



What a Great Scramble!

I said it would be a lot of fun and it really was. A number of the players had never played the East Course and a few had never played in a Texas Scramble Event before, but all were in full agreement afterwards that it was a wonderful day. The weather was perfect with sunshine and a gentle breeze to keep things fresh and the team aspect of a Scramble really brings out the best in players as they work for the overall benefit of the team.

If you have seen the East Course then you will appreciate the magnificence of the area, huge undulations and beautiful landscape all around and a challenging course that lends itself to a Scramble.

The enthusiasm shown by all players when they had finished shows how much they had enjoyed this format. Tommy Tam was obviously in good form and managed to be closest on three of the nearest the pins. We had decided that players could only win one novelty prize, so YM Ko and Neil McCabe benefited from his expertise.

The winning team of Matt, Tommy, Danny and Barry had a magnificent total of 9 birdies on this difficult course with four on the front 9 and five on the back 9. A couple of double bogeys dampened their final total, but an excellent result.

When the team were struggling the last player rescued us on a number of occasions with all players playing their part in this way. On the 5th hole we had three balls in the sea and Neil rescued us but his tee shot was in the bunker, then the first



three shots from the bunker were unsuccessful and up came Eddie 'Tiger' Hui to play a brilliant shot to six inches from the hole and par was saved.

These situations occurred for all teams on all parts of the course. We really did scramble.

On the awkward 10th hole, a par 5 with two hazards to cross, a monstrous tee shot from Zaki Dad left us with only 150 yards to go for our second shot and with two shots on the green we selected our choice of eagle putt. All the putts were close with two running along the rim but left us with a tap-in for birdie.

Results

Nearest the Pin:

- Hole 3: Tommy Tam (YM Ko)
- Hole 5: Tommy Tam
- Hole 8: Rita Leung
- Hole 13: Akbar Ali
- Hole 15: Tommy Tam (Neil McCabe)

Longest Drive:

Alfonso Cordero

Team:

- 1st: Matt Barnett, Tommy Tam, Danny Lim, Barry Melbourne -7
- 2nd: Neil McCabe, Richard Tinlin, Edward Hui, Zaki Dad -5
- 3rd: Asghar Ali, Akbar Ali Chris Fok, Naresh Golani -2

Future Events

For our next event on Tuesday, 10 January, which is the First Stableford League Event of 2012, we travel to the South Course at Kau Sai Chau for our New Year's Championships and hopefully we will have a good turnout. The presentation will be sponsored by SHK Private. The cost of the day for full GS members will be HK\$500 to include ferry to and from Kau Sai Chau, balls on the range, green fee, cart share and snacks and drinks after the golf.

The committee listened to the feedback at the AGM and have incorporated many of the suggestions into the provisional Calendar of Events.



We will be visiting a couple of new courses in China, having a trip to Angeles in the Philippines and looking at the possibility of having events at Fanling, Clearwater Bay or Discovery Bay.

KCC Golf Society Events 2012 (provisional)

Tuesday, 10 January

New Year Champs Kau Sai Chau (S)
Stableford League 1

Wednesday, 15 February

Green Bay/Fanling – Stableford League 2

Wednesday, 14 March

Lotus Hill (optional 2nd day) – Stableford League 3

Tuesday, 17 April

Kowloon Hill/Mission Hills – Stableford League 4

Sunday/Monday, 13/14 May

PV/Lakewood or Chung Shan

Monday, 14 May

Stableford League 5

Monday, 11 June

CWB or DB – Stableford League 6

Sunday/Monday, 8/9 July

PV / Lakewood or Chung Shan or Golden Gulf Stableford League 7

Thursday-Sunday, 9-12 August

Mimosa Trip

Wednesday, 12 September

Mission Hills – Faldo – Stableford League 8

Monday, 8 October or

Saturday, 13 October

Kau Sai Chau (S) – Stableford League 9

Tuesday, 20 November

Nansha – AGM Golf Day

Tuesday, 4 December

Kau Sai Chau (E) Texas Scramble

This year we have 9 designated Stableford League Events with the best 4 results to count in the League Competition.

In the event of a tie, the player with the best 5th points result will win; if there is still a tie, then the best 6th points result will win. If there is still a tie after the 9th result has been used, the player with the lowest handicap will win.

Pace of Play

This is an important subject which can be a cause of great frustration for many players. Many courses advertise a target time for each round.

Slow play affects everyone's enjoyment of the game. Players should make a real effort to play at a good pace. Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front.

In order to keep up a good pace here are some essential tips:

- Avoid excessive practice swings.
- Be ready to play as soon as it is your turn, for example have your glove on.
- Proceed to your ball as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you want to determine yardages, do so while walking to your ball.
- At the putting green, leave carts in a position that will allow quick and easy movement off the green to the next tee.
- Study your line of putt while others are putting, avoiding any distraction to the other players.
- When the hole is finished, leave the putting green immediately.
- Mark scores on the way to the next tee.
- If there is any chance of your ball being lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball.

Most important of all, remember to take your sense of humour and enjoy!

Best wishes for a great year – wherever you play your golf in 2012, may your shots fly far and straight and your putts find the centre of the hole.

Cheers,
Richard



GOLF ETIQUETTE PART FOUR



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- LEAVE BAGS OR CARTS IN A POSITION THAT WILL ALLOW QUICK AND EASY MOVEMENTS OFF THE GREEN TO THE NEXT TEE

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- STUDY YOUR LINE OF PUTT WHILE OTHERS ARE PUTTING, AVOID DISTRACTING OTHERS
- WHEN THE HOLE IS FINISHED LEAVE THE GREEN IMMEDIATELY
- MARK SCORES ON THE WAY TO THE NEXT TEE
- IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF YOUR BALL BEING LOST OUTSIDE A WATER HAZARD OR OUT OF BOUNDS, PLAY A PROVISIONAL BALL
- IF YOU HAVE TO SEARCH FOR A BALL, DO NOT HOLD UP THE FOLLOWING GROUP

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