



Yinli Golf Event

Tuesday 8th August

Nick smashing his tricky bunker shot on the 18th hole.



Don admiring his approach shot on the hardest hole on the course.

This was the 3rd time I had organised a Golf Society outing to Yinli and yet again the course was an absolute delight to play. Although it is a 60 minute drive into China from the Huanggang border the effort is very much worth it. The greens were in fantastic condition as were the fairways with only 3 being a little scarce of grass. Our caddies were also top notch with their reads of the green and club selection spot on.

First off were myself, **Nick Rickett**, **Albert Lam** and **Don Roberts**. The weather was perfect for shooting low scores so Nick and myself threw down the gauntlet for a side matchplay game.

I stumbled at the 2nd hole and dropped a couple of shots but was able to keep it stable thereafter as Nick faulted on a few more holes than he would have liked and I was 3 up after the turn. The back 9 was a bogey free, level par for me which secured a 6 and 5 win over Nick. Fantastic tee shots on the par 3 holes 8 and 15 from Nick, the latter of which he birdied. Don was also able to secure the nearest the pin on the very tricky 12th hole which boasted an incredibly difficult step green. Albert too had a very good front 9 by accumulating 23 points but unfortunately the back 9 saw a few errors creep



And waiting for applause.

into his game, probably caused by the searing sun and heat.

Second to tee off were **Martin** and **Gail Wright**, **Alan Homeming** and **Johnny Lam**. Alan was on top form as he managed to accumulate 19 stableford points on the front 9 and 21 points on the back 9 putting him in contention for one of the top 3 winning positions. Gail managed to win the women's longest drive competition on hole 18 with a monster drive splitting the fairway.

Last to tee off were **Andy Ho**, **Desmond Ko**, **Margaret Man** and **Alfred Tsai**. Andy was playing some great golf, no doubt being egged

on by his playing partner Desmond and was able to score 18 points on the front 9 and 22 points on the back 9, putting both Andy and Alan both on 40 points.

Once back in the clubhouse we only had 45 minutes to shower, and grab a bite to eat or to get a quick drink before we all jumped on the 3pm return shuttle bus. After a quick tally of the scorecards the final standings were announced with myself pipping both Andy and Alan to win the event with 42 stableford points, Andy coming 2nd on count back with 40 points and Alan a very close 3rd place. The best gross score went to Nick Rickett with 88.

Nearest pins and longest drives as follows.

NP 3	Phil Head
NP 8	Nick Rickett
NP 12	Don Roberts
NP 15	Nick Rickett
LD M 18	Phil Head
LD W 18	Gail Wright

Thanks again Yinli for providing us with an exceptionally good value for money golf outing. The course is fantastic with lots of interesting holes and fun dog legs, and the caddies were brilliant. The only down side was that the drink stops were all closed so it took us 9 holes to realise we had to call for the mobile drinks kiosk to come to us. We've learnt that for next time....

See you all at the next event.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**

Singles Match Play Event on KSC South

Saturday 26th August

Nestled perfectly between two Typhoons we were lucky enough to be able to play a slightly different format than was advertised, a singles match play event between two equally handicapped teams of 11 players. Originally this event was to be the Annual Presidents

v Chairmans Cup but as both President and Chairman were both out of town we improvised with this challenging format.

So, each player played a match play event against his or her opponent with handicaps. To keep everyone involved we also had those players without a valid handicap compete in

the event too which made this event a little bit more fun.

As the big fight was being held the following morning between **McGregor** and **Mayweather** we conveniently named our teams after the boxers, My team being **Mayweather** and **YP Soo's** team being **McGregor**. **Ding Ding**, and off we went.

In the first grouping, YP Soo was matched against myself and as I was giving him 9 strokes I was going to have to play well to



compete which I did and was all square up until the 16 hole where 2 errant shots lost me 2 consecutive holes resulting in a 2/1 win for YP.

Tommy Yuen was playing against **Declan McDaid** with Declan taking an early lead which he was able to maintain throughout the round resulting in a 4/3 win for Declan.

In the 2nd group we had **Malou Waldie** take on **James Riordan** with Malou giving James 3 shots. This was going to be a very interesting match with the very competent Malou playing off the red tees making the south course very short but James was able to hold his own to take his match 4/3.

In the same grouping **Owen Davis** was matched against **Don Rider** with Don taking a confident 5/4 victory.

Third to tee off was **Richard Lant** who didn't have an official handicap, playing against seasoned golfer **Richard Neish** There was only 1 shot difference with Richard Lant giving Richard Neish 1 shot. This turned out to be a

very tight match with Richard Neish taking the victory 3/2.

Greg Brutus had the daunting task of taking on **Mary Soo** with Mary having 1 shot advantage, well done Mary for taking a close win 2/1.

Lily Chan and **Lana Woo** were pitted against each other in the 4th match, with Lily taking this match to the 18th and winning 1 up, great game girls.

Shauna Davis was playing against **Quentin Burrows** with Shauna having a 3 shot advantage, and this also proved to be a very tight game with Quentin sneaking a win 2/1.

Allyson Ko was playing against **Dorothy Lam**, with Allyson giving 3 shots to Dorothy with Dorothy taking full advantage of those shots with a convincing 6/5 win.

The last 2 pairings were our social players **Peggy Chan** playing against **Lucia Lee** with Peggy taking victory 6/5 and, **Angela Koo** versus husband **Dominic Ng**, with Dominic taking the win 6/5.

So with all the scores in and team points tallied up, it was team Mayweather taking the overall win 7 1/2 to 3 1/2.

As per usual there were nearest the pins on all par 3s and longest drive on hole 18, the winners were as follows.

NP hole 2	Dorothy Lam
NP hole 5	Don Roberts
NP hole 11	Owen Davis
NP hole 16	No one
LDM hole 18	Phil Head
LDW hole 18	Allyson Ko

A big well done to everyone who took part in the revamped tournament and to the KSC greens staff who managed to keep the course playable after Typhoon Hato wreaked havoc on HK and Macau.

Until the next event.

Happy golfing

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**



Firstly, a BIG THANKYOU must go to **YP** and **Mary Soo** for being Xili members and thus enabling the Golf Society to play on this glorious golf course.

The transport logistics proved to be a tad tricky to arrange as only eight spaces were available on the courtesy shuttle bus from HK Island Shangri-La Hotel directly to Xili golf club. Luckily I was able to arrange alternative transportation to the club for the remaining six players, which unfortunately wasn't utilised coming back from the club.

Unfortunately we were not so lucky with the weather on this year's first outing to the super luxurious, amazingly well manicured, Shangri-La operated Xili golf course, as soon as we arrived the heavens opened and the first 4 holes were a real struggle as gloves and every other apparel were soaked through making keeping hold of the club very difficult.



There were 4 groups of 4 players playing in this event and first to tee off were myself , **Jessica Lam, Dallas Reid and Jonny Brock.**

Dallas seemed to manage just fine in the inclement weather, and didn't drop a shot throughout the downpour. Alas, his playing partner **Jonny Brock** didn't fare as well and dropped 3 shots within as many holes. Jess and myself, who were playing a side match with both Dallas and Jonny, managed to weather the storm well and took an early lead in the Casino game we were playing and managed to keep hold of it throughout the match with some brilliant dovetailing on a few holes which resulted in our team being slightly more cash rich at the end of the day. However, Dallas managed to play some incredibly consistent golf especially considering he was fighting jet lag from Europe but still managed to shoot a 75 and went into contention with 40 stableford points. Jess was also playing some fantastic golf, with some brilliant approach shots to help her also achieve 40 points.

The second group to tee off were **YP Soo, Michael Button, Alan Homeming and Tommy Hau** and with YP's local course knowledge we could expect a few low scores, and Michael didn't disappoint by shooting a 91 for 35 stableford points. It's wasn't YP's day though as he came home with only 18 points, not the norm for YP.

In the third grouping only **Albert Lam** was competing in the stableford competition as **Man Shu Bor, Margaret Man and Alfred Tsai** were all social players enjoying the beautiful golf course. Albert managed to score 28 points which wouldn't be enough to place him in contention for the prizes.

Last off were **Nicci Button**, again the only player in this 4 ball competing, as well as **Dominic Ng, Angela Koo and Wai Ming Lam.** With time being very tight as the shuttle bus left Xili at 2.30pm sharp, this grouping did very well to just finish in time, although no time for a shower.



Once the majority of our players were on the shuttle bus back, I was able to collate all the scores and we managed an impromptu prize presentation. **The final standings were as follows.**

- 1st Dallas Reid 40 points (count back)
- 2nd Jess Lam 40 points
- 3rd Michael Button 35 points

Best Gross Jonny Brock 81

- NP #D6 Michael Button
- NP #D9 Margaret Tsai
- NP #A5 Alan Homeming
- NP #A8 Phil Head

- LDM #A3 YP Soo
- LDW #A3 Nicci Button

Once again this golf course, clubhouse and seamless shuttle bus service was just exceptional in every way.

We look forward to coming back again soon.

See you at the next event.

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