



Kau Sai Chau East Outing

Tuesday 17th January 2017

With the weather distinctly cooling down, the attendance at this year's second golf outing to KSC East course dwindled a little.

Although with only 12 players in our group, we still had a quorum sufficient to play for the best Stableford competition as well as the customary nearest pins and longest drive prizes. So off we set into the rather chilly morning.

The 3 groupings were as follows:

**Phil Head, Nick Rickett
Jonny Brock, JP Cuvelier**

**Lily Chan, Lina Adrianse
Dominic Ng, Angela Koo**

**Diana Li, Deacon Manu
YP Soo, Darren Measures**

As normal, **Jonny** was feeling on top of his game and suggested a side match

in our group which saw myself and **Nick** take on **Jonny** and **JP**. It was all square until the beginning of the back 9 when myself and **Nick** pulled off some great birdies in succession to put us 3 up and eventually wining the match 2 and 1.

Lily's group consisted of three social players and herself, but that didn't stop her from shooting a competitive 33 Stableford points.

In the last group, we saw all four players hitting the ball consistently and all scoring in the mid 20's Stableford points, with **Deacon** leading the group with 26 points.

After collating the scorecards back in the clubhouse, the results were as follows:

- 1st **Lily Chan** 33 points
- 2nd **JP Cuvelier** 32 points on countback
- 3rd **Nick Rickett** 32 points

Best Gross **Jonny Brock** 83

The nearest pins and longest drives was a mixed bag of winners which is always nice to see:

- Hole 3: **Jonny Brock**
- Hole 5: **Darren Measures**
- Hole: 8 **Nick Rickett**
- Hole: 13 **Lily Chan**
- Hole: 15 **YP Soo**

- Longest Dive (Women) Hole 14: **Lily Chan**
- Longest Drive (Men) Hole 14: **Phil Head**

Another very enjoyable day on the golf course despite the chilly conditions.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**



HKFC Golf Society v FCC Golf Society

Kau Sai Chau North Course, Friday 20th January, 2017

With **Terry Wright** flitting between summer holidays in NZ and skiing in Niseko (tough life!), it fell to yours truly as Immediate Past Skipper to take the reins once more. The view that greeted us in Sai Kung as day broke was quite exceptional. We were in for a lovely day – let's hope the golf wouldn't let it down.

The respective captains squared off in the first match, but it was my trusty sidekick, **Anatole Le**, who did the damage, draining at least 4 long putts. We were 3 up after 3 and never looked back, eventually closing it out 6&5. The second match was a similar story with **Dallas Reid**'s consistency and **Kien Ng**'s support was too much for their FCC pairing. And when news came through of another fairly convincing victory in the 3rd flight, where **Nick Allen** and **Jenny Chapman** had played well and dovetailed even better, it would have been easy to have thought our work was done. But no....

In trudged star-golfer **Jonny Brock** and **Jim Suttie**, truly a banker of a pair if ever there was one. What marked out this defeat was Jonny's admission that he had not played

well, where normally it would be down to the opponents' banditry, the state of the course or some such. Fair play, **Jonny!** And they were followed in by Sai Kung stalwarts, **Iain Valentine** and **Guy Devenish**, who had been similarly vanquished.

Suddenly the match had taken on a new complexion and the result was very much in the balance with 2 flights to come; a win needed for the overall victory and a half needed for a tie and a slightly underwhelming retention.

Our next pair was the Tung Chung combo of veteran **Fiaz Magdoom** and newbie **Bill King**. Would they deliver? 3 down with 5 to go it would not have been looking good, but a remarkable comeback had them 1 up going down the last – only to spray their drives on 18 leading to a tied rubber. At least the tie was secured but the overall match was going down to the wire!

Our anchor pairing was the gritty **Andrew Wood** and partner **Gordon Marsden**. And never should we have doubted them. Off to a strong start, their lead had been cut back and had a few more putts dropped for FCC

this could have been very close but luck was on our side and the victory was secured.

In the end, the match score read a seemingly comfortable 4½ - 2½ but that didn't tell the full story of a well-earned victory against competitive opponents. Well played everyone!

■ **Duncan Spooner**



Palm Island Golf Event

Friday 3rd February 2017

It was a very early start for nine keen and intrepid golfers, who rose early to board the 7am bus to the China border, in order to catch the 8.30am shuttle bus to Palm Island Golf Resort, which is 45 minutes from the border.

Unfortunately I had an early evening flight to India so was unable to join the group, but saw them off and handed over the prizes to **Jonny Brock**, who kindly stepped in as Golf Event Organiser for the day.

The three groups were **Jonny Brock** (el capitan) **Terry Wright** and **Kien Ng**; followed by **Peggy Chan**, **Mary Soo** and **Lucia Tse**; and bringing up the rear were **YP Soo**, **Tom Yuen** and **Don Roberts**.

The course layout normally consists of three 9 holes (A, B and C), but under the new regulations, the course was renovated to 18 holes, which made playing on C course a bit dodgy due to maintenance work, although the B course was in excellent condition.

The rounds were played very quickly (under 4 hours) and much to the pleasure of the players, it was played entirely without rain.

The Stableford winners were as follows:

1st - **YP Soo** (37 pts); 2nd - **Terry Wright** (34 pts on count back)
3rd - **Kien Ng** (28 pts)

Best Gross: **Jonny Brock** (78) Worst Gross: **Mary Soo** (117)



Nearest pins winners were as follows:

Mary Soo, Peggy Chan, Jonny Brock and **Terry Wright**

Longest drive winners were **Terry Wright** and **Lucia Tse**.

Many thanks to **Jonny Brock** for standing in as Golf Event Organiser for the day, and well done to all the players for making the day so enjoyable.

See you at the next event.

■ **Phil and Jonny, Golf Event Organiser(s)**

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