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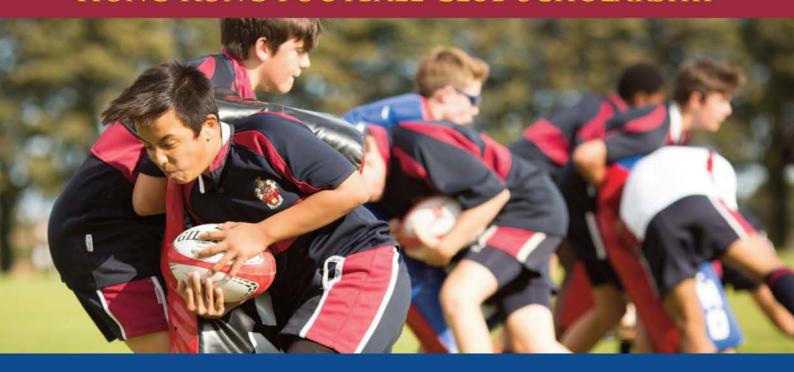






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# The Thoughts of the Chairman

# 主席的話



Michael J. Wood Chairman

t the time of writing the COVID-19 virus shows little sign of abating although clearly the situation in Hong Kong is well under control with Government containment measures having positive effects.

The Club is in frequent contact with other clubs, and also most particularly the Department of Health (DOH) and the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

Based upon the recommendations of both the DOH and CHP we believe that we meet and even exceed the necessary prevention protocols recommended. Aside from the more obvious measures that are visible to all Members, we have overnight cleaning teams who undertake deep cleaning of certain areas of the Club using hospital grade cleaning products.

On this note, I believe that thanks are in order to all our staff who continue to provide us with high levels of service despite the challenges.

Opposite this article you will see an advertisement for scholarships of up to 25% of annual school fees by St Lawrence College in Ramsgate, Kent, UK. This is a new initiative that came about due to personal connections from the school and if you have any interest to find out more, please scan the QR code or contact the Front Desk.

On a brighter note, the Club is once again the Gold Winner of the Expat Living Reader's Choice Awards 2020 via a survey by Expat Living Publications, basically confirming that we are the best Sports club in Hong Kong!

Thank you to all our staff for their tireless work which brings about this accolade.

Finally, I would like to urge all Members to keep an eye out for eNotices which are our primary means of contacting Members with important information. This is most relevant at the present time, so please update the Club if necessary with your latest email address. The website will of course also contain important notices and updates.

Michael J. Wood Chairman **上** 然政府的圍堵策略成效甚佳,令本地疫情得到有效控制,但到目前為止,新冠病毒仍然在全球肆虐,沒有半點好轉的跡象。

有鑑於此,我們正不斷與其他會所協調,並與 衛生署和衛生防護中心保持緊密聯繫。

參考過衛生署和衛生防護中心的意見,相信本會已經達到甚至超出預防指引的要求。除了日常可見的預防措施外,夜更清潔團隊亦會整夜工作,使用醫療級清潔用品,深入清潔本會不同角落。

在此感謝所有員工面對疫情難關時,依然緊守 崗位,維持高水平服務。

想讓一身運動細胞的子女到海外升學,不妨看看 左頁由球會聯同英國 St Lawrence College 最新 設立的獎學金計劃,會員可得到高達25%全年學 費的獎學金。新計劃得以成行,全賴學校與本會 的合作關係,若然你有興趣知道更多,可以掃描 旁邊的二維碼,或者向接待處職員查詢。

好消息一浪接一浪,本會於2020年Expat Living讀者之選大獎中再度獲頒金獎,足以證 明我們是香港首屈一指的體育會所!

本會獲得如此殊榮,實在有賴員工孜孜不倦的 努力,再次感謝他們。

最後,記得留意本會發出的電子郵件,皆因很多重要資訊都會透過電子郵件通知會員,現時疫情發展仍未明朗,更加要緊貼本會最新動態,以應付任何突發情況,如果你沒有收過本會的電郵,請馬上聯絡本會職員,更新電郵地址,與此同時,大家亦可以在網頁得知本會的重要通告及最新消息。

主席胡米高

#### **Obituary**

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Member William Leung, Eric Yim and Charlie Cook.

Our thoughts and prayers go to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

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# From the Desk of Mark Pawley

# 總經理的話



Mark Pawley, General Manager

ith April normally being one of our busiest months of the year and Rugby Week (which isn't happening until October) being the busiest week of the year, it would appear that we are going to fall somewhat short of the mark this month, given the current situation as regards the COVID-19 virus.

At time of writing we are just about to close all of our sports and recreational facilities but our F&B Outlets, apart from the Family Lounge Bar, remain open. In this respect we will continue with the new food and beverage promotions planned for April, although there is the possibility of a ban on the sale of alcohol which would stymie various beverage promotions.

You will see on the adjacent page that we have extended the **Daily Roast promotion in the Chairman's Bar** and we have kept your favourites and added a few new ones to try.

The **Restaurant** promotion this month is "**Technicolour Asparagus**" where Chef Massimo has put together some new special menu items based on recipes from his home town in Pudlia.

In the Coffee Shop we have the Around the World promotion where we have added four "must-eat" dishes to the menu from the "four" corners of the world! Also, in the Coffee Shop we will be doing the "Winner-winner Chicken Dinner" which is a complete dinner to go. This means a half or a whole chicken which includes veg, mash and gravy and you can also order a wide range of extra side dishes, if you so wish.

From a wine perspective we have the Malbec Day Masterclass on Thursday 16th April, the Wine Carousel in the Chairman's Bar available daily from 6.30pm to 10.30pm, a Wine Fair the weekend of the 18th and 19th April and a new experience in the Private Dining Room will be a Premium Wine Dinner featuring a higher range of wines offered with limited seating only for all you wine connoisseurs!

For Whisky lovers we are holding a special dinner event in the **Restaurant** with a global range of whisky. Come along to the **Contemporary Whiskies from Around the World Dinner on Friday 24th April**.

In the Sportsman's Bar we are featuring a special Hong Kong Craft Beer offered on tap as well as in the bottle in our Chairman's Bar and the Kiosk. Come down and try Thunder God Ale by Moonzen Brewery. From a food angle we have a Healthy Food promotion going on throughout April in addition to the new Daily Dish specials. We also have a new breakfast menu for the weekend. And the clincher for the Sportsman's Bar is the new earlier opening hours during the week (Monday to Friday) now 4pm!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley, General Manager 過往,4月總是本會忙得不可開交的月份, 欖球週(已推遲至10月)更是每年最繁忙的一週:不過隨着新冠病毒持續擴散,這個月應該不會像過往那麼熱鬧。

到目前為止,我們已經關閉了所有體育及康樂設施,而餐飲設施方面,除了Family Lounge Bar外,其他餐廳及食肆均會照常營業。雖然未來有機會實施禁酒令,從而打亂我們各種酒類的宣傳部署,但其他餐飲美食的推廣活動將不會受到影響,繼續於4月出爐。

在左頁,你會發現我們延長了**Chairman's Bar** 的**每日燒烤推廣**,不單止保留人氣極高的款式, 更增添另外幾款烤肉,讓你一次過享受不同香 脆滋味。

Restaurant本月限定的「千色蘆筍」餐牌,由意 大利大廚Massimo帶來他在蒲利亞的家鄉食譜, 並加以創新,精心製成色彩繽紛的蘆筍料理。

而Coffee Shop 嘆盡全球的推廣活動,為大家 搜羅到四款來自五湖四海的必食菜式!除此之 外,Coffee Shop 將會推出「大雞大利齊齊食」 的外賣套餐,顧名思義,套餐有半隻或全隻雞, 伴以蔬菜、薯蓉及肉汁,略嫌太少的話,還可 以加配各式各樣的配菜。

有佳餚,自然亦有美酒。我們的美酒活動多不勝數,不僅有4月16日的馬爾貝克日品酒班、每逢晚上6點半至10點半在Chairman's Bar特設的旋轉酒會,以及4月18至19日的酒展,還有Private Dining Room的美酒晚宴,晚宴五花八門的選擇將為你帶來全新體驗,身為品酒行家的你們萬勿錯過,位置有限,手快有,手慢無!

愛喝威士忌的人不用擔心,我們將會在 Restaurant舉辦一個充滿濃烈酒香的特色晚宴,若然想要一次過品嚐世界各地的威士忌,4月 24日(星期五)的嘆盡全球之當代威士忌晚宴, 正正為你而設。

我們現時正主打一款獨特的本地手工啤酒一門神啤酒廠出品的雷公淡啤,想一嚐古代神界之酒,可以到Sportman's Bar、Chairman's Bar及Kiosk享用。於Sportman's Bar內,除了全新的每日精選菜式外,我們整個四月份將供應有營食物,週末的早餐餐牌亦經已改頭換面。Sportman's Bar平日更會提早於下午4點開始營業,實在是莫大喜訊!

很期待在球會見到大家!

### 總經理龐禮文





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Homemade bread from the kitchen, ready to eat at your convenience

# Cereals and Breakfast Foods

- √ O'Lait Fresh Milk
- √ Bjorg Whole Grain Oat \$30 Flakes \$27
- √ Blueberries

perfect match for your breakfast

## Jamie Oliver Tagliatella

Ribbons of lovely pasta made with Italian ingredients

## Canned Goods **Canned Crab Meat**

Good mix with pasta, salad and any dishes

### Snacks

# **Poppadoms Chips**

Lentil Chip as snacks with no MSG

### Home-made Pork Char Siu 500g

Baked in oven for 15 minutes and that's what you need for your meal

### Frazen Foods

# Frozen Margeherita Pizza

Enjoy the Pizza at home with no preservatives or flavoring, simply likes a la minutes from the restaurant

