

GOLF



Golf Society Summer Round Up

The July Stableford event was at a new venue for many of us with a visit to Lakeview Golf Club, about 30 minutes from Zhuhai. We were fortunate to have the expertise of Lakeview founder member Alan Thorburn to front up the organisation. We were to play the Mountain Course and from the first hole we thought this could be a very good day as after a reasonable tee shot and approach shot I was faced with a putt for birdie, which just failed to drop, but a par was assured. Any ideas that this could continue were soon dispensed as we realised this was a ploy to give us a false sense of security and there were to be many challenges along the way and the gusty winds near the water could blow any well struck shot well off target. This is a very enjoyable course with well laid out holes and the general consensus after the game was all positive so hopefully this will not be our last GS trip to Lakeview.

Course knowledge was of obvious importance as Lakewood Founder Member (LFM) Gabriel Lam just beat LFM Alan Thorburn for the Best Gross with an excellent round of 87.

Rita Leung also excelled with a very good round of 92 to win the Ladies' Best Gross.



We then travelled to Zhuhai where some of our members returned to Hong Kong while the rest of the party went for an enormous seafood meal and a few cleansing ales – just the recipe after a hot day in the sun.

After a substantial breakfast buffet we travelled to the ferry terminal to meet the new arrivals which included Mark Eames on a first-time trip to Pine Valley and that regular visitor Kim Lamsam.

A very pleasant social round was held followed by an excellent lunch and NP prizes went to Mark Eames and Kim Lamsam. Mark enjoyed it so much that he was back with a group of guests the following weekend and has followed up with another visit recently.

If you haven't tried it, you should. The course is excellent and the atmosphere

there is so peaceful, a wonderful contrast from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong.

On Tuesday, 20 July we held a friendly match with CCC on the South Course at Kau Sai Chau and although we finished 1st runner-up we did have winners of two of the three novelty prizes with Asghar Ali taking the Longest Drive prize on the 14th hole and Richard Tinlin winning the Nearest the Pin on the 5th hole. The quality of the CCC Team was seen as their best individual result was a 76 and with his partner returned a better ball score of level par 69. Excellent play and a very enjoyable social event.

There are some places you can never get enough of and Pine Valley is one of those places. We had another excellent trip there on the weekend of Sat/Sun 7/8 August, a select group of regular PV players were there on the Saturday with NP prizes going to CM Mak and Richard Tinlin; to be joined on the Sunday by Ravi Sujanani and Ravi Melwani, eager to

RESULTS	
NP:	Shirley Yu
LD:	Danny Lim Alan Thorburn
Stableford:	
Men: 1st:	Danny Lim 33pts
	2nd: Richard Tang 32pts (c/b)
	3rd: Richard Tinlin 32pts (c/b)
Ladies:	Shirley Yu 27 pts
Best Gross:	
Men:	Gabriel Lam 87
Ladies:	Rita Leung 92



try out the much heralded Pine Valley Resort. They had a wonderful trip and it gave them the appetite to return and spend more time there.

As you will undoubtedly realize, having a good caddy can be of great assistance, but sometimes our best efforts are not always appreciated:

Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?

Caddy: Eventually.

Golfer: I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course.

Caddy: Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth.

Golfer: This can't be my ball, it's too old.

Caddy: It's a long time since we teed off, sir.

Stableford League 2010

After six events the Men's competition is close with Danny Lim on 99 points just ahead of Richard Tinlin on 98 points with Duncan Wong, FK Lim, William Ko, John Ng, KC Sin and CM Mak all in contention.

In the Ladies' competition, Kim Lamsam has a good lead over Eliza Li but Rita Leung is handily placed after only two results and could be a strong contender.

The seventh event is on Tuesday, 7 September on the Leadbetter Course at

Mission Hills and the finale will be at the GS Championships on the South Course at Kau Sai Chau on Tuesday, 5 October, so there are great opportunities for many players to move up the rankings and get among the prizes.

GS Championships

The Championships Day should be another fun-filled day with the final event of the 2010 Stableford League on the South Course with lots of Novelty prizes and the Presentation Dinner in the evening. This is a great value day as the package includes green fee, cart, ferry, new GS shirt, buffet dinner and limited drinks with Frank and friends to entertain. Who knows, we may even have the presence of a VIP Guest to help the party swing along even more, as happened last year. What a night it was!

Upcoming Events

In November we will be travelling to Firestone to play their interesting and challenging course to be followed by the AGM upon return to KCC.

It is your Society so please make the effort to attend the AGM, but go on enjoy yourself and come along to play Firestone during the day.

On Wednesday, 8 December we have booked Kau Sai Chau for an end of year event, format to be decided, but we would like it to be a lot of fun. Details to follow!

What is the Attraction of Golf?

It can be summed up very well by a poem I found a few years ago, the identity of the author unknown.

*In my hand I hold a ball
White and dimpled, rather small
Oh how bland it does appear
This harmless looking little sphere*

*By its size I could not guess
The awesome power it does possess
But since I fell beneath its spell
I've wandered through the fires of hell*

*My life has not been quite the same
Since I chose to play this game
It rules my mind for hours on end
A fortune it has made me spend*

*It has made me curse and cry
I hate myself and want to die
It promises a thing called par
If I can hit it straight and far*

*To master such a tiny ball
Should not be very hard at all
But my desires the ball refuses
And does exactly as it chooses*

*It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies
Or disappears before my eyes
Often it will have a whim
To hit a tree or take a swim*

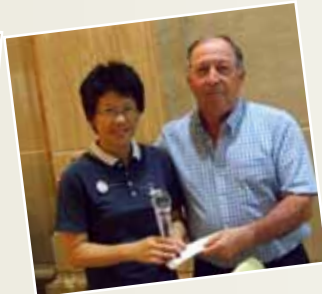
*With miles of grass on which to land
It finds a tiny patch of sand
Then has me offering up my soul
If only it would find the hole*

*It's made me whimper like a pup
And swear that I will give it up
And take to drink to ease my sorrow
But the ball knows...*

I'll be back tomorrow

Enjoy your Golf.

Cheers,
Richard





KCC Golf Day 2010 in the UK

Thanks from the virgin KCC golfers and, I believe, the only two who stayed back in Hong Kong. It was great to see so many faces from the past and catch up. We really enjoyed it despite it being the longest round we had ever played. The hotel was great and the dinner excellent.

Our summers are never the same so we cannot promise to be there. This year was perfect for us but we will try to go wherever it is planned. I know Barnham Broom is excellent too.

Thanks again to all who were involved in organising this event.

Fiona and Tony



On 5 July Sue Norman wrote:

Hi everyone,

I thought you would all like to know that in the end we had 41 people at our UK annual reunion dinner and Golf Day last Friday. The weather was kind and everyone had a good time. Some photos are attached; please let me know if you would like a better quality version of any of them as they have been reduced for emailing.

The prize winners and results are as follows:

Overall Winner	Pete Guppy
Men's Winner	Pete Guppy
Ladies' Winner	Penny Sims
Nearest the Pin (Ladies)	Fiona White
Nearest the Pin (Men)	Nobody!
Longest Drive (Ladies)	Penny Sims
Longest Drive (Men)	Graham Sims
Winning Team (aggregate score)	Graham Sims Denis Worth Daphne Higginson
Runners-Up	Tony White Roy Brown Lynn D'Souza

We all decided that The Abbey Hotel, Redditch was a good central venue and that we should book again for next year as

a back-up, which I have done, but you will see that Agnes has sent out an email with a suggestion of the Barnham Broom Hotel near Norwich. Let me have your views please. In any case, please reserve the date, Friday, 1 July 2011 (first Friday in July).

As a trial this year we had a choice of food and we all agreed it was a good idea and that the quality was excellent; and fantastic value for money too. I will try and negotiate the same deal next year if we return to The Abbey!

It was good to see everyone; some of the non-golfers enjoyed having lunch together or going shopping, and then watching Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal play their semi-final match at Wimbledon, while some of the male non-golfers were discussing the footy, or watching it on another TV!

As mentioned to those present on Friday, and I say it again - please let me know if you have any ideas for a different venue or format and I will try my best to make it happen. Finally, a big thank you to Gerry for organising the golf, and again to Sandy for helping me out with the administration.

Peter and I look forward to seeing you all again next year, if not before.

Best regards,

Sue



A 'Thank You' note:

Dear Sue,

Just a note to say thank you very much for organising this year's KCC day. I thoroughly enjoyed it, some may be surprised to hear this, I really enjoyed the dinner this year. The idea of choice of menu was brilliant. I think everyone got what they liked and enjoyed it.

Remember you were previously asking whether we can consider other venues? Check out "Barnham Broom Hotel" on the outskirts of Norwich at the following website: <http://www.barnham-broom.co.uk>. The hotel is close to the A11 and A47, just 20 minutes drive to Norwich city centre, address: Honingham Road, Barnham Broom, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 4DD.

It has a spa, fitness center, squash courts (air conditioned), open air tennis court and of course 2 golf courses to choose from.

Just a thought!!

Thanks again. See you next year if not sooner in Edinburgh, I hope!

Agnes & John Gardner