

2016 清水灣高爾夫公開賽交流日

11月5日是一個陽光燦爛的日子，也是香港高爾夫球公開賽進入高潮的第三天賽事。對本會學員及骨幹成員來講，更是一個難忘的日子，因為本會當天和合作夥伴清水灣球會為學員成功舉辦了一個愉快，大開眼界，和參賽職業球手交流的活動。

當天早上在廖錯夢創會會長，會長，輔導員和家長陪同下，學員都精神抖擻，穿上亮麗的本會球衣在早上十時半到達球會。球會的副總經理毛翔明先生和他的同事熱情招待，安排了兩位參賽的職業球員(美國球手 Jack Persons 和日本球手 Rui Takamatsu) 為學員進行示範，指導和回答提問。兩位球手示範了開球和將球準確送上果嶺的技術。當他們將 Driver 用力一揮，高球破空而出，直飛到練習場的盡頭，學員和家長們都不禁高聲歡呼和鼓掌。兩位球手跟著比賽擊球到指定目標，他們的高超技術令觀眾嘆為觀止！

看完精彩的示範，學員們都躍躍欲試。球會安排了他們在參賽球員熱身的真草球道進行揮杆練習，學員一字排開盡力揮杆將小白球打向練習場的遠方。其間兩位球手為每位學員進行個別指導。學員們的熱情揮杆，令工作人員要不斷為他們補給練習球。

到了賽場又怎可以錯過觀賽的難得機會呢！球會跟著安排學員到第一洞觀看球手開球和他們在鄰近的練習果嶺進行推杆練習。學員們都看得聚精會神，不亦樂乎。然後全體人員在比賽記分板前大合照留念。

歡樂時光過得很快，轉眼已到中午。球會安排本會全體人員到俱樂部的餐廳享用豐富的自助餐，為這次愉快，獲益不淺的交流活動畫上完美的句號！

建基於這次成功的經驗，告別前廖會長和毛副總經理都共同表達了加強和深化兩會夥伴關係的意願，更有系統地為殘障的高球手提供更多的練習和打球的機會。

A Master Class for HKIGA Members at the Clear Water Bay Open

It was a bright sunny day on November 5, the third and moving day of the Hong Kong Golf Open. For the leadership and members of HKIGA, it was a particularly memorable day as the Association and its partner, the Clear Water Bay Golf and Country Club, staged a thoroughly enjoyable and eye-opening master class for our members by the tournament pros.

Led by Mr. KM Liu, our President, and accompanied by sighting guide and parents, our members arrived at the Golf Club around 10:30 am in high spirits and in HKIGA's smart t-shirts. Mr. Jerry Mo, the Deputy General Manager of the Club, and his colleagues extended a very warm welcome to our party. The highlight of the visit was a master class conducted for our members by two tournament pros - Mr. Jack Persons of the US and Mr. Rui Takamatsu of Japan. Through demonstration, personal coaching and taking questions, the two pros gave our members useful tips on making long drives off the tee and shaping accurate approach shots. Their mighty long drives, flied like bullets to the end of the range, were greeted by cheers and applause. Our members and their parents were equally amazed by their skills in shaping pin-point approach shots in the subsequent hit-the-target competition.

Knowing our members were eager to apply what they had just learned from the pros, the Club arranged for them to hit balls from real grass at the warm-up driving range reserved for the tournament players. Lined up in a straight row, our members enthusiastically hit balls down the range as far as they could. The two pros took turns to give advice to individual members. Our members were so keen that the Club staff had to repeatedly refill their golf balls.

With the Hong Kong Open on the exiting moving day, how could we miss the opportunity to see the players in action. Our party then moved to Hole number one to watch the players teeing off and practising putting on the nearby putting green. As a souvenir to commemorate the event, we then take a group photo under the Leader Board.

Happy time flies and lunch break was fast approaching. The Club generously treated us to a sumptuous buffet lunch at the Club restaurant, a perfect ending to a very enjoyable and rewarding collaborative event.

With this successful event as a solid foundation, before parting, both Mr. Liu and Mr. Mo expressed a shared vision to strength and deepen the partnership in order to provide more opportunities for impaired golfers to practise and play golf.







