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**HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
MISSION STATEMENT**

Vision: To be recognised as one of the leading sports clubs in the world.

Mission: To deliver quality services on the principles of accountability, consistency and transparency. To develop an organizational culture that recognises the importance of staff contribution and commitment. To facilitate the development and participation of recognised sporting activities.

Values: Being accountable – to communicate, consult and provide information.
Living within our means – to plan ahead within available resources. Developing a culture of service – to encourage commitment, integrity, courtesy and responsiveness.
Managing for performance – to set the direction and develop the necessary skills.

Aims: To provide the services the Membership needs.
To improve the quality of Club life.
To up-hold the Constitution and Bye-laws.
To encourage Members to play their part in the Club.

General Committee

- President : Dermot Agnew
- Vice President : Fook Aun Chew
- Vice President : Nick Hunsworth
- Vice President : Bobby Lawson
- Vice President : Iain Valentine
- Chairman : John Shanahan
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- Membership : Maurice O'Brien
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- Hockey Officer : Niccola Russo
- Lawn Bowls Officer : Mike Worth
- Rugby Officer : Damian Babis
- Soccer Officer : Neil Jensen
- Squash Officer : Adam Wilson

Management

- General Manager : Mark Pawley
- Director of Operations : Tony Sealy
- Director of Food and Beverage : Dominique Artigolle
- Director of Finance : Ricky Chan
- Asst. Financial Controller : May Chang
- Executive Chef : Danny Lai
- Facilities Manager : Evan Tao
- Membership Services Manager : Kerry Ogle
- Human Resources Manager : Angela Chan
- Executive Housekeeper : Tracy Tseung

Club Magazine

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John J Shanahan, Chairman

The Thoughts of the Chairman

Welcome back to the sweltering heat of a Hong Kong summer to all of you that went away for your holidays. You will notice that we have refurbished the Fitness Centre floor, ceiling and lighting (as well as doing some touch up painting) and it is now back in action, if you want to work on getting your fitness levels up after the excesses of the summer!

Bearing in mind that a number of sports will now start the serious business of competing in various leagues and challenges, please note the important message from the General Manager this month about children in the Infield and around the Sportsman's Bar area (as well as the notice about medical coverage). I must remind parents that it is your responsibility to look after your children, so please make sure that they are under your supervision at all times whilst on the Club Premises and not putting themselves at risk or causing concern to other Members. I must also ask you to ensure that your children are not running around the food and beverage outlets in order to prevent accidents, such as running into Staff carrying hot food or drinks.

We are now preparing the Annual Report for the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** to be held on **Thursday 5th November 2015** and notices about this will be sent out in early September. On the subject of the AGM, unlike most other clubs, we provide a first class Cocktail Reception for Members who attend the AGM. However, the General Committee has decided that the cost of the reception has been rising steadily over the last few years and needs to be contained. We will still provide a reception for Members attending the AGM, but we will be cutting down on what is provided from now on.

JOHN J SHANAHAN
Chairman

Featured Reciprocal Club this month:



The Tanglin Club

5 Stevens Road, Singapore 257814

Tel: 6622 0555, Fax: 6733 2391

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Members are reminded that they can apply for an Introductory Letter from the Membership Services Department and that room bookings should be made by the Members on their own.

For more information on reciprocal clubs, please make enquiry at the Club's Reception or visit our website at

<http://www.hkfc.com.hk/membership/reciprocal-clubs>



The HKFC Soccer Section

Welcomes you to a

SPORTSMANS CHARITY DINNER

in aid of **The Indochina Starfish Foundation**



AN EVENING WITH **SAM ALLARDYCE**

**Thursday 17th September 2015, 7.30pm
Hong Kong Football Club (Sports Hall)**

Sam Allardyce is a humorous and hard-hitting after-dinner speaker, always talking frankly just as he has done as a prominent manager with Blackpool, Notts County, Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Blackburn Rovers and latterly West Ham United. He was a tough-as-nails defender with a string of clubs including Bolton, Sunderland, Millwall, Coventry, Huddersfield, West Bromwich Albion and Preston North End.

During his have-boots-will-travel career he picked up dozens of hilarious stories that he shares with his audiences. It can only be a question of time before Sam is back in the saddle as a manager, and meantime he is well worth catching as a raconteur who is always entertaining and enlightening.

Dress - Smart Casual | All Welcome

Tickets - \$950 Table of 12 - \$10,800

Corporate Table of 12 - \$15,000 (which includes company name displayed on the Big Screen and priority seating)

*(inclusive of Pre-Dinner Drinks, Dinner Buffet and wines until 11.30pm.
after 11.30pm charge to Members account or cash bar)*

For bookings, please email: allardyce@hkfc.com or pick up a booking form at HKFC Reception or download from our website www.hkfc.com.hk



From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley, General Manager

The Chairman has noted the start of another sporting year will shortly be upon us. It is timely, therefore, that I should remind Members, as I always do at this time, that you should not leave valuables or personal belongings lying unattended around the Club. The Attendants on duty in all of our Changing Rooms (given that not all Infield Changing Rooms are open at the moment) are able to secure your valuables and we can provide Day Lockers, if required. As regards the Infield and, more specifically, the Main Pitch, **parents are again advised to supervise their children at all times especially from “playing” on the Pitch on Match days!** Grounds Staff have been told to remove children from the “dead-ball” areas on the Main Pitch during matches, in particular on Rugby days, so, please ensure that you do not allow children onto the pitch, in the first place, to avoid any embarrassment. As a further reminder, I would also note that parental supervision of children also extends to the Sportsman’s Bar and its environs as it does to all other areas/facilities of the Club!

And, **for those of you who will be playing sports this season please see the adjacent reminder notice ensuring that all have adequate medical and personal accident insurance.**

Please note too that we have recently had instances of people wearing the wrong footwear in both the Sports Hall and Squash Centre which, as a consequence, has

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Medical and Personal Accident Insurance

The Club would like to take this opportunity to remind all of its Members to ensure that they have adequate medical and personal accident insurance in place when playing any sport.

We would like to remind Members that it is not the Club’s responsibility to provide its Members or any other persons using its facilities, or playing on behalf of the Club, with insurance in respect of personal injuries sustained, or any other damage caused when playing sport. This applies to all sporting activities, including matches, practices and social games howsoever connected with the Club.

Anyone playing sport should consult an insurance broker to arrange comprehensive personal insurance such as:

- Medical coverage to insure the Member or player in respect of any medical treatment required; and
- General accident coverage providing payment to the Member or player for any serious accident or liability insurance for injury or damage caused to others.

resulted in some of the flooring being badly marked. Please ensure you wear the correct footwear in both the Sports Hall and Squash Centre and, if you don’t know what is the correct footwear then please ask Sports Department Staff who can advise you of what you can, and cannot wear.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

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Race Box



AT THE HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE

The Club maintains a Box at the Happy Valley race course which is available for Members to book in advance.

COST:

F&B Package: \$715 per head.

Admission badge: \$60 per head.

F&B ARRANGEMENT:

The Race Box is provided with a Buffet and unlimited drinks.

Beverages are available from 6pm, and Dinner Buffet is available from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

BOOKING:

Booking Forms are available at Reception and from our website www.hkfc.com.hk.



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GREEN UPDATE

As regards our ongoing efforts to be more eco-friendly, we have switched, a while back, from using conventional food packaging to using compostable disposables made by Vegware, an award winning UK brand. Check out the adjacent “Eco Audit Certificate” to see how we’re doing.

Consumption on Vegware packaging since March - July 2015 has saved 3.65 tonnes of carbon; equivalent to 29 flights from HK - Taipei!!!



Eco Audit Certificate

We use Vegware's eco packaging made from plants. Low carbon, recycled, renewable materials.

Hong Kong Football Club

March 2015 - July 2015

we have saved

3.65 tonnes
of carbon

we have saved

735.3 kg
of virgin materials

that's like
cancelling
out the carbon from

29 flights
from Hong Kong
to Taipei

we have saved

1.69 tonnes
of waste from landfill



Hidden toxins in your "Processed Food"

Learn how to make smart food choices that will keep you fit for life!

**Saturday 19th September
in the Restaurant**

10am to Noon

\$88 per Member, \$108 per Member's Guest

(Includes the forum and a mid-morning tea/coffee break)

Speaker: Tanja, certified nutritionist



For bookings, please contact Catering Office at 2830 9513 or e-mail: catering@hkfc.com

Tanja will talk about toxins, what are they, how they affect us, how they are hidden in our daily food and how you could avoid them.

Furthermore Tanja will touch base on the modern “detoxes” and cleanse diets and why most of them are nothing more but a torture tool to starve yourself.

**Tanja will offer a special “HKFC promotion” to all seminar participants.
Join us and find out more!**





SOCIAL NIGHT TIME FOR WINE AND FOOD

Join us for a rustic dinner, showcasing a selection of wines from the Rhone Valley paired with traditional French farmhouse food. It's time to meet, to talk, to share and relax, be casual and go with the flow.



Date & Time

Saturday 19th September 2015

7.30pm: Aperif with Canapés

8pm to 11pm: Dinner

Venue

The Restaurant



Includes a rustic French 3-course dinner, served on big platters, family style. Unlimited free flow of White, Rosé and Red Côtes du Rhône wines. Price: \$498 per Member and \$548 per Member's Guest

Appetizer

Charcuterie platter with gherkins and chili jam
Quiche lorraine
Grilled sweet corn slaw

Main Course

Coq au vin, buttered noodles
Potato gratin dauphinois
French beans with shiitake mushrooms & nutmeg

Dessert

Blueberry tart
Cheese platter

Coffee/Tea

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com or fax 2576 7598

Last day for cancellation: Wednesday 9th September 2015

* All the above wines will be served until 10.30pm

** Cancellations or amendments must be faxed or emailed to the restaurant and must be made before Wednesday 9th September 2015, otherwise full payment will be debited from the member's account. Unless there are exceptional circumstances. Bookings are to be of 6 people minimum per table.

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebrations



COFFEE SHOP

Sunday 27th September

☘ Lunch Buffet and Regular A la Carte

12noon to 2.30pm
\$168 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)

☘ Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner Buffet

Every adult ordering the Dinner Buffet will enjoy a half Lobster with Mango Salsa

The Goddess of the Moon, "Sheung Or" will make her appearance. Our Pastry Chef Ricky will conduct a "DIY Snowy Mooncake" class for kids under 12.

6pm to 9.30pm
\$338 per Adult, \$188 per Child (age 12 and under)

Buffet includes: Assorted Deluxe Seafood on Ice, Double-boiled Silkie Chicken Soup with Brazilian Mushroom and Conpoy, Sea Urchin and Soft Shell Crab Hand Rolls, Korean Style BBQ corner featuring Australian M5 Wagyu Beef, Squid, Mussels, Pork Neck, Scallops and Sardines

Limited A la Carte Menu available only

Monday 28th September

☘ Lunch Buffet and Regular A la Carte

12noon to 2.30pm
\$168 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)

☘ The Day following Mid-Autumn Festival Family Buffet

6pm to 9.30pm
\$175 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)

For more details please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or Restaurant at 2830 9562

RESTAURANT

Sunday 27th September

☘ Festive Sunday Brunch

11am to 2.30pm
\$308 per Adult, \$158 per Child (age 12 and under)

☘ Mid-Autumn Festival Deluxe Seafood Dinner Buffet

Every adult ordering the Dinner Buffet will enjoy a Double-boiled Abalone Buddha Jump Over the Wall

The Goddess of the Moon, "Sheung Or" will make her appearance. Our Pastry Chef Ricky will conduct a "DIY Snowy Mooncake" class for kids under 12. There will also be a Whole Tuna Cutting Performance.

6.30pm to 9.30pm
\$388 per Adult, \$168 per Child (age 12 and under)
Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines

Buffet includes: Assorted Deluxe Seafood on Ice, Double-boiled Silkie Chicken Soup with Brazilian Mushroom and Conpoy, Sea Urchin and Crab Tobiko Hand Rolls, Pan-seared Duck Foie Gras, Deep-fried Moji Ice-cream

No A la Carte available for Dinner

Monday 28th September

☘ All You Can Eat "Dai Pai Dong" Lunch Buffet

12noon to 2.30pm
\$158 per Adult, \$88 per Child
Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines

☘ The Day following Mid-Autumn Festival Semi Dinner Buffet

Chef Wai will create a special Semi Dinner Buffet featuring Lobsters, Abalone and Wagyu Beef.

6.30pm to 9.30pm
\$368 per Set Menu
Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines

No A la Carte available for Dinner

Hampers for Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Available from 20th August to 20th September

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<http://www.hkfc.com.hk>



RESTAURANT



*Carte Blanche
Evening*

**In the Restaurant
Friday 25th September
from 7pm to 11pm**

\$398 per Member and
\$450 per non-Member
*Includes a 3-course Set Menu and
unlimited pouring of 2 selected
wines (Wines will be served until
10.30pm) or*

Without wines:
\$300 per Member and
\$350 per non-Member

Chef Danny's team will be
serving up a delightful Three-
Course Menu.

This month's menu has a
slight Mediterranean feel
to it, and it is inclusive of
two selected wines served
continuously with your meal.

*The A la Carte menu will not be
available on the evening*

*Please contact the Restaurant at
2830 9562 for reservation or
email: restaurant@hkfc.com*

Appetizer

*Salad of Sugar-cured Tomatoes with
Crushed Broad Beans and Oregano
Crème Fraîche*

OR

*Crab Duo
Alaska Crab Meat Salad with
Avocado / Pan Fried Crab Cake with
Mango Salsa*

Main Course

*Pan-Seared Atlantic Red Gurnard,
Lentil du-Puy and Chorizo Sausage*

OR

*Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb
Crusted with Pistachio Thyme Jus*

Dessert

*Star Anise Crème Caramels with
Blackberries in Celery Syrup*

OR

*Chocolate Soufflé
Tea or Coffee
Petits Fours*



**AUSTRALIAN AND
NEW ZEALAND FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday 6th September
from 11am - 2.30pm**

Give your Dad a day to remember. Feast
on our scrumptious buffet spread and enjoy
unlimited Australian and New Zealand
Sparkling Wine.

\$348 per Adult
(with unlimited flow of sparkling wine)

\$168 per Child under 12 years of age
(with soft drinks and chilled juice)

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562
for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.
com

DRESS CODE: Club Casual.

*No Collarless T-shirts, no Flip Flops or sandals with
socks, no short Casual Shorts
(Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to
dress to a comparable standard.*

**RESTAURANT AND
CHAIRMAN'S BAR**

SUNDAY BRUNCH

from 11am to 2.30pm

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562
for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.
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DRESS CODE: Club Casual.

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socks, no short Casual Shorts
(Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to
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RESTAURANT

SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD DINNER BUFFET: A NATURAL TASTE OF THE OCEAN

every Sunday night
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of September

The Restaurant will be offering a flavourful Seafood Buffet that features sustainable seafood from around the world. The buffet gives you the unique taste of fresh seafood with thought for the long term well-being of our environment.

\$295 per Adult

\$150 per Child under 12 years of age

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com

Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks are available for an extra \$70 per person.



RESTAURANT

IRISH DRY AGED BEEF

every evening for Dinner (except Sunday)
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm
throughout the month of September

A little dry ageing is good. It is a process that not only helps the steak develop flavour, but also makes it more tender than if it were fresh.

