

HKFC Golf Outing

Tuesday 24th July, Phoenix Hill

Another successful event in Phoenix Hill, where ten players registered for the event. We gathered at the border at 8.20am and arrived at the Club at 9.20am. Fortunately, the weather was excellent, sun up and shining with a gentle breeze even though the weather observatory forecast there will be heavy rain and storms.

First to tee off were **Jonny Brock, Jean Cuvelier, Matthew Burke** and myself. Matthew and I pair up against JP and Jonny. The start at the B course is a difficult thing to do since the fairway is narrow and you have to position your iron shot well to keep the ball in play. After 7 holes, Matthew and I were 3 down to JP and Jonny. JP and Jonny had an exceptionally good touch on their iron shots and were able to place their approach shot within 10 yards of the flag. After 9 holes, we were 2 down. However, front 9 and back 9 are a totally different situation. Matthew hit a monster drive in C1 and hit a 70 yard wedge shot perfectly to give him 5 yards for a birdie and he sank the putt. However, Jonny as competitive as ever, also sinks a 15 yard putt to match the hole. Until the last hole, Jonny drove the ball to the hazard and JP drove his ball to the bunker. They could only get to the green in their 4th shots. Matthew has another excellent drive and managed to get to the green in 3 shots and closed with a bogey to win the back 9. Overall, Jonny and JP won 2 and 1. JP and Jonny also won the first and third place of the tournament with 35 points and 33 points respectively.

The second flight were **Job Tang, Peggy Chan, Soo Ying Pooi (YP)** and **Marilou Waldie**. They also had a good round of golf with YP winning second place with 35 points and Nearest to the Pin at hole B1 and C8. The third to tee off were **Jonathan Li** and **Kan Shun Ming**. Jonathan managed to get a place for the best gross with a score of 91.



Jonny Brock showing classic style and balance



Matt Burke showing possibly less style but extremely steady balance!

Below is the overall results

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| 1st place: | Jean Cuvelier 35pts |
| 2nd place: | Soo Ying Pooi 34pts |
| 3rd place: | Jonny Brock 33pts |
| Best Gross: | Jonathan Li (91) |
| NP hole C5: | Marilou Waldie |
| NP hole C8: | Kan Shun Ming |
| NP hole B1: | Don Roberts |
| NP hole B3: | Jonny Brock |
| NP hole B8: | Kan Shun Ming |
| NP 2nd Shot NTP C2: | Matthew Burke |
| LDM: | Jonny Brock |
| LDF: | Marilou Waldie |

■ **Ted Li**

Petersen Texas Scramble HKGC New Course

Friday 24th August 2018

After two weeks solid rain all the players were begging for sunshine so we could enjoy a good round of golf. Twenty-four players were registered and divided into six teams for competing in the Texas Scramble format. As it turned out, the weather was dry and occasionally sunny. However with temperatures around 31 degrees and the course waterlogged, the humidity was close to 100 pct as we were literally walking through the steam coming off the ground.

Added to the heat and humidity, the effort of pulling trollies in the muddy area for six or so miles was bound to take a toll. Sure enough, three players decided that enough was enough and dropped out of the event.

When the first group, **Chris Burley, Stephen Knight, Graeme Brechin** and **Ian Petersen** arrived back at the club house, they did not even have the strength to speak due to the tiredness



Exceptionally smug looking winners, **Gordon Marsden, Heather Deayton, Phil Head** and **Neil Roberts**. Phenomenal 5 under par

and they had to chill out on the bench for ten minutes before heading to the shower. They still managed to score a +3 score (74 gross and 63 net). Well done guys.



Second place team **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Ted Li** and **James Riordan**. Great effort but a bridge too far

The second group to get back were **Ted Li, Darren Measures, Colin Cohen** and **Bill King**. Colin could not continue after hole 8, and Bill gave up on hole 16. However the team still

managed to finish one under par through 16 holes. Before Colin headed back to the club house, he sank a 50 foot putt to save a par at hole 7 and Bill putted two birdies putts at hole 13 and 14 to finish the round!

The third to get back were **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Donald Roberts** and **James Riordan**. Elsa demonstrated wonderful stamina to carry her own bag through 18 holes. It is not easy to carry a 30 pound golf bag and walk for 7 km in such hot weather! They shot -1 to finish the round with gross 69 and net 61 to secure second place. Well Done!

The fourth group were **Phil Head, Heather Deayton, Gordon Marsden** and **Neil Roberts**. This group shot a phenomenal 65 gross which is 5 under par and with their 8 handicap recorded a very dubious 57 net to win the tournament. If you look at who won the closest to the pin, Neil won two of them which was clearly a weapon for their team! It is very tough to shoot even par in such conditions, so 5 under par was a phenomenal effort showing great skill,

determination and teamwork. Even Phil (who is a professional squash player) arrived in the club house virtually purple in the face from the demanding conditions.

At around 5:30pm, after some considerable re-hydration on the terrace (yes we wanted to sit out in the heat some more!), we sat down to an excellent dinner courtesy of Fanling's fine F&B team. Our sponsor Ian Petersen had to head off early to rescue his daughter from the airport, but everyone else enjoyed a hearty dinner washed down by some excellent wine, and an enjoyable ride back to the Club, lubricated on the way by a few takeaway bottles.

Many thanks to Ian for creating and sponsoring this very enjoyable event.

The detailed results were:

1st Place – Gross 65 Net 57
 Phil Head
 Heather Deayton
 Gordon Marsden
 Neil Roberts

2nd Place – Gross 69 Net 61
 Dallas Reid
 Elsa Lee
 Donald Roberts
 James Riordan

Nearest to the Pin
 Hole 2: Ian Petersen
 Hole 4: Neil Roberts
 Hole 8: Ted Li
 Hole 13: Neil Roberts
 Hole 14: Jonathan Li

Men's LD: Ted Li
 Ladies' LD: Elsa Lee

I will see you at the next event and thank you to all members who showed their support for this event

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li**



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