

President Vs Chairman Cup

15th October 2019



Winning team from left:- Dallas Reid, JP Cuvelier, Elizabeth Dendle, Lily Chan, Elsa Lee, Andrew Wood, James Riordan



Maybe the Chairman's team should have stuck to one colour!



The Chairman generously giving the President a "shot"



We all woke up to a saturated Hong Kong after very heavy overnight rain. However the weather gods smiled on us and we were treated to a blue sky day over Kau Sai Chau South for the annual epic battle between teams representing the Chairman and the President of the Golf Society.

The efficient President had all his troops lined up in the GS official blue polo shirt. The more laid back Chairman's side went for the rainbow look of every colour except blue. Some people (including the Chairman) clearly took that leeway rather too far!

The format for the event was simply the total Stableford points scored by each team, with flights going out with members of each team in each flight.

The first to tee off were **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Jonny Brock** and **Ian Petersen**. Despite the Chairman's team outsourcing the President's team 5-1 on the first hole, by the end of the day there was only around 7 points different so the remainder of the round was very close.

The second to tee off were **Terry Wright, Andrew Wood, JP Cuvelier** and myself. Terry has been in excellent form with his precise iron play. He had a birdie on hole 11, a tap in birdie with only 1 foot left. Also on Hole 6, Terry hit his approach shot thin which left him 15 yards for the third shot, he then holed it with his wedge. At Hole 7, he drove his fairway wood to a different hole fairway. He did, however, keep his calm and with excellent iron play, the approach shot left him 6 foot for birdie and he sank the putt! A back to back birdie! Meanwhile Andrew Wood had stayed consistent over the round shooting 37 Stableford points, the highest total achieved in the match making him the Chairman's MVP!

For intimidation effect, **Helen Hayward**, carried her own bag and walked the whole course! She also scored 36 points and won the longest drive on hole 18! Very impressive.

At the end of the day, the Chairman's team retained the trophy scoring 222 points to the President's team's 211 Three in a row for the Chairman's Team!

Winners (receiving a nice sleeve of Snell balls) – Chairman's Team

- Dallas Reid (30 points)
- Elsa Lee (29 points)
- Andrew Wood (37 points)
- JP Cuvelier (32 points)
- Elizabeth Dendle (28 points)
- James Riordan (35 points)
- Lily Chan (31 points)

Nearest to the Pin

- Hole 2 – Dallas Reid
- Hole 5 – Ted Li
- Hole 11 – Terry Wright
- Hole 16 – Dallas Reid
- 2 Shots NTP in hole 9 – Jonny Brock
- Longest Drive Male – James Riordan
- Longest Drive Female – Helen Hayward

Hope to see you in next event

■ **Ted Li**

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Clearwater Bay

28th October 2019

Thanks to the kind hospitality of Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club, we were able to secure four flights there at a very reasonable rate, and thanks to our member **John Banks**, we were able to book another member's flight straight after so 20 GS members were able to enjoy this sensational course. Not surprisingly the spots were taken up within a few hours of the event being posted to our members. Obviously October is a great time to be playing golf in HK and we started off with lovely weather, with 26 degree heat, some wind and gentle sunshine.

The first to tee off were **Allan Homeming, Donald Roberts, Glen Smith** and myself. For the whole round, Donald had a remarkable strategy for his putting with dreadful first putts, and then making long putts to save par and even make some birdies! The greens are very fast and most of us couldn't get used to them! To combat this, Donald decided to use the flagstick as his braking device at hole 2, his fourth shot left him 20 foot from the pin so he just aimed up the right slope and the ball just keep rolling and hit the flagstick! A very special way to save par! At hole 6, 170 yards uphill, we were quite surprised that Donald pulled his driver out! He hit it perfectly with a gentle slice towards to the flag! With an 8 foot putt, Donald managed to hit the flagstick again for a nice birdie! Another fun fact worth mentioning is before Donald putts, he will say "I need a



Don Roberts showing fine balance



Glenn Smith admiring his work in the bunker

miracle! I need a miracle!" Then the ball just kept rolling and hit the flagstick! For me, I did try the same trick at hole 15. I hit a perfect drive and a 5 iron on to the green that left me 5 foot for an eagle putt. I did the same trick by saying I need a miracle! However the putt didn't answer at all!

The other flights came back to the clubhouse at around 3pm with some solid scores. **Jonathan Foxall** scored 86 with 39 stableford points to claim the victory! I heard he had one lucky shot on a par 4 where his chip hit the flagstick to save par and without the flag his ball would have flown off the green. That shot contributed 3 points to his score there. **Andrew Wood** also had a stable round of 83 and 37 stableford points to claim second place and **James Riordan** shot 34 stableford points to claim third place. For the Gross champion, **Terry Wright** won with 81 gross on countback on the back nine.

Here is the breakdown for the championship.

Nearest to the Pin – Par 3

- Hole 1 – Dallas Reid
- Hole 4 – Helen Hayward
- Hole 6 – Donald Roberts
- Hole 11 – Elizabeth Dendle
- Hole 14 – Mike Button
- Hole 16 – Mike Button
- 2 shot Nearest to the Pin – Andrew Wood
- Longest Drive Men – Ted
- Longest Drive ladies – Helen Hayward
- 1st Place – Jonathan Foxall – 39 stableford points
- 2nd Place – Andrew Wood – 37 stableford Points
- 3rd Place – James Riordan
- Gross Champion – Terry Wright

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li**



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