

HKFC Golf Society
2021 Chairman's Report to AGM

First of all I would like to express my gratitude to all of our GS committee members who have worked extremely hard over the past year to organise and deliver as much golf and social events as possible to our GS membership. Special thanks should go to Ted Li and Andrew Wood who managed to secure 2 events at KSC each month for the HKFC golf society last year as well as this year, where most other society's were only offered 1 or in some cases no tee times each month.

A special thank you to Ivan Yuen and Mary Soo who will be stepping down from the committee this year after many many years of hard work, as well as Jukka Hakli and Allyson Ko who will also be leaving the committee. Jukka, sadly will be moving back to Finland, so we wish him and his family the very best.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Kien Ng, Phil Nunn and Peggy Wong for kindly putting your names forward for the committee this year.

As you will all be aware, the past year has been a very difficult time for golfers in HK. With no access to our debentures in Macau and Lotus Hill and only 2 bookings at KSC each month it has put a huge strain on our ability as a golf society to offer our membership enough golfing opportunities. To add to this, all golf courses were closed for 6 of the past 12 months which made scheduling our social golf events, matches and non golfing social events a challenge for Ted, Andrew and Jonny, but they did deliver as and when they were allowed, so well done team.

I would also like to thank all the members of the golf society for their patience and understanding during these difficult and frustrating times, as we have not been able to accommodate everyone who signed up for each golf event. On average there are roughly 60-70 players registering for each event, with only 24 spaces being available, so we do understand the frustration you have all been going through, so thank you for bearing with us.

To help alleviate the overwhelming thirst for golf, the past year we have introduced event player rotation to all our social golfing events as the committee saw this to be the fairest way to enable the most amount of players to play in our events. In the past year with Covid, we have managed to host 112 individual players in our events by rotating our registered players, as opposed to a total of 60 individual players in our events in 2019.

On a very positive note, the HKFC GS has applied to the Police Licensing Office for registration as a society under the Societies Ordinance. This is to enable us to be categorised as an "Eligible Outside Body" (EOB) by the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Achievement of this status will in turn give us two major benefits -

1. We will be able to book up to one event per month at Fanling, up from one per year at present; and

2. We will be charged a lower green fee of \$900 per person, down from \$1,100 currently.

Our President, Ian Petersen, has submitted our application for registration as a society to the Police Licensing Office on 1 April 2021 and we understand that it is likely to take two to three months to be processed

Moving to Sponsorship, Myself, Heather, Chris and Andrew set up a sponsorship committee last year and have met with several possible sponsors, and I am delighted to announce that we have

been able to secure 2 new sponsors for the golf society. We would like to extend our gratitude to Amanda Ho and Aliston Yuen as our new sponsors as well as Gary Choy and Carmen Lee for the introductions. With this sponsorship, we will be able to develop the society further with a planned junior club championship, more simulator matches and social events, as well as more on course golfing opportunities for our members as soon as the current situation allows.

Vaughan Mason and Billy Wong have recently been appointed the clubs new golf professionals and are using the newly installed golf simulators for private tuition for our members. I am also pleased to say that they are running weekly junior clinics on Tuesday's, Saturday's and Sunday's.

On behalf of the GS committee we would like to congratulate our 2 new club champions, Jason Waldie who shot a gross 83 and Helen Hayward shooting a gross 95, winning their respective titles in October last year. Well played to you both.

Lastly, on behalf of myself and the committee we would like to thank all the club staff Who continue to support the golf society in our many social and golfing events held at the club.

Phil Head

Chairman HKFC Golf Society