

## 19th Hole

### HKFC Golf Society Gary Player Foundation Fundraising Dinner Wednesday 5th November

And finally.....a message of thanks and good will to our Society from the Gary Player Foundation.....

“Dear Ian,

*What a great article and photos in your Club magazine.....thank you again for your kind hospitality and to your members for their most generous donation to our Foundation!*

*Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

*The Donation is truly appreciated and will help to change the lives of many young children.*

*Our best to you.*

*Regards,*

*Debbie Longenecker  
Director of Administration  
Gary Player Group ”*

The Golf Society Committee wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our Golf Society members and their families.

Go to our website [www.hkfcgolf.com](http://www.hkfcgolf.com) for details of our 2015 schedule of events and matches.

**Ian Petersen**  
Chairman



## Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay Thursday 18th December

27 warmly clad golfers braved the rather chilly climes of the Hong Kong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay's short but testing golf course to compete for this year's four club challenge.

The rules were simple, stroke play with adjusted course handicap with only four clubs of your choice, one of these being a putter.

We all dressed in Santa hats of numerous colours to help us to get into the Christmas spirit and to keep our ears warm as we set off in search of glory on the greens.

A notable start was made by guest player **Justin Walkey** with three birdies and a par in the first four holes.

However, **Chris Burley** stole the show with an amazing hole in one on the Par 3, 174 yard 7th Hole. Fantastic effort.

Final standings after 18 holes were as follows.

3rd place was a tie between **Prakash Nagani** and **Joseph Wong** both with nett scores of 62. However Joseph shot a gross 78 against Prakash's 84 to take 3rd place.

2nd place went to **Jonathan Li** with a 73 to give a nett score of 60.

This year's four club challenge champion was **Phil Head** with a gross score of 61 and nett score of 58.

Many thanks to the Hong Kong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay restaurant for putting on a fantastic set lunch.



Well done everyone for competing in a thoroughly enjoyable event.

In the spirit of Christmas, the Golf Society gave every participant a present of a HK\$100 Christmas gift voucher, redeemable at the Golf Corner Shop in Leighton Road.

Hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please check the Golf Society website for details of next year's packed events and match schedule.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Happy golfing. ■

*Phil Head, Event Organiser*

## 2014 Christmas Cup at Lotus Hill

### 29th and 30th November

What a fantastic turnout for this year's Christmas Cup, 28 players battled it out in a 1 Day Stableford competition to try and take home the coveted trophy.

Two time winner **Jonathan Li** was looking to make it a hatrick while new Golf Society members **David Muir** and **Krzysztof Kostienko** (KK) were keen to make their marks by winning their first outings.

The weather forecast looked miserable for the weekend but, as soon as we stepped onto the ferry at Tsim Sha Tsui, the sun started to shine and the golf gods blessed us with a few warm and sunny days on the golf course.

After a very quick check in and putt to gauge the speed of the greens, we were off. The first 4 ball consisted of **David Muir**, **Brian MacDougall**, **Anatole Le** and myself, and it was clear by David's colossal first drive that he was going to make this short 18 hole course look decidedly shorter, with the thought of David reaching the 18th in one seeming distinctly possible.

David continued to prove his driving prowess by easily sailing over the centrally located trees on the stroke index 1 par 4 and setting himself up with a short wedge



in to secure his first birdie of the day. With David and myself both playing off lower handicaps, we were always going to struggle to win the stableford tournament, so we battled it out for the best gross and were head to head at the 18th until my nemesis overshot the 18th green with his first shot!!! Game over! Well done David for shooting the day's best gross of 77 and 38 points. Brian and Anatole in the meantime were steadily accumulating points, amassing 39 and 41 points respectively which put Anatole in contention for the Christmas Cup Trophy.

A well earned beer in hand we watched the rest of the groups as they reached the 18th green. As the score cards were collected and collated, 41 points looked the score to beat. By the time the last score card was collected, three players, **Anatole Le**, **Kevin Tse** and **Joseph Wong**, all on 41 points, so a count-back was required! Joseph stumbled first after the last 9 holes and the winner was decided on the 18, with Kevin scoring a birdie to beat Anatole's par score.

As we all started to head up to our hotel rooms for a quick shower before dinner, **Mary Soo** was spotted at the bar counting her score card which she had omitted to hand in.....46 points was seen circled in red, so after a comprehensive re-count, I

confirmed that Mary had the winning score and was the new Christmas Cup Champion.

After a sumptuous dinner, I took a band of merry men into town to a nightclub that I had heard about. We weren't disappointed as live singers took to the stage to entertain us. KK and Kevin then took over the dance floor to show their own moves and a good night was had by all.

Sunday morning came all too soon for the band of merry men but we were not to be perturbed by the 6 am wake-up call as we had a team event to play for.

Thanks to the help of KK and Kevin, we had devised a team format for the Sunday match consisting of seven evenly matched teams of four players based on the gross scores from the previous day. The scoring system used was team cumulative stableford points. The social players were given rather generous handicaps to bring everyone into the game.

Although the scores were not as good as the previous day, this format worked well with most of the cumulative team scores being very close.

The Society provided three bottles of Veuve Champagne for the top three teams. In 3rd place were **Linda Doyle**, **Kevin Patel**, **Aggie**

**Hay** and **Anatole Le** with 119 points, in 2nd place came **YP Soo, Chas Doyle, Dorothy Lam** and **Lucia Lee** with 128 points and the champions were **Mark Chow, Kevin Tse, Shauna Davis** and **Mary Soo** with 132 points.

After a brief lunch and prize giving we waved good bye to the lovely staff at Lotus Hill.

Throughout the weekend there were numerous longest drives and nearest pins for both days in summary below.

### **Christmas Cup Champion**

**Mary Soo**  
(46 points)

**Runner Up**  
**Kevin Tse**  
(41 points)

**3rd Place**  
**Anatole Le**  
(41 points)

**Best Gross**  
**David Muir** (77)

### **Fun Prizes Saturday**

**Longest Drive Men**  
**Michael Yang**

**Longest Drive Women**  
**Mary Soo**

**Nearest Pins**  
**Phil Head**  
**Kevin Tse**  
**Joseph Wong**  
**Mary Soo**

### **Fun Prizes Sunday**

**Longest Drive Men**  
**David Muir**

**Longest Drive Women**  
**Aggie Hay**

**Nearest Pins**  
**Brian Macdougall**  
**David Muir**  
**Anatole Le**  
**Joseph Wong**  
**Mary Soo**  
**Dorothy Lam**



## **Christmas Macau Golf Outing**

### **Tuesday 9th December**

The golf gods blessed us again with a stunning day for golf. With the sun shining and the temperatures in the low 20's it was perfect golfing weather.

14 players teed off at a rather sociable time (midday) with everyone's goal to win best stabelford and gross scores.

Our lone guest **Barry Cox** (Pistol Pete) was to steal the show as he demonstrated from the first hole as he sunk his first of many 15 foot putts. Tee to green Pistol Pete was just as effective hitting nearly every fairway and green in regulation and racking up an impressive 19 points on the front 9. It was his putting that stole the show by holing out no less than five 10-15 foot putts!!! Pistol Pete was on fire and carded a score of 80 for 39 stabelford points.

Credit must also go to **Jonathan Li** and **Anatole Le** for both scoring 37 points and coming a close 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Best gross went to yours truly sneaking in with a 79 much to Pistol Petes annoyance...

Great company, great golf and a great game of cards followed on the ferry ride home.

Thanks **Diana** for beating us all soundly at Poker.

