

SCAA Golf Simulator Night



Phil Head, Chris Meecham, and newly joined Member Dustin Johnson all enjoying the fun at the simulator night at the SCAA

The response to some of our summer events has been rather weak which is understandable given the tough golfing conditions prevailing with 37 degrees Celsius heat and unpredictable rain and typhoon. To provide another golfing option, the Golf Society organised an indoor golf simulator session in the South China Athletic Association, a short walk from the Club. They had an attractive offer of a simulator room per room for 4 hours for HK\$1480 with free flow of alcohol and soft drinks!

It was nice to see that this first time event attracted two newly joined members to participate in this event, **Philip and Briget Gobeyn**. They are quite new to golf but we could definitely see they both have good basics to their swings. With a few more rounds of practice, I believe they can hit single figure handicaps.

Another less frequent attendee to our usual golf outings who appeared was committee member **Chris Meecham**. It was harshly suggested that his interest in the event had more to do

with the free flow of beer than the high tech golf simulators, but for whatever reason he and **Phil Head** managed to do sufficient damage to the beer supplies that the simulator management were pretty stunned by the level of consumption. As well as the beer, there was some nice food so we tucked into a couple of pizzas and various snacks.

Good food, unlimited beers, air-con golf..... what more can you ask for!

Happy Golfing

■ Ted

Ryder Bowl 2019

HKFC Golf Society vs American Club Golf Society

Ten golfers set off from Hong Kong by boat, train, bus and car to meet up at Lotus Hill Golf Club to become the team that would hopefully capture back the trophy narrowly won by the American Club team of 2018. One of our "Majors".

The Saturday format of 4 ball better ball saw HKFC's **Dallas Reid** and **Owen Davis** trying to bring some of the pool table magic of Friday night to their match with **Randall King** and **Winston Van**. Bonding and beer proved the winner with a 3 and 1 victory to HKFC.

Captain **Terry Wright** partnered **Taylor Hui** who was back after an 8 year break in a very hard fought 2 and 1 victory over **Nicholas Lock** and **Anton Eilers** in a match locked all square after 13 holes.

Even tighter was the next contest with **Jonny Brock** and **Bill King** triumphing 1 up on the last hole over **Darian Yip** and **Wilson Chu**. HKFC now 3 up after 3 matches and looking strong – could this continue?



Andy Ho vs Andy Ho

The American Club pairing of **Andy Ho** and **Henry Yu** clearly decided that the answer was no as they battled **Andrew Wood** and **Eric Desgouttes** to the last hole to take out this match. This fightback was joined by **Richard Lo** and **Thomas De Maio** in the following



HKFC's Wood and King victors over Lock and Ho

group as they despatched the HKFC version of **Andy Ho** and his partner **Phil Head** who struggled to match their consistency and were convincingly beaten 6 and 4.

Lots of discussion over Sunday prospects then as the 2 teams shared dinner with HKFC now only slightly ahead by the margin of 3-2. At this point the 2 teams' strategies seemed to take different paths. Most of the HKFC golfers found their way to the games room where the pool



Jonny almost an eagle – so close!

table skills on display progressively deteriorated as the night went on. Joined by only 2 of the American Club golfers bad pool and good music was enjoyed until the beer ran out. How would this useful team bonding, alcohol and fun affect the golf?

Sunday morning first tee time 7:03am saw 2 very tired looking HKFC golfers Brock and Head matched against their obviously better rested opponents Eilers and King. Enjoy your night/team bonding strategy looking marginal at this stage and when Phil Head went down to Randall King 6 and 5 without firing many shots the worries grew. Jonny Brock managed to scratch out a half in a tough match with Anton Eilers but with alarm bells ringing the score was now HKFC 3.5 - Am Club 3.5.

Group 2 saw Terry Wright ease to a comfortable 5 and 4 victory over Winston Van who struggled with his short game. Darian Yip, ever the fighter stretched Dallas Reid for most of the match but Dallas' consistency won through for a 2 and 1 win. HKFC 5.5 – Am Club 3.5

Group 3 had HKFC's Bill King in a great tussle with previous day winner Andy Ho which was finally decided on the 18th green with Bill securing another vital point with a 2 up win. Andrew Wood made it 2 wins in this group despatching Am Club Captain Nicholas Lock 4 and 2. HKFC 7.5 – Am Club 3.5.

The heat had been oppressive all weekend and this as well as the intensity of the golf was reflected in a large delay back to the next flight. Half a point needed for HKFC to retake the trophy and group 4 news came through of an American Club victory to Wilson Chu 2 and 1 over Eric Desgouttes who fought hard to the end. However it was the HKFC

version of Andy Ho who brought in the winning half point by battling all the way through 18 holes to finish all square with Richard Lo. HKFC 8 – Am Club 5 and the trophy returns home to HKFC.

Group 5 still on the course and more good news for HKFC with a resounding 9 and 7 win for Taylor Hui over an out of sorts Thomas De Maio. A BIG win after Thomas' resounding victory on day 1. Not to be outdone Owen Davis rounded the day off with a convincing 3 and 1 win over Henry Yu to bring the final score to HKFC 10 – Am Club 5. A conclusive affirmation of the team bonding over the pool table strategy despite the resulting lack of sleep.

The weather was oppressively hot but the course was in good condition with slow but consistent greens seeing many wonderful putts fall just short and tail off near the hole. Thanks to Lotus Hill Golf Club.

Special thanks to Nicholas Lock and the team at the American Club whose organising efforts firstly helped get everyone to and from the course with all the ferries, trains and buses that were involved this year. The great organisation ensured the golf was again the fun, exciting and spirited contest we have been so lucky to enjoy for many years. Bring on 2020.

Hole prizes were won by:

Saturday: NPs Owen Davis, Darian Yip, Dallas Reid, Wilson Chu, Anton Eilers and LD to Jonny Brock.

Sunday: NPs Jonny Brock, Phil Head, Randall King, Richard Lo, Andrew Wood LD to Terry Wright.



Winners are grinners



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