Ten Pin Bowling News

Emy Clarke, BIG Treasurer

The Bowling Interest Group (BIG) had a very exciting night on the 8th January. We had a league match against the Hong Kong Club and won 15 vs 7.

Nicholas Leung was the superstar that night, having a scratch score of 275 points with 8 consecutive strikes. It was a memorable time for Nicholas before leaving for university in the U.K. At the present time we are steadily climbing up the Hong Kong Interclub Ten Pin Bowling League, with the aim to be in the top 3 of the league. We are still looking for new players, so if any Club Members are interested, please join us during our practice sessions on alternative Thursdays. The tournament league schedule can be found at the Bowling Alley notice boards.





Photos from the Christmas Gathering

Golf News



JP Cuvulier, Dallas Reid, lan Petersen, Paul Cheng, Gilbert Collins,

Golf Outing to Chung Shan

27th - 28th January

It was a long way to go for a one day golf event, but **Gilbert Collins** and **Phil Head** did just that and joined the Chairman of the Golf Society, **Ian Petersen**, and three others for a round at China's first ever golf course at Chung Shan Hot Springs.

With only six committed players, we decided on a three ball team stableford competition for day one.

Team A, comprising Ian, Gilbert and myself all teed off with magnificent drives to set a blistering pace. After nine holes team A, Ian, Gilbert and myself were cruising with a cumulative score of 47 points, which included 21 points from Ian and a magnificent chip in birdie from Gilbert on the 8th. However, things started to crumble after the 14th after a few bogeys and double bogeys and we settled for a cumulative total of 108 stableford points.

Team B consisting of **Dallas Reid**, **JP Cuvulier** and **Paul Cheng** reported in at the 18th with an exciting new way of disclosing the scores of the two teams hole by hole using **JP**'s Cha Cha Cha game to reveal the overall score. It went all the way to the 18th hole on count back to decide that Team B were the victors with an overall team score of 111 stableford points, beating Team A by the smallest of margins..

Traditional longest drives and Nearest pins contest's were also in play and the winners were Dallas Reid with the longest drive and two nearest the pins, with Ian and Phil having one nearest the pin each.

The following day's event was a hard fought four ball better ball between Dallas Reid/Paul Cheng and JP Cuvelier/Ian Petersen.

JP as ever brought his A game putting which only goes to show an old dog can learn new tricks. Highlights

Charity Dinner With Golf Legend Sir Nick Faldo

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Presented by HKFC Golf Society in Partnership with Mission Hills Golf Resort

AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB RESTAURANT MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2015



Cocktails 6.30 pm Dinner 7.00 pm Seats HK\$950 per person Tables \$10,500 for 12 persons

Prices include cocktail reception, three course dinner with wines and open bar

Sir Nick Faldo, golf legend, will speak to us and answer questions about his career as a six times Major winning and 11 times Ryder Cup playing golfer, his work as a golf commentator and the Faldo Series.

Please join this event and help raise funds for the Faldo Series founded by Sir Nick to provide opportunities to talented young golfers to play in 40 annual tournaments in over 30 countries and identify the next generation of champions. http://nickfaldo.com/about-faldo-series

Valuable auction items include tickets to US Masters at Augusta, signed memorabilia donated by Sir Nick, opportunities to play nine holes with Sir Nick, opportunities to join a golf clinic with Sir Nick and golf packages to play and stay at Mission Hills.

Please email our Event Organiser, Phil Head, by no later than 12 noon on Friday 27th February 2015 at philhead@netvigator.com, stating your full name, contact telephone number, the number of tickets you wish to reserve and your HKFC Account Number. For enquiries, please call Phil at 9166 4931.

First come first served, so book early to avoid disappointment as seating is limited.

Initially, Golf Society members may book up to four tickets each, but those who would like additional tickets, should state this, so that their cases can be considered.

of the round included Paul holing putts from everywhere, JP holing a 30 foot birdie bomb, and Ian winding up for the longest drive hole and failing to clear the ladies tee box, although the subsequent launch of his driver down the fairway had more impressive flight characteristics.

End result 3 and 2 to the JP Cuvelier/Ian Petersen group, with near pins won by Ian, JP and Dallas, who also won the longest drive.

Overall it was a pleasure to play the two courses at Chung Shan which were designed by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer and are very different to each other and it will be well worth a return trip.

Phil Head and Dallas Reid



HKFC vs FCC Kau Sai Chau North, Thursday 22nd January

We couldn't have been blessed with a more glorious day for our first fixture of the New Year, against the Foreign Correspondents Club. Last year, in its first playing, this match had been magnanimously drawn. This year we were determined to put our name on the trophy.

As ever, we were conceding a hatful of shots with several opponents receiving a shot a hole. HKFC were led out by **Phil Head** and, the first of 4 debutants, **Chris Burley**. They came home comfortable 3 and 2 victors, a less impressive scoreline when you consider that one of their opponents failed to show up. As it was, the singleton must have acquitted himself quite well.

The 2nd flight was **Dallas Reid** and another debutant, **David Bateson**. Solid golf from both players saw them win their match by a similar margin. Our 3rd pairing mixed the wisdom of seasoned campaigner **JP Cuvelier** and youthful elan of tennis convert **Anatole Le**. These guys got into an early lead and never looked like letting it slip, eventually

wrapping it up on the 16th.

Next up was the tried and tested pairing of Captain **Spooner** and the canny Scotsman, **Jim Suttie**. The former had one of his latterly-all-too-rare better days against some misfiring opponents resulting in a 6 and 5 demolition.

Word that victory had been secured had evidently reached the next 2 flights. Clearly concerned that a whitewash may see FCC run for the hills, Ian Valentine and Fergus McCoig magnanimously fell on their swords. The new-boy pairing of Clint Hutchison and Stephen Bottomley were in sympathetic mood too.

And so it fell to the final pairing of **Jonny Brock** and **Fiaz Magdoom** to take the last match sealing an authoritative 5-2 victory for HKFC.

It is an absolute travesty that the only photographic documentation of a stunning day with views to die for is one of the captain's hairy mug receiving the trophy.

Duncan Spooner





Perfect golfing weather on 9th February at KSC North

Kau Sai Chau North

Monday 9th February

What a glorious day for golf it turned out to be! 18°C by midday and we were slapping on the sun tan lotion. This made for perfect conditions for scoring well on the notoriously difficult Kau Sai Chau North course.

Jonny Brock did just that. Although there was a 1 or 2 club swirling head wind on nearly all of the holes regardless of their orientation, (how does that work!?) Jonny had a magnificent round, dropping only 5 shots offset by 2 birdies to his credit, to card a magnificent 75 to win best gross by an impressive 9 shots and best stableford with 39 points.

Will Glover came 2nd with 36 stableford points.

Dallas Reid and **Terry Wright** tied for 3rd place with 34 points each with **Dallas** winning on the count back.

Dallas was awarded most improved player after shooting an uncharacteristic

8 over after the front 9 before recovering to par the back 9!

Terry would have had a respectable gross score had he not picked up his ball on the 3rd hole after a few issues with a lost ball and a shank. Nevertheless, he was able to fend off **Jonny**'s longest drive attempt on the 9th by a few feet to salvage some Kiwi pride.

The four ball consisting of **Jonny**, **Dallas**, **Terry** and **Phil Head** were able to card a total of 11 birdies between them, starting with 3 on the tough 1st hole. Well done that team!

Nearest pins went to **Pak Pong** on the 3rd hole, **Phil** on the 7th with a near hole in one, **Jonny** on the 11th and **Will** on the 14th.

Thanks to everyone for taking part and to the weather for being so amazing.

Happy golfing! ■

Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser

Half Price Golf Lessons for Golf Society Members

To encourage GS members to improve their golf, the GS Committee has agreed to subsidize golf lessons on our Golf Simulators with our resident golf pros, **Todd Roach** and **Martin Halliday**. The details are as follows:-

Each member is entitled to one half price golf lesson. The standard price for a single lesson is HK\$650 so this lesson will be available at HK\$325.

To book a lesson, just contact your preferred pro and state that you are taking advantage of this opportunity.

After the lesson, sign the form at Reception to indicate that you have taken this offer, and the bill to your account will be reduced to HK\$350 accordingly.

Half priced lessons are limited to the first 100 GS members.

Offer expires end March 2015

Contact details: Todd Roach: todd_roach@hotmail.com

Martin Halliday: martshaz@netvigator.com

Golf Events - 2015 Schedule

(As of 12 February 2015 – Subject to change when required)

January

13 Jan (Tue) KSC South

22 Jan (Thu) Match vs FCC at KSC North

27/28 Jan (Tue/Wed) Chung Shan

February

09 Feb (Mon) KSC North

21-22 Feb (Sat/Sun) Chinese New Year Gathering at Nansha

March

02 Mar (Mon) Match vs RHKYC at Macau

10 Mar (Tues) KSC East

16 Mar (Mon) Charity Dinner with Golf Legend Nick Faldo at HKFC

23 Mar (Mon) Match vs HK Seniors at KSC East
26 Mar (Thur) Hillview Golf Club, Dongguan, China

April

14 Apr (Tues) KSC South
23 Apr (Thu) Clearwater Bay

18-19 Apr (Sat/Sun) Match vs HK Cricket Club at Lotus Hill

May

08 May (Fri) Interclub Match vs SCC at Macau
18 May (Mon) Match vs HK Club at Macau

14 May (Thur) KSC East 26 May (Tue) Macau

<u>June</u>

01 Jun (Mon)
Match vs WAGS at Macau

06 Jun (Sat)
Annual Club Championship at KSC North/Annual Dinner

13/14 Jun (Sat/Sun)
Match vs HKFC GC at Lotus Hill TBC

15 Jun (Mon)
Match vs Little Sai Wan at Macau

18 Jun (Thurs) Walmsley Cup at KSC South/Annual General Meeting

July

11 Jul (Sat)

24 Jul (Fri)

Macau Golf & Country Club

Match vs USRC at KSC East

Match vs USRC at KSC East

August

Aug (Wed) Xili Golf Club

29 Aug (Sat) President vs Chairman at KSC South

September

03 Sep (Thurs) Clear Water Bay 15 Sep (Tue) KSC North

Sep Match vs DBRGS at DB Date TBC

26/27 (Sat/Sun) Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club at Lotus Hill

October

05 Oct (Mon) KSC East

Oct Event Venue and Date TBC

23-25 Oct (Fri-Sun) Interport or Another Match Venue and Date TBC

November

06 Nov (Fri) Yinli, Dongguan, China

17 Nov (Tues) KSC North

Nov Reunification Match at Lotus Hill Date TBC

28-29 Nov (Sat/Sun) Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

December

17 Dec (Thur) Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay