

Golf Society AGM Chairmans Report - Tuesday May 23rd 2023

Many thanks to everyone who have made the effort to attend tonight's golf society AGM. We will try to keep the AGM relatively short so we can all enjoy the F&B on offer afterwards.

After a steady decline in our membership over the past few years due to covid, I am very pleased to say we are now seeing a steady increase of old and new members joining since January this year. To date we are up to 559 members an increase of approximately 10% from 2022.

As you will all be aware, we now have access to our debentures in Macau and Lotus Hill with Macau being used regularly by several of our members. Lotus Hill course is in exceptional condition although a little harder to access with the waiting time for china visa's at 6 months or so. I can also report that our hire clubs at both courses are still in very good working order albeit the head covers on some are a little worn.

There have been a few changes to our committee this year with Andrew Wood stepping down as captain and Andy Ho taking over. A huge THANK YOU to Andrew for a very successful 3 year captaincy with over 2 years of his tenure being unbeaten, which no doubt will go down as one of the longest if not the longest winning streak in our clubs history. We wish Andy Ho the very best of luck for his future role.

We also bid farewell to JP Cuvelier who was our handicap secretary who stood down recently. Thank you JP for all your work over the past few years.

We will also be welcoming onto the committee Peter Ayres who will be assisting Jonny as Social Convenor, a very warm welcome to Peter.

William has now firmly found his feet as golf event organiser and is doing a fantastic job. Thankfully now with our debentures and travel opening up the pressure for spaces in our golf events has reduced with only a few members not being able to get a place in our monthly events. More from William on this later.

Our resident golf professionals Vaughan Mason, Billy Wong and Anthony Fung continue to be available for private tuition for our members. Billy is also running weekly junior clinics and will also hold junior summer camps in July and August again this year.

The new Golf Society honour boards are now in production and 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. On this note I would like to congratulate last years mens champion Terry Wright and womens champion Haj Wilcox.

Last year the golf society celebrated its 30th Anniversary and held a few events to celebrate this momentous occasion which included a very successful casino themed dinner which also coincided with the 150th anniversary of The Open Golf Championships. We also held 2 golf outings at Sheko which have proven to be very popular. We also offered our members a 30th Anniversary Polo Shirt to commemorate this milestone which have been well received. We also offered our members reduced annual subscriptions and 50% subsidy on our golf outings to round off the celebrations.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of our Golf Society committee members who have worked extremely hard over the past year to organise as much golf and social events as possible to our 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