 holes. It became harder at hole 10 with Terry slicing his first shot and Tom missed his drive which left them at a huge disadvantage. Jonny and JP hit a perfect drive straight down the middle but hit it short for the approach. However, Jonny 4 putted the hole and shot 7 at this par 4. Luckily JP's short game saved the day and made a 5 to go 1 up. Then the momentum kept going and they went 4 up for 5 holes. Jonny scored 36 points and JP scored 31 points to end with 3 up against the other team. So the Chairman is leading 1 up.

The second group to tee off were James Suttie and David Lindsay up against Ian Petersen and Helen Hayward. The Chairman's team has a better strategy where one plays safe and the other takes a more aggressive line and the results came out perfectly. James and David were in better form and went 3 up over the first three holes and 2 up over 9 holes. Representing the President team, Helen scored an impressive 41 gross on the back 9. However, they cannot catch up the deficit from the front 9 and James and David went on to win the match 2 up.

Here's the breakdown for the nearest to the pin and longest drive

Nearest to the pin hole 7: Terry Wright
 Nearest to the pin hole 11: Helen Hayward
 2 shots nearest to the pin hole 15: Tom McColl
 Longest Drive hole 12: Jonny Brock
 Congratulations to the Chairman's team, well played!

■ **Ted Li**



Helen Hayward and Jim Suttie having a well earned Heineken



JP Cuvelier, Jim Suttie and Jonny Brock – victorious on behalf of the Chairman

Ryder Bowl 2018

HKFC Golf Soc vs American Club Golf Soc

This day was more eagerly awaited than usual. Originally scheduled for mid-September before Typhoon Mangkhut decided to try to destroy HK it was then wedged into an already tight November schedule. Both teams had performed well at the Reunification Cup a fortnight earlier with HKFC taking the spoils that time. So two confident teams strode to the first tee on Saturday afternoon.

The first flight saw American Club Captain **Nicholas Lock** paired with **Wilson Chu** against HKFC's **Jonny Brock** and **Andy Ho**. The early form of Wilson had the HKFC pair on the back

foot well into the back nine of this match where they slowly managed to claw their way back to all square at the 18th for a hard earned halved match.

Match 2 had HKFC's Captain **Terry Wright** and seasoned campaigner **JP Cuvelier** playing against Father and Son pair of **Chris** and **Jack Satterfield**. Two birdies in the first 3 holes saw the HKFC pair out to a 2 hole lead which grew to 3 by the 6th hole. The Am Club pair starting to combine well and making good use of their shots pulled that back to all square by the 13th. It remained that way until the 18th where Chris

sunk his putt for a net birdie forcing Terry to sink an 8 footer for his own birdie on the last putt of the match to halve this contest.

Dallas Reid and **Nick Allen** for HKFC had **Randall King** and **Sandy Mackintosh** as their targets. Not easy with Randall very much at home at Lotus Hill having a house on the course and Sandy in good recent form. Tough they proved to be with the American Club winning this 3 and 2 on the 16th.

Anatole Le back from Singapore and **Bill King** both arrived early at the course for a warm up 9 holes on Friday so in theory this pair should gel! Unfortunately that was not the case with neither striking good form on Saturday and not really combining well either. The Am Club's **Anton Eilers** and **Richard Lo** took full advantage of



Jack Satterfield the baby faced assassin

this to end this match on the 15th hole with a convincing 4 and 3 victory.

3 points to 1 at this stage with the American Club looking strong. Could **Lee Wainwright** and **Andrew Wood** win a point for HKFC to close the gap to 1. In another match that went all the way to the 18th the rest of their teammates waited behind the 18th green as **Ronald Cheng** and **Henry Yu** putted out. Only Lee remained now and his putt went in but alas the reaction was the relieved smile of a ground out halved match rather than a leap for joy. A valuable half point all the same but the American Club winning Day 1 by 3.5 – 1.5 so taking a valuable 2 point lead into day two.

Sunday morning Day 2 with HKFC needing some good news early. That duly arrived with both Jonny Brock and Terry Wright in the first 2 flights posting strong wins against Randall King and Wilson Chu both of whom had been very strong on day 1. Dallas Reid was down for a large part of his match against **Anton Eilers** but managed to storm home for a 2 and 1 win also. Bill King had his hands full with Ronald Cheng in a seesaw match. His greenside chip on the last hole ran 8 feet past and once Ronald holed out for a bogey that putt was needed for the half. With Dallas Reid on the green next to him videoing the final putt (no

pressure) Bill slotted it centre cup for the hard earned half.

Two flights in and all of a sudden HKFC 5 – Am Club 4 was the running score. Could this continue?

