

All players with organiser Tim Orgill - Many thanks to Tim and AIA for a great event



# AIA Society Pairs Championship

Friday 15th Feb 2019

This new HK Societies competition had been scheduled for October 2018 but Typhoon Mangkhut had rendered the courses unplayable so Friday 15th Feb saw the event finally take place on the Eden Course at HK Golf Club. Organised by **Tim Orgill** and his team at Impact Golf it had been eagerly awaited.

A new concept for Hong Kong this is a Pairs competition in teams of 4 with various prizes up for grabs. Confused I hear you say well to be honest we were a little too. On that basis we took the approach that seems to work best in golf – hit the ball as few times as possible and you may get a good result!

HKFC were represented by 4 pairs in 2 teams of 4:

Team A consisted of the pairing of **Jonny Brock** and **Ryan Black** teamed with the pairing of **Dallas Reid** and **Terry Wright**. Reid and Wright started off like a house on fire with several birdies in the first few holes and

featured prominently early on, on the electronic hole by hole leaderboard that the contestants could track on their phones. Unfortunately the fire went out somewhat before the 18th hole. Brock and Black favoured the steady approach performing consistently well throughout with Ryan coming into his own on the back 9 after a slow start.

Team B consisted of the pairing of **Matt Burke** and **Andy Wood** teamed with the pairing of **Warren Weener** and **Ali Murray**. Burke and Wood managed to ham and egg very well using their handicaps to good advantage to combine for an excellent Net stableford score. Unfortunately the Weener/Murray chemistry was not quite there on the day with the limitless potential of this pair still to be realised.

### The Results:

Given we weren't entirely sure what we were playing for the prize table looked very attractive but how did the results of our golfing labours stack up against our opponents efforts?

**Individual Pairs Gross:** First Place – Brock and Black (HKFC), Third Place on Countback from 2nd – Reid and Wright (HKFC), Fourth Place – Burke and Wood (HKFC) and a very respectable 15th of 34 pairs Weener and Murray (HKFC)

**Individual Pairs Net:** Second Place – Burke and Woods, 7th Brock and Black, 11th Reid and Wright and 21st of 34 Weener and Murray.

**Teams Stableford Competition:** Third Place HKFC Team A, Sixth Place HKFC Team B

All in all a splendid showing by our golfers who all played to a high standard and represented the Club well on a very interesting day. Big thanks to Tim Orgill, HK Golf Club and all the sponsors for a good new addition to the HK golfing calendar. We look forward to the next edition.

■ **Terry Wright, Golf Captain**



Referee!!!



Ali Murray keeps a hawklike eye on the ball



HKFC's teams. Top – Terry Wright, Warren Weener, Matt Burke and Jonny Brock. Bottom – Andrew Wood, Dallas Reid, Ali Murray and Ryan Black.



Gordon Marsden, Winfield Tam, Philip Lee and Jukka Hakli

# HKFC vs HK Seniors Macau GCC

Monday 11th March 2019

A cloudy overcast day was the view from the Cotai Waterjet as the two teams crossed the waters to Macau. The rain of the weekend was gone but still a little chill in the air.

Some familiar faces but also new golfers for both teams. **Garry Kemp** making his long awaited debut for HKFC after years of conflicting schedules had prevented this happening.

Out first were seasoned campaigners **Jonny Brock** and **Owen Davis** quickly into their game against **Leif Markutza** and **Esmonde Corbet**. They were never headed and closed out a comfortable win halfway through the back nine.

**Terry Wright** and **Philip Nunn** also got out to an early lead as **Nelson Ngai** and **Angel Sze** took a while to settle on their first time on the course. It didn't take long for Angel to claw back the 2 hole lead though with some very accurate golf off the tee particularly. Combining well though Philip and Terry managed to win back a few holes and sealed this match with a solid par by Philip on the 17th green. Philip also able to claim credit for halving the hole for the team on the long 13th hole despite dispatching 2 balls off the cliff on the back of a savage crosswind !

**Jukka Hakli** and **Gordon Marsden** had a good contest with HK Seniors **Philip Lee** and **Winfield Tam** before easing away to a 3 and 2 victory shaking hands on the 16th green.

The day that had started gloomy and overcast had by now brightened considerably and turned into excellent golfing weather. Big hitting **Tom McColl** charged with partnering new boy Garry Kemp managed to get to the morning ferry barely a minute before it boarded but they did not let that distract them with this team bringing in a solid 2 and 1 victory over the HK Seniors pairing of **Anthony Golanco** and **Stephen Harris**.

**Bill King** and **Nick Rickett** were next out against **Simon Cheng** and **Serena Ng** and managed to duplicate the result of Hakli and



Leif Markutza, Esmonde Corbet, Jonny Brock and Owen Davis

Marsden shaking hands for a 3 and 2 victory on the 16th hole.

The last pairing saw **Kien Ng** paired with new father (congratulations) **Anatole Le**. The big question being how would the excitement and sleep deprivation of new fatherhood affect Anatole's game. Faced with strong performances from both their opponents **Lawrence Cheung** and **Wendy Ng** the HKFC pair battled but never quite found their A game. A strong 4 and 3 win to the HK Seniors pairing to close out the final match.

The HK Seniors also had a social foursome join us on the day and nice to see familiar faces there with **Russ Julseth** among others joining the fun. Also refreshing to have 5 women golfers part of the day it seems HK Seniors golf is in a healthy state at present.

After a relaxing beer together in the late afternoon sun and a bite to eat it was time for the trophy to be presented. Oooops - Minor hiccup there as in his haste to get out the door with the team shirts, balls, clubs etc and get to the Cotai Ferry office to collect the team tickets Captain Terry Wright had cleverly walked straight past the trophy he had left barely 3 feet from his front door to ensure this would not happen. Fortunately the solid play of our golfers had ensured a Club team win and avoid the embarrassment of not being able to present the trophy to our worthy opponents. Give yourself an uppercut Terry!

Nearest Pin prizes on the par 3s: 4th **Bill King**, 6th Tom McColl, 11th Gordon Marsden, 14th nobody hit so prize to Anthony Golanco for best tale of par having holed his par putt from off the green, 17th Garry Kemp.

So concluded an excellent day of golf and camaraderie with thanks as usual to **Lee Parker**, **Janice** and all the rest of the helpful team at Macau GCC.



Anthony Golanco, Stephen Harris, Garry Kemp and Tom McColl



Peter Cheung, Julius Wong, Jonny Brock and Philip Nunn



Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Rose Leung and Clem Hill



Andrew Wong, Ian Petersen and George Ip

## HKFC Golf Soc vs Royal HK Yacht Club Golf Soc

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Postponed once due to weather problems this rescheduled match was eagerly awaited by both sides. A nice calm day at Kau Sai Chau's South course saw the two teams tee up to find the home for the trophy for the next 12 months.

Helen Hayward and Jukka Hakli were first up for HKFC. Helen being the low handicapper of the group giving plenty of shots to RHKYC regular Pat Sherriff and his partner Victoria Ashworth. Slow out of the blocks the HKFC pair found themselves down 4 after 7 holes thanks to some spectacular putting from Pat Sherriff. Slowly HKFC dragged themselves back into the match with some unusual tactics including both playing the 12th hole down the 13th fairway. A near miss re-entering the 12th hole on his opponent Sherriff did not deter Hakli who won the hole with a most creative 6. In the end their determination was too great and the HKFC pair ground out a hard fought 2 and 1 victory on the 17th green.

Terry Wright and Ian Petersen next up against RHKYC's Andrew Wong and George Ip. The HKFC pair were down early on the 2nd hole but pulled this back and then in a purple patch from the 7th hole combined well to pick up 4 holes on the trot. The HKFC pair were never headed after that and closed this match out on the 14th hole.

Dallas Reid teamed again with Elsa Lee. Their opponents RHKYC's Clem Hill and Rose Leung. This match was a real battle with Dallas giving plenty of shots and the main opposition coming from Rose. The match seesawed with Dallas and Elsa combining well but never quite

getting clear. All square on the 18th tee and Dallas giving shots something special was needed. After 2 shots each Dallas was in the greenside bunker and Elsa and Rose both well short of the green. Dallas a very good bunker shot to 8 feet from the pin for 3. Elsa a great shot just past the hole to the fringe 18 feet from the hole for 3. What could Rose produce? A chip to 2 feet no less and not for the first time today. Alas Elsa's chip ran past the right edge for a tap in 5 and Dallas' solid 8 feet putt for 4 was not good enough when Rose drained her putt for a net 3 to win for RHKYC 1 up – real drama!

Next pair out for HKFC was Jonny Brock and Philip Nunn against Peter Cheung and Julius Wong. This game was always in hand despite some strong play by the RHKYC pair. When asked for a quote afterwards one of the HKFC pair was heard to say "we did OK despite Jonny stuffing up a couple of holes". It is still unsure which of the pair made the comment but in his defence most of us are usually happy to only stuff up a couple of holes!

The 5th flight out saw the debut of Justin Faulkner playing with the experienced campaigner Mike Button. Their opponents RHKYC's Simon Wong and Ruby Yim. This match saw 4 very similar handicaps playing so always had the look of a tight contest. Having swung backwards and forwards for 17 holes it did not disappoint going all the way to the wire being decided on the 18th green. Faulkner and Button emerging 1up winners.

The final flight had no idea what the results were in front of them. Warren Weener and Andrew

Wood from HKFC against David Lee and Chris Li of RHKYC. Despite playing like the whole contest depended on their result and battling all the way to the 18th they could not find a winner and this final match ended all square – well played guys.

The end result a solid win to HKFC and the Trophy retained for another year. A great day for golf and camaraderie with our friends from the HK Yacht Club. Special thanks to Pat Sherriff and Chris Li for your efforts in twice organizing this event.

■ Terry Wright, Golf Captain



Nicki and Mike Button arriving in MG Style.