



The GC (Blue) and Golf Society (White) teams ready to do battle.
 Left to right: Andy Ho, Damien Larcy, Philip Nunn, Neil Roberts, Ian Petersen, Nick Hunsworth, Kien Ng, Chris Page, Fook Chew, Dallas Reid, Don Roberts, Heather Deayton, John Thompson, Jonny Brock, Dave Cross, Phil Head

GOLF SOCIETY 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT



KK, Mark Saunders, Ali Murray & Nigel Steffensen in front of the South China Sea which claimed several balls

FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2023 SHEK O

After two failed attempts to get this fixture off the ground thanks to inclement weather, a packed coach headed off from the HKFC, filled with eager golfers (I use that term loosely).

The main aim of the day was to mark the 30th anniversary of the HKFC Golf Society with a memorable fun event. Thanks to schedule problems caused by Covid, it was decided to also take advantage of having reserved the entire Shek O golf course to hold our annual match between the Golf Society Committee and the General Committee.

With a focus on fun, the format of the anniversary event was a four-man "yellow ball" event. For those who have never

played this format, each team is given a yellow ball at the start of the event, and team members take turns to use it for one hole and then hand it on. The team's score is the total of the points achieved (Stableford system) by the yellow ball. The real "fun" element being that the yellow ball cannot be replaced if lost. This of course puts huge pressure on players (especially perhaps the less proficient ones) when faced with carries over the sea, or one of the many ponds which are dotted around Shek O golf course. Of course simply because your ball lies at the bottom of a deep pond, does not necessarily mean it is lost, not if you take a sufficiently determined approach to the event as some of the photos will attest. One player (who will remain nameless) sent his caddy 200 yards down Shek O Road to retrieve a ball that he had launched over the golf course boundary fence, only to plunk it right in the middle of a very deep muddy pond as soon as she handed it back to him. She refused all suggestions that she plunged into the pond to dredge the mud for the ball and so regrettably it stayed there.

Remarkably, three teams finished the round with their yellow ball, an almost

A successful rescue of the yellow ball



Don Rider fishing for the yellow ball. Nick Hunsworth "assisting" in a purely supervisory capacity



SOCIAL EVENT

Winning Team

**Henry Lai
William Chan
Ryan Woollford
Greg Medhurst**

Runners-up

**Phil Nunn
Dave Cross
Chris Page
Jonny Brock**

Best Stableford

Chris Burley

Best Gross

Phil Head

Near Pins

**Alastair Murray
Mark Saunders
Jenny Chapman
Marco Jorge
Nick Hunsworth
"KK" Kostienko**

Nearest in 2

Graeme Brechin

Donkey of the Day (Worst Nett)

Damien Laracy

Longest Putt

Angus Walker

GENERAL COMMITTEE VS GOLF COMMITTEE MATCH

<i>Golf Society Committee</i>	<i>HKFC General Committee</i>	<i>Result</i>
Jonny Brock & Philip Nunn	Dave Cross & Chris Page	GC
Dallas Reid & Ian Petersen	John Thompson & Damien Laracy	GC
Phil Head & Heather Deaton	Nick Hunsworth & Don Rider	Half
Andy Ho & Kien Ng	Neil Roberts & Fook Chew	GC

unheard of feat, no doubt thanks to some determined "fishing" expeditions.

As for the Committees' match, perhaps the less said the better. Despite the Golf Committee having a clearly superior team, some failure of the handicapping system resulted in the General Committee winning by 3 ½ points to ½.

As ever, the golf was followed by a few libations on the terrace overlooking the course, followed by a sumptuous dinner with barbecued lamb on the clubhouse lawn. **Phil Head** decided that all prize winners would be required to consume a shot of Sambuca to celebrate, and for some less understandable reason decided that he needed to have one with each of them. At the end of the night, it was clear that our 30th anniversary had been well and truly celebrated, and we look forward to the

next 30 years!

A huge thanks is due to the event organiser **Jonny Brock** who took on the organisation of this huge event three times and made sure it all ran flawlessly. A big thanks is also due to Shek O Golf Club for allowing us to use their club and presenting the course in wonderful condition.

The smug winning GC team



Phil Head doing what he does best - leading people astray, in this case Chris Burley



Show me the way to go home



SPORTS

With the various Covid restrictions easing, our 24 participants were all happy to be able to head to Kau Sai Chau with minimal interference from the ongoing mask requirement. The weather was a pleasant 20 degrees with a nice cloud covering for those who are sensitive to sunshine! The only menace to low scoring was a tricky one-to-two-club wind which continually varied in strength and direction.

This, however, appeared to be enough to defend the course, along with diabolical punishment for inaccurate shots, which meant at the end of the day, the winning stableford scores were quite modest.

The most successful under the conditions was **KK Law** who finished with a creditable 32 points off his 25 handicap. There followed a close tussle for the podium with the next three players all recording 29 points. This battle was won by **Andrew Wood** on countback, with **Andy Ho** pushing **Dorothy Lam** into fourth. Fortunately Dorothy won nearest to the pin on the 5th and the ladies' long drive, and so did not go home empty-handed.

No one seemed to notice the "Nearest the Pin in 2" flag on the 14th, but maybe it suffered the fate of the near pin marker on the 5th which was blown out of its stake. Clearly we need better quality markers.

Dallas Reid

STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st	KK Law	32 points
2nd	Andrew Wood	29 points
3rd	Andy Ho	29 points
4th	Dorothy Lam	29 points

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 3	Nil
Hole 5	Dorothy Lam
Hole 8	Elsa Lee
Hole 13	Alvin Young
Hole 14	Nil *2nd shot
Hole 15	Henry Lai

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17

Women's	Dorothy Lam
Men's	Marco Jorge

BEST GROSS

Dallas Reid

GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2023
KSC EAST COURSE



Andrew Wood showing perfect balance on the follow through



Mary Soo's perfect form. Clearly her lessons have been paying off



Andrew Wood, Elsa Lee, Mary Soo, Dallas Reid - still smiling on the 18th tee box!



The day's winner, KK Law

GOLF OUTING RESULT

TUESDAY, 31ST JANUARY 2023
FANLING, EDEN COURSE

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 7

Women's	Jennifer Chapman
Men's	Matthew Keefe

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2	Shane Burgess
Hole 5	John Dainton
Hole 12	Ted Li
Hole 15	Ted Li
Hole 17	Ted Li
Hole 10	Matthew Keefe *2nd shot Par 4

STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st	Chris Burley
2nd	Stephen Knight
3rd	Ted Li

BEST GROSS

Tak Keung Yeung 85 points