

Clearwater Bay Golf Event

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

■ Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser



The Team



Dallas, Jonny, Terry

Golf Heaven, this is the way I like to describe Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club. Without doubt it has to be my favourite golf course in HK.

The stunning vistas overlooking the South China Sea really are incredibly impressive.

Luckily we had a break in the recent wet weather with only the first of 6 groupings receiving a heavy shower on the first tee. The weather was just perfect thereafter.

We had a full compliment of 24 golfers signed up for the first of two events scheduled for Clearwater Bay this year.

1st, 2nd and 3rd best stableford positions were up for grabs as per normal as well as nearest pins on all par 3's and longest drive on hole 13.

Myself, **Jonny Brock**, **Terry Wright** and **Dallas Reid** set off first and after the initial downpour which had us all completely drenched we were getting into the swing of things with a side game of Casino orchestrated by Jonny keeping us all fully engaged on this beautiful but challenging course.

We were all hitting so well that we all managed to hit the green in 1 on the short par 4, 16th hole, with only Jonny missing out on his birdie.

Second to tee off were **Alistair Murray**, **Johnny Lam**, **Stephen Bottomley** and **Jonathan Banks**. **Bankseeeeeeee** (as he is affectionately known to his friends) being a member had lots of on course experience so was a sure bet for one of the best stableford prizes.

We then saw **Allyson Ko**, **Dorothy Lam**, **Don Roberts** and **Allan Homeming** tee off just as the glorious sunny weather was peeking through the clouds, which would surely make scoring lower on this course a tad easier.

The last three pairings consisted of: Patrick Watts, Guy Devenish, David Watt, Steve Lee.

Michael Hamlyn, Greg Cornfield, Darren Measures, Glenn Smith

Owen Davis, Shauna Davis, Rebecca Wong, Jonathan Li

Back in the clubhouse after a very quick round of only 4 hours, the scorecards started to filter in and with **Terry Wrights** 40 points already in 1st place it was looking like our 4 ball had the winner until **Guy Devenish** steals the event with a whopping 44 stableford points.

After a stewards enquiry the score was more than enough to win the event with **Terry Wright** coming in 2nd with 40 points, and **Alistair Murray** a close 3rd with 39 points.

Jonny Brock was our best gross scorer with a fantastic 72.

Nearest pins and longest drives winners were as follows:

NP#1	David Watt
NP#4	Dallas Reid
NP#6	Jonny Brock
NP#11	Steve Lee
NP#14	Steve Lee
NP#16	Jonny Brock
LDM#13	Jonny Brock
LDW#13	Dorothy Lam

Well done to all players who took part in a really fun event and a huge THANK YOU to both **Ian Petersen** for securing such a great deal with Clearwater Bay and to Clearwater Bay for accommodating us.

Happy Golfing

Petersen Texas Scramble Cup

Thursday 1st June 2017, Eden Course, Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling

This is without a doubt the most popular and fun social golf event on the HKFC golfing calendar.

Initiated by **Ian Petersen** in 2015 this event has grown from strength to strength, starting off being played at Kau Sai Chau and now a permanent fixture being played on one of

the Hong Kong Golf Club's courses in Fanling.

This event was rearranged from 4th May 2017 when we had been unfortunate enough to have a black rainstorm scupper it just as we were about to set off on the bus from the Club to Fanling.



Steve Knight, Ian Petersen and Ralph Giulianotti



Winning Team: Jonny Brock, Mel Watt, Johnny Lam



2nd place team



3rd place team

A total of 27 golfers, split into 9 teams of 3 players were competing for the Petersen Texas Scramble Cup, which was won last year by yours truly and my motley team of players.

Scores are generally pretty low in a Texas Scramble as each team member has a chance to hit each shot producing a lot of birdie chances.

The groupings were as follows:

Ian Petersen, Ralph Guilanotti, Stephen Knight
Jessica Lam, Paul Casey, Nagrani
Phil Head, Darren Measures, Heather Deayton
Terry Wright, Andrew McColl, Angela Koo
Jonny Brock, Melanie Watt, Johnny Lam
Stephen Bottomley, Jenny Chapman, Dominic Ng
Tom McColl, Gordon Marsden, Lawrence Chong
Chris Burley, Gilbert Collins, David Watt
Don Rider, Allan Homeming, Gus Emmerson

There was plenty of time for a good warm up and/or breakfast before we started teeing off at just after 12 noon.

Fortunately the golfing Gods were with us on the day with the sun shining and blisteringly hot temperatures, so the use of golf buggies was definitely recommended.

I was fortunate enough to be playing with the squash legend **Heather Deayton** and my good buddy **Darren Measures** and we started well scoring 2 under par after the front 9. Alas the back 9 consisted of a plethora of bogey's bringing our total score to 75, 5 over par.

Nevertheless, remarkably our team was in 1st place when we arrived back at the clubhouse, although we had a feeling that our score would not remain in contention for long for one of the prizes.

Our hunch proved correct as the rest of the groupings slowly trickled in with both **Terry Wright** and **Chris Burley's** group carding 73s. **Tom McColl's** group came home with a 71 and the top score of the day was **Jonny Brock's** team with an even par 70.

Taking into account each team's handicap the final standings were as follows:

1st	Jonny Brock, Melanie Watt, Johnny Lam 63
2nd	Tom McColl, Gordon Marsden, Lawrence Chong 65
3rd	Terry Wright, Andrew McColl, Angela Koo 66

To add to the fun we had a few sleeves of balls for the winners of mixed nearest pins on holes 5 and 17 and Men's and Women's longest drives on hole 7, the winners were as follows:

NP 5 **Tom McColl**

NP 17 **Jenny Chapman**

LDM 7 **Gordon Marsden**

LDW 7 **Jenny Chapman**

A BIG THANK YOU to Hong Kong Golf Club for allowing us to hold this event at Fanling and for putting on a sumptuous post match dinner in the restaurant and to **Ian Petersen** for securing such a fantastic deal with the Golf Club and sponsoring the Petersen Texas Scramble Cup.

Looking forward to seeing you all again next year. ■ **Phil Head**

HKFC Annual Golf Club Championships 2017

Saturday 10th June 2017, KSC North Course

It was a swelteringly hot day with temperatures reaching 33 degrees at KSC North course for this year's annual club championships.

16 men players and 8 women players were competing to be the best male and female golfers at the HKFC.

There were some very entertaining stories from the 4 flights of men players, **Callum Dunn**, stating that he should only be using his driver on 2 of the 18 holes as he always runs out of fairway, funnily enough he won the men's longest drive with a whopping 270 yard drive. **Jonny Brock** complaining of a complete swing meltdown resulting in some devastating ball flights.

The ladies players reported that they were all very nervous throughout the round, but still the 4 X women's champion, **Lily Chan** was on hot form.



Men's and Ladies Champions



Callum Dunn longest drive winner



Men's 1st and 2nd place winners



There were trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd best gross scores for both Men and Women but we also had prizes for best nett scores for both men and women.

Without doubt the bandito of the event was **James Riordan** playing off a 20 handicap who managed to nett a 68 to win best nett event.

The Nett score winners were as follows:

Men	1st	James Riordan	68
	2nd	Anatole Le	75
	3rd	Jonathan Li	77
Women	1st	Lana Woo	
	2nd	Elsa Lee	

This years HKFC Champions were as follows:

Men	1st	Terry Wright	82
	2nd	Dallas Reid	84
	3rd	Jonny Brock	86

Women	1st	Lily Chan	99
	2nd	Dorothy Lam	103
	3rd	Allyson Ko	104

Longest drive on hole 8 was won by **Callum Dunn** and **Lily Chan** and the nearest pin on hole 14 by **Jonathan Li**.

The most birdies prize was equally shared by 5 players, **James Riordan, Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid, Terry Wright** and **Duncan Spooner**.

Trueform Golf very kindly sponsored two additional special prizes, which were won by **Greg Brutus** and **Katy Spooner**, a BIG THANK YOU to Trueform Golf.

Thank you to KSC who very kindly arranged a special area for our prize presentation which we held at the golf club this year.

