



LEFT:
Four perfectly placed tee shots on the 2nd hole



Kau Sai Chau North

Monday 20th February

Summer has arrived! Well that's how it felt as we teed off on the perilously hard KSC North course.

The sun was shining brightly and the temperature was in the low 20's, utter bliss for a day on the golf course.

We had a full complement of 16 players of all abilities competing for the best stableford points competition as well as the usual nearest pins and longest drive prizes.

It was also fantastic to see a few new faces taking part in this golf event, namely **Paul Simons, Jeff Lane, Mel and Dave Watt, Dori Dainton and Liz Dendle.**

With the perfect golf weather, the scores were expected to be low but the North course has a tendency to disrupt even the best golfers despite the fantastic conditions.

Jonny Brock came in with an 82 to win best gross score, not up to his normal high standard.

Dallas "Lipout" Reid was very unfortunate with his putting as at least 6 putts lipped out to prevent him from being in contention.

I had a few shanks come back into my short game which made scoring rather difficult,

although I did manage to scramble a par after a rather horrific shank on my approach to the par 4 15th hole.

But the contenders for this event were the pairings of **JP Cuvelier** and **Alastair Murray** who both scored 34 stableford points, as well as **Nick Rickett** and **Jenny Chapman** who both scored 35 stableford points.

After a quick calculation on the count backs, it was **JP Cuvelier** who came in 3rd place, **Jenny Chapman** 2nd place and the event's winner was **Nick Rickett.**

Nearest pins and longest drives prizes were as follows.

NP 3 **Melanie Watt**
NP 7 **Dallas Reid**
NP 11 **Jenny Chapman**
NP 14 **Dallas Reid**

LDM 10 **Jonny Brock**
LDW 10 **Liz Dendle**

Thanks again to the weather for the most glorious golf conditions so far this year.

Look forward to seeing more of you at the next golf event.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**



HKFC Golf Society vs HK Seniors Golf Society

Monday 13th March, Macau Golf and Country Club

Thick fog and a slow ferry crossing greeted the HKFC Golf team as they headed to Macau to defend the glittering gold trophy that we contest with the HK Seniors Society.

Late withdrawals saw the contest reduced to 5 matches and a bit of player reshuffling, so the Belgian traitor **JP Cuvelier** manoeuvred his way up the field by playing for the Seniors.

The first match saw the strong pairing of **Duncan Spooner** and **Anatole Le** get out to an early lead which they never relinquished, keeping the match under control throughout and closing it out 3 and 2 on the 16th hole.

The next flight had HKFC Captain **Terry Wright** paired with debutante **Lily Chan** against **Russ Julseth** and the traitor **JP Cuvelier**. Russ was out of the blocks fast with a par (net birdie) on the first hole, one of 5 pars in the first 8 holes, which had **Chan** and **Wright** reeling and just hanging in there as **Lily** parred the 9th to get HKFC back to 1 down at the turn. Unfortunately shortly after the turn **JP** put away the banana he had been using to shape his shots and remembered how to hit the ball straight. It was a tough fight with birdies having to be holed just to halve the hole, but inevitably **JP** and **Russ** closed this out 3 and 2 in a match where they were never behind.

1 match all and the third HKFC pairing of **Weener** and **McSweeney** seemed likely to be good for the next point after being 4 up at the turn. A quick update on the 15th revealed that lead had been slashed to just 1 up. They clung to this slim margin right through to 18 where **Warren Weener** scrambled a 6 (second ball birdie) to halve the hole and come through to win by the slimmest of margins, 1 up. HKFC 2 - HK Seniors 1.

Jonny Brock and **Andrew Wood** knew they had a challenge when **Robert Barber** and **KY Lau** both started long and straight off the tee. With **Woody** a bit off his game on the front 9 and **Jonny** giving away shots they found themselves 3 holes down at the turn. Even with **Woody's** game returning on the back 9 they still found themselves 3 down with 4 to play. Closing strongly, it was back to all square on the 18th tee. Watching **Robert Barber** drain his 20 footer on 18 for a par net birdie would have rattled some but **Brock** stepped up and drained his 4ft birdie putt to halve the hole and the match. Fitting finish to a very hard fought contest. HKFC 2½ - HK Seniors 1½.

Dallas Reid and **Kien Ng** were also confronted early on by their opponents outdriving them straight down the middle of the fairway. **Robert Noble** and **Paul Lindau** laid down the gauntlet but fortunately

Dallas and **Kien** were up to the task and had to work hard, but emerged as 2 and 1 winners in another tight encounter.

The final match was unable to be contested due to a late Seniors withdrawal, so the final result of a generally tight and hard fought encounter was a win to HKFC 3 ½ matches to HK Seniors 1 ½ and the trophy retained for another year.

Thanks to our very capable opponents, HK Seniors, and especially to Macau GCC for their patience with all our late changes.

■ Terry Wright



Sharp first flight



Trophy returns

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