Come down to the Restaurant and taste it and see for yourself.

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com



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ALL YOU CAN EAT "Dai Pai Dong" LUNCH BUFFET

in the Restaurant
Monday 28th September
(The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival)

from Noon to 2.30pm

\$158 per Adult
\$88 per Child under 12 years of age

Enjoy over 30 local favourites typically found in Hong Kong's well known "Dai Pai Dong" street stalls and cafes. Selections includes: Peking Duck, Congee, Noodles and a variety of healthy double-boiled soups, Braised Beef Brisket/Pork Knuckle Noodles, Curry Fish Balls/Curry Pig Skin/Curry Squid, Pan-seared Eggplant/Beancurd/Chili Stuffed with Fish Paste, Sauteed Clams in Chili and Black Bean Sauce, Chicken Wings/Giblets in a Chinese marinated soy sauce, Chinese style egg waffles and more!

The "All-You-Can-Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet" will be served from Noon to 2.30pm (2.5 hours)

Just as impressive, at the Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juice, soft drinks, beer, selected wines and sparkling wines for just \$70 per person.

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

\$12.50 OYSTER

every day from 4.30pm to 10.30pm

Coffin Bay oysters are now available in the Chairman's Bar daily at only \$12.50 each.

The cool climatic coastline of Australia produces oysters with a truly distinctive regional flavour that can easily be recognised by oyster connoisseurs. Firm, sweet and slightly salted.



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MUSCADET IS AN OYSTER'S BEST FRIEND

Muscadet is low-key, low-alcohol, understated, sometimes tart, and always full of minerality.

Muscadet is made from a grape called Melon de Bourgogne.

In short, no wine pairs better with the very tradition of eating raw oysters. For years, it's been the French bistro staple to pair with oysters.

In fact, there is nothing in the world that pairs better with raw shellfish than this white.

Price: \$55/glass, \$280/bottle

RP: 92



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

WINE CAROUSEL

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

From 6.30pm till 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$185 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only **\$90**.

All these wines can be purchased from our takeaway list. Forms are available on our website or at Reception.



LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

*Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm*

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2 Courses: \$175

3 Courses: \$195

THE COFFEE SHOP

*Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm*

Light Lunch Buffet

\$138 (Adult); \$75 (Child)

*Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm*

International Lunch Buffet

\$165 (Adult); \$80 (Child)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

*Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm*

Express Set Lunch

4 Courses: \$115

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How to order:

- Please fill out the enclosed order form or pick up the form at the G/F Lobby or download it from our website www.hkfc.com.hk
 - Fax it to: 2576 7598 or e-mail to: bar@hkfc.com
 - Please allow 5 working days for the processing of your order
- ** Allocation is limited until stocks last (on a first come first served basis)

**Organizing a
Christmas
Party?**

Please call us to learn about the different packages available. For packages and bookings please call the Catering Department on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com

Festive Bookings in the Coffee Shop and the Restaurant will be accepted starting from **Monday 14th September 2015**.

COFFEE SHOP

***Pastry Corner:
Apricot Tart***

(for Takeaway only)

Apricot halves on a frangipane cream.
Weight: 950 grams; Size: 27cm (diameter)
Price: \$130

Please contact the Coffee Shop to place your order at 2830 9569 or at coffeeshop@hkfc.com



COFFEE SHOP

**SEAFOOD FROM ACROSS ASIA
DINNER BUFFET**

Friday and Saturday evenings
from 6.00pm to 9.30pm

Seafood lovers, you're in for a treat.

Enjoy the best of Asian cuisine from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, India and Hong Kong.

Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks are available for an extra \$70 per person.

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com



COFFEE SHOP

SEMI DINNER BUFFET

Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Treat yourself to a delectable selection of appetizers, made-to-order main courses and tempting desserts at the Semi-Dinner Buffet.

Please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.

**Children's Pool Party
with Buffet**

Special beverage package available

Date : Friday 18th September 2015 

Time: From 6.30pm to 9pm
(Food served from 6.30pm to 8.45pm)

Price: \$298 per Member (age 18+)
\$328 per Member's Guest (age 18+)
\$148 per Junior (age 13-17)
\$88 per Child (age 3-12)

Please contact Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com for reservations.
Booking form is also available at the Reception.
The Pool Party may be cancelled due to bad weather or an insufficient number of bookings.

 ***The Swimming Pool will close at 9pm.** 

Save the Date:
New Year's Eve Party
Thursday 31st December 2015

Reception at 7.30pm
Buffet Dinner at 8.30pm
Members \$1,500;
Non-Members \$1,998

Don't miss one of the biggest and best parties in town. A full non-stop live music fest featuring UK's finest performers; Champagne and free flowing drinks, a glorious International Buffet and an early breakfast buffet served at ram to start the New Year in style! Book early to avoid disappointment.

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

On the Sports front:

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Rachel Sutcliffe,
Ladies Captain

Ladies Pre-Season Squash Report

Ladies' squash has grown significantly over the past two seasons and there are now over 50 lady players in the Squash Section. This season we will be seeking to build on previous season's competitive successes in Divisions 2 and 3.

The Squash Committee is also very keen to increase ladies' attendance at the numerous socials throughout the year and their involvement in the competitive squash events and a wide range of tours run by the Section.

Following trials some new Sports Preferred Associate Members have joined the Section over the summer who I am sure will help strengthen our teams for this season.

The Section also has some very strong junior members who I hope will continue to support and play for the teams and take part in the Section squash events.

The 2015/16 season will see HKFC Ladies Squash with 6 teams:

1 team - Division 1 playing at HK Squash Centre on Thursday nights

3 teams – Division 2 playing at HKFC and away venues on Tuesday nights

2 teams – Division 3 playing at HKFC and away venues on Friday nights

All teams will have squads of around 10 players and teams comprise 5 players plus a reserve in Division 3. Division 2 will be four players per team, plus a reserve and Division 1 is three players plus a reserve.

Each team has a Convenor who works really hard during the season in picking and organising the teams for match nights. The convenors this season are:

Division 1 – **Yurissa**

Division 2 – **Pat Choong**

Division 3 – **Chin, Shelley**

Masters 4 - **Rachel**

A new Masters 4 team, playing on Monday nights is also being

introduced, which will give another opportunity for ladies to play league squash.

All Sports Preferred Associate Members must be available for 75% of their team's matches, plus attend a minimum of 4 events a year. Events include socials (e.g. Start of Season Party), squash tournaments and competitions throughout the year.

Ladies can also take part in the Ladies' Squash Ladder throughout the season, plus team training nights and coaching sessions. There will also be some inter club social matches organised again – watch this space...

I am keen to hear from all the lady players and members if they have ideas for events and socials, comments on what the Section could do better or just general feedback – please let me know. I really hope to see all ladies taking part in all the Section offers this season.

I would like to wish all the Section players (and especially the ladies) an enjoyable and competitive season. Play hard, have fun and get involved both on and off the court – this is your Section, so let's make it even better this year! Good squash!

Rachel, Ladies Captain

HKFC Bids Farewell to James Harley



The Squash Section would like to bid farewell and good luck to long term squash team player **James Harley, Kaz** and family as they are returning to England after nearly 8 years in Hong Kong. In that time James has played squash in the HK league every season. He started in Division 13 and worked his way up playing in various divisions to Division 5. He has been the team convenor in four of these years and has won the double twice. He is an active member around the Club and is always up for a game against many different players and can often be seen on court hitting his trade mark left hand drives down the line. James was always good value at the squash socials with one of the highlights being the Start of Season

‘Titanic’ Pool Party where he dressed in a not very water proof sailors outfit.

James and Kaz will be missed around the Club and in HK in general. Good luck to you all for your new future in the UK and playing on those cold damp courts!! Make sure when you next visit HK you come down for a hit.