Congratulations to all our winners this year and hope to see you and a few more players at next years annual club championships.

■ **Phil Head**

HKFC vs HK Club

Monday 8th May, Macau

Mild temperatures and a cool breeze greeted our golfers in Macau for this match against an old foe the HK Club on Monday 8th May. Conditions were good for golf apart from the gentle breeze that became a strong head wind on the very long back to back par fives – holes 12 and 13.

First off for HKFC **Duncan Spooner** and **John Banks** leading the charge. 3 good tee shots in this group were easily flown by Duncan's huge copybook PGA quality draw. Hence we were very surprised to hear afterwards it was actually **John Banks** that carried the team for the first few holes (at least they were John's words) with Duncan contributing well later in the round for a hard fought win over **Simon Cox** and **Stephen Eno** 2 and 1.

The next group contained the two captains with **Terry Wright** and **Guy Devenish** against HK Club Captain **Don Roberts** and **Mike Sanders**. HKFC, 1 down after 1 hole, looking shaky and Guy was having big problems getting his drives to leave the ground. He found the solution on the 3rd tee by smacking another ground ball that hit the ladies tee marker and launched into orbit – its probably still coming down! Even with those unusual tactics to unsettle Don and Mike the HKFC pair had to wait till the end of the front 9 to get ahead but then managed to outlast their opponents for a 5 and 4 victory.

Flight 3 was the Fox in the Henhouse. **Jonny Brock** partnering **Jenny Chapman** against the HK Club's **Callie Botsford** and **Karen Moore**.

Jonny confident that he and Jenny had it under control despite him giving away a lot of shots and appropriately many yards off the tee. A quick check with Jonny as he played his 2nd shot on the 13th hole from the 14th fairway revealed a slightly less confident golfer worried he and Jenny were 1 under par yet the match was still only all square??? The match ground slowly on from there with neither team giving an inch until Jonny and Jenny came away deserved winners 1 up on the 18th. Both teams acknowledged some fine golf in a fierce contest. HKFC 3 – 0 HK Club.

The next 2 matches saw comfortable wins 4 and 3 to HKFC's **Warren Weener** and **Fiaz Magdoom** over **Tom Greer** and **Mike Button**. **Stanley Szeto** and **Gordon Marsden** winning by the same margin over **Bob Wallace** and **Nick Allen**.

One match left on the course but **Andrew Wood** and **Stephen Bottomley** snatched the last chance of a win away from **Craig Chapman** and **Robert Noble** with a 2 and 1 victory on the 17th hole.

A 6-0 win to HKFC that did not truly reflect how hard fought these matches were. **Don Roberts** reflected the result did not reflect the strength of his team on paper but the camaraderie afterwards was a better reflection of how close the teams were and indeed with several players that are members of both clubs this fixture will remain popular for many years to come.

HKFC vs WAGS

Monday 22th May, Macau GCC

The annual match against "The Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society" (WAGS) is relatively new to our golf calendar but is becoming one of our toughest battles and the 2017 version was no exception. It's fair to say the WAGS captain **Brian Moss** has a wide array of golfers in his society but he knows how to combine some of these unique golfers into a very effective team.

The Club were led out by **JP Cuvelier** and **Kien Ng** who battled hard on the front nine to turn all square. However a purple patch of form after the turn from our favourite **Belgian** saw JP with a chip in on 10 and a birdie on 11 to dominate the rest of the match to win 5&3 over **Garry Kemp** and **Seb Hughes**.

Terry Wright and **Ali Murray** were next up and steady golf assisted by a timely birdie from Ali



on 11 saw this team hold on to win 3&2 despite a late chip in birdie from **Duncan Paul** on the 15th. 2 up after 2 matches and things seem to be tracking well for the Club at this stage.

Dallas Reid normally a fairly solid bet was next out with **John Banks**. Unfortunately a rare off day for Dallas and John was never going to be enough in a very difficult match with **Brian Moss** and **Steve Warwick** who did not miss a beat closing this one out very early. Still 2-1 to HKFC no need for concern.

