

Outing to Xili Golf Club

Monday 3rd September 2018

It seems that it has been raining for the past three weeks and all of us really do miss the sunshine and gentle breeze from the golf course. The weather forecast mentions some rain today but fortunately, the sun is up and shining for the whole day.

I have to say Xili is one of the best golf courses around Shenzhen with gorgeous views. The fairway and green condition is perfect even after heavy rain for the past three weeks. We played B/C this February and decided to play A/B this year. Xili also offers unlimited golf on Mondays which allows Members and their guests to enjoy a few rounds of golf whilst only charging 18 holes fees.

With this offer, **JP Cuvelier, Jonny Brock** and **Simon Hague** went to tee off at 9.15am in the morning to play an extra 9 holes before the tee off time at noon. So these three gents had plenty of warm up before the competition started! They all finished the round earlier and were joined by **YP Soo** as the first group to tee off. Jonny paired up with YP to compete with JP and Simon. With a wonderful drive that split the fairway on B4, Jonny had 240 yards uphill to the green remaining. With his 3 wood, Jonny got it on with 2 shots which left him a 22 fts putt, he sinks it and has an Eagle! You may get an Eagle in par 4 or par 3 by luck but there is no way to have an eagle putt in par 5 call luck. Remarkable golf. This group definitely set the standard for the field with Jonny shooting 74 gross with 38 stable ford points to claim the second while JP shot 84 for gross with 38 stable ford points to claim the third place.



The second to tee off were **Andy Ho, Dominic Ng, Angelia Koo** and myself. For several weeks I haven't been able to touch my golf gear and I have probably forgotten all the amendments I have been trying to work on. The game plan for today is to keep it simple and easy swing all the way. That work exceptionally well for me with long and straight off the tee box and some precise wedge play. The first time I managed to shoot 80 and 41 stable ford point to win the tournament!



Here is the breakdown of the results

NP A5:	Ted Li
NP A8:	Andy Ho
NP B3:	Simon Hague
NP B5:	Ted Li
2 shot NPB 9:	Andy Ho
LDM B4:	Jonny Brock
1st place - 41 points:	Ted Li
2nd place - 38 points:	Jonny
3rd place - 38 points:	JP Cuvelier

Thanks again to YP Soo for facilitating the use of their Xili Golf Club membership and to all the excellent staff.

I will see you all in the next event.

■ **Ted Li**

HKFC vs HK Country Club

Monday 8th October 2018

This match had been reduced to eight golfers per team with Country Club struggling for numbers. It was a shame as a perfect autumn day greeted the combatants at a Macau Golf and Country Club which was in very good condition despite recent Typhoons. 4 matches of four ball better ball would decide the fate of the trophy currently resident in the HKFC trophy cabinet.

First up for HKFC was debutant **Helen Hayward** partnering **Malou Waldie**. A strong pairing facing the very consistent HKCC captain **Roy Lee** and his partner **Fizzy Pavri** who was receiving 18

shots off Helen – a tough combination. Despite some flashes of brilliance from the FC pairing and Helen managing to get her name on nearly every near pin flag the combination of Roy's consistency and Fizzy's shots proved too much and HKCC took the first match 5 and 4.

HKFC captain **Terry Wright** and his partner **Sam Shei** next up against HKCC's **Ian Warren** and **James Galligan**. A strong start from Wright and an excellent par on 9 from Shei saw the HKFC pair hold a commanding 5up lead at the turn. It may have been the dodgy hotdog or the beer to celebrate Ian's birthday but something sure





Left to Right: Warren, Galligan, Wright and Shei



Malou Waldie Long Drive



Left to Right: Pavri, Hayward, Waldie and Lee

changed at that point. Galligan won the 10th and despite their best efforts the HKFC pair did not regain the honour on the tee for the rest of the match. Fortunately HKCC ran out of holes and the FC pair were able to close out the match on 17 after a superb tee shot by Sam Shei to 6ft gained them the important half on the hole but only after Ian Warren's near perfect 30ft birdie putt lipped out which would have won the hole and extended the match. HKFC 2 and 1.

Society Chairman **Dallas Reid** and Treasurer **Jim Suttie** were the high powered pairing next up against HKCC's **Harvey Lee** and **Michael Leung**. The HKFC pair held advantage for most of this match and when Dallas advised his captain half way up 16 they were 1 up it seemed to be well in hand. That changed quickly. The

17th hole (index 18) had been eagerly awaited by HKFC as it was the only hole Leung did not receive a shot on. When he pulled his tee shot well left behind the trees on the short par 3 Dallas and Jim smiled broadly. Those smiles vanished when a miracle chip out from the trees stopped stone dead for a gimme par. One last chance to claw back a halved match disappeared as Suttie's 6ft putt lipped out on the 18th and the hole was halved for a HKCC 1 up win.

HKFC 2-1 down with one pairing left on the course. HKFC's **Jason Waldie** and **Ali Murray** up against **Rustom Jokhi** and **TK Chan**. Not the most conventional pairing at first glance but strong golfers and just like **Arnie** and **Danny Devito** in "Twins" they delivered the goods. A

very convincing 6 and 5 victory to the HKFC pair and ever the Scotsman **Ali Murray** trying to squeeze a little more out of his round calling for an overall victory for the team by way of last match countback.

The actual result an honourable 2-2 draw which seemed fitting on a day where fabulous weather provided a great setting for some very competitive golf played in good spirits. Both names on the trophy this year but still resident at home in the HKFC cabinet. Thanks to all the golfers and as always the friendly efficient staff at Macau Golf and Country Club.

Long Drives on the day : Roy Lee and Malou Waldie. Near Pins : Michael Leung, Dallas Reid, Roy Lee, Rustom Jokhi and Helen Hayward.

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