

HKFC vs HK Cricket Club

13th September 2019, Kau Sai Chau East

A hot day on the course awaited the golfers where the breeze at the East Course at Kau Sai Chau usually affords some small consolation.

HKFC's lead pair of **Dallas Reid** and **Elsa Lee** were taking on HKCC Golf Coach **David Freeman** and **Tony Ku**. Playing against a scratch golfer Dallas and Elsa knew they had little room for error. A few early mistakes were clawed back to all square after 17 holes but alas this one got away on the last hole with another Freeman birdie for a 1up win to the Cricket Club. However with David shooting 7 birdies and a 4 under par total it was a good fight from the HKFC pair.

The next match saw HKFC's **Justin Faulkner** and **Jukka Hakli** take on the Scandinavian pairing of **Ulf Carlson** and **Niklas Soederburg** for HKCC. Niklas was quick out of the blocks with a birdie on the 1st and drove the green on the par four 4th hole to then sink the putt for an eagle. They carried on to dominate this match for a 6 and 5 win.

Terry Wright partnered **Malou Waldie** as the next HKFC pair. **Jeremy Platts** and **Kirsteen Pieterse** their HKCC opponents. This match got serious as early as the 3rd hole which was halved in birdies after which the HKFC pair got a few holes ahead only to be pegged back and eventually fall behind on the par four 12th hole where Kirsteen drove the green and sank a



Terry presents Kingsley the trophy

simple 4 ft putt for a fabulous eagle. This match was all square again by 16 only for HKFC to go 1 down again on 17 but a solid birdie from Terry on the 18th saw this great contest fittingly halved for HKFC's first half point of the day. A good effort by **Malou** as well, using a new set of clubs for the first time.

Jonny Brock and **Jenny Chapman** were up against HKCC's **Kingsley Kelly** and **Simon Tang**. Kingsley the HKCC Golf Professional and Organiser playing off scratch was quick into play birdieing all the par 3s on the front nine and with Simon getting plenty of shots it was always

going to be difficult for the HKFC pair. Indeed Simon chipped in from off the green on 6 and sank a monster putt on the 14th to pave the way for a 2 and 1 win to HKCC.

Andy Wood and debutant **Marco Jorge** battled against HKCC's **Scott McClaren** and **Tim Mann** in the next match. This match was notable for the disintegration of one of Woody's shoes (of unknown vintage) with the sole coming off completely on the 7th hole. After the dust, cobwebs, spiders and multiple families of insects cleared it was Tim "McGyver" Mann to the rescue diving into his golf bag pulling out tape to hold Woody together until the 18th. They will wish he hadn't as the HKFC pair came in with a very good 5 and 3 victory. No news at date of publishing how Woody's "givealittle" page was going to raise money for the new shoe!

The last flight saw **Fergus McCoig** and **Ian Petersen** of HKFC matched against **Mark Coleman** and **Philip Tam**. This was tight all the way with low handicapper Fergus wondering what he had to do to win a hole when his splendid eagle on the 6th hole was halved by a birdie from the HKCC pair. This one went down to the last putt on the last green with the HKCC pair just sneaking ahead for a 1 up win over McCoig and Petersen.

So a tough day at the office saw a victory to HK Cricket Club by the margin of 4.5 to 1.5. A trip to Macau next year may help our chances of bringing this one back.

Near Pins to Platts, Wright, Carlson and Jorge with Long Drives to Marco Jorge and Kirsteen Pieterse.

Summer Cup 2019

26th September

This year the Golf Society's Summer Cup was held on the East course at Kau Sai Chu. We were lucky enough to have superb weather with reasonable temperatures and lovely sunny skies. As one of the Golf Society's "Majors", this event not only had the usual friendly prizes for near pins etc, but also a magnificent trophy, and some nice cash vouchers for the first three placed players.

As ever the East Course claimed its fair share of balls with **Quentin Burrows** claiming over 20 balls lost, but it is unlikely anyone navigated all 18 holes without at least one casualty.

Despite this there were several respectable rounds and lots of good golf. With three ladies



Smiles after a round in glorious sunshine



A happy Chairman

attending there was a meaningful contest for the ladies' long drive which was won for the first time ever by **Elsa Lee** who seems to have recently found the secret to long driving. If you ask her nicely maybe she will share it!

It is always a pleasure to be out on the East Course in nice weather and there were plenty of smiles at the end of an enjoyable day's golf.

Results

Near Pins: **Helen Hayward (2), JP Cuvelier, Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid**

Long Drives: **Jonny Brock (Men), Elsa lee (Ladies)**

Net Stableford: Winner	Dallas Reid (38 points)
Runner Up	Alastair Murray (35 points)
Second Runner Up	JP Cuvelier (33 points)



Winners and Losers all in good spirits

HKFC vs The HK Country Club

8th Oct 2019, Clearwater Bay G&CC

Following days of planning with the opposing Captain and unusually heavy traffic, the golfers were blessed with a warm day and a light onshore breeze on arrival at the stunning Clearwater Bay G&CC.

Our lead pair of **Dallas Reid** and **Elsa Lee** were taking on **Esther Lee** and **Daphne Gohel**. The match was of good quality and finely balanced around the turn, with both Elsa and Esther sinking birdie shots from in and close to the same greenside bunker on the 11th. Touché. Thereafter, Dallas and Elsa turned the screws to bag our first point, 3&2.

The next match saw our **Jonny Brock** and **JP Cuvelier** against **Peter Downie** (Clearwater Bay G&CC's General Manager & Golf Pro) and **Harvey Lee**. Some high quality play from both sides kept this one interesting to the end, with Peter and Harvey clawing back a 2 hole deficit late on to square the match on the 18th.

Next up saw our **Justin Faulkner** and **Simon Hague** tackle **Fizzy Pavri** and **Susan Choi**, a battle of the sexes. Simon was quick out of the

blocks, hitting the green on the 1st and belting one down the 2nd to claim the longest drive (being just 1cm on the fairway!), and being consistent throughout. Our boys ham and egged very well, with Justin claiming 3 birdies; so a dominant performance that was never really in doubt, us winning 4&3.

The 4th pairing, our **Andrew Wood** (debutant Captain on the day) and **Helen Hayward**, up against **Carrie Tang** and **Marsha Ko**. Marsha is a golf club member and gave plenty of tips to Carrie. This excitable and consistent pair were quite a handful, not giving anything away - and after going 2up after 2, it was always an uphill battle. Our pair got it to dormie 1, but alas, Carrie fizzed one out of the rough onto the green, to halve the hole and take a narrow 1up victory.

The penultimate pairing of our **Bill King** and **Gilles Bonnier** took on **Jimmy Chan** and **Greg Crichton**. This was Gilles first round at this quite magnificent track, and without beginners luck, we fell behind 2 down at turn and that didn't change, eventually losing 2&1.



Jonny and JP up against the Pro



Elsa and Esther celebrate 11th hole birdies

So, it went down to the final grouping, our **Marco Jorge** and **Matt Burke** facing off against **Simon Cheung** (their Captain, and golf club and Committee member) and **TK Chan** (also golf club and Committee member). Marco and Matt dovetailed very well against an experienced pairing with vast local knowledge, bringing it home 3&1.

So, after giving away lots of shots in every flight and against a team who knew the layout better than us, it was a close, albeit pleasing victory to HKFC, by the margin of 3 ½ to 2 ½. The North South Trophy therefore remaining at Sports Road for at least another year.

Near Pins went to Hague (2), Tang and Wood, and Longest Drives (2 each gender) to Jorge, Hague, Hayward and Tang.

All agreed to liking the facilities, vistas and course conditions over drinks at the 19th hole, so we will look forward to being back at Clearwater Bay as and when. Suffice to say, the après was very social, with a few of us staying on for a beer and a bite.