

Social Convenor's Report - Golf Society AGM 20th May 2021

Despite the multiple Covid-19 restrictions and reduced budget, (due, primarily, to the decreased membership / lack of sponsorship, as already explained), we still managed to stage a very successful, initial, social event - a Rules Quiz evening, hosted by our handicap secretary and very own rules guru, JP - just six days before last year's AGM, when I was officially appointed to my current role, and thereafter hold two equally enjoyable and 'merry' events over this last year.

The first was held during the late afternoon of Saturday 21st November, being an introductory event both to our fantastic, brand-new Sims room as well as our new Club Pros - Vaughan & Billy. As I was unable to attend on the day, Woody kindly supervised the Sims goings-on, which were followed by drinks downstairs in the Sportsman's, where Jim ensured every member who'd attended left in an even happier state than when they'd arrived.




The second was appropriately called "Drink & Drive" and was held during the evening of Friday 9th April - another event in our delightful Sims room, this time alongside TaylorMade's Hong Kong Specialists and lots of free alcohol - where, in keeping with the struggles we've all faced over this last year, a camera in Sim 2 was smashed only a couple of days beforehand to put it out of action! Despite that setback, we still managed to hold a very enjoyable competition - comprising of driving, wedge-play, chipping & putting - alongside plenty of drinks to keep everyone's swings smooth and free-flowing. This was all run in Sim 3 at half hourly intervals, whilst TM were showing off their latest clubs in Sim 1, offering substantial discounts to our members who bought new equipment on the night, with many taking advantage of those wonderful deals. For those who weren't able to, discounts are still available to any of our members who wish to purchase TM clubs through Golf Corner; literally just around the corner from HKFC!

The competition itself was won by Thomas Yiu, scoring a very respectable 32.5 points and earning himself a bottle of wine as well as a sleeve of golf balls, hotly pursued by Mike Button and Chris Burley both just a point behind, whilst Elsa Kan won the ladies' event, with Agatha Hay as the runner up - all also getting golf balls for their worthy efforts. (Woody won the Committee members' side-bet, but only earned bragging rights, which some might consider more important!)

Hopefully the Covid-19 restrictions will continue to relax further over this coming year, enabling all of us to do the same. That, along with the improved state of our finances - thanks to the wonderful, two, new sponsorship deals - may well allow us to increase the number of social events going forward, perhaps even to a quarterly basis. We've already been speaking with PING about holding a similar event to the one staged with TM. Any, and all other suggestions as to how our members would like to socialise are more than welcome; perhaps we might even grant a prize or two for the most creative!?

In the more immediate future, we're planning on staging a 2nd 'Rules' night in 5 weeks' time; this time with HKGA's specialist, Brian Choa, on Thursday 24th June, after that day's outing to KSC East. Sadly, we are currently still restricted to a maximum of 20 people in any one room, but we'll continue to look to ensure that all our members who do come have 'a jolly good time', whilst following all the rules & regulations - in keeping with what we all try to do on the golf course itself!

On that note, and keeping up the pace of play, I will also now finish, so that we can get on with concluding this AGM as swiftly as possible, not least because we've managed to secure two separate rooms afterwards, so that up to 40 of our members can now enjoy themselves even further - a theme your Committee is committed to pursuing for this coming year, no matter how many traps or bad lies we may well face along the way.

Onward and upward .. and down the hatch/hole too! Cheers,   

Jonny