LADDER MATCH MOVERS OF THE MONTH: JULY

Vikram Lulla

66 Places

Allen Lam

45 Places



HKFC Pick up End of Season Awards at the HK Squash Dinner

In early July the HK Squash League had its annual awards evening where all the men’s, ladies and masters teams throughout the league enjoyed receiving the prizes from the 2014-2015 season.

Highlights included the Ladies L3A team picking up their prize for winning Division 3 and L2A winning the playoff in Division 2. For the men’s section, highlights included prizes for the Division 4 team who won the league and playoff double, Men’s masters 2A for winning the playoffs and the Division 10 team for winning the league.



HKFC 3's Tournament

The Hong Kong Football Club recently held its 9th Annual International Squash 3's tournament. This is where some of the region's best club teams battle it out in teams of three in a best of 3 game format. There was much to play for with title's being decided for the men's open, ladies open and masters open (age 45+). As always the squash was of the highest quality but the atmosphere and spirit of the game was the main winner of this great tournament. Teams from Brunei, Thailand, China and Singapore all travelled to Sports Road to take part in the event.

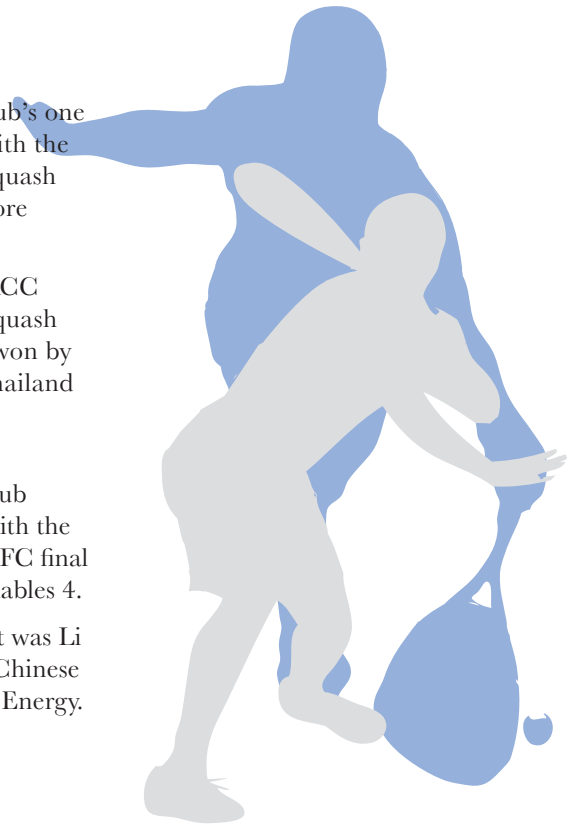
With the league format at the start of the competition there was plenty of action on the Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday. Sunday had the business end of the tournament with the silverware being played for in all the competitions.

In the men's cup final the Club's one stop shop beat KCC men. With the plate final seeing Shanghai squash energy overcome the Singapore Cricket Club.

The ladies cup winner was KCC Ladies who beat Shanghai Squash Energy with the plate being won by HKFC old school beating Thailand ladies.

The masters cup winner was Thailand's Royal Selangor Club beating HKFC's M&M&M with the Masters plate being an all HFFC final with 2RL beating the Expandables 4.

The player of the tournament was Li Dong Jin who played for the Chinese ladies team Shanghai Squash Energy.



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'Pardon My French'



Charles French,
Rugby Section
Captain

Hi Squad!

I hope you all enjoyed last month's 9 page extravaganza! I fear I might have been a little overexcited, but not to worry, I will keep this month's report short and sweet-ish.

Will Thomas has landed safely and has started his duties as the Director of Rugby, you should have already seen him about the Club and if you bump into him please give him a warm welcome.

We are excited to announce that RAW Personal Training, headed by **Jeremy Meyer**, has taken over the S&C function for the Elite Squad. Select fellas, just to make sure we are on the same page, S&C stands for Strength and Conditioning. Players have been given individual position specific programmes and have also been doing strongman at the Club on Wednesday mornings. All of this training will certainly mean that the boys will be in tip top condition for the season ahead. I know that **Andy Li** is particularly excited for this intensive training!

Maxine Leroy organised a social junk on the 25th July (I think he is after your job **Purdie!**) where the boys set sail to Clearwater Bay. A good mix of guys from last years Club, Drags, Scorps and Bulls team were in attendance and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A certain **Jamie Lauder** had so much fun that it all got a bit too much for him and he was asleep by 1pm.

By the time this goes to print, Club teams will have completed their first pre season games and might be suffering a bit from the Singapore Tour!

On a sad note, I regret to inform you that very shortly we will have to say our goodbyes to one of the Rugby Section's stalwarts. **Michael "Woody" Woodward** is leaving Hong Kong and moving back to Sydney. Michael has

played for the 1st team for the last 4 seasons and was a key member of the squad both on and off the pitch.

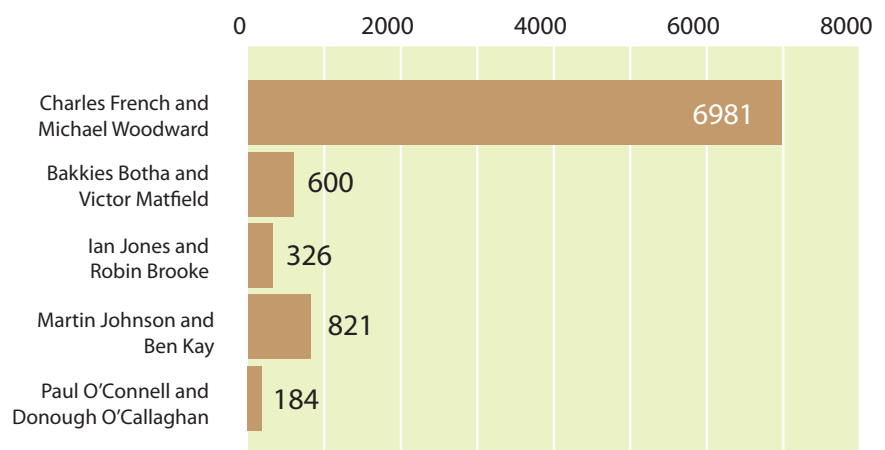
I actually found this Poll on a popular rugby website (*see below*). It asked its online readers to choose who they thought was the best second row partnership of all time. Over 7,500 people voted and well, its safe to say that the results are pretty comprehensive. Statistics don't lie!

Woody will be holding farewell drinks at the Club some time in mid September so keep an eye on pitchero for updates. Please come along and have a drink to say goodbye for now. Hope to see you around the Club soon.

