

Golf Outings

Hong Kong Football Club vs Singapore Cricket Club

Kau Sai Chau East Course, Friday 8th May



In 2014, we had sent a small team down to Singapore to play our first ever inter-port golf match. Given our long history of rivalry and association with the Singapore Cricket Club, there could have been no better opponent for our first such match. It was always hoped that this would be the start of a series of matches and we were delighted when SCC contacted us at the beginning of the year to say that they would be sending a team to Hong Kong.

And so the two teams convened on a sunny Friday morning. We had initially proposed to hold the match on Kau Sai Chau's North Course but our opposition were quite adamant that their players wouldn't relish a walking course. We were fortunate to be able to switch the match to the East Course at quite late notice, although for SCC this may have been a mixed blessing.

Anyone who has played the East Course will understand that it is not an intuitive course; most people find it takes them a few rounds to work out how best to approach the course. Throw in a bit of a wind as well and it's a tough proposition for the uninitiated. Much as we tried to point out some of the pitfalls to our opponents, the course it seems beat them as much as their HKFC opponents. Or maybe it was the perennial threat to the committed tourist – over-enjoyment of the night before – which may have been our downfall last year when we lost in Singapore!

For whatever reason, the match turned out to be a rather one-sided affair. I don't think we need to go into too much detail. Suffice to say that the match score was 6-0. And that there was a 10 and 8 in there. And a 9 and 8. In fact, there was only one match that went down the straight,

with **Jonny Brock** and **Mike Button** teasing their opponents with a one up victory on the 18th.

And so the Interport Challenge Trophy was regained (having been lost in the inaugural match in Singapore) – or it would have been if they had brought it with them. I suspect we may need to send a team to Singapore to wrest it from their grasp!

When we were in Singapore last year, SCC were the most generous and hospitable of hosts. We were keen to look after our guests in a similar fashion and so a dinner was arranged on the Back Patio at the Sportsman's Bar. The weather, which had been perfect all day, affording us spectacular views from the golf course, held for the evening and all concerned ate, drank and made merry. Many thanks to the others that played – **JP Cuvelier, Andrew Wood, Anatole Le, Kien Ng, Fiaz Magdoo, David Watt, Stephen Bottomley, Gary Sharma** and **Terry Wright**.

We look forward to returning to Singapore in 2016 where we hope to prove that not only the home teams can win this match!! ■

Duncan Spooner, Captain

*Please mark your diaries for **Wednesday 24th June 2015**, when the Golf Society will hold the **Walmsley Cup** competition, followed by the AGM, followed by the post AGM drinks party.*

Golf Society Team Score Hatrick against Hong Kong Club

Macau Golf and Country Club, Monday 18th May

On 18th May 2015, the Golf Society (GS)'s team set off for Macau Golf and Country Club to play the Hong Kong Club's golf team.

The GS team was lead by Acting Captain **Ian Petersen**, standing in for **Duncan Spooner** who was recovering from a foot operation.

Duncan's instructions to Ian were simple - "Here's the trophy, take it to Macau to show it to the Hong Kong Club, win the match and bring the trophy back."

In spite of thunder rumbling as we stood on the first tee and several players predicting that we would have to abandon the match if there was lightening, the weather held off and we were able to complete our six fourball matches albeit in humid and windy conditions.

It was a close run thing which started inauspiciously, with **Ian Petersen** and **Iain Valentine**, coming under the cosh of the mighty Don Roberts and David Collins, before **Jonny Brock** and **Andy Wood** brought home the bacon in their match leaving us tied 1-1. We then halved the next match, lost the one after that and recovered again with a win by **JP Cuvelier** and **Kien Ng**. This left us tied with 2.5 points each. Fortunately we had a strong last pair in **Terry Wright** and **Jim Suttie** and we needed one because the Hong Kong Club's **Roger Best** and **Simon Westbrook** put up a hell of a fight before succumbing on the 18th, where Terry and Jim's win gave us a 3.5 to 2.5 victory. And thus our mission was accomplished!



Hong Kong Club Golf Captain Don Roberts congratulating HKFC Golf Acting Captain Ian Petersen

This set the scene for celebrations over dinner with the Hong Kong Club team at the 19th hole in the Macau Golf and Country Club, on the turbojet back to Hong Kong and finally back in the Sportsman's Bar.

The whole match was played with the great spirit which always makes this one of our most enjoyable fixtures. ■

Golf Events: 2015 Schedule

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(As of 18th May 2015 – Subject to change when required)

June

01 Jun (Mon)

06 Jun (Sat)

15 Jun (Mon)

24 Jun (Wed)

July

11 Jul (Sat)

24 Jul (Fri)

18 Jul (Sat)

August

Aug (Wed)

29 Aug (Sat)

September

03 Sep (Thurs)

15 Sep (Tue)

Sep

26/27 (Sat/Sun)

October

05 Oct (Mon)

Oct

23-25 Oct (Fri-Sun)

November

06 Nov (Fri)

17 Nov (Tues)

Nov

28-29 Nov (Sat/Sun)

December

11 Dec (Fri)

17 Dec (Thur)

Match vs WAGS at Macau

Annual Club Championship at KSC North/Annual Dinner

Match vs Little Sai Wan at Macau

Walmsley Cup at KSC South/Annual General Meeting

Summer Cup at KSC East

Macau Golf & Country Club

Match vs USRC at KSC East

Xili Golf Club

President vs Chairman at KSC South

Clear Water Bay

KSC North

Match vs DBRGS at DB Date TBC

Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club at Lotus Hill

KSC East

Event Venue and Date TBC

Interport or Another Match Venue and Date TBC

Yinli, Dongguan, China

KSC North

Reunification Match at Lotus Hill Date TBC

Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

Match vs Country Club at KSC

Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay