

2015年12月23日「香港障健高爾夫球協會」於香港哥爾夫球會-深水灣舉辦2015年度第四次季度練習賽暨障健高球同樂日。感謝過去一年多以來 **Mr. Mark Gailey, Manager of Hong Kong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay** 對本會的支持。



以下是訪問內容:

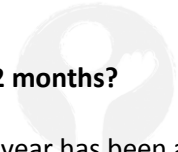
Subject: HKIGA Junior Golfers Fun Day in Association with HKGC, Deep Water Bay

Date: 23rd DEC. 2015

Interviewee: Mr. Mark Gailey, Manager of Hong Kong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay

Is there any special reason that the Hong Kong Golf Club supports the HKIGA's training programmes to such an extent?

The Hong Kong Golf Club has a commitment to golf in Hong Kong - to support the development and growth of the game at all levels. We support elite golfers but also those who maybe picking up a club for the first time. Our willingness to support the HKIGA is part of the Club's commitment and we are delighted to be able to do that. With the range of golf facilities the Club has, we are able to have a multi-faceted approach to golf development. The course at Deep Water Bay allows us to diversify and extend our support to a large number of Hong Kong's golfing community.



What have been the highlights during the Club's cooperation with the HKIGA over the past 12 months?

Just being able to see the commitment and improvement of the impaired golfers over the past year has been an honour and a privilege. Golf is not an easy game to master for anyone - but to watch the commitment of the golfers and the guides and coaches - throughout all sorts of weather conditions - has been thoroughly rewarding. We have seen consistent improvement from the impaired golfers and that has been wonderful to see.

From your point of view, how does golf help impaired people?

Golf is a wonderful game, but a difficult and frustrating one. However, it is also hugely rewarding to master and improve. It is a unique game as people of different standards can play and compete with each other through the handicap system. Children can compete against adults, ladies against men ... this makes it a good option for impaired golfers, despite the difficulties and complexities of the sport. The impaired golfers are lucky to have committed and quality coaches working with the HKIGA and as stated, we have seen their golf steadily improve. Overcoming these challenges is hugely rewarding and beneficial for any golfer.

What is your opinion of the HKIGA's training programmes?

The Club has been working with the HKIGA for over a year, providing the association with access to both the course and the teaching areas. During this time we have built a strong relationship with the association, and it is one we are very proud of. The commitment of the staff of the HKIGA, both coaches and guides, is exemplary and we are happy and proud to be able to contribute and help the valuable work they do.

On behalf of the Club, what is your wish for 2016?

We hope that we can maintain and grow our relationship with the HKIGA. It is a valuable part of our overall commitment to golf in Hong Kong and one that we are very proud of that fact. We would like to see more people enjoy this great game and are committed to the sport's growth and development here. We have a strong relationship with the HKIGA and would like to nurture that relationship and for it to continue to grow.