Until next month. ■

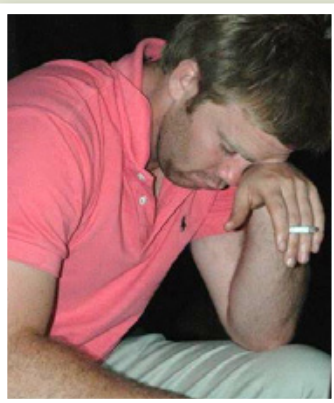
Frenchie

Greatest 2nd Row Partnership of All Time



Say goodbye to the old player:

Michael Woodward



1. What is your party trick: Feeding Jimmy Richards with enough booze for him to make a fool of himself.
2. Why did you move to Hong Kong: Because Frenchy had left Football Club to go play for Cricket Club, and Football Club needed another barnstorming 2nd rower with great chat. Plus I wanted to get on the smash with the Football Club lads.
3. Highest Rugby Honours: Playing for the Football Club
4. What would your last meal be: Chicken Fajitas and James Boags with the boys at the Sportsman's
5. Most treasured possession: My Football Club jersey from when we won the 2011/12 premiership (whilst Frenchy was at Cricket Club)
6. Best/Worst rugby memory: Best - Watching Payno get pole-axed playing in the Hong Kong tens circa 2012. I still have the footage. Worst - Trying to teach Niall Rowark how to tackle.
7. Favourite player growing up: Tom Hayman
8. Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field: Simultaneously dropping the kick-off and dislocating my shoulder in my first ever 10 seconds of playing for Football Club.
9. What would you spend your last HK\$500 on: Chicken Fajitas and James Boags for the boys at the Sportsman's
10. In the 15/16 season I will: be thinking about crushing Chicken Fajitas and James Boags with the boys at the Sportsman's

Get to know the new player:

Charlie Higson-Smith



1. What is your party trick: I can juggle anything: balls, pints and women
2. Why did you move to Hong Kong: At the ripe old age of 2...the buzzing nightlife and social scene is what really drew me here
3. Highest Rugby Honours: 2 caps for Hong Kong in the ARC 2015
4. What would your last meal be: Fish Tacos
5. Most treasured possession: At the moment my sling
6. Best/Worst rugby memory: One of my best and worst rugby memories was playing for the Drags against Valley. Defending on our 5m the infamous Tom Jones decides to sprint off the field spewing chunks, hurdle the advertisement boards and head for the Sportsman's toilets. At the time I was fuming, but watching him do his fine afterwards was quite amusing.
7. Favourite player growing up: Steve Thompson- Oh boy he could move for a big lad.
8. Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field: Once my mates dared me to swim to the end of the swimming pool without my trunks on. So I set off underwater thinking they would be highly impressed. When I came up I realised the lads had done a runner with my trunks! Luckily a kind lady by the pool offered me a towel and I had to get a cab home wearing the towel and promised the cab driver I would pay him at the other end. The boys were in hysterics.
9. What would you spend your last HK\$500 on: Book a table at Al's Diner
10. In the 15/16 season I will: Be top scorer for the footy club and bring home the Grand Champs

Get to know the new Ladies Coach:

Gloria Cheung



1. What is your party trick: Tying knots in candy rope with my tongue
2. Why did you move to Hong Kong: I was born in HK
3. Highest Rugby Honours: Vice-captain for the HK Women XV's
4. What would your last meal be: Any Taiwanese food!
5. Most treasured possession: Watching players I've coached over a number of years wearing National kit and playing for Hong Kong.
6. Best/Worst rugby memory: Best Memory- Being picked for the Women's Rugby A5N 2010 Japan Tour. Worst Memory- That was my last National Tour before I retired later in the year.
7. Favourite player growing up: Keven Mealamu
8. Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field: When I first started playing I would always drop the ball
9. What would you spend your last HK\$500 on: Buying Doreamon toys for my lovely nephew
10. In the 15/16 season I will: I'm relishing the chance to lead the Fire team again and look forward to building up the players and performance to achieve our goals for the season.



SAVE THE DATE:
**START OF SEASON
HOCKEY SECTION
PARTY**

Friday 11th September

Location: HKFC

Time: 6:30pm – late

Theme:

Freshers' week - Class of 2016

Men's Captain Report

Summer is winding to a close and the start of the men's leagues are almost upon us. I say leagues starting rather than season, as the season has already started! You (should) have all been training for a few weeks now already, running off the summer cobwebs and getting back onto the pitch with teammates both old and new.

As mentioned in my summer report, those involved in the men's section on the committee have been working hard over the summer on the creation of a new development team. This group will operate as our D team in the First Division, providing a fantastic opportunity for the Club's best young players to develop their skills in a fast-paced, high-quality league under the guidance of a number of experienced older hands. We

hope that this development team will serve as a spring board to the Premiership and beyond for our junior players for years to come, and are really excited that we can implement this now. With that said, I must thank **Piers Brunner**, **Johnny Brock** and their D team of last season for earning the promotion to the First Division which the development team can now reap the benefits of. Now I ask you to go ahead and do the same with the Es!

I'll be providing a full start-of-season report on all the teams next month, featuring a few exciting new additions. It's worth noting of course that squad positions can change over the course of a season – we welcome all players ambitious enough to play up a team. ■

Yan Adams

Ladies' Captain Report

Welcome to the 2015-16 season! I hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are all raring to go. There were lots of keen players at preseason training and trials, which is great to see. The league will kick off on the 12th September and there should be plenty of exciting games to keep us entertained. The A's will be hoping to defend their title in both the Premier league and the Holland cup. And the other teams will be aiming for silverware as well. After quite a few departures last season there are lots of new faces in some of the teams. It may take a few games to find rhythm and cohesion. So now is the time to bond, on and off the pitch. I'll see you all at the start of season social! ■

Rhona Barr

SUMMER HOCKEY 6s

The 2015 Summer Hockey 6s was once again hugely popular. In total 32 teams were entered and a number turned away. The 32 were split into two leagues of 16 teams each and played in a round-robin format on separate nights, each league playing their own internal competition. After 2 full rounds plus semi finals and finals, winners were determined across 4 categories; Cup, Shield, Plate, and Bowl. An additional Grand Final was added for the first time, pitting the champions from each league in all 4 categories against each other to decide the overall Summer 6s Champions. With bragging rights and champagne on offer all Grand Finals were hotly contested.

As always there was a healthy balance of social and serious hockey played, with most teams taking the opportunity to play with their mates, regardless of abilities. Given the format is 'mixed hockey' (male and female) it also serves as a great way to combine the two who ordinarily play on separate days of the weekend during the regular league season. Additionally it provides a chance for returning players, new players, invited guests, etc, to mingle and socialize and has even led to some valuable new additions signing on to play for our Club teams this coming winter. Win-win!

The Summer 6s seems to have found its spot on the calendar running from May until the end of June, resulting in a high level of interest before the summer exodus. With the gain in popularity there may be cause for an extra league next summer. With Vets teams also expressing an interest, requesting 6s as the preferred tournament format, and the resurgence of the HKFC Hockey 6s over the Easter weekend, the short form of the game is becoming increasingly popular at various stages of the season here in HK. This is great news given recent indications from the FIH (world hockey governing body) to move towards international Hockey 5s tournaments also for senior teams and not just at the Junior Olympic level. HKFC and HK Hockey will continue to lead the way in



JDogg's Mongrels - Grand Champions

the short form of the game and both hope to be involved alongside the FIH in 'something big' in the not too distant future... watch this space!

For now though, the winners of the various Summer Hockey 6s titles have bragging rights until next summer and we begin looking forward to the start of the new winter season... try telling that to everyone crawling off the pitch after pre-season training. ■

Simon Chapman

Summer Cup results

Tuesday League Winners:

Bowl	Scorpion
Plate	HKCC Blue
Shield	Hollong
Cup	KNS

Thursday League Winners:

Bowl	Elite Blue
Plate	Owls
Shield	Gun Punch Hockey Club
Cup	JDogg's Mongrels

Grand Final Winners:

Bowl	Elite
Plate	Owls
Shield	Gun Punch Hockey Club

Grand Champions:

Cup	JDogg's Mongrels
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Eve Duncan Apple Trophy – First Leg 2015



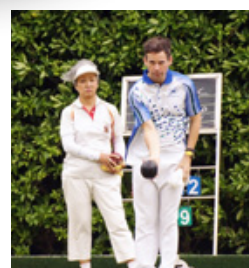
This trophy, first inaugurated in 1985, is now played for on a home and away basis between HKCC and Club men and lady bowlers in mixed rinks.

The first leg for this year was, in spite of the appallingly wet weather, played on 25th July up at The Gap. It literally stopped raining minutes before we were due to start playing and their lawn was miraculously dry due to their excellent sand based drainage system. HKCC's lawn is able to host up to 9 rinks and on the day we played 8. Home advantage was clearly evident as many of us struggled with only two Club

rinks, skipped by **Stephen** and **Connie Chan** respectively prevailing. So we face an uphill task in the return fixture to overturn the huge deficit!!