Flight 3 saw a Captains knock from Nicholas Lock of Am Club comfortably take a point off an out of sorts Lee Wainwright but bouncing back from his day 1 disappointment Anatole Le managed to take a 1 up victory off Sandy Mackintosh – always a well earned point. So HKFC 6 – Am Club 5.

This score was tempered by the early news that came in of a victory in the last flight for young **Jack Satterfield** (13yrs) shooting a new personal best of 81. Annoyingly he seems to save his best for HKFC and with his decreasing handicap unable to keep pace with his rapidly improving golf game even a good round from HKFC's Andy Ho had little chance. So effectively the scores are tied at 6-6 with 3 matches still to come in.

Twelve golfers eagerly waiting behind the last green and the 4th flight on the tee. One drive long and up the middle, two in the water and one short. Bad news for HKFC both JP Cuvelier and Andy Wood own those wet balls. JP giving away a shot to Richard Lo who is long and up

the middle tries to play the miracle ball but again water! The hole is effectively gone at that point so a win to Richard and the Am Club take a slim lead 7-6. What of Woody in the water? His calm demeanour indicates this is not over and he hits a good approach to the green. With **Chris Satterfield** unable to get up and down from the back of the green at the last Woody's putt was good enough for a 1 up win. HKFC 7 – 7 Am Club.

Wow game on think the spectators! But no alas for HKFC the final game alive sees Nick Allen 1 down on the final tee having to win the hole but also giving his opponent Henry Yu a shot. A task too tough even for Nick Allen and similar to JP goes down fighting but loses the hole for a 2 down loss.

Final Result: HKFC 7 – 8 American Club

A great contest. A comeback that nearly happened. Some fine golf and some tenacious scrapping on the course. Plenty of suspense and drama and a lesson learned perhaps. Win day 1 and get ahead!

An enjoyable weekend so thanks to the American Club team for a great contest and to all those that helped organise this Ryder Bowl weekend of golf – TWICE!

■ **Terry Wright – Golf Captain**



Bill King sinks the final putt to halve his match



Nick Allen – full concentration



Sandy Mackintosh lines one up

HKFC Golf Society vs KCC Golf Society

Kau Sai Chau South Course Monday 19th November



A very new fixture on our calendar, this is only the second time the teams have clashed. A nice day with a fresh breeze greeted us at KSC South which is not a regular match venue for us.

The first group off saw KCC's young star **Inara Sharma** and her Father **Rahul** taking on the experience of **JP Cuvelier** and **Jenny Chapman**. Inara playing off scratch was giving plenty of shots to all 3 golfers in this group including Dad who also got a bit of free daughterly advice along the way. Unfortunately Inara had to depart after 11 holes to meet a school commitment at which time the HKFC duo were combining well and 3 holes up. To his credit Rahul soldiered on alone and held that margin right to the end playing extremely well against two golfers. HKFC 1 up.

Captain **Terry Wright** and **Mike Button** encountered **David Brettell** and **Peter Shum** in the next match. After the first few holes were halved the HKFC pair gradually built a 2 hole lead which was clawed back to all square by the 8th. 1 up at the turn eased out to a victory to HKFC but not before both KCC golfers had chipped in at various stages from off the green

and holes were halved with birdies. A 5 and 3 win to HKFC in a solid contest. HKFC 2 up.

Jonny Brock and debutant **Alan Homeming** got a very early wake up call in their match against KCC's **CM Mak** and **Gabriel Lam**. 2 down after 2 holes the HKFC pair regrouped and once normal transmission was resumed the steady play of Jonny and occasional flashes of brilliance from Alan proved a difficult combination and they prevailed 4 and 2. HKFC 3up.

3 up after 3 matches HKFC were looking good. Time for a Captain's knock from **Ashok Mahtani** from KCC. Combining well with partner **Suresh Gopisetty** they dismantled HKFC's **Stanley Szeto** and **Don Roberts** who whilst playing below their best conceded they were beaten by a better team. A 6 and 4 win to KCC. HKFC 3 – KCC 1.

Andrew Wood and **Owen Davis** seemed a good pairing on the ferry with banter flowing freely and a very relaxed approach looking positive. Unfortunately the ferry ride may have been the high point as the strong KCC pairing of **Vincent Lee** and **Antony Lee** came out all guns blazing and the banter dried up. Fighting hard

Wood and Davis could not wrest the advantage back from Lee and Lee and so KCC had their 2nd victory 3 and 2. HKFC 3 – KCC 2.