### Produce **Baby Spinach**

Natural freshness



cold Pressed, Bio and Organic

## Eggs

## S - Pure Egg

\$28

contains high nutritious yolk fresh and pure from farm to kitchen

### Champagne

### Taittinger Champagne \$298

Best price in town, time to stock up your wine cabinet

## Cheese

# Fontina Cheese 200g

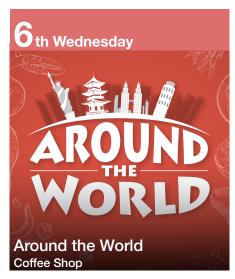
cow milk cheese direct import from Italy

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE MONTHLY PROMOTIONS











# 16<sub>th Thursday</sub>









### **Coffee Shop**

- Juice Promotion: "Immunity Booster"
- "Winner Winner Chicken Dinner"

### Restaurant

- No Corkage Charge Everyday
- No Minimum Charge in Private Dining Room – Sunday to Thursday (except 9 & 12 April)

### Chairman's Bar

- Daily Roast EXTENDED!
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- Wine carousel

### Sportsman's Bar

 Monthly Promotion Dishes – Healthy Dishes

# Captain's Bar and Family Lounge

 Fresh selection of Healthy Salad and Sandwiches available

# Coming Soon in

Sunday 10th Mother's Day

Friday 21st Wine master class Masterclass Happy Valley Suite 1

Friday 29th
Wine Dinner
Restaurant

### **Enquiries and Booking:**

Coffee Shop - 2830 9569 • Restaurant - 2830 9562 • Chairman's Bar - 2830 9559 • Sportsman's Bar - 2830 9531



2019/20 Season:

# HKFC 1ST TEAM UNPRECEDENTED

# TREBLE WINNERS







he Club team took to the stage on 8th February against a ferocious Valley team who had put Hong Kong Scottish to the sword in the Semi Final. With the Grand Championship, and the first ever Treble on the line for Club, Club edged a titanic thriller in extra-time, courtesy of the boot of Glynn 'Hughesman' Hughes, and the tee delivery of Niall 'The Bus' Rowark.

The Club team wrapped up one of the most successful seasons on record winning the Challenge Trophy, the League and also the Grand Championships, with several key players (Jevon 'Omelet' Groves, Ronan 'Winters well' Donnelly, Tom 'Tom from Sydney' Hill, Ben 'Babs' Axten Burrett) shining throughout.

It was a disappointing end to the season for the remaining teams at the Club who all had the league and GC's cancelled due to the COVID-19. As it stood,

Scorpions were the only team to have claimed their league title by the time it was cancelled, and thus they were the only other team to win a trophy; despite Dragons, Select and Bulls sitting incredibly pretty at the top of their respective leagues.

With the HK Sevens now postponed until October, attention now turns to Rapid Rugby where several key HKFC players have been selected to represent the South China Tigers. Make sure you give them your best 'ROOOOAAAARR'.

Until next time, Yours in Rugby

■ Niall

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

### COVID-19

At the time of writing this short report, COVID-19 virus has continued to disrupt Mini Rugby with the continued cancellation of training and the postponements to the Valley, Sandy Bay, Macau Bats Festivals, and our own HKFC Festival. And you will be aware that the Hong Kong Sevens has been postponed to the autumn.

So there is little to report or update you upon. Keep well

Best.

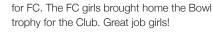
■ Denis Brock, Chairman, HKFC Mini-Rugby



### **Under 12 Girls**

With a steely gaze in their eyes the HKFC U12 girls boarded the DB ferries like modern day Viking raiders. Their quarry – to bring home hardware from the DB Pirates Beach Festival. First up were the girls from Sandy Bay. A strong offensive start by our intrepid girls, who set the tone early, putting constant pressure on Sandy Bay. A quick pass from the middle by Saidhb Martin out to Vincy Chan, who made a rough and tumble run up the middle before smashing across

Sandy Bay's try line, winning the match, 1-0. Next up were our hosts, the DB Pirates, who showed their proficiency in the sand with home court advantage. In a cowboy shootout between two strong teams, DB Pirates and FC, traded tries, tying up the score at 2 all. Strong defence by Lauren Lau and Mia Wong held the Pirates at bay, until two break-away runs by the Pirates dashed our girls hopes, conceding with a 2-4 final score. Next up were the girls from Valley, who jumped to a 2 try head start, before our FC girls rallied around Lucy Guest's strong running up the middle, combined with a pass out to Alyssa Mok on the wing, scoring FC's first try. An injured Valley player caused a delay in game, knocking off precious time from the clock, which worked to Valley's advantage. In a heartbreaker, the clock ran out and FC conceded the match 1-3. In the final pool match, our FC girls were up against the girls from Sai Kung. Alyssa Schoonmaker set the tone early in the match with break-away runs up the middle to the wing, scoring FC's first try. Hannah Gibbs put in a strong defensive effort, keeping the pressure on Sai Kung and forcing errors, helping FC win the match, 2-0. Entering the bowl final, once again FC went up against their nemesis, Sandy Bay. In a grudge match between two strong teams, FC and HKU traded tries with a tied match at 2 all. As the clock was ticking down, our girls made a beautiful series of passes from Lucy Guest to Saidhb Martin to Vincy Chan, who pierced



the Sandy Bay defence, ending the match 3-2

■ Allen Schoonmaker



On Saturday 18 January, a group of U9 and 10 girls proudly represented the Club at the DB Pirates All Girls Beach Festival. Enthusiastic parents and coaches saw our girls lose hard fought games against Sai Kung (the eventual and deserved cup winners) and DBP, and a very narrow loss against Valley, before enjoying a comfortable win against Sandy Bay. This was enough to see the girls through to the final of the third tier competition, where the chance for revenge against Valley presented itself, and was duly taken, with the girls having learned a lot about beach rugby in a single day. As usual, it's somewhat unfair to single out players, but Romane Bruneau scored an uncounted number of tries and tackled like a guided missile. For the record, the other champions who played were Ella Fong, Ellie Develter, Emi Hamada-Griffith, Emily Sophia Blohm, Jem and Kez Wall, Louis Lindsay, Megan Lau and Mia Cave. Well done to all.

It is worth mentioning that the atmosphere at this tournament, including between opposing teams (and coaches!) was fantastic – perhaps it was the fine weather and being by the sea, but this was such a fun day and we should continue to send teams in the future. Secondly, what was particularly pleasing for our girls was that they backed up this outstanding day of rugby by playing in the King's Park tournament the following day, where the 10 girls who played on the beach slotted back into the A and B teams, which both then went undefeated on the day (beating DBP and Sai Kung in the process!).









All Above: Under 12s



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# MESSAGE FROM THE SOCCER CAPTAIN



Sebastian Page, Soccer Section Captain

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to keep as active as possible!

Although all league games have been put on hold for the time being, our teams continue to train and play games down at the Club, so will be ready to continue their pursuit of silverware once things get back up and running. A big congratulations to our ladies' team for successfully running a 7s tournament at the Club to celebrate International Women's Day on the 8th March. It was great for us to be able to bring together the Hong Kong women's football community for this. Well done to Lyndsay Stewart and Mia Williams for coordinating this great day!

See you all down at the Club

■ Sebastian Page

# HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

o celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March, HKFC's Soccer Section hosted a 7-a-side ladies tournament to bring together the Hong Kong women's football community for a day of fun and competitive 7-a-side football. The event, while scheduled relatively last minute with the recent cancellations of HKFA football across Hong Kong, managed to draw over 80 players from 7 teams from across the first and second divisions in Hong Kong.

The tournament was made up of 8 teams – two groups of 4, with cup and bowl semi-final and finals. Group stages from both sides were extremely close, with teams being separated by a single point or decided on goals for. Both HKFC 1 and 2 teams moved out of their respective groups. In the first semi-final, HKFC 2 faced off against Kitchee. The game finished in a close 1-0 win for HKFC 2, with **Maddie Kwan** scoring the only goal of the game to put HKFC 2 through to the final. In the

second semi-final, HKFC 1 faced off against the always strong Happy Valley. Unfortunately, dreams of an HKFC final were crushed with a 3-0 win for Happy Valley.

The HKFC 2 vs Happy Valley final did not disappoint. Despite this being the 5th match of the day for the girls, the game was end to end, with both teams exchanging multiple chances. While Happy Valley were extremely lively around the HKFC net and created numerous quality chances, key defensive plays by **Imogen Short** and HKFC keeper **Allyson Shick** kept the scoresheet at 0, bringing the game to sudden death penalties. First up to shoot was HKFC vet **Khadija Webster-Matheson**, who confidently and calmly as Khadija does, placed the ball in the bottom right corner of the net. With Happy Valley's shooter unable to convert, HKFC 2 took home the champagne trophy of the first-ever HKFC Ladies 7-a-side tournament.



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HKFC vet Khadija Webster-Matheson, who confidently and calmly as Khadija does, placed the ball in the bottom right corner of the net...HKFC 2 took home the champagne trophy of the first-ever HKFC Ladies 7-a-side tournament.

Overall, the Soccer Section is extremely pleased with how the event went, and we are already floating ideas on the next women's football events we can host. Lastly, a massive thank you to HKFC Ladies player **Mia Williams** who, as usual, took the initiative to coordinate and plan yet another successful Soccer Section event this year. Additional thank you's to **Robbie Bacon** and **Chris Chan** for their assistance before and during the event!

■ Lyndsay Stewart











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### WELCOME DRINK

Soave Classico "Capitel Tenda" DOC 2018

Vinous Antonio Galloni Point 90

### APPETIZER

Baccala Mantecato with Radicchio and White Polenta

Valpolicella Superiore DOC 2016

The Wine Front Point 90

### FRIST COURSE

Risotto Pigeon Breast, with Amarone and Pecorino Cheese

Ripasso Valpolicella Superiore "Capitel San Rocco" DOC 2016

James Suckling Point 93

### MAIN COURSE

Slow Braised Wagyu Beef Cheek with Bone Marrow Sauce, New Potato Scone and Sautéed Porcini Mushrooms Amarone della Valpolicella Superiore "Capitel Monte Olmi" Single Vineyard DOC 2012 **Robert Parker Point 95** 

### DESSERT

Semifreddo with Amarene Cherries and Cinnamom, topped with Chocolate Sauce Recioto della Valpolicella Superiore "Capitel Fontana" Single Vineyard DOC 2015 The Wine Front Point 94











**VENUE: THE RESTAURANT** 

**DATE**: 29TH MAY 2020

TIME: 7:30-8:00PM (PRE-DINNER DRINK) | 8:00PM (DINNER)

PRICE: 558 PER MEMBER

618 PER MEMBER'S GUEST

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Please contact the restaurant at 28309562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com
All the above wines will be served in limited quantity.

Cancellation or amendments must be emailed to the restaurant and must be made before Tuesday 19th
Otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account. Unless there are exceptional circum re Tuesday 19th May 2020. ceptional circumstances. A la Carte options will not be available that evening.

## IN THE RESTAURANT THIS APRIL:

# TECHNICOLOR ASPARAGUS

Chef Massimo pulls in recipes from his hometown of Puglia

This is the dawning of the age of asparagus

## **Enquiries and Bookings:**

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# Hockey Section Key Players: 10 in 10

This month, we meet two key folk of the Hockey Section, Director of Hockey Simon Chapman and Section Committee Chairman Lyle Williams. From Hong Kong life hacks, to GOATs and fines, we find out more about what makes them tick and hopefully get some good counsel along the way...

### SIMON CHAPMAN

### Tell us about the most memorable moments in your hockey career. One off the pitch and one on.

Off the pitch: Walking into the National Stadium at the Opening Ceremony of the Asian Games in Doha 2006. It felt a little odd waiving a HK flag (having only just moved to HK from NZ), but to share that moment with all those international athletes was spectacular to say the least!

On Pitch: So many unmemorable moments on the pitch as a player (!), but as coach, winning the first of a run of national championships with the Canterbury U18 Boys team was special. Not only because we won, but because most of this team would also have success with the U21s and many went on to represent the National Team at the highest levels.

### 2. How did you end up in Hong Kong?

I was eventually lured over by two Kiwi mates and HKFC Members for a teaching job. Fifteen years later...

...be afraid of nothing and try everything. With great risk comes reward.



# 3. If you had to nominate a member of the Dinos to be HK Chief Executive, who would it be and why?

I'm sure they could collectively form a sensible Executive Committee. As for the CE role, let's see who's still standing strongest after their Bangkok Tour!

**4. What's your best Hong Kong life hack?** Taobao. Say no more.

# 5. Pick a spirit animal for yourself and explain why.

My zodiac sign is Leo and in many ways, it fits, but I particularly like the symbolic connection made in this quote from the great and wise Mufasa... "While others search for what they can take, a true king searches for what he can give."

### 6. Who is your sporting GOAT?

In terms of GOATs I admire, the list is long. The usual names come to mind; Wilma Rudolph, Bruce Mclaren, Bjorn Daehli, Valerie Adams, Phar Lap, and of course a few other household names; Roger Federer, Usain Bolt, Tiger Woods, Serena Williams, Lindsey Vonn, Michael Phelps, Kelly Slater, Dan Carter etc. But if I dive back in time, I would also add to my childhood heroes list; Sir John Walker, Allison Roe MBE, Sir Richard Hadlee, Dean Jones, Wayne Gretzky and of course Michael Jordan.

## 7. What's the best hockey tour you've been on?

Obviously, Kai Tak rules apply for social tours. But 'best hockey tours' were probably with the HK men's team to Bangladesh in 2006 for the AG Qualifier and to India in 2008 for the Asia Cup. Spending 10-12 days 'on tour' in both countries created life-long memories, friendships and opportunities I'd previously never had the privilege to experience and will value greatly always.



## 8. What's the worst hockey fine you've ever witnessed?

Is there really any 'fine' deemed 'the worst'? There have been some 'good ones' for sure. The 'shoe fine' comes to mind quickly. But I think the best 'worst fine' I have heard of was shared by one of our recent Aussie player/coaches from his club back home. Everyone draws a card from a hat (all of which have different fines on them), one of which says you must leave the fine session immediately, go home and return – face time evidence required. Brutal on a Saturday night Sydney commute, but apparently the repercussions of failing were well worth making the trip back to the clubrooms!

# 9. If you could give one piece of advice to your 18-year-old self, what would it be? Make the most of your 20s, be afraid of nothing and try everything. With great risk comes reward. Oh, and always let your mum know you are ok.

## 10. Best purchase you've ever made worth HKD\$500 or less?

Thankfully some of the best purchases are not that expensive, like finding a damn good flat white in HK...although relative to the prices back home, it's extortion!

### LYLE WILLIAMS

### 1. Tell us about the most memorable moments in your hockey career. One off the pitch and one on?

On the field: So many, from my first hockey tour at 16 to the Isle of Man (where I met Shep) to 20 years later playing against the Dutch National side in HK and being asked to mark Teun de Nooijer (just 453 Dutch caps!) – I was barely in the same postcode as him!

Off the field: Watching the Olympic Hockey final in Sydney and commentating to guys in the Club when the match went into extra time and the TV coverage in HK stopped!

### 2. How did you end up in Hong Kong?

I initially came with work for a 2-3 year spell in 1992 during the financial services boom and then never really left! My initial introduction to the HKFC was because I knew Simon Shepherdson from the UK and he brought me down to the Club.

# 3. If you had to nominate a member of the Dinos to be HK Chief Executive, who would it be and why?

It would have to be Heather Deayton, with a common-sense approach to life. You don't mess with Heather so she'd be perfect for the job!

## **4. What's your best Hong Kong life hack?** Green minibuses, without a doubt.

## 5. Pick a spirit animal for yourself and then explain why.

Hmmm. An owl? All seeing and wise, even if I do say so myself.

#### 6. Who is your sporting GOAT?

It would have to be Emerson Fitzpaldi, Brazilian F1 Driver who was the F1 World Champion. Taught me to drive... probably explains why it took me so long to get my license!

## 7. What's the best hockey tour you have been on?

Bermuda International Tournament when I was playing for a team sponsored by Bacardi. Aptly named the Rum Spirits, we had lots of sponsors' product and went back for four years in a row... hick!



# 8. What is the worst hockey fine you've ever witnessed?

Any fine issued by Pagey and administered by Eric Bernasco.

# 9. If you could give one piece of advice to your 18-year-old self, what would it be?

Don't get fined by Pagey and Bernasco. But more seriously, try everything once – be brave!

# 10. Best purchase you have ever made worth HKD\$500 or less?

My initial subscription to the HKRFU Members club – the genius of guaranteeing me 2 x HK Sevens tickets every year. I'm member number 19!



In Memory of Charlie Cook We are very saddened to inform the Hockey Section and other HKFC members of the untimely death of **Charlie Cook**. Charlie had been suffering from pancreatic cancer for around eighteen months and had borne the illness bravely, in his inimitable style.

Charlie was involved with hockey in Hong Kong from his arrival in 1983. He regularly turned out on the left wing for the Bs and later for the Cs. He played for the Vets and represented Hong Kong. In his words, he umpired 'when he had to'.

He was an inveterate tourist with the PHADS. Those who regularly toured with him have many fond memories, particularly of his rendition of Ring-A-Rang-A-Roo. Spectators who watched the later games on a Sunday afternoon would usually be thoroughly entertained by his pithy comments and friendly abuse of the players, umpires and anything else from his position in the stand, usually accompanied by a jug of Carlsberg.

He moved to Australia in 2008 but by continuing his work for a Hong Kong law firm, was able to visit HKFC and catch up with friends every few weeks or so.

We send our sympathies and love to Penny and his family.





## 27th February

Deputy Captain **Eric** led a HKFC selection vs **Dick Lau's** HYSAN talented youngster's on 27th Thursday. Some great squash was played against HKFC Squash Sections top players with a memorable dinner in the Club's Coffee Shop afterwards.

Big thanks to **Dick** and **Eric** for arranging and hosting the evening.

	Players	Score
1	Dick Lau beat Eric Ho	3-1
2	Alvin Tsang lost to Wilson	3-0
3	Manuel Lai lost to Nathan	3-2
4	Bosco Chan beat Timmy	3-2
5	Benny Lai lost to James	3-0
6	Ryan Fok lost to William	3-0
7	Chu Ho Yin lost to Obadiahn	3-0









# SQUASH CLUB NIGHT

## in February and March

- We were graced by the likes of two ex-Chairmen, the current Chairman and our noble men's Captain, as well as top players from the leagues so everyone had good games regardless of age, ability and alcoholic addiction.
- This is sadly the last of the 'Dispel the Gloom' series of three consecutive club evenings for which due credit should go to the Section Treasurer for his benevolence in doling out the funds to support the Section in this troubling period.
- But rest assured, Club Night will be back. Make a note in your diary to keep the **last Friday of every month** free for future romping and stomping as we will try to make this a regular event so
  that members can get to know each other better and give the meaning of 'singles matches' a
  whole new twist.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the courts.

# ENGLISH SCORING TOURNAMENT

## 22nd February

The HKFC Squash Section hosted back to back events, following on from the very popular Club Night, we hosted an English Scoring Tournament the next day.

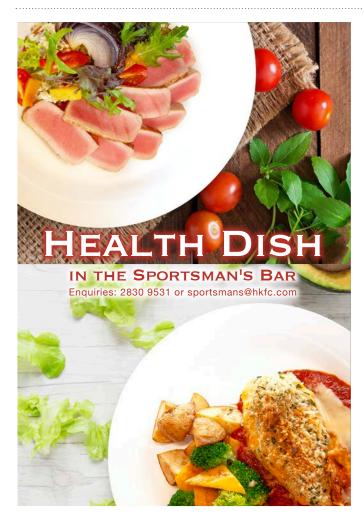
Results: Incredibles lost pretty convincingly to the Invincibles 9 games to 21 games. Amazing, unbelievable, incredible.

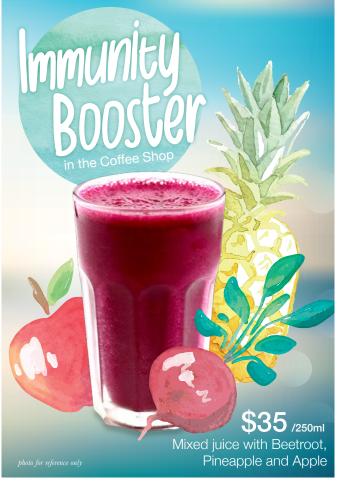












# HKFC TOPS TRIPLES LEAGUE LEADERBOARDS

HKFC-A Team has displayed once again its strength by attaining the top spot in Division One half-way through this season's Men's Triples League. Other HKFC teams which have also top their competitors include the Men's Teams C and E in Division Two and Division Eight respectively.

Unfortunately, this year's winter leagues were cancelled by HKLBA due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Altogether HKFC sent off eight teams for the Men's and four teams for the Women in the Triples Leagues. The latest standings of our teams prior to the abandoned league are as follows:

MEN'S TRIPLES LEAGUE 2019						
Division	Team	Standing*				
One	HKFC-A	1				
	HKFC-B	3				
Two	HKFC-C	1				
Four	HKFC-D	10				
Eight	HKFC-E	1				
	HKFC-F	2				

<sup>\*</sup>half of the season after 5 games

WOMEN'S TRIPLES LEAGUE 2019						
Division	Team	Standing*				
One	HKFC-A	2				
Two	HKFC-B	6				
Four	HKFC-C	6				
Eight	HKFC-D	8				

<sup>\*</sup>half of the season after 5 games















## Club's Outdoor Green Closed for Upgrade Works

The outdoor bowling green will be closed sometime in April for a lawn overhaul until the forthcoming summer. Our bowlers are anxiously looking forward to its re-opening which is tentatively scheduled for Aug. Watch out for further announcement.



# Club Bowler Tony Cheung Nominated for Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards

HK Squad Veteran **Tony Cheung** has once again been nominated by the HKLBA for this year's Cathay Pacific 2019 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards, organised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

Tony's nomination is well received by the local bowls community with his stellar performances at the 2019 World Bowls' World Singles Champion of Champions by winning the silver medal for two consecutive years.

In total, 68 athletes and nine teams have been nominated from across a host of sports. Results will be announced at the awards' presentation ceremony and annual dinner of the Federation on 18th May at the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For more details, please visit the website at http://sportstar2019.hkolympic.org







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## CHAIRWOMAN'S NOTE

# Friendly Matches with HKCC

ell... this season certainly hasn't been going to plan for anyone. Just when we thought we would be back in full swing post Chinese New Year, the COVID-19 has suspended all games indefinitely. So while the netball community of Hong Kong eagerly awaits further details about when (and if) we resume games, the coaches and players of HKFC Netball have been maintaining training sessions on a Monday and Wednesday night.

Monday's have been more focused on game play, whilst Wednesday is fitness... and personally, I don't think we have ever been so sore. This last month has rivalled the pre-season in terms of fitness. I think the coaches are secretly enjoying putting us through our paces. We have also managed to get a few friendly matches in with HKCC to make sure we don't get too comfortable playing against our own. So with another month of the season down and no word on when games might resume, we will maintain the status quo and keep on trucking/training.













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-Programmes, Entertainment and Venues are subject to change without prior notice.

-Please contact the Restaurant at 28309562 for a reservation or email:restaurant@hkfc.com

## INTRODUCING MATTHEW JOHNSTON

att has been coaching with ATA Tennis for 10 years and has over 20 years of coaching experience. A former highly ranked Australian junior who continued his career as a student athlete at the collegiate level in the USA. His passion for tennis brought him to Hong Kong as part of the National Coaching Team where he specialised in junior development through to the national junior teams.

Matt is a qualified Level 2 Advanced ATPCA Coach and his passion for tennis and his high energy classes ensure all students will develop their skills technically while enjoying their time on court.

Favourite sport to play:

Tennis and Golf

Favourite sport to watch:

Rugby and Tennis

Favourite sportsperson of all time and why:

Manny Pacquiao - Great story of living on the streets coming from nothing and working his way up through the boxing world against all odds. Becoming the first 12 times world champion in 8 different weight divisions. Anything is possible.





### Serving while playing Doubles

When playing doubles your opponent will have a stronger and weaker side they like to return on. If they cannot hit a backhand or they cannot hurt you when returning their backhand then keep serving to it. If they return equally as well of both sides then serve down the  $^{\rm 3}T^{\rm 2}$  to reduce the angles off their return and this helps you set up your next shot and target.

Make sure that you and your partner communicate and both know where you intend to serve. Most of the time when you serve down the middle <sup>3</sup>T<sup>2</sup> chances are it will come back down the middle of the court. Therefore your partner at the net knows what volley to look for.

Serving at your opponents body is a very effective serve as well as it cramps your opponent and doesn¹t allow them to have a full swing at the ball.

Serving to the  ${}^{3}\mathrm{T}^{2}$  is the primary tactic in doubles so practice it a lot.





### Athlete of the Month

# CAITRIONA JENNINGS

Former Olympian who competed at the London Games 2012

This month we would like to highlight one of the HKFC Swim and Triathlon VIPs **Caitriona Jennings**.

Caitriona is a former Olympian who competed in the Olympic Games in 2012, representing Ireland in the Marathon. She has always been passionate about sport and has competed at national and international level (representing Ireland) at swimming, cycling, running and triathlon as a junior and running at senior level. She still continues to compete on the international stage, most recently finishing in 7th place in a new Irish record time of 3:19:49 in the IAU World Championship 50K earlier this month.

Caitriona has just joined the HKFC but has already made a huge impact on the team as our new running coach. She has been instrumental at helping all members achieve whatever running goals they have, from 5km right up to ultra-marathon distance, or just simply to increase their stamina and cross train.

### **CATRIONA'S FAVOURITES**

### Running route in HK:

Victoria Road to Aberdeen and down to Repulse Bay

#### Post race treat:

Chocolate and wine or beer

### Most exciting race:

Comrades... I started middle of the pack and worked through to second, still gaining on the leader when the wheels came off and I was back in third... I worked so hard to retain a podium spot but didn¹t know if I would do so right up until I crossed the finish line!



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Ithough the COVID-19 has impacted the race schedule of the Hong Kong Swimming and Triathlon teams, the team have still been training hard with both weekly swimming and running

sessions. We've had great turn out's and everyone has really enjoyed the exciting team atmosphere. Come join us!



A beautiful night for a training run with Caitriona. Running practices are held Thursday evenings at 6.15pm before swim practice



Another great turn out at our Friday swim session.

Practices are held 6.30am - 8am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Tuesday, Thursday from 7.30pm - 9pm

# — Malbec Day Masterclass —

17th April is World Malbec Day and was established by Wines of Argentina as the official day to celebrate this illustrious wine. Restaurants, venues, and wine experts around the world take part in celebrating Malbec wine, paying homage to the renowned grape varietal.

Mendoza is a large province that is home to 75% of Argentina's vineyards and Malbec is the region's most celebrated grape. 3 wineries with 6 wines from this region will be introduced on Malbec Day Masterclass: Los Cardos, Dona Paula and the critically acclaimed new generation superstar winery Finca Decero.

Date | Thursday 16 April 2020

Time | 7 pm - 8:30pm

Venue | Happy Valley Suite 1

Speaker | Mr Jon Yu

Price | \$195 per person (\$50 refund with wine purchase)





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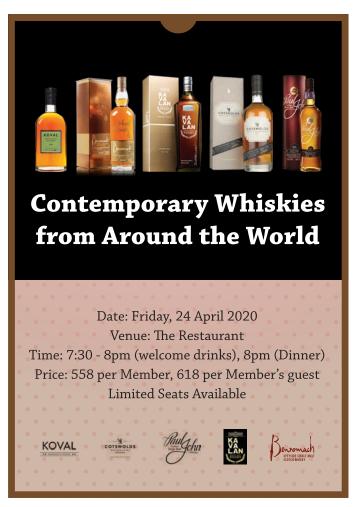
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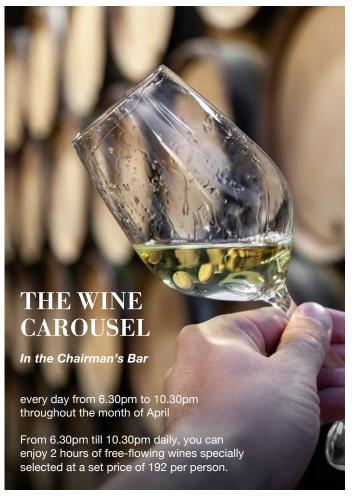
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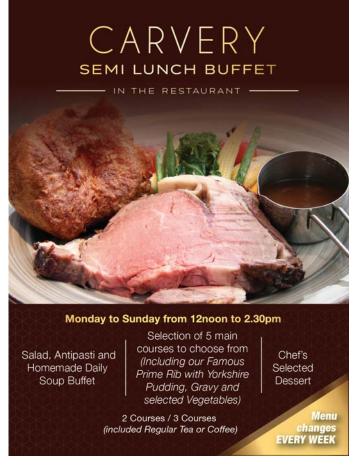
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