A special feature on the day saw the return of the legendary **Linda Smith** who had dominated the local and regional women's bowls scene throughout the 1990's winning the Club Ladies Singles title no less than six times between 1990-98! She is still playing regularly back in Scotland and was well and fondly remembered here by the senior members of the Section. ■

Roger Nissim





HKFC players with the SCC Champion team



HKFC team at Tanglin's rooftop green

Seven adventurous bowlers at Tanglin Club's 150th Anniversary Lawn Bowls Tournament

Donald, Esmond, May, Ming, Shirley, Wai Yee and Walter took advantage of the premier league summer recess to take part in Tanglin Club's 150th Anniversary Lawn Bowls Tournament in Singapore in July.

The tournament turned out to be the country's biggest lawn bowls carnival ever, with over 140 bowlers from 16 clubs from Hong Kong, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, all flocking to the island city for a 4-day event.

The tournament was a 2-bowl mixed triples with each team playing 9 other club teams on the first 3 days. The top 2 teams of each group then proceeded to the quarter-finals held on the last day.

It was a hot and sunny day out at the 8-rink synthetic green, set on the rooftop of the Tanglin sports complex just off the busy Orchard Road. A wonderful club at a wonderful location.

After a promising start with one win against Kowloon Cricket Club and one narrow defeat by Sabah on Thursday 23rd July, the team of Esmond, May/Shirley and Walter went on to win their next three matches on the next day morning against Fremantle, Evergreen and RSL Western Australia. However, they faced their Waterloo on Friday evening against Kowloon Bowling Green Club which made up of two regular Singapore bowlers including VP High Performance of Bowls Singapore Stephen Lo!

In the other group, Donald, Ming and Wai Yee sailed through the preliminary stage with an untarnished record beating Manning, Evergreen, Mosman, Robina, Greende, Yokohama, Sabah and 2 Tanglin teams.

For Walter, Shirley/May and Esmond to remain in contention for a QF position they needed to win at least 2 of the final 3 matches on Saturday. They tried hard but in vain, suffering



Group at the presentation dinner



Former HKFC member Bill McMahon (representing Robina and now residing in the Gold Coast) graced the Churchill Room dance floor



No visit to Singapore is complete without visiting the open air food market

another two losses to Singapore Cricket Club skipped by Singapore international Christian Huang and the group topper in Manning Eagles, which featured three first division pennant players in Perth, Western Australia.

On the other hand, Donald, Ming and Wai Yee sustained their dominance in the quarter-final match against Sabah on Sunday morning. However their dream journey came to a premature end in the semi-final against the eventual winner which featured young Singapore internationals in Shermeen Lim, Melvin Tan, Chng Ming Lee and Wong Hui Kai of SCC, who beat the Hong Kong Police team in the Final.

The SF match was a neck-and-neck tussle and the scores were even with two ends to play. It was in this crucial penultimate end when the unbeaten HKFC trio suddenly lost their drawing line and length to drop 5 shots from 6 bowls. That proved to be too much too late and the team had to settle for the third runners-up position after losing again in their final place match against the Manning Eagles.

While Donald and company were fighting hard on the green on the final day of competition, the ousted team of Walter et al was there throughout cheering for their club-mates. In fact, camaraderie was aplenty within clubs and indeed even between clubs.

The four-day event was given a high quality wrap-up with an evening presentation dinner at the grand Churchill Room at the club, where the famous Tanglin Ball takes place every year. Smiles, laughter and music were all over the place, criss-crossing with the free float of bubbles, reds and whites.

While some athletes returned to Hong Kong after the tournament, Donald, Wai Yee and Ming stayed on to enjoy a well-earned sightseeing excursion to Sentosa, Botanic Garden, Chinatown, Little India, Arab Village, Bugis, Clarke Quay and of course the Merlion at the Marina. Walter also took the opportunity to visit his business associates at Kranji before returning to Hong Kong to fix his waistline.

Thanks again to Rodger Kimpton, Graham Dare, Belinda Braggs and Steve Wright of Tanglin for organising such a tremendous event. Perhaps our Section may look to replicate its anniversary celebration in style. ■

Walter Kwok



Stephen Tew,
Soccer Section Captain

Captain's Report

Hi,

The summer is reaching a close and the season is upon us.

Both the HKFA and Yau Yee Leagues will start on the 6th September with the ladies season starting in October.

Fixtures can be viewed from the Soccer Section website once released:
<http://hkfcsoccer.hk/>

HKFC Crusaders are back training from the 14th September. Further news of their season ahead is provided by Nigel on adjacent page.

Other key activities coming up:

Henrik Lorenz Phuket Tour Game, 7th November

Your team reps will have provided details of the game and will be able to assist if you have an interest in playing.

As per last year for those that haven't already please take the time to register with the following social media we have set up for the Section.

1. Social Media

We have developed various online social media tools over the last few years and as a reminder we have the following:

If you haven't already please register.

Soccer Section Website

<http://hkfcsoccer.hk/>

Provides: Section news, reports, fixtures and other information

Soccer Section Facebook Page

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HKFC Crusaders - is it September the 14th yet???

After finishing the season this past May, the HKFC Crusaders were all looking forward to a summer break from training and escaping the stifling heat on the Main Pitch during June, July and August but ... as soon as September was in sight, the messages of “is it September the 14th yet” started filtering through to Head Coach - **Nigel R Merritt**.

The HKFC Crusaders will be back in training on Monday September 14th, with renewed vigour, undoubtedly more shocking banter, a few added pounds I’m sure and, a new kit, kindly sponsored by the Prudential.

Nigel had been expecting the tournament squad to have engaged in some pre-season training and he was not disappointed to find out that many had been performing in local dance performances over the summer months, which should help them “dance” around their opponents in the tournaments later this year - Operation Santa

Claus exhibition match being the first, in early December.

The HKFC Crusaders will also be “on tour” in November, when it is hoped that they will travel to Phnom Penh to work with the players with intellectual disabilities at the Indochina Starfish Foundation - the HKFC Crusaders charity partner in Cambodia. More details regarding this nearer the time.

This season’s training sessions take place on the HKFC Main Pitch, on Mondays, from 18.00 to 19.00pm and if any members want to drop by to see the HKFC Crusaders in action, you are more than welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with the HKFC Crusaders, please email Nigel on nigel@nrmerrittassociates.com ■

**Nigel R Merritt -
HKFC Crusaders Head Coach**

2. Section Communication

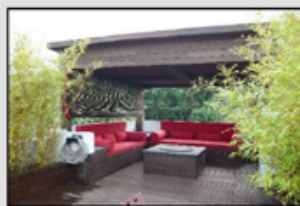
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Penny Angove
Netball DSA Chairperson

Chairperson's report

At the time of writing, our trials are underway and we are firming up our final squads ready for the upcoming season. It's going to be a busy one with visits from international teams and coaches, the inaugural **Net Ball** and hopefully some great results for our senior teams. With a lot of returning talent, and some new faces on board, we hope to bring home a lot more silverware across all six of our senior squads, and to continue to grow our flourishing junior section in the 2015–2016 season.

As the new chairperson for the Netball DSA, I am looking forward to moving forward into a successful season, but I would also like to take this opportunity to give enormous thanks to our outgoing chairperson, **Karin Looram**. Luckily, Karin will remain involved in both our senior and junior programmes next season.

Singapore National Team Comes to Club

The team from Singapore, who are currently Asian Champions and ranked 15th in World Netball are playing against one of our own HKFC Netball squads this September, playing at least two matches, including an exhibition match on Sunday 20th September in the Sports Hall at HKFC.

