

Deepwater Bay Xmas Gathering 2017



This was the last golf event of the year and is always very popular with this year being no exception drawing a full compliment of twenty-seven players.

The format of the day is normal stroke play minus your handicap but with only four clubs being allowed for each player; a putter and three clubs of your choice.

Although only a short course, Deepwater Bay is extremely tricky with plenty of green side bunkers and minuscule greens that are tricky to read. The key to shooting low in this event is the club selection and to be accurate and not to find any bunkers.

To keep out the winter chills and to get into the festive mood we all wore festive Xmas hats with **Mike Button** taking the best hat competition to new levels of silliness.

Teams of three players set out to do battle with themselves and the golf course, over a total of 9 tee times with the last group arriving just in time for our sumptuous roast Turkey Xmas lunch at 1.30pm. This was as usual an excellent affair and tremendous value for money.

So down to the winners...

Coming 3rd place on a count back was **James Riordan** with a nett 61

2nd place was **Steve Knight** with a nett 60

And this year, Xmas Gathering Champion **Heather Deayton** with a fantastic 59

For those of you who would like to know which four clubs Heather used..... five wood, eight iron, pitching wedge and a putter.

This year we also had prizes for best team score – **James McDaid / Alistair Murray / Don Rider**

Nearest to the pin on the second shot on hole 8 – **Jonny Brock**

Nearest Pin on Hole 12 – **Stephen Bottomley**

Most Birdies – Team **Phil Head / Matt Burke / Tom Hayman**

Once again an excellent day out full of festive cheer.

Many thanks to Deepwater Bay for accommodating us and to their F&B for an excellent lunch.

Hope to see you all in the NY.

Happy golfing.

■ **Phil**





We kicked off this year with a fun Texas Scramble event on KSC South Course which saw four teams of four players compete against each other.

Texas Scrambles involve 4-person teams, with everyone teeing off but each succeeding shot is played from the spot of the single best preceding shot. Team handicaps were total handicaps divided by eight.

The real kicker though, is that each player must play at least 4 drives which leads to a lot of strategic drive selection taking into account the relative strengths of each player, how many drives they have already taken, the lengths of the remaining holes etc etc.

With the ground rules all set, off we went with **Jonny Brock, Terence Mackey, Andrew Perrett** and **Lina Adrianse** teeing off first. Jonny was designated captain of this group and made a solid start with 5 birdies on the front 9 holes.

Second to tee off were Myself, **Heather Deayton, Bob Lloyd** and **Rosemary Hsu**, being captained by yours truly. We started off a little slower with 1 bogey and 1 birdie to come in level par after 9 holes.

Dallas Reid, James Riordan, Willian Tsui and **Johnny Lam** were next off under the guidance of their experienced captain Dallas Reid, with their team notching up 3 birdies in the first 9 holes.

Last but far from least were **Tom McColl, Alistair Murray, Scott Murray** and **Don Rider** who all had a slow start with 2 birdies on the front 9 but making up for this by sinking 4 birdies on the back 9.

Generally speaking the scores should be well under par for most 4 ball Texas Scrambles and with all the scores being submitted our event was no exception.

Coming in 4th place was my team scoring 1 under par for a gross score 68, nett score 57.

3rd place was team Dallas scoring 4 under par for a gross score 65, nett score 55.

2nd place on count back was Jonny Brock scoring 5 under par for a gross score 64, nett score 54.

1st place was Tom McColl's team scoring 6 under par for a gross score 63, nett score 54.

Nearest pins and longest drives winners were as follows:

NP 2 Terence Mackey	NP 5 Phil Head
NP 11 Jonny Brock	NP 16 Tom McColl
LD M 14 Jonny Brock	LD W 14 Heather Deayton

What a great and fun start to the 2018 Golf Society golf events.

Look out for more fun events throughout the year. Happy Golfing.

■ Phil



GOLF EVENTS - 2018 SCHEDULE

(As of 1st January 2018 - Subject to change when required)

JANUARY

05 Jan (Fri)	KSC South Texas Scramble
23 Jan (Tue)	KSC East
26 Jan (Fri)	Match vs FCC at KSC North

FEBRUARY

02 Feb (Fri)	Xili Golf Club, China
05 Feb (Mon)	Match vs RHKYC at Macau GCC
27 Feb (Tue)	KSC North

MARCH

08 Mar (Thu)	Nansha — Valley Course
12 Mar (Mon)	Match vs HK Seniors at Macau GCC
19 Mar (Mon)	KSC East

APRIL

12 Apr (Thu)	Phoenix Hill, Dongguan, China
16 Apr (Mon)	Match vs HK Cricket Club at Macau GCC
23 Apr (Mon)	KSC South

MAY

14 May (Mon)	Match vs WAGS at Macau GCC
17 May (Thu)	KSC North
21 May (Mon)	Match vs HK Club at Macau GCC
25 May (Fri)	Inter Section Cup at Macau GCC
29 May (Tue)	Clearwater Bay & Annual General Meeting

JUNE

01 Jun (Fri)	Petersen Texas Scramble at HKGC Eden Course
16 Jun (Sat)	Annual Club Champs at KSC East & Annual Dinner
25 Jun (Mon)	Match vs Little Sai Wan at Macau GCC
28 Jun (Thur)	Walmsley Cup at KSC South

JULY

07 Jul (Sat)	Summer Cup at KSC East
24 Jul (Tue)	KSC North

AUGUST

07 Aug (Tue)	Yinli Golf Club, Dongguan
25 Aug (Sat)	Singles Match Play Event KSC South

SEPTEMBER

04 Sep (Tue)	Xili Golf Club
8/9 Sep (Sat/Sun)	Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club at Lotus Hill TBC
10 Sep (Mon)	Match vs DBRGS at DB TBC
27 Sep (Thur)	KSC East Pairs Two Ball Stableford with Handicap Competition

OCTOBER

05 Oct (Fri)	Match vs HK Country Club at KSC East TBC
19 Oct (Tue)	Palm Island Golf Club, China
25 Oct (Thur)	KSC North President v Chairman Cup

NOVEMBER

3/4 Nov (Sat/Sun)	Reunification Match at Lotus Hill TBC
09 Nov (Fri)	KSC South
19 Nov (Mon)	Kowloon Cricket Club at Macau GCC TBC
24/25 Nov (Sat/Sun)	Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

DECEMBER

03 Dec (Mon)	KSC North Texas Scramble
13 Dec (Thu)	Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay