



Marvellous GS Championship

The afternoon before the GS Championship brought many questions. Is it still on? When will we know? What alternative arrangements do we have?

A passing typhoon which had resulted in a T8 the previous Thursday had gone down by the following day but a T3 was put up on the Monday which meant that ferries to Kau Sai Chau could not run and the golf course was closed that day.

I was unaware that the T3 was up and was wondering why people were so edgy and after conversing with a friendly Kau Sai Chau Manager sent out a message to all the players.

Luck was with us as a T3 which was still there at 6:30pm on Monday and on the Observatory tracking should have been around until 2pm on Tuesday, suddenly disappeared at 7pm and we were all systems go.

An early and cloudy start to the day later brightened up and we had great conditions for our Championship event.

Some great results were achieved with Asghar Ali and Michael Cheng in especially good form; Asghar had 5 pars in a front 9 of 39 and 5 pars in a back 9 of 38 for a round of 77.

Meanwhile Michael had 3 pars in a front 9 of 42 and 1 birdie and 4 pars in a back 9 of 37 for a total of 79, which replicated his winning round of 79 in our New Year Championships in January, also on the South Course at Kau Sai Chau. Alfonso had a disappointing front 9 of 46 but finished in a 36 back 9 which included 7 pars – he sometimes starts slow but watch out when he warms up!

Kim Lamsam was her usual consistent self with one birdie and one par in a front 9 of 43 and 5 pars in a back 9 of 41 for a round of 82.

Results

Nearest the Pin:

Hole 2: Douglas Khoo
Hole 5: Jacky Sung
Hole 11: Michael Tse
Hole 16: Gabriel Lam

Second shot Nearest the Pin:

Hole 1: Kenneth Wong

Longest Drive:

Hole 14: Alfonso Cordero

Best Front 9 (not otherwise a prize winner): Mary Ching

Best Back 9 (not otherwise a prize winner): Tommy Tam

Stableford:

1st Matt Barnett 38pts
2nd Michael Cheng 37pts
3rd Gabriel Lam 35pts

GS Champions for 2011:

Men: Asghar Ali 77
Ladies: Kim Lamsam 82

Congratulations to all the winners. Trophies were presented at the Dinner in the evening in the Pavilion where we were spoilt with a sumptuous buffet and some marvellous music from Frank and Ray. Thanks to Robert Blythe and his staff for looking after us so well.

The GS Championships are the tenth and final event in the 2011 Stableford League and the results here saw Michael Cheng leap from 8th place to edge Alfonso from top spot by a single point with last year's Champion Andy Ko in 3rd place. Recent years have seen some close finishes and this has been no exception.



In the Ladies' Competition, Kim Lamsam consolidated her lead with another fine performance with Mary Ching in a well earned 2nd place.

2011 Stableford League

Men:

- 1st Michael Cheng 150 pts
- 2nd Alfonso Cordero 149 pts
- 3rd Andy Ko 142 pts
- 4th Danny Lim 138 pts
- 5th Richard Tinlin 133 pts

Ladies:

- 1st Kim Lamsam 146 pts
- 2nd Mary Ching 128 pts
- 3rd Shirley Yu 78 pts
- 4th Dorothy Hung 76 pts
- 5th Agnes Gardner 74 pts

Trophies for the Stableford League will be presented at the conclusion of the AGM on Tuesday, 15 November, along with the Prize Presentation for the Nansha Golf Day.

The next event is the AGM Golf Day at Nansha over the Valley Course on Tuesday, 15 November. This is usually a very popular event as the Valley course is very interesting and a beautiful location and there is an opportunity to stock up on golf accessories at the golf shops just outside the club gate.

Wednesday, 7th December will see us going to Kau Sai Chau to play the East Course with its magnificent views and interesting layout. This will be a Texas Scramble event which is a great team event in which each member makes their contribution. Don't miss it – it should be a very good day.



GOLF ETIQUETTE

PART TWO

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

- DO NOT DISTURB THE PLAY OF OTHERS BY MOVING, TALKING OR MAKING UNNECESSARY NOISE
- DO NOT TEE YOUR BALL UNTIL YOUR TURN
- DO NOT STAND CLOSE TO OR DIRECTLY BEHIND THE BALL, OR THE HOLE, WHEN A PLAYER IS ABOUT TO PLAY
- AVOID STANDING ON ANOTHER PLAYERS LINE OF PUT OR CASTING A SHADOW OVER A PLAYER'S LINE
- REMAIN IN VICINITY OF GREEN UNTIL ALL HAVE HOLED OUT
- RECORD A PLAYER'S SCORE AFTER EACH HOLE
- AVOID TAKING ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON TO THE COURSE



CARE OF THE COURSE

- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PLAYERS TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOTHING TO SPOIL THE CONDITION OF THE COURSE. PLAYERS SHOULD TRY TO LEAVE THE COURSE AS THEY FIND IT AND SHOULD AVOID HITTING THE HEAD OF THE CLUB INTO THE GROUND WHETHER IN ANGER OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON

TEEING GROUND

- AVOID TAKING DIVOTS WITH PRACTICE SWINGS
- PRACTICE AWAY FROM THE TEEING AREA
- DIVOTS ON TEES WILL BE REPLACED BY STAFF
- IF FILL MIXTURE IS AVAILABLE BY THE TEE, FILL ANY DIVOT HOLE TO GROUND LEVEL
- AVOID TAKING TROLLEYS ON TO THE TEES



Hi I'm RICHARD
Hi I'm C.M.
"GOOD GAME"



THE FIRST TEE

- ARRIVE AT TEE AT LEAST 5 MINUTES AHEAD OF YOUR START TIME
- INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE OTHER PLAYERS
- WISH THE PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP A 'GOOD GAME'
- ADVISE THE PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP THE TYPE OF BALL YOU WILL BE PLAYING WITH AND YOUR IDENTIFICATION MARK
- PLAY FROM THE TEES INDICATED BY THE STARTER

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