After a hugely successful trip to Singapore in May of this year, the HKFC Club team has forged close links with our neighbour. During the



previous two encounters, both matches were close, with HKFC coming within a whisker of a win. The return leg should be a fantastic showcase from both sides, and the Netball DSA is fortunate to have secured such high-level exposure to international netball.

Details of the two Singapore versus HKFC matches, which are open to the public, are as follows:

Thursday 17th September
at Hong Kong Park at 7:45pm
Sunday 20th September
at HKFC at 3:30pm

The Singapore team will also be competing with the Under 21 Hong Kong National squad and a team from Hong Kong Cricket Club during their visit.

The Inaugural Net Ball

For the first time, the Netball DSA is holding a black tie event to kick off the season. To celebrate 50 years of netball at the Club, we have invited **Norma Plummer**, previously an international player and hugely successful coach of the Australian Diamonds, and currently head coach for the South African netball team to come and speak at our event, which will be held on the **Saturday 10th October**. The Net Ball is open to everyone, so please come and join us at an event where we will literally let our hair down (and possibly even wear something other than trainers) for a change!



For further details, including price and ticketing details please contact hkfc seniornetball@gmail.com, visit our website www.hkfcnetball.com or our Facebook page.

Juniors

The Junior Netball section is growing in size and skill, paying dividends as more of our talented youth players move up into the senior ranks. Below are some updated details on this year's programme for the Nettas all the way up to the U19s. ■

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Save the Date

THE NET BALL

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South China Athletic Association (SCAA) Invitational Tournament

On 12th July, we sent a team of our top players to take part in the South China Athletic Association (SCAA) Planet Sports Cup Invitational Badminton Tournament. The tournament is held biennially and is hosted by the SCAA. It was an honour to be invited (it was our first time) and we were among seven other badminton clubs that participated. The opening ceremony was officiated by the President of Hong Kong Badminton Association and the President of SCAA, and the tournament followed right after.

By drawing lots, each team played against one other team in the opening round. The winners in the four ties of the opening round went into competition in the first division, and the others in the second division. Three more rounds were played at the division stage to determine the position of each team. In the opening round and the division stage, each tie is comprised of five matches, namely Men's Doubles Grade D (restricted for Grade D or E players); Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles, Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles.

The HKFC team faced the home team (SCAA) in the opening round. Our ladies doubles, **Michelle Cheung** and **Emily Chow** won the match, although the opponents put up a good fight in the middle of the game for a close match. The Men's Doubles was another exciting match. Our pair of **Edwin Ma** and **Jaff Lo**, both veterans and professional players, had an age disadvantage against them, but their efforts and experience paid off and they won the game 31:30. It was a very close match with the pairs no more than two points apart throughout the match. **Ka Leung Chan**, one of our Junior Associates, played in the Men's Singles



Team HKFC and supporters



The Invincible Michelle and Emily (in blue on the far side)

while **Justine Chu** and **Chris Ying** played in the Men's Doubles Grade D. They lost narrowly despite putting up a decent fight. Up to this point it was a tie at 2-2. In the deciding match of Mixed Doubles, **Amy Chan** and **Leo Ng** did not get into the game as quickly as their opponents did, and despite catching up fiercely in the latter part of the match, it was too late. In the end, we lost marginally by 2-3, and continued onto the second division against three other teams.

Our opponents in the second division were just as strong as the SCAA team. We gave our best but it just wasn't our day. We did have some great performances, particularly by Michelle

and Emily, who played flawlessly and won all their matches in the tournament.

It was a long day for all our players, including those who came as reserves and family members who came to support the team. We thank everyone for their efforts and enthusiasm.

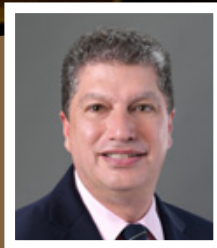
Members' Individual Achievements in Badminton Competitions

During the past few months, some of our members took part in individual events in open tournaments held in or outside of Hong Kong and achieved impressive results. One of them is **Boo Boon Khoo**, a seasoned



Boo Boon and Raymond Khoo came 4th place in Father & Son Doubles in BOCHK Badminton Open 2015

Ten Pin Bowling News



Bill Nader, BIG Internal Convener

player from Malaysia, who joined the Club four years ago. Boon had just won the Bronze Medal in Combined-100th Men's Doubles, World Morning Cup Badminton Championship 2015 in Taipei. Hundreds of players from all over the world participated in this tournament.

Back in Hong Kong, Boon and his 12 year-old son, **Raymond**, took part in the Father and Son Men's Doubles in the 13th BOCHK Badminton Open organized by the Hong Kong Badminton Association. Despite Raymond's young age against all-adult opponents in the competition, the Khoo family made their way into the semi-finals. Well done to Raymond and Boon.

Emily Chow our seasoned female Junior Associate also achieved great results. Although she is busily preparing for the Diploma of Secondary Education Examination next year, she managed to participate in several major badminton tournaments over the past few months. In May, Emily won the 5th place in Girls Singles in 5th Hong Kong Games and became the Champion in Girls Singles, Yan Oi Tong Badminton Competition 2015. In July, she took part in the big event of the year, BOCHK Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships and won the 3rd place in Girl's Singles. Many congratulations to Emily. ■



Emily Chow (second from right) won the 3rd place in BOCHK Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships

These are exciting times for our Bowling Interest Group (BIG) as we look forward to the upcoming Inter Club season with hopes of bringing the top trophy into the Club for the first time ever. We have performed very well in recent seasons, finishing as first runner-up in three of the past four seasons.

We came within three points, 167-164, of the highly decorated Kowloon Tong Club last season with average points per match at 13.67 and 13.92, respectively, coming very close to capturing the league championship. Some of the BIG season highlights in Inter Club competition included **Nicholas Leung** winning the high single game with a 275 and **Emy Clarke** capturing the high single for a female with a score of 217. Emy also shared the high series for a female along with Audrey Tang of the Kowloon Cricket Club at 563.

There is a lot of pre-season optimism that the 2015-16 championship trophy might find its way to Sports Road for permanent display. Consistency is the key to success and a little bit of luck would be more than welcomed.

We will try to stay sharp by taking part in the 41st Hong Kong International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships at the South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre in late August. The quality of competition is exceptionally high in the International Open, providing a high-level opportunity for the Football Club to be represented and for BIG to get some valuable experience.

As we enter a new season, it is only natural to set a lofty goal of winning the championship. This is especially true for BIG because it has been knocking on the championship door for some time now. The main objective, however, is to enjoy bowling competition as both individuals and as a team. Many of the members of BIG have become good friends over the years and this is much more valuable than any trophy. But make no mistake, we still want that trophy.

We are encouraged that our roster of BIG members continues to grow and our Thursday night practice sessions between the hours of 7 to 10pm are becoming increasingly popular. Our main objective is to introduce as many Club Members to ten-pin bowling and help each other to improve performance.

Ten-pin bowling is an activity that is sure to give every participant some highs and lows. There are times when you will feel very disappointed by the sure strike that was not to be or a split that was most unlucky. But these things tend to even out over time and it also feels very nice when the pins fall your way.

Practice helps to build confidence and get a bowler more likely to feel in the groove and capable of bowling 200 games. It also helps bowlers to work on their game to help work on the little things that can improve overall performance.

We look forward to a great season ahead. ■

Bill Nader
BIG Internal Convener

Golf Outings



Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club Outing

Tuesday 11th August 2015

This was our second outing this year to the prestigious Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club.

Luckily the rain stopped just as our bus dropped us off at the club house and the sun peeped through the clouds and stayed there for the rest of the day.

