

Photo obviously taken on the first tee as everyone is both smiling, and relatively sweat-free. Note the very "helpful" Hot Weather notice, as if it had slipped our attention.



Dallas took this plugged lie under the lip of a bunker with his usual calm golfing demeanour. Luckily there were no children about!



Kau Sai Chau East Course, Pairs Team Stableford Golf Event

This was the 2nd time we have run this event which requires a team of two players adding together their stableford points resulting in a combined team stableford score, all very simple really, but that wasn't to stop several participants wanting to change the format to unnecessarily complicate matters, thanks **Jonny** and **Andrew**!

Anyway off we set on a scorching hot day with the sun shining, perfect golfing weather.

Myself and my unruly partner **Jonny Brock** were the first to tee off alongside **Dallas Reid** who was partnering **JP Cuvelier**, both teams having a great track record winning not only singles club championships but also team events, things were going to get interesting on the course.

Myself and Jonny started well with a birdie on the first hole from me which didn't let up through-out the round as I passed the 9 hole

mark 1 under par and my partner not too far behind me. The round continued well until the 17th where I dropped a shot to put me level par and disaster struck on the 18th tee box with the nerves of a par round taking its toll and me topping the ball into the ravine, ultimately ending 2 over par with 39 stableford points. Jonny right behind me with a competitive 37 points for a team total of 76 stableford points.

Dallas and JP had also fared well throughout the round, with some excellent dovetailing team work which resulted in a team score of 70 stableford points.

Second to tee off were old stalwarts of the Golf Society, **Don Rider** and **Alastair Murray** partnering up, and playing against new comer to the Golf Society **Jukka Hakli** (welcome Jukka) partnering with **Johnny Lam**. The experience of Don and Ali was evident with both players amassing a team score of 54

points, with Jukka and Johnny only managing 47 points.

This left the last group of **Duncan Spooner** and **Andrew Wood** to try to beat our leading score. Both players doing a great job but with the heat apparently affecting both players a little they were only able to accumulate a total team score of 73 points, putting themselves into 2nd position in the overall rankings, with Dallas and JP taking 3rd place and myself and Jonny winning this years Pairs Team Stableford Event.

Nearest Pins and Longest Drive winners were as follows:

NP 3	Dallas Reid
NP 5	Duncan Spooner
NP 8	Duncan Spooner
NP 13	JP Cuvelier
NP 15	Jonny Brock
LD 14	Jonny Brock

Well done everyone for taking part in the fun event and look forward to seeing you all on the golf course soon.

Happy golfing.

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**

HKFC vs Discovery Bay Residents Society

Monday 11th September – Discovery Bay Golf Club

A nice day and a pleasant ferry ride greeted our golfers that made the journey to Discovery Bay. Always a difficult team to play on their home turf this DB Res team looked no different.

Leading off for HKFC was our own local DB member **Nick Allen** with **Matthew Burke**. DB Res captain **YB Rai** and experienced

campaigner **Rob Henderson** proving too tough though with YB going low and Rob chiming in where needed to triumph 4 and 2.

A HKFC rugby combo was next up with **Terry Wright** and **Tom Hayman** eventually wearing down **Vladimir** and **Elena Bondar**. Tom landing some crushing blows (figuratively) on the back nine to take this match for HKFC, 3 and 2.

Jonny Brock was next teamed with our 2nd DB regular **Jenny Chapman** to battle with DB's **Wayne** and **Janelle Weber**. There was nothing in this match all the way to the 18th hole where these two teams still could not be separated so an honourable half was recorded.

After 3 matches all tied up HKFC 1.5 – DB Res 1.5.



Dallas Reid and Kien Ng had the pleasant company of Kung Winchester and Annie Wong for their match but the unenviable task of trying to beat them. These girls are good



Duncan Spooner and Brian MacDougall bringing home a strong 4 and 2 victory over Joe McNeill and Jonny Balfour in a match they always had under control.

One fourball left on the course and the match all square at 2 and a half points each. The confident smile on YB Rai's face gave away the fact that this last match was not all square coming down 18 as he suggested as unfortunately Stanley Szeto and Anatole Le had lost on the 17th going down 2 and 1 to Richard Febeous and Lalit Limbu. So overall a narrow loss 3.5 to 2.5 to our only regular opponent that can boast home turf advantage.

A very pleasant aftermatch was shared with our opponents and hosts who with the help of some generous sponsorship from James Whale of Pegasus Food Futures provided food and beverages and an array of prizes. Thanks YB and DB Residents for being great hosts.

and they play DB a lot so despite some good golf Dallas and Kien found themselves 2 down after 18.

Great bounce back for HKFC next match with



Ryder Bowl 2017

An early start with hot steamy weather greeted the HKFC team heading confidently to Lotus Hill with eight of last year's team back to defend the trophy against the HK American Club.

Day One: Four Ball Better Ball – 5 points available

Ryan Black and Anatole Le lead off for HKFC against the tough pairing of Nicholas Lock (Capt) and Darian Yip. 18 holes was not enough to decide this with the match ending all square. Terry Wright and Nick Allen followed in another tight match against Adam Groen and Wilson Chu. The match went down to the last putt on the last green with the American Club coming out on top 1 up. Next up JP Cuvelier and Andy Ho for HKFC battling the experience of Sandy MacKintosh and the unpredictability of Bill Huai. This match was close at the turn but with Bill shooting one over par for the back nine it became a rather comfortable win to the American Club 4 and 3. Would Lee Wainwright and Owen Davis bring in the first HKFC win against Chris Satterfield and CF Yu? It looked good to the gallery when Lee holed a great putt on the 18th but alas it was for a valuable half not the win hoped for. Last match out had Jonny Brock and Andrew Wood up against Randall King and Richard Lo. With both teams low handicappers involved this was always going to be a good scrap. Jonny Brock played out of his skin individually carding a 4 under 68 and still needing to combine well with Woody for a much needed win 2up in an excellent match to close the day.

HKFC 2 – American Club 3. A big day needed on Sunday!

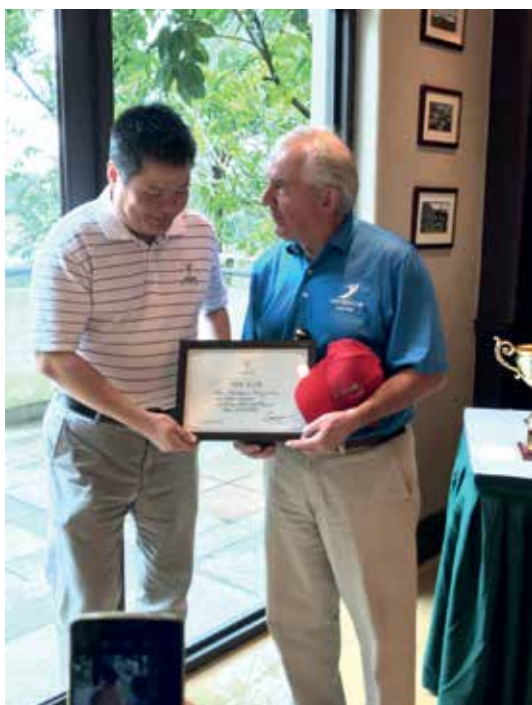
Day Two: Individual Matchplay – 10 points available

With the low handicappers out first, the day started with Jonny Brock and Randall King toe to toe again. Jonny held the upperhand most of the match but his extremely tenacious opponent came back from 2 down with 3 to play to steal the first point for the American Club with a 1 up win. Terry Wright battled Adam Groen through to the 17th where Adam was 2 up with 1 to play only to have the match conceded by Adam after revealing the 16 clubs he carried exceeded the maximum number of 14 allowed. A very honest but confusing concession and one big Get out of Jail Free card used there! HKFC 3 – Am Club 4

Ryan Black in the next group clearly exhausted from Saturday's efforts missed his tee time and after a sprint his caddie could not match he joined his group just in time on the 3rd hole having conceded the first 2. A great fight back saw him save his bacon and grind out a 1 up victory. Fellow HKFC golfer Lee Wainwright was clearly more unsettled by Ryan's non-appearance and went down 4 and 2 to some fine golf from Darian Yip. HKFC 4 – Am Club 5

Still trailing but when would the tide turn? JP Cuvelier having already played good golf against Sandy MacKintosh without a win on Saturday found form again but this time was rewarded with a 2 and 1 victory and Bill Huai who could not reproduce his magic of day one was beaten by HKFC's tenacious Anatole Le 1up. Two wins in this group. HKFC 6 - Am Club 5





Next group saw the first match halved with Andrew Wood and Chris Satterfield retreating to the safety of the bar after 10 holes after the appearance of a bit of thunder and lightning. Meanwhile Nick Allen was securing the point needed to retain the trophy with a solid 3 and 2 victory over the American Club Captain Nicholas Lock who was reminded quite clearly who was in charge very early on after Nick sank his tee shot on the 2nd hole for a magnificent hole in one. His second we believe - Congratulations Nick! Unfortunately Lotus Hill did not have the necessary champagne stocks to celebrate this appropriately. HKFC 7.5 – Am Club 5.5

The final group continued unaware of the confusion and drama in the lead groups but knowing their point may be significant. Unfortunately Owen Davis was forced to concede his match to CF Yu when he succumbed injured to a bad back. Andy Ho was left to battle out a good 2 and 1 win over Richard Lo not knowing of the unusual events and extraordinary golf shots in the earlier groups.

Final Result: Ryder Bowl Winners 2017 HKFC 8.5 – American Club 6.5

Another good but unusual contest to add to the Ryder Bowl history.

Quote of the Day: A fine golf contest between two clubs that was almost decided by sixteen clubs – Mr J Brock