Final scores as follows:

**Stabelford Points Winner**

**Barry Cox** (Pistol Pete) (39)

**2nd**

**Jonathan Li** (37)

**3rd**

**Anatole Le** (37)

**Best Gross**

**Phil Head** (79)

**Longest Drive Men**

**Terry Wright**

**Longest Drive Women**

**Diana Li**

**Nearest Pin Hole 4**

**Patrick Watts**

**Nearest Pin Hole 6**

**Terry Wright**

**Nearest Pin Hole 11**

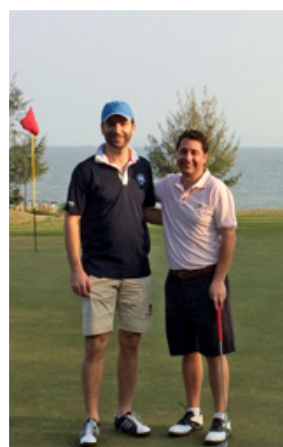
**Jonathan Li**

**Nearest Pin Hole 14**

**Phil Head**

**Nearest Pin Hole 17**

**Terry Wright**



KK (left) congratulating Barry Cox on a great round at the Christmas Macau outing

■ by *Phil Head, Event Organiser*





## Reunification Cup

Lotus Hill Golf Resort, 1st & 2nd November, 2014

We went into this event, a four-way competition against the American Club, the Chinese Recreation Club and the Country Club that is arguably the highlight of the HKFC golfing calendar, determined to prevail this year after a creditable but disappointing 2nd place last year. With by far the lowest handicaps of the 4 teams, we were mindful however that a net stableford competition does not necessarily favour low handicappers.

On the Saturday, we had a couple of standout scores from **Phil Head** and **JP Cuvelier** but everyone performed creditably and the format allowed us to drop our only weak score.

And so at the end of day one we had established a small lead over CRC.

Saturday night began with dinner and wine in the clubhouse. For some, this was not enough and an expeditionary squad set off for the local Panyu discotheque, returning by all accounts in the small hours!

JP's reward for his stellar 39 points on Saturday was a 6.42am tee time on Sunday. Sleep deprivation combined with teeing off in the pitch black was clearly intended to level the playing field, handicapping those who had over-performed on Saturday. JP didn't let this bother him however and joint top scored again on Sunday (with the Captain

for once justifying his presence on the team to share this accolade).

Sadly, that is where the good news ends. Unfortunately, on Sunday, with all 4 teams scoring fewer than on Saturday, we weren't able to repeat our Saturday performance. With no great scores, and rather too many in the high 20s, we were pipped into 2nd place by a slender 5 points (510 – 505).

We consoled ourselves with the fact that we had played the best golf of the weekend. On a gross basis (before handicaps) we would have won the event by over 150 points!! HKFC's quality was also evident in our disproportionate share of nearest pin and longest drive prizes, with Phil Head also collecting the prize for Best Gross. Ultimately, however, we had to congratulate CRC on a successful defence of their crown.

It would be tempting to blame the lower points tally on Sunday on the late night excursion but actually most of those present scored more on Sunday than they had on day one. Maybe next year the discotheque will be compulsory!!

Thanks to the other team members **Nick Allen, Eric Desgouttes, Jonny Brock, Chad Sunde, Andrew Wood, Dallas Reid** and debutant **Anatole Le** and for their solid efforts and good company. ■

*Duncan Spooner, Captain*

## Kau Sai Chau North Course Tuesday 18th November 2014

With the glorious November weather in full bloom it was no wonder we had a fantastic turn out for this event. 5 full flights of 4 contended for the best, 2nd and 3rd stableford points as well as best gross score, longest drives and nearest pin competitions.

**Dallas Reid, Jonny Brock, Jonathan Li** and **Phil Head** teed off first and set a blistering pace with some low scoring and high stableford points on the front 9. It was a head to head match going into the 18th between **Jonathan** and **Phil** when **Jonathan** ran into trouble, enabling **Phil** to enter the clubhouse as leader. This proved enough to enable him to win with a stableford score of 37 points as well as best gross score of 76 off the Blue tees.

2nd place went to **Jonathan Li** with 35 points and there was a 3 way tie for 3rd place between **Dallas Reid, Chas Doyle** and **David Fergus**, with **Dave** pipping **Chas** after 2 count backs. The longest drives on Hole 9 went to **Jonny Brock** and **Beatrice Lin**. Nearest Pins were **Terry Wright** on Holes 3 and 7, **James Riordan** on Hole 11 and **Mike McSweeney** on Hole 14. ■