There were a few new faces at the event: the sole lady player, **Jessica Lam**, made her debut, as did **Mohan Ramchand**, and there was a special appearance from **Jonathan Banks** and **Nicholas James**.

Nicholas, playing off a handicap of 30, gave us a scare with 2 nett holes in one, one of which was on a par 4, so unsurprisingly he finished 2nd in the Stableford tournament with 41 points.

Nick Rickett took 3rd place, sharing 34 points but taking it on countback, but the star of the day's golfing event was undoubtedly **Dallas Reid**, who won best Stableford with 42 points, as well as



Best Gross with a score of 72. To the crowd's pleasure he was not allowed to win both prizes and yours truly picked up the sleeve of golf balls for best gross with a pitiful 79 in comparison.

Dallas also claimed 5 out of the 6 Nearest Pins on holes 1,4,6,11 and 16. **James Riordan** took Nearest Pin on hole 14 and Longest Drive on hole 13.

Alas Jessica couldn't manage to keep the ball on the fairway to claim the ladies' longest drive...

The post-match food and drinks were up to the high standard one is used to at the fantastically appointed club house.

Once again, many thanks to The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club for their hospitality.

See you at the next event! ■

Phil Head
Golf Event Organiser





Summer Cup KSC East

Saturday 11th July 2015

What a glorious day for the annual Summer Cup tournament, this year held on the very long and tricky KSC East course.

3 groups of 4 players teed off to vie for the summer cup trophy and all the nearest the pins and longest drives to go with it.

It was blatantly clear from the start that **James** (Ringer **Riordan**) was going to be in contention with a handicap of 18 he carded a birdie and 4 pars on the first 5 holes. Close on his tail was **Phil Head** with only 4 dropped shots after the front 9.

There were some very impressive nearest the pin attempts with the tape measure being brought out on numerous occasions to decide the outcome.

As there was only **Aggie Hay** contending for the longest drive on the 17th she only had to wedge the ball onto the fairway to collect her prize which she did without hesitation.

Final standings for the day were as follows:

Summer Cup Champion:
James Riordan (40 points)
2nd: **Anatole Le** (39 points)

3rd: **Phil Head** (33 points)

Nearest pins:

Hole 3: **Phil Head**

Hole 5: **James Riordan**

Hole 8: **Jonathan Li**

Hole 13: **James Riordan**

Holes 15: **Anatole Le**

Longest Drive: (17) **Anatole le**

Longest Drive: (17) **Aggie Hay**

Thanks KSC for another fantastic day on the golf course, the greens were slick and true and the course an absolute challenge as always.

Until the next event.... ■

Phil Head
Golf Event Organiser



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from the HKFC Golf Society Committee

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This will ensure everyone's handicap is current and correct and helps make our Golf Society events fair. Many thanks.



Message from the Swimming and Triathlon Captain

Sean Whipkey, Swimming and Triathlon Captain

Recently, the Hong Kong Football Club's Swimming and Triathlon team competed in one of our racing season's premier events, the 2015 Jax Shek-O Challenge. This is one of the toughest, most grueling races on the Hong Kong circuit... a swim, paddle, or running race that goes from Big Wave Bay beach to Shek O Back Beach. Once again, HKFC proved itself as the top team at the race with multiple team and individual podium finishes.

The race itself is extremely challenging, whether swimming, paddling, or running. The 2.2km swim begins with a beach start. At the sound of the gun, hundreds of swimmers dash into the surf of Big Way Bay, attempting to get out ahead of the pack. The course goes straight into the unprotected sea, as the swimmers try to hug the coastline to avoid the notorious open ocean waves. The relatively straight course eventually takes a right turn into Shek O back beach, with the crowd and finish buoy in sight.

The other athletes have an equally gruelling course. The 8.5km warm run begins on the beach, and immediately heads up into the mountains of Shek O country park. After miles of stairs, and dirt paths, they descend down into the back beach, to cross the finish line. The paddlers face the worst of the open ocean chop, as they head more than 3km south, to Cape D'aguiar, before turning back to head up the coast. After the 8km journey, the outriggers and surfskis take the left turn into Shek O back beach to join the rest at the finish line.

The race concludes with some well-deserved food, and sun downers from Ben's Beach Bar. Congratulations to all HKFC athletes for an amazing team performance at the Shek O Challenge.



Results for the Jax Sheko Challenge (11th July)

Name	Place	Time	Category
Craig Nortje	1	30.24	Swim
Stuart Tait	3	34.34	Swim
Vasco van der Flier	5	34.50	Swim
Marcus Chu	7	34.58	Swim
Simon Brewster	7	35.01	Swim
Farah Master	1	35.04	Swim
Jessica McCarrol	1	38.51	Swim
Iain Veitch	3	39.51	Run
Sally Gentle	4	42.05	Swim
David Gething	5	42.36	Run
Adrian McCarrol	13	48.09	Swim
Michael Sadler	21	55.57	Run
Nicola Russo	9	56.54	Swim
Simon Young	42	56.45	Swim
Olya Korzh	20	58.26	Swim

Singapore Triathlon

The adjacent picture is from **Jack Wilson** who competed in the recent Singapore triathlon:

"I enjoyed the swim portion, and was 9th out of 101 for my category (old farts). I'm less of a biker and even less of a runner, so it was all moving backwards after the swim"



Other swimming highlights



Youth with Coach Arthur



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ASA swim meet



RIGHT:
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Tennis News



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Upcoming HKFC events

US Open Social – Saturday 12th September – 2-6pm

Cup of Nations – Saturday 12th October – 2-6pm

Men's Single Tiebreak Shootout - TBD

Tennis Society Party (TBC)

Christmas Social in December (TBC)

HKTA Prudential Winter league start

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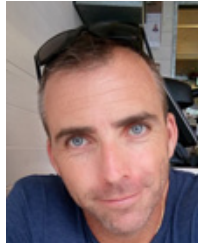
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Upcoming ATA / HKFC Programmes

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 Ladies morning mixer doubles event - 11th September
 Ladies morning Doubles Challenge match - 25th September HKFC VS IRC
 Junior Mini Tennis Red / Orange Competition - 26th September
 HKFC Junior programme starts - 19th August
 HKFC Junior league starts for B, C and D teams - 4th September
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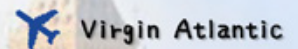
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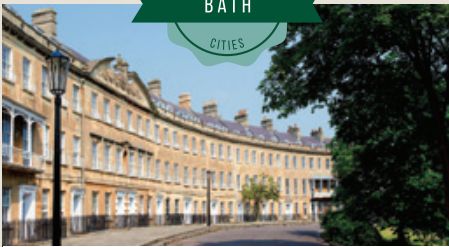
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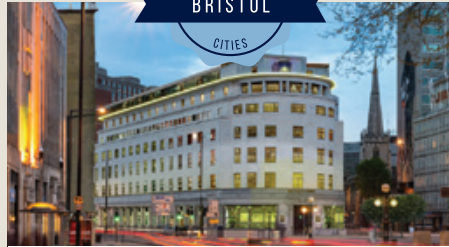
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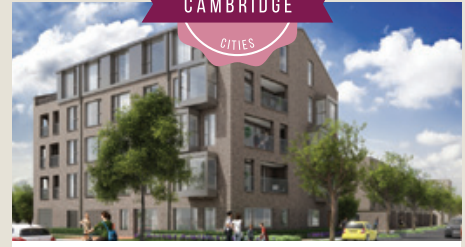
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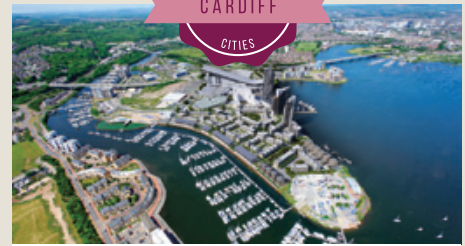
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