

Xili Golf Club

Thursday 21st Feb 2019

After a wild week of weather in Hong Kong, we were lucky to be blessed with a sunny day with perfect temperatures to play golf. Xili is a spectacular course with astonishing views, some very elevated tee boxes, and plenty of trees to ensure you stay on the straight and narrow if you want to score. As an ever popular venue we had sixteen people signed up for the event including some new members coming to Xili for their first event.

Thanks to **Mary Soo** for hosting the event as a member at Xili. Eight of us were able to take the Club coach from the Island Shangri-La to Xili and everyone was ready for our tee times around noon.

The first to tee off were **Jonny Brock, Jukka Hakli, Simon Hague** and **Kien Ng**. Since the Golf Society matchplay championship is ongoing, Simon and Jukka picked this event for their first round match. Both players had a 14 handicap so no shots were being given. Unfortunately Jukka had one of his poorer days shooting a 92 and went down 3 and 2



Anita Fu lets rip with the driver

against Simon who shot a more respectable 87. However, Jukka did win the nearest to the pin at Course A hole 8 and made the resultant 5 foot downhill putt.

The second to tee off were **Henry Lai, Anita Fu, Clement Fu** and myself. Clement and Anita have been members of the Golf Society for 19 years but today was the first time they joined



Perfect form from Henry Lai on the downswing

a Society event. In other words, Xili has the magic to attract new members to join the Golf Society event. Anita had a pretty bad start. Her approach shots were not too successful as she landed all her first 5 approach shots in greenside bunkers. However, she kept her focus and slowly she picked up the rhythm of her swing. On Course B hole 5 and 6, she could even control her pitch shots within 3 foot range! She

went on and shot 105 to end her round. Well done Anita and please come again!

The later group to tee off were **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Mary Soo** and **Joe Tang**. Dallas is known for his straight (if rather short) shot and playing Xlii off the white tees suited this. He managed 75 gross and 41 stableford points to win the competition! Congratulations!

Here is the breakdown of the winners

Nearest to the pin

Course A

- Hole 5: Henry Lai
- Hole 8: Jukka Hakli

Course B

- Hole 3: Gary McAuslan
- Hole 5: Elsa Lee

2nd shot nearest to the Pin

Hole 6: Dallas Reid

- 1st place: Dallas Reid – 41 points
- 2nd place: Simon Hague – 35 points
- 3rd place: Ted Li – 34 points
- Best Gross: Jonny Brock – 81

That's it for this event, Happy golfing.

■ **Ted Li, Golf event organiser**

KSC East

Thursday 7th March 2019

Rain drops keep falling on my head! The rain has been non stop for a week and the golfers are worried the rain will affect their round of golf. We arrived at KSC at around 9 and planned to tee off at 10 o'clock. However the rain just got worse and worse and KSC informed us we could cancel the booking if we wanted to. **Jonny Brock** had been looking at the weather forecast and he predicted that the rain would stop within the hour. **Mike Button** just went on and sang, "Always look on the bright side of life!" Despite that, the rain did stop and we teed off at 10.12am!

The first to tee off were Jonny Brock, Mike Button, **Collin Lunn** and myself. Jonny and Collin had a head to head match play game in the HKFC championship. Jonny was ahead for the first 9 holes and Collin wasn't having a very good round of golf. He topped most of his drives and this left him a long way with all his approach shots. Jonny, as competitive as usual, could always drive the ball 280 down the fairway leaving him with a short iron for his approach shots. In the end, this was too much of an advantage and Jonny ran out the winner 4 and 3. Some shots were remarkable and worthy of mention. On hole 10 par 5, 470 yards to the flag. Collin had to lay up his second shot leaving him 170 yards to the flag. He hit his approach shot way past the flag with 30 yards to the flag. With thick rough, Collin hit it so hard that the ball screamed out his lie hit the top of the flagstick! The ball went in the hole, giving Collin his only hole of the back 9. As for me, I was not having a very good round of golf in the rain. My game was so bad that instead of playing some serious golf, Collin and I were battling to win the most drop zones we had to use! Conservatively speaking, I think we both had to play our second



Mike Button showing perfect balance



Jonny Brock launching another one far too far

shot from the drop zone around 10 times. As for Mike, he wasn't being affected by anything. His shots were brilliant. Perfect drive plus precision iron play which made him the champion of this competition with 34 stableford points.

Below is the result of today's event

- Nearest to the Pin
- Hole 3: Jonny Brock
- Hole 8: Jukka Hakli
- Hole 13: JP Cuvelier
- Hole 15: Jukka Hakli

Nearest to the Pin in 2 shots

Hole 12: Jukka Hakli

Male Longest DriveMen: Jukka Hakli

Winners:

- 1st Place: Mike Button – 34 points
- 2nd Place: Jonny Brock – 30 points
- 3rd Place: Jukka Hakli – 29 points

That's all for this event

■ **Ted Li, Golf event organiser**

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Golf Society of the Hong Kong Football Club for the year 2019 shall be held at the Hong Kong Football Club's Happy Valley Suite No. 1 on Thursday, 9th May 2019, commencing at 7pm. Agenda will be posted on the Golf Society Notice Board.