Last match saw ever reliable **Dallas Reid** paired with his partner **Elsa** in her first match for some time. Up against KCC stalwart **Sanjay Nainani** and solid golfer **Duncan Paul** this was always destined to be a good scrap and fitting it should decide the overall contest. As we waited in the clubhouse word came in that Dallas (never scared to show his feelings) was looking glum. News also in that Elsa was severely hampered by a self-inflicted party injury suffered performing the splits. Yes it is not wise to perform that trick once your teenage years are well gone! So could gloomy Dallas and "broken butt" Elsa produce the golf to get us across the line. Then at last – news in that on the precipice at 3 down with 3 to play Elsa comes back to life pulls out a great shot on the tough par 3 16th hole to win the hole lifting Dallas from his gloom to win the last 2 holes at his tenacious best to halve their match and give HKFC the half point it needed to win the overall match. What a comeback !

Final Result: HKFC 3.5 – KCC 2.5. Quite a way to finish the last match on our 2018 calendar.

Thanks to KCC for an enjoyable and well contested match and thanks to the staff at Kau Sai Chau for a good venue for this contest.

Finally thanks to all the HKFC golfers that have supported our matches in 2018. It's been a good year with enjoyable encounters and some strong results as well as plenty of new golf friendships established and old ones revisited.

Thanks also to all the support from the staff at HKFC particularly **Jackie** and the team on the Front Desk.

Looking forward to 2019.

■ **Terry Wright – Golf Captain**



Terry Wright, winner of the inaugural Golf Society Matchplay Championship

Inaugural HKFC Golf Society Matchplay Championship

For some reason unlike most other Golf Societies in Hong Kong, the HKFC GS has never had a knockout matchplay event for its members. This was rectified this year when such an event was launched.

The event required players to arrange their own matches against the competitors they found themselves drawn against at a location mutually acceptable. There was a substantial number of entries requiring a draw of 32 requiring the winner to avoid being knocked out 5 times! All rounds were played

promptly, and I am delighted to report that our 2018 winner of the HKFC GS Matchplay Cup is none other than our hard-working Captain, **Terry Wright** who defeated **Alastair Murray** in the final.

The 2019 event will be launched early in the new year and I hope the event will be as well, or even better supported.

Thank to all competitors who played, especially for managing all their matches so promptly which makes the organiser's task much easier.

Texas Scramble Event of Kau Sai Chau North

3rd December 2018

Melanie Watt pounding out another big drive



Elsa Lee showing nice golf form, if very poor dress sense



December is a great time to be out playing golf in Hong Kong. As most of you will know, the North course is a tournament course which does not allow buggies and is a very demanding walk with several substantial hills to climb, and many intimidating carries off the tee. However with the Texas scramble format where you take the best shot each time from your flight of 4, it becomes a much more relaxed business, although to make life a little harder, each player must contribute 4 tee shots. This format requires teamwork, decision making and tactics, and some diplomacy when you have to discard one of your team's best shots for tactical reasons!

The first group to come back were **Jukka Hakli, David Lindsay, John Dainton and Allan Homeming**. With 4 birdies and 5 bogeys, they scored 73 gross and net 60. This was a fabulous score to which each player contributed one birdie. Some shots are worthy of mention:-

On hole 4 with 379 yards, Allan drove the ball perfectly but the approaching shots were not up to standard, with the best effort ending up in the rough 30 yards left of the green. Undeterred, Jukka chipped the ball gently to land softly on the green and after a few rolls the ball went in the hole! 2 bad shots and 1 good shot can still make a birdie!

On hole 16, with 308 yards, Allan drove the ball so well they only had left around 40 yards to the hole. A small pitching wedge placed the ball on the green side slope and it rolled down around 5 feet to the hole where John Dainton made the putt! With that impressive score, this team won the title.

The second group to come back were **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Melanie Watt and David Watt**. They had a great solid round with 35 front nine and 41 back nine which resulted in a 76 gross and 66 net. Sadly this was only enough for third spot (out of three), although they consoled themselves that this was still a podium finish!

The final group in were **JP Cuvelier, Steve Lee, Steve Au Yeung and Heather Deayton**. They scored 74 gross and 62 net with 2 birdies and 4 bogeys. With the fewest bogeys among the 3 teams, they ranked second in the competition.

Score Summary

1st Place, Gross 73 Net 60
Jukka Hakli, David Lindsay, John Dainton and Allan Homeming

2nd Place Gross 74 Net 62
JP Cuvelier, Steve Lee, Steve Au Yeung, Heather Deayton

3rd Place Gross 76 Net 66
Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Melanie Watt, David Watt

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li**



David Lindsay and John Dainton looking extraordinarily smug with their winnings!



Dallas Reid and David Watt taking the view "if you're going to go down, go down in style!"