

GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2022
KSC EAST COURSE



Jonathan Li NTP



Jonathan Li, David Lindsay

We returned to Kau Sai Chau East course for our December 1st golf outing, just five days after our last society day there. KSC's East Course is currently the only 18-hole course that is not undergoing extensive renovations. Both the South and the North Courses are undergoing extensive upgrades to their irrigation and subterranean drainage systems. The project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of 2024.

The winds picked up for our final 2022 golf outing at KSC; it felt like we were in a T3 for most of the front nine, and you needed to club up at least 2 clubs if you were playing into the wind.

The wind gradually died down towards midday, allowing for some enjoyable golf. In the end, the scores were challenging, with most Stableford scores being in the 20s. However, three golfers managed to score more than 30 points, and all finished on the podium. This month's report was a bit light but check out March's edition of the magazine for our first golf outing in 2023, when we return to the delightful KSC East AGAIN.

A great shot is when you pull it off. A smart shot is when you don't have the guts to try it. – PHIL MICKELSON

Happy golfing!

William Chan

STABLEFORD WINNERS

- 1st **Dorothy Lam** 35 points
- 2nd **Jonathan Li** 32 points
- 3rd **Shane Burgess** 31 points

NEAREST TO THE PIN

- Hole 3 **Terry Wright**
- Hole 4 *2nd shot **Andy Ho**
- Hole 5 **Greg Medhurst**
- Hole 8 **Dennis Hui**
- Hole 13 **Jonathan Li**
- Hole 15 **Marco Jorge**

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17

- Women's **Dorothy Lam**
- Men's **Jonny Brock**

BEST GROSS

- Jonny Brock** 85 points



Marco Jorge, Andy Ho, Jonny Brock, Bill King



Thomas McGillicuddy, William Chan, Greg Medhurst, Ryan Woolford



William Chan teeing off

Jennifer Chapman, David Cross



Andy Ho



John Dainton ,
Doreen Dainton,
Davif Lindsay,
Jonthan Li



Mark Chow,
Lucia Lee,
Peggy Chan,
Dorothy Lam



Gilbert Law, Andrew Chan, Dennis Hui,
Raymond Cheung



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THE NORTH SOUTH TROPHY



The Country Club finally get their hands on the North South trophy after 7 years!

HKFC GOLF SOCIETY VS THE HONG KONG COUNTRY CLUB GOLF SOCIETY

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2022
KAU SAI CHAU SOUTH COURSE

The North South Trophy is an annual fixture first played in 2015 and, over the years, has been played at Kau Sai Chau, Clearwater Bay and in Macau. This "Hong Kong Island derby" is always eagerly anticipated for its social nature.

The Country Clubbers lost this match heavily last time out in Kai Sai Chau, so they were still looking to get their first "W" this year. They put out a very strong team, who were all members of either Discovery Bay, Clearwater Bay and Hong Kong Golf Clubs. We had a few withdrawals and with interest down due to increased holiday travel, with all due respect, this was not our strongest team.

The weather had been milder than usual for December and as we arrived in Sai Kung, the monsoon heading south from the mainland was in effect with gusty winds, cloudy skies and a chill in the air.

Our lead pair of **Mike Button** and **Owen Davis** were taking on **Dorian Cheng** and **TK Chan**. Dorian is a single figure handicapper and TK a stalwart of the team. Owen took time to warm up (in fact the first 8 holes!), so Mike was bearing his broad shoulders round the turn to lessen the losing margin. Owen got some rhythm on the back nine, alas too little, too late as the match got away from them. Our pair eventually losing 5 and 4.

The next contest took place between our life members **Phil Nunn** and **Helen Hayward** and Hong Kong squad members **Lou Tan** and **Lawrence Ma**. Lou was playing off a course handicap of

+5. He hardly put a foot wrong, striking everything down the middle of the fairway, playing one over his handicap and gaining his second ever hole-in-one at #5! Too good for our experienced pair, who certainly made a fist of it by taking the match to #18, only for Lou to win it with a birdie! Close, but another loss, 1 down.

Outgoing Captain **Andrew Wood** partnered **Kien Ng** in their match against Captain/HKGA Rules Official **Roy Lee** and **Matthias Kranich**. The Sports Road pair went up early doors, but Matthias was belying his handicap with some very solid scoring. All square at the turn. Roy then reverted to his trusty 3-wood, choking any attempt from the opposition to get a foothold in this match. Suffice to say, Roy's clutch putt on #17 ensured them a victory 2 and 1. With only four flights, game over to the Southsiders.

So, with the first three matches going their way and the trophy heading South for the first time, could we at least gain a half point in the dead rubber?

Our anchor pairing brought together, **Bill King** and **Sam Shei**, looked a decent bet on paper to bring home that half point against ex-Captain **Simon Cheung** and **Lee Chee Weng**. Clearly the HKCC pair were having none of it as they raced to 2 up after 9 holes. Then came the comeback and was this wobble to become a fall? Unfortunately not as the holes were running out and this one also went their way with another victory 2 and 1.

So, the overall match position was a 4-0 hammering and the trophy gone for at least a year!

Most stayed on for drinks (thanks to Lou in celebration and Helen for the roadies) at the G/F cafe (19th hole) as not many of us had taken the necessary RAT test to enter the 1/F restaurant.

It was great to see the Country Club folks again, always a fun and social match – although clearly they do have a few "ringers", so we will not be so generous with our line-up next year! (Note to Incoming Captain Andy Ho).

Suffice to say, not the way I would have liked to bow out of the Captain's role, but it just goes to show that winning streak over 2 years was quite something and then the wheels fell off.

Thanks to all golfers who gave up their time and showed their support, talent and willingness to compete during my fun-filled 3 years at the helm. It was honestly a great pleasure and truly an honour – and I wish **Andy Ho** the very best of luck during his leadership over the next few years.

Andrew Wood,
Captain, Golf Society

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2 **TK Chan**

Hole 5 **Lou Tan** *hole-in-one*

Hole 10 **Matthias Kranich**

#11 played twice as
#10 under irrigation renovation

Hole 16 **Simon Cheung**



Dorian Cheng, TK Chan,
Owen Davis, Mike Button



Lawrence Ma, Helen Hayward,
Phil Nunn, Lou Tan



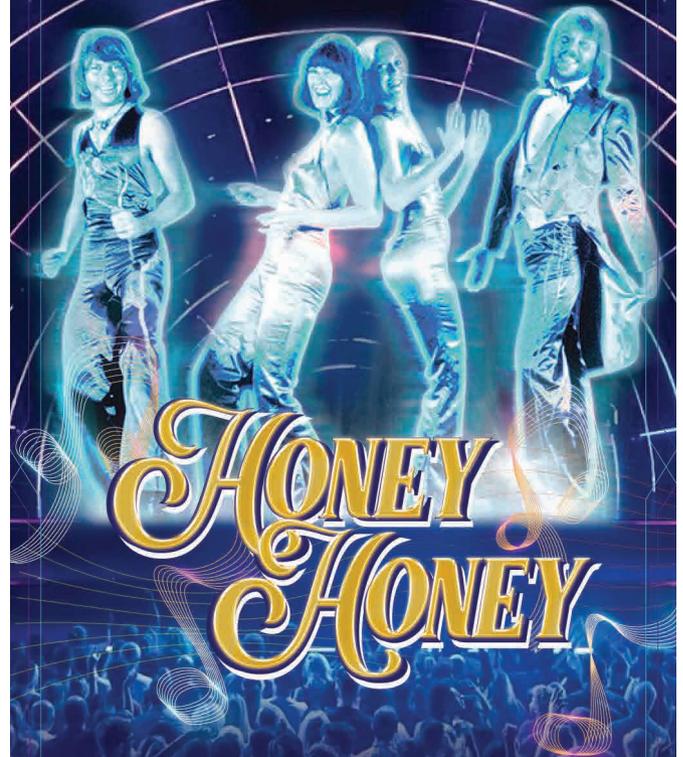
Andrew Wood, Kien Ng,
Matthias Kranich, Roy Lee



Bill King, Lee Chee Weng,
Sam Shei, Simon Cheung



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