Fiaz Magdoom and **Stephen Bottomley** unfortunately were not able to reverse this trend

finding the steady golf of teaching pro **Derek Crampton** and his partner **Stefan Fischer** too tough in a narrow 2&1 loss.

That's OK surely the ever reliable **Jonny Brock** and **Andrew Wood** to the rescue in match 5. This one was in doubt all the way to the 18th with both Jonny and Woody having 4 foot putts on the last to halve the match. Apparently the 18th at Macau is a very difficult place to sink a 4 foot putt to halve a match with both missing to give Li and Kan from WAGS a narrow 1 up victory.

After a promising start for HKFC, WAGS are now in the box seat ahead 3-2 with just **Anatole Le** and **Chris Burley** left on the course to win the final point to hopefully halve the match. Unfortunately their heads down body language walking into the clubhouse was no bluff and the final WAGS pair of Carter and Helms had pulled off a 4th straight point to see WAGS the eventual winner 4-2 in a tough match.

Oh well there's always next year !!!!

■ **Terry Wright**

HKFC vs Little Sai Wan

Monday 19th June, Kau Sai Chau East Course

This eagerly awaited match has a slightly different flavour to our normal contests. Gone is the security of having a partner to fall back on when times get tough – this is 1 on 1 matchplay, twelve matches. The week of torrential rain that preceded this event left many of the players doubting this would even happen. Indeed more torrential rain at 9am delayed the start and created further doubts.

Fortunately that downpour was the last we would see of any real rain so golf was now underway. The course looked great but a week of rain made the course soft and very wet making finding a good drive on the fairway a challenge at times with plugged balls very much the order of the day.

A good match up of golf talent and handicaps saw none of the 12 matches giving or receiving any more than 3 shots so this contest would be decided by good golf rather than good handicaps.

Phil Head and **Terry Wright** first out after **Dallas** and **Jonny** got lost getting coffee in the rain delay. Phil always in command over **Vance Lee** with a 4&3 victory. Terry following suit with a solid 3&2 win after good birdies on holes 1 and 2 allowed him to create some early pressure and beat **Nigel Farmer**.

Jonny and Dallas slipping back into the field next with Jonny playing excellent golf to beat a difficult opponent **Derek Crampton** 5&4 and finish 1 over par for the round. Dallas also playing great golf to be 2 over the card at the turn and 3up in his match with **Phil Carter**. A late surge and a 1 under par back nine from Phil was not enough to turn this one around and Dallas hung on to win 1 up. HKFC 4 – LSW 0.

Bill King dominated his match over **Barry Jones** to win 4&3 but the other match in this flight saw the first signs of a revival for LSW. HKFC's



Tom McColl went toe to toe against **Notker Schmid** in a titanic struggle that went to the last putt on the last green where they still couldn't be separated – a very honourable halve. Both players looked shattered after this match. Thank goodness for the recuperative qualities of a nice cold beer!
HKFC 5 ½ - LSW ½

The beginning of a comeback for the ages for LSW ??? Unfortunately NO with the LSW captain **JP Cuvelier** sealing their fate and going down to **Duncan Spooner** 4&3 in a match between 2 golfers who are both members of the 2 societies. **Anatole Le** against **David Collins** showed it doesn't matter how you get the job done by halving the 18th in double bogeys to hang on for a 1 up victory for Anatole.

The main event for LSW turned up in the form of **Lorenz Zimmerman** who gave **Stephen Bottomley** a very tough time recording LSW's first point with a strong 6&5 win. **Nick Allen** from HKFC was quick to restore order with an equally impressive 5&3 win over **Noel Prentice**.

The last 2 matches went the way of LSW with Society President **Ian Petersen** feeling sorry for LSW and going down 4&3 to **Martin Rinderknecht** and **Jon Banks** fighting to the end to suffer a very narrow defeat to **Don Roberts** who finished 1 up.

An enjoyable match in tough conditions but 24 golfers happy to have played without too much of the rain that had seemed inevitable. For this match to have even taken place at all shows what a great golf facility we have at Kau Sai Chau so big thanks to all those at KSC that work so hard to allow us to play golf pretty much all year round despite the challenges regularly thrown at them by Hong Kong's weather.

■ **Terry Wright**