

Golf Society AGM Chairmans Report - Wednesday May 25th 2022

Many thanks to everyone who have made the effort to attend tonight's golf society AGM. We are leading the initiative of going paperless to help the environment hence there are no paper copies of our committee report, but you can go to the HKFC Golf Society website to access all of our reports or you can listen for the next 30 minutes as all will be revealed.

As you will all be aware, we have again experienced another difficult year in HK. With no access to our debentures in Macau and Lotus Hill and only 1 booking at KSC and 1 booking at The Hong Kong Club in Fanling each month it has put a huge strain on our ability as a golf society to offer our membership golfing opportunities. To add to this, all golf courses were closed for the first 4 months this year which made scheduling our social golf events, matches and non golfing social events a challenge for Ted, Andrew and Jonny. Saying that the HKFC golf society was still able to provide 16 social events and 6 matches in the past year as well as a few fun socials.

I would also like to thank all the members of the golf society for their patience and understanding 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 to 32 spaces being available each outing, so we do understand the frustration you have all been going through, so thank you for bearing with us.

To help alleviate this overwhelming thirst for golf, this year we have introduced a new selection process for our events, with those players playing the fewest golf society events in the current year being selected.

As Ted will be standing down from his role as golf event organiser in October, I would like to extend our gratitude to him for all the hard work he has done over the past 4 years. This has been one of the most challenging roles especially during the covid pandemic. We are also pleased to announce that the golf society is in the final stages of appointing a new GEO which should be finalised shortly.

Our resident golf professionals Vaughan Mason and Billy Wong have also been joined by Anthony Fung who will be available for private tuition for our members. Billy and Anthony are running weekly junior clinics and will also hold junior summer camps in July and August.

Jonny has been busy with a few new social events including the drink n drive series, Sheko Xmas Spectacular and a fun lawns bowls evening, more from Jonny on these later.

A big thank you to our sponsorship sub committee consisting of Heather, Chris, Andrew, Gary and myself as we have been able to secure a total of 5 sponsors for the golf society. We would like to extend our gratitude to all our sponsors for their support they have shown the golf society. With this sponsorship, we have been able to offer our society members more subsidy for matches and social events, as well as a reduction on the annual subscription.

This year the golf society will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary and we will be holding a few events to celebrate this including a curry buffet dinner on Saturday July 16th which

also coincides with the 150th anniversary of The Open Golf Championships and a Gala dinner in the third quarter. We are also offering our members a 30th Anniversary Polo Shirt to commemorate this year.

We will also be introducing new GS honour boards which will be placed at the 3rd floor outside the golf simulators. These honour boards will hold the past and present Presidents, Chairmans and Captains of the golf society as well as past and present men's and women's club champions.

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 as much golf and social events as possible to our GS membership. As a team we continue to make the golf society a great success.

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