

# Petersen Texas Scramble

29th May 2019

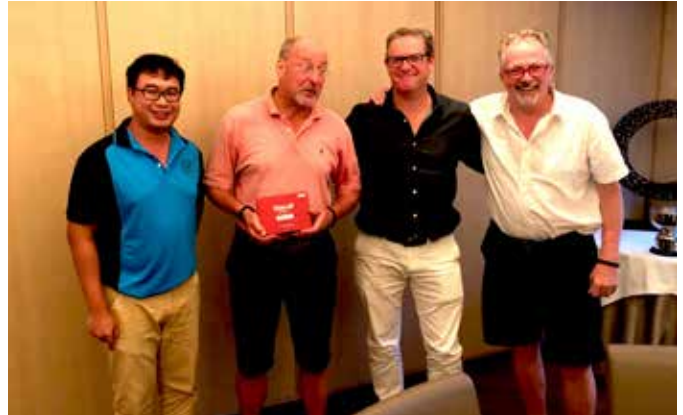
One of the Golf Society's highlights of the year is the ever popular Petersen Texas Scramble; maybe because the format allows players to play numerous appalling shots on a hole and still walk away with a birdie thanks to their partners' contributions; maybe because we are normally able to play on the Fanling courses during a nice part of the year; or maybe it is just the sheer status of the event on the international golf calendar! Whatever the reason, there was no problem in rounding up 21 players for this year's event to be played on the HKGC New Course.

The first to tee off were **Alistair Murray, Graeme Brechin** and **Chris Meecham**. They started off with a par but they made three consecutive bogeys and shot 5 over par for the front 9. However, on the back 9 they shot 1 over par with a total 76 to end the round.

The next to tee off were **Chris Frost, James Riordan** and **Darren Measures**. They started off with a birdie thanks to one of the longest putts in history from Darren. He rolled in a 40 footer reminiscent of Tiger Woods in the Players Championship back in 2001 shaping from left to right. A shot like that early on tends to create momentum and indeed it did as they went on to shoot 71 and finish the round with a 62 net. After a count back that was good enough for first place.

I played in the third flight with **Allan Homeming** and **Jukka Hakli**. We did have a nice team combination with Jukka hitting long straight drives, myself hitting the greens, and Allan sinking every putt inside 6 feet. We shot even par until the very last hole! Sadly the magic ended there and we made a double bogey to finish the round with a gross 72 and net 64.

The fourth to tee off were **Ian Petersen, David Lindsay** and **Andrew Sams**. They had a perfect start with an even par front 9 but again the magic disappeared with a 4 over back nine which will not cut it in the scramble format. Their 74 gross and 62 net was still good enough for second place however.



Left to right: Sponsor Ian Petersen with his runner up team mates Andrew Sams and David Lindsay

Here is the breakdown of this event,

NP2	James Riordan
NP4	Ted Li
NP8	Ian Petersen
NP13	Jim Suitte
NP17	Graeme Brechin
LDM	Graeme Brechin
LDF	Helen Hayward

1st Place Gross 71 Net 62  
Chris Frost, James Riordan and Darren Measures  
2nd Place Gross 74 Net 62  
Ian Petersen, David Lindsay and Andrew Sams

That's it for this event

See you all at the next event.

# Inter-Section Cup

26th July 2019

Now in its second year, the Inter-Section Cup gives all of the sports Sections, DSA and Societies of the HKFC the chance for bragging rights as the Club's best golfers. There is both a gross and net version (without and with handicaps) so everyone has a shot at glory even if they are not top golfers. This year entries were received from Rugby, Squash (last year's gross winners), and Golf.

We were lucky to have a bright sunny day, and whilst hot, with buggies and drinks stops every three holes, the conditions were not too demanding. On the downside, Macau had recently cored and sanded the greens as part of their regular maintenance programme so the putting surfaces were not as good as they usually are at Macau GCC.

The flights were split up to put players from all three teams into each flight. Leading off were **Phil Head** (Golf), **Alastair Murray** (Rugby) and **Dallas Reid** (Squash). There was some reasonable golf with each player



The victorious Squash team: Dave Cross, Dallas Reid, John Thompson (Captain), Andrew Wood



The first flight (Phil Head, Dallas Reid, Alastair Murray) hoping to show off their sharp-shooting skills!

making at least one birdie, despite stopping for beers at every drinks stop.

Next up were **Andrew Wood** (Squash), **Chris Frost** (who volunteered for Hockey under strict instructions from his wife but ended up representing Rugby as Hockey did not manage to field a team), and **Jim Suttie**. Jim arrived wrapped in a knee bandage and looking grateful for the buggie. This probably slowed him down somewhat, and Andrew Wood came out top scorer in that group with an excellent 41 net stableford points, 5 better than his handicap.

The final flight contained **Dave Cross** (Squash), **Don Rider** (Rugby), **Heather Deayton** (Golf), and **John Thompson** (Squash). Again in that

flight there was some remarkable scoring with Dave registering 41 points and John a staggering 42.

As the top score in each group was returned by a Squash representative, it did not take a **Cray** computer to calculate that Squash came out top on the Net event with an embarrassing average point score of 40.25. As it turned out, they also managed to win the gross event with a creditable average stableford score of 24 with no handicap. So a clean sweep for Squash this year!

The prize presentation was held in the bar of the MGCC with suitable liquid refreshments, and then most of the players carried on to Fernando's for a very sociable meal before catching the ferry back to HK. Phil had already dashed off earlier as he had to fight his way through the airport demonstration to catch a plane for his family holiday. I believe he made it!

All in all a great event and a very sociable day out with the chance to mingle with members from other Sections/Societies. Looking forward we hope to host more teams in this event next year.

Final Average Stableford Scores

Squash Nett	40.25	Gross 24
Rugby Nett	31.67	Gross 17
Golf Nett	30	Gross 15.67

Other Prizes

Andrew Wood	Near Pin 17 and Long Drive
Phil Head	Near Pin 11
Alastair Murray	Near Pin 6
Dallas Reid	Near Pin 4,14 and nearest the pin in 2 shots hole 15

■ **Dallas Reid**



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